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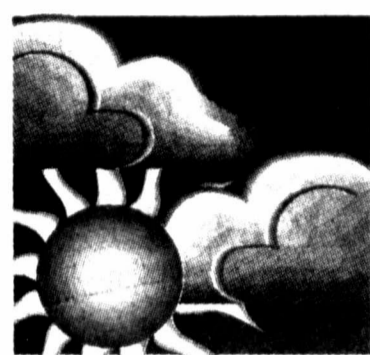
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PAMPA -- New Life Assembly of God will distribute good, used toys and coats to needy families from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church, 1435 N. Sumner.

AMARILLO -- Gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro makes a campaign sweep through part of the Texas Panhandle today.

Mauro will be in amarillo, Hereford, Dimmit, Tulia and Plainview.

PAMPA -- Noon Friday is the Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art deadline for post card art. For more information call Darlene Birkes at 665-2913.

PAMPA -- Friday will be the last day of class before Pampa schools break for the holiday vacation. Classes resume Jan. 5.

PANHANDLE -- Leonard Harper, 27, captured in Carson County Sunday by DPS Trooper Gary Davis of Groom, was being transferred to San Antonio today to face charges of murder.

AUSTIN (AP) -- Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-15-18-24-30-44.

Estimated jackpot: \$12 million. Number matching six of six: None. Matching five of six: 144. Prize: \$1,291. Matching four of six: 7,020. Prize: \$95. Matching three of six: 129,788. Prize: \$3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

Estimated jackpot: \$18 million.

- **John Prentis Ball**, 71, retired electrician.
- **Ona Rae Hall Lefebvre**, 81, a former longtime Pampa resident.
- **Terri Ann Williams Lenz**, 35, of Pampa.
- **Jose Natividad Meraz**, 48, employee of Heritage Beef Cattle Company.
- **June Carol Myatt Kelp**, 67, Pampa resident.
- **Andrew Lyle "Jack" Porter**, 100, Lipscomb County rancher.
- **Troy Whatley**, 74, a former Groom resident and New Mexico rancher.

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Pampa woman has prayers answered before she dies

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

Terri Lenz, one of the county's longest surviving transplant patients, died Wednesday at the age of 35.

The Pampa woman received a heart and lung transplant in 1984 after being diagnosed the year before with primary pulmonary hypertension, a lung disease that destroys the heart.

Carolyn Williams told the *Amarillo Globe News* that her daughter prayed she would live long enough to see her children grow up, and that's what happened.

Lenz's children, who were only 1, 2, and 3-years-old when she received her first heart and lung transplant, are teenagers now. Jess, 17, and Tasha and Brandi, 16 and 15, will now live with their grandparents Carolyn

and Sammy Williams also of Pampa.

"They've lived with this their whole life," Williams said. "She had been so ill this last year that they had kind of adjusted to the thought she might not be here for long."

Lenz had been ill for the last two years as her body began to reject the transplanted lungs.

Two months ago, Terri declined an interview with *The*

Pampa News because of her health and her hectic schedule that revolved around her family. She said her children came first and her attention was to go to them before anything else. It was difficult for her to speak.

"I'm on oxygen, you know," Terri said.

Lenz was born in Chickasha, Okla. and graduated from Laverne High School at Laverne, Okla. She

moved to Pampa in 1989 from Laverne. Terri was a homemaker and a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

On Mother's Day, May, 13, 1984, she received her heart and lung transplant at the Presbyterian University Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She was the first recipient in the state of Oklahoma history and one of the longest survivors ever to receive such a transplant.

Riding the Christmas range for Toys for Tots



(Pampa News Photo by Jeff West)
Prisoner Troy Barnaba (left) and Jordon Prison Unit Warden Kenneth Reagans demonstrate some of the 20 wooden horses that Barnaba made for the Toys For Tot program sponsored by Marcus Cable of Pampa. The money and materials for the horses was donated by several local businesses, the labor by prisoners with help from the guards. No tax money was used to make 20 tots happy this Christmas. The other toys were donated to Marcus Cable for Toys for Tots also.

McLean students fulfill Christmas wish

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

McLEAN -- Heather's wish to go to Disneyworld is now going to happen because of the hard work and generosity of McLean Independent School District students.

The students presented a check for \$917 to Make-a-Wish Coordinator Cindy Spanel Wednesday in the hopes of making the sick child's wish to go to Disneyworld come true.

"I can't tell you how shocked I am. You have outdone all the small communities in the area," said Spanel. "This will almost pay for the trip."

Heather, whose full name and disease remains anonymous according to Spanel, was the sole reason students in the elementary and secondary level at McLean gave up a few things to make her wish come true.

"One class gave up buying



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)
McLean students Jackie Grisby (left) and Lori Hefley (right) present Make-a-Wish Coordinator Cindy Spanel (center) with a check for \$917 raised by the students.

Christmas presents for each other," said McLean ISD Counselor Misty Hannon.

The money that would have been used on gifts went into the collection.

However, the effort to send Heather to Florida was fun, too.

raised in excess of \$200. The students had a raffle for a purse purchased by their teacher.

Other students brought cans that were later cashed in, but everyone helped in their own way, Hannon said.

"This is an exciting time for McLean. You've worked really hard to raise this money and you have done so well. We've made more money than we ever thought we would," Hannon said to the students.

Wish Coordinator Cindy Spanel said she intended bringing Heather, who was sent to Minnesota at the last minute for treatment. But Spanel promised to bring Heather back to meet the students in three months time.

Heather is a resident of the panhandle area represented by the Amarillo chapter of the Make-a-Wish Foundation, Spanel said.

Crime stopper tip leads to arrest of probation violator

Crime stoppers works. Just ask Judy Murrell. Of course you may have to wait awhile. Murrell is back in jail because of a tip from a crime stopper tip. She was wanted for violation of her probation for felony theft. She also was known to write hot checks according to Crime stoppers of Pampa/Gray County. She was considered armed and dangerous until her capture.

The Pampa/Gray County top

ten most wanted fugitives this week are:

- 1) Dennis Lawrence Bliss, white male, 32, wanted for violation of probation/burglary of a vehicle.
- 2) Johnny M Martinez Jr., white male, 26, wanted for violation of probation/ aggravated assault.
- 3) Richard Capallelo, white male, 44, wanted on a grand jury indictment for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- 4) Jeremy Merle Fitzer, white

male, 17, wanted on a grand jury indictment for burglary.

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

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

7) Betty Jacklyn Weatherwax Lee, white female, 36, wanted for violation of probation/ arson and aggravated assault.

8) Vereanki Roynell Rolland, black female, 33, wanted for

violation of probation/theft.

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

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

If you have any information about any of these people crime stoppers will pay you a cash reward. The number is 669-2222. Callers can remain anonymous and there is no caller ID.

Former city manager promoted

MIDLAND -- A former Pampa city manager is being promoted to Deputy City Manager here.

Glen E. Hackler, who has been one of two Assistant City Managers since July, 1993, will become Deputy City Manager on Jan. 1.

Hackler was Pampa's City Manager for three and a half years prior to going to Midland.

According to Midland City Manager Mike McGregor, Hackler will continue to oversee the fire, police and airport departments for the city as part of his duties.

Hackler earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, a Master of Public Administration and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degrees from Texas Tech University. He is licensed by the State Bar of Texas.

The City of Midland first created the position of Deputy City Manager in 1983. In 1987, the first Deputy City Manager was promoted to City Manager and McGregor was appointed Deputy City Manager. In 1993, Midland officials said, when McGregor was named City Manager, there was no one with the experience to serve as deputy. Hackler and Rick Menchaca were named Assistant City Managers.

McGregor said he wanted to bring the position back and appointed Hackler as Deputy City Manager.

The Deputy Assistant Manager serves as the primary assistant in the absence of the City Manager, McGregor said.

Hackler will handle new projects as assigned by the City Manager, including Midland's downtown revitalization effort.

Pampa woman to appear in federal court

A Pampa woman is scheduled to appear before a federal magistrate Tuesday in connection with her indictment on fraud charges.

Laurel Parker has been summoned to appear before U.S. Magistrate Clinton E. Averitte at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in Amarillo.

Parker, co-owner and operator of the Grand Coronado Hotel with her husband Michael, was indicted Tuesday by a federal grand jury in Amarillo on one count of mail fraud and 23 counts of wire fraud.

Authorities said the indictments stem from a credit card scheme involving about \$78,000.

The indictments are the result of a six month investigation by Pampa Police officers, Texas Rangers and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to the indictment, Parker is accused of defrauding Nona Gray of Pampa and American Express Inc. Court records allege that Parker also made false and fraudulent statements to perpetuate the credit card scam.

The Parkers bought the hotel in Pampa in 1989.

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Services tomorrow

BALL, John Prentis — 10:30 a.m., New Life Assembly of God Church, Pampa.
BAUER, Anna Marie — 2 p.m. (MST), Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bethune, Colo.
MERAZ, Jose Natividad — 3 p.m., Country Chapel, Wheeler.

Obituaries

JOHN PRENTIS BALL

John Prentis Ball, 71, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1997. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in New Life Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Mark Stripling officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Ball was born June 23, 1926, at Strong, Ark. He married Mable E. Donahue on Oct. 23, 1946, at Strong. He had been a Pampa resident since 1977, moving from Huttig, Ark. He retired as an electrician from Brown and Root Construction Company after 23 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the infantry during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, Dalton Ball, in January 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Mable, of the home; two sons, John David Ball of White Deer and Geary Ball of Pampa; a sister, Juanita Griffin of Strong; two brothers, Alvin Ball of Winnfield, La., and Richard Ball of Farmersville, La.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to New Life Assembly of God Church, 1435 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

ONA RAE HALL LEFEBVRE

DESOTO — Ona Rae Hall Lefebvre, 81, a former longtime Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church of Pampa with the Rev. John Valdez officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Lefebvre was born April 10, 1916, at Wellington. She married Francis Paul Lefebvre on May 15, 1945, at Pampa; he died Nov. 17, 1983. She had been a Pampa resident from 1945 until moving to DeSoto three years ago. She worked for Hiland Pharmacy for many years and was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and Ladies Altar Society.

She was preceded in death by a son, Leon Cox, on Nov. 2, 1973.

Survivors include two daughters, Paulette Moreland and Mary Beth Miller, both of Duncanville; a son, Wendell Cox of Laredo; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Make a Wish Foundation.

TERRI ANN WILLIAMS LENZ

TERRI ANN WILLIAMS LENZ, 35, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Tim Walker, minister, and Larry Brown, associate minister of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Ms. Lenz was born Feb. 11, 1962, at Chickasha, Okla., and graduated from high school at Laverne, Okla. She had been a Pampa resident since 1989, moving from Laverne. She received a heart and lung transplant at Presbyterian University Hospital in Pittsburgh in 1984 and was the first such recipient in the state of Oklahoma. She was one of the longest survivors of the procedure.

She was a homemaker and a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Tasha Lenz and Brandi Lenz, both of the home; a son, Jess Lenz, of the home; her parents, Sammy and Carolyn Williams of Pampa; and a sister, Kelly Smith of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

JOSE NATIVIDAD MERAZ

WHEELER — Jose Natividad Meraz, 48, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1997. Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Country Chapel with the Rev. Rodney Weatherly officiating. Burial will be at a later time in Durango, Mexico. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Meraz was born March 7, 1949, at San Luis, Mexico. He married Maria Rosario Valenzuela on Feb. 14, 1971, at San Pedro, Mexico; she died in 1993. He married Cecilia Moreno on Nov. 8, 1997, at El Paso. He had been a Wheeler resident since 1981. He worked for Heritage Beef Cattle Company and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Cecilia, of Wheeler; two daughters, Maria Copado and Margarita Apocaco, both of Pampa; five sons, Genaro Meraz, Ciriaco Meraz and Romon Meraz, all of Amarillo, Saul Meraz of Virginia and Joe Meraz, of the home; his parents, Ciriaco and Antonia Meraz of San Luis, Mexico; three sisters, Chuya Silva of California, Tacha Solis of Hermancez, Mexico, and Belen Meraz of San Luis; five brothers, Manuel Meraz, Pedro Meraz, Severiano Meraz and Gilberto Meraz, all of San Luis; and three grandchildren.

JUNE CAROL MYATT KELP

JUNE CAROL MYATT KELP, 67, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 1997. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

ANDREW LYLE 'JACK' PORTER

CANADIAN — Andrew Lyle "Jack" Porter, 100, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1997. Graveside services are to be at 3 p.m. today in Higgins Cemetery at Higgins with the Rev. Steve Ulrey officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Good Samaritan Funeral Service of Booker.

Mr. Porter was born at Lethrop, Mo. He moved to a ranch near Canadian with his family in 1916. He married Enna Corrine "Pet" Hance in 1924 at Lipscomb; she died in 1991. He later owned-operated a ranch in Lipscomb County.

Survivors include his son, Jack R. Porter of Perryton; and a grandchild.
 The family requests memorials be to Boy Scouts of America.

