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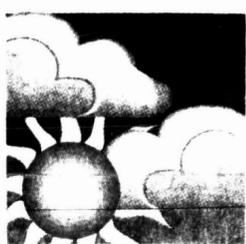
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High today is 65.
Low tonight is 40.
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Background gun checks underway

An instant check for gun buyers was anything but instant today as gun shops across the nation tried to comply with new national system of background checks.

Kelley Dewey, senior sales loan representative at EZ Pawn in Pampa, said he had been trying to get through for more than 30 minutes on a sale this morning. "We know what we have to do," he said. "We just can't get through."

The system, operated by the FBI and state governments, replaces the voluntary checks on handgun buyers conducted by state and local police and sheriffs that has been in place since 1993.

The Justice Department had long planned to set the system up and running on Nov. 30, the date set by the 1993 Brady Act, which established federal background checks for handgun purchases. But authorities said they expected some difficulties as they break in a new routine.

Dewey said his pawnshop had the phone number to call but still had not received the enrollment packets that the

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An estimated 12.4 million firearms of all kinds are sold each year in the United States. All will be covered now, plus another 2.5 million annual transactions — when an owner retrieves a firearm from a pawn shop.

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Cory Pell, store manager at EZ Pawn in Pampa, like many other gun dealers across the nation, spent a great deal of time on the telephone today trying to get through a flood of calls to one of two phone centers sent up by the FBI for instant background checks. Authorities said they expect difficulties as they start the new system which goes into effect today.

PAMPA — The Southside Senior Citizen's Center, 438 Crawford, is having its annual "bar-b-que" on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 11 a.m. until the food runs out. Carry out is available. It's \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Tickets are available at the center, 665-4765.

AREA — The Special Olympics of the Panhandle is looking for volunteer coaches for the following sports clinics: basketball, track, powerlifting, equestrian, volleyball, golf, softball, bowling, aquatics and gymnastics. For more information, call Sandy Duck, 806-374-7171.

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

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 9-18-26-38-42-43

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$10 million.

- Jean Douglas, 79, Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ member.
- Johnnie Moore Jones, Jr., 70, army veteran.
- C.O. 'Ned' Pryor, 83, Phillips Petroleum retiree.
- Fay Lorene Smith, 79, Mobeetic Gageby Baptist Church member.

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(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Four people were taken to Columbia Medical Center as a result of an accident Saturday afternoon between a 1988 Taurus driven by Thaddeus Carl Born, 19, Follett, and a 1987 LTD driven by George Muse Ford, 68, who was pulling off Highway 60 just east of the city to check his mailbox. Reports indicate that Born said something in his car distracted him. Ford and his wife Janice Ford, 60 were transported to Columbia Medical Center as were Julie Lynn Born, 18, and Kaleb Born, six months both of whom were in the Taurus. All were treated and released.

Vandals take out 27 windows

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Vandals damaged or destroyed windows in at least 27 locations over the weekend.

The weapon of destruction was apparently a BB gun according to police reports.

The incidents reportedly started sometime Saturday night although the exact time is not known.

Windows in both buildings and vehicles along north Hobart were affected. Police Lt. John Goess said initial damage estimates were running about \$18,200 for the weekend but reports were still being taken this morning with people, especially business owners, just discovering the damage.

There are no suspects at the present time and police are still investigating, according to Goess.

He asked that any citizens who might

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Rick Hall untangles a string of lights used Recreation Park this year for the Celebration of Lights. The park is open nightly from 6 to 11 p.m.

Corroded pipes reason for smell

Remedy comes after 3 inspections

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
& STAFF REPORTS

A corroded restroom pipe is the suspect of a bad smell that has plagued the Lamar Elementary campus off and on for the last year, according to Pampa ISD officials.

"We did everything to find it," Director of Facility Management Denver Bruner told school board members last week.

He and his office inspected the campus but didn't have any luck finding the bad odor until the third go-around, according to Bruner.

"During that last inspection, a T-pipe in an old vent in the restroom was found to be 'rusted out,'" said Bruner, and it took about a week to replace and clean out the piping.

The odor, which has been described by Lamar Principal Pat Farmer and district officials as an "intermittent odor" was reported not to be present in all parts of the building at all times.

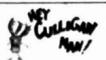
"It has been most prevalent in the office area, front hallways, and two classrooms," said Pampa ISD Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr.

"There are days when it's really bad, and days when we don't smell it at all," said Farmer.

The problem, which occurred numerous times last school year and recurred this school year, worsened during the time period of Nov. 5, 6 and 9. And it was during this time that Farmer received-

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

PRYOR, C.O. "Ned" — 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

JEAN DOUGLAS

Jean Douglas, 79, of Pampa, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 1998, at Panhandle. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Jean Douglas

Mrs. Douglas was born Aug. 16, 1919, at Hulen, Okla. She married James Douglas on Aug. 25, 1939, at Farmersville, Texas; he died in 1985. She had been a Pampa resident since 1979, moving from Shamrock. She was a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Alice Ann Bradshaw of Denton and Linda Thompson of Pampa; a sister, Gwen Foshee of Sunray; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

JOHNNIE MOORE JONES, JR.

FORT LYON, Colo. — Johnnie Moore Jones, Jr., 70, died Saturday, Nov. 28, 1998, at Fort Lyons Veterans' Hospital. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Jones was born Oct. 8, 1928, at Kirkland. He attended Hopkins #2 School, Pampa Junior High School and Pampa High School, graduating from Lefors High School at Lefors in 1948. He married Florene Williams in 1951. He worked for Phillips Petroleum Company in Pampa and Berger.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving Europe during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his father, Johnnie Moore "Cowboy" Jones; and by his mother, Leone Sears Jones.

Survivors include three sisters, Janis Cunningham of Perryton, Jolynn Cash of Pampa and Joyce Hutsell of Groom.

C.O. 'NED' PRYOR

C.O. "Ned" Pryor, 83, of Pampa, died Monday, Nov. 30, 1998, at Wichita Falls. Services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Pryor was born Dec. 29, 1914, at Farmersville, Texas. He had been a Pampa resident since 1936. He married Mary Louise Adams on Sept. 12, 1939, at Sayre, Okla. He was head of the instrument section for 47 years for Phillips Petroleum.

He was a Methodist and volunteered with area nursing homes since Coronado Nursing Home was built. He belonged to First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Ralph Pryor, Weldon Pryor and Theron Pryor.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Louise, of the home; two daughters, Martha Lee Conner of Wichita Falls and Lynne Pryor of Albuquerque, N.M.; a son, N. Franklin Pryor of Albuquerque; two sisters, Juanita Sidwell of Texline and Oleta Crider of Garland; six grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association.

FAY LORENE SMITH

MOBEETIE — Fay Lorene Smith, 79, died Saturday, Nov. 28, 1998, at Parkview Hospital in Wheeler. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church of Mobeetie with the Rev. Aaron Laverty, pastor of Gageby Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Smith was born March 9, 1919, at Jester, Okla., to William and Emily Thomas. She was a lifelong resident of Wheeler County, moving to the area at the age of 1 1/2. She married Venson Smith on Sept. 30, 1939, at Pampa; he died Nov. 7, 1998. The couple farmed and ranched. She was a member of Gageby Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, David Wayne Smith, in 1947.

Survivors include two daughters, Winnie Gilmer of Briscoe and Patricia Hand of Mobeetie; a brother, Bill Thomas of Burnett; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, November 28

Charlotte Phillips, 32, 104 S. Wells, was arrested on charges of injury to a child.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.

Terrorist threats were reported in the 1300 block of W. Kentucky.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hobart.

Burglary was reported in the 1600 block of W. Somerville.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Duncan.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of N. Christy.

Sunday, November 29

Terrorist threats were reported in the 1100 block of Prairie.

Monday, November 30

Olivia Garcia, 30, 935 Murphy, was arrested on warrants.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Purvaance.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, November 28

Paul Joseph Pond, 45, Cuchara, Colo., was arrested on charges of criminal mischief.

Phillip Daniel Littrell, 28, unknown, was arrested on charges of failure to appear and warrants.

Fires

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

Saturday, November 28

8:51 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on a Lifestar standby.

Sunday, November 29

10:02 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 1300 block of N. Coffee on a smoke scare.

1:21 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 600 block of N. Zimmers on arcing power lines.

Ambulance

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

Saturday, November 28

10:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of N. Frost and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

12:24 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to the 600 block of N. Frost.

2:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 1 mile east of loop 171 on Highway 60 and transported 2 to Columbia Medical Center.

2:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 1 mile east of loop 171 on Highway 60 and transported 2 to Columbia Medical Center.

Sunday, November 29

6:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Hamilton and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

8:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

1:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of N. Hobart and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department and DPS reported the following accidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, November 25

No charges were listed when a 1991 Mercury driven west on 23rd by Geraldine Martin Hawk, 76, Shamrock, collided with a 1970 Chevrolet pickup driven south on Hobart. Reports indicate both drivers stopped a four-way stop then entered the intersection. Hawk reported possible injuries.

Friday, November 27

An unknown hit and run driver hit and damaged two signs, trees and landscaping at the Presbyterian Church in the 500 block of Gray. No injuries were reported.

Saturday, November 28

Thaddeus Carl Born, 19, Follett, was cited for failure to control speed when his 1988 Ford Taurus rear-ended a 1987 LTD driven by George Muse Ford, 68, Pampa, who was pulling off Highway 60 just east of the city to check his mailbox. Reports indicate Born said something in his car distracted him. Ford and his wife Janice Ford, 60 were transported to Columbia Medical Center as were Julie Lynn Born, 18, and Kaleb Born, six months. All were treated and released.

Sunday, November 29

Robert A. Johnson, 66, 1841 Fir, was cited for failure to yield right of way when his 1995 Lincoln made a left turn from Kingsmill onto Ballard and was struck by a 1989 Ford pickup driven by Christopher Wayne Teakell, 21, 2108 Christine. A passenger in the Lincoln, Patricia Johnson, reported possible injuries.

Correction

Fran Morrison's name was incorrectly spelled on page 10 in yesterday's paper.

