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High today mid 60s Low tonight low 40s. For weather details see Page 2.

PAMPA— Pampa Police Officer Colby Brown is home today after being taken to Northwest Texas Hospital yesterday to have his shoulder reset. Chief Charlie Morris said that Brown will re rn to light duty next week. Brown was injured in an altercation at Pampa High School while attempting to arrest Eric Dale Bennett, 18, 618 Lowry. Brown first was taken to Columbia Medical Center but was then sent to an orthopedic surgeon in Amarillo.

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 2-18-31-34-43-50.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$14 million.

· Lowal 'Spook' Hand, 63, heavy equipment operator, watchman.

· Blanche Tolbert Osborne, **80**, services pending.

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Skinner moves closer to execution

A Pampa man is one step closer to execution today after the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed a jury verdict yesterday in the capital murder case of Henry Watkins Skinner.

Skinner, 36, was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to death in the New Year's 1994 brutal slavings of his girl friend and her two sons.

"The skill with which this case was investigated and tried is exemplary," District Attorney John Mann said. "It is a credit to our local legal system in this litigious time for a case of this magnitude to be found, on appeal, free of error."

Skinner was convicted of bludgeoning to death his girl friend, Appeals court affirms verdict

Twila Busby, 40, with an axe handle and stabbing her two sons, Elwin Caler, 22, and Randolph Busby, 20, in their southeast Pampa home.

Officers said they were called to a neighbor's house shortly before midnight that New Year's Eve to find Caler slumped on the front porch suffering from stab wounds to his arms, chest and abdomen. Officers followed a

Patricia James takes time out to look at the Angel Tree at Alco Discount Store in

need a little help, too

are in need this Christmas but, so far, response—there are so many more "angels" this year over-

rated with paper angels bearing information. leave little or nothing for Christmas gifts.

Santa's helpers

trail of blood down the sidewalk to the house that he shared with his mother and brother. There they found Twila Busby dead in the blood spattered living room. In the back bedroom, they found Randolph Busby in his bed dead of stab wounds to the back.

Caler died a few minutes into the New Year at what was then Coronado Hospital.

Both brothers were active in

various Special Education and Special Olympics programs.

701 W. Brown

Skinner was convicted in 1995 of the murders and sentenced to die by lethal injection. He was returned to Pampa in May this vear for a hearing after his attorney Steven Losch missed a deadline for filing for a writ of habeas

A writ of habeas corpus is a procedural vehicle that provides one last chance to get a case before a court after regular appeals have been exhausted.

Losch told Judge M. Kent Sims that a variety of circumstances conspired against him to prevent the Longview attorney from filing the necessary documents in a timely tashion. Losch told the



Henry Watkins Skinner

judge that he had a heavy workload, there was a mix up in his (See SKINNER, Page 5)

Tip to Teen Crime Stoppers pays off Vandal suspects charged

Two Pampa youths have been arrested for vandalism thanks to a tip from the Teen Crime Stoppers.

The vandalism involved \$20,265 in damage to windows along a wide area of Hobart, Duncan, and the downtown area. The damage was caused primarily by a pellet gun, according to police reports. The spree happened last weekend and prince had taken over 27

reports of damage by early Monday. The case was solved when a tip was called into Teen Crime Stoppers which was recently organized and run from Pampa High School. Iwo to-year-old juveniles were apprehended along with evidence, according to police and will be charged in Grav County Juvenile Court for all the damage.

Teen Crime Stoppers. like the adult counterpart, pays cash rewards for tips that lead to arrests or evidence and all callers remain anonymous. Any questions about Teen Crime Stoppers can be directed to the school resource officer at Pampa High School.

Fatality report for DA pending

tatal collision between a Mack driven by Kenneth Nickel, tractor and trailer owned by Lefors, failed to yield the right of Gray County and a Chevrolet way to the Tahoe, Shank said. Tahoe driven by Cindy Stuart, El Reno, Okla., continues, no final reports has been filed, according to DPS trooper Ron Shank.

According to Shank, a final report should be ready by next week but a report to the District Attorney's office is still a week or two away. The DA's office will make any decision on whether

charges will be filed. The accident occurred

While the investigation into a Monday afternoon when a semi The truck had stopped at the intersection of Grav 18 and Highway 152 but apparently did not see the the vehicle driven by Stuart before pulling away.

The collision took the passenger door off of the sport utility vehicle and damaged its roof. Stuart was rushed to Northwest Texas Hospital by Litestar Helicopter where she underwent

(See FATALITY, Page 2)

Education booklet ain't written good

HOUSION (AP) — City officials had to throw out 2,000 full-color booklets about the mayor's youth programs because they were full of misspelled words and grammatical errors.

Twas horrified," Councilman Orlando Sanchez told the Houston Chronicle II touts education, but the number of tragmentary sentences and misspellings were astounding.

The newspaper reported that the 14-page booklet was written by Mayor Lee Brown's So7.000-a-year director for youth services, May Walker. The mayor's office said the in-house printing costs totaled

Copies of the booklet were distributed to city offices, and an electronic version was posted on the city's Internet site, but they were

hastily recalled by the mayor's staff once errors were noticed. (See FDUCATION, Page 2)

Career clinic gives students 'real life' view

"I'm atraid there are a lot of children out

there who aren't going to have much of a

Branscum agrees saving she is not sure why

last year though the sign-up period was longer

this year. Also, she said some of those signing

up their children had lost jobs since last year

and others work but make low wages that

To quality as an "angel," Branscum says the

For those who want to help but don't want to

buy a toy or clothes themselves, gifts of money

will be accepted by the Salvation Army. Checks

can be mailed to or dropped off at its office at

701 S. Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79065. Gifts and

money need to be donated no later than Dec. 14

Santa's Helpers in one way or another saving.

"Even it an angel is not picked off the tree,

we're going to make sure that child still gets

Branscum is optimistic the public will help

in order to allow time for sorting, etc.

something for Christmas.

applications were screened to make sure the

Christmas it we don't help," Parsons said.

By MIRANDA G. BAH EY Managing Editor

ered to the Salvation Army.

said.

Coronado Center.

By KATE B. DICKSON

help have grown this year.

There are lots of little "angels" in Pampa who

to the Salvation Army Angel Iree program has

been slow while the numbers of those seeking

Angel Trees at Alco and Wal-Mart are deco-

about a specific child. Those willing to buy a

toy or clothing item are asked to take an angel

the code number and return it to the stores or to

Right now, about 200 "angels" remain on the

This year, Culberson-Stowers and Chevrolet

are lending a hand to the program by placing a

Toys for Tots box in the auto dealership, said

Victoria Parsons. The box is empty today, but

Parsons said she hopes people will soon till it

with new unwrapped toys that will be deliv-

trees and another 80 need to go up, Branscum

the Salvation Army at 701 S. Cuyler.

from the tree, purchase the gift, mark it with need is genuine.

Associate Publisher

Two architects from Burleson, Nelson & Shiver flew into Pampa from Dallas this week to visit with students

about their profession With an extensive slide show detailing the architecture of buildings past and present. John Shiver led the presentation. He invited students to ask questions about the career which has led him to be involved with the architecture of Pampa's remodeled elementary schools

throughout Texas, visited with students about acting and lite in the theatre

Shiver and Hysmith were two members of the 90 or so business professionals who took time away from work Wednesday to discuss their jobs with students as part of a career clinic sponsored by Pampa's Altrusa-International organization

ties in the day's class schedule to listen to professionals

Tammy Hysmith, an actress who has played Patsy in a vast range of career fields ranging from computer Cline in a traveling Amarillo Little Theatre production technology and heavy equipment operation to nuclear physics and modeling.

> This helps the kids determine their job opportunities and helps them start looking at things ... I've heard a lot of good comments from kids in the past," said Altrusan and marketing teacher Donna Crow.

* Crow, and business teacher Sherrell Wheeler were the two teachers primarily responsible for coordinating the Students in grades 9-12 were given three opportunitive event from the school's end. This meant four months of

(See CAREER, Page 2)

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"MEDICAL SUPPLY SALES & RENTAL"

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

CLENDENNEN, Wesley Adell — Memorial services, 1 p.m., Bible Baptist Church, Borger. **HAND**, Lowal "Spook" — 2 p.m., Central Baptist Church, Canadian.

Obituaries

LOWAL 'SPOOK' HAND

CANADIAN – Lowal "Spook" Hand, 63, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1998, in Roger Mills County, Okla. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Central Baptist Church in Canadian with the Rev. Rick Timmons officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Hand was born June 9, 1935, in Wichita County, Texas, to A.A. and Pearl Hand, Sr. He grew up around Canadian and was baptized in First Christian Church. He married Mary Helen Morrow on March 21, 1955, at Canadian; she died April 29, 1998. He married Dorothy Phillips on March 26, 1986, in Lipscomb County.

He was a heavy equipment operator, a dry watchman for several oil companies in the area and crewed for several Merchant Marine vessels from 1965-70. He moved to Arnett, Okla., in 1984 from Canadian.

He was preceded in death by a son, Billy James Hand, in 1958; and by a grandson, Caleb Hammontree, in 1997

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, of Arnett; four daughters, Bobbie Chase of Protection, Kan., Cynthia Pugaczewski of Kenosha, Wis., and Deonna Hand and Renea Hand, both of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sons, Lonnie Dee Hand of Clinton, Okla., and Terry Wayne Hand of Woodward, Okla.; a stepdaughter, Kathy Phillips of Arnett; five stepsons, Wes Phillips, Bill Phillips and Mike Phillips, all of Arnett, Wayne Phillips of Vici, Okla., and Roy Phillips of Leach, Okla.; two sisters, Betty lo Thomason of Canadian and Polly Horton of Higgins; three brothers, Alonzo Hand Jr. of Canadian and George Hand of Wewoka, Okla.; 23 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

BLANCHE TÖLBERT OSBORNE

MIAMI - Blanche Tolbert Osborne, 80, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1998, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Calendar of events

PÁMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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

THEE PLACE Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group

all Connie at 669-9364. **EMMAUS REUNION**

Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second

Thursday of each month. For more information, call 669-3426 or 669-9226. THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The Spirit of Christmas volunteers will distrib-

ute Wish Cards and raise funds for gifts Nov. 12 -Dec. 116 Gifts will be given to abused and neglected Amarillo children under the care of the social services agency Child Protective Services. For more information or to make a contribution, call Nancy Hutchens, (806) 378-3206.

PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS GUILD

Panhandle Piecemekers Quilt Guild Christmas party will be on Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m. at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. Members should bring a covered dish, Christmas block, and wrapped gift. For more information, please call 669-0568 or 665-4718.

SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS

Southside Senior Citizen's Center at 438 Crawford is having their Annual Bar-B-Que Dec. 5 starting at 11 a.m. until sold out. Carry outs are available. There is a cost of adults \$6 and children 10 and under \$3. Tickets are available at the center,

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	
Energas	

Police report

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

Wednesday, December 2 Eric Dale Bennett, 18, 618 Lowry, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest

and aggravated assault on a peace officer. Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Naida.

Criminal mischief was reported at Ballard and Browning. Domestic violence was reported in the 1300

block of N. Duncan. Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500

block of N. Hobart. Assault was reported in in the 100 block of W.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7.a.m. today. Wednesday, December 2

Gary Hunter Hayes, 40, Lefors, was arrested on Tina Marie Walker, 40, Miami, was arrested on

Accidents

charges of theft by check.

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

Wednesday, December 2

An unknown driver was doing donuts in the 1200 block of N. Sumner while in a 1983 Cadillac owned by Bob Weloon, 736 Banks, according to police reports and struck an SPS light pole about 11:40 p.m. Weloon reported the car stolen.

