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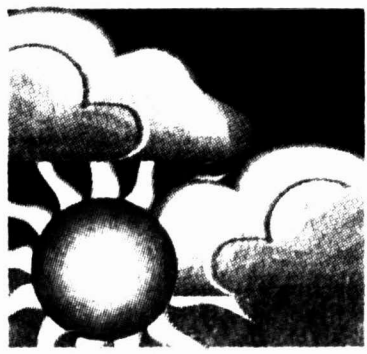
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Low tonight low 20s  
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## Cold weather heading this way

The Arctic express was barreling down the Great Plains today bringing frigid temperatures to Pampa and the Texas Panhandle this weekend.

Arctic air was headed for the Texas Panhandle behind a Canadian cold front moving southward across the plains states today.

Originally forecast for Sunday, the fast moving front was expected to reach the Texas Panhandle this evening and will be followed by an Arctic cold front that will keep temperatures very cold through the weekend.

Some light snow or snow flurries are

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likely for the panhandle this weekend, continuing into the early part of next week.

Pampa's weatherman Darrell Sehorn said today that there was a slight chance of showers this morning as clouds began to build shortly before sunrise. By mid-morning, the looming cloud cover extended from Pampa north across the

panhandle.

Sehorn predicted mostly sunny skies, however, this afternoon with a high temperature reaching into the 60-degree range. Winds today were expected to be from the southwest and west from 10 to 20 miles an hour.

The wind should shift late this evening, coming out of the north and

northeast from five to 15 miles an hour, Sehorn said. The low tonight should be in the 20-degree range.

There is a 20 percent chance of snow Saturday in Pampa. Skies will remain mostly cloudy with a high of only about 30 degrees.

A chance of snow remains in the forecast through Sunday with temperatures warming only to the mid-30s.

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ARLINGTON (AP) — Several men kidnapped an Airborne Express delivery driver and then robbed and shot an armored truck driver Friday morning.

Police believe as many as four men kidnapped the first driver, blindfolded her and drove her truck to an Arlington shopping center. There they held up an armored truck driver, who was making a pickup from a check-cashing store.

The 33-year-old driver was shot in the chest, but was wearing a bulletproof vest so he was not injured seriously.

Witnesses told police the armored truck driver shot back but the suspects got away with at least one bag of money.

The Airborne Express driver was not hurt.

KATY (AP) — Katy High School, poised to play in the Class 5A Division II state championship on Saturday, was declared ineligible by the University Interscholastic League today after the school reported that one of its players falsified his grades.

San Antonio MacArthur, which lost to Katy in last week's semifinals, will play Midland Lee Saturday at noon in Texas Stadium.

Katy principal Robert Blankenship said the school learned late Thursday that a player falsified grades and forged a signature on a three-week grade report the week after Thanksgiving, violating the state's no-pass, no-play rules which became effective in 1984.

- **Orbie Ovella Offutt, 91**, Texas resident since 1916.
- **Lenora Jones Srader, 74**, former beautician, country club employee.

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### On bended knee...



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Dale Smith (left) surprises Stephanie Moore with a wedding proposal during a Wilson Elementary School assembly Friday morning.

## Will you marry me?

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Managing Editor

If a little background music had been playing, you would've sworn you were watching something on TV.

But PHS Coach Dale Smith's surprise wedding proposal to Wilson Elementary's second grade teacher Stephanie Moore was as real as the school's student body who watched on as the couple got engaged.

"They're married!" several of the children yelled in delight following the assembly in the school gym Friday morning.

The assembly began as it usually does each

Friday.

The pledge.  
A school cheer.  
Some singing.

Everything seemed business as usual up until shortly after Principal Tom Lindsay approached the children about the "question of the week." Something the children are used to answering at every assembly.

"But this is more like a question of a lifetime," Lindsay said as he explained he needed some extra help with this week's question.

Soon after Dale Smith walked in as Lindsay's question helper for the day. It didn't take long

(See MARRY, Page 2)

## Christmas decorations stolen in city

The grinch is on the prowl in Pampa. Pampa police officers said today there have been several reports made of Christmas decorations being stolen or damaged.

Katherine Ann Gibby of 858 S. Sumner reported a red sleigh and artificial reindeer damaged by vandals early Sunday morning in her yard.

A motorcycle-riding Santa was taken from in front of Lewis Meers accounting office at 1501 N. Barks Sunday. Officer Corey Powell said it was a wire sculpture covered in Christmas lights. Officers said the Christmas display was found Tuesday in an alley a few blocks away. Several children found it and notified police, Sgt. Tom Pickering said.