The "Opportunity Plan Inc." mentioned in yesterday's page one story is a scholarship fund open to all students who want to attend the college of their choice, not just WTAMU.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	2.69	dn 1/2
Milo	3.44	dn 1/2
Corn	3.74	dn 1/2
Soybeans	5.12	dn 3/8

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

Occidental	20 1/4	dn 7/8
Magellan	116.24	dn 3/4
Puritan	20.01	dn 1/4

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

Magellan	116.24	dn 3/4
Puritan	20.01	dn 1/4

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

Amoco	60 7/16	dn 9/16
Arco	67 3/4	dn 2 5/8
Cabot	37 3/16	up 1/8
Cabot O&G	15 13/16	dn 3/16
Chevron	83 5/8	dn 2
Coca-Cola	70 3/4	dn 15/16
Columbia/HCA	24 1/2	dn 1/8
Enron	53 11/16	dn 1/2
Halliburton	29 1/2	dn 1 5/8
IRI	3 15/16	dn 5/16
KNE	43 1/2	dn 3/8
Kerr McGee	39 11/16	dn 1 1/16
Limited	28 1/16	dn 3/8
McDonald's	71 3/4	dn 7/16
Phillips	43 1/16	dn 1 7/16
Pioneer Nat. Res.	13 15/16	dn 5/16
New Atmos.	30 3/4	dn 5/16
NCE	48 1/16	NC
Penney's	54 15/16	up 1
Phillips	43 1/16	dn 1 7/16
Pioneer Nat. Res.	13 15/16	dn 5/16
SLB	45	dn 3
Tenneco	35	dn 7/8
Texaco	59 1/16	dn 1 3/4
Ultrimar	27 13/16	dn 1/2
Wal-Mart	77	up 7/16
Williams	28 9/16	dn 9/16
New York Gold	294.70	dn 1/4
Silver	4.79	dn 1/4
West Texas Crude	11.00	dn 1/4

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Vandals

have knowledge of the incidents to call Crime

Stoppers at 669-2222. There is no need for callers to identify themselves and callers could be eligible for cash rewards.

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Guns

Problems also are expected because December is the busiest month of the year for gun sales — hunting seasons coincide with Christmas buying.

To prepare, the FBI hired and

began training 513 people in West Virginia to handle its share of the work, set up two telephone centers through a contractor and sent teams to brief the nation's 106,000 gun dealers and pawnshop owners.

Federal law bans gun purchases by people convicted or under indictment for felony charges,

fugitives, the mentally ill, those with dishonorable military discharges, those who have renounced U.S. citizenship, illegal aliens, illegal drug users and those convicted of domestic violence misdemeanors or who are under domestic violence restraining orders. State laws add other categories.

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-the most complaints.

"In addition, a local physician wrote me a letter stating his concern," said Orr.

Responding to a question concerning the possible need for the removal of children from the facility, Orr said, "The district, through Bruner, consulted with the Department of Public Health regarding the sewer gas odor, and based on that

consultation with that department, we did not believe there to be a health hazard present."

Farmer said she has never felt as though the problem has been ignored.

"I'm very satisfied with everything being done to get it stopped," she said.

"We believe at this time that the corroded restroom pipe was the major source of the odor and that has been repaired," Orr said. "We will continue to monitor this situation and take whatever steps are necessary to correct it."

Judge ordered removed from Neville murder trial

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The judge was removed today from the Fort Worth capital murder trial of Robert Neville Jr., who is accused of abducting and killing a mentally retarded woman.

Defense attorneys objected to state District Judge James Wilson after he told reporters last week that Neville and a co-defendant "are not the brightest

apples on the tree." Neville's attorneys argued that Wilson was biased against their client.

The trial is now expected to proceed as scheduled with state District Judge Harry Hopkins overseeing the case.

A hearing on pre-trial motions was set for this afternoon.

A decision on whether to move the trial out of Tarrant County because of extensive

news coverage could come Tuesday.

Neville and Michael Hall are charged with abducting and killing Amy Robinson, 19, of Arlington, who was found dead in a remote area of Fort Worth.

In a televised interview, Neville and Hall admitted that they killed Miss Robinson for kicks.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

PAMPA CHESS CLUB
The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at Yummie's Pizza in the Pampa Mall at 7:30 p.m. We offer casual yet competitive games, free instruction, and a quarterly newsletter. For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

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

CHILDREN'S THEATER CLASSES
The Gem Theater will be holding Fall acting classes for children ages 6-12 at 4:30 p.m. at the Gem Theater. The cost of the course is \$45 and will be limited to 15 children. For more informa-

tion or any questions call Dr. Carale Manning-Hill at 944-5383.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER FOR WOMEN
Tralee Crisis Center for Women is offering an in-house support group for victims of family violence. Meetings will be Tuesday's from 11 a.m.-12 noon and on Thursday's from 7-8 p.m. For more information call (806) 669-1131. All calls are kept confidential.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
The Lovett Memorial Library is presenting a Pre-School Story Hour every Tuesday at 10 a.m. This story hour is for children aged 3 to 5 years old. The story takes place at the Lovett Memorial Library which is now located at Baker Elementary School at 300 E. Tuke. Schedules are available at the library and if parents have any questions, they can call Shanala Brookshire at 669-5780.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STARS
Order of the Eastern Stars will have a salad supper Dec. 1 for our Deputy at 6:30 p.m. All officers need to make plans on being there and wear your dresses. Members are urged to be there and support her, everyone should bring a dish.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Sunny today with a high of 65 and a north to northwest wind around 10 to 20 mph becoming 5 to 15 later this afternoon. Tonight, mostly clear with a low of 40 and a light and variable wind. Tuesday, mostly sunny with a high of 70 and a southwest wind of 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday and Thursday, mostly cloudy with a good chance of showers and a high of 60-65. Yesterday, we almost got a 1/4 inch of rain and the high was 51 while the low this morning was 43.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Monday, a 20 percent chance of rain early. Becoming partly cloudy with a high 55 to 60. 3 to 5 day forecast, Tuesday, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs around 70. Low Rolling Plains — Monday, mostly sunny and cooler. Highs 55-60. Monday night, clear. Lows 35-40. Extended forecast, Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs mainly in the 60s. Permian Basin and Upper Trans Pecos — Monday, mostly sunny and cooler. Highs in the mid to upper 60s. Monday night, clear. Lows near 40. Extended forecast, Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs near 70. Concho Valley and Edwards Plateau — Monday, morning showers possible, becoming partly cloudy and cooler. Highs in the mid to upper 60s. Monday night, clear. Lows in the 40s. Extended forecast,

Tuesday, mostly sunny. Lows 40-45. Highs upper 60s to mid 70s. Far West Texas — Monday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 60s. Monday night, fair. Lows 35-40. Guadalupe Mountains and Big Bend Area — Monday, mostly sunny and cooler. High from the lower 60s mountains to the lower 70s along the rio grande. Monday night, fair. Lows lower 30s to mid 40s. Extended forecast, Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs from the 60s mountains to the lower 70s along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Monday, mostly sunny west. Cloudy with a chance of rain central and east. Highs 61 to 66. Extended forecast, Monday night, clear west. Rain ending with decreasing cloudiness central and east. Lows 45 west to 55 east. Tuesday, sunny west and central, partly cloudy east. Mild with highs of 70 to 75.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Monday, mostly cloudy with scattered morning showers south central. Partly cloudy hill country. Highs in the 70s. Monday night, becoming mostly clear and cool. Lows in the 50s south central, 40s hill country. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Monday, cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in the 70s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Monday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, except decreasing cloudiness across the Rio Grande plains.

Highs in the mid to upper 70s. Monday night, becoming clear. Lows in the 50s Rio Grande plains and crossroads area, 60 to 65 coastal bend. Extended forecast, Tuesday, Clear and cooler. Highs in the 70s. Deep South Texas — Monday, partly cloudy with a slight chance for showers or thunderstorms. Highs around 80. Monday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance for showers. Lows in the lower 60s, mid 60s coast. Extended forecast, Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs around 80.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Monday, mostly sunny and warmer west and south. Partly cloudy northeast. Highs mid 40s to mid 50s mountains and northwest with upper 50s to lower 70s lowlands south. Monday night, clear skies. Lows teens and 20s mountains and northwest with mostly 30s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Monday, partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of showers, mainly in the morning. Cooler with highs upper 50s to mid 60s. Monday night, mostly clear and cooler. Lows upper 30s to upper 40s. Extended forecast, Tuesday, mostly clear. Highs in the 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s and highs upper 60s to lower 70s. Thursday, partly cloudy and not as warm. Lows mid 40s to lower 50s but highs from near 50 northwest Oklahoma to mid 60s near the Red River.

City briefs

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ROLANDA'S JUST Received Christmas Melange oil and more scents. Adv.

PATRICK BRONNER'S family would like to express thanks to the lady who baked the Choc. Chip Bundt cake. In all the confusion, we failed to get a name. Please reply, so we can thank you properly. 665-4218. Adv.

COLLECTING FOR Meals on Wheels Garage sale, 669-1007. Adv.

White Deer Buck Band



White Deer Buck Band of White Deer recently recognized organizations and corporations for support and monetary donations towards the purchase of an equipment trailer for the band's use. Left-right: Tom Stamp of Cabot Corp., Marion Bilderback of White Deer Lions Club, Anna Lewis of Celanese Ltd., Laura Adams, Teresa Britten and Dylann Dempsey, all members of White Deer Band Boosters Club, Mark Haiduk and Barry Metcalf of First Methodist Church of Panhandle, and Matt Daily, White Deer Buck band director. (Special photo)

Keeping an eye on Texas

DECEMBER FESTIVALS

Holiday fun all around Texas
Cultural diversity and imagination spark events and festivals throughout the state.

1. Presidio: Desert Survival Workshop, Dec. 18-20, 915/229-3416
2. Del Rio: Winter Visitor, 806/742-0498
3. Odessa: "First Night," Dec. 31, 915/335-4684
4. New Braunfels: Wassailfest, Dec. 3, 830/608-2100
5. Castroville: Old Fashioned Christmas, Dec. 5, 830/538-3142
6. Johnson City: "Timeless Christmas in Johnson City," Dec. 19, 830/668-7128
7. Seguin: Alamo La Bahia Comdor Pony Express Ride, Dec. 5, 800/580-7322
8. Amarillo: Farm and Ranch Show, Dec. 1-3, 806/378-4297
9. Lubbock: Ranching Heritage Center Candlelight, Dec. 11-12, 806/742-0498
10. San Angelo: Christmas at Old Fort Concho, Dec. 4-6, 915/657-4441
11. La Porte: "Battle Stations 1944" Dec. 5-6, 281/479-2431
12. Galveston: Dickens on the Strand, Dec. 5-6, 409/763-4311
13. Arlington: Asian Nations' Holiday Cabaret, Dec. 4, 817/469-9999
14. Ennis: Czech Heritage/Polka Christmas, Dec. 5, 888/366-4748
15. Farmers Branch: Dickens in the Park, Dec. 12, 972/919-2620
16. Nacogdoches: Nine Flags Christmas Festival, Dec. 4-6, 409/564-6178
17. Cleveland: Community Christmas and Parade, Dec. 5, 281/592-8786
18. Coldspring: Christmas on the Square/Jingle Bell Classic Run, Dec. 12, 409/653-2184
19. Mercedes: Winter Texan Reception, Dec. 1, 956/565-2221
20. McAllen: La Fiesta de Navidad, Dec. 3-6, 959/686-7160

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Department of Transportation.