Fires

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

Wednesday, December 2

p.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to the 1200 block of Garland on a spill. 6:32 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to 1200 block of Hamilton on a smoke

Thursday, December 3

2:05 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky on a medical assist.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, December 2 11:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to

Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo. 1:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to

Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. 2:41 p.m. — A mobile I€U responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one

to a local nursing facility. 2:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one

to Panhandle Surgical Hospital. 4:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Darby and transported one to

Columbia Medical Center. 5:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one

to a McLean Nursing Home. 7:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of S. Prairie and transported one to

Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. 10:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of N. Foster and transported one to

Columbia Medical Center. Thursday, December 3

2:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Mediçal Center.

4:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Hamilton and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Father on trial charged with injecting HIV in son

Associated Press Writer

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP) — Jennifer's infant son was in a hospital recovering from an asthma attack - doing well, she says, until his father

The father, Brian Stewart, told her to take a break from their son's bedside. When she returned, Jennifer testified Wednesday, the baby was upset and Stewart immediately left.

Stewart, 32, of Columbia, Ill., is accused of injecting HIV-tainted blood into his 11-month-old son in February 1992. Prosecutors say he wanted to avoid paying child support.

The boy, now 7, was diagnosed with AIDS in

Stewart allegedly smuggled contaminated blood out of a hospital where he worked as a phlebotomist, a person who draws blood. If con- Louis University and a blood bank specialist, tesvicted of first-degree assault, he could get life in

The boy's mother, identified only as Jennifer to protect the child's anonymity, testified on the first day of Stewart's trial that he told her she didn't examination by Murphy that many of the child's need to seek child support because "your child is symptoms were present before Stewart's visit.

Defense attorney Joseph Murphy denied that Stewart injected the boy with HIV, saying the boy was in contact with 23 other people who could have infected him with HIV.

Jennifer said that her son's health deteriorated after Stewart visited him in the hospital on Feb. 6, 1992. The woman also said Stewart kept vials of blood in a freezer in her apartment.

She conceded that Stewart had never specifically said he would inject the boy or anyone else with HIV-tainted blood.

The boy's pediatrician, Dr. Linda Steele Green, testified today that the boy suddenly became lethargic and started running a fever for no apparent reason. "He just all of a sudden - we found him in his bed listless," she said.

Michael Graham, a professor of pathology at St tified that the boy's condition that day was consistent with someone who had received a transfusion of incompatible blood.

Green and Graham both conceded on cross-

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surgery but died from her injuries the next day. Shank reports that she was wearing her seatbelt and her airbag deployed. Her 11-month old child,

Alexis, was in a child safety seat and suffered only minor injuries.

Witnesses indicate that Nickel knows Stuart's family, who live in Pampa, and is highly upset over

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EDUCATION

Both the printing and distribution of the brochure were unauthorized," Jay Aiyer, chief of staff for Brown, told the newspaper.

The cover contained a punctuation error in the mayor's title and misspelled the word "millenni-

Inside, nearly every page contained at least one error, including misspelled versions of "library,"

"teaches" and "national," and fragmentary and incomprehensible sentences appeared throughout; the brochure, the newspaper said.

"It's going to cost us some more money to reprint these because they are all going into the garbage can," Sanchez said.

The booklet was intended to provide information: about youth programs the mayor has sponsored. The mayor's communications office is working on a corrected version.

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CAREER

analyzing and arranging the enrollment of students in clinics based on student job interest evaluations. The Altrusa Club, under the direction of this year's career clinic chairs, Judy Warner and Mayda King, was in charge of finding the professionals to come into the classrooms. And the Pampa Rotary Club provided a free luncheon for the participating professionals from Pampa, Borger, Canyon, Amarillo, Dallas, and Oklahoma.

Warner said many of the professionals have participated in past career clinics, but because of the changing nature of the job market, each clinic is always a little different. This career program is: offered every other year at PHS, providing students; six opportunities during high school to visit with business professionals, said Donna Crow.

Altrusa, a professional women's civic organization with the main objective of doing community service projects, has sponsored the high school

career clinic since 1959.

Warm weather crimping retail sales

shopping season could be a disaster for some

"Everyone is sitting around with an enormous must get rid of," said Kurt Barnard, a retail consuftant and president of Barnard's Retail Trend Report aging director at Lehman Brothers Inc. in Upper Montclair, N.J., after retailers announced their November sales figures today.

holiday season is falling apart," he said.

There were very strong expectations for this Christmas season, thanks to the rebounding stock market and rising consumer sentiment in recent months. Many analysts predicted sales gains of about 4 percent to 5 percent for the November-December season compared to the same period in

According to the November results, discount stores continue to flourish, attracting value-conscious consumers who want affordable prices and wide selection of merchandise. The best results in November came from Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Dayton Hudson Corp. Target's division.

NEW YORK (AP) — Warm weather across the Clothing chains like the Gap, Inc., which owns country hurt sales at the nation's biggest retailers. Old Navy, Gap and Banana Republic stores, and in November, and industry analysts warn that The Limited Inc., with its Express and controlling unless cool temperatures come soon, the holiday interest in Victoria's Secret, also wooed shoppers last month with current fashions and well-known brand names

"Who is going to go out and buy a warm coat or amount of cold weather merchandise that they a sweater when it's 62 degrees in New York and warmer in the Midwest," said Jeffrey Feiner, man-

For department stores, the warm weather was just the latest problem to plague their already trou-"Almost every forecast that was made for this bled businesses. Many chains, including Macy's, Lord & Taylor and Dillard's, are losing sales to the discount and clothing stores that offer better service, prices and selection.

Wal-Mart, the nation's largest retailer, reported sales from stores open at least a year rose 7.7 percent from a year earlier, while total sales were up 13.7 percent. Sales from stores open at least a year, known as same-store sales, are considered the most accurate measure of a retailer's strength.

Other retailers' reports: -Sears: Same-store sales down 3.6 percent, total

sales down 3.2 percent. -Kmart: Same-store sales up 2.5 percent, total

sales up 5.2 percent.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Occasional showers and thunderstorms with a high in the mid mph. Tonight, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain, a low in the low 40s and winds from the southeast at 10-15 mph. otherwise mostly sunny with a high in the upper 60s. Yesterday's high was 67; the overnight low, 51

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle - Tonight, mostly cloudy with a Otherwise decreasing clouds with a low in the upper 30s. West to northwest wind 10-15 mph. Chance of rain, 20 percent. Friday, areas of morning fog, otherwise mostly sunny with a high 60 to 65. Southwest wind 10-20 mph.Low Rolling Plains

 Tonight, a slight chance of showers with a few thunderstorms low rolling plains, other-

wise partly cloudy. Lows in the Otherwise, mostly cloudy east, upper 30s to lower 40s. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs 60-70. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, mostly clear. sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. Valley/Edwards Concho to upper 70s. Far West Texas — Tonight, clear. Lows around 40. Mountains/Big Bend Area the Rio Grande.

cloudy central and east with and the Rio Grande Plains ending early central and east. thunderstorms. Highs near 80.

partly cloudy elsewhere. Highs 71 to 77. SOUTH TEXAS - Hill

Country and South Central 60s and southeast winds at 10-20 Lows 40-45. Friday, mostly Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of mainly evening showers or thunder-Plateau — Tonight, mostly clear. storms east, clearing west. Lows Lows in the mid 40s. Friday, around 60 east, upper 40s and Tomorrow, areas of morning fog mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s west. Friday, decreasing clouds east, sunny west. Highs in the upper 70s to near 80 Friday, sunny. Highs in the mid Southeast Texas and Upper to upper 60s. Guadalupe Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in showers or thunderstorms the 30s and 40s. Friday, mostly Lows in the lower to mid 60s slight chance of showers early, sunny. Highs in the mid 60s inland, upper 60s coast. Friday, mountains to the mid 70s along mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Highs in the NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, mid to upper 70s. Coastal Bend scattered to numerous showers Tonight, mostly cloudy with a and thunderstorms. Widely scat-slight chance of showers or tered showers ending west, then thunderstorms. Lows in the mid decreasing clouds. Lows 48 west to upper 60s inland, near 70 to 62 southeast. Friday, widely coast. Friday, partly cloudy with scattered to scattered showers a slight chance of showers or

City briefs

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KNIGHTS OF Columbus Fried Christmas Turkeys. Order now! 665-8446, 665-6341. Adv. FOR YOUR Christmas embroidery & monogramming

come to Sew What! Embroidery, 110 E. Francis. Adv. **DUNCAN-FIFE** dining table & 6 chairs for sale. Call 665-6815.

PERM SPECIAL \$35 12-2 thru 12-8. Call 669-7131 & ask for Brandi. Adv

SHOP SANDS Fabrics Open House, Dec. 4th & 5th, 25% off reg. price items. Refreshments served. Adv.

RHEAMS DIAMOND Shop, open til 8 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Hobart, 665-1663. Adv. Register for Free Diamond ring, 6-8 p.m. nightly. Adv.

BEST KEPT Secrets will be open until 9 p.m. on Thursday. Register to win Willow Loveseat Adv. with every \$25 purchase. New items have arrived. 1925 N. Hobart. Adv.

PANCAKE FUND Raiser for Open House - Thurs. Dec. 3rd, 7- TOT-1381 Masonic Lodge at Chaney's Cafe, 716 W. Foster, Sat. Dec. 5, 7 a.m.-11 a.m. Adv. 25% OFF storewide at Joy's

Unlimited Open House, Fri.

Dec. 6, 12 noon-8 p.m. Adv. 1200 N. Wells, Crafts & Bake chandise. Drawings. Adv. Sale, Fri. Dec. 4, 5th, 9-4 p.m.

HOME INTERIORS Sale! Everything must go! Elizabeth, 913 Varnon, Sat. 10-5. Adv.

THANKS TO Sue, Susan & Cindy of The Gift Box for the beautiful bible, Wanda Youngquist. Adv.

Sat. Dec. 5, 10 a.m. 641 N. NEWLY CONSTRUCTED commercial real estate in Lefors.

System,

hats & t-shirts just arrived. T- Adv. Shirts & More 665-3036. Adv.

ROLANDA'S Jewelry, Afghans, Silk flowers, Candles, Room Spray & lots more. Adv.

HOME INTERIOR Sale Sat.

Dec. 5. 3 to 7 p.m. 2429 Mary Ellen. 669-1846. Christmas PAM APTS. Activity Club, items, new & discontinued mer-NASCAR DIE cast cars 1/24 scale just arrived. Labonte, Wallace, Jarrett, Mayfield, Irwin

& Gordon, RSVP. T-Shirts & More 665-3036. Adv. FREE ACTIVATION on all pagers, Pampa Communications

Open House, 641 N. Hobart, Sat. Dec. 5th 10 a.m. Adv. FREE DISH Network Satellite **TUPPERWARE OPEN House** - Last week to order those Communications Open House, Christmas gifts of Tupperware.

Lots of items discount priced, 1621 N. Hobart, Southwest Tile & Carpet. Thurs. & Fri. 8:30-5:30. **OPEN HOUSE** Savings, Free Great potential for small business or office. Call 835-2773.

Gift Wrap, Hot Chocolate and Snacks. Fri. and Sat. Holmes NASCAR T-SHIRTS, Gordon Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler.