TROY WHATLEY

TUCUMCARI, N.M. — Troy Whatley, 74, a former Groom resident, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1997, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in N.S. Griggs and Sons Funeral Directors Pioneer Chapel in Amarillo with the Rev. Bob Miller, of First Baptist Church of Tucumcari, and Chester O'Brien, of South Georgia Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery Mausoleum in Amarillo.

Mr. Whatley was born at Groom and graduated from Groom High School in 1941. He married Billye Louise Hodges in 1942 at Groom. He farmed near Bushland from 1948-55 prior to purchasing the Rafter K Ranch in Tucumcari. He had been actively involved in the ranching industry for more than 50 years. He was a charter member of the Quarter Horse Association.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II on the island of Mindanao, Philippines. He received a Purple Heart. He had been a member of First Baptist Church of Tucumcari since 1955.

Survivors include his wife, Billye; a son, Jerry Whatley of Amarillo; a sister, Dardanelle Helton of Texico, N.M.; and two grandchildren.

The family will be 1 1/4 miles south of Canyon off the old Happy Highway and Rice Road and requests memorials be to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center.

Police report

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

Wednesday, December 17

Jason L. Dyer, 23, Austin, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and disregarding a barricade.

Lonnie Dale Tily, 33, 928 Sumner, was arrested for domestic violence and resisting arrest.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriffs Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, December 17

Michael D. Thomas, 21, Amarillo, was arrested for theft by check.

Fires

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

Wednesday, December 17

2:29 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the Coronado Center on a service call.

3:33 p.m. — Three units and five personnel responded to Highway 60 and Price Road for an auto accident.

4:40 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to 1400 block of Barns on a grass fire.

5:26 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to Gray "D" and Gray "13" on a grass fire.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, December 17

9:12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Neel Road and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

1:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 Block of N Hobart and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

3:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthonys in Amarillo.

3:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 and Price Road and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

5:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 Block of Huff Road and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check and blood sugar tests offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY

In light of the holidays approaching, New Life Assembly would like to help those less fortunate. The church will be accepting good used toys and coats at LeeAnn's Grooming, 420 W. Francis, Dec. 8 - 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at New Life Assembly, 1435 N. Sumner, from Dec. 12, 2 to 7 p.m. and Dec. 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VFW

The VFW is preparing food baskets for 10 families in Gray County this holiday season. The veterans are asking the community to help out by bringing groceries to the Freedom Museum by Dec. 22. The food baskets will then be delivered on Dec. 23.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.		
Chevron	.....84	up 1/16
Coca-Cola	.....56 7/16	up 1/16
Columbia/HCA	.....30 1/2	up 1/16
Enron	.....36 3/4	up 1/16
Halliburton	.....58 3/16	up 3/16
Ingersoll Rand	.....37 1/2	dn 5/8
KNE	.....45 1/8	NC
Kerr McGee	.....67 7/16	dn 1/8
Limited	.....24	dn 1/4
Mapco	.....33 1/8	up 1/8
McDonald's	.....45 9/16	up 13/16
Mobil	.....74 1/4	up 3/4
New Atmos.	.....25	up 1/8
New Cent. Enc.	.....42 3/8	NC
Penney's	.....61 15/16	up 1 9/16
Phillips	.....49 3/8	up 1/8
Pioneer Nat. Res.	.....35 15/16	dn 1/16
S.L.B.	.....90 1/16	up 13/16
Tenneco	.....43 1/4	dn 1/16
Texasco	.....57 1/8	up 7/8
Ultramar	.....30 15/16	up 1/16
Wal-Mart	.....37 1/16	up 7/16
New York Gold	.....312.40	
Silver	.....4.89	
West Texas Crude	.....20.43	

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation.		
Magellan	96.91	N.Y.
Puritan	19.27	N.Y.
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.		
Amoco	.....91 1/8	up 1 5/16
Arco	.....30 7/16	up 1/2
Cabot	.....25 7/16	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	.....22 7/8	up 1/16

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
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Arco30 7/16	up 1/2
Cabot25 7/16	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G22 7/8	up 1/16

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PEDC hears report from U.S. Bus

Ray Hupp of U.S. Bus Manufacturing reported to the board about the company's progress during the monthly meeting of the Panhandle Economic Development Corporation.

The company manufactured nine buses last week and are expecting to produce 12 this week, Hupp told the PEDC. Wednesday, Hupp reported there were a few layoffs and others working reduced hours which he blames on the season and the fact that schools close for Christmas. During a treasurers report a

small apparent drop in the sales tax revenue was credited to a change in the reporting dates from the state from a quarterly to a monthly system.

A revision in the contract with American Energy Co. was approved. It inserts a clause that specifically stated the company could buy the building they are leasing from the PEDC at any time for the price the PEDC paid plus the cost of renovations. A second clause was inserted limiting the amount of renovations that the PEDC would make to \$12,000. Lew Mollenkamp, direc-

tor of the PEDC also reported receiving a \$5,000 check from American Energy for the deposit and the first months rent.

Mollenkamp also said the PEDC had given several presentations in the last month and had four more in the next three weeks.

A labor survey is almost completed, according to Mollenkamp. A preliminary report shows about 3.8 percent unemployment in Pampa about the same as the state. Details should be available by the next meeting on January, 19.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly sunny today with a high in the upper 60s. Low tonight 35 and cloudy.

Friday, cloudy with a high in the 50s. It should turn cold Friday night with a 40 percent chance of rain turning to snow by Saturday. The high Saturday will be 35.

SOUTH TEXAS -- Hill Country and South Central Texas -- Tonight, increasing cloudiness late with some patchy fog late south central. Lows in the upper 50s, mid 40s Hill Country. Friday, cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs in the upper 60s. Friday night, cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s, mid 50s Hill Country. Extended forecast, Saturday, mostly cloudy with rain or thunderstorms likely.

WEST TEXAS -- South Plains/Low Rolling Plains -- Tonight, fair. Lows 30s, except lower 40s rolling plains. Friday, breezy and cooler with increasing clouds. Highs 50 northwest

to 60 southeast. Friday night, chance of rain. Snow possible extreme southwest panhandle and most of the south plains. Lows upper 20s to mid 30s. Extended forecast, Saturday, colder with a chance of rain or snow. Highs mid 30s to around 40. Sunday, slight chance of snow, otherwise partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 40s. Monday, partly cloudy.

NORTH TEXAS -- Tonight, clear to partly cloudy. Lows 42 east to 48 west. Friday, becoming mostly cloudy. A chance of rain west and central. Highs 64 to 70. Extended forecast, Friday night, rain likely with a few thunderstorms. Lows 46 to 55. Saturday, rain likely with isolated thunderstorms. Rain mixed with light snow or sleet west late. Highs in the 30s west to 50s east. Sunday, decreasing cloudiness west and central.

BORDER STATES -- New Mexico -- Tonight, increasing high clouds. Slight chance for showers or snow showers western border towards sunrise. Lows teens and 20s mountains with mid 20s to 30s

lower elevations. Winter storm watch Friday afternoon western mountains and Friday night all mountains and adjacent highlands. High wind watch Friday night middle and lower Rio Grande Valley. Gusty winds developing east and south. Increasing chance for snow western mountains during the day and central mountains towards evening. Highs 30s and 40s. Friday night, colder. Snow likely mountains with a chance for snow at lower elevations across the north. Saturday, cold with a good chance for snow. Chance for snow increasing again Sunday night across the west and north. Lows 10 below zero to the lower teens mountains and northwest. Monday, mostly cloudy with a chance for snow mountains and north.

Oklahoma -- Tonight, mostly clear. Lows from the upper 20s northwest to the lower 40s southeast. Friday, increasing cloudiness. Highs in the mid 40s northwest, mid 50s to upper 60s elsewhere. Friday night, rain likely. Rain changing to snow northwest.

City briefs

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EMERGENCY JAIL Release. 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv. FREE DIAMOND Ring!! Register from 6-8 p.m. nightly. Open late. Rheam's Diamond Shop. Adv.

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RED BARN Sale - Friday. Lots of toys, book, jewelry, jewelry boxes gifts, much more. Spend the day shopping at the Red Barn, 1414 S. Barnes, S. on Hwy. 273. Adv.

W.W.J.D. PENDANTS, bracelets, shoelaces, t-shirts & caps. Cloth bracelets in Middle School & High School colors! The Gift Box, downtown Pampa. Adv.

ANTIQUES - OPEN Friday & Saturday til Christmas. Granny Had One. Adv.

SPECIAL XMAS Gift Certificates - Relaxing Seated Massage \$15. Vicky Jones, 665-6626. Adv.

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POMERANIAN PUPPY for sale - T-cup, party pom, 6 weeks old. 665-6214 or 665-4422. Adv.

PECAN PIECES \$6 pound. Gray Co. 4-H, 665-2067. Adv.

WE WOULD like to apologize to Quentin Williams Realtors, First Landmark Realty, Norma Ward Realty, Shed Realty, Nisbet Realty & Action Realty for accidentally advertising some of their listings. This was an un-called for mistake and we are sorry it happened, Century 21 Pampa Realty. Adv.

HICKORY HUT, 716 W. Brown, 665-0562 - Let us cook & smoke your turkeys & hams!! Adv.

WATERBED WAREHOUSE, 1700 W. Kentucky, 665-6064 - Come see our bedroom furniture & sign up for comforter to be given away 12-23-97. Adv.

HOLIDAY SPECIAL - Set of acrylics \$30 (reg. \$40), 1st fill \$15 (reg. \$20), limited time. Erica - Abby's Beauty Supply & Salon, 669-9871. Adv.

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Austin Elementary chorus teacher Wanetta Hill and students recently put on a 50s concert and had the audience boppin' to the tunes of the past. Ashley Heiskell, left, LaShonda Parks, Carissa Snelgrooes, Tyrel Bolin Angela Henthorn, Dusty Lenderman and Stephanie Nidiffer.

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Economy: Trade gap decreases in October, export sales on the rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's trade deficit with the rest of the world narrowed sharply in October to \$9.7 billion as a record level of export sales helped to offset a relentless climb in imports.

In a potentially ominous sign for the future, the U.S. deficit with Japan soared to the highest level in 2 1/2 years. Analysts are forecasting bigger deficits with all Asian countries next year as the U.S. economy feels the effects of the financial turmoil that has engulfed the region.

The Commerce Department report today showed that the overall trade deficit was down 13.7 percent from a September figure of \$11.3 billion, which had been the worst showing since last January.

Even with the improvement, the trade deficit through the first 10 months of this year is running at an annual rate of \$114 billion, even worse than last year's \$111 billion imbalance.

Economists are predicting an even bigger deterioration in the deficit next year as Asian imports flood into the country, made suddenly cheaper because of the sharp currency devaluations that have occurred in the region.

A rising U.S. trade deficit is expected to be the main adverse impact felt in this country by the financial market turmoil that has forced South Korea, Indonesia and Thailand to turn to the International Monetary Fund for record bailouts to stabilize their economies.

Forecasters believe that economic growth in the United States could be shaved by one-half percentage point or more next year by the rising trade deficits.

In a separate report today, the Labor Department said weekly applications for unemployment benefits rose by 5,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 319,000. The small increase was in line with expectations and left jobless claims at a level showing that the job market still remains tight.

While unemployment in the United States is currently at a 24-year low of 4.6 percent, the growing trade gap has already caused political headaches for President Clinton, contributing to growing protectionist pres-

ures that helped last month to derail his effort to win renewed trade negotiating authority from Congress.

To moderate the rising deficits, the administration has been urging Japan to do more to stimulate domestic demand rather than rely on increased sales to the United States. Japan is on the brink of a recession that might be deepened by the troubles of its Asian neighbors.

Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto did announce this week a package of tax cuts and support for the Japanese banking system aimed at dealing with his country's weak economy. The Clinton administration reacted with cautious approval, urging the Japanese to push forward quickly to implement the measures.

For October, the deficit with Japan was up a sharp 14.3 percent to \$5.87 billion, the worst showing since April 1995, reflecting a big surge in imports of Japanese cars.

The deficit with China, which set a record in September, narrowed a slight 5.9 percent in October to \$5.2 billion as American exports climbed to a record \$1.4 billion with increased sales of soybeans and commercial aircraft.

The deficit with the four Asian tiger economies — South Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan — narrowed to \$1.4 billion in October from a record \$2 billion in September. But economists are predicting a flood of goods from this region, the epicenter of the crisis, in the coming year.

The improvement in October's deficit reflected a rebound in exports of goods and services, which climbed 2.4 percent to an all-time high of \$80 billion. There were big increases in sales of American-made cars and parts, farm products and capital goods such as oil drilling and earth-moving equipment.

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Lawyers won't seek to move priest's trial

DALLAS (AP) — Lawyers representing a suspended Roman Catholic priest on felony sex-abuse charges say they will not seek to move his trial despite extensive news coverage of the allegations and a recent civil trial.

Defense lawyer Brad Lollar said Wednesday that he believes that Rudolph "Rudy" Kos can get a fair trial in Dallas County.

