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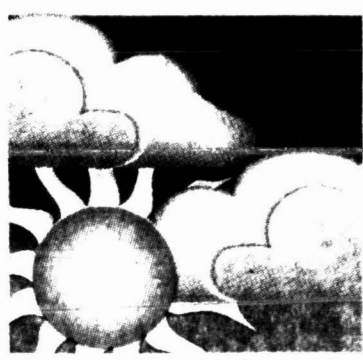
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PAMPA — The Southside Senior Citizens Center, 438 Crawford, will hosts its annual barbecue Saturday, Dec. 5. Serving starts at 11 and lasts until the food is gone. Carry outs are available. Adult plates are \$6, children's plates for those 10 and under are \$3. For more information call 665-4765.

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge has granted a temporary restraining order protecting two friends of Olympic gold medal gymnast Dominique Moceanu from harassment by her parents.

Dumitru and Camelia Moceanu were ordered to stay away from Brian and Marcy Huggins, not to threaten the couple or to hire private investigators to watch them.

Huggins, 32, provided construction equipment to build the Moceanu's Houston gym in 1996 and helped Miss Moceanu get away from her parents' home on Oct. 17.

In a court affidavit, Huggins said he believes he has "been under constant surveillance by people who I believe were hired by Dumitru Moceanu."

On Monday, Miss Moceanu received a protective order against her father, whom she accused of stalking her and threatening to harm her friends.

- Wesley Adell Clendennen, 64, truck driver, farm worker.
- Lupe Mercado, 76, retired midwife.
- Donald L. Ritter, 70, farmer, rancher.
- Mary Beth Scruggs, part-time clerk.
- Cindy Stuart, 30, graphic designer.

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Garza laments low oil prices

■ **Railroad Commissioner-elect Tony Garza came on a day that crude oil prices plummeted to \$8.25, a 50-year low, and natural gas prices dropped to a seasonally adjusted 10-year low.**

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

Railroad Commissioner-elect Tony Garza may have learned more this week about the panhandle oil patch than he wanted.

Arriving in Pampa to visit the Railroad Commission District 10 office and meet with area officials of the oil and gas industry, Garza came on a day that crude oil prices plummeted to \$8.25, a 50-year low, and natural gas prices dropped to a seasonally adjusted 10-year low.

Garza, during his stop Tuesday morning at Pampa's Railroad Commission office, said he is taking time this week to visit with the agency's staff and industry leaders before taking office in January. This was his first stop in the panhandle since winning the Nov. 3, election.

"More than anything else, I would like to get out and visit with the folks here in Pampa," he said. "I'll be visiting seven of the nine regional offices over the next seven or eight days. I want to garner input so that from the day I'm sworn in, I can be an advocate for things that are important to Texans across the state."

Garza said one size doesn't fit all in solving regional problems in the oil and gas industry. He said problems in East Texas fields may be different from ones faced in West Texas or the Texas Panhandle.

He said his trip to Pampa this week was so he could appreciate the regional differences in the oil and gas industry.

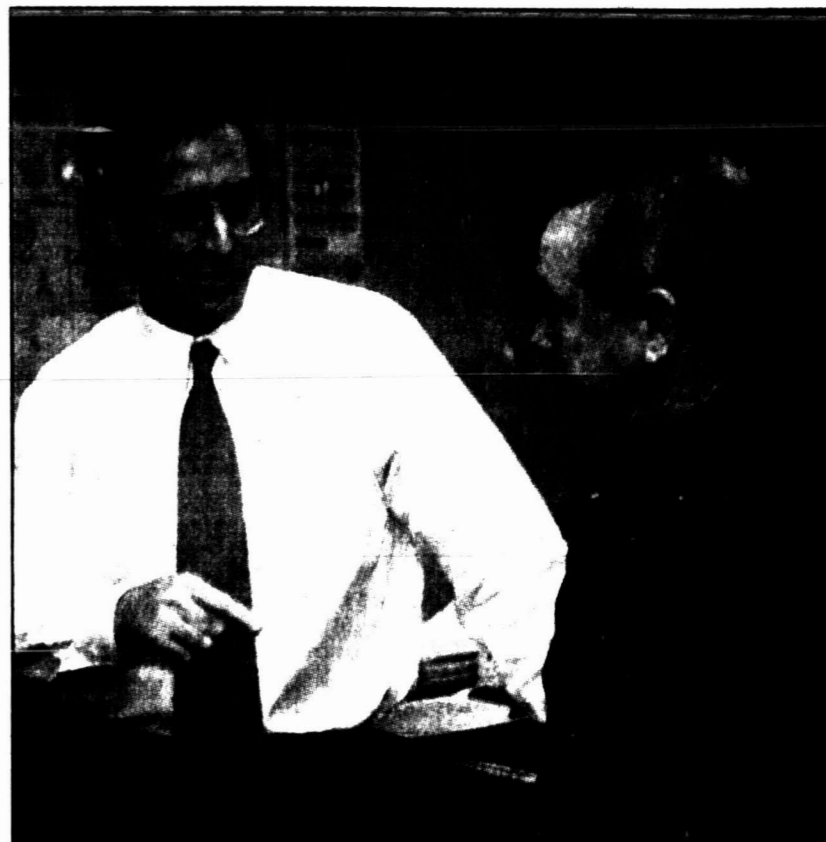
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"We happen to be a very old oil field up here," said State Representative Warren Chisum, standing at Garza's side. "That means we're sucking the last little bit out."

Faced with \$8.25 for a barrel of oil Tuesday, Garza said there is very little that can be done by the Railroad Commission to impact low oil prices.

"I think the sort of relief that we ought to be looking for from the state standpoint is regulatory relief and tax relief," Garza said. "When you are looking at a \$8.25 barrel of oil, what you recognize very quickly is that at those prices profit margins are very small. When government steps in and

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Railroad Commissioner elect Tony Garza, left, talks with State Rep. Warren Chisum at Pampa's Railroad Commission office during a stop Tuesday morning to meet with agency staff and industry officials.

Injuries prove fatal to woman

A young mother injured in an automobile accident Monday afternoon died of her injuries yesterday afternoon.

Cindy Stuart, 30, died at Northwest Texas Hospital around 4 p.m. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

The accident occurred on Highway 152 and 60th about 3 p.m. Monday when a tractor-trailer rig owned by Gray County collided with Stuart's 1997 Tahoe. While DPS officers are still investigating, troopers said early indications are that the semi

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CC-Pampa Center groundbreaking Friday

By **DARLENE BIRKES**
For The News

Construction on the new Clarendon College-Pampa Center complex will officially begin with the turn of shovels at groundbreaking ceremonies 1:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 11, at the building site, 1600 W. Kentucky.

Four years in the planning, the proposed \$2.6 million project is scheduled to begin in January with bids submitted by general contractors in early December, according to Pampa Center Foundation Board Chairman Don Lane.

The half-hour groundbreaking ceremonies will include speeches by Interim President Dr. Raymond Hawkins of Clarendon College; Dean Joe Kyle Reeve of CC-Pampa Center; and Lane. The public is encouraged to attend.

It was 20 years ago that CC-Pampa Center moved to the former Sam Houston Elementary School building located at 900 N. Frost with Loyd Waters as dean. Sam Houston was built in 1929 to accommodate children, not adults. As the need for expensive building repairs increased, it became apparent that a change had to be made.

The Pampa Center Foundation was organized to acquire a building and to provide scholarship sup-

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port to CC-Pampa Center. After several months of research, the members decided a building would have to be erected in order to meet the needs and to accommodate the rapidly expanding technology in college programs, so a search for land began.

The donation of 12 acres of land by the Ray Hampton family on West Kentucky gave viability to the project. The first building drive in 1996 raised approximately \$700,000, and it was hoped that with this initial start, grant money could be acquired. However, this did not materialize.

The original building was scaled down from a \$1.6 million complex to a single-story building just over 28,000 square feet, which exceeds the present

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Scuffle at PHS hurts officer

A Pampa Police Officer was taken to Columbia Medical Center after an altercation at Pampa High School.

Officer Colby Brown, the School Resource Officer, attempted to arrest Eric Dale Bennett, 18, 618 Lowery, at Pampa High School on unknown charges late this morning.

According to Police Chief Charlie Morris, Bennett resisted arrest and in the ensuing scuffle Brown was injured and rushed to Columbia Medical Center with what appears to be a dislocated shoulder.

Bennett was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail on charges of disorderly conduct, aggravated assault and resisting arrest. The chief said he did not know if Bennett is a student or not.

Brown was still in the emergency room at press time.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers swears in new Pampa Police Officers Michael Lundgren and Anthony Alaniz. They will be in training with other officers here for 16 weeks before patrolling on their own.

Death row work program on hold Escapee still at large

By **MICHAEL GRACZYK**
Associated Press Writer

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The work program that provided more freedom for condemned killer Martin Gurule was suspended Tuesday as prison officials spent a fifth day unsuccessfully searching for the escaped death row inmate.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice Chairman Allan Polunsky announced that the program, for which one-third of 454 death-row inmates are eligible, will remain suspended pending an evaluation.

"We will examine the entire program," promised a visibly frustrated Polunsky, who vowed Gurule will be returned to prison "dead or alive."

A hunt involving 500 searchers has turned up no sign of Gurule, who bolted from the Ellis Unit, home to death row, late Thanksgiving night. Six other

Gurule, 29, scaled a pair of 10-foot chainlink fences topped with razor wire and fled into the foggy night, avoiding gunfire from guards in towers 200 feet away.

death row inmates tailed in their attempt to flee with him.