The City of Pampa also reported about 30 bulbs taken from the city's Christmas tree on Hobart earlier this week.

Diane Jennings of 1488 N. Christy reported a Santa and sleigh lawn decoration three feet high and four feet wide taken from her yard sometime between 10 p.m. Tuesday and 6:30 a.m. Wednesday.

The display shows Santa with gray mittens in a black sleigh with a gray bag.

"It's pretty bad when people steal Santa," said Pampa Police Sgt. Terry Young.

## Extradition effort in child indecency case is underway

Gray County authorities were initiating extradition procedures today to bring a man convicted of indecency with a child back to the Texas Panhandle.

Gregg J. Charron, 44, was free on bond today in Jasper County, Mo., after he refused to waive extradition following the judgement of a Texas appeals court that upheld his conviction in the Lone Star state.

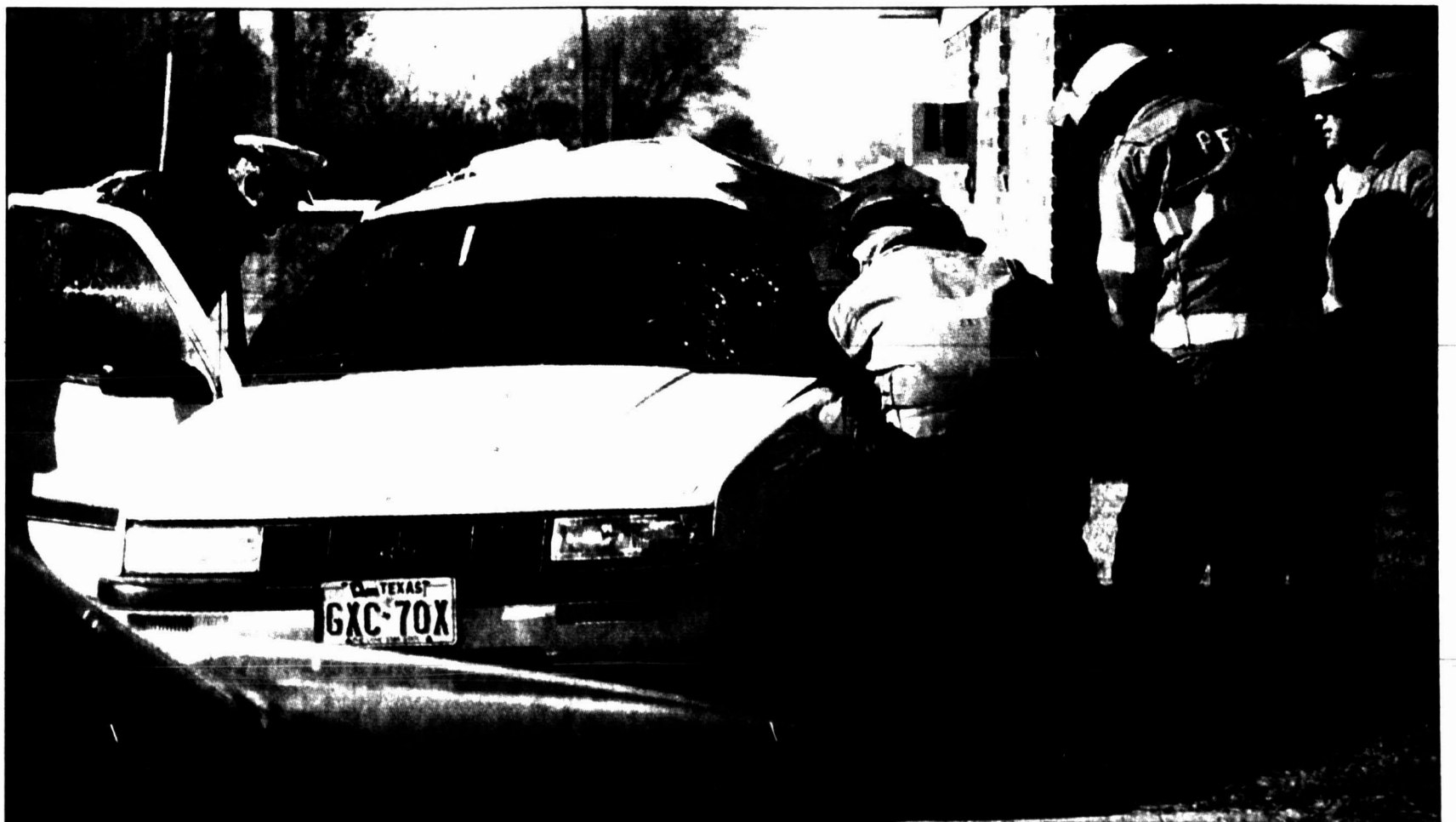
According to officials in the Gray County District Attorney's office, Charron pled guilty to indecency with a child in June, 1989, in 31st District Court in Pampa. He received 10 years deferred adjudication.

