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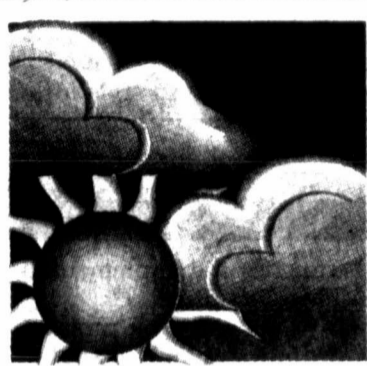
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PAMPA — Activity for the Annual Gray County Junior Livestock Show will get under way on Friday, Jan. 16 with the weigh-in of all animals.

There will be 148 barrows, seven steers, 11 rabbits and 33 lambs.

Judging of the barrow division begins at 7 a.m. Saturday with the steer and lamb judging to follow.

The Bidder's Bar-B-Que is at 5 p.m. Saturday followed by the Gray County Sale at 6.

PAMPA — First Baptist Church will host a parenting class beginning Jan. 21.

Counselors from Buckner Children and Family Services in Amarillo will conduct the seven-week class with emphasis on the development of parenting skills and improving parent-child relationships.

If interested, contact Dale Moreland at 669-1155.

- D. H. "Harry" Galbreath, 94, retired union electrician.
- Herb Harvey, 72, retired auto mechanic.
- Alice Marie Johnston, 80, former Pampa resident.
- Annie Rose Lofton, 91, Clarendon resident for 40 years.
- William Harvey Reeves, 66, retired lab manager at Amarillo Copper Refinery.
- Alice Pearl Sharum, 90, Pampa resident since 1958.
- William Arvel Stephens, 76, retired farmer, implement dealer.
- Ina Marie Woodruff, 73, retired seamstress.

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50 dilapidated homes targets for destruction

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

As many as 50 of Pampa's dilapidated vacant houses could come down this year as the city plans to begin chipping away at an estimated 300-400 such houses in the city.

"It will take years to get this done...but we need to get started," City Manager Bob Eskridge told city council members during Tuesday's meeting. The city has budgeted \$30,000 for the demolition project.

City Building Official Danny Winborne outlined the program that means the city must gain the right to tear down the houses. Much of this will involve getting legal possession because taxes have not been paid on the structures.

Winborne predicts it will take three-to-six months to go through condemnation requirements.

Additionally, there is a quicker procedure under state law that can be used on buildings that are known drug hangout and sales locations, Winborne said.

A check revealed that some of the homes may have gone as long as 30 years with no taxes being paid — something that prompted Commissioner Jeff Andrews to question why.

Eskridge explained that tax attorney focus foreclosures on on property that has a sales value. "That's the way they make their money...we are talking about property with no value."

Mayor Bob Neslage expressed hope "if it fits into your priority system" that some of the dilapidated structures along Highways 60 and 152 be removed in order to give those streets a better appearance.

Many of the locations have made the list through individual and civic group complaints — something Winborne encourages.

Under this plan, a civic group or individual, including an owner, who wants to take down a house may do so and the city will supply a large dumpster for the debris and take care of disposal as well.

In the past, Winborne said some structures would have been torn down by individuals had it not been for the cost of debris disposal.

The city will haul the debris to the landfill where it will be burned (if a burn permit is approved) to save landfill space.



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Celebration of Lights President Susan Winborne and treasurer, Carla Davis Carter, look over the end-of-the-year numbers for the park. A total 30,000 visited Recreation Park this year.

Lights workers busy though holidays over

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

The 1997 Holiday Season has come and gone but volunteers at Celebration of Lights remain busy.

While the last of the thank you notes are being sent and the clean-up of the park gets underway, the group is completing their evaluation of the park's success in 1997 and preparing for Christmas, 1998.

"A lot of people think we start getting ready in September," one group member said at a Celebration of Lights meeting last week.

"I think we were tremendously successful," said Lights president Susan Winborne. "We had over 30,000 people through the park."

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Carruth has rich history of giving

By ELOISE LANE
For The News

Clyde Carruth, born near Lelia Lake on Feb. 1, 1904, was in such a hurry to start making history that he did not wait for the doctor to arrive. Only his mother, sister and brother were present when he discovered America. He says that he has been tired and hungry ever since.

Clyde's family lived in a number of places and he attended several schools. When he was about 7 years old, he started to school at Laketon. He went to the little red schoolhouse in Roberts County for three years and to the Bell school, southwest of Pampa, for three years.

After his parents bought Section 52 (just North of the Jordan Unit) in 1919, he was in the eighth grade in the red brick schoolhouse at 309 North Cuyler when the school moved into the tan brick building at 126 West Francis.

For some time, Clyde stayed on Section 52 by himself. He plowed with a riding plow drawn by four horses and

Clyde Carruth is credited with originating the livestock show, which occurs annually in Pampa. The show, which began as a county show about 1933, soon became a Gray-Roberts show.



ran a header and a bush binder and drove eight head of horses when cutting wheat. He was his father's foreman — his father told him what to do and he was to get the men to do whatever his father required.

He played football when the boys wore their own

clothes instead of uniforms and made their own shoulder pads. Their practice field was west of the red brick building, where the tan brick building was later constructed. They played against Perryton and Miami — one of their strongest competitors.

Clyde and his classmates thought that their teachers "hung the moon" and tried to do everything right. But on one April Fool's Day they captured principal W. B. Irvin and took him to White Deer so that they could skip school.

Carruth graduated from Pampa High School in 1922 when there were 12 in the graduating class. Some of his classmates were Adelle Williams, Myrtle Mundy, Elsie and Vera Cobb, Eunice Barnard, Wade Duncan and John Williams.

Virginia Turcotte was a passenger on the bus Clyde rode to school.

"One thing I'll never do — I'll never marry one of those Carruth boys," Turcotte declared.

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(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

The trees of Pampa give the appearance of a winter wonderland Tuesday with ice bending if not breaking many trees in the area. Warmer temperatures are predicted for the rest of the week.

Lefors will buy truck, dumpsters State fine to be waived

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

The Lefors City Council will spend \$31,000 toward the purchase of a city dump truck and 100 trash dumpsters instead of paying \$16,000 in fines to the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Committee (TNRCC).

Lefors was inspected and cited the fines in Nov., 1996, for a string of violations including the town's lack of a certified water works operator, an abandoned, unplugged public water well, and polluted overflow into the North fork of the Red River.

"They have agreed to remit that (\$16,000) if we purchase a trash truck and 100 dumpsters," said Mayor Ben Watson.

The city will agree to pay a minimum of \$31,000 for the purchase of the truck and dumpsters by signing the agreement.

"It is my opinion that the money will be better spent if we buy the truck and dumpsters, than sending it to Austin," Watson said.

"I have a problem with paying \$30,000," said Councilman Curly Callaway.

Either way, the city will spend the at least \$16,000, said Watson, and this will also be an expense we can finance.

Watson and City Secretary Judy Williams said they, "figured that a \$31,000 note on a five year pay back at 8.5 percent would be \$636 a month."

That's high, but I feel the city can come up with that a whole lot easier than paying a flat \$13,000 with no collateral, Watson said.

"Any suggestions?" he added.

Dean Coble, a Lefors resident, said he was in agreement with Watson's recommendation.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BYARS, Ross — Memorial services, 2:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Pampa.
SHARUM, Alice Pearl — 10 a.m., First Assembly of God Church, Pampa. Graveside services, 2:30 p.m., Buffalo Cemetery, Sweetwater, Okla.

Obituaries

D.H. 'HARRY' GALBREATH

AMARILLO — D.H. "Harry" Galbreath, 94, a former Shamrock resident, died Monday, Jan. 12, 1998. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Bill Wade, of Polk Street United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Galbreath was born in Oklahoma. He married Mittie Jewell in 1937. He had been an Amarillo resident since 1951, moving from Shamrock. He was an electrician employed by the union. He was a member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mittie. Survivors include four daughters, Betty, Mary, Pat and Maxine; two sons, Jack and Burrell; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

HERB HARVEY

Herb Harvey, 72, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Harvey was born Oct. 27, 1925, at Burkburnett. He had been a Pampa resident since 1949, moving from Vernon. He married Billie Emmons on July 4, 1953, at Clovis, N.M. He was an auto mechanic at Tom Rose Motors and Herb's Auto Repair for many years, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Church of Christ, Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, Disabled American Veterans and Hidden Hills Golf Course.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the 106th Infantry Division of the 424th Infantry Regiment during World War II. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge and received a Purple Heart and a EAMET ribbon.

Survivors include his wife, Billie, of the home; three daughters, Ann Crow, Jan Edmondson and Jean Terry, all of Pampa; two sons, Danny Lewis of Westminster, Calif., and Lanny Lewis of Oakridge, Tenn.; two sisters, Barbara Calloway of Pampa and Jo Jackson of Dallas; two brothers, R. Howard Holt of Grapevine and J.B. Holt of Pampa; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 524 N. Wynne and requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795.

ALICE MARIE JOHNSTON

SOUTH GREENFIELD, Mo. — Alice Marie Johnston, 80, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 1998. Graveside services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Ed Barker, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Johnston was born June 25, 1917, at Alsin, Kan., to Harry and Elizabeth Bailey. She married Otos Johnston on Oct. 2, 1932, at Siloam Springs, Ark.; he died July 4, 1980.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include three daughters, Ruby Bogges of Ardmore, Okla., Shirley Remy of South Greenfield and Esther Breesie of Mayer, Mo.; three sons, Howard Johnston and Fester Johnston, both of Topeka, Kan., and Harold Johnston of Westville, Okla.; a brother, William "Bill" Bailey of Mt. Vernon, Mo.; 24 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

ANNIE ROSA LOFTON

CLARENDON — Annie Rosa Lofton, 91, sister of a McLean resident, died Monday, Jan. 12, 1998. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First United Methodist Church with Dr. James Bell, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors Inc.

Miss Lofton was born in Callahan County. She had been a Clarendon resident for the past 40 years, moving from the McLean and Alanreed area. She was a homemaker and a member of Clarendon Church of Christ.

Survivors include three sisters, Velma Castleberry and Cora Castleberry, both of Clarendon, and Georgia Durham of McLean; and a brother, John Lofton of Racine, Wis.

WILLIAM HARVEY REEVES

SHAMROCK — William Harvey Reeves, 66, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Joe G. Jernigan, pastor of Calvary Christian Fellowship Church of Shamrock, and the Rev. John Dorn officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Reeves was born at Graham, Texas, to Harlan and Floy Reeves. He attended Shamrock schools, graduating from Shamrock High School in 1950. He attended West Texas State College, receiving a bachelor of science degree in chemistry in 1955. He married Jane Woolly on May 28, 1953. He had been chief chemist for Kerr-McGee Uranium Mines in Shiprock, N.M., Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo., and Kennecott Copper Corporation in Kearney, Ariz., and was manager of the analytical laboratory at Amarillo Copper Refinery prior to retiring in 1990. He had been a Shamrock resident since 1990.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Shamrock, American Chemical Society, Classic Thunderbird Club International and was a lifetime member of National Rifle Association.

Survivors include his wife, Jane, of Shamrock; and two daughters, Tracy Cutaita of Fayetteville, Ark., and Stacy Addington of Dallas.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79107, or to a favorite charity.