IRS: \$844,412 refunds unclaimed

DALLAS — A total of 3,279 North Texans have a pleasant surprise from the IRS this holiday season. The IRS has been unable to deliver \$844,412.51 in tax refunds to North Texas residents. The smallest refund check is a \$1. The biggest undeliverable check is \$58,741. Nationwide, nearly 99,042 taxpayers have yet to receive their 1996 refunds which total about \$68 million. These refunds were returned by the post office because they were unable to deliver them. Many taxpayers move and do not give the IRS their new address or their returns have an incorrect name and address. "Taxpayers could eliminate the possibility of lost, stolen or undeliverable refunds by electing Direct Deposit," said North Texas District Director Glenn Henderson. Direct Deposit is easier than ever — just two extra lines to complete on the tax form. This year, almost 19.2 million taxpayers avoided problems by having their refund checks deposited directly into their bank accounts. In addition, taxpayers can avoid delays in getting their refunds by sending IRS their new address on Form 8822, Change of Address, when they move. Although thousands of refunds are not delivered each year, that number is small compared to the refunds that are delivered. Last filing season, 82.8 million refunds were delivered with each averaging \$1,298 each. North Texans who have not received their tax refund check yet, can call 1-800-829-1040.

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National Archives cuts Nixon tapes

By DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — For two decades, President Nixon's White House tapes have been preserved and protected in a cold storage vault at the National Archives. Now, technicians are slicing them up with a razor blade.

Not that they want to. A judge ordered the archives to cut out personal, private and some political conversations from the 3,280 hours of conversations the public still hasn't heard.

"This tape has the consistency of thick Saran Wrap," says Dick McNeill, supervisory audio visual specialist for the Nixon presidential materials project. "Your audio cassette is twice the thickness of what we're dealing with."

Nixon discusses his daughter Tricia's Rose Garden wedding. Snip. Nixon plans a political campaign trip. Snip. Family

members talk about their health, or one another. Snip. Snip. All together, 820 hours of tape are being cut — about a fourth of the total volume.

"After all these years of protecting the tapes, it was really a traumatic moment to actually begin cutting them," says Sharon Fawcett, deputy assistant archivist for presidential libraries.

It's delicate, tedious work that will cost \$600,000 and take at least six years.

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McNeill and three white-gloved technicians work in a secure, windowless room on the ground floor of the archives. They listen, cut and splice for three or four hours at a time — that's about as long as anyone can keep at it. Some days, they hear a Nixon tirade or National Security Adviser Henry Kissinger's low-toned drones on foreign policy. Other days, they get an earful of someone vacuuming the Oval Office.

There are no transcripts, only conversation logs cued with the first and last words of talk to edit out. A stopwatch and calculator are used to fast forward the tape on reel-to-reel recorders like those used in the Nixon White House in the early 1970s.

The tape experts mark the beginning and end of each edit with a special archival pen. Then they slide the tape off the machine, thread it into a splicing block and cut it with a razor blade.

"You have to hold it firmly and make a really fast, firm cut," Ms. Fawcett says.

Nixon secretly tape recorded conversations for 2 1/2 years.

In the Oval Office, five microphones were installed in the president's desk and two in wall lamps by the fireplace. They were stowed under the table in the Cabinet Room, at the Camp David presidential retreat and in Nixon's hideaway office at the Old Executive Office Building. Recorders also were wired to various phones, including one in the Lincoln Sitting Room, where Nixon liked to make calls in the evening and listen to classical music.

The government seized all the tapes when Nixon resigned in 1974.

In all, there are 3,700 hours of conversation. That's enough tape to stretch 324 miles, or farther than Washington to New York. To hear them all, a person would have to listen to them eight hours a day, five days a week for nearly two years.

Over the years, about 420 hours of tape related to Nixon's resignation have been released. The most famous snippet is the "smoking gun" conversation recorded six days after the Watergate break-in, in which Nixon instructs chief of staff H.R. Haldeman to tell the FBI: "Don't go any further into this case, period."

All along, Nixon's estate has been trying to gain custody of the personal and private conversations, as the Supreme Court ordered in the 1970s. And last spring, the U.S. Court of Appeals ordered the archives to comply.

A full copy of the tapes, including the personal and private sec-

tions, has been offered to the Nixon estate. The archives also will offer the estate any cuttings from the original tape, but those flimsy wisps likely will be destroyed, Ms. Fawcett says.

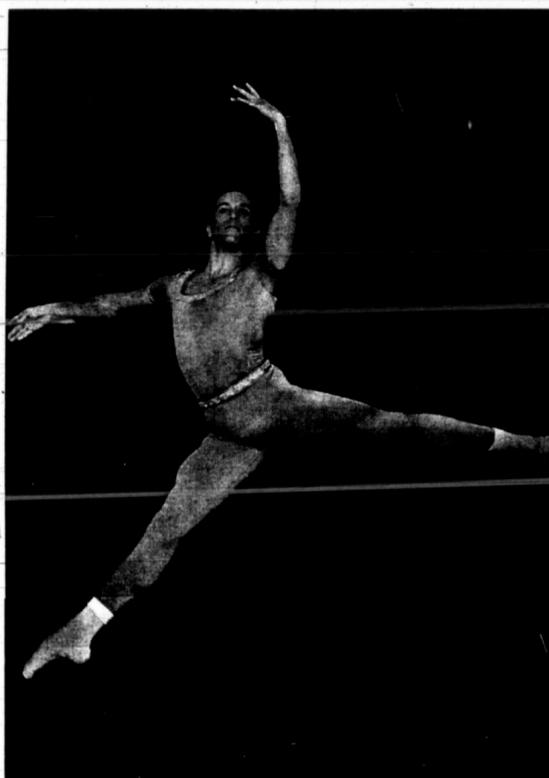
Using guidelines, archivists and the Nixon estate agree on what is personal, private or purely political. Sometimes just a word or two is cut. Other times, an entire conversation must go. An estimated 17,000 edits will be made.

It's not always easy to find them. While Nixon's deep, distinctive

voice is easily recognizable, he had a habit of repeating himself, which makes it hard for technicians to find the exact words.

Told not to discuss specifics of what they hear on the tapes, the technicians appear adept at letting words go in one ear and out the other. McNeill says he's not tempted to go home and share Nixon's private ramblings.

"I don't know about your household, but there's not too much burning interest in Dick Nixon in mine," McNeill says.



Cornel Crabtree



Dana Lewis

PCB 'The Nutcracker' to include guest artists Cornel Crabtree and Dana Lewis

Pampa Civic Ballet will present its 27th annual production of "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 in M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. The cast will include Brianna Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Bailey of Pampa, as Clara, and Jessie Parsley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Parsley of Pampa, as the Nutcracker/Prince. Dana Lewis and Cornel Crabtree will be the featured performing guest artists of the production.

Lewis, principal in Ballet Austin, was born in Parkersburg, W. Va. She moved to Houston as a child and trained with Rudy Jenkins' Ballet School and Houston Ballet Academy. At 16, she earned a full scholarship with the School and American

Ballet in New York. Three years later she was invited to join the New York City Ballet.

Her career has included four years with the New York City Ballet, two years with the New World Ballet of Caracas and eight years with the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater before joining Ballet Austin in 1991 where she is under the direction of Lambros Lambrou.

Noted for uncommon speed, soaring leaps and a clean, crisp style of dancing, Lewis has been a guest artist with Berlin Opera, Miami Conservatory Ballet, Riverside Festival in New York and Ballet Gala in Kitakyushu, Japan. She has danced over 50 classical and contemporary principal roles.

Crabtree, principal guest artist with Pacific Northwest Ballet, was born at Tripoli, Libya. He began dancing at 14 and earned scholarships to San Francisco Ballet School and School of American Ballet in New York. In 1980, he became a member of NYC Ballet, dancing principal roles including Balanchine's "Serenade," "The Nutcracker" and Jerome Robbins' "Goldberg Variations." He performed "The Black Swan Pas De Deux" with Valentina Kozlova in Athens during "The Stars Shine for the Acropolis."

He attained the title role in the Irish National Ballet's production "Oscar" in 1989, and, in 1990, performed "White Swan Pas De Deux" with Darci Kistler

at the National Theater in Taiwan. He served as a principal dancer with Miami City Ballet from 1990-92, and, more recently, danced with Valentina Kozlova's tour program "Darling," performing "La Sylphide" with American Ballet Theatre's Christina Fagundes along with Margo Sappington's "Cobras in the Moonlight" and "Jazzmania."

Tickets to "The Nutcracker," to be sold at the door, are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. For ticket information, call (806) 669-6361. Advance tickets are available at Beaux Arts Dance studio, Kids Stuff or may be purchased from any of the dancers of the Civic Ballet. Second graders will be admitted free of charge.

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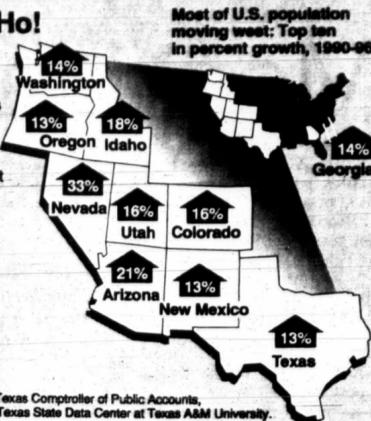


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Keeping an eye on Texas

Westward Ho!

As the U.S. population moved West from 1990 through 1996, Texas was among the top ten states in population growth. Texas grew the most in numerical terms, adding 2,141,929 to the state's population.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, U.S. Census Bureau and Texas State Data Center at Texas A&M University.

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Japanese banks rush to restructure in effort to counter tide of red ink

HANAKOGANEI, Japan (AP) — The nets are still strung across the tennis courts and the grass is neatly-trimmed on the soccer fields.