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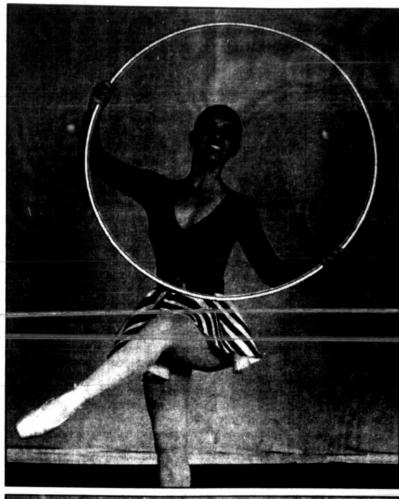
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Gray County Extension agent attends conference

The 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. Clockwise

from top are Jennie Rapstine, Peppermint, Maegan Wheeler, left, and Mollie Baker, Chinese (Tea); Jesse Parsley, Nutcracker Prince, left, and

Mike Eskridge, Mouse King; and Rapstine, bottom, Peppermint.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Joan Gray, Gray County Extension agent, recently attended the annual conference of the Association **National** Extension 4-H Agents in

Gray was among more than 1,100 youth professionals from across the nation present at the conference.

The purpose of the association is to enhance the agents' professional skills and competence in education and to strengthen the profession, its image, standards and support.

Participants attended seminars, workshops and research presentations covering a wide range of topics including: "Turning to Kids," a talk focusing on making 4-H programming more responsive to the needs of all youth; "Capitalizing on Change," a review of future trends; and "Keeping Things in Perspective," a guide devised to help agents keep their professional and personal lives in bal-

At the conference, Gray was installed as the National Member Recognition chairelect. She will be responsible for coordination and selection of National Air Force Recruiting Salute Award and committee correspondence. She will assume the two-year position in October 1999.



A Bugs Life (G) Frl. & Sat. 7:10 & 9:00

Sun. thru Thurs. 7:10 Thurs., Sat. & Sun. Matinees 1:55

Meet Joe Black (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 7:00 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:00 Thurs., Sat. & Sun. Matinees 1:30

Enemy of the State (R) Fri. & Sat. 7:05 & 9:35 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:05 Wed., Thurs., Sat. & Sun. Matinees 1:45

OPEN HOUSE

Participating Downtown Merchants Will Open At 8:00 AM

December 4th & 5th Special Discounts, **Great Sales** & Refreshments

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Opinion

Another Saddam rerun is probable

■ Just because another crisis has been handled in Iraq doesn't mean that the whole scenario won't be played out .

As pure political drama, America's latest showdown with Iraq is hard to match: A defiant Iraqi dictator refuses to let United Nations weapons inspectors continue searching for "weapons of mass destruction." An angry U.S. president rallies the world's leaders to support his threats of air strikes if the recalcitrant Iraqis don't back down. American warplanes and ships put Baghdad in the crosshairs, but pull back after a last-minute change of heart from Iraqi leader Saddam

Given that such brinksmanship has typified the U.S-Iraqi relationship since the end of the Persian Gulf War, there's little reason to expect that a similar "crisis" won't flare up again in the coming months. So noted supply-side economist Jude Wanniski, on outspoken critic of U.S. policy in the Middle East, has some observations about the on-again off-again Persian Gulf confrontation that are worth considering.

U.S. leaders are showing what Wanniski calls a "Versailles mentality." The punitive sanctions U.S. officials maintain against Iraq, and the occasional U.S. plans for bombing Iraqi cities, are causing such intense suffering that Iraqis might respond much as the Germans did — by wanting to settle scores, he said. That can spell longterm trouble for Middle East security and prosperity. America cannot possibly monitor the development of weapons on every corner of Iraqi territory. As Wanniski explained, there is little reason to do so: No chemical, nuclear or biological weapons have been discovered there since 1991. And there is no evidence, he said, of Saddam using such weapons during the Gulf War or against his own people. U.S. policy defies the rule of law, he said, by insisting on a negative: forcing Saddam Hussein to prove that he hasn't done anything wrong.

The president, with the acquiescence of the Republican-controlled Congress, has defied the Constitution's War Powers Act by initiating military actions without getting Congress' approval. This unilateral approach has denied Americans the wide-ranging congressional debate that should accompany any potential military action.

Wanniski fears that America's "warrior class" may be hankering for the installation of a U.S.-backed "puppet regime" in Iraq — an action that could require U.S. ground troops and would in no way solve the problem. It doesn't matter who would be installed as the new Iraqi president, he said, "no one believes things are going to change" under the current

Mideast political climate.

Wanniski raises good discussion points for a much-needed debate about American policy in the Persian Gulf. This much seems certain: If the administration and Congress continue along the current course, Saddam Hussein will torment U.S. policy makers on another day.

—Odessa American

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ampa Thanks for the support

I have received an overwhelming response from well-wishers about my recent promotion as managing editor. And for the record, I'd like to say thank you for calling, and writing, and showing you care. Your thoughtfulness

So here I am. The new managing editor. Pretty much, that translates into assistant editor, the other person you get to complain to, Kate's right-had man-woman -in this case. But technically speaking, I'm not doing too much more than I have been for the last year.

A year ago Kate's mother had some very serious health problems which took her out of the office for a few weeks. It was then that I received a crash course in "putting the paper out" as we like to call it around here. And I've been doing it on a regular basis every since.

designing pages one and two on the computer between 8 and noon each day in the midst of when you realize that there's no way to make reading over all the inside pages, answering everyone happy incoming phone calls and talking with drop-by

It means trying to have a page full of local stories and local pictures written and printed and ready to go before lunch.

Kate and I don't layout the inside pages for the most part. Skyla Bryant, who is in charge of the Sunday Lifestyles section and the daily obituaries, is responsible for laying out the inside pages daily.

'Lay out' means reading and choosing stories from the associated press wire on the computer, figuring out where they should go, writing headlines, making quote boxes and trying to get everything to fit into the space you've been allotted after the ads are laid on the page. This is all done on computer.

the weekends. When I fill in for her on grounded.



Random Revelations Miranda G. Bailey

Pampa News staff writer

Saturday, I'm also doing Monday's paper. And vice-versa. We do Sunday pages one and two on Saturday morning. The rest of it's done by Friday night.

I'll be honest, it's a little frightening being responsible for things that are written in a couple of hours most of the time. It's hard to not be Putting out the paper means proofing and a little rattled by complaints and comments regarding what readers dislike about the paper,

But it's tremendous experience. I've learned so much so quickly. And I enjoy meeting you all and visiting with you about your lives.

If you had asked my English teachers in high school if they had thought I would end up being a newspaper editor, they probably would have smirked a little. Though I have a love for writing, I whined many days about the significance of metaphors in "The Lord of The Flies," and the necessity of gerunds while diagraming

I like to read about things that are relevant to me. I love true-life stories. And I've always written personal columns. I was first voted to write responses as"Gabby" in the seventh grade for my middle school's "Dear Gabby" column. Before that, I wrote letters Kate and I alternate putting out the paper on to my parents explaining why I shouldn't be

So in some ways, I can see why I am where I

In other ways, I cannot.

When I got to college, I tried writing for the daily paper there. My first story assignment was on the gay student union. Within 3 weeks of stories on sorority fund-raisers, I decided non-opinonated writing was not for me. I like writing, about what I find interesting. It's easier. So I didn't think I would become a journalist. I thought I'd go with public relations, and I studied PR within my broad, journalism & communication degree. (I'm so thankful now it was broad.)

I also spent 30 hours a week selling and designing newspaper ads in college. I sold enough ads to win myself a trip to Disney World and another one to Chicago. I never thought I'd be one for sales ... but I found selling something that helped local businesses easy enough. With some healthy competition in my blood and a love for working with people, I soon got along great with my part-time, com-

mission-only, pay. In May of 1997, I moved to Pampa because of my husband's wonderful chemical engineering job at Celanese. We were packed and on our way the day after I finished my last college, final exam.

Unfortunately, I found there were no ad agencies or PR jobs in sight in Pampa. I knew to expect that. But, still finding a job was a little harder than I had thought it was going to be. After six weeks at home by myself, and plenty of tears of boredom and homesickness, I heard the newspaper needed a features writer.

I can basically write, I thought. I've sort of had newspaper experience, and advertising deadlines have got to be worse than editorial ones ... so I applied. Boy, did I have a lot to learn ...

What's happened to us?

The scandals surrounding the Clinton White House, and the public's response to them, is symptomatic of a problem far more devastating than a president committing perjury and obstruction.

We've had presidents, such as Warren Harding and Richard Nixon, who disgraced their office and our basic institutions survived. But this is the first time in our history we've had a president disgrace his office and receive widespread political and public support while doing

Most Americans chalk up Clinton's behavior in the Monica Lewinsky scandal to "understandable lies and cover-up about sex." For them, a president committing clearly criminal acts like perjury, subornation of perjury and obstruction of justice are OK if it's "just about

I'm wondering how far we're willing to go with that principle. After all, some people have murdered, assaulted and blackmailed to conceal an illicit sexual affair. I pray Americans will never accept those acts because they're "just

Most Americans want us to forget the whole thing. Those who believe some action should be taken against the president think censure is enough. The Constitution makes no provision for censure. The only authority Congress has is impeachment and removal from office.

Some point to public opinion polls and the



Walter Williams

Syndicated columnist

recent elections and say the people have spoken; they don't want impeachment and removal! My question is: Are we a nation of laws or mob rule? If we accept mob rule for Clinton, should mob rule decide the fate of other Americans w committed criminal acts? If not, why not?

There's another twist. Americans have cheered and supported the White House's scathing attack on duly appointed court officers investigating the president's criminal acts. Are we now ready to accept the principle that subjects of criminal investigations can use every means at their disposal to attack court officers and intimidate jurors and witnesses?

Liberty and civility are fragile. At the minimum, they depend on rule of law, but moral values as well. Clinton and his supporters have waged a successful war on the rule of law. They've gotten away with it because of our precipitous moral decline over the last several decades. What we accept today would have lized society - the rule of law.

been seen as bizarre and low-down yesteryear. Years ago, kids might have used foul language, but they didn't use it in the presence of, or to, adults. Out-of-wedlock childbirth was a disgrace, and bastardy wouldn't occasion a baby shower. High schools distributing condoms, giving pregnancy counseling and having daycare facilities would have been deemed lunacy.

Popular daytime sleaze shows like "Jerry Springer," where guests openly discuss despicable acts, shows that shame is going the way of the dinosaur. We Americans accept the Clinton-Lewinsky affair as if it was an off-stage version of "Jerry Springer" writ large.

Whether Congress follows its constitutionalandate, and removes Clinton from office if he found guilty is relatively minor in the whole scheme of things. The Clinton affair is merely the tip of an iceberg where we accept as routine the kind of moral decadence that would have horrified Americans of yesteryear.

Who's ultimately to blame for it? It's us, America's 60-and-over crowd. We've done wonders in giving our children all those material things our parents could not hope to give us. We've failed miserably in giving our children what our parents gave us: honor, duty, moral values, and a sense of right and wrong. Because of that, we can accept a president who is not only an immoral shameless person, but has ruthlessly attacked the very foundations of a civi-

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 3, the 337th day of 1998. There are 28 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Dec. 3, 1948,

light as the House Un-American Activities Committee announced that former Communist spy Whittaker Chambers had produced microfilm of secret docu- States, opened its doors.

ments hidden inside a pumpkin on his Maryland farm. On this date:

In 1818, Illinois was admitted as the 21st state.

In 1828, Andrew Jackson was the "Pumpkin Papers" came to elected president of the United

> In 1833, Oberlin College in Ohio, the first truly coeducational school of higher learning in the United

George Gershwin, had its world premiere at New York's Carnegie Hall, with Gershwin himself at the

In 1947, the Tennessee Williams play "A Streetcar Named Desire" opened on Broadway.

In 1964, police arrested some 800

after the students stormed the York to Chicago.

In 1925, "Concerto in F," by administration building and staged a massive sit-in.