ALICE PEARL SHARUM

Alice Pearl Sharum, 90, of Pampa, died Monday, Jan. 12, 1998. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Mike Moss, pastor of First Assembly of God Church in Borger, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. in Buffalo Cemetery near Sweetwater, Okla. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Sharum was born Oct. 23, 1907, at Clarkedale, Ark., to Sidney and Ida White. She moved to Hughes County, Okla., in 1909 with her family and finished high school. She married Roy McKay in 1926 at Carson, Okla. The couple lived on a farm near Roger Mills, Okla., beginning in 1929. She later married Dalton Sharum in 1944 at Sayre, Okla. The couple had been Pampa residents since 1958.

She worked in a cafe prior to retiring and cared for children at her residence until she was 80 years old. She was a member of First Assembly of God Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher for many years.

She was preceded in death by her second husband, Dalton Sharum.

Survivors include two daughters, Jean Sebree of Sayre and Rachel Robinson of Holdenville, Okla.; three sons, Henry McKay of Detroit Lake, Minn., Gerald McKay of Borger and Tom McKay of Pampa; 16 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM ARVEL STEPHENS

AMARILLO — William Arvel Stephens, 76, father of a White Deer resident, died Monday, Jan. 12, 1998. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Paramount Baptist Church with Dr. Gil Lain, pastor, and Kenneth Meek, retired minister, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Stephens was born in Haskell County and had farmed in Haskell and Knox counties until moving to Petersburg in 1950 after which he farmed at Petersburg, Plainview and Stratford until 1970. In 1970, he moved to Amarillo, where he owned an implement business, retiring in 1984.

He married Lula O. "Dee" Graham in 1945 at San Angelo.

He was ordained as a deacon in the Baptist Church at Plainview in 1963. He was a member of Paramount Baptist Church. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving in the 8th Air Force stationed in London.

Survivors include his wife, Dee; a daughter, Pamela D. Urbanczyk of White Deer; a son, William L. "Bill" Stephens of Amarillo; a brother, Morgan Melvin Stephens of Deport; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of Veterans Hospital or Paramount Baptist Church scholarship fund.

INA MARIE WOODRUFF

INA MARIE WOODRUFF, 73, of Pampa, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 1998. Services are to be at 2 p.m. today in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. M.B. Smith, Baptist minister, and the Rev. Richard Bartel, associate pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Woodruff was born Sept. 29, 1924, at Whitewright, Texas. She married Tommie Marvin Woodruff on Oct. 26, 1940, at Savoy, Texas; he died Dec. 29, 1989. She had been a Pampa resident since 1945, moving from Wheeler. She worked at Bob Clement's Dry Cleaners for 25 years, retiring in 1979. She continued doing alterations at her home after retiring. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Polly Reames and Dortha Mae McNutt.

Survivors include a daughter, Sharon Rusk of Hobbs, N.M.; a son, Tommy Woodruff of Orange; a sister, Ruth Golleher of Pampa; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, January 13

9:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Coffee and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

11:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo and transported one to a nursing facility in Panhandle.

12:24 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to a private residence.

2:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Accidents

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

Tuesday, January 13

Mary Silva Gillenwater, 31, 1035 Clark, was charged with backing without safety and no proof of insurance when she backup her Chevrolet pickup out of a private driveway in 1000 block of Clark and struck a parked dump truck owned by the City of Pampa. No injuries were reported.

Sheriff's Office

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

Tuesday, January 13

Allie Gene Mitchell, 42, Canadian, was arrested for issuance of worthless checks.

Toby Conrad Lankford, 21, Canadian, was arrested on three warrants.

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A vehicle tracking device took count of all the cars that came into the park.

"And all the money made goes right back into the park ... it will be spent for next year, to buy more pieces."

The group estimates the park brought an excess of \$10,000, with the largest portion of the 1997 contributions going toward the leasing of the park's larger pieces.

A measurement of Pampa's economic success from holiday tourism during the Celebration of Lights stay at Recreation Park is of yet undetermined, but equally important in evaluating success, Winborne said.

"I'd like to say thank you to the community and particularly to the mayor, city manager and city council," said Winborne.

She also thanked the city employees who help set up the park and everyone who gave of their money, time and effort to the project.

"This effort takes community support and wouldn't be anywhere without it," she said.

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"In the long run, this will benefit the city," Coble said.

Another resident questioned whether the decision would raise the trash collection costs.

"I hope not," said council member Beth Miller Miller and Lindy Forsyth, the other two of three council members present, agreed with Watson.

Judy Williams reminded the council that it had been a long process to get the commission to agree

The Celebration of Lights group, which works all year painting and building Christmas displays, consists of about 10 dedicated volunteers.

"And for 10 people, it was a phenomenal accomplishment," Winborne said.

Visitors came from all over the panhandle and Oklahoma area to see the park, she said.

Volunteers taking donations at the park took count of out-of-town visitors.

"Several people saw the park from the loop," she added.

Winborne said she also had comments from community members who came to see the park this year specifically because the antique nativity scene was displayed.

"A lady in Spearman remembered the antique nativity and remembered walking by it in Central Park years ago ... she traveled here just to see it," Winborne said.

Volunteers are planning to have the painters who restored the nativity create a large-scale Noah's Ark display in the same "renaissance" art style for next year. Other new "themed" lighted Christmas displays are also in the works.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.94	
Milo	4.11	
Corn	4.70	
Soybeans	6.08	

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

Occidental	26 5/8	up 1/16
Puritan	19 2/4	

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

Magellan	92.84	
Puritan	19.24	

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

Amoco	80 5/16	dn 7/8
Arco	73 3/4	dn 7/16
Cabot	25 15/16	NC
Cabot O&G	18 1/4	up 3/16

Calendar of events

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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

TOASTMASTERS

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

Police report

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

Tuesday, January 13

Collette Angela Hardy, no age given, 1116 Varnon, was arrested for tampering with a government record.

James Breck Smyth, 46, 1524 Coffee, was arrested for violation probation and resisting arrest.

Correction

There are corrections to the Democratic Party story on page 1 of the Monday, Jan. 12 issue of *The Pampa News*. Tom Adams is Precinct 2 chairman and Zetha Dougherty is chairman for Precinct 10.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partial clearing this afternoon with northwest winds at 10-20 mph and a high of 43. Tonight, mostly clear with a low of 25 and light and variable winds. Tomorrow's high will be in the mid-50s with mostly sunny skies and winds from the southwest at 10-20 mph. Yesterday's high was 34, the overnight low, 26.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, clear. Lows 20-30. Thursday, sunny. Highs around 60. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, clear. Lows mid 20s. Thursday, sunny. Highs lower to mid 60s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, clearing. Lows 25-30. Thursday, sunny. Highs 60-65. Far West Texas — Tonight, fair. Lows upper 20s. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs around 60. TGUadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, clear. Lows 15-35. Thursday, sunny.

Highs 55-70.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, becoming clear west, mostly cloudy central and east. Occasional rain and thunderstorms east, some heavy rain in the southeast this evening. Lows 30 west to 45 southeast. Thursday, mostly clear west, decreasing cloudiness central. A chance of morning rain east, then decreasing cloudiness during the afternoon. High 50 north-east to 64 southwest.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, cloudy with drizzle possible, partial clearing late south central, mostly cloudy elsewhere. Lows in the lower 40s southeast to upper 30s northwest. Thursday, becoming mostly sunny. Highs in the lower and mid 60s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Flash flood watch in effect today and portions tonight. Tonight, cloudy with patchy fog and drizzle, and numerous showers and thunderstorms, some with locally heavy rain. Lows in the mid 40s inland

north to mid 50s coast. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s to near 60. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s coast to mid 40s inland north. Thursday, decreasing clouds and windy. Highs in the lower and mid 60s.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, clear and cold. Lows zero to 20 mountains and north, Upper teens to mid 20s south. Thursday, mostly sunny south. Partly cloudy north. A slight chance for mountain snow showers far north in the afternoon. Highs 30s and 40s mountains and northwest, 50s to mid 60s east and south.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, a chance of light rain or drizzle southeast. Decreasing clouds west. Lows from 20 northwest to the lower 30s southeast. Thursday, decreasing clouds and warmer. Highs mid 40s to lower 50s.

Judge says Cisneros' ex-mistress must be tried

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A federal judge today said Linda Jones, a one-time mistress of former U.S. Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros, is fit to stand trial on charges she hindered a federal investigation of her ex-lover.

The case will be heard Thursday by U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings, who also oversaw this morning's competency hearing. Defense attorneys had argued that Ms. Jones, a longtime user of strong psychiatric drugs who once suffered a nervous breakdown, isn't emotionally stable enough to face trial.

Later today, Cummings was expected to receive a plea agreement from Ms. Jones' sister Patsy Woolen and her husband, Allen, on 19 counts of bank fraud and money laundering. The couple allegedly bought Ms. Jones a house in their name to conceal her assets.

That purported scam was uncovered during a special examiners' investigation into whether Cisneros lied about the amount of money he paid Ms. Jones in 1990-93 to keep quiet about their affair. Cisneros said he never paid more than \$10,000 per year; prosecutors say his payments totaled more than \$250,000.

A source told The Associated Press the Wootens had made a deal. It was unclear how they would plea. The Wootens each face a maximum 6 1/2 years in federal prison if convicted on all counts.

All three were indicted in September as part of the winding Cisneros investigation, conducted by Independent Counsel David Barrett.

Cisneros was not named in the September indictments, but was formally charged in Washington on Dec. 11. He pleaded innocent last week to an 18-count indictment.