On Oct. 27, 1996, a motion was filed to proceed with adjudication alleging another instance of indecency with a child.

After a hearing on Sept. 18, 1997, Charron was sentenced to serve eight years in the Texas Department of Corrections but was released on bond while the case was appealed.

The appellate court affirmed the conviction and sentence and man-

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Mary D. Hearron, 40, 1034 Twiford, was cited for disregarding a stop sign when her 1989 Toyota struck a 1991 Corsica driven by Terry Ross Lester, 46, 329 Roberta, at the intersection of Gwendolyn and Christy. The force of the impact spun the Corsica 190 degrees over a stop sign and onto a lawn. Hearron and her passenger, Barbara Ring, 60, 1200 N. Wells, were treated and released from Columbia Medical Center. Lester was admitted in stable condition but was released this morning.

(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

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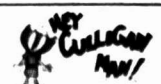
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## Lamar musical



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(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

## FPC Student of the Month

**BORGER** — Frank Phillips College recently announced its November Students of the Month.

Brian Schick was Student of the Month in the Business and Technology Division; Susan Layton was Student of the Month in Liberal and Fine Arts Division; Danielle Hronich was Student of the Month for Licensed Vocational Nursing Division; Thomas Torres and Damarick Wilson were Students of the Month in Math, Science and Physical Education Division; and Amy Crafton, of Pampa, was Cosmetology program Student of the Month.



**Amy Crafton**

in cosmetology at FPC and has held offices of secretary-treasurer and president of the Cosmetology Club. She is the daughter of Darrel and JoAnn Crafton of Pampa.

## West Texas A&M University Bookstore goes online

**CANYON** — All you last-minute shoppers (you know who you are) can avoid standing in long lines this holiday season simply by going online to hunt for bargains at the West Texas A&M University Bookstore.

WTAMU Online Bookstore is the result of a semester-long project undertaken by four graduate students in business in Dr. R. Nicholas Gerlich's Retail Management class. Back in September, the students were assigned the task of creating a website for a local business. They settled on the University Bookstore and now shoppers can get WTAMU memorabilia, apparel and a smattering of textbooks without leaving the comfort of home.

"It's everything we wanted it to be — a global store that's open 24 hours, seven days a week," Gerlich, associate professor of marketing, said. "Of course we had to start with just a few things, like a couple racks of clothes and about 20 gift ideas because the main thing was getting it up and running by the end of the semester. We plan to greatly expand the store in the semesters to come."

About 200 people hours went into the website, which opened on Dec. 1. Students who created the site are: Jay Hill of Tulia, Gail Maynard of Amarillo, Patrick Pitti of Canyon and Joe Punsotok of Canyon. The foursome created the web page, designed its layout, retouched the photographs and composed the scripting.

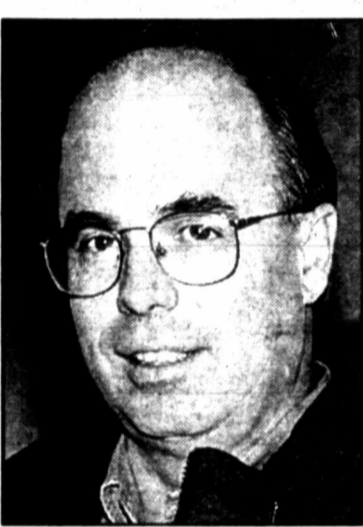
"I think we have an outstanding web site because of the efforts of these students," University Bookstore manager Bill Hockensmith said. "This project also gave the bookstore an opportunity to be more involved with our students' education, and we're extremely proud of that."

Although all university textbooks are not yet available through WTAMU Online Bookstore, books for online and correspondence courses are. Moreover, students who are registered for classes at the university can fill out a form on the website and the bookstore will box their books and have them waiting when they return in January for the spring semester.

"We hope by August of next year to offer a full book list online," Hockensmith said. "Right now, keeping inventory of used and new books is a bit overwhelming. We don't want to promise someone a used book and then have to tell them we only have more expensive new ones left on the shelf. But eventually, we'll have everything online, even diploma frames and teacher supplies."

Hockensmith also pointed out that no December deliveries will be made on orders received after Monday, Dec. 21.