Kos, 52, has pleaded not guilty to the eight charges during two arraignments this year. The charges involve four young men who told police that Kos molested them more than 1,350 times.

Jury selection is scheduled to begin March 23 in District Judge Janice L. Warder's court.

"I have come to the conclusion that given adequate time we can get a fair jury here in Dallas County, that is a jury that can presume he is innocent and hold the state to their burden of proof," said Lollar, one of Kos' court-appointed attorneys. "The publicity is pervasive throughout Texas, so it's not going to help us to move it out of Dallas County."

The judge, prosecutors and defense lawyers had considered Georgetown, Amarillo and Lubbock as possible trial sites, Lollar said.

Investigation stretches from Florida to Texas in death quadruplets' mom

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sheila Bellush saw her husband off to work and her 13-year-old daughter off to school before apparently strapping her quadruplets into life jackets to keep the toddlers safe around the swimming pool in the back yard.

But it was Mrs. Bellush, not her children, who needed protection. She was found shot to death, her throat slit, her 23-month-old children crawling around in her blood in their Sarasota, Fla., home.

"My mom is dead," her sobbing 13-year-old daughter, Stevie, told a 911 operator after finding the body when she arrived home from school Nov. 7. The teenager cried, "Oh my God, who would do this?"

Three men have been charged with what investigators say was a contract murder, and one pleaded guilty Wednesday. Suspicion has also fallen on Mrs. Bellush's ex-husband, a golfing partner of one of the men charged.

How much the killer might have gotten, exactly who paid it and why have not been answered.

Investigators have refused to give a motive for the slaying.

Allen Blackthorne, Mrs. Bellush's former husband, became an immediate focus of

investigators and hired a defense attorney, Roy Barrera Jr., though he has not been charged with a crime.

Blackthorne and his ex-wife had fought their way through a divorce in 1988, followed by nasty accusations and legal battles over their two daughters, Stevie and 12-year-old Daryl. In September, Sheila and her husband, James Bellush, moved to Sarasota from San Antonio — where their quadruplets had become celebrities of sorts — to start a new life.

Through his lawyer, Blackthorne denied involvement in Mrs. Bellush's slaying. "He is as shocked and surprised as anyone else by what happened," Barrera said.

Blackthorne so far has not accepted an offer to testify before the grand jury, saying he has no helpful information, said Steve Hilbig, district attorney in San Antonio.

"We would always like to hear from Mr. Blackthorne," Hilbig said. "I might suggest that he

might not know what will help us and what won't help us."

Less than a week after the attack, Jose Luis Del Toro, 21, of Texas, was charged with first-degree murder. He was captured in Mexico on Nov. 20.

Del Toro had been seen in camouflage clothing spying on the family home before attacking Mrs. Bellush near a laundry room adjacent to her garage, authorities said.

Investigators said they found his fingerprints on a clothes dryer in the Bellush home. The alleged murder weapon, a .45-caliber gun, was found in Del Toro's car in Texas.

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Opinion

Swapping food would help Iraq

Before the Iraq crisis comes to a boil again, the United Nations Security Council should increase the amount of oil Baghdad can swap for food and medical goods. The Clinton administration allowed this idea to float before the recent showdown with Iraq was defused. Now Washington should follow through with a concrete proposal.

Let's be very clear about this. Allowing Iraq to sell more oil and use the proceeds to pay for humanitarian assistance would not be a concession to Saddam Hussein as long as the U.N. made sure aid was directed to the Iraqi people. Help them, and keep the pressure on the regime with weapons inspections and an embargo on all other imports.

Hussein has proved over the past seven years that he doesn't care about the dreadful suffering his subjects have had to endure since the Gulf War ended.

Easing the hunger, sickness and despair of millions of Iraqi civilians would be a work of mercy that might also pay significant political dividends by stemming the growing support for Hussein in the Arab world. Most Arab leaders are reluctant to see the U.N. embargo against Iraq drag on because of the terrible toll that sanctions are taking on ordinary people while posing no visible threat to Hussein's regime.

For example, the influential head of a major Islamic organization called for a review of U.N. sanctions because of their punishing impact on the Iraqi public. "This situation has lasted longer than it should have done, and those suffering are the Iraqi people," said Azeddine Laraki, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, which is made up of more than 50 Moslem nations.

Most disconcerting has been the impact of the embargo on Iraqi children. According to the World Health Organization, there has been a sixfold increase in mortality among children younger than five since the sanctions were imposed. In all, more than half a million Iraqi children are believed to have died as a direct result of the sanctions, according to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization.

Meanwhile, the living must get by on semi-starvation diets, chronically malnourished and frequently lacking even the most basic medical supplies.

Yes, Hussein's regime deserves most of the blame for this. It has starved the populace while making sure the government and military elite ate well and had the best health care. But knowing whom to point the accusing finger at doesn't make life any less harrowing for Hussein's victims. The only way to do that is to expand Iraq's oil for food and medicine program well beyond the current annual cap of \$4 billion.

U.S. officials have said they would consider expanding the kinds of goods Iraq could purchase with its oil proceeds to include so-called "civil needs, I such as modern ambulances and spare parts for old ones that no longer run. Good idea. Now make it happen.

It is hoped that once the hellish burdens of the Iraqi people have been alleviated, Arab leaders will refocus on the compelling reason why sanctions were imposed on that dangerous country in the first place. The world wants to be certain that Hussein no longer possesses weapons of mass destruction or the means to produce and deliver them against his neighbors. Only after Iraq has met those criteria should the U.N. restrictions be lifted.

—Odessa American

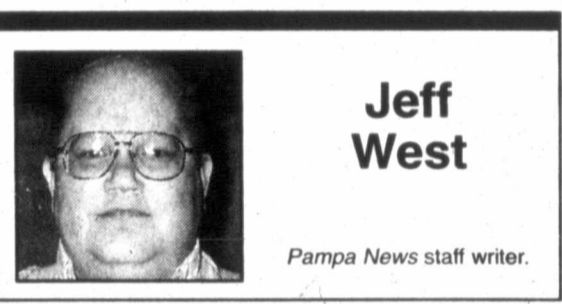


Giving spirit should last longer

I have watched some version of "A Christmas Carol" every year for a lot of years. I started with Mr. McGoo and his musical 30 minute version. I watched Alister Sims play Scrooge quite a bit when the world was black and white, then saw the world look much brighter when the English started sounding like George C. Scott in Patton.

I always watched to the bitter end as Scrooge loses his fight against the evil ghosts of past, present and future. I root for him to win and keep hold of his winning ways but noooo; always he loses his senses.

First, he sends a huge goose over to the Cratchets, starting the trend toward overeating and taking a nap after lunch. Before, ol' Bob would play with the children and go on a walk with his wife and kids. Now, he falls asleep in front of the fire waiting for someone to invent TV football. Sure Tiny Tim lives, but he grows his hair long and stringy and sings and acts in



a non-gender specific way. His parents are still broken hearted about what happened to their son.

Then Scrooge goes out and buys a lot of the kinds of gifts you can find on Christmas morning and gives them to his nephew. That started the phrase, 'Just what I always wanted, what is it?' It was soon after that the return policy was instituted in England.

"And they say he knew how to keep

Christmas well," the book says (and all the movies except maybe Mr. McGoo, I forget). Which I guess meant that the Salvation Army could count on him for a donation in June as opposed to the rest of the world where it hurts about that time. Does a local business offer some special deal if you bring in a can of food in June? I don't think so. Seems to me that Christmas dinner the homeless got would wear off by summer.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying Scrooge shouldn't have loosened up a little. What gets me going is that the reason he was supposed to be nice, the reason we all are supposed to be nice, is because it's Christmas. Bah humbug.

Sure I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I also hope you have a nice June 23, and May 18 and a jolly ol' Groundhogs Day. And on all those days and the ones in between, remember: Be good to one another, and be good to yourselves.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 1997. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 18, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect.

On this date:
In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1892, Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Suite" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler signed a secret directive ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. (Operation "Barbarossa" was launched in June 1941.)

In 1944, the Supreme Court upheld the wartime relocation of Japanese-Americans, but

also said undeniably loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry could not be detained.

In 1956, Japan was admitted to the United Nations.

In 1957, the motion picture "The Bridge on the River Kwai" premiered at the RKO Palace Theater in New York City.

In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first nuclear facility to generate electricity in the United States, went online. (It was taken out of service in 1982.)

In 1969, Britain's Parliament abolished the death penalty for murder.

In 1972, the United States began the heaviest bombing of North Vietnam during the Vietnam War. (The bombardment ended 12 days later.)

In 1980, former Soviet

Premier Alexei N. Kosygin died at age 76.

Ten years ago: Ivan F. Boesky was sentenced to three years in prison for plotting Wall Street's biggest insider-trading scandal. (He served about two years of his sentence.) Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto was married in a traditional Islamic ceremony to businessman Asif Ali Zardari.

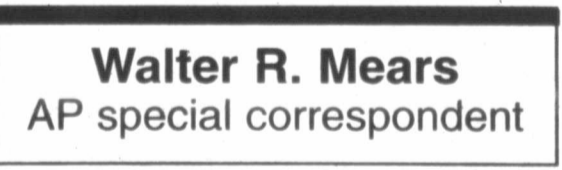
Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council unanimously denounced Israel's deportation of more than 400 Palestinians and demanded their immediate return. Kim Young-sam was elected South Korea's first civilian president in three decades.

One year ago: FBI agent Earl Edwin Pitts was arrested, accused of selling secrets to the Russians. (Pitts was sentenced in June 1997 to 27 years in

prison after admitting that he'd conspired and attempted to commit espionage.) Aides to President Clinton disclosed that Asian-American businessman Charles Yeh Lin Trie, who delivered \$460,000 in questionable donations to the Clintons' legal defense fund, had been to the White House at least 23 times since 1993.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Ossie Davis is 80. Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark is 70. Actor Roger Smith is 65. Blues musician Lonnie Brooks is 64. Rock singer-musician Keith Richards is 54. Movie producer-actor Steven Spielberg is 50. Movie reviewer Leonard Maltin is 47. Actor Ray Liotta is 42. Actor Brad Pitt is 34. Country singer Tracy Byrd is 31. Tennis player Arantxa Sanchez Vicario is 26.

Clinton ready for tax cut campaign



Republicans are gearing up for a tax cut campaign next year, and while President Clinton says he hasn't decided whether he'll be proposing one of his own, he can't afford to concede them the issue.

Simplified, lower taxes are too salable a campaign point for the White House to let that happen as the Democrats try to defy the history of losses by the president's party in mid-term congressional elections.

"I can't say at this time that I will have anything to say about tax cuts in the State of the Union," Clinton said. But by that time, after Congress reconvenes on Jan. 27, he probably will.

Indeed, he said at his end-of-the-year news conference this week that he agrees in principle with the reduction at the top of the GOP tax agenda, to undo the so-called marriage penalty, which puts couples with two jobs into higher tax brackets than they'd face singly.

"But on the other hand, it's like every other tax cut," Clinton said. "There are a lot of other tax cuts that might be desirable, but how would you pay for them?"

"How would you not increase the deficit? How would you keep the budget moving toward balance?"

That's one dilemma. There's another: Republicans won control of Congress after depicting Clinton as a Democratic tax-raiser in the 1994 campaign. He said they "successfully argued that we had a tax increase in the '93 budget for ordinary Americans," which he insisted wasn't really so.

But his budget that year — enacted without a single Republican vote in Congress — did

include taxes, a gasoline tax increase among them, as he put deficit reduction ahead of the middle class tax cut he'd promised in 1992.

The 1993 strategy worked, Clinton said when he announced that the budget deficit for this year was \$22.6 billion, the lowest in 23 years, down from nearly \$300 billion when he took office.

But as Clinton observed earlier this month, the deficit is down, not out. Budgets are to be balanced by 2002 under the plan Clinton and Congress agreed upon, and it includes \$152 billion in tax cuts over the next five years.

Since the thriving economy was driving deficits down before the budget deal, there are suggestions that it may be balanced sooner, perhaps in 1998.

But Clinton said there should not be rash decisions that might do economic harm. "We don't want to spend money we don't yet have," he said Dec. 5, a line that might have come from an earlier GOP playbook.

The strategy Republican leaders have outlined for the election year is to push tax cuts and dare Clinton to say the government can't afford them.

"That's a debate we'll have all of next year," House Speaker Newt Gingrich said as Congress recessed. He's also promising legis-

lation to scrap the current tax code by 2001 and replace it with a simpler system, a flat or flatter tax, or a national sales tax, after Republicans find a consensus on which they want.

Clinton said Tuesday the government should not abandon the discipline that has deficits coming down, and that the tax code should be simpler.

There's already legislation to overhaul the Internal Revenue Service, passed by the House, due for Senate approval next year. The administration initially opposed a more drastic reorganization plan, signing on to the modified version after Senate hearings that dramatized IRS abuses. Now Clinton is urging passage, thus staking a share of the issue.