But the outdoor loudspeakers at this suburban Tokyo sports facility built by the Long Term Bank of Japan Ltd. fell silent months ago. The clock on the clubhouse, closed since March, is frozen at 2:50 p.m.

For more than two decades, elite bank employees and their families gathered here to hobnob. Then the bank, a pillar of the Japanese financial establishment, collapsed.

Now in the process of nationalization, the bank is restructuring and selling off everything it can to raise cash — including its avant-garde headquarters in central Tokyo and numerous recreational facilities.

After a long period of denial, Japan's banks are now coming to terms with a mountain of uncollectable loans that has pushed many to the brink of insolvency, hamstringing the economy and eroded Japan's standing in the international community.

The moves they are taking are dramatic: —Over the next three years, Japan's nine largest banks plan to slash about 18,600 jobs, or 15 percent of their total workforce, and close around one-fifth of their domestic offices.

—Already, 16 of the country's top banks have applied for as much as \$47.2 billion from a pool of public funds to be used to bolster depleted capital reserves.

The money was earmarked as part of recently passed legislation authorizing a total of \$490 billion to stabilize the banking system. — Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd., the country's largest bank, says it will sell its prominent headquarters building in downtown Tokyo and auction off a block of shares in its San Francisco, Calif.-based unit, UnionBank Cal Corp.

The slash-and-burn tactics are all the more staggering given the fact that Japan's banks have long prided themselves on their global reach and status as world-class lenders.

But the situation is so bad that some analysts say the industry's restructuring is not enough. They argue the government bailout simply puts terminally ill institutions on a futile and publicly-financed life-support system.

"The problem is that they are not changing the basic flaws," said Alicia Ogawa, a financial

analyst in the Tokyo office of Salomon Smith Barney. "I see really nothing changed," she said, "except maybe that the Japanese taxpayer is ... poorer."

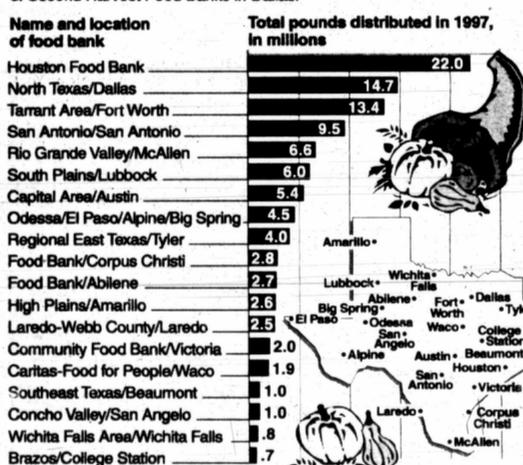
The cutbacks fail to address a key problem: too many banks

chasing after too few yen. The solution, some experts say, is to let weak banks go bust and encourage others to specialize in niche areas instead of offering the unprofitable smorgasbord of services they do now.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Food banks share Texas' bounty

Non-profit shelters, emergency food pantries and churches received more than 100 million pounds of food for hunger relief in Texas in 1997. The distribution of donated food and grocery products to numerous food banks throughout the state is coordinated by the Texas Association of Second Harvest Food Banks in Dallas.



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'Mom vans' providing prenatal care

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a large truck parked in one of the nation's poorer neighborhoods, Angel Brooks gazes ahead while a nurse prods her belly in search of tiny heartbeats.

The examining room is cramped. Posters urging safe sex, good nutrition and responsible parenting crowd the walls. On the other side of a folding door, other health workers are counseling a new mother.

It's a "mom van," a prenatal care truck that visits communities with high infant mortality rates to offer pregnant women free basic health screenings, counseling and encouragement.

In Texas, the vans are being used at Dallas, Fort Worth,

Galveston and Houston. The people at Healthy Start, part of the federal government,

Control and Prevention. It is now at 7.1 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, a 3 percent decline from

teen-age pregnancy are common, it's even higher — 17.4 in 1996. Even that is an improvement

The national infant mortality rate continues to drop, according to preliminary 1997 statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is now at 7.1 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, a 3 percent decline from 1996.

figured that if women weren't getting early prenatal care, then prenatal care would come to them.

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1996. But the black infant mortality rate was almost twice that at 13.7, although still a 7 percent drop from 1996.

And in the predominantly black neighborhood where Brooks lives, where poverty and

from 22.2 deaths per 1000 births in 1991, when Healthy Start first came to Washington and 14 other cities as an experimental new program to lower the infant mortality rate where it was highest.

Healthy Start has now expand-

ed to include over 70 local programs across the United States and has \$105 million in federal grants for 1999, administered by the Department of Health and Human Services. Local and private money also help support the programs.

"Even though our infant mortality rates are going down, the disparity may suggest that we are not meeting the needs of certain members of our community," said Dr. Thurma McCann Goldman, national director of Healthy Start.

Brooks, an 18-year-old high school senior, had just discovered she was pregnant the week before — five months pregnant, with twins.

"I wasn't this big last week," she insisted, long braided hair falling over her face.

Brooks was searching for public housing when a D.C. Healthy Start resource parent urged her to stop by the mom van. An hour later, she shyly stepped into the large green and white truck with a friend.

"When I found out I was having twins I got real nervous," Brooks said. "I was shocked, but my family wasn't. They guessed I might be pregnant." She put two baby cups and T-shirts in a plastic bag filled with pamphlets about staying healthy.

Once pregnant women have signed up, nurses and counselors help them make doctor appointments, give them rides to the doctor and check to make sure they're eating healthy foods and not smoking, drinking or taking drugs.

Only a few Healthy Start programs have mom vans, but com-

munities that do have found them helpful. Even then, signing women up can be challenging.

"You literally have to stay on top, run people down. They tell you they want the services and when we bring them out, they don't show up in the numbers we're expecting," said Twana Fortune Jones, who helps run D.C. Healthy Start. She spoke while roaming the streets in search of prospective clients.

"Hey, are you pregnant? We've got free screenings at the mom van down there," Jones said to one woman, pointing to the truck down the street.

"Who, me?" the woman shouted back over her shoulder, laughing.

Healthy Start administrators say their biggest challenge is narrowing the gap in infant mortality rates between the races. And the program's success has not yet been determined.

McCann Goldman serves on a group studying racial disparities in maternal and infant care, which will report to HHS Secretary Donna Shalala when complete.

A preliminary study of the program in the original 15 cities showed little or no impact from 1992 to 1994, but federal officials said it was too early to draw conclusions and prevented researchers from releasing the data last year. A complete national study is not expected until 1999.

"We really need to tailor our research programs to look at what role the disparity plays in infant deaths," McCann Goldman said. "We have no definitive answers as of yet."

Kid's briefs

Smart snacks help teens get needed calcium

HOUSTON — Keeping the kitchen stocked with great-tasting, high-calcium snacks can help busy teens get plenty of bone-building calcium in their diet.

"Because adolescence is a key period for bone development, we are very concerned that fewer than one in five teenage girls and only one in two teenage boys get enough calcium in their diet," said Dr. Steven Abrams, associate professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine and a research scientist at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center.

Abrams recommends stocking you in boxes of calcium-fortified juice, frozen tubes of ready-to-eat yogurt or frozen low-fat dairy bars, calcium-fortified cereal bars, and cartons of low-fat plain of chocolate milk to tempt teens on the go. "Look for foods with product labels showing at least 10 percent of the daily value of calcium per serving," he said. A daily value for calcium of 10 percent translates into 100 mg. of calcium per serving.

Teens 9 to 18 years old are advised to consume 1,300 mg. of calcium per day, or the equivalent of four and one-third cups of milk or four cups of calcium-fortified orange juice.

Look for key symptoms to decide whether kids should stay home

HOUSTON — How can parents tell if their child is too sick to go to school?

Dr. Jane Corboy of Houston's Baylor College of Medicine said any of the following symptoms can warrant staying home:

- A fever of 100.5 degrees or higher;
- A rash that might be contagious;
- Vomiting.

"If going to school might endanger the child's health or make other students sick, parents should keep the child at home," said

Corboy, assistant professor of family and community medicine. "Usually it will be obvious the child feels so bad that he or she would not be able to pay attention in school."

If the child complains of headaches and stomach aches, which are hard to verify by observation, Corboy recommends that parents look for additional symptoms, such as a pale or flushed face or a low energy level, to confirm the child isn't just trying to play hooky.

Children in shopping carts require special attention

HOUSTON — Unattended shopping carts can be hazardous to your child's health.

"We've seen kids with broken arms and collarbones and infants with skull fractures resulting from falling out of shopping carts onto a concrete floor," said Dr. Joan Shook, a pediatrician at Baylor

College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. "During the holiday season, it's not uncommon to see several injuries of this nature each week, because more people are shopping and there are plenty of displays to distract their attention from the shopping cart. But the good news is that these accidents can easily be prevented."

Shook recommends the following precautions to shoppers with children:

- Buckle or strap infants in the shopping-cart seat. Tug on the strap or buckle to ensure it is fastened securely.
- Don't leave carts with kids in them unattended. It takes only a few seconds for accidents to occur.
- Don't allow kids to stand in the cart. If they try to reach something on a shelf from inside the cart, the cart can become unbalanced and tip over.
- Remind children who are pushing carts not to run, they could collide with other carts or crash into store shelves, causing merchandise to fall onto infants in the cart.

Sex hormones shape the brain, researchers say

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sex hormones can influence brain development in the young, memory in the old and may explain why young men tend to develop neurological problems like autism and dyslexia while older women suffer from depression and anxiety, scientists say.

"We are recognizing with some surprise the extent to which the brain responds" to sex steroids, said Douglas Meinecke of the National Institute of Mental Health in Washington. "These hormones — testosterone, progesterone and estrogen — have profound effects on the brain and the brain is profoundly responsive."

Meinecke discussed the role of sex hormones in development and aging recently at the Society for Neuroscience annual meeting.

Researchers hope the hormones can be used to fend off the ravages of aging and disease. Already, estrogen replacement therapy has been observed to protect older women against Alzheimer's disease.

Nancy Forger, a psychologist at the University of Massachusetts, said she's found that sex hormones can prevent cell death.

Men have more motor neurons in their spinal cords that govern muscles attached to the penis, she found. The neurons are found both in men and women before birth; however, in the absence of male hormones, the neurons degenerate in females.

Ms. Forger is trying to learn how male hormones save these cells and understand the role of proteins that regulate growth and survival of neurons.

• Margaret McCarthy, a physiologist at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, suggested that early exposure to male hormones can create permanent brain changes.