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

In 1967, the Twentieth Century students at the University of Limited, the famed luxury train, California at Berkeley, one day completed its final run from New

Signals point to nominations

Nobody can say for certain when or how the presidential impeachment business will end.

The most popular guesses now are that it will be finished within a few months, and that when it's over Bill Clinton will still be presi-Right now, the betting is that the House

Judiciary Committee will vote out at least one article of impeachment, but that the full House won't vote for a trial in the Senate. Many professional politicians now believe

there are enough self-described "Republican moderates" to foil the efforts of Rep. Tom DeLay (Texas) and his followers who are determined to force a Senate trial. While all of this plays itself out, Republicans

are pushing forward with their drive to cut up Vice President Gore. They are convinced that Gore broke the law while gathering money for the 1996 Clinton-Gore campaign. And they want him punished for it.

There ARE serious questions of law and principle involved in this, especially regarding accusations (so far unproven) that the Chinese government tunneled money through intelligence operatives into the last U.S. presidential campaign. (There is less talk about the possibility that the Chinese, and other foreign governments, may have contributed to various congressional campaigns in both parties.)

But much of what this is about is politics and the battle over who is to be the next president of the United States.



Dan Rather

Syndicated columnist

Gore is, by far, the leading Democratic contender. He has had some encouraging news lately. Attorney General Janet Reno declined Republican demands for a special prosecutor to deal with the accusations against Gore. This was a major boost for him. So was the Democrats' showing in this month's elections. Labor and blacks, natural allies of Gore, turned up big at the polls. George Bush rode the vice presidency to the White House in 1988, and Gore could do it this time.

That is, unless he is driven out of the race before he can get the nomination, or else is so badly wounded over the next year that he loses the national election. Republicans would take it either way.

Even some Democrats argue that Gore is already badly damaged and figures to be more so in the months just ahead.

Gore's biggest problem is his weakness in showed him trailing Texas Governor George ically limping and bleeding.

W. Bush 52 percent to 38 percent. Democrats worry and Republicans speculate that a ticket of Bush and New York Governor George Pataki could be a winner.

Such early indicators generally don't mean much. But for Gore they guarantee that Republicans redouble their efforts to work him over, and that one or more Democratic hopefuls will challenge him in the presidential pri-

Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri has been aching to challenge Gore. And he is the best organized, best financed of Gore's potential Democratic challengers. But in the light of the last election returns, Gephardt may be having second thoughts because of the enhanced possibility that he could become House Speaker in

Labor loves Gephardt even more than Gore. But what union leaders love most is to dream of having Gore become president with Gephardt House Speaker.

In the meantime, other Democratic hopefuls and possibles are circling. These include former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, Sens. Bob (Nebraska), John Kerry (Massachusetts), and Paul Wellstone (Minnesota).

What they do, how well they do depends heavily on the Republicans' current renewed drive to give Vice President Gore hell - knock the national polls. Exit polls on Election Day him out if they can, otherwise leave him polit-

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Sims denied Losch's plea that he be allowed to file after the deadline for a writ of habeas corpus

Skinners' direct appeal was denied and the deadline for filing a habeas corpus appeal was Jan. 21,

Skinners' attorney in both procedures, Steven Losch, asked for a deadline extension on Jan. 19. Losch, however, asked the wrong court, going to the appeals court instead of the trial court as set by

law, the Court of Criminal Appeals' ruling said. The Court of Criminal Appeals rejected the motion Jan. 21, saying it had been filed before the wrong court. Losch sent it to the trial court on Jan. 22, a day after the deadline.

Losch said he tried to file the extension motion with the trial court a day earlier by fax, but the court's fax machine as out of order.

Losch filed the application for habeas corpus relief on March 26, citing unfamiliarity with the case and an investigator's pregnancy complica-

tions that forced her to be hospitalized. Losch also said he had a heavy workload with

other capital murder cases and Skinner's case was very complicated.

The trial court said the appeal attempt was too late, a ruling the Court of Criminal Appeals upheld

Wednesday. Losch should have been familiar with Skinners' case because he also had been the attorney on direct appeal, the appeals court said.

Losch's claims of a busy workload with other cases was "troubling," the court said.

'Counsel's primary responsibility was to serve his client, the applicant, and to take on additional cases from around the country ... That he played 'brinksmanship' and risk having his client's application as untimely is most troubling," Judge Steven Mansfield wrote.

Dissenting, Judge Charles Baird noted the appeals court took three days to notify Losch that his motion had been filed in the wrong place.

Appeals court have been sympathetic and cooperative with trial attorneys who have busy caseloads, the dissent said.

Losch did not immediately return phone calls to his office and home.

With his appeals through the Texas judicial system exhausted, Mann said, Skinner will now have to turn to the federal appeals process.



Kelly Kidwell, right, takes the oath of office as a reserve police officer in Pampa City Commission chambers, repeating after City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers. Kidwell, sworn in at City Hall recently, is the first reserve officer in the Pampa Police Department's new reserve officer program.

Report: Retired teachers' health-care system in danger

AUSTIN (AP) — A part of the Teachers Retirement System that pays health-care costs for offer catastrophic care only or build an affordable more than 100,000 retired Texas school employees system of health care with the current systems prois on the brink of bankruptcy, according to a report due out today

The report, by a special joint committee in the Texas House, says the TRS-Care program will require a major bailout to remain afloat, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Insolvency will hit in September 2000 if nothing

The state could pay the initial deficit of \$64-plus million, but this would only be a temporary solution," the report says. "Due to the increasing number of retirees, the system is projected to need more than \$2 billion to be solvent by fiscal year 2008."

TRS-Care was created by lawmakers in 1985 to plug a major gap in health-care coverage for retired public school employees, most of whom are not covered by Medicare.

Of Texas' 1,043 school districts, only about 20 contribute to Social Security for employees. Without the contributions, retirees are not eligible for Medicare coverage.

The funding crisis may require drastic action. "For the retired teachers out there, we have no

choice. We have to address it," said House Public tricts almost \$2 billion a year to get all employees Education Chairman Paul Sadler, who co-chaired into the Social Security system. the special panel.

"I was floored," he said. "I had no idea the teachers were not eligible for Social Security.' The report says just about every option should be

on the table.

"Ultimately, the policy issue facing the state is to vided," the committee concluded.

But James Moore of Amarillo, chairman of the Teachers Retirement System board that oversees TRS-Care, said the crisis is no surprise.

"We knew that claims would outstrip the money over a period of time," he said. "Legislators began inquiring about it two years ago, but it was not a high priority because it had some years remaining before the funds were expended.

The system now serves 101,853 retirees and 17,252 dependents. The number of participants has tripled since the program was created.

Claims also have skyrocketed, from \$62 million in the first full year to \$211 million in 1997.

Under the current funding setup, the state contributes a half-percent of the statewide school district payroll. Full-time employees contribute a quarter percent of their salaries.

Retirees pay premiums based on the type of coverage they choose, ranging from a low-end payment for catastrophic coverage to a comprehensive

According to the report, it would cost school dis-

Annette Cootes, spokeswoman for the Texas State Teachers Association, called TRS-Care 'absolutely critical."

"For many of them, you are talking life and death," she said.

NJ governor says garbage plan stinks

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) - Gov. Newark and Carteret, where it barges and back onto the land about New York City Mayor shipped to landfills elsewhere. Rudolph Giuliani's new plan to barge thousands of tons of Garbage Plan: Drop Dead."

Whitman called the plan "an the Jersey shore. environmental disaster waiting to environmentally sound.

was not made public to Whitman, tons of garbage from the land to also a Republican, until that morning. City officials admitted they did not adequately inform the governor, but have requested a meeting to explain the proposal.

The plan is designed to find a future home for the 13,000 tons of trash dumped each day at a Staten Island landfill that is due to close by the end of 2001.

It calls for about 5,000 tons of New York trash to be barged each

Christie Whitman had this to say would be compacted and could be an environmental disas-

Whitman, recalling "garbage slicks" from the Staten Island garbage to New Jersey every day: landfill that closed New Jersey fiscal crisis, her statement began: Whitman to New York's beaches in the 1980s, said the lat- "Whitman to New York's est plan could bring great harm to Garbage Plan: Drop Dead."

happen," but New York City offi- by the City of New York is a was among the other officials cials said the mayor's plan is direct assault on the beaches of expressing outrage. New Jersey and a very real threat The proposal, unveiled by the to our quality of life," she said in Mayor Giuliani," Codey said. Republican mayor Wednesday, a statement. "Moving millions of "Don't trash us."

ter waiting to happen.

Borrowing from a 1975 tabloid headline during New York City's

Richard Codey, the Democratic "The proposal being promoted , leader in New Jersey's Senate,

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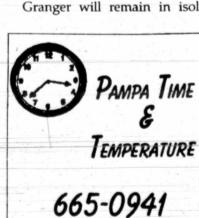
Jailed teens in new trouble

Daniel Granger, 19, the Class of In October, Granger was sen-calls. 1998 president at Grosse Pointe North High School whose ambition was to go into politics, was recently placed in an isolation cell on a charge of forging a witness name on a document.

Robert Cooper, 19, was ordered Tuesday to spend 10 days in solitary confinement for improper contact with a girlfriend who posed as a paralegal to see him. The prosecutor's office had no detail today on the nature of the

The two men were among four accused of having sex with three 14-year-old girls they plied with

Granger will remain in isola-



HAMTRAMCK, Mich. (AP) — tion, in which he can have visitors tenced to 4 1/2 months in jail and from seeing anyone for 10 days.

Two young men from a wealthy but is isolated from other prison- Cooper to 70 days for having sex Detroit suburb who were jailed ers, until his case is heard. Cooper, with the underage girls. for having sex with young girls who was found to have commit- Attorneys for the two men, both have gotten into trouble behind ted his infraction, is prohibited from the affluent community of Grosse Pointe, did not return

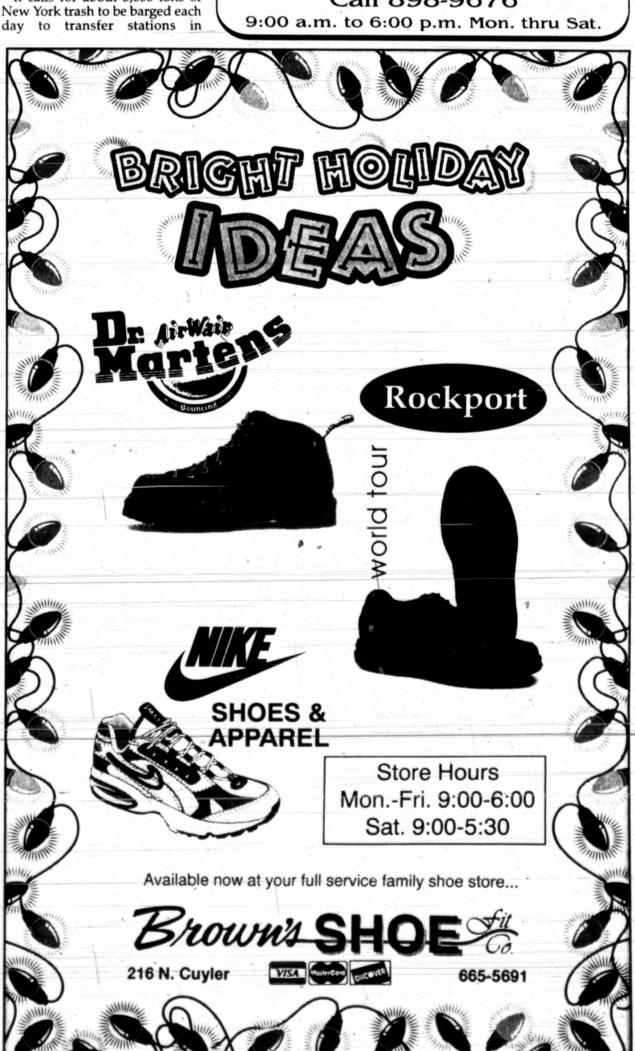


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House Is Too Small to Hold Both In-Laws and Criticism

DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law, "Bert," and his wife of 10 years, "Mary," will be coming to town for a family reunion. My husband wants to invite them to stay with us. I'm reluctant to extend the invitation for a number of reasons. After the birth of our last child, we no longer have a spare room. The other reasons are emotional.