City briefs

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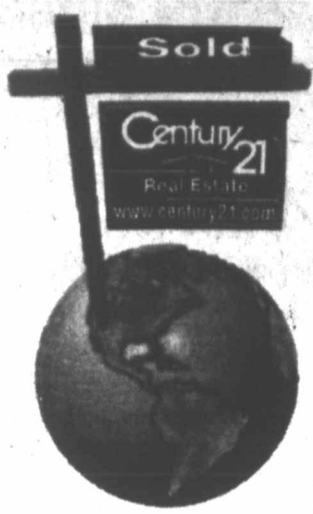
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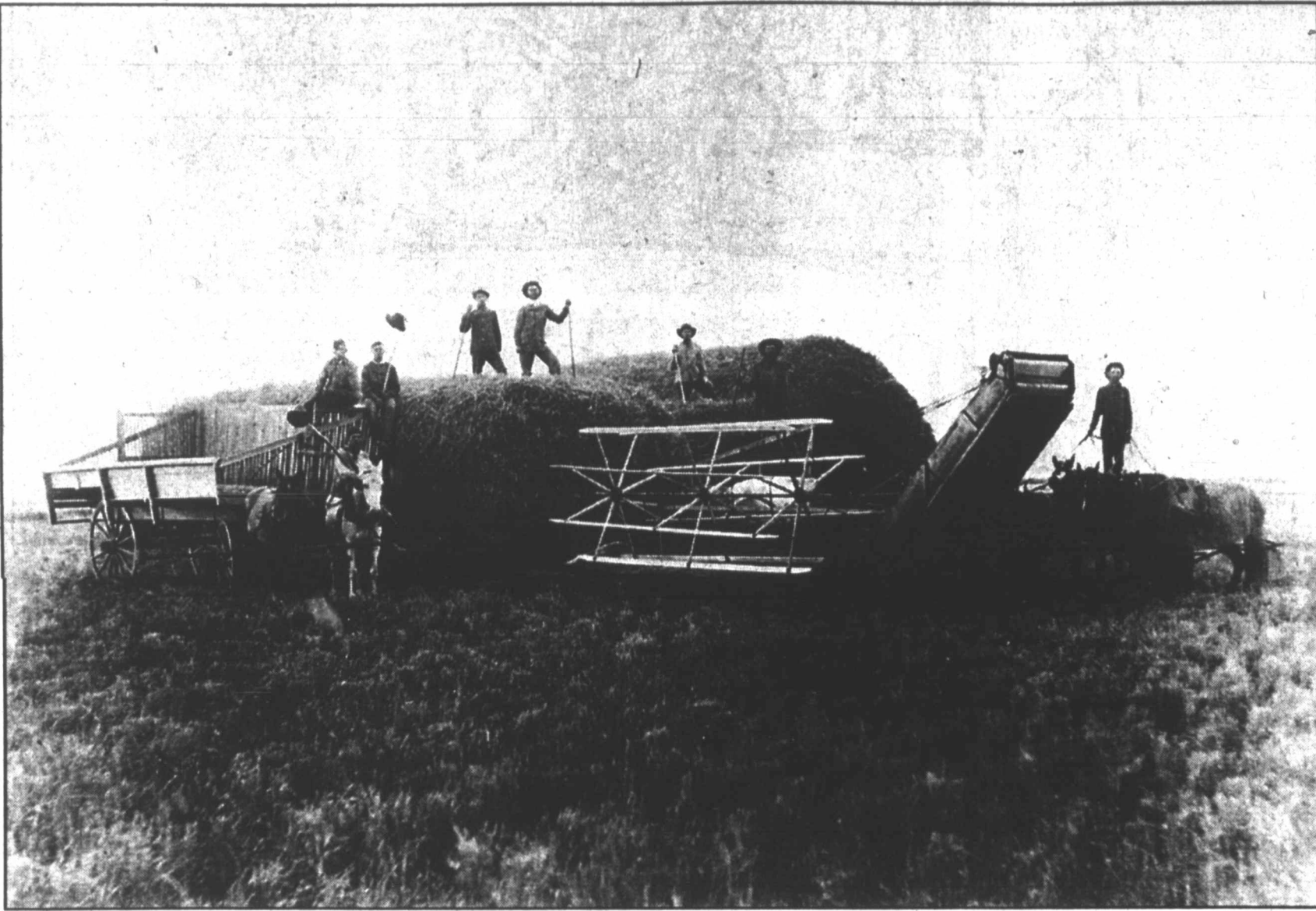
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In this harvest scene from 1918, Clyde Carruth, age 14, stands on the team of horses at the far right. The team was used to push the "header" in the foreground.

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CARRUTH

But Clyde and Virginia began dating while they were in school and were later married on Dec. 24, 1925. They lived on the west half section of 173, which they bought in 1929 from B.F. Jackson.

In the summer of 1934, Clyde was appointed assistant to the county agent with the title, "Assistant in Cotton Adjustment." Two years later he had the opportunity to go into the extension service and went to A & M to take the required exam. The director said that he could not pass the exam - his score was 96.

During World War II, he worked for the Federal and Bank, and was chairman of the ration board.

In 1958, he had a heart attack and had to quit farming. He and Virginia moved into Pampa.

Clyde and Virginia Carruth had six children: A boy, who was stillborn, is buried at Miami. Eleanor, who married Charles Beard, lives in Houston. Barbara Jean, who married the Reverend West's oldest son, lives in Houston. Yvonne, who is married to Foster Winegeart, lives in Pampa. John Lloyd died in Oklahoma City 12 days after his mother Virginia died on Feb. 15, 1993. Dayne lives in Pampa.

On Oct. 1, 1996, Clyde Carruth

Carruth received a standing ovation when Gray County Judge Don Cain announced that the name of the show barn would be officially changed to the "Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion" on March 11, 1975. In accepting the honor, along with a plaque presented by the Chamber of Commerce and a Top O' Texas Certification presented by Mayor R. D. Wilkerson, Carruth said, "I've been doing what I like to do and I've had a lot of good people to come behind me to clear up the mistakes."

and Neva Weeks were married, at the same time Yvonne was married to Foster Winegeart.

Carruth is credited with originating the livestock show, which occurs annually in Recreation Park. The show, which began as a county show about 1933, soon became a Gray-Roberts show. The first meetings were in an old barn where Carruth and other participants were very uncomfortable in freezing weather. Some buildings were moved in before the county constructed a building 70 feet wide and 100 feet long. Carruth did the planning and arranging for the building.

Bleachers were needed and the county advertised for bids which were too high for the county to afford. Carruth offered to build the bleachers and was given \$5,000 for the construction. With

much volunteer help, he supervised the construction of bleachers and 241 hog pens made of steel, and returned \$1,300 to the county.

For a number of years, the building was called the Top O' Texas Rodeo and Horse Show Building. Carruth served as superintendent of the Top O' Texas Livestock Show for 50 years.

At the show barn building on Monday night, Feb. 3, 1975, a large crowd attended an awards dinner for junior exhibitors who had participated in a day of steer and barrow exhibition.

Carruth was at the microphone when Foster Whaley came to the platform and said, "Let me have

that mic a little bit." And as Whaley spoke, the large sign, "Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion" was brought in.

Carruth said that he was the "most surprised guy" in town. He had been told that the sign was being repainted, but not what was to be painted on it. Unknown to him, his children had been notified and were present for the occasion.

During the presentations, officials elaborated on the hundreds of hours of labor Carruth had donated to the show barn facility and his persistence in pursuing areas of improvement, which updated the structure to an outstanding show facility.

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Opinion

Surprise, the feds have lowered taxes

THE POINT: Despite the fact that Americans are getting some help with declining federal taxes, the news could be better.

Happy New Year — for the first time in years, federal taxes are declining.

If you make less than \$110,000 and have a child under 16, you'll get a federal income tax credit of \$400.

The long-term capital gains tax on investments also drops to 20 percent from 28 percent. And the exemption for paying the onerous estate tax on inheritance will rise to \$625,000 from \$600,000. For family farms and businesses, many of which are ruined by this tax on the death of the owner, the exemption will be \$675,000. And the exemption is set to rise to \$1 million by 2006.

Unfortunately, some taxes are going up such as a new 20 cent tax on every pack of cigarettes. And the tax-cut bill renewed the 10 percent airline ticket tax, shooting down \$2.7 billion of the taxpayers' money.

On other federal tax fronts as of Jan. 1:

The Social Security earnings "test" will be raised to \$14,500 from \$13,500, and eventually will rise to \$30,000 in 2002. This absurd "test" reduces Social Security benefits for retirees earning more than the "test" amount, discouraging people from working if they want to.

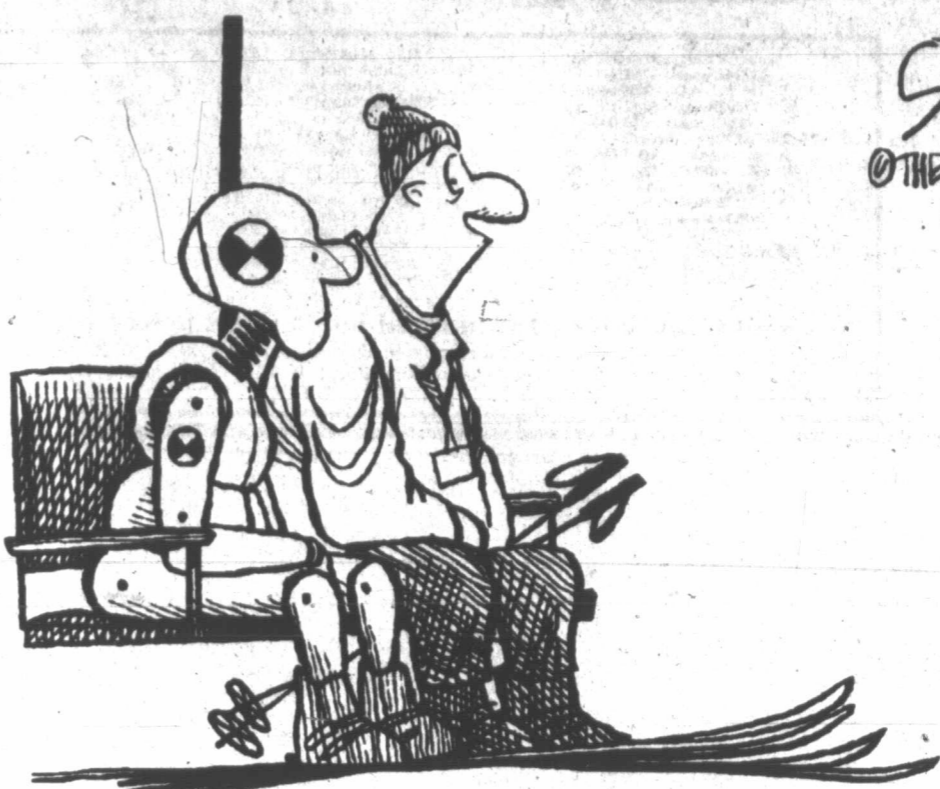
The Prescription Drug User Fee Act was revised and extended, producing greater cooperation between drug manufacturers and the Food and Drug Administration to get new medications to patients more quickly. According to PhRMA, an industry group, "Companies will pay at least 21 percent more in user fees. This will enable FDA to install a paperless, electronic system for drug applications, increasing efficiency and streamlining drug approvals even more. For its part, the FDA has agreed to certain timeliness and performance goals. The net result is that new drugs would get from the laboratory to the patient up to 16 months sooner."

We'd favor a more market-oriented approach, modeled on the successful Underwriters Laboratories, but the goal is a worthy one — to help get more advanced medications more quickly to those who need them.

With 1998 here and an election approaching, even President Clinton is hinting at some kind of new tax cut, though he's talking about a mere \$4 billion out of a \$1.7 trillion-budget.

As a starter, the marriage penalty — which taxes married people \$20 billion extra a year — should be eliminated immediately. Even the frequently tax-happy *New York Times* editorial page said it "sounds like a great idea."

—Odessa American



Military should take priority

Did you hear that the National Football League is opening its team rosters to women? From now on, when you watch pro football, you're going to see women out there knocking heads with the likes of Reggie White and Barry Sanders. "And the tackle, by Denise 'The Vacuum Cleaner' Jones," the announcer will scream, as the crowd roars.

Okay, so you don't buy it. I'm not surprised. All of us — even feminists (most of them) — understand that the chalk lines on the edges of the professional football field mark a zone where equality between the sexes is pure fantasy. Any woman unfortunate enough to doubt this only has to place herself in the killing zone on the front lines of, say, the Green Bay Packers or the Kansas City Chiefs. Hint: Make an appointment with an orthopedic surgeon beforehand.

I say all this to illustrate a point about public policy. The reason we all know the idea of women playing pro football is absurd is because we're serious about football. It's a tough game, and if you allow yourself to be distracted by irrelevant issues like "sexual equality" when you should be making your team the toughest it can possibly be, you're going to get creamed.