Testosterone levels in rats are as high in development as they're going to be in adulthood, she said. Giving a female rat testosterone creates "a male brain never to be switched back."

Similarly, if testosterone-producing organs are removed from the male rat, he ends up with a "female brain," she said.

Only male reproductive organs produce sex hormones during development, she said. Female sex organs, which produce estrogen, are inactive until later.

"As far as we know, it is also true for humans," Ms. McCarthy said. Asked about male and female

brain differences, she noted that boys suffer from more neurological disorders than girls. They're more likely to have schizophrenia, autism and dyslexia, while girls are more likely to suffer neurological illnesses later in life such as major depression, anxiety disorders, panic disorders or eating disorders.

"This hormonal difference early in life may set up a situation that more easily goes awry and explains why boys are more susceptible at an early age," she said.



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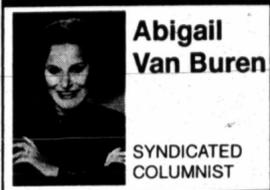
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Readers Exchange Promising Gift Suggestions for Seniors

DEAR READERS: Yesterday I printed my annual column with suggestions for holiday gifts for seniors. Today I'm printing some of the feedback I've received on the subject from readers:



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creatively. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Every year you devote at least one column to holiday gift suggestions for seniors. I would like to tell you what my siblings and I have given my widowed father that seemed to please him.

One year we presented him with a round-trip ticket to visit his sister. Another year we bought tires for his car — each of us gave him one tire so that he had to visit all our homes to collect his gift. We all enjoyed those visits.

Another gift he appreciated was full payment for one doctor's visit, plus the medication prescribed that day. We have presented him with eyeglasses, dentures and countless items for his kitchen, bath, bedroom or living room — mostly supplies — but sometimes "luxury" items.

Each year Dad brags about our gifts at the seniors center where he and his friends socialize, so we know our choices are good ones.

CHERYL MELENDEZ
 IN WISCONSIN

DEAR CHERYL: Every year readers ask me what to give to seniors who are living on fixed incomes. Thank you for your practical suggestions. I'm sure they'll inspire others to think

DEAR ABBY: Last year my nephew asked my sister what he could give her for Christmas. His finances were tight and he couldn't afford an expensive gift. She reminded him how much she loves a clean car and suggested that he "give" her a car wash once a month for a year. Actually, the gift served two purposes. Not only was her car kept clean, she also was guaranteed a visit once a month.

Abby, most of us seniors don't need more jewelry or knickknacks, but we can always use a helping hand — and a visit from our "kids."

BARBARA M. BUTLER,
 BOWIE, MD.

DEAR ABBY: Around the holidays, you always print a list of items that seniors need more than dusting powder and knickknacks. May I suggest a prepaid calling card? With this, they can keep in touch with friends and family without running up their phone bill.

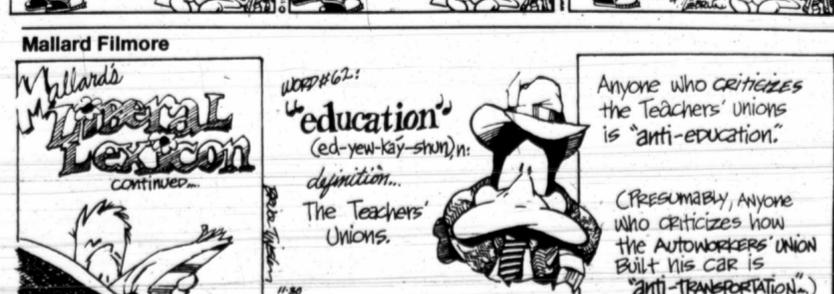
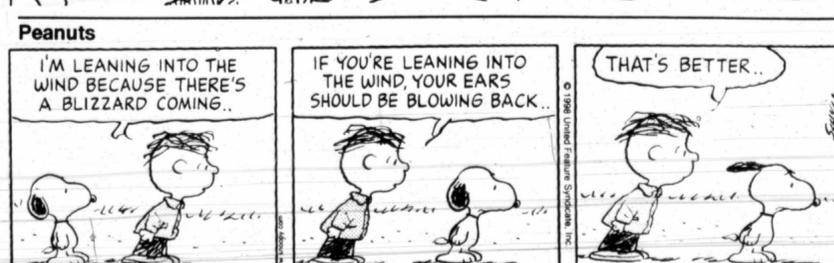
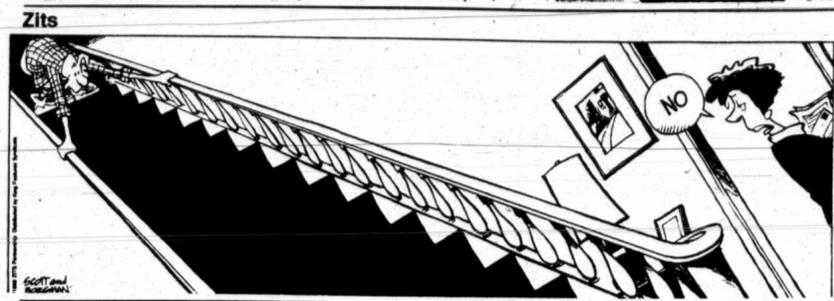
RICHARD S. ROMBOM,
 WHEELING, ILL.

DEAR ABBY: With the holiday shopping season upon us, I'd like to share a gift idea with your readers. "Eco-gifts" save energy or create little or no waste. Some practical eco-gifts include low-flow showerheads, rechargeable flashlights, fire extinguishers, or tickets to a play or movie. Another eco-saving idea is to reduce or eliminate gift wrapping. (Christmas is the biggest garbage collection week of the year.) Readers who are seniors who wonder what to give to the younger generation should also consider "eco-gifts" — savings bonds, music, dance or other lessons — or even a new experience such as a train ride.

PROFESSOR MARIE S. HAMMER,
 HOUSING/HOME ENVIRONMENT,
 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

DEAR BARBARA, RICHARD AND PROFESSOR HAMMER: Thanks for the excellent suggestions. May I also add a few more? Cold weather dominates the holiday season, so perhaps some jogging outfits would be welcome because they are warm and comfortable. And while I'm on the subject of the winter chill, a check toward some of the heating bills would also be a terrific gift. Ho-ho-ho!

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Horoscope

TUESDAY, DEC. 1, 1998

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Negotiate a financial deal. Listening to a mate's idea adds to your stability. Unexpected developments in a key project affect a friendship. You might not know the whole story, but you can count on a partner to come through for you. Tonight: Use your money instincts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Bosses initiate unexpected changes, but you can regroup and make headway all the same. A partner comes to the rescue with excellent solutions. You realize how important this person is to you. Seek fulfillment. Friends will back you. Tonight: Go for what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Don't make any assumptions. Many things cause you to wonder. Start investigating a story that simply doesn't sound valid. Much more is going on than appears on the immediate horizon. An associate exposes you to a different point of view. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your abilities to draw others and mobilize a partner remain key to furthering a project. Someone who

is usually defiant comes around because of a discussion with you. Nurture yourself and others. Make an appointment for a checkup. Tonight: Be with your friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Accept the limelight. Others turn to you for answers. You get upset when your pace is thrown off. If single, a flirtation could be heating up. Be sure you want it. A partner comes through for you financially. You are in better shape than you realize. Tonight: Ask for help if needed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Take an overview. Your nerves could become frayed if you let yourself get too detail-oriented. Think through a decision involving a partner who means well; let him pitch in and help you with a project. Make calls, and seek other views. Plan a vacation. Tonight: Browse through favorite stores.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ One-to-one relating remains your strong suit. Unexpected developments with a child or loved one upset you. Keep communications open, even though you might not like what you hear. Dig into work. Concentrating helps you relax. Tonight: Live it up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Let others call the shots. Don't involve yourself in a messy situation. Ease up on a roommate or family member. Consider your needs when making a monetary decision. No one but you controls your budget. Remember that! A new love interest

delights you. Tonight: Find where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Get into work, but be as relaxed as possible. Consider screening calls; you need to get a lot done. You are full of ideas, wanting to be social and visit. Still, to meet your goals, you must stay focused. You energize others, especially a family member. Tonight: Run errands.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You feel rewarded after a momentary financial setback. Realize there are many ways to handle this. In this case, you are your best resource. Do not underestimate yourself. Make calls and clear your desk. Take time to visit and plan some holiday activity. Tonight: Enjoy yourself to the max.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Pressure comes from your own perception of what someone says. Do not push yourself. Though at first you react to someone in an unpredictable manner, you eventually level out. Let your imagination help rather than hinder. Spending could be excessive. Tonight: Hurry home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your ability to express yourself makes an impression. You might be out of kilter. Don't follow your intuition; take time to think through decisions. Emphasize work, other people's opinions and progress. Touch base with a neighbor. Tonight: Visit a friend on the way home.

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Car type
- 6 Helper:
- abbr.
- 10 Utah city
- 11 Walks nervously
- 13 French city
- 14 Factory
- 15 Actress
- Ruby
- 16 Slippery fish
- 17 Cagers' org.
- 19 Pearl Jam leader
- 22 Regret
- 23 Sunup site
- 24 Tourney type
- 27 Disney and Kelly
- 28 Take in
- 29 Homophone of 28-Across
- 30 "Oh, My Papa" singer
- 35 Compete
- 36 Obtained
- 37 Mine rock
- 38 Premature
- 40 Refuge
- 42 Precipitous
- 43 Vote in
- 44 Fix copy
- 45 Tars

DOWN

1 Digging



SATURDAY'S ANSWER

- 25 Give off
- 26 Chose
- 27 Twists in
- 29 Sky saucer:
- abbr.
- 31 Cairo's manner of
- place
- 32 Rough shack
- 33 Build
- 34 Signs a lease
- 39 Hilo souvenir
- 41 In the

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BASKETBALL

PAMPA —Holmes Sporting Goods has a 7-1 record after winning its last two games in Optimist girls' basketball action.

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H - Ashley Davis 16, Yolanda Young 6, Erin Winegeart 5.

C - Ashley Parker 6, Wendy Miller 4, Lindsey Ledford 4, Lindsey Dyer 2, Katherine Hockaday 2.

Holmes 25, Meredith House 14

H - Holly Miller 10, Ashley Davis 8, Yolanda Young 5, Felicia Urban 2.

M - Taylen Gregory 4, Lashay Doyles 4, Stacey Pepper 4, Danielle Tucker 2.

GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills seniors held a scramble last week at Hidden Hills.

Results are as follows:

First place: Jack Combs, Glen Downs, Waldon Haynes and Wayne Jones, 62.

Second place: Elmer Wilson, Buddy Briley, Ed Langford and George Gamblin, 62.

Third place: Buzz Tarpley, Jerry Davis, Bill Brown and Nathan Lancaster, 63.

Closest to the hole: Buzz Tarpley, No. 15.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Arizona won the bidding war for Randy Johnson, agreeing today to a \$53 million, four-year contract with the Big Unit.

Johnson, who lives near Phoenix in suburban Glendale, turned down four-year offers from the Anaheim Angels, Los Angeles Dodgers and Texas Rangers.

The average annual value of his new contract is \$13.25 million, the second-highest in baseball behind the \$13.33 million Mo Vaughn will get under the \$80 million, six-year contract he agreed to last Wednesday with Anaheim.

Johnson, 35, was 10-1 with a 1.28 ERA and 116 strikeouts in 84 1-3 innings this year for the Houston Astros, who acquired him from Seattle July 31. Unhappy with the Mariners after they refused to give him a contract extension after the 1997 season, Johnson had asked for a trade.

When Seattle refused, he was grumpy all through spring training and the first half of the season, going 9-10 with a 4.33 ERA before Seattle dealt him just minutes before the trade deadline.

He joins an Arizona team that hopes to improve dramatically from 1998, when the Diamondbacks went 65-97 in their initial season, finishing last in the NL West, 33 games behind the division-winning San Diego Padres.

Since the end of the season, Arizona has signed Todd Stottlemyre to a \$32 million, four-year contract and Armando Reynoso to a \$5.5 million, two-year deal. The Diamondbacks head to spring training with a rotation of Johnson, Andy Benes, Stottlemyre, Reynoso and Brian Anderson.

Arizona also signed reliever Greg Swindell to a \$5.7 million, two-year contract and first baseman Greg Colbrunn to a \$1.8 million, two-year deal.

Meanwhile, Albert Belle and the Baltimore Orioles remained "very close" to completing their five-year contract Sunday night.

Belle and the Orioles agreed Friday night on the money terms of a five-year contract worth about \$65 million, but were still negotiating non-economic details.

"We're very close," Belle's agent, Arn Tellem, said Sunday night. "Maybe tomorrow."

Taking an early look at Big 12 Bowl picture

DALLAS (AP) — The regular season is over. All that's left for the Big 12 is settling the championship — and sending teams to bowl games.

The champion will be decided Saturday between No. 2 Kansas State and No. 10 Texas A&M. The bowl bids will be handed out Sunday.

Here are some early, educated guesses at how the postseason picture will look.

If the favored Wildcats (11-0, 8-0 Big 12) win, their rags-to-riches ascent could reach its peak with a spot in the Fiesta Bowl likely facing No. 1 Tennessee or No. 3 UCLA for the national title on Jan. 4.

But they're going to need help.

For Kansas State to jump into the top two spots of the Bowl Championship Series formula, the Wildcats need No. 23 Mississippi State to surprise Tennessee in the SEC championship or unranked Miami to shock UCLA in a makeup of a game postponed by bad weather.

At the very least, the Wildcats must wallop the Aggies — like, say, 54-15, as No. 13 Nebraska did to A&M in last year's championship — and the Volunteers or Bruins must stumble to victory.

If Kansas State beats A&M but doesn't end up in Sun Devil Stadium, the Wildcats likely would usher in 1999 in New Orleans taking on No. 5 Ohio State in the Sugar Bowl.

The Aggies (10-2, 7-1), of course, would love nothing more than to render the whole issue of the BCS formula moot by pulling off the upset Saturday in St. Louis. That would likely allow A&M to be the one enjoying New Year's on Bourbon Street.

A Kansas State loss wouldn't necessarily knock it out of the BCS picture. Remember, Nebraska lost to Texas in the inaugural championship and still ended up in the mix.

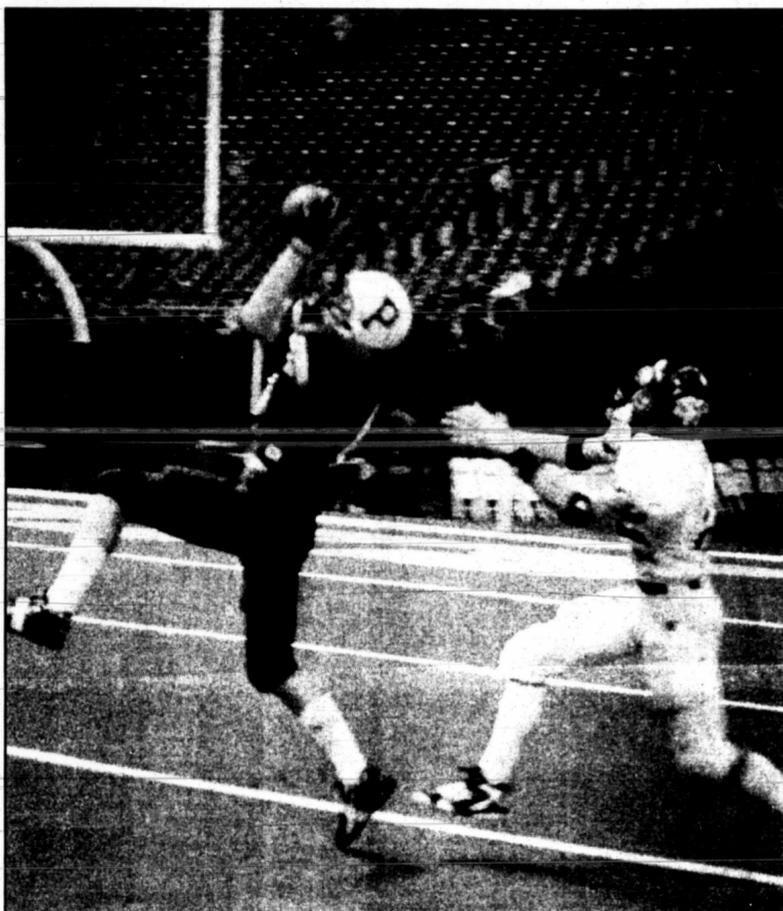
If the Wildcats don't get an at-large bid into the BCS games, they'd likely return to Dallas and the Cotton Bowl.

As long as Kansas State maintains its BCS spot, look for Texas to be the Big 12's representative in the Cotton Bowl, even if A&M is available. With No. 11 Arkansas the probable choice as the SEC opponent, a Longhorns-Razorbacks reunion would be the Cotton Bowl's biggest matchup in years.

The Holiday Bowl has the next pick of Big 12 teams and surely will ask Nebraska to play Dec. 30 in San Diego against a Pac-10 team. It could be a tough choice, though, if hometown hero Ricky Williams and the Longhorns aren't invited to the Cotton Bowl.

The Alamo Bowl will take the Aggies if they're available. Unless one of the previously mentioned teams slides, No. 24 Missouri would be the next pick to take on a Big 10 foe Dec. 29 in San Antonio.

Interception



Pampa's Jarred Bowles intercepts a pass over a Stephenville player during Friday night's regional semifinal game in Texas Stadium.

Harvesters win two games at Fantasy of Lights Tournament

WICHITA FALLS — Pampa won two of four games in last weekend's Fantasy of Lights Tournament and reached the consolation championship.

The Harvesters advanced to the consolation finals by defeating Wichita Falls High, 79-76, in overtime of the loser's bracket semifinals.

Gary Alexander paced Pampa with 26 points followed by Russell Robben with 21.

Bingo Merricks, a 6-8 post player for the Coyotes, poured in 45 points for the losers. Merricks is headed for Texas Christian University on a basketball scholarship.

Pampa had led by as many as 14 points in the contest.

Also scoring for the Harvesters were Jeremy Silva with 8 points, Colby Hale and Corey Young 7 each; Zane Powers 4, Bobby Holmes and Jesse Francis 3 each.

Pampa lost to Wichita Falls Hirschi, 57-42, in the consolation finals.

Shawn Young was Pampa's leading scorer with 10 points, followed by Gary Alexander with 9, Colby Hale 8, Corey Young 6, Russell Robben 4, Jesse Francis 3 and Kevin Osborn 2.

Leonard Preleur had 26 points for Hirschi.

Burkburnett defeated Pampa, 71-62, in the opening round of the tournament.

Matt Gibson tossed in 29 points to lead Burkburnett in scoring.

Shawn Young had 17 points while Jeremy Silva and Colby Hale had 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Harvesters.

Pampa held a 17-16 lead at the end of the first quarter before



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

The Harvesters' Russell Robben (25) drives to the basket in a tournament game against Wichita Falls High.

falling behind by 9 (39-30) at halftime.

Also scoring for Pampa were Russell Robben with 9, Jesse Francis 7, Gary Alexander and Bobby Holmes 4 apiece.

Pampa won its second-round

game, defeating Azle 59-37.

Gary Alexander had 13 points to lead the Harvesters.

Pampa is entered in the Liberal Classic this weekend, meeting Garden City, Kan. at 4 p.m. Friday. They meet Liberal High at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Texas women struggle to live up to tradition

AUSTIN (AP) — Tennessee vs. Texas should have been a classic battle in women's college basketball. Instead it was a rout.

Third-ranked Tennessee, the summit of the women's basketball mountain with three consecutive national titles, rolled past Texas 86-65 Saturday and showed that the Longhorns have a way to go to regain their status as one of the nation's elite teams.

"We've played Rutgers, we played Tennessee. They're two of the best teams in the country. There's not many teams who are going to beat either one of them,"

Texas coach Jody Conradt said.

Conradt is the winningest coach in women's basketball history with a record of 710-213 in 30 seasons, 23 at Texas. Under Conradt, Texas was the first women's team to go undefeated and win a national championship (1986). The Longhorns finished in the AP Top 25 for 17 consecutive seasons from 1978-94.

During that stretch, Texas won at least 20 games every season, with eight seasons of 30 or more victories.

But the 1990s have been different. The program's only two losing seasons have come this decade (1994-

95, '97-'98) and the Longhorns have not advanced past the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Trying to recover from last season's 12-15 finish, Texas played both No. 11 Rutgers and Tennessee in the same week.

The Longhorns stayed close but lost 66-59 to a Rutgers team playing its third game in five days and without its head coach on the bench.

In the loss to Tennessee, the Longhorns often looked confused against the Lady Vols' pressure defense, falling behind by as many as 30 points in the second half.