WTAMU Online Bookstore is a link to <http://www.wtamu.edu>.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

**A local investment representative was recently honored as one of the top representatives in his company. Roger D. David, above, the Pampa investment representative for Edward Jones was recently ranked in the top five percent of the company's representatives. David is one of only 247 representatives out of more than 4,000 to be chosen to attend the annual Managing Partners Conference.**

## Keep safety in mind when traveling

You are traveling on a business trip and just arrived at your final destination. You take a cab to the hotel and just as you reach into your pocket for the fare, you realize your wallet is gone. What an exasperating feeling!

But as careful as we are when traveling, unfortunate circumstances do occur. To better ensure your safety, listed below are some helpful tips.

—Don't take along a lot of cash. Consider using traveler's

checks, ATMs and credit cards. Never write your PIN on your ATM or credit card.

—Don't flaunt your cash, credit cards, jewelry, passport, etc.

—At hotels and motels, consider keeping jewelry and other valuables in a safe.

—Report a lost or stolen card immediately to limit your liability for unauthorized charges by a thief. Under the Fair Credit Billing Act, if you lose your credit card your losses are limited to \$50 per card. If you lose your ATM card, you're not responsible for charges made after you report the card lost or stolen. However, you may be liable for up to \$50 for unauthorized transfers that occur before you give timely notice to the issuer.

—At airports, be on guard

against thieves who target weary travelers (and their cash, credit cards and other belongings). Make a point to look alert and aware of your surroundings.

—Carry a list of toll free telephone numbers for your bank and credit card companies, so you can report a lost item and get replacement cards or cash. Don't list your account numbers, your Social Security number, PIN or other confidential numbers.

—Ask a friend or neighbor back home to pick up your mail and newspapers and to keep an eye on your house. Leave a copy of your itinerary so you can be reached in an emergency.

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YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1998

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				TOTALS (Millions of Dollars)	
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	500-599 Debt Service Funds	600-699 Capital Projects Fund	88 August 31, 1998	97 August 31, 1997
<b>REVENUES</b>						
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,203,843	\$ 18,050	\$ 2,656	\$ -	\$ 1,224,549	\$ 1,130,598
5800 State Program Revenues	147,564	37,302	-	-	235,366	110,480
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	50,256	-	-	50,256	38,617
5020 Total Revenues	1,351,407	156,108	2,656	-	1,510,171	1,279,695
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Current:						
0010 Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	632,875	108,428	-	-	741,303	614,592
0020 Instructional and School Leadership	92,793	-	-	-	92,793	90,421
0030 Support Services - Student (Pupil)	90,989	55,259	-	-	146,248	125,193
0040 Administrative Support Services	81,810	-	-	-	81,810	99,482
0050 Support Services - Nonstudent: Based	193,435	-	-	-	193,435	150,483
0070 Debt Service	-	-	15,140	-	15,140	11,393
0080 Capital Outlay	-	-	-	372,684	372,684	-
0090 Intergovernmental Charges	22,089	-	-	-	22,089	-
6030 Total Expenditures	1,095,991	163,687	15,140	372,684	1,647,502	1,091,564
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	255,416	(7,579)	(12,484)	(372,684)	(137,331)	188,131
7020 Other Resources	200	7,579	12,484	550,011	570,274	29,135
8030 Other (Uses)	(17,903)	-	-	-	(17,903)	(26,885)
1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	237,713	-	-	177,327	415,040	190,381
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	640,480	-	-	-	640,480	450,099
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 878,193	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 177,327	\$ 1,055,520	\$ 640,480

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## Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:  
An editorial on freedom of information in Texas: Nov. 23  
The San Antonio Express-News on open records law:  
Too many public officials in Texas are skirting Texas' open records laws, and Consumers Union wants legislative changes to stop abuses.

The changes should be enacted to increase the flow of information about the use of tax dollars and the activities of governmental entities.

One of the key problems cited in the study, The Associated Press reported, is requests for an attorney general's opinion to delay releasing information sought by a citizen.

When a request is filed, a governmental body must either release the information or seek an opinion from the attorney general to determine whether it is public.

Consumers Union recommends that the time period allotted for an AG's review be reduced and that requests for a reconsideration of reviews be eliminated.

Attorney General Dan Morales supports the recommendations.

The consumer group wants also to limit exceptions to the Texas Public Information Act and create a civil penalty for disobeying the law in addition to criminal penalties.

Lawmakers should act on these suggestions to protect an important right for citizens.