So why are we letting feminists impose "sexual equality" on an area that makes football look like a tea party; something that is not a game, but a matter of life and death for our nation as well as for the "players" — namely, our military?

According to a report by my colleague James Anderson, a former professor at the Marine

Edwin Feulner
Feulner is president of the Heritage Foundation.

Corps University in Quantico, Va., the military, by training male and female recruits together, is "dumbing down" the physical requirements so women can compete with men. In the process, men are not being molded into the hardened warriors we need to defeat an enemy. This is every bit as stupid as allowing women to play pro football and making the players play "easy" so the women won't get hurt. The reason we don't do this, as I said before, is because we're serious about football. And the reason we are doing it in the military is because we're not serious about war. The one exception, I should note, is the Marine Corps, which still separates the sexes in training.

Gender-integrated basic training is undermining rigorous standards and creating an environment in which recruits are vulnerable to sexual misconduct and abuse. At the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill., for example, recruits watch a video telling them that "anyone can make it through boot camp," easing recruits' fears but also making a mockery of the idea that becoming a soldier is

a matter of toughness and rigor. Recruits no longer drill with rifles and are issued "blue cards" to give their training instructors when they feel "stressed." Drill instructors can't verbally chastise their recruits, removing a time-tested technique for instilling mental toughness.

A similar pattern can be found at Army and Air Force training bases. One Army recruit said he expected boot camp to "be tough, like in the movies. This is like summer camp." So many female recruits were unable to pass hand grenade tossing tests at one Army base that authorities changed the standards, setting a different requirement for male and female recruits. Yet, the inability to throw a hand grenade effectively could be a matter of life and death.

Congress could turn things around by standing up to the "gender-equity" activists. Lawmakers will get some help from a panel appointed by the Pentagon and headed by former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., which looked into how well male-female integration is working. It reported that drill instructors spend more time separating men and women to prevent sexual harassment than they do molding cohesive military units.

If the emphasis on toughness that enables a U.S. soldier to outlast or outperform a capable enemy on the field of battle is systematically removed from basic training for the sake of "gender equity," America will pay the price on future battlefields.

And the "post-game analysis" will be: They weren't serious about war.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 1998. There are 351 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Jan. 14, 1898, author Charles Lutwidge Dodgson — better known as *Alice in Wonderland* creator Lewis Carroll — died in Guildford, England.

On this date:

In 1639, "Fundamental Orders, the first constitution of Connecticut, was adopted.

In 1742, English astronomer Edmond Halley, who observed the comet that now bears his name, died at age 85.

In 1784, the United States ratified a peace treaty with England ending

the Revolutionary War.

In 1858, French emperor Napoleon III escaped an attempt on his life.

In 1900, the Puccini opera "Tosca" received a mixed reception at its Rome world premiere.

In 1943, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.

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In 1952, NBC's *Today* show premiered.

In 1953, Josip Broz Tito was elected president of Yugoslavia by the country's Parliament.

In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with a pledge of "segregation forever."

National debt continues to rise

In this balancing act, even when the federal budget starts showing a surplus the gross national debt will keep going up, as the government borrows from one of its pockets to fill another.

That money will have to be repaid beginning in about 14 years, when the cushion of surplus Social Security revenues won't be available to offset other spending.

The broadest measure of the national debt, now nearly \$5.4 trillion, is projected to increase to \$6.8 trillion in 2005 because of borrowing from trust funds earmarked for future costs. And by then, there will have been at least five years of budget surpluses, according to Congressional Budget Office projections.

So amid the debate over spending future surpluses, one school of budget conservatives argues that there really won't be any, because the money to get to balance is being effectively borrowed anyhow.

Another bloc disputes that idea, saying a surplus is a surplus and it makes no difference which programs and taxes produce it. They want the projected surplus used for tax cuts.

Still another group advocates using surpluses to pay down the national debt.

And some liberal Democrats would increase federal spending.

A poll on the options indicates more people favor using the funds to strengthen Social Security and Medicare or to reduce the national debt than to cut taxes.

That survey, published by USA Today, also indicated that most people doubt the budget will be balanced in 1999 or stay that way afterward. It has been nearly 30 years since the last

Walter R. Mears
AP Special correspondent

break in the succession of deficit budgets, so doubts are understandable.

But with the economy and thus tax revenues up, President Clinton and congressional budget projections agree that balance is at hand.

Clinton said he will propose a balanced budget, with what his advisers called a slight surplus, when he presents Congress with his plan for government spending and revenues for the year beginning Oct. 1.

The Congressional Budget Office has just issued its projections showing minimal deficits for the current year and the next two, with surpluses after that. Its report said that by 2008, the surplus should reach \$138 billion. The administration's projections will be in the budget Clinton sends Congress next month.

Both projections include the Social Security surpluses, revenues from taxes increased to prepare for demands that will come when the baby boom generation retires, beginning in about 2011.

At that point or soon after, Social Security tax revenues won't cover all the benefits due a growing generation of retirees, and interest on the prior surpluses that have gone into the Treasury certificates will be needed to cover the difference.

Then, in about 2019, benefits will cost more than the taxes and interest combined, and the

government will have to turn elsewhere for the money.

The surplus many economists consider the most important doesn't include the intra-governmental accounting. It is measured as debt held by the public, meaning government borrowing from the financial markets, money that would otherwise be available for private investment or savings.

That is estimated this year at just under \$3.8 trillion of the gross national debt.

All of that figures into the arguments over what's a surplus and what to do with it.

The administration isn't choosing. "We're going to wait until we have a balanced budget before we get into deciding how we're going to spend any money beyond the balanced budget," said Franklin Raines, director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Without Social Security revenues to offset current spending, the deficit for the current budget year, which ends Sept. 30, would be about \$100 billion higher than the \$5 billion now forecast. And there wouldn't be a budget surplus until 2006, based on CBO projections.

But Social Security is a government program too, and budget analysts who think it is properly figured in say that when total revenues for all federal purposes exceed total spending, that's a surplus.

There's also a case for debt reduction with budget surpluses. Interest on the debt now costs about 15 percent of government spending. Cut the debt and the cost goes down.

The General Accounting Office has estimated that annual debt reduction payments over the next 15 years could cut that by more than half.

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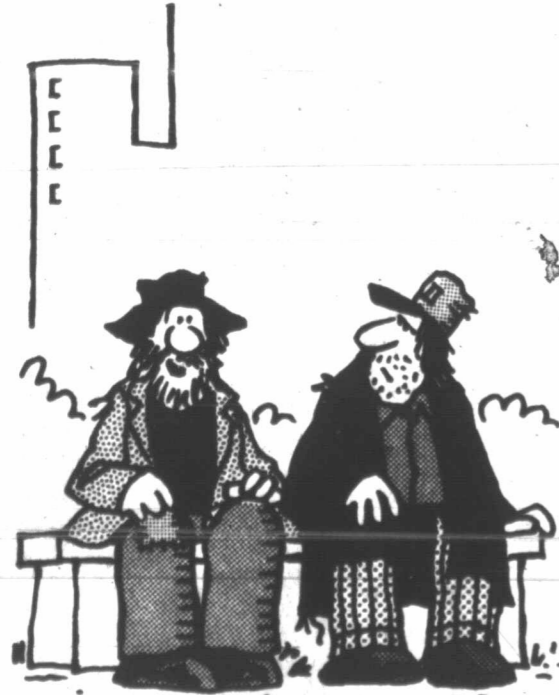
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"Turner has the right idea. I think I'll give away a billion dollars, too."

Magic Plains Chapter of ABWA



(Community Camera photo)

The Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women Association met recently. The following officers were installed (top photo, left-right) Donna Swindle, secretary; LaNella Hensley, treasurer; Wynona Seely, president; and Brunetta Stewart (not present), vice president. The ABWA also awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$500 to Jennifer Rushing. Rushing is shown receiving the award from Estelle Malone.

Competent Toastmaster



(Special photo)

Gary Casebier, left, current vice president of Pampa Toastmasters Speech and Speaking Club, is congratulated by Velma Kingsley upon receiving his Competent Toastmaster certification.

Gene transfer may establish eternal youth

WASHINGTON (AP) — It won't make people younger or allow them to live forever, but researchers say a laboratory experiment shows that human cells can be made to avoid the normal aging process and cell death.

Researchers at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas said an enzyme that stops cells from aging may be a "cellular fountain of youth" that may lead to correcting or slowing some of the physical ravages of time.

"This process may increase the normal health span, but not the normal life span," said Dr. Jerry Shay, a UT Southwestern researcher and co-author of a study to be published Friday in the journal Science.

"We're not saying that this will give people something to make them live longer," said Shay, but he said the work confirms that cells can be kept youthful far beyond their normal life span by blocking a natural aging and dying process.

By keeping the cells alive and dividing, he said, it may be possible to control age-related disorders including skin wrinkling, some types of blindness and cardiovascular disease.

Though it is still in the future, Shay said the work could lead to drugs that stop cells from dying and thus preserve the functioning of body parts that normally decline with age.

In a country dazzled by visions of youth, the report, released by a research organization, sent investors flocking to Geron Corp., a California biotech research company that collaborated with Texas researchers.

Trading of Geron stock on the Nasdaq stock exchange was halted briefly Tuesday afternoon after it soared 24 percent. When trading resumed, the stock continued to climb, closing the day at \$14.375, up more than 43 percent. Nearly 4 million shares were traded, compared with a daily average of about 140,000.

Anna M. McCormack, a National Institute of Aging researcher, said the work "has a real potential" for leading to therapies to treat age-related disorders caused by cells that die.

But whether this will extend life has not been shown. "We need to see if aging on a cellular level has anything to do with aging of the whole organism," she said.

The researcher who first discovered some 30 years ago that human cells age and die, Dr. Leonard Hayflick of the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine, said the finding "is one of the most profound discoveries in the field."

Hayflick said it will be at least five years before the discovery can be used to treat patients, but it could lead to drugs that slow or stop the aging of specific cells. This could be important in extending functions now lost as people get older, he said.

Shay said he and his collaborators proved that the normal death of human cells can be avoided by inserting a gene that lets the cells maintain a healthy chromosome length.

Normally, human cells divide about 70 times over a lifetime. Each time the cells divide, the protective end of the chromosome, called the telomere, is shortened. Eventually, the telomere becomes too short to protect the chromosome. When that happens, the cell can no longer divide and eventually dies.

Shay said the telomere acts as a biological clock that stops cell division and causes cell aging.

In earlier research, however, Shay and others found that some cancer cells and reproductive cells release an enzyme called telomerase that keeps the telomere from shortening. This action is one factor that lets some cancer cells grow without restraint.

Shay said in the laboratory, his team managed to transfer the gene that makes telomerase into human cells. These cells were then allowed to divide.

Employee of the year



(Special photo)

Chrys Smith is Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency's 1997 Employee of the Year. Smith began her career with the agency as a receptionist in November 1994. She is now administrative assistant. She is president of the Staff Involvement Committee and volunteers with various community projects. She is the Alzheimer's Support Group's group leader and was Newcomer of the Year in 1995-97, Volunteer of the Year 1996-97, secretary/treasurer in 1995-97, president-elect in 1996-97 and president in 1997-98 of the American Heart Association, serving as chairman of the Heart Walk for the past two years. Smith also coordinated the Canned Food Drive the last three years.