"I want to assure the people of Texas that we will bring back this fugitive," Polunsky said. "We will bring him back dead or alive and it really doesn't make any difference in my opinion which that might be."

The search, focused since Friday on an area near the prison, was eased somewhat

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Obituaries

WESLEY ADELL CLENDENNEN
BORGER - Wesley Adell Clendennen, 64, father of a Pampa resident, died in Hillsboro. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Bible Baptist Church in Borger with the Rev. Leonard Foresight officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Mr. Clendennen was born at Ballinger. He was a truck driver and did some farming at the Ben Richey Boys Ranch in Abilene. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving during the Korean War.

Survivors include two daughters, Louise Thurman of Borger and Janet Hinders of Stinnett; four sons, Wesley Clendennen of Pampa, Dale Vincent of Channing and Kenneth Clendennen and Sander Clendennen, both of Borger; three sisters, Lola Jean Davis of Abilene, Carolyn Louise Barth of Breckenridge and Geraldine Key; a brother, Charles Clendennen of Abilene; 18 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

LUPE MERCADO
PLAINVIEW - Lupe Mercado, 76, mother of a Pampa resident, died Monday, Nov. 30, 1998. Services were at 11 a.m. today in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Elbert Fadallan officiating. Burial is to be in Parklawn Memorial Gardens under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mercado was born at Olustee, Okla. She grew up in Spur and Dickens County. She married Benito Mercado in 1940 at Dickens. She had been a Plainview resident since 1945. She was a midwife prior to retiring in 1985. She belonged to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Benito; four daughters, Pauline Gonzalez of Lubbock, Beatrice Martinez of Pampa, Mary Lou Tijerina of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Linda Sepeda of Plainview; a son, Jessie Mercado of Amarillo; two children she raised, Flor Diaz and Juan Diaz, both of Plainview; a sister, Maria Guerra of Amarillo; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

DONALD L. RITTER
GROOM - Donald L. Ritter, 70, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 1998, at Amarillo. Services were Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Byron Williamson officiating. Burial was in Groom City Cemetery under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Ritter was born in Gray County, graduating from Groom High School in 1946. He married Juandell Cruse on Nov. 21, 1948, at Groom. He was a farmer and a rancher.

He served on the Grandview School Board, on the former Highland General Hospital Board of Directors in Pampa, and was director of Groom Co-op. He was a Mason and belonged to First Baptist Church where he was a deacon.

He was preceded in death by a son, Randy Ritter, in 1979.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Juandell, of the home; a daughter, Marla Overstreet of Lubbock; a son, Troy Ritter of Groom; two sisters, Arlene Wallace and Geraldine Wood, both of Amarillo; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Groom Ambulance Fund, First Baptist Church of Groom or Groom Community.

MARY BETH SCRUGGS
NATCHITOCHEES, La. - Mary Beth Scruggs, a former Pampa resident, died Nov. 14, 1998. Services were held Nov. 16 in Victory Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Clyde Kelley officiating. Burial was in Bullard Cemetery at Bullard under the direction of Blanchard-St. Denis Funeral Home of Natchitoches.

Mrs. Scruggs was a Natchitoches resident for 19 years and was a member of Victory Assembly of God. She was a Pampa native and a part-time clerk for Robeline Water Department.

Survivors include her husband, Wyatt Scruggs of Natchitoches; a daughter, Janelle Simmons of Tyler; and two grandchildren.

CINDY STUART
EL RENO, Okla. - Cindy Stuart, 30, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1998, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Stuart was born Sept. 25, 1968, at Memphis, Tenn. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1986 and from Oklahoma Christian University in 1990, receiving a degree in computer information systems. She married Robert Stuart on May 19, 1990, at Pampa. The couple had been Oklahoma City, Okla., residents since 1990, moving to El Reno a year ago. She had been employed as a graphic designer at The Michael Group in Oklahoma City since 1993. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Robert, of the home; a daughter, Alexis Stuart, of the home; her parents, Tom and Neoma Turner of Pampa; a brother, Art Turner of Pampa; and her grandparents, Ray and Jackie Collins of Dumas.

Police report

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

Tuesday, December 1
 Theft was reported in the 1000 block of N. Wilks.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of Cinderella.

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, December 1
 Tony Juan Robinson, 33, Miami, was arrested on charges of DWI bond surrender.

Tyson E. Tenterline, 18, 1212 Tyng, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance bond surrender.

Accidents

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

Tuesday, December 1
 No charges were listed when a 1982 Buick LeSabre driven by Ila Wiles Ketchum, 64, 608 N. Wells, who was northbound on Hobart and struck the 1994 Pontiac Grand Prix driven by Danny Bryant Hathcoat, 35, who was stopped at a red light at Hobart and Alcock. Both Hathcoat and his 8-year-old son were taken to Columbia Medical Center where they were treated and released.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, December 1
 11:19 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

4:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Hobart and Alcock and transported two to Columbia Medical Center.

Wednesday, December 2
 3:51 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of N. Starkweather and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

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

Tuesday, December 1
 9:38 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to a false alarm at Columbia Medical Center.

12:15 p.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to a grass fire at 1200 N. Hobart.

2:12 p.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to an automobile accident at Hobart and Alcock.

Correction

Chelsie Douglas, second grade, and Cassy Tice, fourth grade, were among those making the honor roll at Wilson Elementary School.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS
 The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furr's Cafeteria.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM
 The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

EMMAUS REUNION
 Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

RUSHING WIND EMMAUS
 Rushing Wind Emmaus Men's Walk #4 will be held December 3-6 at the Waka Center with Mike Gardiner of Canadian as lay director and Ervin Emmert of Wheeler as spiritual director. Applications for the walk are being accepted.

FORT BLISS SPRING BAZAAR
 Feb. 26 from 2-7 p.m., Feb. 27, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Feb. 28 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Stout physical Fitness Center-Airport at Forrest Road. One stop shopping for jewelry, clothing, arts and crafts, etc. Raffle with fantastic prizes-Airline tickets and more! Food court-game booths for kids. Entry fee \$1 for military-\$2 for general public-kids free. Proceeds for this event will be donated to worthy causes in the greater Fort Bliss/El Paso communities. If you have questions, please call (915) 562-3343.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atcheyns Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	2.67
Milo	3.46
Corn	3.76
Soybeans	5.24

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

Occidental	19 5/8	dn 1/4
Phillips	41 13/16	up 9/16
Primer Nat. Res.	12 1/4	up 3/16
SIB	42 1/4	dn 1 1/16
Tenneco	34 3/4	dn 1/8
Texasco	55 1/8	dn 1 1/16
Ultramar	26 7/16	up 3/8
Wal-Mart	74 1/16	dn 13/16
Williams	28 3/8	dn 3/16
New York Gold	294 00	
Silver	4 80	
West Texas Crude	11 28	

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

Amoco	55 7/8	dn 1 1/8
Arco	66 5/8	dn 1/2
Cabot	29 7/8	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	14 9/16	dn 1/4

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GARZA

takes an additional bite out of those profit margins by forcing the cost of compliance of bad environmental policy or bad regulatory policy down on our producers, it creates disincentives for additional production."

Garza said it would be presumptuous for him to think he could influence national policy, although he said he thought the raising the visibility domestic production with regard to the country's job base, revenues for Texas schools and national security is important.

Garza said during the last U.S. Congressional session Rep. Mac Thornberry and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison proposed incentives for marginal well producers that would allow some tax relief.

"I'd like to see those same sorts of approaches at the state level," he said. "I think this might be the session where the legislature looks at either extending tax incentives currently in place or looking for new ones, recognizing that this is a time to be working hand-in-hand with our producers, working

hard for the survival of an industry that has been very much a part of Texas' history and very central to Texas' future."

Garza, an Austin lawyer with the Houston-based law firm of Bracewell and Patterson, said one of the fairest ways the Railroad Commission can impact the cost of production in the state is with good regulatory policy. He said anything that affects the cost of production should be under constant review.

He said there is a tendency to view the oil and gas industry as distinct and apart from the rest of the state's economy.

"But it is still the single biggest job generator in the State of Texas," he said. "It is still responsible for a very significant flow of revenues to our school systems in our state. One only has to turn on the evening news to recognize that if we don't stimulate domestic production, each day we become more dependent upon governments around the world that are not particularly stable."

Garza is also scheduled to stop in Midland and Odessa, Kilgore, Corpus Christi, Wichita Falls, San Angelo and Abilene this week.

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INJURIES

stop sign. The Tahoe was struck on the driver's door and it rolled over onto its top into a ditch. Stuart's 11-month-old daughter was in a car seat and was only slightly injured. She was treated and released from Columbia Medical Center.

Stuart graduated from Pampa High School in 1986. She and her husband Robert had moved to Oklahoma in 1990.

She and her daughter were apparently in town visiting her parents, Tom and Neoma Turner of Pampa, and a brother, Art.

Please see this page for her complete obituary.

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ESCAPEE

Tuesday to give Gurule a chance to make a move, said Wayne Scott, executive director of the prison system.

Gurule, 29, scaled a pair of 10-foot chainlink fences topped with razor wire and fled into the foggy night, avoiding gunfire from guards in towers 200 feet away.

There was no indication he or six accomplices had any elaborate escape plan. Officials say they used hacksaw blade to cut an 8-x-10-inch hole in a recreation yard fence.