The president said he wasn't ruling out an administration proposal on tax simplification, and wasn't ready to say yes or no to additional cuts. He said anything he'd support would have to be fiscally responsible, fair to all Americans, economically sound and a real step toward a simpler system.

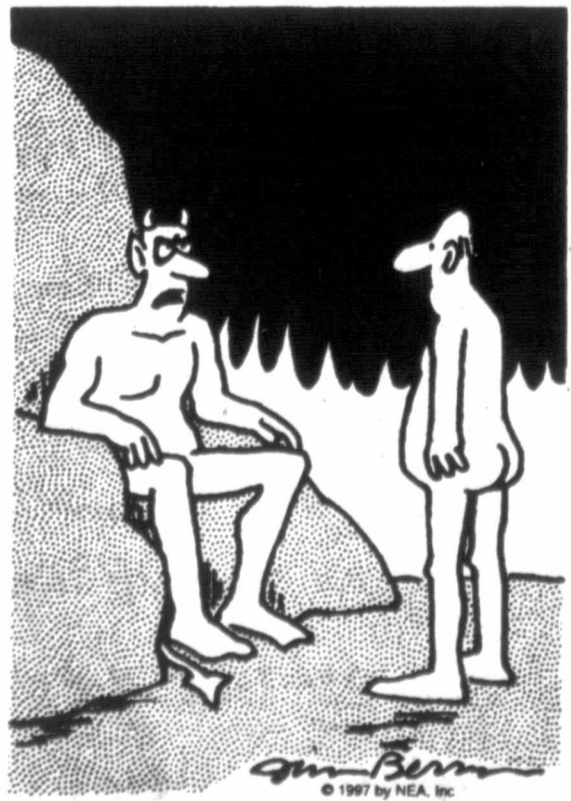
"Now within those parameters, any proposals that meet those criteria, I think I am duty bound to consider supporting," he said.

The election year odds are that he'll find proposals to fit his terms — and answer the GOP campaign.

"He is looking at many ideas," spokesman Michael McCurry said Wednesday. "The Treasury Department is reviewing many ideas. ... He's not endorsing specific measures."

Not yet.

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Environmental protectionists want more mercury warnings

AUSTIN (AP) — Only six of the state's more than 800 public lakes and reservoirs have warnings or bans against eating fish or seafood from them because of mercury pollution. But environmental groups say that doesn't indicate a clean bill of health for Texas waters.

The Sierra Club, Public Citizen, Texas Clean Water Action and the Sustainable Energy and Economic Development Coalition on Wednesday released a report about mercury pollution in Texas lakes.

The groups said the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission needs to put tighter limits on mercury emissions from power plants, municipal and medical waste incinerators, landfills and cement manufacturers.

It also said the Texas Health Department needs to more quickly warn Texans about mercury pollution levels.

Mike Ordner, survey branch chief for the TDH's seafood safety division, said the agency considers the amount of pollution, rates of consumption and other factors before determining whether to issue a consumption warning or ban.

Exposure to mercury comes primarily through food. It can cause neurological and reproductive damage and can impair brain development in fetuses and young children.

Possessing or eating fish and other seafood with unsafe levels of mercury is banned only from the upper part of Lavaca Bay in southeast Texas. Consumption of various fish from waters in the B.A. Steinhagen, Sam Rayburn, and Toldeo Bend Reservoirs; and Big Cypress Creek and Caddo Lake

is restricted because of mercury levels.

John Villanacci, director of health risk assessment at the TDH, said the federal Food and Drug Administration allows up to 1.0 part per million mercury in fish before it should not be eaten. The EPA has a lower standard at which it believes there may be a health risk.

Villanacci said the Texas standard is around 0.7 parts per million. But he added that if consumption patterns or pollution levels warrant it, warnings and advisories can be posted at lower levels.

All states set their own threshold for posting warnings. Some are higher and some lower than Texas', Villanacci said.

"Interpretations are changing," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised if you see the numbers come up, not down."

Joann Wiersema, head of toxicology and risk assessment at the TNRCC, said her agency has been limiting mercury emissions from industrial sources for 20 years. She said when it comes to hazardous waste incinerators, the agency not only monitors the amount of emissions, but measures where it is going.

"We're doing a whole lot. We're trying to get a handle on how high it is and where it is coming from. This stuff is just circulating around the globe," Ms. Wiersema said.

According to Peter Altman of SEED, most mercury emissions in Texas come from coal-fired power plants. The environmentalists said consumers also can help reduce mercury pollution by properly disposing of thermostats, batteries, thermometers and fluorescent lights.

Travis Elementary honor roll

William B. Travis Elementary School has announced its honor roll for the second six weeks grading period of the 1997-98 school year.

First Grade A Honor Roll

Tyler Alexander, Jonathan Cook, Kaci Hill, Monica Kohler, Krysta Lane, Scott Langford, Courtney Linn, Deustin Mathis, Alla Miranda.

Micahel West, Shawna Salazar, Victoria Srygley, Michael Alexander, Jonathan Anguiano, Anthony Arreola, Nicki Cole, Brittney Cottrell, Ashley Hernandez, Taylor Hugg.

Taylor Jordan, Leda Juengerman, Katie Kidwell, Rachel Lee, Cassi Denton, Kamy Miller, Jessica Miner, Alyson Orr, Nathan Stillwagon, Holly Winegeart, Kyle Ellis, Whitney Brummett, Kelby Imel and Olivia Schlaegel.

AB Honor Roll

Dillon Pierce, Jackey Nunamaker, Kaylee Wills, Tonya Kiper, Kameron Graves, Ryan Baggerman, Dustin Neef, Dayla Newman.

Second Grade A Honor Roll

Megan Barnett, Chelsea Cain, Ryan Carnagey, Ally Garner, K'Lyn Holmes, Shealyn McGahen, Kayla Mendoza, Rachal Nunn, Brieawna Richards, Valerie Rushing.

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Jimmy Craig, Julie Crossman, Stephanie Jasso, Morgan Reagan, Brody Russell, Chris Russell.

AB Honor Roll

Brendon Carpenter, Johnny Ellen, Kyle Hargus, Dakota Gilleland, Dylan Roberts, James Irvin, Jad McGuire, Ashley Owen, Emily Woodruff, Tyler Dodson, Ashton Coffman, Kalynn Jones.

Third Grade A Honor Roll

Cory Baker, Andrea Burkhalter, Kerri Carter, Meredith Courts, Gavin Eggleston, Courtney Meyer, Kristen Roye, Lauren Bowen, Jacklyn Cargill, Russell Dougless, Amber Fisher, Richard Leal, Alexandra Long.

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Cave, Ryan Goldsmith, Kelly Presson, Lori Presson, Brittany Reagan, Lisa Rodriguez, Yvette Silva.

Fourth Grade A Honor Roll

Wendy Clark, Keenan Davis, Kaysha Lee, Seth Peerson, Tamara Woodward, Daniel Gatlin, Marissa Hudson, Destinee Manhart, Cama Niccum, Aaron Anguiano, Jake Craig, Jessica Palmateer, Loria Simmons, Chris Kidd.

Fifth Grade A Honor Roll

Ruth Anne Schlewitz, Jacob Potter, Levi Nunn, Missy Brown, Jennifer Jackson, Chris Moody, Drew Morrison, Jacob Stillwagon, Danielle Tucker, Cody Hukill.

AB Honor Roll

Heather Dawson, Justin Lane, Erin Winegeart, Megan Coffey, Kara Kidd, Whitney Parker, Cameron Seger, Suzanne Parks, Austin Morgan, Nathan Carnagey.

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By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The slavery epic *Amistad* had a strong debut in limited release, but it was the slasher sequel *Scream 2* that sliced up the competition with the best December opening ever.

The *Scream 2* opening of \$39.2 million topped the previous December record of \$20.1 million, set last year by *Beavis and Butt-head Do America*.

Flubber made another strong showing in its third weekend to finish second, followed by two weak openings — Tim Allen's *For Richer or Poorer* and the children's slapstick *Home Alone 3*.

In only 322 locations, *Amistad* finished a surprising fifth. Woody Allen's *Deconstructing Harry*, showing in only 10 theaters, also was well-attended and finished at No. 18.

Three new movies open in wide release Friday: *Titanic*, *Tomorrow Never Dies* and *Mousehunt*.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and Entertainment Data.

1. *Scream 2*, Miramax, \$39.2 million, 3,112 locations, \$12,611 average, \$39.2 million, one week.
2. *Flubber*, Disney, \$6.8 million, 2,679 locations, \$2,530 average, \$58.7 million, three weeks.
3. *For Richer or Poorer*, Universal, \$6 million, 1,904 locations, \$3,160 average, \$6 million, one week.
4. *Home Alone 3*, 20th Century Fox, \$5.1 million, 2,147 locations, \$2,369 average, \$5.1 million, one week.
5. *Amistad*, DreamWorks, \$4.6 million, 322 locations, \$14,203 average, \$4.7 million, 1 1/2 weeks.
6. *John Grisham's The Rainmaker*, Paramount, \$3.33 million, 2,369 locations, \$1,406 average, \$39.2 million, four weeks.
7. *Alien Resurrection*, 20th Century Fox, \$3.25 million, 2,326 locations, \$1,401 average, \$41.5 million, three weeks.
8. *Anastasia*, 20th Century Fox, \$3 million, 2,250 locations, \$1,347 average, \$41.9 million, five weeks.
9. *The Jackal*, Universal, \$2.4 million, 2,062 locations, \$1,185 average, \$49.9 million, five weeks.

BOX OFFICE		Top weekend movies	
Weekend of Dec. 12-14, 1997			
All dollar figures in millions			
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens		Weekend gross	
1	<i>Scream 2</i> \$39.2, one week, 3,112 screens	\$39.2	
2	<i>Flubber</i> \$6.8, three weeks, 2,679 screens	\$6.8	
3	<i>For Richer or Poorer</i> \$6, one week, 1,904 screens	\$6	
4	<i>Home Alone 3</i> \$5.1, one week, 2,147 screens	\$5.1	
5	<i>Amistad</i> \$4.6, 1 1/2 weeks, 322 screens	\$4.6	
6	<i>John Grisham's The Rainmaker</i> \$3.33, four weeks, 2,369 screens	\$3.33	
7	<i>Alien Resurrection</i> \$3.25, three weeks, 2,326 screens	\$3.25	
8	<i>Anastasia</i> \$3, five weeks, 2,250 screens	\$3	
9	<i>The Jackal</i> \$2.4, five weeks, 2,062 screens	\$2.4	
10	<i>Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil</i> \$2.4, four weeks, 1,312 screens	\$1.8	

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. AP

11. *Mortal Kombat: Annihilation*, New Line, \$1.2 million, 1,756 locations, \$664 average, \$33.1 million, four weeks.
12. *Devil's Advocate*, Warner Bros., \$686,000, 775 locations, \$885 average, \$58.3 million, nine weeks.
13. *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, Sony-Columbia, \$586,000, 936 locations, \$626 average, \$69.7 million, nine weeks.
14. *Wings of the Dove*, Miramax, \$540,000, 248 locations, \$2,177 average, \$6.7 million, six weeks.
15. *The Full Monty*, Fox Searchlight, \$425,000, 347 locations, \$1,225 average, \$34 million, 18 weeks.
16. *Les Boys*, CFP, \$418,000, 52 locations, \$8,039 average, \$418,000, one week.
17. *Starship Troopers*, Sony-TriStar, \$403,000, 761 locations, \$530 average, \$53.8 million, six weeks.
18. *Deconstructing Harry*, Fine Line, \$356,000, 10 locations, \$35,648 average, \$356,000, one week.
19. *L.A. Confidential*, Warner Bros., \$342,000, 240 locations, \$1,425 average, \$35.8 million, 13 weeks.
20. *Eve's Bayou*, Trimark, \$330,000, 385 locations, \$856 average, \$12.9 million, six weeks.

Former funeral home operator convicted of homicide

ANGLETON, Texas (AP) — A jury has convicted a former Sweeny funeral home operator of criminal negligent homicide in the 1991 slaying of his common-law wife.

The guilty verdict was returned Wednesday against Jay H. Johnson, 65, who was being tried on a capital

murder charge in the Sept. 29, 1991, killing of Edwina Prosen, 57.

Jurors had options to convict him of lesser charges, however, including murder and involuntary manslaughter.

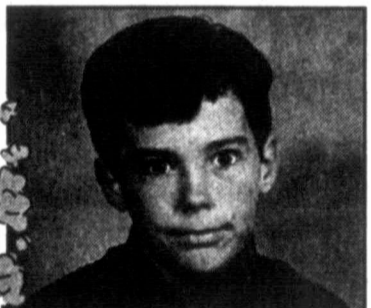
Authorities say Johnson probably will not spend any more time in jail on

the misdemeanor conviction since he already has been in custody for more than the maximum sentence, one year.