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Bride's Third-Time Marriage Holds No Charm For Her Mom

DEAR ABBY: I'm in quite a dilemma. My 40-year-old daughter is not speaking to me because I'm trying to prevent her from becoming the laughingstock of the century. She's planning to be married for the fourth time. Her first marriage was to escape her abusive father. The second was to provide a father for her child from the first marriage. The third was a stupid mistake.

Now she says she wants the wedding she has never had — ivory dress, 6-foot train, and God knows what else. I told her she was creating a circus, a humiliation, the embarrassment of all time. I know the bride should have her wishes carried out to the letter on "her" day — but she has already had three previous "days" that did not work. My daughter falls in and out of love as the wind changes.

I know I shouldn't throw stones because I have been married three times, but my present marriage to a man I thank the Lord for every day has lasted 17 years. I have talked to her fiancé. He seems to be level-headed, and he, too, would like to avoid a spectacle. I'm sure he didn't win any Brownie points when he sided with me. It's his first marriage.

Abby, what can I do about my daughter? I don't like being at odds with her.

OLD-FASHIONED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR OLD-FASHIONED: There's nothing you can do.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Since your daughter refuses to listen to you and her fiancé, I doubt she would be open to any input from me. Of course, you are correct that simplicity should be the keynote for the ceremony and reception, but you can't live your daughter's life for her.

Wish her well and pray that your community has a short memory.

DEAR ABBY: The letter in your column from the reader who thought it would be a good idea to turn closed military bases into jails got me thinking. As a retired military person, I must agree in part with the writer of that letter. The facilities are there, and so is the equipment to train our young people to become good citizens.

Some of them could be converted to campuses for vocational schools around the country to help disadvantaged youth. Not all of our

young people are college material — but all of them need to learn how to earn a living. Students could spend part of their day in classroom learning and the rest in a shop, learning a skill. At the completion of their training they could be the people they would like to be.

We taxpayers have bought those bases and equipped them with everything that is needed to run a military installation. If the selected base needs more equipment, some could be moved from other bases that are being closed.

If some of the buildings are sub-standard, I can't imagine a better place to start training those young people for a trade in the building industry.

A final thought: Most of these young people would rather have a big hug and an "I love you" than parents who let them grow up in the wrong way. Speaking for myself, the return of love from a young person is the greatest gift I ever had. Parents, wake up!

Abby, please do not use my name or location.

RETIRED MILITARY MAN
DEAR MILITARY MAN: You have hit upon a terrific idea, one that is well worth exploring. Such campuses would be a source of pride (and employment) in the surrounding communities. Our children are our most precious resource, and giving them the tools they need to enrich their lives will also enrich our country.

For Better or For Worse

WHY DOES EVERYONE HAPTA HANG AROUND ME WHILE I'M DOING MY HOMEWORK?!!
 YOU HAVE A DESK IN YOUR ROOM, ELIZABETH. WHY DON'T YOU GO AND WORK UP THERE?
 I CAN'T CONCENTRATE WHEN I'M IN MY ROOM!!
 WHY NOT?
 I GET TOO LONELY.

Ayo & Janis

I NEED A FORK.
 YOU TIP THEM TOO MUCH—YOU KNOW THAT, DON'T YOU?
 MEOW
 MEOW
 OKAY, WHAT DID I JUST SAY TO HOLL, GARFIELD?
 HOLL SAID, "MEOW." HOLL IDIOT.

Garfield

So how was the heavy-metal concert last night, Joey?
 I said, how was the heavy-metal concert last night?
 HOW WAS THE CONCERT?!
 Pretty good. I wish we coulda sat closer to the stage, though.

Walnut Cove

SUCK
 SUCK SUCK
 SUCK SUCK
 SUCK SUCK
 SUCK SUCK
 SUCK SUCK
 SOMETIMES I NEED A CHANGE OF SCENERY.

Marvin

WHAT WOULD BE A SAFE INVESTMENT IN TODAY'S FLUCTUATING MARKET?
 YOU GOT A COFFEE CAN AND A SHOVEL?
 THINGS ARE GETTING PRETTY BAD AT HOME.
 REALLY.
 THE WIFE THINKS SHE RUNS THE WHOLE SHOW.
 DID YOU SET HER STRAIGHT?
 NO... I STARTED IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS.

B.C.

CLASS, I HAVE GRADED THE PAPERS YOU WROTE ABOUT WHAT YOU DID ON YOUR VACATION!
 HATTIE, YOUR PAPER, "THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS AT THE MALL," WAS VERY GOOD BUT THAT ISN'T HOW TO SPELL "MALL!"
 OH, YEAH? YOU WEREN'T THERE!

The Born Loser

THIS ISN'T ONE OF THOSE "TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR OWN ACTIONS" DEALS, IS IT?

Frank And Ernest

IT'S WEIRD... PEOPLE WHO OPPOSED BILL LANN LEE'S NOMINATION WERE ACCUSED OF "ANTI-ASIAN" DISCRIMINATION...
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 THERE'S PLENTY DISCRIMINATION STILL AROUND...
 ONLY NOW THEY CALL IT "AFFIRMATIVE ACTION"...

Mallard Filmore

HELLO?
 HI, SALLY... THIS IS PATRICIA... I'M CALLING ABOUT A SCHOOL DANCE...
 I DON'T SUPPOSE CHUCK WOULD GO WITH ME WOULD HE? NO, I SUPPOSE NOT...
 ANYWAY, TELL HIM I WAS THINKING OF HIM...
 YOU ALMOST WENT TO A SCHOOL DANCE...
 THAT DANG THING HAS BEEN DOGGIN' US EVER SINCE WE LEFT LEM!
 'SPOSE WE COULD EAT IT?
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 IF THEY COULD JUST HOLD ITS ATTENTION...

Horoscope

Thursday, Jan. 15, 1998

In the year ahead, you are likely to be more involved in managing the affairs of others. You will love your work and have a real knack for it. Collective benefits are likely.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your methods for handling critical developments today are likely to be novel and effective. Your way of thinking will stimulate original thoughts in others. 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.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Being a good listener could be extremely advan-

tegeous to you today, especially if involved with progressive people who are commercially minded.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If a friend who puts stock in your opinions asks for your advice today, take time to comply with his or her request, even if it inconveniences you.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) In developments where you are coerced into a competition today, you might have a nominal edge. However, you cannot afford to be overconfident about it.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to participate in involvements that stimulate your thinking and give you a more positive attitude. Acquired knowledge can be used beneficially later.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are a good investigator today and it's not likely that others can withhold information from you. You will be able to discern fact from fiction.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Use your logic when analyzing sensitive issues today, especially if your companions tend to be emotional. Overreacting signals you

to take charge.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In important material matters today, put limits on your expectations. Be content about what's developing, as long as you are making progress.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today, if you're called upon to be in charge of taking care of critical arrangements, issue as few directives as possible. Be brief, but explicit.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Information that was passed onto you in confidence can be utilized constructively today without revealing its source. Keep the party a secret for now.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Keep in close contact with those who are vital to your plans. Looking over their shoulders will provide them with incentive to expedite procedures.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Something small, but significant, might occur today that enables you to reap greater gains from an arrangement. Be alert for clues and signals.
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"I'm three and I won't be four 'til my little finger goes up."

"What makes you think you can trade your blanket for our comforter?"

The Family Circus

PIERPOINT, DO YOU HAVE ANY PHOBIAS?
 UH... I DON'T KNOW WHAT PHOBIAS ARE...
 ... AND I'M AFRAID TO ASK!

Marmaduke

YEAH, BUT RIGHT NOW IT SEEMS REAL INTERESTED IN TUNK AN' GUZ!
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Grizzwells

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SPORTS

Will Seifert be next Cowboys' coach?

Notebook

TRACK & FIELD

DALLAS — United States Track & Field has named Wendell Palmer of Pampa as Athlete of the Year in the Masters Division.

Palmer, who competes in the 65-69 age group, broke two American records in the discus at the Nationals last year in San Jose.

Palmer has been participating in Masters competition (track and field events for athletes 35 & over) since 1975. He owns a number of world and American records.

This is the first time Palmer has received the USAF honor as the year's top athlete, but he did receive a special achievement award for his track and field accomplishments at the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame ceremony in 1992.

BASKETBALL

McLEAN — McLean dropped a non-district basketball twinbill to Silvertown Tuesday night.

In the boys' game, Silvertown posted a 62-52 victory.

J. Holt had 18 points to lead Silvertown.

Ike Hanes was high scorer for McLean with 13 points. Erik Vega and Gary Jones added 10 each.

Lacy Brunson scored 20 points to lead Silvertown past McLean, 67-50, in the girls' game.

Silvertown pulled away in the second half after leading by just four points, 30-26, at halftime.

Rachel Galley had a 23-point performance for McLean. Shaley Stalls and Lacey Steel added 9 points each.

Dara Ramsey added 16 points for Silvertown.

It was only the fifth loss for McLean compared to a dozen victories.

POWERLIFTING

PAMPA — The Pampa Powerlifting Classic will be held in the MPAC building, starting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Over 200 athletes are expected to compete in the three lifts: squat, bench press and deadlift. Two state qualifiers from last year, Aaron Hayden of Pampa and Pete Venzer of Dumas will be among the top competitors.

There will be at least 15 regional qualifiers from last year that will make this meet an exciting competition," said Pampa coach Wade Wesley. "Many lifters are football players which allows you to place a face with his jersey numbers."

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — A meeting to discuss plans for a church volleyball league will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 19 at Calvary Baptist Church.

The league will have men's, women's and mixed divisions, both competitive and non-competitive.

For more information, call 669-7690 and leave a message.

GENERAL

AUSTIN (AP) — A survey of private and parochial schools found that most responding would rather not join the University Interscholastic League, at least not under conditions set out by the organization.

The survey was sent to more than 180 private and parochial schools last year by the UIL, which oversees public school athletic, music and academic competitions. State Board of Education members, who review UIL rules, will receive a report on the survey this week.

Of 66 schools that answered, 33 said they wouldn't want to join under the parameters outlined by the UIL; 29 said they would; and four had no opinion. Fifteen said they would support separate UIL championship playoffs for private schools.

UIL rules now allow member schools to play private schools in non-conference competition, but do not allow the private schools to compete in contests leading up to state championships.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — No matter what Barry Switzer says, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones says he's considering former San Francisco 49ers coach George Seifert to be the next head coach.

In a copyright story today, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram quoted Jones as saying: "I certainly have not, from perspective, ruled out George Seifert. I have not eliminated him as a candidate."

Jones also told The Dallas Morning News Tuesday that Seifert is still under consideration.

"I'm the only who knows if George Seifert is a candidate or not," he told the Dallas newspaper.

Jones is in New York, where he is participating in NFL television contract talks. His remarks on the coaching situation came only two days after Switzer said that Jones had two candidates in mind, but that Seifert wasn't one of them.

"George Seifert will not be the coach of the Dallas Cowboys," Switzer said Sunday.

Jones said Tuesday: "I think that was Barry's opinion."

On Monday, one source at Valley Ranch said: "Barry may not be as clued in as he thinks he is."

During a news conference Friday, when Jones announced Switzer's resignation, the

owner said he would not specify the names of possible replacements.