Prison records show one of the seven - inmate Howard Guidry, 22, of Harris County - received a visitor five days before the escape. Prison authorities, citing policy, refused to release the visitor's name, but they said they didn't believe the visitor was involved in the break.

Since the escape, the first from Texas death row since 1934, officials have said they thought Gurule was hiding in the marshy, wooded area around the prison.

That didn't change Tuesday, and Scott said he believes Gurule is still alive.

"I think we have to assume that," he said. "We do not have any information that would cause us to believe he has left the area."

Regarding the work program, Polinsky said a special committee will evaluate it and report to prison board member Mac Stringfellow, who expects to finish his review in time for the January prison board meeting in Houston.

Since 1983, death row inmates have been eligible

to qualify for "work capable" status. That allows them to work either in the prison garment factory or in general janitorial service.

The status also allows the inmates unlimited movement in and out of their cells, while other inmates remain locked up 23 hours a day. Gurule and his six accomplices were all work-eligible.

Prison officials were forced to institute the work-capable program as part of a class-action lawsuit related to prison crowding. Polinsky said he has never supported the program.

"I'm not a great proponent of this particular program," he said.

More high-tech equipment was added to the search for Gurule on Tuesday. The Texas National Guard brought in a helicopter able to detect heat sources on the ground.

The chopper joined at least two other aircraft that were supplementing ground efforts of officers and some 70 tracking dogs.

Officials have investigated dozens of tips, some from as far away as Dallas, 175 miles to the north, from people who thought they saw Gurule.

Some eight or nine so-called false sightings were called in during the early evening hours Monday by people who said they saw Gurule at a roadside park, a beer joint, in a church, at a restaurant eating french fries or in the company of a transvestite in Dallas.

Gurule was sentenced to death for shooting Minas "Mike" Piperis on Oct. 12, 1992, during a robbery at a Corpus Christi restaurant that Piperis owned with his brother, George. Gurule also was charged with killing restaurant worker Anthony Staton, but that case never went to trial.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Mostly cloudy today with a high of 70 and south winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, occasional showers and thunderstorms with a high in the upper 40s and southeast winds at 10-15 mph. Tomorrow, occasional showers and thunderstorms with a high in the lower 60s. Yesterday's high was 68; the overnight low 50.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS - Panhandle - Tonight, occasional showers and thunderstorms with a low 40 to 45. South to southeast wind 10-15 mph. Thursday, occasional showers and thunderstorms with a high in the upper 50s. Variable wind 5-15 mph, becoming west. Low Rolling Plains - Tonight, occasional showers with a few thunderstorms possible. Otherwise cloudy. Lows 45-50. Thursday, showers likely with a few thunderstorms possible. Otherwise cloudy. Highs 60-65. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos - Tonight, a chance of showers with a few thunderstorms possible. Otherwise cloudy. Lows 50-55. Thursday, cloudy and breezy with a chance of showers. Highs in the in the mid 60s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau - Tonight, cloudy with a chance of showers, possibly a

thunderstorm. Lows in the mid 50s. Thursday, cloudy and breezy with a slight chance of showers. Highs 65-70. Far West Texas - Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers, becoming partly cloudy after midnight. Lows around 40. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area - Tonight, cloudy with a chance of showers, possibly a few thunderstorms. Lows in the 30s and 40s. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs in the 60s and 70s.

NORTH TEXAS - Tonight, cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms west and south central. Lows 56 to 60. Thursday, cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. More numerous extreme west. Highs 69 west to 76 south.

SOUTH TEXAS - Hill Country and South Central Texas - Tonight, cloudy with patchy late night fog and drizzle. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms toward morning far west. Lows in the lower and mid 60s south central, upper 50s to near 60 Hill Country. Thursday, patchy morning drizzle and fog, otherwise mostly cloudy to cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 70s. Southeast Texas and Upper

Texas Coast - Tonight, partly cloudy with patchy fog and low clouds developing. Lows in the 60s. Thursday, morning low clouds and patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid and upper 70s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains - Tonight, partly cloudy with patchy fog developing. Lows in the 60s inland to near 70 coast. Thursday, mostly cloudy and windy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the mid and upper 70s.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO - Tonight, cloudy. Good chance of showers and mountain snow showers. Lows 20s and 30s mountains and northwest with mostly 40s east and south. Thursday, partly cloudy far west. Scattered morning showers central and east, becoming partly cloudy through the afternoon. Highs mid 40s and 50s mountains and north with 60s south. Thursday night, fair to partly cloudy. Lows upper teens to lower 30s mountains and north, mid 30s to around 40 south.

OKLAHOMA - Tonight, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers west. Lows in the upper 40s to mid 50s. Thursday, cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Mainly west. Highs in the mid 50s to mid 60s.

City briefs

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PCB to present 'The Nutcracker'

In its 27th season under the direction of Jeanne Willingham, Pampa Civic Ballet will present its annual Christmas production, "The Nutcracker," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 in the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Tickets, available at the door or in advance, are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. For ticket information, call (806) 669-6361. Clara, portrayed by Brianna Bailey, right, is given a nutcracker.



Melissa Dodge, Hostess; Bailey, Clara; Erica Dodge, Little Sister; Olin Boyd, Fritz (brother); Jordan Dodge, Ashley Wheeler, Claire-Elizabeth Boyd, Shauna Friend, all guests (girls); and Christopher Campbell, Thomas Wilson, Caleb Hart, Rebecca Rapstine, all guests (boys); arrive at the Christmas Party during Act I, Scene I.



(photos by Keith Hart)

Pampa native newly elected district judge

NEW BRAUNFELS — Gary L. Steel, a 1976 Pampa High School graduate, was recently elected district judge of 274th District Court. District 274 includes Comal, Guadalupe, Hayes and Caldwell Counties. District-wide Steel received 36,404 votes or 63.6 percent of votes cast in the race. He defeated Democratic nominee W. David Friesenhahn to win the election and triumphed over first-term incumbent Judge Bill Bender of Seguin in a primary in April.

Steel holds a bachelor of arts degree in finance from Texas Tech University and a degree in jurisprudence from Texas Tech University School of Law, receiving each in 1980 and 1983 respectively. He has served on the Texas Tech School of Law Board of Governors, was a charter member of Texas Tech Legal Research Board and served as president of his senior class. In addition, he is also listed among Who's Who Among American Law Students and was a recipient of Nathaniel Burkan Memorial Scholarship.

Steel began his career as an attorney at Law, Snakard and Gambill, a legal firm in Fort Worth. He moved to New Braunfels in 1983 and established his own law practice.

Steel's other achievements include: adjunct professor, St. Edwards University in Austin; Texas Court of Appeals, Third Supreme Judicial District, briefing attorney; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of General Counsel, Washington, D.C.; LBJ intern in Office of United States Congressman Jack Hightower. He has served as a member of New Braunfels Planning and Zoning Commission; New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club, past presi-

dent; St. Paul Lutheran Church, board and committee member; New Braunfels Children Museum, director; New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce; Comal County Bar Association; and Texas State Bar Association.

He and wife, M'Lissa, have three children, Travis, M'Kenzie and Katie.

He is the son of former Pampa residents Gene and Anne Steel.



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Anyone having a family member or friend who is a victim of Alzheimer's is encouraged to attend. The object of the group is mutual support and problem solving. Refreshments and social time will be included in the meeting.

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Texas Department of Health announces immunization clinics

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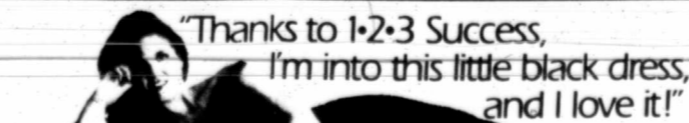
TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Immunization clinics scheduled in the area are:
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Opinion

Vouchers pass Supreme test

By letting a lower court ruling stand, the Supreme Court gave approval to vouchers for private schools.

The school door is still open for voucher programs — even those involving religious schools. Just recently, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review a challenge to Milwaukee's voucher system. The specific objection raised by the challenge was that parochial schools were beneficiaries of the vouchers.

It all means that the Wisconsin Supreme Court's ruling in favor of vouchers stands — at least for now.

Under Milwaukee's pioneering system, parents of poor families, mostly in the inner-city areas, are given a voucher of up to \$5,000 to spend on the school of their choice for each child. The vouchers go to as many as 15,000 of the district's 100,000 students," The New York Times reported. "The grants are given to the poorest students and this year, they have been used at 122 private schools in the city, 89 of which are parochial, court documents show."

But the issue isn't settled. The court action directly affects only the Milwaukee voucher plan. Voucher cases are winding through the courts in four other states: Ohio, Vermont, Arizona and Maine.

This is the first voucher case to come before the U.S. Supreme Court justices.

"They're going to wait and see what other courts do, then take a case" for a definitive decision, Erwin Chemerinsky, a constitutional law professor at the University of Southern California, said.

On a typical judicial issue, he said, "The Supreme Court doesn't take the first case before it, to get the benefit of several other courts' decisions" over a number of similar cases."

However, "I can't imagine they'll duck the issue. They'll take a few other courts' decisions, then deal with it. They want to see more as it's applied (in real situations across the country), rather than on its face value."

When a voucher case does come before the court for a definitive decision, he said, "The question is, Is this form of indirect subsidy to parochial schools constitutional? Is it constitutional to give parents government money that they can give to religious schools" in the form of vouchers?"

In the meantime, 15,000 school children will continue using vouchers in Milwaukee.