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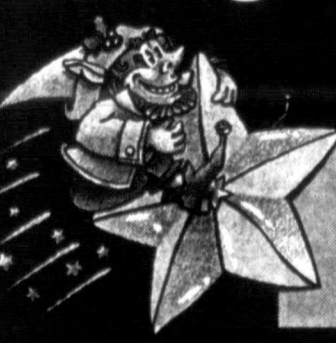
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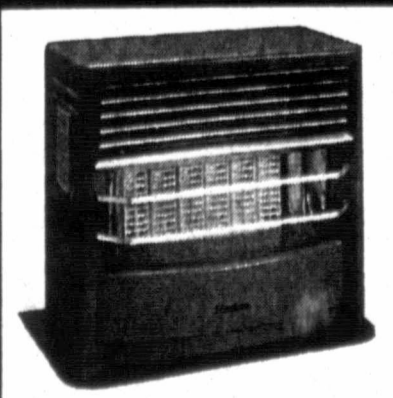
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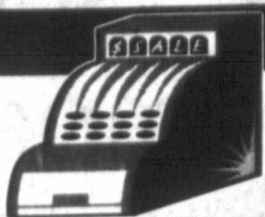
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Holiday shopping

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Unexpectedly saw something I liked	24%	26%	20%
Got in the spirit because of a catalog	13%	13%	13%
Saw commercial or ad that encouraged me to buy something	12%	14%	10%
Inspired by a store holiday display	10%	11%	8%
Didn't buy anything before I planned to	32%	27%	38%

Source: Maritz Marketing Research, Inc., Fernhill, MO NEA Graphics

According to the results of a survey of shoppers' holiday buying habits, women are more likely than men to be inspired by advertisements to buy items earlier than they had otherwise planned.

Texas politics:

Rick Perry, candidate for lieutenant governor, pushes tougher DWI laws; Sharp agrees ...

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Rick Perry, GOP candidate for lieutenant governor, wants tougher laws to punish drunken drivers — including a lower legal blood-alcohol level, mandatory jail time and seizure of the drunk's car on a third conviction.

His likely Democratic opponent, John Sharp, said he's favored tougher DWI laws for years.

"I'm glad that Rick Perry has now decided to join the efforts I led as a legislator in fighting drunk driving," Sharp said.

Perry, currently the state agriculture commissioner, said Texas has the dubious distinction of leading the nation in drunk-driving deaths.

"I intend to fight this killer, not just during holiday weekends but 365 days a year," he vowed Wednesday.

The lieutenant governor presides over the Texas Senate.

Calling for "punishment the first time and every time," Perry said that if elected, he would push a plan through the Legislature to severely punish any drunken driving conviction, with even harsher penalties for second and third offenses.

He called for lowering the state's legal blood-alcohol level from 0.10 to 0.08. A bill to do that was killed on a parliamentary maneuver in the Senate this year, but Perry said he thinks lawmakers will recognize the public's get-tough demand.

Under his proposal, a first conviction would bring a minimum three-day jail sen-

tence and suspension of a driver's license for a minimum of 30 days as a condition of probation. Occupational licenses, allowing driving to and from work, no longer would be issued.

A second conviction would bring a mini-

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mum of 30 days in jail, no probation, a six-month driver's license suspension and confiscation of the vehicle's license plates for six months.

A third conviction would mean 180 days in jail, a one-year license suspension and state seizure and sale of the vehicle the drunk was driving.

"The level of these senseless acts has reached a level of staggering proportions," Perry said.

"These tough new penalties that I'm advocating today are a thoughtful, and I think compassionate answer to not only the victims of these crimes but to the offenders, who we want to think long and

hard about getting into a car after consuming alcohol."

Sharp, currently the state comptroller, said he has supported tougher DWI laws since his days in the Legislature.

Sharp said he coauthored legislation in 1983 that was "the toughest anti-DWI bill ever introduced."

Recalling that his wife's parked car was hit by a drunken driver traveling nearly 50 mph, Sharp called for a constitutional amendment to deny bail to anyone arrested on a felony drunken driving charge.

"These people have proven they are a menace to society and should be locked up, not driving while awaiting trial," he said.

In other developments:

— Republicans Barry Williamson, a Railroad Commission member, and Tom Pauken, former state GOP chairman, both officially entered their party's primary for attorney general. Also running in the March primary will be John Cornyn, a former Texas Supreme Court justice.

Several Democrats are said to be considering the race now that incumbent Dan Morales has decided to retire.

— State Rep. L.P. "Pete" Patterson, a farmer and rancher from Brookston, filed for the Democratic Party's nomination for state agriculture commissioner.

— Harriet O'Neill of Houston, a judge on the 14th Court of Appeals, filed for the Republican nomination to challenge Democratic Supreme Court Justice Rose Spector. Ms. O'Neill, 40, said she will run on her experience as a fair and impartial judge.

Cartoons cause mayhem in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — Government officials sought medical experts' help today in the investigation into why an episode of a popular TV cartoon triggered convulsions, vomiting and seizures in hundreds of children.

The government also asked television production specialists for help determining what set Tuesday night's episode of "Pocket Monster" apart from dozens of other brightly illustrated cartoons broadcast on Japanese television.

The investigation was expected to focus on whether a scene featuring rhythmic bursts of blue, red and white light was so rapid and intense that it interrupted normal brain function.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Accusing Microsoft Corp. of "cynically" trying to evade a federal court order, the Justice Department wants the company to be found in contempt of a judge's ruling in an antitrust lawsuit.

The Justice Department on Wednesday accused Microsoft of offering a "commercially worthless" response to a judge's order last week that it strip out its Internet Explorer software from its dominant

Windows 95 computer program.

A Microsoft spokesman said the software giant is in complete compliance with the order and eager to prove it.

But the government, a filing in U.S. District Court here, asserted that "Microsoft's naked attempt to defeat the purpose of the court order and to further its litigation strategy is an affront to the court's authority."

"Microsoft has cynically acted as if the preliminary injunction permits it to perpetuate the very ... (condition) the court enjoined," it added. The government revived a request that the court

fine Microsoft \$1 million a day if the company refuses to obey a contempt finding.

The Justice filing is the latest volley in an antitrust lawsuit accusing the Redmond, Wash.-based software company of using its dominance in Windows software to muscle into the Internet browser market.

Separately, nine states are investigating Microsoft for possible antitrust violations, and one of them, Texas, already has filed suit. The New York attorney general is coordinating the investigation, and attorneys general from California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Florida, Illinois,

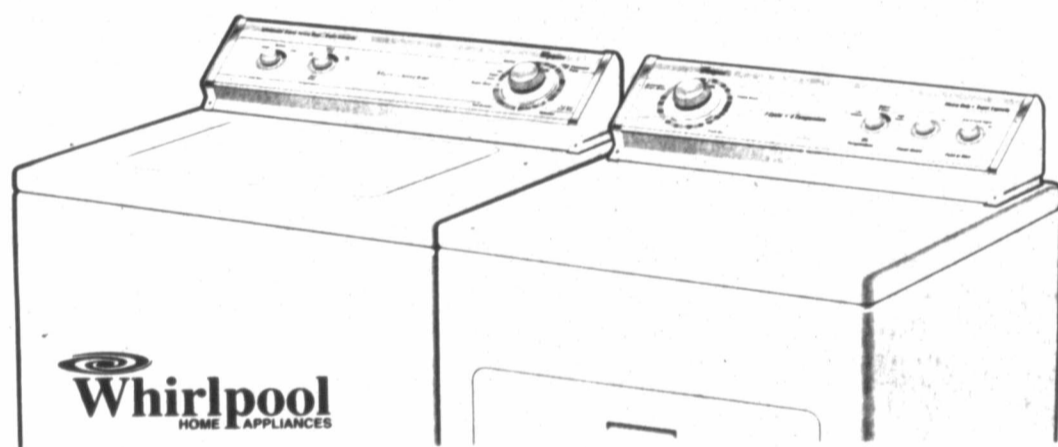
Minnesota and Wisconsin are also involved.

In the federal case, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson last week issued a preliminary injunction ordering Microsoft to quit requiring computer makers to distribute the Internet Explorer browser program as a condition of installing the popular Windows operating system software on their PCs. Microsoft appealed the order Monday.

"The more Microsoft continues this practice, the more consumers are harmed," Joel I. Klein, assistant attorney general for antitrust, said in a prepared statement.

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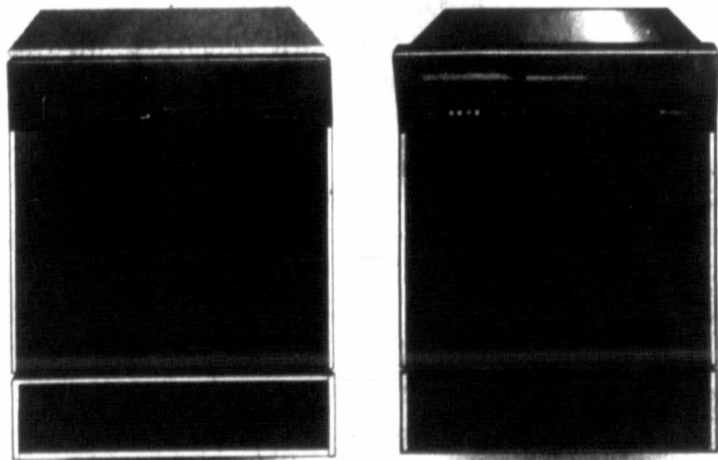


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Day care center in grip of hostage situation

PLANO, Texas (AP) — A gunman who stormed a day-care center held an undetermined number of hostages today after releasing some 60 children and five adults.

Police refused to say how many hostages remained as the situation, which started about 3 p.m. Wednesday and continued into this morning.

However, a woman was released about 4 a.m. and taken away by police for debriefing.

Linda White, 43, of Mesquite, had said she believed her sister, Dortheria Harris, 37, of Plano, was the only adult left inside besides the gunman. Ms. White said she was not told immediately if the most recently released hostage was her sister.

Police Chief Bruce Glasscock said early today that telephone negotiations with the gunman were going "very satisfactorily."

"We are in constant contact with him and he is in constant contact with us," Glasscock said.

There is no deadline for resolving the hostage situation, he said. "We're here for the long haul," he said.

Police from nearby Richardson were called in early today to give Plano officers a break, Glasscock said. Officers were also being aided by FBI agents and Texas Rangers, he added.

Most of the children were released by the gunman, identified by two relatives and a neighbor as James Monroe Lipscomb Jr., 33, in the first four hours of the standoff, along with three adults. One adult was released just before midnight.

Some children were shaken up, but none was injured.

Several parents of released children said police told them three children, including two of the suspect's own, remained inside the Riggsbee Child Development Center.

Ms. White said her sister, who had been working at the day care center for about six months, is a friend and co-worker of the gunman's wife.

"It's been pretty tough since I heard about it. You just don't know what's going on inside," she said. "You don't know whether he's going to release her."

Ms. White, who waited at the police cordons two blocks from the day care center, said she talked briefly with some counselors who had been talking with the released hostages.

"They didn't say much," she said. "I have already prayed about it. I'm leaving it in God's hands."

Police released only scattered details except to say the suspect had tried to rob someone in the parking lot of a nearby bank shortly before entering the day-care center.

They refused to confirm the suspect's identity or reports that he is married to a day-care employee. Witnesses said the couple has had marital problems.

"I don't know why he would do something like this," said Brianna Stanberry, a neighbor of Lipscomb whose 1-year-old niece was released from the day-care center.

"He's never done anything like this before. What's important now is getting the children out of there."

Lipscomb's 15-year-old nephew, Terrance Shaw, said he hopes his

uncle "remembers what he always used to tell me."

"A moment of madness can lead to a lifetime of sadness," the boy said.

Police spokesman Carl Duke said the suspect attempted a robbery outside the Plano Bank and Trust just before 3 p.m. Bank senior vice president June Rossetti said a customer was approached in a parking lot and ordered to withdraw money. It wasn't certain if any money was taken.

Police received a call about 3:15 p.m. regarding a gunman at the day-care center. They arrived to find him in the center's doorway and backed off, Duke said.

Live TV reports showed officers carrying children away from the building. About 10 children were seen running hand-in-hand from the center, a converted house in a residential block. Another image showed three children running with a shotgun-toting police officer.

Children were taken to nearby Meadows Elementary School, where frantic parents rushed to see if their children were among the freed. Classes were cancelled today at the school.

One woman sobbed uncontrollably and fell to the street when told her child was among the hostages. Other parents gathered in prayer.

Parents cradled children, some with red eyes from crying, in their arms after they were released. Some stopped to talk with television crews, while others dashed away.

"She's OK," said Charles Fink, whose 7-year-old granddaughter, Lana Brewer, was released. "That's what counts. She's my love."

Austin Elementary honor roll

Austin Elementary has announced its honor roll for the second six weeks grading period of the 1997-98 school year.