### Houston Chronicle on deadly journalism:

The Inter American Press Association recently completed its 54th general assembly in Punta del Este, Uruguay, with the alarming report of an increase in the number of journalists killed in the Americas just for doing their jobs.

The assembly received reports that in the previous 12 months, 26 journalists have been killed in the hemisphere: 13 in Colombia, five in Mexico, four in Brazil, two in Guatemala and two in Peru.

"These numbers are shocking," said the IAPA statement. Indeed it is shocking that the Americas are not a safe place for the truth or those who seek to bring it to citizens.

"The most basic and savage means of limiting freedom of the press, murdering the messenger, is a horrible reminder for all of us that freedoms so precious can also be fragile," says the report. And that is the very important answer to the question: Why should we all care?

In addition to the murders are the countless kidnappings, harassments and official repressions that go unpunished and unnoticed.

Consider, for example the case of Gustavo Gorriti, an investigative reporter who has survived kidnapping in his native Peru and official repression in Panama after reporting on ties between that government and Colombian narco-traffickers. Gorriti is among those being honored this year by the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists.

This is not a lofty academic debate taking place in a vacuum. It is a real life-and-death struggle that daily affects freedoms of people in this hemisphere and threatens to perpetuate corruption, human rights violations and other atrocities that affect both regional stability and our national security.

It matters in a way that has consequences for us all. We can only hope that people will pay attention to the problem and that improvement can be noted when Houston welcomes the 55th assembly of the IAPA next October.

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# Trumped-up indignation

What would motivate a young white woman to teach in a public school in Brooklyn, N.Y., that is predominantly black and Hispanic? Wouldn't you guess idealism — a desire to help the less fortunate? Why else endure poor facilities, unsafe streets and disengaged parents?

Ruth Sherman's history suggests a young woman with a big heart. Even as a college student, she took time to tutor some of the children in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn in reading. Their scores improved.

But when, just recently, the black parents of children in her third-grade class got wind that she had read the kids a book called "Nappy Hair," the condemnation was swift and unthinking, and the benefit of the doubt nowhere to be found. Parents were outraged and demanded that Sherman be removed from the classroom. She was, though the administration later claimed that this was only for her own protection. At a public meeting to discuss the controversy, Sherman was threatened by several parents — including the mother of one of the children she had tutored in reading.

"Nappy Hair," as everyone knows by now (but the parents couldn't trouble themselves to find out), is the work of a black classics scholar named Carolivia Herron. She uses the image of untamable hair as a metaphor for the strength of black people in the face of adversity. Any black teacher could have taught the book with impunity. But Sherman is white and, it must be added, blond — which was probably her principal offense.

In a story explaining the controversy, one of



**Mona Charen**

Syndicated columnist

the networks offered pictures of shampoo advertisements featuring flowing, shiny Caucasian hair. This is the American standard of beauty, went the explanation, and blacks feel excluded from it.

This is profoundly silly — the mark of people with too much time on their hands and not enough true trouble to offer perspective. In the first place, most white people manage to muddle through life without gorgeous flowing locks too. It is a tiny minority who are blessed with lovely hair. And if we're comparing racial traits, whites could waste time, if they chose, whining about the injustice of blacks having nicer skin (skin that, for example, ages much less noticeably than white skin).

What this reveals is that some black people live life on a hair trigger — looking for signs of "racial insensitivity" and pouncing on every purported instance. The trouble is, in this case, they insulted and drove away a dedicated teacher who was doing nothing but trying to persuade her charges to believe in and like themselves just the way they are.

## Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 1998. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 18, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect.

On this date:

In 1737, the most renowned violin maker in history, Antonio Stradivari, died in Cremona, Italy.

In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1892, Tchaikovsky's "The

Nutcracker Suite" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia. In 1915, President Wilson, widowed the year before, married Edith Bolling Galt at her Washington home.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler signed a secret directive ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the

Soviet Union. (Operation "Barbarossa" was launched in June 1941.)

In 1944, the Supreme Court upheld the wartime relocation of Japanese-Americans, but also said undeniably loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry could not be detained.

# Pie throwing as a political act

Last month, as San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown was holding a press conference to announce plans for a new football stadium to house the 49ers, three men suddenly rushed forward and, before anyone could stop them, physically attacked him.