"The most important thing is that the kids who are in these programs are going to continue to be in these programs," Darcy Olsen, entitlements policy analyst at the Heritage Foundation, told us. "That's number one. These kids are going to be getting the best education possible. They're going to keep getting all these benefits."

"Eventually, the Supreme Court will hear one of these cases. For people who believe that these kids need options, this is a real victory. I don't know how anybody can look at the Milwaukee system and say it's not better this day" than the system before vouchers.

From our liberty perspective, though reserving our judgment on the details of a particular plan, we've long favored allowing the states to pilot voucher plans to provide competition to public schools, especially for inner-city areas where the public schools tend to have the worst academic and discipline problems. So the Supreme Court ruling, though preliminary, looks encouraging for those who believe that adding a dose of competition to the public school system will raise productivity and quality.

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Nothing can make abortion right

It should surprise no one that a government that sanctions the mass slaughter of innocent children should become outraged when one of its licensed killers is himself killed.

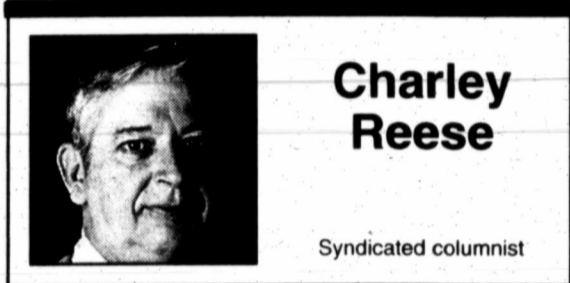
One should not, of course, shoot abortionists. Sudden death denies them the opportunity for repentance and redemption. But sympathy should be reserved for the dead babies and for the women who will have to answer to God for what they have done — not for the doctor who kills for money.

That's what abortion is — killing innocent humans for money. Abortionists are government-licensed hit men. Abortionists are the only hit men in America, to my knowledge, who take Visa or MasterCard for the hit.

There is no softer way to state the facts. Embryology has finally caught up with the church and recognizes that human life begins at conception. Nor is calling abortion "murder" anything new. Abortion has been condemned as murder of the innocent for two millennia.

You would think, from all the rhetoric and the federal resources being devoted to catching two people who have attacked abortionists, that they were the greatest threat the American people are facing.

That's silly, of course, but it does show you what the federal government really cares about. It's darn sure not human life. Nor is it



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

the safety and welfare of the American people. It's power. The government becomes enraged when someone questions its political orthodoxy.

Early church leaders were quick to point out that abortion poisons the whole society. Once you treat human life in the womb as if it were garbage, all human life becomes degraded. It's no coincidence that euthanasia follows on the heels of abortion. It's no coincidence that the slaughter of foreigners for domestic, political, public relations purposes becomes accepted. It's no coincidence that entertainment becomes focused on sex, violence and death. And it's no coincidence that children learn to hate life.

This pagan society not only murders children in the womb, it murders the spirit of those who escape the abortionist. Those who don't end up in the garbage can behind the abortion clinic end up in a garbage heap of a society where

government and private industry combine their efforts to destroy childhood innocence.

I heard a shallow discussion the other day on the issue of censorship, and everyone was saying, "Who's to say what is acceptable and what isn't?" Well, the answer is God, but once you reject God, then it really is up in the air not only as to who is to say but what he is to say.

What happens is that government steps in and says what is permissible and what isn't. If you ask me, government is a urine-poor substitute for the creator of the universe. Pity the creatures who would allow a bunch of political lawyers, bureaucrats and politicians to determine their morality. Such folks are ripe for the slave's chains. And they will get them, too.

Abortion is wrong, and politicians can't make it right. Laws can't make it right. Supreme Court rulings can't make it right. Sophistry can't make it right. It's a pitiful person who can't see for himself that taking an innocent life is wrong. It's a repulsive creature who so values his selfish pleasures and ambitions that he would sacrifice a child on the pagan altar of hedonism.

I love those people who defend the lives of children. I love those people who don't sell their conscience. I don't advocate or condone shooting abortionists or blowing up abortion clinics, but I darn sure have no sympathy for anybody in that evil industry.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 2, the 336th day of 1998. There are 29 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 2, 1942, a self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time at the University of Chicago.

On this date:

In 1804, Napoleon was crowned emperor of France.

In 1823, President Monroe outlined his doctrine opposing European expansion in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1850 militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harper's Ferry the previous October.

In 1939, New York's La Guardia

Airport began operations as an airliner from Chicago landed at one minute after midnight.

In 1943, "Carmen Jones," a contemporary reworking of the Bizet opera "Carmen" by Oscar Hammerstein II with an all-black cast, opened on Broadway.

In 1954, the Senate voted to condemn Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., for "conduct that tends to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."

In 1961, Cuban leader Fidel Castro declared himself a Marxist-Leninist who would lead Cuba to Communism.

In 1970, the Environmental Protection Agency began operating under director William Ruckelshaus.

In 1982, in the first operation of its kind, doctors at the University of Utah Medical Center implanted a permanent artificial heart in the chest of retired dentist Dr. Barney Clark, who lived 112 days with the device.

In 1990, composer Aaron Copland died in North Tarrytown, N.Y., at age 90.

Ten years ago: Benazir Bhutto was sworn in as prime minister of Pakistan. The space shuttle Atlantis was launched on a secret four-day mission.

Five years ago: Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar was shot to death by security forces in Medellin. The space shuttle Endeavour blasted off on a mission to fix the Hubble Space Telescope.

One year ago: Attorney General Janet Reno declined to seek an independent counsel investigation of telephone fund-raising by President Clinton and Vice President Gore, concluding they did not violate election laws, a decision that drew jeers from Republicans.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-playwright Adolph Green is 83. Actor Leo Gordon is 76. Former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig is 74. Actress Julie Harris is 73. Former Attorney General Edwin Meese the Third is 67. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., is 59. Country singer John Wesley Ryles is 48. Rock singer Michael McDonald is 46. Actor Dan Butler is 44.

Still feeling legacy of slavery today

The debates are raging — ever since DNA evidence recently revealed that Thomas Jefferson probably DID father at least one child by Sally Hemings, one of his slaves.

People are debating what this says about leadership and character, about race in America, even about the integrity of historical scholarship. And yet few Americans are taking the time to consider what this story tells us about slavery itself.

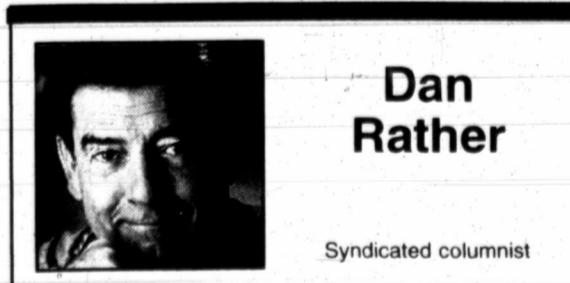
"This new evidence proves that Thomas Jefferson was human," say some scholars, and yet for all but a few really starry-eyed dreamers, Jefferson's humanity was never in doubt.

Yes, Jefferson has been admired, consistently for centuries, because of his dedication to liberty and because of his ability to put into words — powerful, relevant words — the very highest ideals of our American society.

It shouldn't be forgotten that, nearly a century after Jefferson first wrote the words, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal," Abraham Lincoln and other abolitionists used those words to prove there was a legal argument — not just a moral argument — against slavery.

That legal argument — from Jefferson — was sorely needed at a time when slaveholders were using the Bible itself as justification to oppose emancipation.

How can anyone reconcile THAT Jefferson, the leader and philosopher, with the man who kept slaves, wrote passionately that blacks



Dan Rather

Syndicated columnist

were racially inferior and that race-mixing was despicable, and all the while denied the reality of his relationship with a slave woman?

The answer is slavery itself. In that "peculiar institution," with all its bigotry and exploitation, existed the NECESSITY of hypocrisy, the INEVITABILITY of corruption. Even a spirit as great as Jefferson's could not go untainted. He could formulate the principles of liberty and equality, without ever completely believing them.

Many historians in recent days have said that Jefferson's character holds the explanation for this flaw, and yet history shouts that slavery itself is the main culprit.

Slavery set this country out on the wrong foot. In our unprecedented drive to become a multi-ethnic society of equals, we are still struggling to overcome the legacy of slavery a legacy that weighs heavily upon whites as well as blacks.

Whites had to know that slavery was

shameful: Isn't that why they tried to keep secret many of its fundamental truths? Even after slavery was abolished, it took another century before very many whites in leadership positions began to address the inequalities, the injustices inherent in a racial dialogue that began in enforced servitude.

And that work remains unfinished. To this day, all too many whites are reluctant to discuss questions of racial equality.

Thomas Jefferson was reluctant to discuss his relationship with Sally Hemings. When rumors began to spread in 1802, Jefferson said nothing — there's no evidence that he ever discussed the relationship with anyone. We have no way of knowing whether Jefferson, who rabidly opposed miscegenation, even considered Hemings black: She was his wife's half-sister. But she was also his property, and even if, as some scholars speculate, affection existed between Jefferson and Hemings, it can't have been anything like real love on either side.

Jefferson died, believing his secrets had followed him to the tomb. It was left to his children by Sally Hemings — and then to science — to carry the truth forward to our own times.

Two hundred years after Jefferson's heyday, many of the underpinnings of slavery haunt us still. They are the foundation for too much of our society. And we are still vulnerable to the hypocrisy and corruption within them. Just as Jefferson was.