Second Grade A Honor Roll

Layne Beesley, Chris Boren, Claire Elizabeth Boyd, Colby Copeland, Jennifer Cox, Alex Curry, Tanner Dyson, Jesse Finney, Ashley Fitzgerald, Colden Fortenberry, Sara Jane Foster, Stephanie Hasskarl, Nicole Heersema, Kailee Intemann, Ashley Johnson, Mitch Kelley, Haili Kotara.

Chelsie Kyle, Cameron Martin, Nicole Newhouse, Beverly Nunn, Stephanie Polasek, Tyler Rhoades, Lindsey Riley, Garnett Schafer, Krista Shults, Rusty Snider, Kathryn Stevens, Mark Stone, Marli Street, Briana Wallum, Joe Whitely, Keeli Willson.

AB Honor Roll

Kevin Frels, Whitney Jenkins, Amie Smith, Taylor Thomas.

Third Grade A Honor Roll

Daniel Arnold, Michaela Arzola, Natasha Bailey, Breanna Beesley, Breanna Bigham, Bryan Bogges, Cassidy Casados, Jarron Clark, Bridget Craig, Craig Crowell, Candice Dildy, Robbie Dixon, Courtney Ericson, Brett Ferrell, Jareth Fortenberry, Ryan Hansen, Daniel Heare, Katie Holmes.

Kebbi Hutto, Alyssa Kelsey, Morgan Ketchersid, Natalie Knowles, Dock Mackie, Kyle McKee, Aaron Pepper, Sammie Pereira, Britteni Rice, Devin Shults, Erika Silva, Christopher Stabel, Tanna Stowers, Kasey

Man known as 'Bubble Gum King' suffers fatal heart attack

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — The man known for decades as the "Bubble Gum King" has died of a heart attack.

Andrew J. (Andy) Paris, 78, died of a heart attack Wednesday night.

He established the Paris Bubble Gum Co. at McAllen in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in 1946 and helped put the city on the map, friends say.

"He is going to be missed," said John Paris, the bubble gum celebrity's son. "He's the type of guy you can never forget. He meant a lot to a lot of people."

Former McAllen Mayor Othal Brand and longtime friend of Paris, said he had an unforgettable personality.

"He was always a pleasant person who was a major contributor to the development of McAllen," Brand said Wednesday evening. "He was a bubble gum king (even in the 1940s)...and he will sorely be missed."

A celebrity in his own right, Paris often spent time with famous celebrities in the 1940s and 1950s.

In 1948, while making Bubble Gum King appearances in Los Angeles, Paris spent some time in Hollywood teaching Natalie Wood, then a child star, to blow bubbles for the Christmas movie classic, *Miracle on 34th Street*.

Paris imported latex and sugar from Mexico for his \$1 million factory in the years following World War II when the byproducts still were in short supply.

Tindol, Courtney Tolar, Alyce Urice, Gavin Ware, Jenee Watson.

AB Honor Roll

Kirby Broaddus, Reese Dills, Brady Eakin, Con Elledge, Tyler Hall, Kendall Mann, Ethan North, Chris Peoples.

Fourth Grade A Honor Roll

Cooper Brazile, Justin Brown, Audrey Dunn, Dak Fallon, Taylor Fatheree, Chase Guyer, Bryan Heersema, Tyson Hickman, Clay Jones, Sunil Kamnani, Eric Kingcade, Tyler Klein, Logan Langford.

Antonio Lucero, Aly Mackie, Britany Nelson, Britney Reagans, Lindzi Schaible, Brody Smith, Christopher Smith, Blake Talley, Weston Teichmann, Kari Terrell, Elizabeth Thomas, Myca Vinson.

AB Honor Roll

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Trevor Thomas, Whitney Wichert.

Fifth Grade A Honor Roll

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Henthorn, Dusty Lenderman, Royce O'Neal, Stacy Pepper, Jacey Planteen, Anna Schafer, Carissa Snelgrooes, Jaclyn Spearman, Trevor Talley, Clayton Young.

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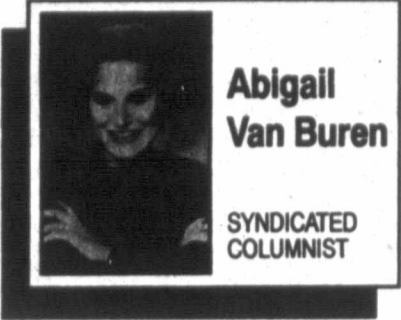
Aches Of Older Parents Were Big Worries For Little Child

DEAR READERS: On Oct. 15, I asked those of you who were the children of "older parents" to write me about how it affected you, in order to help a couple in their 40s decide whether or not to start a family. I was unprepared for the avalanche of letters I received passionately arguing both sides of the issue. Some of the loving tributes brought tears to my eyes.

The letters ran about 4-to-1 in favor of starting a family. However, today we'll hear from those who voted "no." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: While I love my parents very much and thank God for them daily, having aging parents was hard on me emotionally. I remember praying to God when I was only 4 years old that he would allow my parents to live until I grew up. I worried they wouldn't live to see me through elementary school. Every ache and pain weighed heavily on my heart. Of course, having older parents was not all bad — I learned to be very independent at a young age, because I was preparing to carry on alone.

My advice to the couple considering having children: If you are in good health and are well prepared to be around for the next 40 to 50 years, by all means have children. Just keep in mind that they'll be counting on you to be around, so take care of your health.



Abigail Van Buren
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Another suggestion: If you're hesitant about having children, why not share your love and life by adopting older children who need loving homes? That way, you won't be the oldest parents at PTA meetings.

DEAR CALIFORNIA READER: Your letter touched on several points that were echoed by many readers. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I hope the 40-somethings who are considering becoming parents will consider my advice: *Please don't!* You might be fooling yourselves about how young and fit you are. When your child is an infant, maybe you won't look like his grandparents. But trust me, the age difference will show up before long.

Have you ever taken care of an infant long enough to discover how exhausting infant care can be? Will you have the stamina to stay up all night with a sick child and still go

to work in the morning? When you're in your 60s and your child is a teen-ager, will you snap back after being up all night wondering where that child is? Or worse, because you do know — thanks to a cop who called to say your kid has been arrested? Don't think it won't happen.

No matter how healthy you feel, the actuarial tables are not on your side. If you feel the need to have children in your life, I recommend you take in foster children.

NO NAME PLEASE,
 ORLANDO, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: My mother was 45 and my dad was 51 when I was born. Dad died when I was 16, leaving me to care for my mother, who was 62. I basically had no parents, and my youth was stolen by responsibility.

If those people want children in their lives, please tell them to be a Big Brother or Sister, or adopt an older child. There are too many unwanted and neglected children out there already.

I grew up with parents who were too old and too tired all the time. I grew up in funeral homes because my dad was the youngest of 12, and the aunts and uncles were dropping like flies. Believe me, it's no life for a kid. Sign me ...

THE ACCIDENT
 Tomorrow we'll hear from those readers who spoke for the majority — and urged the hesitant couple in their 40s to "go for it!" Stay tuned.

mate aren't resolved privately. Keep an outsider from butting in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your chances for getting qualified help to handle your daily duties do not look very strong. Do the tasks on your own, or wait until help is available.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If reciprocating a social commitment today, don't feel obliged to spend more than the person spent on you. It is the intention, not the tab that counts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Situations over which you'll have little control could severely restrict your mobility today. Instead of getting frustrated, smile and flow with events.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Basically, you're a rather optimistic individual, but today you might evaluate people and conditions from a negative perspective.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not be intimidated by your peers today and feel you must go along with something you really can't afford. It is okay to be frugal sometimes!

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Horoscope

Friday, Dec. 19, 1997

Several important changes in your career and social life could await you in the year ahead. How you respond to these shifting conditions will determine your degree of success in each venue.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you hope to be successful and effective, you must be decisive. You won't have much to show for your efforts today if you can't make decisions. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Privileged information that comes your way today might not be of significant value. Before acting upon it, check out the facts carefully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Enigmatic friends or strangers should be dealt with cautiously today, or else you might be taken in. Be selective when deciding in whom you place your trust.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In a partnership arrangement today, have a clear-cut understanding as to who is responsible for what. Lay ground rules if there aren't any.

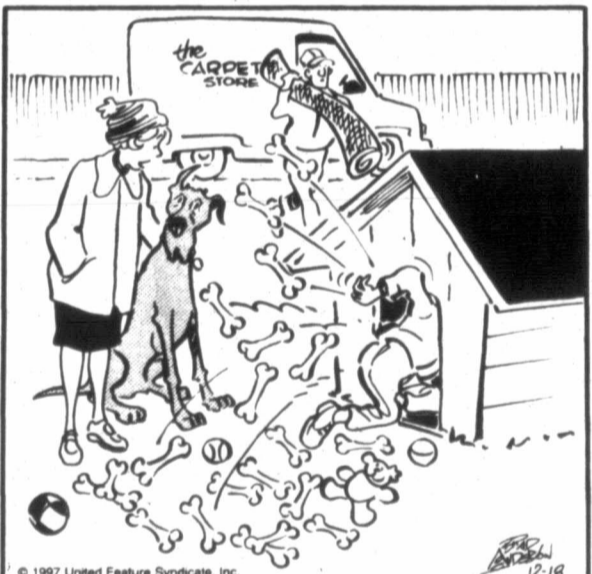
ARIES (March 21-April 19) Avoid criticizing others today for the same shortcomings you find intolerable in yourself. It is time to forgive human frailties, including your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Speculative situations should be avoided today if you wish to be wise. You can't depend upon Lady Luck to back you up each time you fail to act responsibly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A bad situation could be made worse today if disagreements between you and your



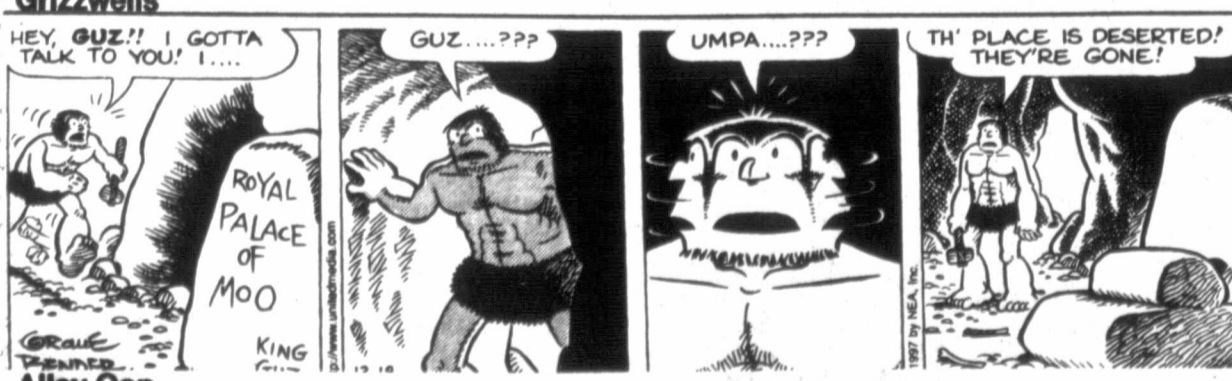
"Those poor cave men. They were born too soon to have Christmas."



"I know having new carpet installed is a problem, but you'll be glad when it's over."



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SPORTS

Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa defeated Borger, 69-53, Tuesday night in junior varsity basketball action. Pampa JV's built a 13-point bulge (38-25) lead at halftime. Corey Young and Gary Alexander led Pampa's scoring attack with 21 points apiece. Casey Owens had 11 points.

AMARILLO — The Pampa 9th grade boys' team placed seventh at last week's Amarillo A Team Tournament. Pampa lost its opening game, 33-32, to Amarillo High Black. With Pampa in the lead, an AHS player hit two free throws with six seconds remaining to win the game. Kirk George and Matt Bolch had 8 points each to lead Pampa in scoring. Tanner Hucks had 5 points while Kevin Schaub and Steve Terry had 4 each. Pampa came back to defeat Caprock, 31-25. Schaub was high scorer for Pampa with 17 points, followed by George with 6. Pampa's record is 3-7 overall and 1-2 in district play.

FOOTBALL

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John Robinson refused to step aside as Southern California's coach so he was fired and replaced by Paul Hackett, offensive coordinator for the Kansas City Chiefs. Robinson and athletic director Mike Garrett were clearly at odds over the program, with Robinson refusing to take calls from Garrett the past two days. Robinson learned of his firing on an answering machine Tuesday night. Hackett, 13-20-1 at Pittsburgh in his only other college head coaching job, won't take charge of the Trojans until the Chiefs finish their season. Robinson, 62, was 104-35-4 in 12 years at USC — from 1976-82 and 1993-97, but the Trojans were 6-6 in 1996 and 6-5 this season after going 9-2-1 in 1995, including a victory in the '96 Rose Bowl. Former Temple coach Ron Dickerson was hired to revamp Alabama State's program, and Dean Pees took the Kent State job. Dickerson, 8-47 in five seasons at Temple, replaces Houston Markham, released Dec. 1 after consecutive 3-8 seasons. Pees, former secondary coach at Notre Dame and defensive coordinator at Michigan State, replaces Jim Corrigan, fired after going 8-35-1 in four seasons. Washington's Olin Kreutz, a 6-foot-4, 290-pound All-America center, said he will pass up his senior season to enter the NFL draft.