When Bert and Mary moved across country nine years ago, they would return every year for a 10- to 14-day visit. They always stayed in our guest room. Their last visit was three years ago, while I was pregnant with our youngest.

Mary actually told me she thought I was too old to be having another child. During their visits, I had to endure much criticism of my child-rearing skills from Mary, who is childless. They'd invite their friends and family to our home for dinners and barbecues that my husband and I had to provide. When our baby arrived, there was no acknowledgment from them. My husband didn't even get a phone call from them acknowledging his 40th birthday. I send them cards for every holiday and flowers at Christmas. I also send them pictures of the kids, which they never mention

when we call. Bert is always mentioning all his stocks and bonds, so I know they can afford a motel room. However, my husband thinks the "right" thing to do would be to invite them to stay in our home. I would much prefer inviting them for dinners and spending some time with them, and

Horoscope

FRIDAY, DEC. 4, 1998

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day

You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

*** Clear your desk. You feel

down and not ready to meet others.

Recognize your need for some fun.

Head home as early as you can to

gear up for the weekend. Others

appreciate your efforts. Family takes

an even higher priority. Release pres-

*** Handle the budget with your

vet still directs you the right way.

base with friends, and make week-

end plans. Others are happy to hear

from you. Fatigue becomes an ele-

ment later on. Tonight: Head out

★★★★ You are on a roll. Finish a

key project. Your ability to complete

your work makes you feel good. Bal-

ance your checkbook. Finances need

to be in order now. A flirtation could

else than to you. Tonight: Don your

*** You are uncomfortable with

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

and about

Santa suit.

Count on your financial sense. Touch

sure. Tonight: Avoid a fight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)



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avoiding the stress of their staying with us. What do you think, Abby? FRUSTRATED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: I don't blame you for feeling frustrated. Mary appears to be one of those people who leave discord in their wake. However, since your husband would feel guilty if an invitation isn't extended to his father and Mary, invite them. In view of the fact that you no longer have a guest room to accommodate them, offer them a choice that includes reservations for them at a motel that's not too far

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to confirm your advice to "Confused," who lost her boyfriend in a motorcycle accident and is wondering if it's too soon for her to get involved with another man.

I lost my husband of six years the same way. I can tell her from experience that six months is too soon to become involved. Grieving

ily member make the choice.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

door. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

along. Tonight: A good time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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people are very vulnerable. The first advice grief counselors give is, "Make no serious life decisions for at least one year after the death of a loved one.

Some very poor decisions can result if they are made while grieving. I married my second husband two years after my first husband died because of an overwhelming need to feel connected. I divorced him two years later.

My advice to "Confused" is: Involve yourself with a group of people so you don't become emotionally dependent on one person. Although loneliness can become overwhelming and the need to reach out is very powerful, give yourself some time. You will be doing yourself - and the young

A WISER WIDOW NOW

DEAR WIDOW: Thank you for writing. I hope "Confused" sees your letter. Your hard-won wisdom could spare a younger woman unnecessary pain.

reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

beginning! Tonight: Don't let a famers don't necessarily agree with you,

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) where others come from could be *** Plunge into work, and forget what is ailing you. You'll feel a great time for a get-together with friends. sense of well-being. Take time to walk at lunch or perhaps race to the gym. Exercise invigorates you. Others seek you out, wanting to be with you. Popularity soars. Tonight: Kiss work and bosses goodbye.

applause you want but supports you AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

book before going holiday shopping. sible time focusing on anything but pleasure. You cannot contain your A friend will do anything to coax you whimsical nature. A good time is had wherever you go, except maybe *** Reach out for someone, and at work! Clear your desk, then clear make plans. You have a tendency to out ASAP! Fun awaits, even at lunch! go overboard at times. Today is no Tonight: Test your energy levels.

to the bottom of a problem with to get more out of life. Discussions someone you put on a pedestal. To- could be hard with a roommate or someone who needs to be in control. Feelings might be overwhelming. *** Discussions with a partner Don't try to suppress them; it is

ing you. Consider a change in pace. BORN TODAY

You might be wit★★olding some an- Model Tyra Banks (1973), musician ger that needs to be vented. Take off Chris Hillman (1942), actress Marisa

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal

scarcely have a choice. Lighten up, SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) and do what you must. Humor plays **** Make inroads where it into your day. Bé careful not to counts. Someone really does listen, overeat now. The holidays are just even a child. He might have a difficult time showing his love in a positive way. Loosen up, and don't worry as much. One-to-one relating is necessary. Plans might need to change. Tonight: Heat up the night.

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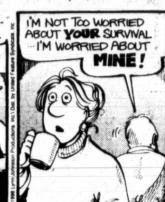
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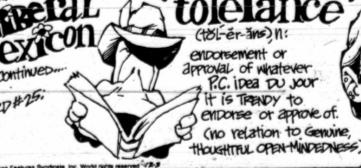
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FOOTBALL

BILOXI, Miss. (AP) — The Southwestern Athletic Conference will split into two divisions starting next season and also hold its first championship football game.

The split was announced Wednesday at a conference meeting in Biloxi.

New SWAC commissioner Rudy Washington advocated the split.

Alabama State, Alabama A&M, Alcorn State, Jackson State and Mississippi Valley will make up the East Division. Southern University, Texas Southern, Grambling, Arkansas Pine-Bluff and Prairie View will compete in the West Division.

Each team in each division can only play three teams from the other division while playing four divisional members and four non-conference games for an 11-game schedule.

WRESTLING

AMARILLO — The Pampa Takedown Club competed in the Panhandle Nationals recently in Amarillo.

The Nationals were represented by Dallas, El Paso, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Dumas Borger and Amarillo teams. This is one of two large tournaments in before the state meet that the Pampa wrestlers have a chance to compete in.

Results are as follows: Division I

37 pounds: Cameron Wall, second place. 40 pounds: Cuylar Brewer,

third place. 40 pounds: Jacob Day, sixth place.

40 pounds: Austin Beck, seventh place. 52 pounds: Garrett Fatheree,

sixth place. pounds: Conner Cambern, fourth place.

Division II 49 pounds: Coleby West,

sixth place. Division III

55 pounds: Kasey Urguhart, fourth place. 80 pounds: Taylor Fatheree,

sixth place. 120 pounds: Don Gatlin,

fourth place. **Division 1V**

120 pounds: Kyle Cambern, second place.

120 pounds: Dusty Langley,

sixth place. **Division 5**

125 pounds: Andrew Cambern, fourth place.

125 pounds: Stephen Muniz, fifth place.

Cameron Wall won a jacket for the fastest pin in Division 1. He pinned his opponent in 12 seconds.

Takedown Club members will be competing in the "Amarillo Invitational, Dumas Invitational and the Cotton Bowl Classic in Dallas later this month.

The club has 15 to 20 youngsters who compete weekly. They range in age from 4 to 15 years.

Coach Rick Urguhart is very proud of all the hard work and improvement he sees weekly in the youngsters. He also feels Pampa will be well-represented at the State Tournament in February. The State Tournament will be held Feb. 19-20 in Amarillo at Cal Farley Coliseum.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Clemens wants a new place to play. Are you listening, George Steinbrenner?

Tired of playing for a team that he does not think will contend, Clemens told the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday he wants to be traded.

The World Series champion New York Yankees, Houston Astros and Texas Rangers are considered the top - and perhaps only - clubs likely to land Clemens, who has won a record five Cy Young awards.

"Who wouldn't have an interest in Clemens?" Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "I'm sure Toronto will have many discussions with us before this is over with."

Fort Elliott claims basketball victories

PAMPA — Pampa junior varsity fell to Fort Elliott varsity, 51-39, Tuesday night at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Ja'Nae Goad had 14 points and Amber Estes 10 to lead Fort Elliott. Carissa Dukes added 8 points:

Ashley Derington and Emily Hartman had 8 points each and Cali Covalt 7 for Pampa. The score was tied 17-all at half-

The Pampa JV girls are entered

in the Miami Tournament, which starts today Curt Smith scored 23 points to

lead Fort Elliott to a 55-43 win over Pampa junior varsity in the boys' Michael Hilburn added 13

points and Nathan Hefley 11 for the Cougars. Fort Elliott held a 22-17 lead at

halftime. Kirk George and Victor Brooks led Pampa with 9 points each. Stephen Vanderpool had 8.

Pampa's record is now 5-2 for the year.

PAMPA — Pampa defeated Canyon, 34-24, in 8th grade boys basketball action earlier this week.

James Silva had 8 points and Jordan Klaus 7 to lead Pampa in Canyon won the B team game,

Matt Foust, James Gaddis and David Thacker had 6 points each to lead Pampa in scoring.

Both Pampa teams have 2-1 records. In the 7th grade division, Pampa

won over Canyon, 44-35. Aaron Silva had 11 points and Clarke Hale 10 to lead Pampa in scoring. Andrew Curtis followed with 9 and Johnny Story had 7.

Pampa has a 2-1 record. Pampa also won the B team game, 34-32.

Andy Rodgers was high scorer for Pampa with 10 points. Also scoring for Pampa were Tyler DuBose, Jake Hopkins, Cody Jenkins and Aaron Simon 4 points each.



Williams in

a runaway?

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT

Who will win the Heisman

Just ask three of the Heisman's

"As many times as he carries

the ball, he's just as strong in the

fourth quarter as he is in the first

quarter," Kentucky's Tim Couch said. "He's an amazing player. I'd

So would Kansas State's

Michael Bishop and UCLA's Cade McNown, who along with

Williams and Couch were invited

Wednesday to New York for the

Heisman presentation on Dec. 12.

have been because he was the

final player to answer the question posed during a conference

"I don't think I could pick one

person," Williams, Division I-A's

career rushing record holder with

6,279 yards, said. "We played

against Kansas State and UCLA

and they both tore our defense

a third-and-15 and throw a

bomb or scramble."

Williams had a tough time making a choice, but that may

final four, who say it's no contest:

Ricky Williams in a runaway.

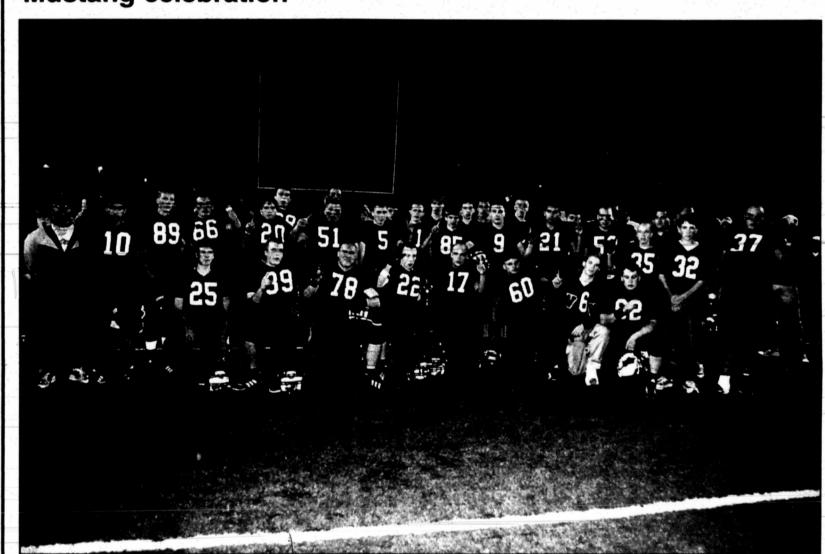
AP Football Writer

give him my vote.