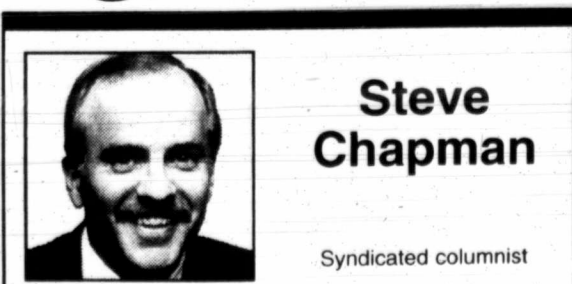
You will be relieved to learn that the weapons of choice were pies. But of course Brown and his police bodyguards didn't realize right away that the assault was meant "in good humor," as one of the culprits put it. For all they knew, the three could have had murderous intent.

In the city where Mayor George Moscone was assassinated in 1978, the first impulse of eyewitnesses was not to smile — and some felt a stab of horror when they saw Brown emerge with a thick red substance smeared on his face. Fortunately, it turned out to be cherry pie filling, not blood. Are you laughing yet?

One of the men who acknowledged taking part in the episode couldn't see why anyone would object: "We just wanted to make our point that we don't like his policies on homelessness. It was a pretty harmless thing." Said another: "We are bringing a sense of humor to a world that's lost its perspective."

The attackers are members of a political group, and their goal is to get publicity for their cause, which is why I'm not disclosing their names or the name of their organization. Their agenda doesn't sound terribly coherent, but it is more or less left-wing. And their sole apparent way of spreading their message is to smack perceived enemies in the face with a pie.

Among the targets have been the chancellor of the University of California at Davis, an officer of the Sierra Club, a Pacific Lumber



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executive and Nobel Laureate economist Milton Friedman. A sister organization pined Bill Gates in Brussels, Belgium. The common sin of the victims is to hold views different from those of this group or to do things that the group deems reprehensible.

"There's something very valuable in getting people to laugh," said one of the organization's pie throwers. You know these incidents are hilarious because the perpetrators keep saying they are. But grade-school bullies also chortle over their victims. That doesn't make the bullying a laughing matter. The point of hitting someone with a pie is not humor but humiliation.

There are plenty of stand-up comics and political satirists who use wit to make illuminating points about matters of public concern. What the pie throwers employ is not wit; it doesn't even rise to the level of slapstick. It's just inarticulate hostility masquerading as zany high-jinks.

One of the members says she throws pies because she is "committed to nonviolence" and therefore feels obliged to "act symbolically." The victims, however, are hit not symbolically but for real. There's nothing non-violent about this form of protest. Actually, it amounts

to assault and battery. Assault means putting someone in imminent fear of battery, and battery means any harmful or offensive touching of someone without his or her consent.

The mere fact that the pie throwing produces no lasting physical injury hardly excuses it: A slap in the face or a fondling of the breast leaves no scars, either. But don't try to tell a woman who's been groped at a fraternity party that her assailant was "non-violent."

If this organization is truly interested in non-violent ways of achieving its ends, there are plenty available. The beauty of a free society is that when you disagree with the policies propagated by the Sierra Club or Milton Friedman, you may rebut them to your heart's content. You pit your ideas against their ideas — and may the best arguments win. What the pie throwers acknowledge by their actions is that they find it impossible to prevail in a free and open debate. So their only hope is to create a diversion.

When the group goes after an elected mayor, it is at war not only with civilized discourse but with democracy. Willie Brown, for all his faults, is the closest thing San Francisco has to an embodiment of the popular will. The pie throwers are trying to force him to change policies that have implicitly been endorsed by the voters of the city. They are hoping to accomplish by insult and intimidation what they couldn't accomplish through the ballot box.

That may explain why they seem to have found little sympathy among the people they hoped to inspire. It was a great advance for civilization, someone said, when a caveman first hurled an insult instead of a rock. In San Francisco, most people would rather not slip back.