DENVER (AP) — A decision on the availability of Denver Broncos running back Terrell Davis for Sunday's game against San Diego probably won't be made until just before game time. Davis, who slightly separated his right shoulder Monday night in a 34-17 loss to San Francisco, was listed as questionable on the team's injury report. He leads the AFC in rushing with 1,750 yards.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Elvis Grbac, sidelined since Nov. 3 by broken collarbone, apparently will start against New Orleans in the regular-season finale Sunday.

HOCKEY

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Eric Lindros passed up restricted free agency after the season, signing a \$16 million, two-year deal with the Philadelphia Flyers that gives him the highest average salary in NHL history. The agreement ups Lindros' current salary of nearly \$4 million to \$7.5 million for this season, and gives him \$8.5 million for 1998-99. Lindros was in the final year of a \$22 million, six-year contract he signed when the Flyers obtained him in a 1992 trade with Quebec for six players, two draft choices and \$15 million.

Life in Houston goes on without the Oilers

HOUSTON (AP) — Many Houston Oilers fans stopped paying attention last year when the team struck a deal to move to Nashville. Now, as the Oilers finish their first season as Tennessee's team, they have few followers remaining in the city they called home for 37 years. "It started off small and it's now infinitesimal," says Charlie Pallilo, host of a sports talk show on KTRH-AM, which until this year was the Oilers' flagship radio station. "Out of sight, increasingly out of mind." "Next year it will be almost totally diminished," adds John McClain, the Houston Chronicle's Oilers beat writer for 18 years who still writes a weekly "Luv'd Ya Blue" column for the team's faithful. Oilers merchandise is hard to

find in stores. Coverage in the newspaper is similar to any other team. The local NBC affiliate has televised just six games. That's quite a change for a city that used to be so in love with the Oilers that it twice filled the Astrodome to greet the team after a playoff loss. Proof of Houston's lack of interest was most evident following the Oilers' 27-14 Thanksgiving Day drubbing of the Dallas Cowboys. "The night after that, we had maybe one Oiler-related call," says Pallilo, whose radio station aired Oilers games from 1991 to 1996. Not long ago, Columbia blue hats, T-shirts and anything with "Luv Ya Blue" written on it could be found all over town. Now, none of the 20 Academy Sports & Outdoors stores in the Houston area sells Tennessee

Oilers garb, said buyer Jake Slight. "When they announced the decision to leave, we actually cleared it out at 50 percent off of retail," said Patrick Workman, manager of a huge Oshman's Sporting Goods. "It just didn't sell." A Chronicle survey found that fewer than one-fourth of its readers wanted the newspaper to continue making the Oilers their No. 1 NFL team. On television, Oilers ratings in Houston hit as low as a 6.4 rating (103,955 homes) and an 11 share (11 percent of households using TVs were watching the Oilers) on Nov. 2 against Jacksonville. No wonder KPRC-TV passed on so many games this fall, including Sunday's finale against Pittsburgh. "We made some judgments

based on viewer demand," said station general manager Steve Wasserman. Fans couldn't even count on sports bars to show Oilers games on their biggest TVs. Only one matchup this season earned "featured game" status, allowing it to be viewed on an 18-foot TV at SRO Sports Bar & Cafe. Other games have been shown on just one 13-foot TV. However, over at The End Zone, those left longing for the Oilers can commiserate with bartender Chris Durrett, who remains so devoted that she still has Houston Oilers towels hanging on a bedroom wall. "I'm not going to change my pennants or my hats or my T-shirts or my pompons," she said. Ms. Durrett has a compatriot in Chris Lockridge, who was so frus-

trated at not being able to get Oilers games on the tube that he bought a satellite dish. Lockridge's withdrawal has been severe. He even traveled to Tennessee to watch the team play on his sixth wedding anniversary — while his wife sat at home in Houston. "I knew the Oilers before I knew her," jokes Lockridge, a 32-year-old pharmacy worker who even named his son Derrick after the team's logo. Other football fans in Houston apparently got their fix this fall on Saturdays by going to Rice University or University of Houston games. Rice had its best average attendance since 1972 (35,509 fans), while Houston drew an average of 19,678, up from 17,551 last year and 16,644 in 1995.

Pampa cagers to host Palo Duro

PAMPA — Just how tough is Palo Duro this season? Last week, the Dons rolled to a 64-29 win over Clovis, N.M. In Pampa's second game of the season, the Harvesters dropped to a 57-52 decision to Clovis. Needless to say, the Harvesters will have their hand fulls against Palo Duro at 7:30 Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse. "Palo Duro is loaded, no doubt about it," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale. "We'd better get ready for a tough game."

The Harvesters will have some momentum going into the non-district clash after opening District 1-4A play Tuesday night with a 58-54 win over Borger. Guard Shawn Young (5-11 junior) and guard Lynn Brown (5-8 junior) sparked Pampa's scoring attack with 21 and 13 points, respectively. Zane Powers (6-3 junior) hit some clutch shots, finishing with 7 points. Powers also led the team in rebounds with four. Palo Duro has a balanced scoring attack this season as eleven Dons found the scoring column against Clovis. Kenneth Brown (6-1 sophomore) and Brandon Campbell (5-3 junior)

spark PD, which has an 8-5 record. The Palo Duro girls have suited up a team that could go far into the Class 5A playoffs this season. The Lady Dons take a 12-1 record into Friday's 6 p.m. tipoff against the Pampa Lady Harvesters in McNeely Fieldhouse. PD is led by 6-0 senior Geronica Tucker, who has already signed a basketball scholarship with UT-San Antonio. Lakishia Harper, a 5-9 junior, and Casey Jackson, a 5-10 sophomore, are both outstanding players. The Lady Harvesters will be trying to rebound from a 47-34 loss to Borger on Tuesday night. They have a 6-6 record for the season. After hitting a high percentage of their shots in a 60-49 win over Caprock last Friday night, the Pampa girls went into a shooting slump against Borger. Yvette Brown (5-6 senior) had 7 points and Jami Wells (5-6 senior) added 6 to lead Pampa in scoring. Following the PD game, the Lady Harvesters won't see any more action until the Slaton Tournament on Dec. 29-31.

All-district six-man squad is selected

MIAMI — Two players from Miami were named to the first team on both offense and defense on the 1997 All-District 1-A Six-Man Football Team. Miami senior Marshall Flowers was named to the first team at running back and safety. Teammate Dustin Howard was a first-team pick at quarterback and as both a safety and punter. Groom's Toby Burgin was also a first-team choice at running back and linebacker.

All-District Football Team
District 1-A Six-Man
First Team Offense
 Quarterback: Dustin Howard, sr., Miami; Spreadback: Courtney Frazier, sr., Follett; Running backs: Marshall Flowers, sr., Miami; Toby Burgin, sr., Groom; Center: Levi Lunsford, sr., Miami; Ends: Evan Crowell, soph., Groom; Blake Hurst, jr., Miami; Flanker: Olin Gibson, jr., Follett; Kicker: Joe Thomas, jr., Follett.

Second Team Offense
 Quarterback: Joe Thomas, jr., Follett; Spreadback: Garrett Barton, soph., Higgins; Running backs: Dean Fields, jr., Groom; Roper Slavin, soph., Higgins;

Center: Bryn Dunn, jr., Follett; Ends: Dusty Baker, sr., Wyatt Weinheimer, jr., Groom; Flanker: Bradley Hale, sr., Miami; Kicker: Josh Evenson, jr., Groom.
First Team Defense
 Linemen: Courtney Frazier, sr., Follett; Jammy Murray, sr., Miami; Chris Ollinger, soph., Groom; Linebackers: Olin Gibson, sr., Follett; Toby Burgin, sr., Groom; Bradley Hale, sr., Miami; Safeties: Marshall Flowers, sr., Miami; Dustin Howard, sr., Miami; Punter: Dustin Howard, sr., Miami.
Second Team Defense
 Linemen: Wyatt Weinheimer, jr., Groom; Levin Lunsford, sr., Miami; Robert Kelly, sr., Follett; Linebackers: Dusty Baker, sr., Higgins; Evan Crowell, soph., Groom; Joe Thomas, jr., Follett; Josh Moreno, jr., Miami; Safeties: Josh Evenson, jr., Groom; Travis Foster, jr., Follett; Punter: Josh Evenson, jr., Groom.
All-Stars
 1. Courtney Frazier, Follett; 2. Marshall Flowers, Miami; 3. Olin Gibson, Follett, 1st alternate; 4. Toby Burgin, Groom, 2nd alternate; 5. Dustin Howard, Miami, 3rd alternate.

Carays will team up in booth

CHICAGO (AP) — Harry Caray is returning for a 54th season in the broadcast booth and he'll be joined by his grandson. "Holy Cow! What a Christmas present!" Caray said of his upcoming on-air partnership with Chip Caray on Chicago Cubs television broadcasts. Caray is returning for a 17th season as Cubs play-by-play announcer on WGN-TV, a cable superstation.

He will work home games with grandson Chip and analyst Steve Stone. Stone and Josh Lewin will handle the road games. Chip Caray has been the play-by-play announcer for the Seattle Mariners and has served the past two seasons as studio host for weekly baseball games on the Fox TV network. He also handles television play-by-play for the NBA's Orlando Magic.



Pampa's Jordanna Young (left) guards a Borger player during District 1-4A action Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse. Both the Pampa girls' and boys' teams return to the court Friday night, hosting Palo Duro at 6 and 7:30.

Takedown Club competes in mat tournament at Randall

CANYON — The Pampa Takedown Club participated in the Randall Open last weekend and club members brought home numerous awards. "Our kids did real well," said Pampa coach Rick Urguhart. "Most of the tournament we attend award trophies for first through fourth place. Our kids are beginning to bring home a lot of awards." Kyle Cambren, competing in the Division Four 100-pound class, placed first for Pampa. Three other Pampa wrestlers, Kasey Urguhart, Demetrio Martinez and Andrew Cambren, came in second. Pampa placings at the Randall Open are as follows:

Division One
 Chris Babcock, 42 pounds, 12th place.
 Kyle Turner, 38 pounds, 3rd place.
 Justin Young, 42 pounds, 4th place.
 Connor Cambren, 54 pounds, 3rd place.
Division Two
 Colby Copeland, 62 pounds, 7th place.
 Cryz Dills, 46 pounds, 3rd place.
 Kasey Urguhart, 50 pounds, 2nd place.
Division Three
 Chris Brown, 67 pounds, 7th place.
 Reese Dills, 58 pounds, 6th place.
 Uriel Pena, 72 pounds, 7th

place.
 Mason Skidmore, 92 pounds, 6th place.
 Brandon Young, 78 pounds, 5th place.
Division Four
 Kyle Cambren, 100 pounds, 1st place.
 Dusty Lenderman, 85 pounds, 5th place.
 Demetrio Martinez, 67 pounds, 2nd place.
 Chad Muniz, 116 pounds, 5th place.
 Steven Muniz, 116 pounds, 3rd place.
Division 5
 Michael Cochran, 160 pounds, 4th place.
 Andrew Cambren, 108 pounds, 2nd place.

La Marque's Weddell hoping win ensures status as football dynasty

LA MARQUE, Texas — When it comes to football, La Marque coach Alan Weddell usually knows what he's talking about. Need to know how to motivate players? Ask Weddell. Need to know what play to run on fourth-and-three? Ask Weddell. Need to know about high school football dynasties? Ask Weddell. Weddell has two state-championship rings and nearly 150 career victories, proving he's more than a football genius. But when Weddell talks about dynasties, he mentions Brownwood, Cuero, Converse Judson and Sealy. He doesn't mention La Marque. "I have a hard time imagining people looking at us in the same way that I looked at those programs," he said. "I guess it's hard for me to look in a mirror and put our program in that caliber yet." That is where some people would say Weddell is wrong. After all, the Cougars will become the first team to play in five consecutive state-title games when they meet Denison in the Class 4A Division II championship at 4:11

p.m. Saturday in the Astrodome. La Marque (11-3) has won 101 of 115 games, including a streak of 50 consecutive regular-season games that ended last year, and has beaten Denison in the championship game the past two seasons. "I guess our goal at La Marque has been after we started getting the success is maybe we can put this school in the name of the Abilene, the Brownwoods, the Cueros, the West Oranges, the Judsons and the Planos," Weddell said. "Maybe we're on the verge of 20 to 30 years from now people remembering La Marque like they remember those programs. I think that with a win in this game, we might be able to be looked at like that." Weddell's blueprint for success has been effective, though not original. When he arrived at La Marque in 1990, he patterned his program after that of D.W. Rutledge at Judson. While head coach at Victoria, Weddell turned that program around and won the school's first district championship in 1986.