Trophy?

Fort Elliott's Reagan Meadows tries to dribble out of traffic after controlling a rebound against Pampa's junior varsity.

Mustang celebration



The Wheeler Mustangs gather for a team picture after their 28-27 double-overtime win over Sudan last weekend. Holding the regional championship trophy are Mike Jones (22) and Aaron Dunnam (17).

Pampa swimmers compete in Monahans Invitational; enter dual meet at Amarillo on Sat.

Texas: from Eastern New Mexico.

by all the teams.

In team competition, Pampa's boys beat out Big Spring by one point to finish 4th overall, scoring 150 points.

in 6th with an 84 point total.

The P.H.S. swim team com- Willie Griffin (9)--2:31.86 (I I 15.29 (9th), D. Warren--I: peted at the Monahans th), J.J. Juan (9)--2:44.00 19.68 (10th); Boys 100 Saturday (12th); Girls 200 Individual Breaststroke: Ryan Millígan November 21. Eight teams Medley: Stacy Huddleston (9)--1:24.21 (13th). attended the meet held at the (12)--2:48.25 (5th); Boys 200 According to Pampa's coachbeautiful Monahans High I.M.: Sepp Haukebo (9)-- es, this was one of the more School Pool. Six of the 2:43.63; Girls 50 Freestyle: memorable road trips the schools that swam are from Kelley Stowers (9)--30.45 team has taken. "Our kids Pampa, (8th), Rhiarina Anglin (9)-- swam as hard in the water as Monahans, Pecos, Big 37.88 (24th); Boys 50 they played out of it," said Spring, Ft. Stockton, and Freestyle: Clay David (9)-- Head Coach David Pink. Seminole; Carlsbad and 26.57 (10th), Nefi Meza (10)-- "They all swam great--just Hobbs traveled to the meet 35.82 (31st); Girls 100 about everyone improved at Butterfly: Misty Moman (9)-- least one time. Their confi-The 4-A competition was 1:20.14 (4th), D. Vlgll--1:34.60 dence is really improving, exciting, highlighted by close (9th); Boys 100 Butterfly: C. and it shows in the water." races and many time drops David-- 1: 1 1. 40 (6th), M. 100 Freestyle: S. Huddleston- Park ust outside Monahans. -1:08.49 (9th), M. Moman--I: "Everyone took off their 1 1.94 (13th); Boys 100 shoes and ran up and down Pecos High won the boys com- Freestyle: J. Holman--I:07.21 huge dunes of sand for about petition with 401 points. (18th), Jonathan Fleming (9)- an hour. It was a quiet trip Monahans finished first -I:10.26 (20th), N. Meza-- home because they all among the girls teams with I:23.12 (29th); Boys 500 zonked out," stated Assistant 392 points. Pampa's girls came Freestyle: W. Griffin--6:42.33—Coach Tyler Pink. The Pinks (3rd), Doug Warren (9)-- also stated that the team real-Individual times and 6:51.29 (4th), J.J. Juan--7:32.16 ly appreciated the parents places follow for each event. (5th); Girls 200 Freestyle who made the long trip to Girls 200 Medley Relay: Relay: 2:05.12 (7th); Boys 200 show their support. 2:31.71 (7th); Boys 200 Freestyle Relay A: 1:50.52 Next week the swimmers Medley Relay A: 2:06.37; (7th); Boys 200 Freestyle will travel to Amarillo to duel Boys 200 Medley Relay B: Relay B: 2:13.53 (Ilth); Girls with Tascosa High on 2:20.95; Girls 200 Freestyle: 100 Backstroke: K. Stowers-- Saturday, December 12. The Desiree Vigil (9)--2:37.86 (1 1:21.02 (8th), R. Anglin-- meet will be held at the Ith); Boys 200 Freestyle: Matt I:42.61 (12th); Boys 100 Maverick Club Pool, with a

Following the meet, the Brown-- 1: 17.88 (9th), Jeff team made a sight-seeing Holman--I:24.10 (12th); Girls stop at Sandhills National

Brown (1 2)--2:08.10 (4th), Backstroke: S. Haukebo--1: starting time of 10:00 a.m.

"Cade would check at the line, drop back and the next thing you knew the crowd was going wild and they had touchdown. Against Michael, he'd go back on

Jr. high Lady Pacers claim victory over Amarillo team The Lady Pacer Junior girls played against a much

High team won easily tougher St. Amarillo ndrews Jr. High team. against Homeschool Jr. iligh last

had 6 points and Tabitha points. McCoy had 4 points with 6

Monday, the Junior High and 9 rebounds.

The Pacers led throughout the game, but only by a Kendra Raber led the narrow margin, and pulled Pacer scoring with 4 quick out a 25-21 victory. Erin buckets in the first quarter. Raber led the scoring for The Jr. High Pacers went on the Pampa team with 8 to win 24-4. Kaylee Shank points and 13 rebounds. had 6 points and a strong Kendra Raber put in 7 16 rebounds and 4 blocked points along with 6 steals shots. Paniela McCoy also and Ande Shank had 6

Kaylee Shank finished out the scoring with 4 points

Bowling News

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College football set for dramatic ending

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT AP Football Writer

Win now, worry later.

That will be the thinking Saturday when the nation's top three teams — No. 1 Tennessee. No. 2 Kansas State and No. 3 UCLA — try to complete perfect seasons and get into the Fiesta Bowl for a chance at the national

Victories by all three, though, won't instantly determine who will qualify to show up at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe Jan. 4. That decision comes Sunday, the final Championship Series standings are released.

Here's the lineup:

- At Atlanta, the Volunteers (11-0) play No. 23 Mississippi State (8-3) for the SEC championship. The Vols are first in the BCS standings and a win should get them into the Fiesta.

- At the Orange Bowl, the Bruins (10-0) play Miami (7-3) in the "Hurricane Bowl" makeup of a Sept. 26 game postponed by a hurricane. The Bruins are second in the BCS standings, but their title status is more precarious than the Vols.

 At St. Louis, the Wildcats (11-0) meet No. 10 Texas A&M (10-2) for the Big 12 championship. K-State is the wild card in the national title chase since it needs an impressive win and a boost in strength-of-schedule for a chance to overtake UCLA or Tennessee.

Tennessee, coming off a 41-0 win over Vanderbilt, will rely on the scrambling of quarterback Tee Martin, a strong running game led by Travis Henry and a defense allowing only 14.5 points

per game. David Cutcliffe, the Vols offensive coordinator, was hired Wednesday as the coach at Mississippi, replacing Tommy Tuberville, who left for Auburn. Cutcliffe, a Vols assistant for 16 years, will be with the team for No. 3 UCLA (minus 10) at

Saturday's game. The Bulldogs, coming off an SEC West-clinching win over Mississippi last week, may be without star running back James Johnson, who has 1,345 yards. Johnson has a groin injury and game, Cougars can run - and won't know until kickoff if he can pass. ... BYU, 24-21.

A Mississippi State win puts the Bulldogs in the Sugar Bowl and could send the Vols to the Citrus Bowl.

UCLA makes its cross-country trek two weeks after an emotional 34-17 win over cross-town rival Southern California. The offense (280.9 yards), Middies are Bruins, with Cade McNown fourth (264.9). ... ARMY, 24-21. playing his final regular-season game, are averaging 40 points per game. The Hurricanes, 66-13 7 (vs. spread). losers at Syracuse last week in a game that decided the Big East 116-111-4 (vs. spread).

championship, are anxious for a chance at UCLA.

"There are a lot of wrongs we need to right this Saturday," Miami quarterback Scott Covington said. "I'd hate to wait three or four weeks to correct those things.

If the Bruins lose, they will play in the Rose Bowl as the Pac-10 champion and meet No. 8 Wisconsin. Miami plays North Carolina State in the Micron PC

Michael Bishop is the key to Kansas State's success. Although the Wildcats have allowed 55 points and more than 800 yards in their last two wins - 40-30 over Nebraska and 31-25 over Missouri — Bishop made sure his team came out on top.

Here's how dangerous he is:

"I don't know if I'd rather see him pass or run," Aggies cornerback Sedrick Curry said. "He's more like a running back who's a good quarterback. They run special plays just for him to run. He can make passes, too, that get them down the field."

Bishop, with one more shot at impressing Heisman Trophy voters, has 21 touchdowns passing and 13 running. K-State leads the nation in scoring at 49.4 points per game and averages 474 total yards. Bishop averages 286 yards

If two of the top three teams lose Saturday, look for No. 4 Florida State (11-1) to move into the national title picture.

The picks: No. 1 Tennessee (minus 13 1/2)

vs. No. 23 Mississippi State (at

Vols running game should wear down Bulldogs' defense. ... TENNESSEE, 27-10.

No. 2 Kansas State (minus 14 1/2) vs. No. 10 Texas A&M (at St.

Wildcats simply too fast for Aggies, especially on artificial surface. ... KANSAS STATE, 42-

Bombs away for Bruins QB Cade McNown. ... UCLA, 38-21. No. 17 Air Force (no line) vs. BYU (at Las Vegas)

Falcons run for 280.9 yards per

Toledo (plus 12 at Marshall (Friday)

Chad Pennington passes Thundering Herd to another MAC title. ... MARSHALL, 34-14. Army (minus 6) vs. Navy (at Philadelphia)

Cadets have top rushing

Last week: 11-2 (straight up); 4-

Season: 196-42 (straight up);

Creighton defeats Baylor

Rodney Buford scored 16 points straight points for Baylor. He and Donnie Johnson had 12 as brought the Bears within 52-37 Creighton stayed unbeaten with with 13:25 to play but they would a 73-59 victory over Baylor on get no closer. Wednesday night.

Creighton (5-0) seized control including 25 in the second half. midway through the first half, against Creighton's full-court 33 advantage on the boards.

Creighton led 38-20 at halftime. as much as 21 points (45-24) from the floor.

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — before Tevis Stukes scored 14

Stukes scored with 30 points,

Doug Swenson added 11 for using a 16-3 run to build a 24-9 the Bluejays. Swenson and lead. During the eight-minute Johnson each had seven burst, the Bears (2-6) struggled rebounds as Creighton held a 45-

The Bluejays committed only 10 turnovers and held Baylor to The second-half lead reached 39 percent (23-of-58) shooting

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

All-Big 12 Team
DALLAS (AP) — The All-Big 12 Conference football team, as selected by writers and released on Wednesday.
FIRST TEAM OFFENSE Tight End: Sheldon Jackson, Nebraska, 6-4, 245, Sr., Diamond Bar, Calif.

245, Sr., Diamond Bar, Calif.
Offensive Line: Ryan Young, Kansas State, 6-6, 330, Sr., St. Louis, Mo.; Rob Riti, Missouri, 6-3, 285, Jr., Florissant, Mo.; Craig Heimburger, Missouri, 6-3, 313, Sr., Belleville, Ill.; Josh Heskew, Nebraska, 6-3, 290, Sr., Mustang, Okla; Ben Adams, Texas, 6-5, 315, Sr., LaMira, Calif.