Pampa sweeps Herd in middle school play

PAMPA —Pampa swept Hereford in four games in middle school boys' basketball action.

Pampa defeated Hereford, 46-44, last week in double overtime in the 8th grade boys' division.

Ryan Zemanek and Jordan Klaus led Pampa in scoring with 11 points each. Chance Crain had 8 points while Max Simon and Clay Trimble added 6 each.

Pampa's record is now 1-1.

Pampa also won the B team game, 36-35.

Top scorers for Pampa were David Thacker with 9 points, James Gaddis 8, Jay Gerber 7 and Josh Nachtigall 6.

Pampa B team has a 2-0 record.

In the 7th grade division, Pampa slipped by Hereford 30-28.

High scorers for Pampa were Clarke Hale with 8 points, Johnny Story 6, and Andrew Curtis 5.

Pampa evened its record at 1-1.

Pampa B team won by a score of 40-26.

Leading scorers for Pampa were Andy Rodgers with 8 points, Jake Hopkins 7 and Hunter Craig 6. Their record is 2-0.

Pampa hosts Canyon on Monday night with games starting at 5:30. Pampa 7th and 8th graders will compete in an A team tournament Dec. 3-5 in Canyon.

Groom falls to Borden County

FLOYDADA — Groom was dealt a 52-6 loss by Borden County in a six-man state quarterfinal game Saturday.

It was the Tigers' only setback after 12 victories this season. Borden County advances with a 12-1 record.

Groom's only touchdown came on a 70-yard kickoff return by Wade Ritter in the third quarter.

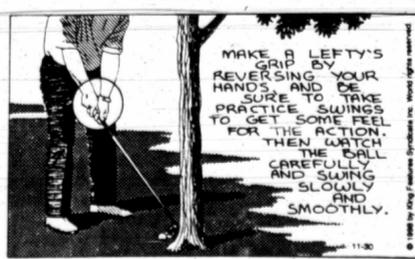
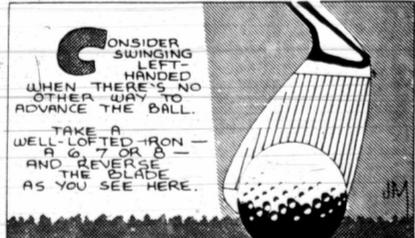
Fernando Baeza scored three touchdowns and rushed for 97 yards to lead the Borden County attack.

Daniel Treadwell was Groom's leading rusher with 16 yards on 3 carries.

Borden County had 243 yards of total offense while Groom had 58 yards.

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N.Y. Jets	8	4	0	667	315	
Buffalo	7	4	0	636	247	
Miami	7	4	0	636	201	
New England	6	5	0	545	237	
Indianapolis	2	10	0	167	206	
Central						
Jacksonville	9	3	0	750	311	
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	583	224	
Tennessee	6	5	0	545	242	
Baltimore	5	7	0	417	206	
Cincinnati	2	10	0	167	197	
West						
x-Denver	11	0	0	1,000	370	
Oakland	7	4	0	636	190	
San Diego	5	6	0	455	165	
Seattle	5	7	0	455	235	
Kansas City	5	7	0	417	238	
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	8	4	0	667	325	217
Arizona	8	6	0	500	251	308
N.Y. Giants	4	7	0	364	189	226
Philadelphia	2	9	0	182	92	253
Washington	2	9	0	182	211	318
Central						
x-Minnesota	11	1	0	917	394	220
Green Bay	7	4	0	636	290	224
Detroit	5	7	0	417	244	263
Tampa Bay	5	7	0	417	223	250
Chicago	3	9	0	250	197	275
West						
x-Atlanta	10	2	0	833	325	218
San Francisco	8	3	0	727	323	237
New Orleans	5	6	0	455	206	235
St. Louis	3	9	0	250	207	285
Carolina	2	10	0	167	236	322

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

By The Associated Press
The Top Twenty Five Teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 28, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and ranking in previous poll:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts
1	Tennessee	(41) 11-0	1,868
2	Kansas State	(24) 11-0	1,638
3	UCLA	(3) 10-0	1,579
4	Florida State	11-1	1,501
5	Ohio State	10-1	1,427
6	Arizona	11-1	1,358
7	Florida	9-2	1,280
8	Wisconsin	10-1	1,173
9	Tulane	11-0	1,043
10	Texas A&M	10-2	1,014
11	Arkansas	9-2	941
12	Georgia Tech	9-2	843
13	Nebraska	9-3	831
14	Virginia	9-3	811
15	Michigan	9-2	809
16	Notre Dame	9-2	807
17	Air Force	10-1	617
18	Syracuse	8-3	576
19	Georgia	8-3	490
20	Texas	8-3	402
21	Oregon	8-3	324
22	Penn State	8-3	315
23	Mississippi	8-3	275
24	Missouri	7-4	230
25	Virginia Tech	8-3	106

Others receiving votes: Southern Cal 57, West Virginia 40, Purdue 23, Miami 20, Alabama 17, Brigham Young 17, Kentucky 5, Marshall 2, Miami, Ohio 1.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday's Major College Basketball Scores
By The Associated Press

Team 1	Score	Team 2	Score
Akron	84	Duquesne	82
Army	91	Bethany	76
Dartmouth	60	Keene	53
Fairleigh Dickinson	70	Manhattan	59
Fordham	60	Holy Cross	57
Kent	57	Loyola	56
Lehigh	89	Harvard	87
Maine	91	Brown	72
Princeton	63	Monmouth	51
Quinnipiac	90	Westfield	61
St. Francis	61	UNC-Greensboro	54
Wis.-Milwaukee	74	Stony Brook	60
Wisconsin	65	Rhode Island	59
Yale	86	New Hampshire	62
SOUTH			
Alabama	87	Jacksonville	44
Alabama A&M	86	S. Carolina	75
Belmont	76	Samford	74
Campbell	86	Marshall	83
E. Tennessee	80	Middle Tennessee	64
East Carolina	80	Liberty	56
Marshall	99	Morehead	79
Md.-Eastern Shore	67	James Madison	60
Mercer	77	Coastal Carolina	73
Mississippi	105	Austin Peay	62
Mississippi St.	85	Tenn.-Martin	67
N.C.-Asheville	78	Tennessee Tech	74
Old Dominion	74	Chattanooga	60
Penn St.	74	Georgia Mason	60
Richmond	86	Radford	55
SW Louisiana	90	Texas Tech	58
South Carolina	71	The Citadel	58
Tennessee St.	97	Spalding	64
Tulane	80	Stetson	60
Valparaiso	79	Norfolk	59
Vanderbilt	92	Ohio St.	86
Virginia	106	Elon	71
William & Mary	83	Hampton	62
MIDWEST			
Ball St.	70	Indiana	63
Bowling Green	89	Ill.-Chicago	54
Chicago St.	58	W. Illinois	57
Dayton	81	Marquette	49
DePaul	75	California	72
Detroit	72	Texas Southern	51
Drake	73	Lamar	57
Minnesota	68	Winthrop	59
Nebraska	85	N. Carolina A&T	47
Northwestern	62	Furman	55
Ohio U.	107	Wilmington	56
Oregon	70	S. Illinois	64
Providence	87	Cleveland	81
Toledo	90	Oakland	77
Wright	77	Sacred Heart	50
Youngstown	66	Loyola	44
SOUTHWEST			
Arkansas	82	N. Louisiana	74
Houston	72	Ind.-Purd. Indpls.	71
Illinois	71	Texas-Pan American	56
Oklahoma	79	Texas Christian	74
Orla Roberts	88	Texas A&M	86
Texas	101	Antonio	83
Troy	72	Tulsa	66
Utah	66	St. Joseph's	55
FAR WEST			
Air Force	97	Navy	88
Arizona	78	Brigham Young	74
Arkansas St.	66	Denver	78

3-0-0-6, Stephens 0-0-0-0. Totals: 19-62-9-18 51.

MISSOURI (3-1)
Parker 3-8 1-3 7, White 7-16 4-6 18, Schumacher 2-3 1-1 5, Grewer 3-5 2-2 8, Woods 6-12 2-2 18, Stevenson 0-0 0-0 0, Gilbert 2-7 1-4 5, Dooling 2-3 2-2 8, Wampler 0-0 0-0 0, Hater 0-1 0-0 0, Rowan 0 1 0-0 0, Hargde 2-5 0-2 4. Totals: 27-61 12-18 89.
Halftime—Missouri 36, SW Texas 24, 3-Point goals—SW Texas 4-12 (Mathis 0-2, Williams 4-8, Lane 0-1, Smith 0-1, Hardin 0-1, Click 0-1), Missouri 3-14 (Parker 0-2, White 0-1, Grewer 0-1, Woods 2-5, Gilbert 1-4, Hater 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—SW Texas 41 (Foster 13), Missouri 45 (White 13), Assists—SW Texas 9 (Mathis 6), Missouri 10 (White, Grewer, Woods, Dooling, Hargde 2). Total fouls—SW Texas 19, Missouri 15. A—13,300.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Atlantic Division					
	W	L	T	Pts	GF GA
New Jersey	13	7	1	27	54 49
Pittsburgh	10	6	5	25	63 55
Philadelphia	10	7	4	24	56 46
N.Y. Islanders	10	10	0	20	59 64
N.Y. Rangers	6	9	7	19	66 59
Northwest Division					
	W	L	T	Pts	GF GA
Toronto	13	9	2	28	74 68
Boston	10	7	5	25	60 43
Ottawa	10	7	3	23	61 50
Buffalo	9	5	4	22	51 37
Montreal	7	12	2	16	49 64
Southeast Division					
	W	L	T	Pts	GF GA
Carolina	10	10	3	23	59 56
Florida	8	8	5	21	60 55
Washington	7	11	3	17	49 62
Tampa Bay	6	13	2	14	45 77
WESTERN CONFERENCE					
Central Division					
	W	L	T	Pts	GF GA
Detroit	12	8	0	24	69 49
St. Louis	9	6	5	23	57 47
Nashville	9	12	1	19	53 68
Chicago	5	14	3	13	45 80
Northwest Division					
	W	L	T	Pts	GF GA
Edmonton	12	8	1	25	66 52
Vancouver	9	12	1	19	64 65
Colorado	8	11	2	18	53 62
Calgary	8	13	2	18	63 70
Pacific Division					
	W	L	T	Pts	GF GA
Phoenix	14	2	2	30	53 26
Dallas	12	4	3	27	53 30
Anaheim	8	9	4	20	49 59
Los Angeles	6	13	3	15	49 63
San Jose	5	10	5	15	48 62

GOLF

PGA Skins Results
LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Hole-by-hole results of this weekend's PGA Skins Game between Fred Couples, Tom Lehman, Greg Norman and Mark O'Meara, on the 7,011-yard, par-71 Rancho La Quinta Country Club course. The front nine was played Saturday; the back nine Sunday. Holes 1-6 were worth \$25,000 each; 7-12 were \$50,000 each; 13-17 were \$70,000 each; and 18 was \$200,000.