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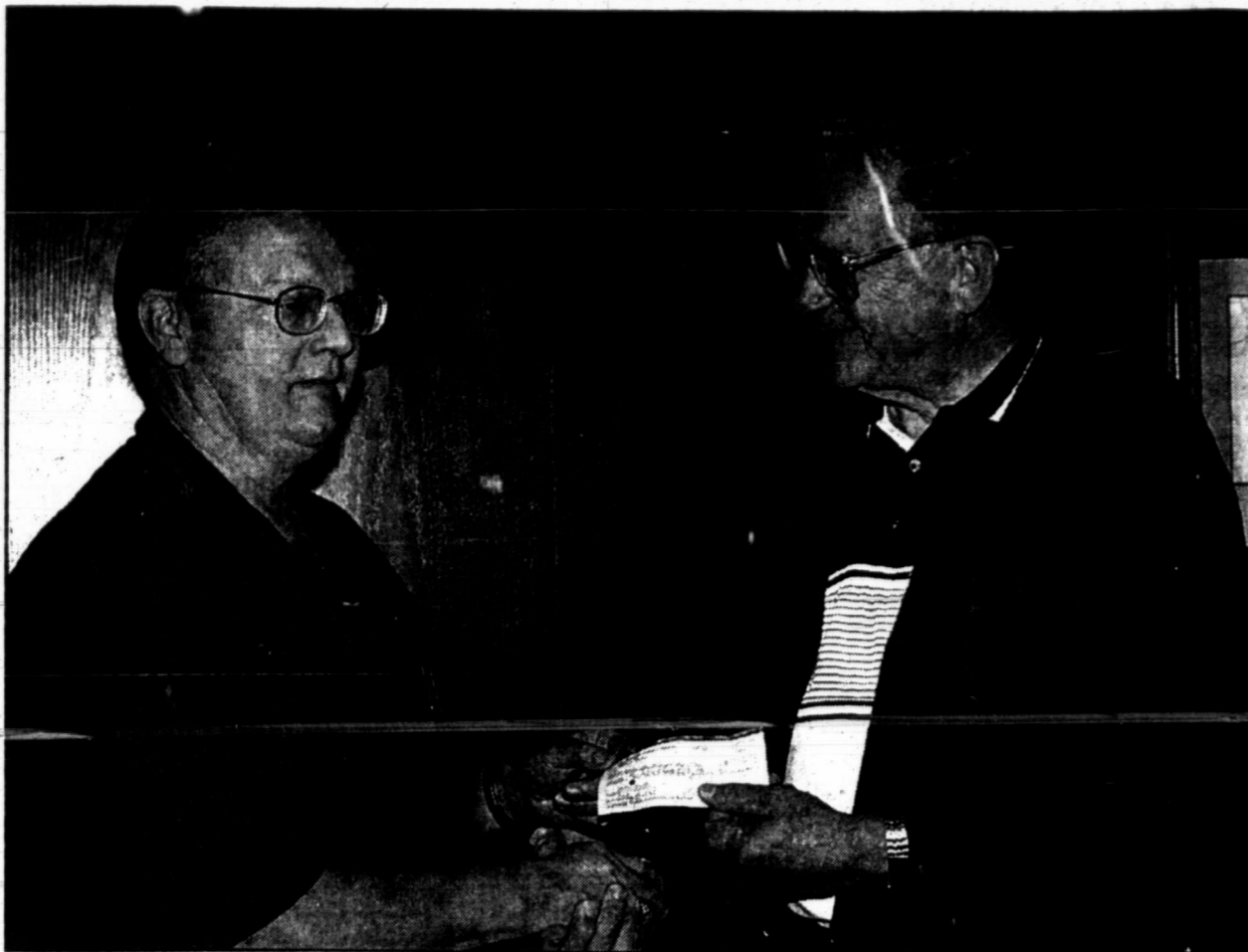
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Ted Dickman (left) of the Aid Association for Lutherans presents a check for \$750 to Chuck White for the Clarendon College Building Fund.

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footage by 4,000 square feet. The modified plan by BGR Architects-Engineers of Lubbock meets current needs and is designed for future expansion. There will be 14 classrooms, two science labs and an electronics lab. The facility will be equipped for long distance learning.

The Pampa Center Foundation also decided to expand the college program to provide needed skilled workers for area industries. With backing from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, the industrial training program named ApTech was organized under the leadership of Chuck White, Pampa Center Foundation liaison, and representatives from area industries. ApTech opened at 1333 Price Road in June, 1998. Located in two buildings, the program is open to students who have a high school diploma or a

GED. Students complete a 14-course study in one full year. After the training, the graduate can go into the workforce as an entry level machinist. Phil Grant, a former superintendent at IRI, is the instructor.

A second fund drive began this year with M.K. Brown Foundation trustees presenting a challenge grant for \$600,000, which spearheaded a community rally July 21. Citizens began a "now or never" campaign that surpassed the grant challenge requirement and eventually totaled the \$2.6 million necessary to begin construction.

"Generous contributions by industries, businesses, foundations, clubs and individuals have made the college building possible," said Lane, who noted that funds are still needed for landscaping, paving and equipment. Contributions can be made to Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 900 N. Frost, Pampa, TX 79065.

Consumers tickled, producers pinched by drop in oil prices

(See related story on Page 1)

By MAGGIE JACKSON
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The deep decline in oil prices is providing an early holiday gift for many U.S. consumers — and a lump of coal for drillers and refiners.

The retail price of regular unleaded gasoline fell to 97.4 cents a gallon this week, its lowest level in eight years. Last year, prices averaged \$1.15 a gallon. Home heating bills, helped by mild temperatures, are also low.

"It does help at the end of the month," Dallas salesman Jeff Nelson said as he filled up his gas-guzzling sports utility vehicle.

Low oil prices are also keeping U.S. manufacturing costs down, contributing to cheaper electricity and dampening any trend toward inflation.

Still, with the United States the world's second largest oil producer after Saudi Arabia, companies along the petroleum industry food chain are laying off workers and slashing capital expenditures.

The slump helped lead to the marriage of oil behemoths Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp., who say they expect \$2.8 billion in cost savings by merging. The world's biggest company will be based in Irving, Texas.

"Those of us in the oil patch have seen much better days," lamented Tim Colwell, spokesman for Parker Drilling, a Tulsa, Okla.-based contract company suffering amid the drop in oil prices.

Oil prices aren't expected to shoot up any time soon, even if the unseasonably warm fall turns wintry, analysts said. There are simply too many difficulties weighing on the market.

Chiefly, Asia's rippling economic problems have cut demand for oil, and the divisive Organization

In Texas, mining jobs — mostly in oil and gas drilling — dropped from 5 percent of the state's jobs in 1982 to 1.9 percent in 1998, according to DRI of Lexington, Mass.

of the Petroleum Exporting Countries has been unable to curb the glut. OPEC, which controls 40 percent of the world's daily production, increased output last winter, then made a 2.6 million barrel-a-day production cut in June that did little to boost prices.

Still, historically oil-dependent states such as Alaska and Texas aren't likely to be hit as hard as they were by the glut of 1986.

Retailers and service industries are booming in Alaska; The Gap opened a first store in the state this fall. In Texas, mining jobs — mostly in oil and gas drilling — dropped from 5 percent of the state's jobs in 1982 to 1.9 percent in 1998, according to DRI of Lexington, Mass.

For now, U.S. oil producers are trying to limit the fallout from the collapsing oil and gas markets.

Parker Drilling has laid off 90 employees out of a global work force of 4,500. Colwell said drilling rigs are being idled in Asia and the Far East.

Burlington Resources, a Houston-based oil and natural gas producer, is canceling the rental of many drilling rigs for a major project off the Gulf of Mexico. Overall, the company will cut capital expenditures 75 percent, or up to \$150 million, on that project alone.

"If oil prices stay down next year, not only our company but other companies will slow down projects, if not cut them out completely," spokesman John Carrara said.

Lawyer: John Gotti, 34, free on bail, is broke

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — John A. Gotti has learned that getting out of jail is anything but free.

The \$21,000-a-month bill from the security company that enforces "Junior" Gotti's bail conditions far exceeds his income, his lawyer said Tuesday, and Gotti has had to borrow heavily to pay it.

Gotti has an \$11,000 mortgage payment and pays \$1,600 each month for groceries and \$1,100 for electricity. Adding in the security fee, the total dwarfs the \$11,000 he's taking in from rental properties, attorney Gerald Shargel said in a letter to federal Judge Barrington Parker.

Gotti, 34, is accused of robbery, extortion, loan-sharking, gambling and fraud in a wide-ranging racketeering indictment. He could be sentenced to 20 years in prison if convicted at a trial scheduled to begin in February.

Earlier court documents revealed that Gotti was borrowing from his sister, the successful novelist

Victoria Gotti. His current income, the full cost of the security and his other expenses had not been known.

Gotti, who was released on bail in October after eight months in jail, knew he'd have to pay the security company's bills for guards at his Oyster Bay home, taps on his phones and an electronic monitor on his ankle.

Ordinarily, he could have generated funds by selling some of his property. But prosecutors, claiming most of those properties were bought with ill-gotten proceeds, have seized them. Authorities also seized \$360,000 of Gotti's cash.

In his letter, Shargel asked the Parker for a hearing to free some of the assets. The judge could rule on the request as early as Dec. 14.

Prosecutor Bart Van de Weghe, who has been handling the issue for the government, had no comment.

Afghan barbers trim beards despite fear of punishment

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Professional beard trimming is a clandestine business in Taliban-ruled Kabul, where shaving is a crime that can land you in jail or get you beaten.