Wide Receivers: Darnell McDonald, Kansas Wide Receivers: Darnell McDonald, Kansas State, 6-3, 200, Sr., College Park, Md.; Wane McGarity, Texas, 5-9, 180, Sr., San Antonio. Quarterback: Michael Bishop, Kansas State, 6-1, 205, Sr., Willis, Texas Running Back: Devin West, Missouri, 6-2, 225, Sr., Moberly, Mo.; Ricky Williams, Texas, 6-0, 225, Sr., San Diego, Calif. Placekicker: Martin Gramatica, Kansas State, 5-9, 175, Sr. Ruenos Aires-Aroentina.

Return Specialist: David Allen, Kansas State, 5-9, 185, So., Liberty, Mo. FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Linemen: Darren Howard, Kansas State, 6-4. 265, Jr., St. Petersburg, Fia.; Montae Reagor, Texas Tech, 6-2, 270, Sr., Waxahachie, Texas; Kelly Gregg, Oklahorna, 6-0, 286, Sr., Edmond, Okla Edmond, Okla.
Linebacker: Jeff Kelly, Kansas State, 6-0,

250, Sr., LaGrange, Texas; Dat Nguyen, Texas A&M, 5-11, 221, Sr., Rockport, Texas; Smith Center, Kan.; Warrick Holdman, Texas A&M, 6-1, 230, Sr., Alief, Texas. Secondary: Ralph Brown, Nebraska, 5-9, Hacienda Heights, Calif.; Jarrod Kansas State, 6-1, 205, So., Pearland, Texas; Harold Piersey, Missouri, 6-2, 202, Sr., Kansas City, Kan; Rich Coady, Texas A&M, 6-1, 210, Sr., Richardson, Tex. Punter: Shane Lechler, Texas A&M, 6-2, 220,

Jr., East Bernard, Texas SECOND TEAM OFFENSE Tight End: Derek Lewis, Texas, 6-2, 235, Sr.

Offensive Line: Todd Neimeyer, Missouri, 6-5, 310, Sr., Brookfield, Mo.; Jay Humphrey, Texas, 6-7, 300, Sr., Richardson, Texas, Ryan Johanningmeier, Colorado, 6-7, 295., Jr., Louisville, Colo.; (tie) Curtis Lowery, Texas Tech, 6-5, 327., Jr., Stephenville, Texas and Adam Davis, Oklahoma State, 6-4, 274, Jr., Hobart, Okla.

Wide Receivers: Donnie Hart, Texas Tech. 6-1, 197, Sr., Wolfforth, Texas, and Darin Chiaverini, Colorado, 6-3, 198, Sr., Corona,

Quarterback: Major Applewhite, Texas, 6-1, 200, Fr. Baton Rouge., La.
Running Back: Ricky Williams, Texas Tech, 5-9, 190, So., Duncarville, Texas; (tie) De'Mond
Parker, Oklahoma, 5 -10, 196., Jr., Tulsa, Okla., and Darren Davis, Iowa State, 5-8,

190, Jr., Miami, Fla. Placekicker: Chris Birkholz, Texas Tech, 6-0, 170, So., Temple, Tex. Return Specialist: Joe Walker, Nebraska, 5-10, 200, So., Arlington, Tex. SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Linemen: Chad Kelsay, Nebraska, 6-3, 250, Sr., Auburn, Neb.; Mike Rucker, Nebraska, 6-6, 260, Sr., St. Joseph, Mo.; Aaron Humprey, Texas, 6-3, 255, Jr., Lubbock, Tex. Linebackers: Kenyatta Wright, Oklahoma State, 6-1, 235, Jr., Vian, Okla.; Jay Foreman, Nebraska, 6-1, 240, Sr., Eden Prairie, Minn.; Ontei Jones, Oklahoma, 6-2, 248, Jr., Altus, Okla.; (tie) Travis Ochs, Kansas State, 6-3, 225, Sr., Overland Park., Kan.; and Pat Brown, Kansas, 5-11, 210, Sr., Westerville,

Secondary: Gary Baxter, Baylor, 6-1, 193, So., Tyler, Texas; Wade Perkins, Missouri, 6-1, 189, Sr., Las Vegas, Nev.; Mike Brown, Nebraska, 5-10, 205, Jr., Scottsdale, Ariz. (tie) Ben Kelly, Colorado, 5-10, 175, So., Cleveland, Ohio.; Lamar Chapman, Kansas State, 6-0, 180, Jr. Liberal, Kan.; Jason Texas A&M, 5-9, 178, Jr., Houston Ricky Thompson, Oklahoma State, 6-1, 180, Sr., Hubbard, Texas. Punter: Kyle Atteberry, Baylor, 6-0, 174, Jr.,

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Thursday, Dec. 3

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, 4:05 p.m.

ansas City at Denver, 4:15 p.m. Miami at Oakland, 4:15 p.m. Baltimore at Tennessee, 4:15 p.m. Chicago at Minnesota, 8:20 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7

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CLASS 5A **DIVISION I**

Duncanville (10-3) vs. Jersey Village (11-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Bowers Stadium, Huntsville Aldine Eisenhower (10-3) vs. Converse Judson (13-0), 5 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston DIVISION II

(9-4), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving Region II Lufkin (10-3) vs. Richardson Lake Highlands (8-5), 1:30 Saturday, Homer Bryce Stadium, Nacogdoches Region III Katy (12-1) vs. Houston Clear Brook (12-1), 8

Saturday, Astrodome, Houston Region

CLASS 4A

Plainview (11-2) vs. Grapevine (9-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Jones Stadium, Lubbock Bay City (11-1) vs. Alice (11-2), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston DIVISION II Quarterfinals

Stephenville (12-1) vs. WF Hirschi (8-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium, Irving Region II Southlake Carroll (12-1) vs. Highland Park (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving Region III
La Marque (11-0) vs. Silsbee (9-4), 8 p.m.

Friday, Astrodome, Houston **Region IV** Smithson Valley (10-2) vs. New Braunfels Canyon (10-3), 4 p.m. Saturday, Alamodome,

Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford Giddings (10-3) vs. Cuero (10-3), 7:30 p.m.

Daingerfield (12-0) vs. Royse City (12-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite Memorial Stadium, Mesquite Region III

Canadian (12-1) vs. Omaha Paul Pewitt (10-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls Mart (13-0) vs. Brookshire-Royal (11-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Austin Westlake **DIVISION II**

Spearman (13-0) vs. Stanton (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lowrey Field, Lubbock Region II

p.m. Friday, Hays Consolidated Stadium, Buda

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Thursday's Games
Detroit 19, Pittsburgh 16, OT
Minnesota 46, Dallas 36 Sunday's Games
Kansas City 34, Arizona 24
Atlanta 21, St. Louis 10
New York Jets 48, Carolina 21

St. Louis at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6

Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 8:20 p.m.

Region I Midland Lee (12-1) vs. South Grand Prairie

SA MacArthur (9-4) vs. SA Madison (11-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, North East Stadium, San Antonio

CLASS 3A Monahans (7-6) vs. Aledo (11-1), 8 p.m.

Region I Childress (11-2) vs. Crane (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene Region

Mesquite **Hegion III**Newton (11-1) vs. Manor (8-4), 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Bowers Stadium, Huntsville **Region IV**Sweeny (10-2) vs. Aransas Pass (11-2), 6
p.m. Saturday, Mercer Stadium, Sugarland

Celina (11-2) vs. Italy (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pennington Field, Bedford Region III Elysian Fields (10-3) vs. Troup (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Homer Bryce Stadium, Nacogdoches Region IV
Ganado (11-2) vs. Goldthwaite (11-2), 7:30

CLASS 1A

Wheeler (10-2) vs. O'Donnell (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo Region II Aspermont (13-0) vs. Menard (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bulldog Stadium, Abilene Region

Tenaha (13-0) vs. Detroit (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Atlanta Region IV lola (12-0) vs. Bartlett (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wildcat Stadium, Temple

Borden County (12-1) vs. Balmorhea (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kermit. Trinidad (13-0) vs. Strawn (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Joshua

FISHING REPORT

ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 57 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass to 4 pounds are good on Texas-rigged craw worms fished in heavy cover. Spotted and smallmouth bass are slow on Carolina-rigged french fries. Crappie are fair to good on minnows fished in Big Grape Creek. Channel and blue catfish are fair on

Creek. Channel and blue cattish are tair on prepared baits.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 68 degrees; 5' low; Black bass are fair on minnows and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 15 to 18 feet of water. White bass are very good on minnows fished at the south end of the lake by the bridge. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait. Yellow catfish are fair on goldfish and large minnows fished by the dam in 25 to

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear; 61 degrees; 9 eet low; Black bass to 5 pounds are good on worms, spinnerbaits and topwaters fished in 1 to 5 feet of water. Crappie are fair on min-nows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet-of water. White bass and hybrid stripers are good on jigs and slabs. Smallmouth bass to 4.2 pounds are fair on crankbaits and jigs fished n the rocky areas of the lake. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and cutbaits. Yellow catfish are slow.

COLORADO CITY: Water stained; 67 degrees; 12' low; Very little activity on the lake due to windy and cold conditions.
FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water stained; 65 degrees; 16' low; Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows fished over brush piles in 12 feet of water. White bass are slow. Hybrid stripers are good on live perch and shad. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad and chicken livers fished in the shallows. Yellow catfish

are fair on live perch.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water stained; 58
degrees; 4'low; Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps and Carolina-rigged purple worms fished in the mouths of the creeks in 6 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in the creeks in 5 to 8 feet of White bass are good on small crankbaits. Hybrid stripers are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on chicken livers and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are fair on live KEMP: Water murky; 67 degrees; 8' low;

Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits, chartreuse crankbaits and black Texasrigged worms fished in the shallows off the points. Crappie are fair on minnows. Striped bass are fair on live shad fished in 25 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair on prepared baits fished off the rocky points in 5 to 7 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

NOCONA: Water stained; 62 degrees; 4' feet low; Black bass are good on topwaters, spinner and jerkbaits fished in 1 to 6 feet of water. around the mouths of the creeks and coves Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. White bass and hybrid stripers are good on slabs and jigs fished in the main lake. Channel and blue catfish are fair on stinkbait fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

OAK CREEK RESERVOIR: Water clear; 66

degrees; 8' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits, jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. White bass are fair on minnows fished in 2 to 15 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and chicken livers fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow on live perch.
O.H. IVIE: Water clear; 62 degrees; 7.5' low;

Black bass to 6 pounds are fair on spinner and crankbaits fished in the creeks in 3 to 5 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished at night in 20 to 25 feet of water. White bass to 2 pounds are very good on slabs fished in 25 to 45 feet of v Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on prepared baits fished in 25 feet of water POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 62 degrees; 11.5' low; Black bass are slow on crankbaits, worms and jigs fished in 3 to 10

feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. White bass are slow on small jigs and minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Striped bass are slow on live shad fished in 10 to 30 feet of water. Channel and blue carfish are slow on cut and prepared baits fished in 10 to 30 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.
SPENCE: Water stained; 61 degrees; Black bass to 9 pounds are good on Texas-rigged worms fished off the bank. Crappie are slow on minnows. White bass are very good on slabs, worms and minnows fished in 2 to 18 feet of water. Striped bass to 22 pounds are very good on cut baits fished in 12 to 16 feet

on stinkbait and shrimp fished in 4 to 12 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow. STAMFORD: Water murky; 67 degrees; 11' low, Black bass are slow on spinnerbaits and black/blue Rattle Power Jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on nightcrawlers and prepared baits.

of water. Channel and blue catfish are good

rellow catfish are fair on live perch. SWEETWATER: Water clear; 60 degrees; 6' low; Black bass are good on Carolina-rigged purple lizards and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows: Channel and blue cattling the appropriate and patients. catfish to are good on stinkbait. Yellow catfish

are slow.
TWIN BUTTES: Black bass are fair on topwaters fished early and late. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on chicken livers fished off the bottom. Yellow catfish are fair to good on live goldfish and perch fished off the bottom. The lake level is at 12% of normal due to work on the dam. The work is scheduled for completion in April

WHITE RIVER: This report will be temporarily suspended pending some change in the condition of the lake. Water level is down about 20 feet and boating on the lake is haz-

ardous (very little activity).