Victoria lost to Judson in the first round of the playoffs that season, but Weddell left with a positive impression. "I was extremely impressed with (Judson's) kids in the way they executed and the way they conducted themselves," he said. "I guess you always try to learn from people that beat you so I started watching Judson and got to learn more about it. I went and visited Judson during the spring training of 1989, and it was just amazing." What Weddell found was a coaching staff that had the same philosophies and had good camaraderie. He also found an administration and community that gave their complete support. "I think continuity in the coaching staff is one of the true constants," he said. "We've had coaches come and coaches go, but we've replaced them with good coaches with the same good attitudes. We've had three principals in five years, a new superintendent and a new school board, but the consistency and support from the community has been there."

Bates may be near end of 15-year career with Dallas

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys safety Bill Bates has been through it many times before.

The season is winding down and again there are reports that his career with the Cowboys may soon be over after 15 seasons.

It's been the same every year as the final game approaches. There are reports that Sunday's game against the New York Giants will be his last in a Cowboys uniform.

Bates, who has spent his entire career with the Cowboys, says that final game may really be approaching.

"In the back of my mind, I know this has a very good chance of being my last game," Bates said Wednesday. "It's going to be special. Obviously, there aren't many games left for me."

Bates made the team in 1983 as an undrafted free agent from the University of Tennessee, somehow surviving 15 seasons, three owners and three head coaches.

He has played in 230 games, including the playoffs, which is the second-highest total in team history. His 216 regular-season appearances are just seven shy of the club record held by defensive end Ed "Too Tall" Jones.

Although Bates would like to return for a 16th season to break the club record, he realizes that the uncertainty surrounding the Cowboys' off-season plans and the development of several younger players could force him to retire.

The team is 6-9 and out of the NFL playoffs for the first time since 1990.

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New England	9	6	0	.600	355	277
Miami	9	6	0	.600	327	313
N.Y. Jets	9	6	0	.600	338	274
Buffalo	8	9	0	.400	234	336
Indianapolis	3	12	0	.200	285	382

Central

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Pittsburgh	11	4	0	.733	306	291
y-Jacksonville	10	5	0	.667	374	309
Tennessee	7	8	0	.467	317	304
Baltimore	6	8	1	.433	312	329
Cincinnati	6	9	0	.400	339	391

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Kansas City	12	3	0	.800	350	219
y-Denver	11	4	0	.733	434	294
Seattle	7	8	0	.467	327	353
Oakland	4	11	0	.267	315	399
San Diego	4	11	0	.267	263	387

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-N.Y. Giants	9	5	1	.633	287	258
Washington	7	7	1	.500	292	257
Philadelphia	6	8	1	.433	285	337
Dallas	6	9	0	.400	297	394
Chicago	3	12	0	.200	254	363

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-San Francisco	13	2	0	.867	366	227
Carolina	7	8	0	.467	247	284
Atlanta	7	8	0	.467	294	332
New Orleans	6	9	0	.400	224	302
St. Louis	4	11	0	.267	269	341

TRANSACTIONS Wednesday's Sports TransactionsBASEBALLAmerican League **CLEVELAND INDIANS**—Agreed to terms with C Pat Borders and INF Jeff Mantlo on minor-league contracts. Named Bart Swain director of media relations, Joel Gunderson and Susie Giuliano managers of media relations, and Melissa Zapanta manager of community relations. **TEXAS RANGERS**—Agreed to terms with OF Mike Simms on a minor-league contract. **TORONTO BLUE JAYS**—Acquired RHP Trevor Schaffer from the Chicago Cubs to complete an earlier trade. National League **ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS**—Sold the rights of OF Harvey Pulliam to Orix of the Japanese Pacific League. **HOUSTON ASTROS**—Agreed to terms with C Tony Eusebio on a one-year contract. **NEW YORK METS**—Signed RHP Jae Weong Seo and INF-OF Jae Hwan Seo to minor-league contracts. **PITTSBURGH PIRATES**—Agreed to terms with OF Turner Ward on a two-year contract. **SAN DIEGO PADRES**—Announced a two-year working agreement with the Yucatan Leones of the Mexican Summer League. BASKETBALLNational Basketball Association **DALLAS MAVERICKS**—Waived G Kevin Olie. Signed C Eric Riley. **GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS**—Activated F Dickey Simpkins from the injured list. Placed F David Vaughn on the injured list. **MIAMI HEAT**—Activated C Alonzo Mourning from the injured list. Placed G Charles Smith on the injured list. **NEW JERSEY NETS**—Placed F Chris Gatling on the injured list. Activated F Jack Haley from the injured list. FOOTBALL LEAGUE **NFL**—Fined Denver Broncos LB Bill Romanowski \$7,500 for spitting in the face of San Francisco 49ers WR J.J. Stokes in Monday night's game. **ARIZONA CARDINALS**—Placed DT Eric Swann and OL Joe Wolf on injured reserve. **ST. LOUIS RAMS**—Released C Bern Brostek. **ST. LOUIS RAMS**—Released C Bern Brostek. **SAN DIEGO CHARGERS**—Placed CB Dwayne Harper and RB Terrell Fletcher on injured reserve. HOCKEYNational Hockey League **LOS ANGELES KINGS**—Recalled G Jamie Storr from Long Beach of the IHL. Sent G Frederic Chabot to Houston of the IHL.

Upsets abound on college basketball scene

By BOB GREENE
AP Sports Writer

Very little respect was shown to Top 25 teams on this night.

—Clemson ended No. 6 South Carolina's best start in nine years, 62-57.

—Four days after knocking off then-No. 1 Duke, No. 21 Michigan lost for the second time this season to a Mid-American Conference team, falling 89-83 in overtime to Eastern Michigan.

—Marshall gained its first victory over an Atlanta Coast Conference team since 1983 when the Thundering Herd trampled No. 23 Wake Forest 73-66.

"There is a long road ahead of us until March," South Carolina coach Eddie Fogler said. "That is when we will find out really how good we are."

In other games involving ranked teams, No. 17 Florida State

downed North Carolina-Asheville 77-60 and No. 18 Mississippi crushed Belmont 100-59.

"Am I disappointed? Yes. Am I discouraged? No," said Fogler, who has lost all six meetings with Clemson's Rick Barnes dating to 1987.

Last year, a loss to Clemson began a South Carolina plunge that saw the Gamecocks also tumble to North Carolina Asheville and Charleston Southern. It's a pattern they don't want to repeat this season.

"I learned from last year that if I continue to mope about this loss, it's going to affect me in the next game and the game after," said South Carolina senior point guard Melvin Watson, who is 0-4 in the rivalry with Clemson. "We have to put this one behind us and move on."

Clemson (6-3), playing without star point guard Terrell McIntyre,

got a career-high 17 points from Vincent Whitt and 13 from reserve Harold Jamison.

Whitt keyed a 16-8 first-half run that brought Clemson back from a nine-point deficit. Then he and Jamison combined for 12 points as the Tigers scored 16 straight to take a double-digit lead.

Two free throws by BJ McKie and a basket by Recus Nix in the final minute pulled South Carolina to 58-57, but foul shots by Whitt and Greg Buckner kept Clemson in front.

"I saw in his eyes that he was going to be strong tonight," McIntyre said of his roommate, Whitt.

Buckner finished with 13 points, while Jamison tied Dale Davis' school record with 11 offensive rebounds.

"We just have to keep rolling and go from there," McKie said. "We don't want to sweat this loss,

by any means. I feel we're mature enough to understand and keep our heads up."

E. Michigan 89, No. 21 Michigan 83

Four days before, Michigan was sitting on top of the world after knocking off Duke. Then they came home.

"The guys feel right now as bad as it gets," Michigan's Robert Traylor said. "We beat the No. 1 team in the country and now we lose to a team in our backyard."

Earl Boykins scored 29 points, James Head had 20 and Derrick Dial 16 for the Eagles (3-3), who dropped Michigan to 0-2 against Mid-American Conference teams.

The Wolverines opened their season with a loss to MAC member Western Michigan.

Though Eastern Michigan and Michigan are less than 10 miles apart, this was their first meeting in five seasons.

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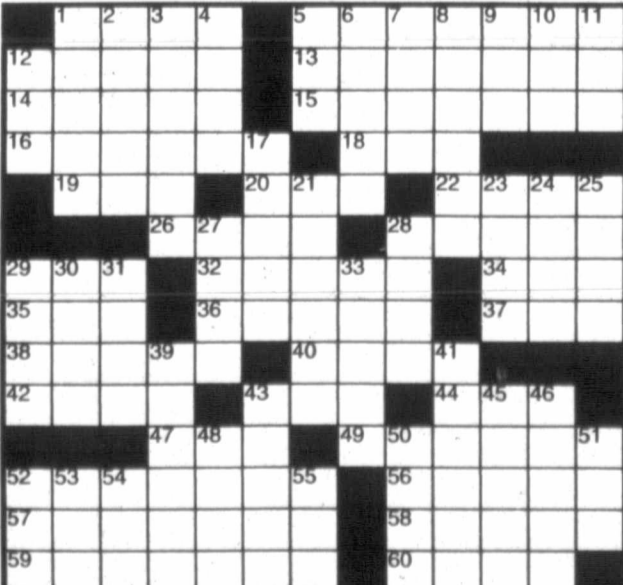
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Court rules in favor of gay couple in adoption settlement

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - Adam is like most 2-year-olds - quick, curious, scurrying here and there. Unlike most, his adoptive parents are both men - whose successful fight to keep their boy won the gay movement a step toward equality with heterosexuals, activists said after a landmark court settlement.

The struggle began soon after Jon Holden and Michael Galluccio began caring for Adam, then 3 months old. On Wednesday, they won a settlement that gives gay and unmarried couples in New Jersey the right to jointly adopt children, like married couples. It only affects children in state custody.

Adam Holden Galluccio, blond-haired with rosy cheeks, scurried before the news cameras.

"This is a victory about goodness and equality," Holden said.

Conservatives, already fighting efforts to legalize same-sex marriages, were diametrically opposed.

The settlement is "a victory for homosexual activism and a defeat for children already bruised in life and in need of an intact, committed husband-and-wife family," said Robert Knight, director of cultural studies for the Family Research Council in Washington.

"I think it's a sad commentary," said state Assemblywoman Marion Crecco, Republican sponsor of a bill banning same-sex marriage that has not yet made it to the Assembly floor.

"I think every child deserves to grow up with a mother and father. It's a very natural thing," she said.

The agreement by New Jersey authorities came in a class-action lawsuit brought in June by gay and lesbian families with the assistance of the American Civil Liberties Union. Holden and Galluccio won the right to adopt Adam on Oct. 22.

In about half the states, including New Jersey, each individual in a gay or unmarried relationship could adopt a child, but the "second-parent" adoption required an additional petition, taking more time and money.

Florida and New Hampshire bar adoptions by gay and lesbians. The rest allow individual adoption by gays and have not been tested for second-parent adoptions by a gay partner, said Michael Adams, a staff attorney with the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

Under the settlement, New Jersey must scrap its policy barring joint adoption of its wards by gay or unmarried couples.

"The settlement guarantees that all couples seeking adoptions will be judged only by their ability to love and support a child," said Lenora M. Lapidus, legal director of the state ACLU.

The state may deny consent only by applying the same standards it applies to married couples, including "considerations such as the stability of the prospective adoptive couple's relationship," the settlement said.

Enrollment to begin for new parenting class

AMARILLO - Buckner Children and Family Services, Inc., will offer seven week parenting classes in Amarillo and Pampa. The Pampa class will meet from 5:30-7:30 p.m. once a week beginning Wednesday, Jan. 21 at First Baptist Church, 203 NW Street. The Amarillo course will meet from 5:30-7:30 p.m. once a week beginning Tuesday, Jan. 13 at SOS Center, 2000 N. Spring.

The goal of these classes is to help families learn healthier, more positive ways of relating to each other. Each weekly session will include a meal; a parent program and a child care program. Topics to be discussed are: How to (1) resolve family conflicts in a positive manner; 2) increase family communication and expressiveness; 3) develop positive self-concept, mutual respect and self-esteem in all family members; 4) increase awareness of developmental needs of all family members; 5) enhance anger and stress management skills.

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Social Security taking new look at 45,000 children who lost disability checks

WASHINGTON (AP) - Advocates for the disabled have complained all year that children were being unfairly taken off the disability rolls as the Social Security Administration implemented tighter standards meant to weed out children with only mild problems.

On Wednesday, Social Security's new chief said they were right.

Commissioner Kenneth Apfel also agreed that many families were not properly told how they can appeal termination from the Supplemental Security Income program. He ordered new reviews for 45,000 children who were cut from the rolls and gave every child another chance to appeal.

"I am deeply concerned that children could be disadvantaged as a result of deficiencies in the manner in

which decisions are made," Apfel wrote in a report released Wednesday.

Advocate complaints were mostly dismissed by the Social Security Administration until September, when Apfel was asked about the issue during his Senate confirmation hearing. He promised a "top to bottom" review once in office.

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