Any information not coming from him must be considered "speculation," he said.

It was not clear whether Jones has contacted Seifert. Seifert is under contract with the 49ers until next month, but San Francisco team president Carmen Policy has said the former coach is free to pursue other coaching opportunities.

Seifert could not be reached for comment, the newspaper reported.

Jones says he has made numerous telephone calls regarding potential coaches even while working on the

television contract. "I have done a lot of work here," Jones said.

Jones declined to speculate about any other potential coaching candidates.

Seifert, who learned the 49ers' proficient offense while working as defensive coordinator under Bill Walsh with the 49ers from 1983 to 1988, matches some of the qualifications Jones outlined last week.

He is the 49ers' all-time winningest coach with a 108-35 record — and his with offensive knowledge, a transition to Seifert would not seem to generate the second-guessing that Switzer endured when he was hired.

Seifert, who has been out of

coaching since resigning from the 49ers after the 1996 season, has said he would like to coach again.

Quarterback Troy Aikman, who would be the player most affected by the coaching change, has had little to say publicly about his preferences.

Leigh Steinberg, Aikman's agent, said Aikman's silence is intentional.

"Troy in no way wants to pick the coach," Steinberg said. "He clearly wants this to be a Jerry Jones decision ... and nothing that is catered toward him."

Switzer resigned after the Cowboys posted a 6-10 season and missed the playoffs for the first time in the 90s.

Canyon holds off Pampa in district basketball battle

By MATT HUTCHISON
Sports Writer

CANYON — Time just ran out on the Harvester basketball squad Tuesday night in Canyon as Pampa's attempts to make a fourth-quarter comeback was thwarted by the Canyon Eagles' bruising inside play and accurate free throw shooting. Canyon held on to win the District 1-4A contest, 51-47.

Pampa's defense seemed out of synch early as Canyon's attempts to move the ball inside the paint were met with fouls from Pampa's smaller post players or simply no contest at all. The easy in-the-paint buckets, along with stellar free-throw shooting, put Canyon up early by as much as 10 points.

Offensively, the first half was controlled by Lynn Brown and Jesse Francis. Francis scored the Harvesters' first six points before cooling down and letting senior guard Brown take control. Brown kept the offensive pace moving in the second quarter as he continued a small streak of penetrating drives and easy layups that were seldom contested by the slower Eagles' defense. Brown finished the game with a team-high 14 points. Francis added 13.

But nothing done on the offensive end would stop the Eagles defensively. Canyon continued to find its way to the foul line by pushing the ball inside and forcing a Pampa defender to take away the easy bucket with a foul. The free throws kept Canyon ahead with a slight edge in the third quarter and eventually won the game for the Eagles.

In the fourth quarter, Canyon's shooting from the line faltered and Pampa found themselves down only a bucket with a little

less than a minute to play. Canyon expanded the lead to six points with free throws, but Pampa's Shawn Young, who had been relatively quiet all evening, sank two late three-pointers in between Canyon free throws and, along with a Bobby Holmes' three-pointer, Pampa found themselves down two with only 13 seconds left. Canyon expanded the lead to four after two free throws and a missed Harvester bucket ended the game.

Pampa moves to 1-5 in district with three close losses to Hereford, Randall and Canyon. All the Harvester losses have been by four points or less.

Pampa travels to Dumas to face the Demons Friday night.

CANYON — Pampa fell to No. 1-ranked Canyon, 80-35, Tuesday night in a District 1-4A girls' game.

The Lady Harvesters stayed with Class 4A's top-ranked team in the early going and trailed by only nine, 19-10, at the end of the first quarter.

Brooke Moore had 20 points to lead Canyon in scoring. Candi White followed with 14.

Faustine Curry led Pampa in scoring with 7 points, followed by McKinley Quarles and Lisa Dwight 6 each. Quarles led Pampa in rebounding with 6.

Also scoring for Pampa were Jami Wells with 5, Yvette Brown 4, Lavonne Evans 3, Jordanna Young and Kelsey Yowell 2 each.

Canyon extended its record to 18-1 on the season and 5-1 in district. Pampa is 7-12 overall and 1-5 in district.

Pampa meets Dumas at 6 Friday night in Dumas.

Sandies win soccer matches

AMARILLO — Pampa fell to Amarillo High, 2-0, Tuesday in a non-district boys' soccer match in Southwest Park.

"I feel like we're progressing, but we can't quite get over that hump. However, I see a lot of improvement with each game," said Pampa coach Warren Cottle.

Pampa is now 0-3 on the season while AHS is 2-1.

Jimmy Story, Bryan Johnson,

Aaron Childress and Jason Vance had an outstanding match for Pampa, Cottle said.

The Harvesters are entered in the Odessa Tournament Friday and Saturday. Their first match is at 11 a.m. Friday against Odessa Permian.

Amarillo High defeated Pampa, 15-1, in the girls' match.

AHS is 3-0 on the season while Pampa is 0-3.

Red-hot Baylor drills Red Raiders

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Brian Skinner scored 25 points and his Baylor teammates hit 11 3-pointers Tuesday night as the streaking Bears beat Texas Tech 90-78.

It was the fifth-consecutive straight victory for Baylor (9-5, 4-0 Big 12), which had just one road win this season and hadn't won in Lubbock since 1993. Likewise, the Red Raiders (7-6, 1-2) saw a five-game home winning streak end.

Roddrick Miller added 24 points for Baylor, including four long-range bombs. The Bears were more accurate from behind the 3-point arc, shooting 11-for-23, than their 19-for-44 clip from inside it.

The loss spoiled a 35-point game by Tech's Cory Carr. Texas Tech sophomore Rayford Young of Pampa had 11 points.

Cliff Owens led all rebounders with 12.

Four Baylor 3-pointers and a Skinner layup keyed a 14-4 outburst early in the second half that sent Baylor ahead 51-46. The Bears never trailed afterward.

Baylor point guard Patrick Hunter finished with 15 points and six assists. After falling to the floor with what appeared to be a painful left knee injury late in the game, he returned only to hurt the same knee again minutes later. He walked off the court under his own power both times.

After Tech vaulted to an early 12-2 lead, Baylor steadily caught up over the rest of the half and briefly tied the game before going into intermission behind 39-37.



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa assistant coaches Jay Lamb (right) and Troy Bell talk to Harvester senior Tyson Alexander (45) during the District 1-4A game with Canyon Tuesday night.

Texas struggling with injuries

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas coach Tom Penders is being tested.

First, he underwent surgery to have a pacemaker and defibrillator placed in his chest to monitor an enlarged heart. His team opened 0-2 while he was recovering.

Then, as he struggled to find a consistent lineup — namely a point guard — his star player and leading scorer, Kris Clack, suffered a knee injury and will be out a month.

The Longhorns have lost four straight since Clack went down, culminating with a 91-75 loss at Oklahoma Monday night.

After opening the season ranked No. 22, Texas has fallen to 6-9 and 0-4 in the Big 12, its worst start since 1993, when it opened Southwest Conference play 0-4 and finished the season 11-17.

The Longhorns, who have lost four straight for the first time since losing five in a row in 1993, also have suffered their worst home loss in Penders' 10 years as coach — a 102-72 defeat by No. 3 Kansas Saturday.

"We're probably going to need Kris back a little bit sooner than expected if we're going to have a chance at postseason play," Penders said.

"In the last 17 years, I've been really lucky and have been able to coach in 15 postseason tournaments, and maybe that will go down the tubes. But I'm not going to take that part personally.

"This is a special group that is going to be excellent, and if people can't see it, I don't think they are looking at it with a critical eye. We've got the makings of a fine basketball team. With the schedule we play, it's hard to win if you don't play great."

Penders, whose nonconference losses have come against Princeton, Georgia (twice), Illinois and Arizona, says he has been forced to be patient with this year's team because his primary rotation includes three freshmen and two sophomores.

Luke Axtell, a 6-9 freshman guard, is averaging 14 points per game, and 7-foot freshman center Chris Mihm, who has battled a sprained thumb in his shooting (right) hand, is averaging nine points and seven rebounds per game.

While it's clear that both will be cornerstones of the program for the next four years, Axtell is still feeling his way on set plays and Mihm has struggled with his shot inside, and his weakened hand

has allowed opponents to frequently strip the ball from him.

The Longhorns, who rely on the 3-pointer, have connected on just 33 percent of their shots from behind the arc and 43 percent from the field. Penders is also still trying to find a point guard.

It appeared that Ivan Wagner, a sophomore transfer from North Carolina St., would play point. But his shot has been suspect as has senior Brandy Perryman's.

Penders knows he has a point guard arriving next year in William Clay of San Jacinto Junior College and possibly even Vaughn Hunter, one of New York City's top high school players who has committed to Texas.

But until someone emerges this year, players say it will be difficult to get an offensive rhythm going.

"We need to develop a consistent ball handler, a consistent shooter and a consistent rebounder," said junior guard Chico Vazquez. "Right now everybody's up in the air."

"I think we are going to be really good at some point this year," Penders said. "I hope we don't have to wait until next year."

"I hate to lose, and with my ticker, I don't know how much longer I'll be able to coach."

Takedown Club competes in tournaments

PAMPA — Pampa Takedown members entered recent wrestling tournaments in Dumas and Lubbock and coach Ricky Urquhart said there were some outstanding performances.

Urquhart said club members were also impressive at the Maverick Open.

"They are really getting better. I believe the boys that are planning to go to the State Tournament stand a great chance of to place in the rankings," he said.

At the Maverick Open, Pampa had nine wrestlers who finished third or better in their respective divisions. Cyz Dills, wrestling in the 50-pound category, won the A Division in the Rookie

class.

Pampa results at the Maverick Open are as follows:

Division One
Kyle Turner, 38 pounds, third place; Coonor Cambern, 56 pounds, sixth place.

Division Two
John Burns, 85 pounds, third place; Cyz Dills, 50 pounds, sixth place; Kasey Urquhart, 50 pounds, third place.

Division Three
Chris Burns, 67 pounds, fifth place; Reese Dills, 58 pounds, sixth place.

Division Four
Kyle Cambern, 100 pounds, third place; Demetrio Martinez, 72 pounds, sixth place; Steve Muniz, 116 pounds, third place;

Chad Muniz, 116 pounds, fourth place.

Division 5
Andrew Cambern, 116 pounds, sixth place.

Rookie Division
A Class
Cyz Dills, 50 pounds, first place; Dakota Gilland, 62 pounds, second place;

B Class
Chris Burns, 67 pounds, fifth place; John Burns, 85 pounds, second place; Reese Dills, 58 pounds, second place; Mason Skidmore, 100 pounds, fifth place.

C Class
Brandon Kane, 85 pounds, fourth place; Dusty Lenderman, 85 pounds, sixth place.

Frenzy over SMU hoops reminiscent of good old days

DALLAS (AP) — The scene was reminiscent of the good times, back when E.O. (Doc) Hayes was churning out Southwest Conference basketball champions at Southern Methodist.

There were more than 8,037 rowdy fans in the stands and the Mustangs' Western Athletic Conference matchup with Fresno State was a nail-biter to the very end.

The Mustangs lost 76-74 because they couldn't contain a tattooed, hot-shooting guard named Chris Herren, who scored 33 points and would celebrate each and every 3-pointer with a yell that would have made Tarzan proud. Look for Herren to be playing someday in the NBA.