Inside their homes, barbers trim the beards of the brave few who sneak a quick trim while getting a haircut.

The ban on shaving was imposed by the Taliban army — Islamic religious students turned guerrilla fighters — after it took control of Kabul in September 1996 and imposed a strict version of Islamic law.

"It is not just women who have suffered under the Taliban ... men have also borne the brunt," said Zulmair Khan, who was having his beard trimmed because, he said, "hairs come into my mouth when I eat."

His frustration exceeded his fear of punishment.

"The Taliban can punish me for this, but this long beard — especially when it is untrimmed — really makes my life miserable," he said.

The job was done quickly and only after the barber posted his 8-year-old son as a sentry to watch for patrolling Taliban soldiers.

"Don't fall asleep ... warn us if you see them," said Zahir, who gave only one name.

He snipped briskly, worrying his young son's vigilance would wane.

"Some men really beg and implore me to shorten their beards ... so I have to take the risk," Zahir said.

He said he wasn't worried Taliban authorities might be able to identify him from a news story, because his name is common in Afghanistan.

In Kabul, once a relatively sophisticated capital where European fashions were worn by the city's well-to-do, music has been banned by the Taliban along with most forms of light entertainment.

"Men miss even small things in life, which comes so normally everywhere else," Khan said while getting his beard trimmed.

The Taliban's no-shaving edict comes from their belief that Islam's prophet Mohammed ruled against shaving.

Barbers have been given strict orders to not even touch a beard with a pair of scissors because it is "un-Islamic."

Taliban leaders also have their own idea of an "Islamic hair style," Zahir said.

The forehead should be free of hair so as not to interfere when a man prays and touches his forehead to his prayer mat. Center parting is fine and closely shaved in the back is best.

About 1,000 Taliban militiamen patrol the streets, often armed with steel wires, to publicly beat offenders.

One shopkeeper, Innyat Ullah, said he misses the looser rules of the days of communist rule under late President Najibullah, who was hanged by the Taliban for prolonging the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and contributing to the deaths of 1.5 million Afghans.

But for Ullah those days were memorable for other reasons.

"I used to shave my beard daily ... wear trousers and live a normal life, but now all those days are a memory. The present is bitter and dark."

Today men are required to wear the traditional Afghan "shalwar kameez," a pajama-like outfit of baggy pants and long shirt.

When the Taliban first arrived in Kabul, the more zealous religious policemen would check men's armpits for hair, which also is forbidden.

Zahir, who charges 28 cents for a hair cut, says his business is barely operating. Where he once employed eight barbers, there is now only one.

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Time Is Precious Commodity For Retirees Engaged in Life

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Exasperated in Massachusetts" could have been a little more plain-spoken. She's the woman who said she and her husband were being driven crazy by the demands of her parents and in-laws, who wanted to spend more time with them than they have to give. In my opinion, she should tell them to "get a life."

Abby, my husband and I are both in our 70s. We raised six children and we're loving our retirement. We are both active in our church, do volunteer work and frequently socialize with our many wonderful friends. We can't find enough hours in the day. When we can find time, we visit with our children and 12 grandchildren, and we treasure those moments.

There are so many classes seniors can take — I recently completed French and genealogy. Literacy teachers are needed everywhere (I did that, too), and volunteer opportunities abound. My husband volunteers two days a week at one of our local hospitals. We also love to travel, but right now, we're too busy.

"Exasperated" should encourage her parents and in-laws to get involved in life, and she might occasionally ask them to "baby-sit" for a weekend so she and her husband can get away alone. There are a million things for them to do instead of depending on their adult children to entertain them.

BLESSED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR BLESSED: I couldn't



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

agree more. You're obviously enjoying a retirement that's exciting, fulfilling and fun. Read on for more of the feedback that's come in about "Exasperated":

DEAR ABBY: You should have told "Exasperated in Massachusetts" to keep track of all the complaints her parents and in-laws are hurling at her now. That way, she'll know what to say when her kids and grandkids ignore her in another 25 years. If she thinks about it from that point of view, I'll wager she'll come up with all kinds of ways she could make time for her parents and in-laws.

What she's doing now is teaching her children ways to ignore family members — and I predict it'll come back to haunt her.

GLAD I'M NOT HER MOM, YORK, PA.

DEAR ABBY: I used to have the same problem as "Exasperated in Massachusetts." My 75-year-old retired father couldn't seem to

understand why I couldn't drop everything at the last minute to go to a movie, go to dinner, etc. I really did want to spend time with him. I just couldn't seem to fit it in.

Then I did a "trade-out" with him. If he wanted to go to dinner, I'd ask him to pick up the dry cleaning, go to the bank for me and pick up the kids — whatever it took to allow me time to go with him. Dinner at home — no problem. He cooked his specialty, and we all helped clean up.

My father is older now and not well, but I'm glad we had those times together — and I miss all those things he did so we could have time together.

HAPPY TO HAVE HAD HELP, RENO, NEV.

DEAR HAPPY: Beautiful! Dad remained needed and useful, and you all benefited by enjoying memorable times together. Kudos to you for coming up with a compromise that made everyone happy.

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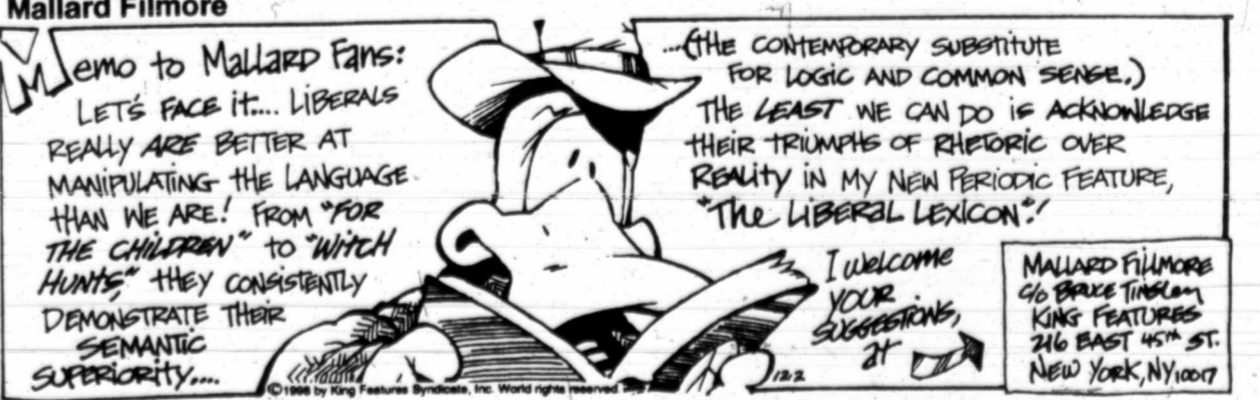
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Horoscope

THURSDAY, DEC. 3, 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)
★★★★ Pressure and changing plans challenge you. You come up with unexpected solutions. Friends gather around you and support you in a project. Remain grounded with the amount of information that comes forward. Your mind races in many directions. Tonight: Hang out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Handling your finances takes concentration. Someone you counted on lets you down — the proverbial check is in the mail! Unexpected opportunities distract you. Make a must appearance. Friends seek you out, but you discover that they have costly ideas. Tonight: Indulge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Pressure pulls you in many directions. Bosses seek you, friends want you and a loved one demands your time. You could decide to leave the office early to go holiday shopping. Get into the hustle and bustle, music and lights. Do what works for you. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ You are out of kilter and worried. You could already be feeling the holiday blues, not knowing how

to handle all you have to do. The solution lies in doing something different. Make calls, explore the Internet and come up with a workable idea. Tonight: Do your thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your social life pulls you in multiple directions. Outside of cloning yourself, you have no alternative except to choose. Laughter and good will mark your day, as long as obligations don't bog you down. Some-one monopolizes your thoughts. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Be sensible about expectations. Recognize just how much you can do. Stand up for yourself, say you can't if necessary, and make contingency plans. A partner is more helpful than you thought possible but is also distracting. Priorities are a must. Tonight: Work hard.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You do the ultimate juggling act. Listen carefully to feedback from other sources, but do what you feel is needed. Screen calls, and do as much as you can over the phone. You are packing a lot into every minute. Work and errands could overwhelm you. Tonight: Relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Money pressure continues to ail you. Think carefully before making formal commitments. A family member comes up with unexpected ideas. You might not be sure, but work with these ideas. Your creativity must come out. Someone is wild about you. Tonight: Play it low-key.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Push comes to shove, but you are ready to deal with others. You could find an associate extremely testy. The unexpected occurs. What you thought was impossible falls easily into place. You go overboard with a family member. Tonight: Out for the evening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ You might need to take a personal day. Slow down. Pressure has been quite intense to perform. Others seek you out; they need your time and advice. Don't get caught in a bind. Let others make their own choices. Tonight: Off to the gym for some exercise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You have a choice between a friendship and your desires. Children and loved ones make demands. You can't play both sides. Let go, and take a risk. You work hard; now make time for pleasures. Consider an early departure from the office. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★ Sometimes it is wise to play ostrich. There is no time like the present. Family wants one thing, a boss gives orders and a loved one has yet another agenda. You learn about yourself because of the pressure that circumstances create. Tonight: Head home fast!