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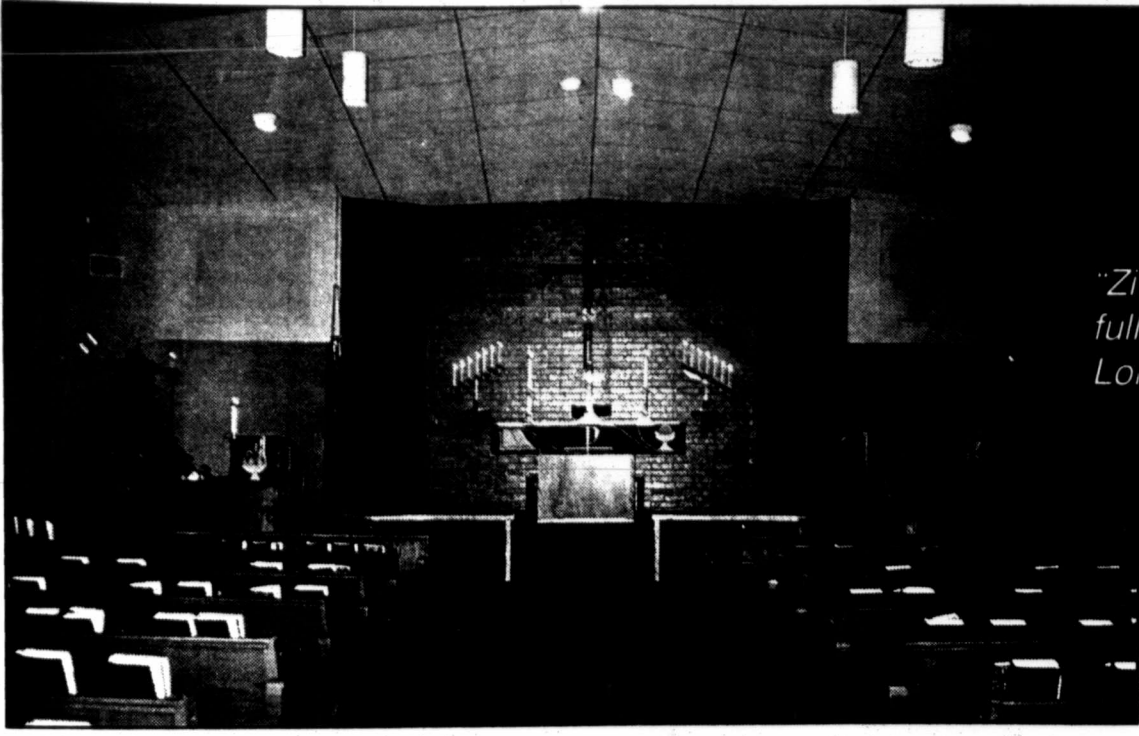
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# RELIGION

## Learning to forgive...

(Last in a series)

Sal did look like a roasted day at the beach. Ally was struck by his skinny boyiness. She was angered he wasn't a man.

Soft brown eyes, scared of meeting hers, searched the room before settling on her.

"Hey, Ally, how ya feeling?" he asked softly. "How do you think I feel? You left me in there with the fire. You didn't try to get me out! How do you think I feel?" Ally raged and tears streamed.

Sal looked down. He fingered the drooping hospital gown as if the cotton fabric were the most interesting thing in his world.

"Now there's something wrong with my face! And it's all your fault because you didn't help me. It's a wonder I'm alive."

He, too, knew Ally would never forgive him. He knew he had run.

"Get out!" she screamed. Sal backed out the door and Ally cried into her bandages.

Dr. Evans introduced her family to a plastic surgeon who told them Ally's face would not be the same. A burning two-by-six from the attic had

From the Back Pew...



By Cheryl Berzanskis

slammed into the cheek bone branding her forever with a semblance of the lumber's shape.

The damage can be minimized, he nodded in his competent way as if that fixed everything.

When her tears subsided, Ally took stock of her broken life, heart and marriage.

And again, the silly thought arose: I'm barely old enough to drive. And again as if she could forget, the weight of her child kicked inside out against her womb.

The door opened with its gentle whoosh and Aunt Rose peeked around its edge.

"Hey, Ally. How's my girl?"

Ally's tears could not be hidden.

"Aunt Rose, my face is ugly and everything in my life is a mess. What a screw up I am," Ally sniffed.

Aunt Rose took Ally's hand and sat beside the hospital

bed.

"Ally, there is only one real problem and that is the injury to your face. You are otherwise okay, your baby is healthy and Sal is okay. The apartment, well it is a mess, I guess, but, hey, it's a good excuse to get some new stuff," she cajoled.

"You don't know. Sal ran away from me when the apartment burned. He ran out and didn't help me and now I look like a mummy."

Ally's eyes brimmed again with the remembered hurt.

Aunt Rose knew Sal's cowardly betrayal would be the hardest for Ally to forgive, yet she who had learned to forgive because a baby was born knew her niece could do so, too.

"Sal wants to talk to you. He has something he needs to say. Will you let him?"

"I already threw him out once today, Aunt Rose. Besides, it was over between us before the fire. It was only a matter of time before one of us ditched the other because he spent all the money, but he said I spent all the money. But I didn't, really. I just wanted new clothes and to call home from that dumpy one horse town we were living in. He didn't get the car fixed when it needed it and he wanted to spend all his paycheck on his Army buddies and football games," Ally said hopelessly.