COASTAL

NORTH SABINE: Trout are good under the birds on glow/chartreuse Norton Bull Minnows. Redfish are good and schooling in the middle of the lake and on the Louis shoreline. Flounder are very good on off the Louisiana bank on red, chartreuse and root-beer split-tailed beatles tipped with shrimp.

SOUTH SABINE: Trout and redfish are good under the birds on glow/chartreuse and red/white plastics. Redfish are also good at the letties on glow with plittle/chartreuse and the jetties on glow with glitter/chartreuse artificials. Flounder are very good off the piers, bayou and cuts on mud minnows and bright-colored grubs. Oversized black drum are

good in the lake on dead shrimp. BOLIVAR: Flounder are very good from the bay side of Rollover Pass on mud minnows, finger mullet, and tandem-rigged Little Fishies. Redfish are good at night on the Gulf side of the Pass on finger mullet and mud TRINITY BAY: Flounder are very good on the

shorelines on mud minnows and red shad shorelines on mud minnows and red shad Sea Shad. Sand trout, croakers, sheepshead and black drum are good on dead shrimp at the HL&P Spillway. Redfish are good on gold spoons and chartreuse-colored plastics at the Spillway and on the shorelines.
EAST GALVESTON BAY: Trout are good

over shell in 5-7 feet of water on pearl/chartreuse B&L shad. Live shrimp has also worked well over deep reefs. Redfish are good on the shorelines and in the Moses Lake area on gold spoons and chartreuse around the flood gates on mud minnows and Flappin' Shad.
WEST GALVESTON BAY: Trout are good on

the north shoreline and drifting mid-bay reefs on live bait, glow/chartreuse, fire tiger, red shad and Texas shad Bass Assassins Redfish are in deeper holes around Chocolate Bay. Flounder are very good at Seawolf Park and the Ship Channel on mul-TEXAS CITY: Redfish are fair to good on cutbait from the dike. Flounder are good from the dike on live mullet and mud minnows.

Trout are fair to good under the lights on speck rigs and live shrimp. FREEPORT: Trout, redfish, and flounder are good from the Surfside and Quintana jetties on live shrimp, red/white and pearl/char-treuse shrimptails. Sand trout and sheepshead are good on dead shrimp from

EAST MATAGORDA: Trout are fair to good drifting in the middle of the bay on fire tiger and albino Bass Assassins. Redfish are good on the shorelines and over shell on char-treuse and fire-tipped plastics, Flounder are very good on the shorelines for giggers and pole fishers dragging bright soft plastics across the bottom MATAGORDA: Redfish are excellent on the south shoreline from the Cullen House to

Tom & Jerry's on fire-tiger Bass Assassins and Super Spooks. Flounder are good on the south shoreline on bright-colored plastics and occasionally on topwaters. Trout are fair on fire tiger and red shad Bass Assassins on the south shoreline and better at the jetties PORT O'CONNOR: Trout are good on

Ghosts, Top Dogs and pearl/chartreuse plastics around the Pringle shoreline, Grass Island and Lighthouse Cove. Redfish are good at the big jetties and the Lagoon on gold spoons and Jumpin' Minnows. Flounde and whiting are good at the jetties on shrimp. ROCKPORT: Trout are good in the California Hole and on the Estes Flats on pin perch and Redfish are good on the Estes Flats on pin PORT ARANSAS: Trout, redfish, black drum

and sheepshead are good off the north jetties on live shrimp. Flounder are very good around the rocks and piers on mud minnows. CORPUS CHRISTI: Redfish, Jack crevalle, blacktips and bull sharks are good on cut-bait from the beachfront. Black drum, whiting and sand trout are good from the Oso Bridge on dead shrimp. BAFFIN BAY: Trout are good around the

rocks on piggy perch and croaker. Redfish are good on the shorelines and around the Land Cut on finger mullet and live shrimp. PORT MANSFIELD: Trout are fair to good in West Bay on live shrimp and red/white plas-tics. Redfish and flounder are good at Marker 20 and the jetties on live shrimp and red/white artificials.
SOUTH PADRE: Trout are fair to good on the

Gaswell Flats on red/white and green/white plastics. Redfish and flounder are slow due n wind and low tides. PORT ISABEL: Trout are fair to good on the Gaswell Flats and at the Ship Channel on bone-colored Ghosts, chartreuse Cocohoes and live shrimp. Redfish are good in South Bay on live shrimp. Mangrove snapper are good in the Ship Channel on live shrimp.

Stars shut out Sharks; Belfour stops 26 shots

Belfour is much more interested in current events than in history.

Belfour stopped 26 shots for his second straight shutout, becoming the leader among active shots by a winning team. goalies with 42 career shutouts, as the Dallas Stars defeated the

night. On his previous visit to San a team."

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Ed Jose, the Sharks scored on three of their first six shots against Belfour and won 4-0 despite getting off just nine shots - establishing an NHL record for fewest

"That was then, this is now," San Jose Sharks 3-0 Wednesday Belfour said. "That was not my night. Tonight we played well as

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season moved him past Colorado's Patrick Roy, who come with Dallas, and he had began the year with 41 shutouts but has not had one this season. Belfour had nine shutouts for the Stars last season, a career best.

scored the other goal.

with Charlie Gardiner, who played from 1927-34 with Chicago, for 20th place on the Belfour's last 11 shutouts have

one during a short stint with the

Sharks in 1997. The rest came

during eight seasons with the

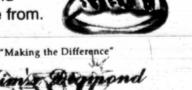
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Ban slows basic human cell research, experts say

WASHINGTON (AP) - New mordial cells from which all of a within five years, but only with Harkin, D-lowa, minority leader stem cells, Thomson and other Center for Bioethics of the the hope of more effective treatments for heart disease, diabetes and other disorders, but the research is being slowed by a ban on federal support for studies using human embryos, experts told Congress.

A medical ethicist affiliated with an anti-abortion group countered that because the cell research begins with destruction of human embryos, it is morally unacceptable.

comments came Wednesday at a Senate subcommittee hearing called to consider how the government should respond to a recent announcement that privately financed researchers have isolated embryonic stem cells. These are the basic or pri-

develop during gestation.

Subcommittee chairman Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said the issue is so complicated that other hearings will be required before any federal action is possible.

Expert witnesses, led by Dr. Harold Varmus, head of the National Institutes of Health, said stem-cell research could lead to the prevention of birth defects or to the ability to grow replacement

parts for human beings.
Cultured stem cells, they said, could produce new heart cells, or new insulin-producing cells for neurons for patients with vately. Parkinson's disease or spinal-cord

injuries. Some treatments could be ready calls

primordial cell technology offers human's bodily tissues and organs government support, said Dr. on the subcommittee, said that researchers had either to destroy a James Thomson, a University of Wisconsin researcher who isolated stem cells from a human embryo.

government to support this research," he said.

Without full government support, Thomson said, the .vork would be slowed, and the medical benefits would take years longer to develop.

Under a federal ban, government-funded researchers must and other research that involves the use of human embryos. Advanced Cell Technology. the treatment of diabetes, or new Thomson's work was funded pri-

definition would exclude stem-cell culturing and thus allow it.

"If it is not organisms, then it is "It is in the public interest for the not included," Harkin said. "This is not covered by the federal

ban." Varmus, Thomson and two other scientist witnesses confirmed for Harkin that stem cells technically are not organisms because they cannot independently maintain life and function.

'You could not create a full avoid human stem-cell studies human being from these cells," said Michael D. West, president of

But Richard M. Doerflinger, associate director of the Secretariat Part of the federal law states that for Pro-Life Activities of the the ban applies only to what it National Conference of Catholic "organisms." Sen. Tom Bishops, said that to isolate the

living human embryo or to collect cells from a freshly aborted fetus. A third method, used by West's company, places human genes into a cow's egg.

"Each system arouses ethical concerns," said Doerflinger. These are the type of experiments that the federal ban" applies to, he

"You could rip my heart out of my body and it would not be an organism," Doerflinger added. But such research would be fatal and this, he said, is what happens to the embryo. Many believe, he said, that a fer-

tilized embryo represents a human life and is entitled to all the protec-

tion of a human life. Arthur L. Caplan, director of the University of Pennsylvania Health System, disagreed. Research by Thomson involves embryos that are being discarded by patients at fertility clinics, he said



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"Whom shall I fear?" asks the 27th Psalm.

Upon his acquittal Wednesday on 30 corruptionrelated charges brought by Independent Counsel Donald Smaltz, Espy defiantly declared his answer. "Certainly, not Donald Smaltz," he said on the federal courthouse steps.

Espy was forced to resign in 1994 after being accused of accepting illegal gifts on the job and trying to cover it up. He maintained his innocence throughout, arguing he was the target of an overzealous prosecutor. Smaltz spent four years and \$17 million on his investi-

"I stood before the jury several months ago and said that I was not guilty," Espy said. "I don't believe I've lost my good name because I never believed that I was guilty of anything.

appearance problems. There are a number of things if I could do it all over again that I would not do."

Another major regret: As a House member, he had tions. voted to reauthorize the law creating the independent

prison, Espy declared himself a "much stronger per- 1987 on charges involving old business deals."

future plans.

He recalled for reporters during a news conference a conversation he had with President Clinton in the Oval Office just before he left his post.

"He made a promise to me," Espy said. "I will not reveal what he said -- that was man to man, person to person - and I'm hopeful that he will keep that promise."

In a statement, Clinton said he was pleased with the verdict and praised Espy for serving the country with

"After what have been challenging times for Mr. Espy, both personally and professionally, I am heartened that he has, as he said, emerged from this ordeal stronger," Clinton said. "I hope that as he moves forward he will continue his notable record of service to the country."

Espy had faced 30 counts stemming from about Interviewed on NBC's "Today," Espy said: "I've admitted some lapses in judgment. I've admitted some from companies such as chicken giant Tyson Foods Inc. U.S. District Judge Ricardo Urbina threw out an additional eight charges before the jury began its delibera-

Espy was a Democratic congressman from counsel. "I wish I could take it back," Espy said of that Mississippi when Clinton nominated him to the Cabinet in 1993. He was the first Cabinet-level official After fighting federal corruption charges for four to face trial since Raymond Donovan, labor secretary years and facing the possibility of at least three years in under President Reagan. Donovan was acquitted in

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Several charges involved trips Espy took to the 1994 meant three years in prison if he was convicted.

Henry Cisneros, who was Clinton's secretary of Super Bowl, a Chicago Bulls playoff game and the U.S.

Among the 70 prosecution witnesses called were farm executives who testified that they expected nothing in return for their gifts and that Espy had never showed any favoritism.

Espy's lawyers did not call any witnesses.

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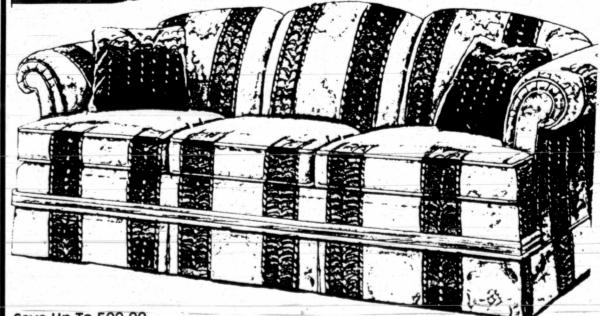
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