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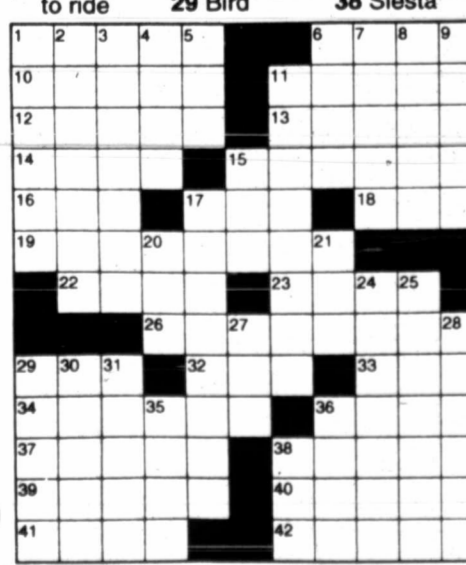
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Palmeiro returns to Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — With its cozy right-field porch, The Ballpark in Arlington was built with Rafael Palmeiro in mind. Now the Texas Rangers finally get to see what he can do with it.

The free-agent first baseman and the Rangers agreed to a \$45 million, five-year contract Tuesday, five years after Texas signed Will Clark and let Palmeiro go to Baltimore.

The Rangers had just finished their last season in the old Arlington Stadium when Palmeiro made a bitter exit in 1993.

But The Ballpark was well under construction then, and the designers had worked to accommodate him and other Texas lefties. The right-field foul pole sits just 325 feet from home plate.

Since Palmeiro, Texas hasn't had a true left-handed power hitter. Clark, though a lefty with some power, is an opposite-field hitter.

"When they started designing The Ballpark, I made sure that Tom Schieffer knew, 'You've got some lefties that want that fence close,'" Palmeiro said.

Some observers expect Palmeiro, who has hit 37 or more homers in six of the past seven seasons, to belt 50 next season, but he downplayed that.

"I can't be the savior," he said. "If I hit 35 home runs or 40 or 50 or whatever it is, at the end I'll know I gave it all I had."

Palmeiro's return to Texas almost didn't happen. He had a five-year, \$50 million deal with Baltimore all but signed, but decid-

ed Tuesday morning he wanted to return to the area his family has continued to call home.

"It's good to be home," Palmeiro said. "This is where I want to be. This is where I want to finish my career. And this is where I want to win."

"It didn't really come down to the money ... 45, 50, 55, when you're talking about that kind of money, you have to weigh the other things that come into play."

Texas general manager Doug Melvin said he was surprised when Palmeiro called and asked if anything could be worked out. The deal came together quickly, "probably within half an hour," Melvin said. Palmeiro, bypassing agent Jim Bronner, said he negotiated it himself.

"Sometimes in this business things can happen real quick," Melvin said. "It has happened because of Rafael stepping up and saying he wanted to be here."

Palmeiro, who played for Texas from 1989-93, was a fan favorite during his first stint in Arlington.

But he was finished in Texas the day Clark signed a \$30 million, five-year deal with the Rangers. Palmeiro ended up getting an almost identical deal in Baltimore.

His departure was a bitter one, with Palmeiro criticizing the Rangers' desire to win a World Series and telling a newspaper that Clark, a teammate at Mississippi State, had undercut him.

Palmeiro said Tuesday that his anger is gone.

"What happened in the past is in the past," he said. "We had our dif-

ferences back then, but the important thing is today I'm back home."

When he left, Palmeiro had just finished his best season in Texas with a .295 average, 37 homers and 105 RBIs. He flourished with the Orioles and hit .296 this year with 43 homers and 121 RBIs, leading Baltimore in homers, hits (183) and RBIs.

The 34-year-old has a .294 career average in 13 seasons with the Chicago Cubs, Rangers and Orioles.

Melvin said adding Palmeiro, a Gold Glove winner the past two seasons, and this week's re-signing of shortstop Royce Clayton give Texas a solid defense next season. And Palmeiro adds punch to a lineup that already includes Rusty Greer, Juan Gonzalez and Ivan Rodriguez.

But Texas remains in the market for starting pitching after losing out in the bidding for Randy Johnson. Melvin said Palmeiro's deal leaves the Rangers budget intact for the pitching search.

Ironically, Palmeiro's return means Clark will be looking elsewhere for work.

"We had initial interest from a number of teams, but we had focused our attention on Texas, which was Will's first choice," said Clark's agent, Jeff Moorad. "At this point, we'll go back to the other teams that have expressed interest and continue this game of musical chairs."

While Moorad wouldn't say what teams he has talked to, the Boston Red Sox and Orioles are said to be interested.

Florida assistant named OU coach

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Bob Stoops was an Oklahoma football fan as a child. As a ninth-grader, he once painted his football shoes silver to compliment Joe Washington.

"How many teams do you know could put the ball on the ground (fumble) six times and still blow out their opponent?" Stoops asked.

Oklahoma fans are hoping the 38-year-old Stoops will be able to recapture some of that greatness as the head football coach. He was introduced Tuesday to succeed John Blake, who was fired with a 12-22 record in three seasons.

"I will not shy away from the expectations here at Oklahoma. In fact we'll embrace them," said Stoops, Florida's defensive coordinator the past three years.

"There should be great expectations here. It's a program with the championships that should expect championships. I know we'll operate with no excuses. There are no excuses. You succeed or you don't."

Stoops brings to the job experience gained as part of a coaching family and while working under three great college coaches — Hayden Fry, Bill Snyder and Steve Spurrier. "This person, at every level, excelled," athletics director Joe Castiglione said. "Bob, as a player and coach, has been

involved in success at every level."

He said Stoops "fit perfectly the profile we developed."

Stoops, who received a five-year contract worth close to \$700,000 annually, was introduced at what was more a pep rally than a news conference. The announcement was made on the front steps of the university's administration building and was attended by a pep band and about 1,000 people, most of them students.

Oklahoma's last national championship came in 1985 under Barry Switzer, who also was on hand. But the Sooners haven't challenged for a conference title during the past decade; they are 22-33-1 in the past five years.

"What we'll try and do is just constantly improve from day to day, from month to month, from year to year, keep the same system intact and continually improve," Stoops said.

"I believe that drive and that pursuit, in time, certainly will get us where we should be, and that's competing for a Big 12 championship and in time, hopefully, a national championship."

When Blake was hired without any experience as a head coach, and without even being a coordinator at any level, OU officials felt the program's most pressing need was a coach who was a strong

recruiter. The biggest need now is a solid coach, and Oklahoma believes Stoops fits.

His late father, Ron, was defensive coordinator at Cardinal Mooney High School in Youngstown, Ohio, for 30 years. Stoops' three brothers are all coaches — Mike is defensive coordinator at Kansas State, Mark is secondary coach at Wyoming and Ron Jr. is defensive coordinator at Boardman High in Youngstown.

Stoops was a four-year starter for Fry as a defensive back at Iowa. He spent four years as a volunteer assistant and graduate assistant at Iowa, moved on to Kent State for one year, then was hired by Snyder at Kansas State.

He spent six years helping turn that program around before joining Spurrier at Florida. Stoops' aggressive defense was a perfect complement to Florida's high-powered offense and helped result in a national championship in 1996.

After the 1996 season, Stoops turned down a chance to become head coach at Minnesota. Last year, he declined offers to interview for the Arkansas job and to become defensive coordinator at Texas.

In choosing Oklahoma, he opted not to return to his alma mater and replace Fry, who resigned last week.

"The University of Oklahoma was a very easy decision," he said. "I've been talking about this job with many coaches for many years, that I've thought this was always a very special job."



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Buffalo	7	5	0	.583	268	242			
New England	7	5	0	.583	262	236			
Indianapolis	2	10	0	.167	208	336			

AFL		L		Pct.		PF		PA	
Jacksonville	9	3	0	.750	311	247			
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	224	218			
Tennessee	6	6	0	.500	260	237			
Baltimore	5	7	0	.417	205	247			
Cincinnati	2	10	0	.167	197	321			

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Oakland	7	5	0	.583	209	244			
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	255	210			
Kansas City	5	7	0	.417	238	259			
San Diego	3	9	0	.250	181	247			

AFL		L		Pct.		PF		PA	
Dallas	8	4	0	.667	325	217			
Arizona	6	6	0	.500	251	308			
N.Y. Giants	4	8	0	.333	198	257			
Washington	3	9	0	.250	240	337			
Philadelphia	2	10	0	.167	108	277			

AFL		L		Pct.		PF		PA	
x-Minnesota	11	1	0	.917	394	220			
Green Bay	7	0	0	.667	314	240			
Seattle	5	7	0	.417	244	263			
Tampa Bay	5	7	0	.417	223	250			
Chicago	3	9	0	.250	197	275			

AFL		L		Pct.		PF		PA	
x-Atlanta	10	2	0	.833	325	218			
San Francisco	9	3	0	.750	354	244			
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	216	265			
St. Louis	3	9	0	.250	207	285			
Carolina	2	10	0	.167	236	322			

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Baltimore at Tennessee, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 7
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 8:20 p.m.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed TE Andrew Jordan and WR Kevin McKenzie. Re-signed FB Mike Reed. Placed TE Kaseem Sinceno and TE Jason Dunn on injured reserve. Re-signed FB Mike Reed to the practice squad.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Released RB Justin Watson from the practice squad.

HOCKEY
NHL—Suspended Buffalo RW Rob Ray for four games and fined him \$1,000 for sleeve-footing Florida LW Alex Hicks in a game Nov. 28.

BUFFALO SABRES—Signed D Mike Wilson to a three-year contract.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Named Bob Whidden general manager.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Reassigned C Josh Holden to Syracuse of the AHL.