A national television audience got a treat for time well-spent and the Mustangs, despite losing only their third game in 14 tries, presented a fun product for those attending the late-night affair at Moody Coliseum.

The parking outside was a mess, as usual. That hasn't changed since Hayes took the Mustangs to their one and only Final Four appearance

in 1956 in Evanston, Ill. The Jim Krebs-led team fell to San Francisco in the first game and lost to Temple in the second game, finishing fourth in the nation that season.

Since then there have been a lot of missed layups and dwindling attendance.

Now, young Mike Dement is trying to thrust the Mustangs back into the national limelight and, by all appearances, he's doing a good job of it.

Dement came from North Carolina-Greensboro as one of athletic director Jim Copeland's hires and the Mustangs have shown steady improvement. They were 16-12 last year and made a stir in the WAC tournament by beating favored Colorado State and lost to No. 3 Utah at the buzzer on All-American Keith Van Horn's miracle shot.

The Mustangs were picked last in their division, and there they were taking Utah down to the final three-tenths of a second.

"You don't like moral victories, but the close loss to Utah at least showed what we are capable of doing," Dement said.

Spurs down Celtics, 97-88

BOSTON (AP) — Tim Duncan finally made it to Boston — in an enemy uniform — and showed only brief glimpses of why the Celtics coveted him in the draft.

It took San Antonio's veteran 1-2 punch of David Robinson and Avery Johnson to finish off a resilient Boston team that, in the end, had too little size and shooting ability.

"Besides me, our team played hard," Duncan said after the Spurs' 97-88 win Tuesday night. "I knew my offensive game wasn't working, so I worked hard to pick up my defense and rebounding."

He started the game as the NBA's second-best shooter and was averaging 17.3 points. But the 7-footer made just four of 12 shots and scored only 10 points, although he did have 10 rebounds.

He committed five turnovers and Robinson had six as Boston concentrated on stopping the two big men who combined for 57 points, 28 rebounds and 11 blocks the last time the teams met.

"This was one of the few, if only, off nights for Duncan," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. The Celtics "got him off line. They were very aggressive."

But that didn't work against the 7-foot-1 Robinson, who had 36 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks, or against the 5-11 Johnson, who had a season-high 22 points and 11 assists and had eight of his team's 22 points in the fourth

quarter.

"We were so concerned with the inside, we forgot about the outside, and Avery Johnson burned us," said Boston's Antoine Walker, who had 17 points and 14 rebounds.

The Celtics had two picks in last year's draft lottery and had the best chance to get the top choice. But San Antonio got that — and took Duncan — and the Celtics chose point guard Chauncey Billups with the third pick.

Billups had a career-high 26 points and repeatedly drew fouls by driving to the basket. He made 13 of 15 free throws, but learned he has a lot more to learn.

"When you play against a guy like Avery Johnson or John Stockton, that is when you find out how the game is played," Billups said.

Johnson has just two turnovers and made 11 of 15 shots in 43 minutes.

The Spurs are 14-2 in their last 16 games. The Celtics matched their season-worst five-game losing streak and, for the fourth consecutive game, never led.

Boston missed 15 of its first 16 shots, hit only 31 percent for the game and trailed 35-15 early in the second quarter. But the Celtics looked for better shots in the second half and tied the game at 87 with an 8-0 run capped by Walker's two free throws with 3:29 left.

Scoreboard

FOOTBALL		HOUSTON ASTROS		WESTERN CONFERENCE	
NFL Playoffs At A Glance		By The Associated Press		Midwest Division	
Wild Cards		Saturday, Dec. 27		Utah 24 11 .686	
Minnesota 23, New York Giants 22		Denver 42, Jacksonville 17		San Antonio 24 12 .657	
Sunday, Dec. 28		New England 17, Miami 3		Houston 18 15 .545	
Tampa Bay 20, Detroit 10		Clemson 86, Florida St. 65		Minnesota 19 16 .543	
Divisional Playoffs		Saturday, Jan. 3		Vancouver 10 28.283	
Pittsburgh 7, New England 6		San Francisco 38, Minnesota 22		Dallas 6 30.167	
Sunday, Jan. 4		Green Bay 21, Tampa Bay 7		Denver 2 32.059	
Denver 14, Kansas City 10		Cleveland 10, Dallas 87		Philadelphia 10, Seattle 91	
Conference Championships		Sunday, Jan. 11		Tuesday's Games	
Denver 24, Pittsburgh 21		Green Bay 23, San Francisco 10		San Antonio 97, Boston 88	
Super Bowl		Sunday, Jan. 25		Atlanta 91, New York 89	
At San Diego		Denver vs. Green Bay, 8 p.m. (NBC)		Philadelphia 107, Vancouver 89	
Pro Bowl		Sunday, Feb. 1		New Jersey 81, Charlotte 68	
At Honolulu		AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (ABC)		Chicago 101, Seattle 91	
COLLEGE BASKETBALL		Tuesday's Sports Transactions		Houston 100, Dallas 87	
The Associated Press		By The Associated Press		Orlando 98, Denver 84	
EAST		Baltimore Orioles—Named Carlos Bernhardt coach.		Cleveland 102, Phoenix 84	
Connecticut 80, Seton Hall 59		Chicago White Sox—Agreed to terms with LHP Larry Casian and OF Lou Frazier on minor-league contracts.		Miami 78, Portland 68	
Cornell 76, Army 65		Cleveland Indians—Agreed to terms with C Ron Karkovics, LHP Jimmy Williams, RHP Andy Croghan, RHP Anthony Young, C Sean Mulligan and INF Brandon Wilson on minor-league contracts. Named Eric Wedge manager of Columbus of the South Atlantic League.		Wednesday's Games	
Delaware 73, Drexel 68		NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with RHP Jeff Nelson on a three-year contract.		L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 7 p.m.	
Duke 89, Fordham 79		TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Signed Chuck LaMar, senior vice president for baseball operations, to a five-year contract, through 2002.		Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.	
Harvard 92, Maine 68		National League		Dallas at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.	
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Elway takes light approach to Super Bowl

DENVER (AP) — John Elway thinks this year's Super Bowl represents his best chance for a win after three failures. Regardless, he's determined to make it his most enjoyable.

Already bearing the stigma of being a three-time loser and now leading a 13-point underdog into this year's Super Bowl against Green Bay on Jan. 25, the Denver Broncos quarterback is taking an almost happy-go-lucky approach — even if it might be the last game of his brilliant 15-year career.

Asked on Tuesday if he was putting any extra pressure on himself, Elway said, "No. I'm going out there to do the best I can. That's all I can do. With the balance we have on offense, it actually takes the pressure off me."

"I'm going to enjoy this. It's not the time to feel like you've got the weight on your shoulders because the end is near. If anything, I'm going to try to go the other way and enjoy it."

Deflecting questions about his future — saying he will make a decision about whether to continue playing during the offseason — the 37-year-old Elway insisted he has benefited from a changed perspective.

"Early in my career, the only thing I ever cared about — the only priority that was of any importance — was winning a

Super Bowl," he said. "As you get older, as you get married and have a family and start doing different things outside of football, your priorities change. It's not that this is not a high priority for me. There are other things that are more important than winning a Super Bowl. It gets put in a different perspective."

His Super Bowl failures are the only blemishes on his career, but he's not obsessed about them.

"I'm going to enjoy this. It's not the time to feel like you've got the weight on your shoulders because the end is near. If anything, I'm going to try to go the other way and enjoy it."

"I've never considered suicide, if that's what you're asking," he said. "Sure, you're disappointed. You just hope to get back and make amends for those losses. I was still young, in my seventh year, the last time we were there. It just took a bit longer to get back than we planned, but we're getting our shot."

"I've never been able to live those (losses) down. I would like to put it behind me, but it's not allowed. But all you have to do is win once, and it can erase a lot of bad memories."

One day earlier, coach Mike

Shanahan said this team represents Elway's best chance for a Super Bowl breakthrough, and the quarterback agreed.

"I think this is the most balance (on offense) we've ever had going into a Super Bowl," Elway said. "This is the best running game we've ever had. We used to rely so much on the passing game, but now we've got great balance."

"I think this is the best team we've had, but you never know. Green Bay is a pretty

"The Washington game, we're up 10-0, then 19 plays later they score 35 points. So that one was over by halftime."

"The Niners' game was over in the first quarter."

The 55-10 rout at the hands of the 49ers should have been expected, he said. "We never had a shot, but tried to fool ourselves," he said.

Elway was most frustrated by the 42-10 loss to Washington — which also was played in San Diego.

"I really thought we had a chance to win that one," he said. "We were up 10-0 and one of our guys, Ken Bell, recovers a fumble on the next kickoff, but one of their guys stole it away before they could get everybody off the pile. That was the turning point. Still, to give up 35 points in the second quarter, mostly because of a guy (Timmy Smith) who wasn't in the league the next year, is kind of mind-boggling."

With a mature team boasting several other players with Super Bowl experience, Elway said this year's team won't lose its focus.

"I think we got caught up in the hype" in previous Super Bowl ventures, he said. "We kind of went there thinking, 'Hey, we're thrilled to death to be in the Super Bowl.' The focus has to be on winning that game and not just being happy to be there."

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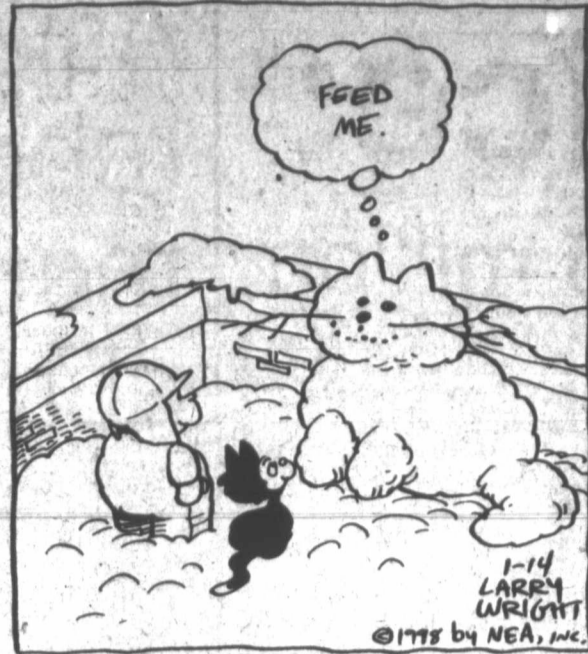
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At the box office:

'Titanic' makes more than \$20 million

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — *Titanic* has become a box office giant, earning more than \$20 million for a fourth straight weekend and nearly three times as much as its closest competitor.

The film could earn \$300 million at domestic theaters, and it faces no strong competition for several weeks. Its \$28.7 million take over the weekend was just a 14 percent drop from last weekend, when it enjoyed its single best day. The epic is also playing well overseas.

The only new film in national release, *Howie Long's Firestorm*, was sacked in its debut, finishing a distant seventh.

Good Will Hunting was popular in its first weekend of wide release, as was *Wag the Dog*. *Tomorrow Never Dies* passed \$100 million.

Kevin Costner's *The Postman* continued its meteoric crash, playing to nearly empty theaters. *Mr. Magoo* fell sharply.