Saturday
No. 1 — Couples and Lehman halve hole with par.
No. 2 — Lehman and O'Meara halve hole with par.
No. 3 — Lehman wins three skins with birdie, \$75,000.
No. 4 — Lehman wins one skin with birdie, \$25,000.
No. 5 — Couples and Lehman halve hole with birdie.
No. 6 — Couples and O'Meara halve hole with par.
No. 7 — Couples and Lehman halve hole with birdie.
No. 8 — O'Meara wins four skins with birdie, \$150,000.
No. 9 — Lehman wins one skin with birdie, \$50,000.
Sunday
No. 10 — Couples and Lehman halve hole with birdie.
No. 11 — Lehman and O'Meara halve hole with birdie.
No. 12 — Couples wins three skins with birdie, \$150,000.
No. 13 — Lehman and O'Meara halve hole with par.
No. 14 — O'Meara wins two skins with birdie, \$140,000.
No. 15 — Lehman and Norman halve hole with birdie.
No. 16 — O'Meara wins two skins with birdie, \$140,000.
No. 17 — O'Meara and Norman halve with par.
No. 18 — Couples and Lehman halve with bogey.
No. 10 — Couples, Lehman and Norman advance with par. O'Meara eliminated with bogey.
No. 9 — Couples and Lehman advance with par. Norman eliminated with bogey.
No. 10 — Couples and Lehman advance with par. O'Meara and Lehman advance with

x-clinched berth Thursday's Games
Detroit 19, Pittsburgh 16, OT
Minnesota 46, Dallas 36
Sunday's Games
Late Games Not Included
Kansas City 34, Arizona 24
Atlanta 21, St. Louis 10
New York Jets 48, Carolina 21
Baltimore 38, Indianapolis 31
Jacksonville 34, Cincinnati 17
Tampa Bay 31, Chicago 17
Tennessee at Seattle
Buffalo at New England
New Orleans at Miami
Philadelphia at Green Bay
Washington at Oakland
Denver at San Diego (n)
Monday's Game
New York Giants at San Francisco, 8:20 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 3
St. Louis at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 6
Buffalo at Cincinnati, 1:01 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 1:01 p.m.
Detroit at Jacksonville, 1:01 p.m.
Indianapolis at Atlanta, 1:01 p.m.
New England at Pittsburgh, 1:01 p.m.
San Diego at Washington, 1:01 p.m.
San Francisco at Carolina, 1:01 p.m.
Seattle at New York Jets, 1:01 p.m.
New York Giants at Arizona, 4:35 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 4:15 p.m.

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Saturday's College Football Scores
By The Associated Press

EAST
Connecticut 42, Hampton 34
Penn St. 51, Michigan 28
Rowan 19, Buffalo 17
Slippery Rock 67, Mansfield 59
Syracuse 86, Miami 13
Trinity, Texas 37, Lycoming 21

SOUTH
Appalachian St. 45, Tennessee St. 31
Carson-Newman 38, Fort Valley St. 31, OT
Florida A&M 27, Troy St. 17
Georgia Southern 49, Colgate 28
Georgia Tech 21, Georgia 19
Lehigh 24, Richmond 23
Massachusetts 21, McNeese 19
North Carolina 37, N. Carolina St. 34, OT
Northwestern 18, Illinois St. 28
Southern U. 26, Grambling St. 14
Tennessee 41, Vanderbilt 0
Tn-State 37, Georgetown, Ky. 23
Virginia 36, Virginia Tech 32

MIDWEST
Huron 52, Southwestern, Kan. 6
Mount Union 21, Wittenberg 19
NW Missouri St. 42, N. Colorado 17
Olivet Nazarene 37, Sioux Falls 34
W. Illinois 52, Montana 9

Gator Bowl against Georgia Tech (9-2), a 21-19 winner over Georgia (8-3) on Saturday.
No. 6 Arizona (11-1), a 50-42 winner over Arizona State on Friday, is the likely Rose Bowl opponent for No. 8 Wisconsin, but only if UCLA beats Miami. If the Bruins lose, they will play in the Rose and the Wildcats could end up in the Holiday Bowl.
Four of the eight BCS berths have been clinched — by conference champions UCLA (Pac-10), Florida State (ACC), Wisconsin (Big Ten) and Syracuse (Big East). The Big 12 and SEC champs get the other automatic bids, with No. 5 Ohio State, Arizona and No. 7 Florida the top candidates for two at-large spots.
One of the more intriguing matchups could be No. 20 Texas vs. No. 11 Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl, a rivalry renewal from the days of the old Southwest Conference.
Other possible matchups could find Florida against No. 15 Michigan in the Citrus, Georgia vs. No. 22 Penn State in the Outback, and No. 13 Nebraska vs. No. 21 Oregon in the Holiday.
Also, No. 9 Tulane (11-0) is set to play BYU (9-3) in the Liberty Bowl, while No. 14 Virginia (9-2) will likely meet Kentucky (7-4) in the Peach. Look for Central Florida (9-2) to play North Carolina State (7-4) in the Micron PC Bowl, Alabama (7-4) vs. Miami or West Virginia (8-3) in the Music City and Missouri (7-4) vs. Miami or West Virginia in

The Insight.com.
The final bowl matchups should be set by next Sunday. In Saturday's Top 25 games, it was: No. 1 Tennessee 41, Vanderbilt 0; USC 10, No. 16 Notre Dame 0; No. 15 Michigan 48, Hawaii 17; No. 12 Georgia Tech 21, No. 19 Georgia 19; No. 14 Virginia 36, No. 25 Virginia Tech 32; No. 18 Syracuse 66, Miami 13; No. 22 Penn State 51, Michigan State 28. No. 1 Tennessee 41, Vanderbilt 0
At Nashville, Tenn., Tee Martin threw for a TD and ran for another and the defense intercepted four passes and recovered two fumbles as the Vols beat Vandy (2-9) for the 16th straight time.
USC 10, No. 16 Notre Dame 0
At Los Angeles, freshman quarterback Carson Palmer scored on a 2-yard bootleg in the third quarter as the Trojans won their third straight against the Irish and shut them out for the first time since 1962.
Notre Dame, which played without injured quarterback Jarious Jackson, had five turnovers — four on interceptions.
No. 15 Michigan 48, Hawaii 17
At Honolulu, Anthony Thomas ran for 183 yards and four TDs as the Wolverines (9-3) handed the Rainbows' their 18th consecutive loss — the nation's longest losing streak. Hawaii became only the second school to post an 0-12 season — Colorado did it in 1981.

No. 12 Georgia Tech 21, No. 19 Georgia 19
At Athens, Ga., Tech ended a seven-year losing streak against the Dawgs when Brad Chambers kicked a 35-yard field goal with two seconds remaining. The Yellow Jackets had lost the last three meetings by a total of 13 points.
Joe Hamilton, who committed three turnovers, redeemed himself by directing a nine-play, 52-yard drive that set up Chambers' winning kick.
No. 14 Virginia 36, No. 25 Virginia Tech 32
At Blacksburg, Va., the Cavaliers overcame a 22-point halftime deficit and won on Aaron Brooks' 47-yard TD pass to Ahmad Hawkins 2:01 left. The Hokies (8-3) could end up in the Sun Bowl. No. 18 Syracuse 66, Miami 13
At Syracuse, N.Y., Donovan McNabb ran for three TDs and threw for two as the Orangemen coasted. It was Miami's second-largest margin of defeat behind a 70-14 loss to Texas A&M in 1944.
No. 22 Penn St. 51, Michigan St. 28
At State College, Pa., Eric McCoo rushed for 206 yards, and David Macklin and Anthony King returned interceptions for TDs as the Nittany Lions (8-3) ended the Spartans bowl chances.
On Friday: At Tucson, Arizona completed its best regular-season with a 50-42 win over Arizona State (5-6) as Trung Canidate ran for a school-record 288 yards and scored on runs of 80, 66 and 48

yards. Arizona's only loss? To UCLA, 52-28, in a game the Wildcats led late in the third quarter. ... Ricky Williams has the record (and maybe the Heisman), and Texas got the last-minute 26-24 win, but Texas A&M still goes to the Big 12 title game against K-State.
Williams ran for 259 yards against A&M and now has the 1-A rushing record with 6,279 career yards after passing Tony Dorsett's 20-year-old mark of 6,082. ... At Little Rock, Ark., Clint Stoerner threw for 334 yards and a TD as Arkansas had an easy time beating LSU (5-6) 41-14. ... At Lincoln, Neb., the Cornhuskers barely produced a nine-win season for the 30th straight year under first-year coach Frank Solich, beating Colorado 16-14. Kris Brown kicked three field goals, including a 25-yarder with 8:48 left, to hold off the Buffaloes (7-4).
On Thursday: At New Orleans, the Green Wave completed their first perfect season since 1931 as Shaun King (19-of-26 for 330 yards) threw three TD passes and ran for another and Toney Converse (24-182) added a school-tying four rushing TDs in a 63-30 rout of Louisiana Tech. ... At Starkville, Miss., despite a shoulder injury, James Johnson came off the bench to score two TDs and lead the Bulldogs to a 28-6 win over Mississippi (6-5). Over the weekend, the Rebels' Tommy Tuberville left to coach Auburn.

College football season set for dramatic conclusion

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT AP Football Writer

This could be close. College football is set for a dramatic finish next weekend, when three games will determine which two teams play in the Fiesta Bowl with the national title on the line. And if each of the top three teams — No. 1 Tennessee, No. 2 Kansas State and No. 3 UCLA — win on Saturday, the Bowl Championship Series and its computer chips decide which team gets left out. "It's been a tight race throughout the season and if all three win on Saturday, it would have been a tight race to the finish," Roy Kramer, chairman of the BCS and commissioner of the SEC, said Sunday. "We feel confident in our system and look forward to next week when we designate teams for each BCS bowl." The new BCS standings, based on the AP media poll

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