COLLEGE
LONG BEACH STATE—Announced that men's basketball F Jared Frey has left the team.

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ANNOUNCED C Charlie Greene was claimed off waivers by Milwaukee.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with 1B Rafael Palmeiro on a five-year contract. Sent RHP Eric Moody outright to Oklahoma of the PCL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with OF Otis Nixon on a one-year contract and SS Ozzie Guillen on a two-year contract.

RELEASED OF Curtis Pride and Designated INF Glenn Williams for assignment.

NEW YORK METS—Traded C Todd Hundley to the Los Angeles Dodgers for C Charles Johnson and OF Roger Cedeno.

TRADED JOHNSON TO THE BALTIMORE ORIOLES FOR RHP Armando Benitez.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Named Dave Huppert manager of Brevard County of the Florida State League.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Signed RHP Luis Torres to a minor-league contract.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
ROCHESTER RED WINGS—Announced that the Baltimore Orioles signed RHP Terry Burrows to a Red Wings contract.

BASKETBALL
AMERICAN BASKETBALL LEAGUE
COLORADO XPLOSION—Signed F-G Laticia Morris to a two-week re-signment contract.

FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed K Chris Jacke.

CHICAGO BEARS—Placed QB Erik Kramer on injured reserve. Agreed to terms with QB Jim Miller. Moved LB Chris Drift from the practice squad to the active roster. Signed DT Harry Delgians to the practice squad.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed TE Andrew Jordan and WR Kevin McKenzie. Re-signed FB Mike Reed. Placed TE Kaseem Sinceno and TE Jason Dunn on injured reserve. Re-signed FB Mike Reed to the practice squad.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Released RB Justin Watson from the practice squad.

HOCKEY
NHL—Suspended Buffalo RW Rob Ray for four games and fined him \$1,000 for sleeve-footing Florida LW Alex Hicks in a game Nov. 28.

BUFFALO SABRES—Signed D Mike Wilson to a three-year contract.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Named Bob Whidden general manager.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Reassigned C Josh Holden to Syracuse of the AHL.

COLLEGE
LONG BEACH STATE—Announced that men's basketball F Jared Frey has left the team.

MARYLAND—Extended the contract of Gary Williams, men's basketball coach, through the 2005 season.

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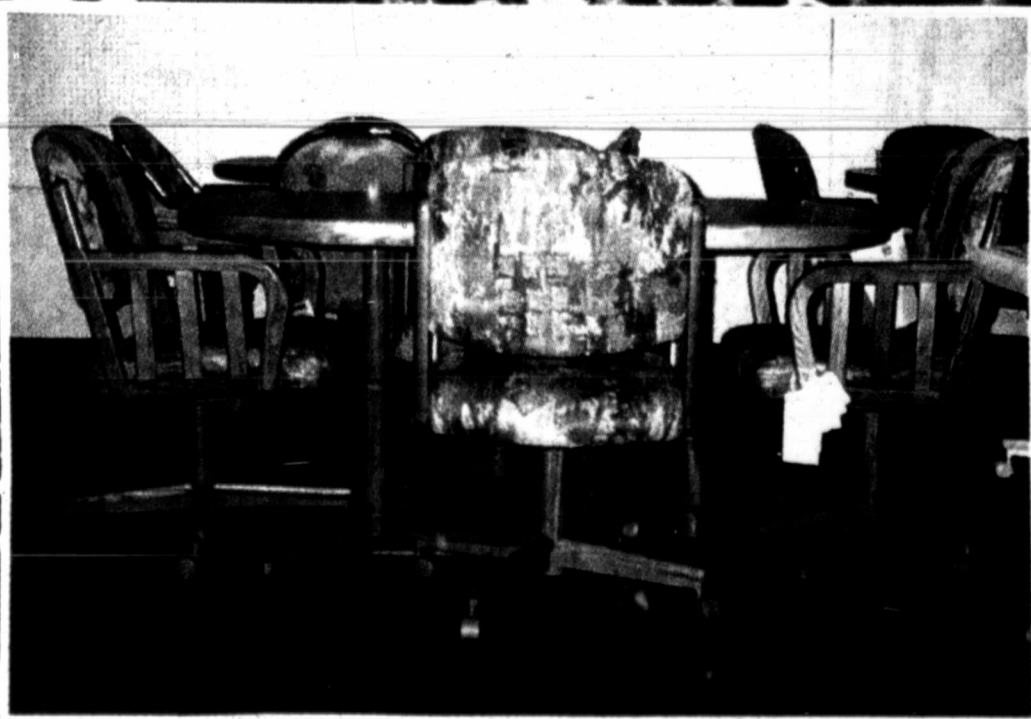
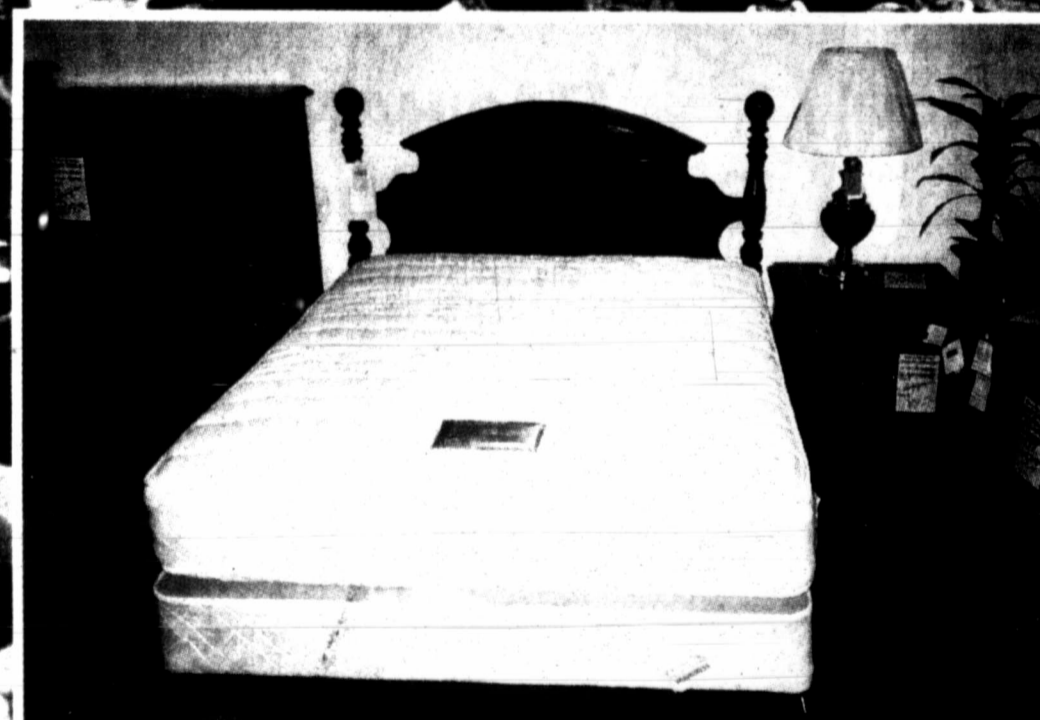
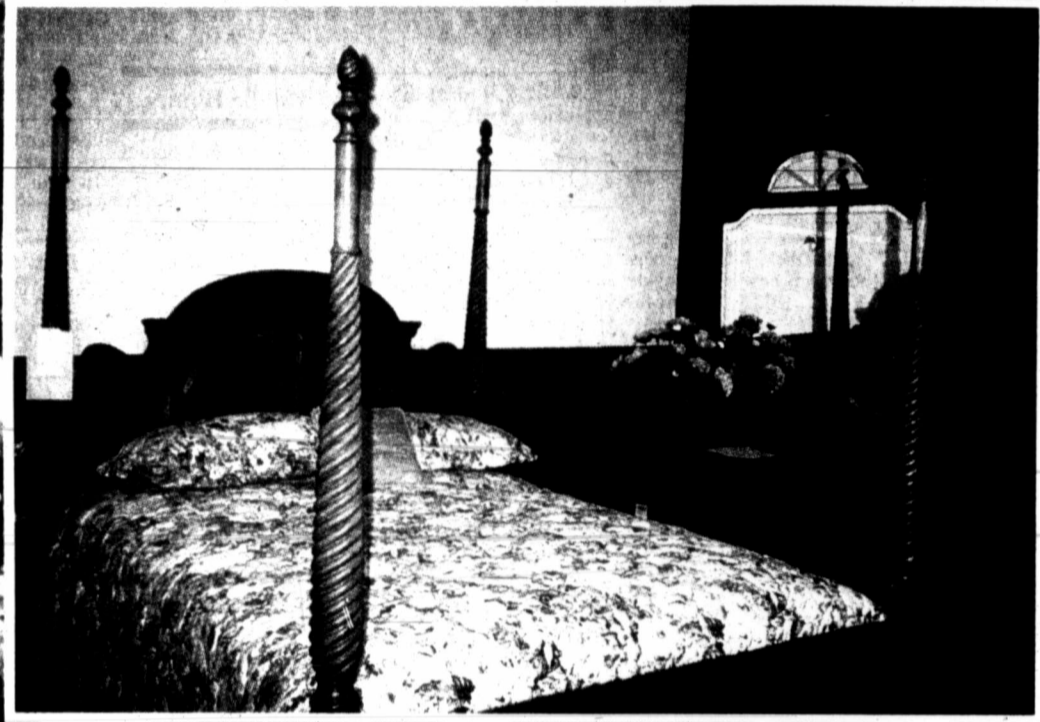
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