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. *Titanic*, Paramount, \$28.7 million, 2,746 locations, \$10,458 average, \$197.9 million, four weeks.
2. *Good Will Hunting*, Miramax, \$10.3 million, 1,787 locations, \$5,742 average, \$19 million, six weeks.
3. *As Good As It Gets*, TriStar, \$9 million, 1,632 locations, \$5,523 average, \$54 million, three weeks.
4. *Wag the Dog*, New Line, \$7.8 million, 1,665 locations, \$4,672 average, \$9.7 million, three weeks.
5. *Tomorrow Never Dies*, MGM, \$7.5 million, 2,807 locations, \$2,685 average, \$103.4 million, four weeks.
6. *MouseHunt*, DreamWorks, \$4.6 million, 2,233 locations, \$2,061 average, \$45.8 million, four weeks.
7. *Firestorm*, 20th Century Fox, \$3.8 million, 2,037 locations, \$1,890 average, \$3.8 million, one week.
8. *Jackie Brown*, Miramax, \$3.7 million, 1,642 locations, \$2,276 average, \$33.4 million, three weeks.
9. *Scream 2*, Miramax, \$3.6 million, 2,332 locations, \$1,536 average, \$90.8 million, five weeks.

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Top weekend movies	
Weekend of Jan. 9-11, 1998	
All dollar figures in millions	
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1. <i>Titanic</i> , four weeks, 2,746 screens	\$28.7
2. <i>Good Will Hunting</i> , six weeks, 1,787 screens	\$10.3
3. <i>As Good As It Gets</i> , three weeks, 1,632 screens	\$9
4. <i>Wag the Dog</i> , three weeks, 1,665 screens	\$7.8
5. <i>Tomorrow Never Dies</i> , four weeks, 2,807 screens	\$7.5
6. <i>MouseHunt</i> , four weeks, 2,233 screens	\$4.6
7. <i>Firestorm</i> , one week, 2,037 screens	\$3.8
8. <i>Jackie Brown</i> , three weeks, 1,642 screens	\$3.7
9. <i>Scream 2</i> , five weeks, 2,332 screens	\$3.6
10. <i>Amistad</i> , five weeks, 773 screens	\$2.7

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

10. *Amistad*, DreamWorks, \$2.7 million, 773 locations, \$3,477 average, \$30.8 million, five weeks.
11. *An American Werewolf in Paris*, Disney, \$2.1 million, 1,659 locations, \$1,274 average, \$23.4 million, three weeks.
12. *Flubber*, Disney, \$2 million, 1,624 locations, \$1,225 average, \$85.6 million, seven weeks.
13. *The Boxer*, Universal, \$1.75 million, 464 locations, \$3,790 average, \$1.9 million, two weeks.
14. *Mr. Magoo*, Disney, \$1.74 million, 1,706 locations, \$1,025 average, \$17.9 million, three weeks.
15. *For Richer or Poorer*, Universal, \$1.5 million, 1,359 locations, \$1,100 average, \$26.6 million, five weeks.
16. *Home Alone 3*, 20th Century Fox, \$1.4 million, 1,431 locations, \$1,011 average, \$26.2 million, five weeks.
17. *Deconstructing Harry*, Fine Line, \$1.17 million, 445 locations, \$2,635 average, \$6.7 million, five weeks.
18. *The Postman*, Warner Bros., \$1.12 million, 1,722 locations, \$655 average, \$16.5 million, three weeks.
19. *Anastasia*, 20th Century Fox, \$855,000, 958 locations, \$892 average, \$54.2 million, nine weeks.
20. *L.A. Confidential*, Warner Bros., \$539,000, 304 locations, \$1,773 average, \$39 million, 17 weeks.

Asian markets rebound, dealers more positive about future

HONG KONG (AP) — Asia's turbulent financial markets showed continued signs of recovery today, moving sharply higher in Singapore and Hong Kong. Tokyo, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur and Manila markets also chalked up solid gains.

Singapore's stock exchange jumped 7.5 percent while Hong Kong's key index, which plunged to a three-year low Monday before recovering Tuesday, closed up 5.8 percent. Tokyo's Nikkei index rose 2.48 percent while the Japanese yen also gained against the U.S. dollar.

"Hopefully this is the end of the crisis," said Ng Wan-Yu, a 37-year-old teacher in Hong Kong.

Dealers in Singapore said optimism returned to Asia following Tuesday's meeting between a senior U.S. Treasury official, Lawrence Summers, and Indonesian President Suharto. Indonesia is among the East Asian countries worst-affected by the regional crisis.

Summers, dispatched to Asia by President Clinton, said Suharto promised "strong steps" to overcome his nation's economic problems. After meeting Suharto today, U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen also expressed confidence that Indonesia will regain its financial health and avert a potentially dangerous political upheaval.

The Indonesian president "is determined to put his country on a sound footing," Cohen said.

But the head of the International Monetary Fund, Michel Camdessus, said today that he wants a fresh commitment in writing from Indonesia to kick-start the nation's financial reforms.

He said he expects to sign a second letter of intent for such change in Jakarta on Thursday. The agreement would include incentives for Indonesia to proceed more rapidly with structural changes, he said without elaborating. Jakarta's market closed 5.7 higher today.

In Tokyo, Japanese currency traders encouraged by the rally on Asian markets bought the yen. The U.S. dollar dropped 1.67 yen, and at one point traded at 130.30 yen, its lowest level this year.

The Tokyo market was buoyed by perceptions that Japan's government may take further steps to boost the sagging economy, traders said.

In another positive development, militant labor unions in South Korea eased their tough stand and agreed to discuss layoffs with employers and politicians.

The agreement marked a breakthrough in weeks of efforts by President-elect Kim Dae-jung to resolve a crisis that pushed South Korea's once-mighty economy — 11th-largest in the world — to the brink of default.

Layoffs are a key condition of the IMF's \$57 billion bailout for Seoul. Labor unions had earlier refused even to discuss them.

Seoul's stock index soared 2.5 percent, propelled by strong overseas buying, analysts said. The smaller Manila market was 6 percent higher and Malaysia closed even stronger, up 6.5 percent.

Dealers in Singapore and Hong Kong also reported aggressive buying from the United States.

Taiwan's main stock index surged 3.8 percent, topping Tuesday's 1.9 percent rise. Wall Street's 1.1 percent overnight gain and the rebound in Asian stock markets boosted investor confidence, analysts said.

"The short-term mentality seems to be that happy days are here again," said James Templeton, senior international analyst for Taiwan International Securities Corp.

Soldiers given power to arrest looters

MONTREAL (AP) — With 1 million customers facing a second frigid week without power and overnight lows near zero, Quebec's electric workers are battling around the clock to replace 30,000 utility poles and 300 transmission towers destroyed by last week's ice storm.

Thousands of soldiers were deployed in the worst-hit regions, part of Canada's largest-ever peacetime army operation. The soldiers were given special arrest powers in an effort to convince holdout families not to fear break-ins if they evacuate homes that lost heat in the ice storm.

"They have become peace agents," Prime Minister Jean Chretien said Tuesday during a tour of so-called Blackout Triangle area south of Montreal, where power to 1 million people is not expected to be restored for one to two more weeks.

About 600,000 homes across southern Quebec and 65,000 in eastern Ontario remained without power today, nine days after the most destructive ice storm ever in Canada began pounding the region.

The provincial power company, Hydro-Quebec, warned customers throughout the stricken region that it planned rotating blackouts of up to six hours in areas with power in order to ease pressure on its system.

"We are in a crisis situation," said Elias Ghannoum, a Hydro-Quebec transmission-line specialist. "If everybody were to take all the power they needed, we would overload the lines and cut off everybody."

Though power has been restored to most households in Montreal and its immediate suburbs, more than 400,000 homes in about 100 towns to the south and east are expected to remain without electricity for one to two weeks while the transmission lines are repaired.

With nighttime temperatures near zero, and feeling colder with the wind chill, provincial and federal officials pleaded with holdout families in the so-called "Blackout Triangle" to find warmer quarters, either in community shelters or at private homes in areas with power.

"I urge my fellow citizens to take notice of the grave danger," Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard said Tuesday evening. "Please leave your homes if you have no heat. Please do not commit a mistake that could prove fatal."

Police and soldiers were instructed to go door-to-door in the Blackout Triangle, checking on residents and urging those in danger to evacuate.

More than 12,000 soldiers have been deployed to help with tree-clearing and relief operations in

the stricken areas. Their duties include providing security in evacuated neighborhoods.

The storm and subsequent power outage has been blamed for 16 deaths in eastern Ontario and southern Quebec, and has been an economic disaster for many businesses.

In the "Blackout Triangle," a Yoplait yogurt plant had to throw away 40,000 gallons of yogurt that was being produced when the power went out. IBM closed its 2,200-employee semi-conductor plant, which packages and tests most of the IBM chips made in North America.

In Montreal, universities, non-essential government agencies and most businesses complied with a Hydro-Quebec request to remain closed this week to conserve power. Coffee shops and book stores in the downtown core did open Tuesday, but customers were scarce, and many sidewalks were roped off by police because of the danger of falling ice.

Among the businesses going full tilt were Montreal's numerous strip joints and sex shops, and the Montreal Casino.

At Place-Ville-Marie, one of Montreal's biggest office towers, a shelter has been set up in vacant offices on the 38th floor, affording displaced people a spectacular view of the eastern half of the city and the St. Lawrence River.

The shelter accommodated as many as 400 people at the peak of the blackout. By Tuesday, its population was down to about 100, including Fay Shuster, an 80-year-old who needs a walker to get about and suffers from asthma.

"My daughter ordered me to come here on Saturday," she said. "I was thinking of it as bitter medicine, but I can't praise the volunteers here enough. They've been exceptionally kind."

Gunmen boldly rob campus registration line

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Police searched today for masked gunmen who killed a security guard and shot three other people while robbing a community college registration line.

The suspects, armed with assault-style weapons, escaped in a white, four-door sedan after the 6:45 p.m. Tuesday robbery at South Texas Community College, said

police spokesman Mitch Reinitz.

The men and a getaway driver were being sought early today.

Witnesses said the gunmen stormed into a classroom where registration was being held and demanded money. About 20 people were in the room, Reinitz said. It wasn't clear why the men started shooting.

"It was pretty scary. They came

in and pointed a gun at the guard and said 'This is a robbery,'" said a cashier who didn't want to be identified.

Javier Solis, a 30-year-old sophomore at the school, said he was about to walk into the building when the shooting started and several students ran out.

"I was scared," Solis told *The (McAllen) Monitor*. "I was so thankful to God that I was late for registration."

Despite witness statements that the shooting stemmed from a robbery, police wouldn't comment on a motive.

"We don't know if it's a target that they had or what," Reinitz said. "We're still continuing our investigation. We're trying to piece together everything that has occurred before we release anything else."

The dead security guard was a 32-year-old man from nearby La Joya, Reinitz said. Also wounded were two women from nearby San Juan, ages 19 and 27, and a 20-year-old Edinburg man, he said.

The two women were identified by family members as sisters Melissa and Mary Singleterry.

They were in critical condition after surgery at McAllen Medical Center, but both were expected to survive, said supervisor Rick Wecker. Melissa Singleterry, the 19-year-old, was shot in the arm and leg, while Mary Singleterry was hit in the abdomen.

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