"Please, Ally. I've been talking to Sal, I think you need to at least listen. You are grown up, you need to think like a grown up. You must look at the big picture, overlook the little slights and it means starting over when you realize there is something more at stake than your own pride. It takes real maturity to start over, and as my favorite niece, I think you have the maturity, even at 16, to try one more time," Aunt Rose said.

"May Sal come in?"

When Ally didn't answer, Aunt Rose left the room and returned with Sal.

"Sal, tell her what you told me," Aunt Rose said then slipped out the door.

"Ally, I am sorry. I am so sorry I don't what to do and I can't undo what I have done to you," Sal said, fingering the hospital gown which earlier claimed his attention.

"I didn't mean for you to get hurt. I was just so afraid when I smelled the smoke all I could think about was getting out of the house. Me and Elmer, we looked for you and I tried to get back in with a hose, but I passed out. Then I woke up here and they told me about your face. Ally, all I can say is, 'Will you forgive me?'" he said.

Ally looked at Sal and suddenly his admission did not look like a boy trying to escape trouble, but like a man who wants to make things right. Her son poked her again.

Ally did not answer Sal. She tried to think of what was at stake - her life, her heart, her child and their marriage. The stubbornness which occasionally defined her life began to roil inside her and she decided she would not give in to the easy way.

"Sal, I hated you for what happened to me. I might still hate you a little. But I accept your apology. I believe you are sorry. And Sal, every day when I look in the mirror I will remember how scared I was. But I will remember, you told me you were sorry. I will try to forgive you and I will try again to be your wife," Ally said.

Sal reached for her, gently and without touching the bandaged cheek. Their arms entwined and he pulled Ally as close as her swollen belly allowed. The child rolled between them.

## Religion briefs...

### Christmas Eve candlelight service

Zion Lutheran Church will hold its annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Thursday, Dec. 24. The public is invited to participate in this beautiful service. "We are very excited about this Christmas service since it is the first Christmas for us to use our new pipe organ to help proclaim the message of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ," said Pastor Hasskarl. The service will begin at 7 p.m. The worship will be a traditional order of service containing both the proclamation of the Gospel and the distribution of the sacrament of Holy Communion. Zion Lutheran Church is located at 1200 Duncan Street. More information about the service is available at 669-2774.

### Special service at Calvary Baptist

A special Candlelight and Advent Service is planned for Wednesday night, Dec. 23 at Calvary Baptist Church. The one hour service, which begins at 6:30 p.m., will feature Christmas music surrounding the lighting of the five advent Candles: the Prophecy Candle, Birth Candle, Angels and Shepherd's Candle, Wisemen's Candle, and the Christ Candle.

The Christ Candle will then be used to light all of the congregation's candles, thus spreading Christ's light through the sanctuary. Providing the music will be the Calvary Baptist Praise Band, along with several soloists and ensembles.

The service is free and a nursery will be provided. Calvary Baptist is located at 900 E. 23rd Street, one mile east of Wal-Mart.

### Christmas concert in Panhandle

The ladies a capella quintet "One Voice" will perform their third annual Christmas concert on Saturday, Dec. 19 at the Conway Community Church in Panhandle. Also joining "One Voice" is Dr. Kent Watson, accomplished pianist from Claude, Texas, as well as Elizabeth O'Neal of Panhandle on the violin. Dr. Watson will perform a selection of seasonal Christmas medleys and will also accompany O'Neal on the violin, followed by several traditional as well as contemporary Christmas favorites performed by "One Voice."

The Conway Community Church is a Texas Historical Landmark, and has been restored to its original charm and grandeur. It is located on the Square House Museum complex on Highway 207 in Panhandle. The concert is to benefit the Panhandle Community Food Bank, and admission is a can of food per person, or a donation to the food bank. There will be one performance at 6 p.m. and another at 8 p.m.

### Youth scavenger hunt helps Good Sam's

The Cross Roads Youth Ministries of the First United Methodist Church recently held a scavenger hunt that helped benefit Good Sam's organization. Good Sam's compiled a list of needs for the FUMC youth. The Youth were then divided up into teams and sent out to hunt down and collect the items that were on their lists.

From portable electric heaters to blankets to coats to baby food, each team was on a mission, not only to try getting each item listed, but as much as possible of each item. They had just over an hour to complete their mission. Points were awarded in order of importance of items needed by Good Sam's. The winning team was determined by who had the most points.

This is the second year that the youth of FUMC has done this. This year they collected a van load of items plus donated \$135 to Good Sam's. The Youth of Cross Roads Youth Ministries along with Good Sam's would like to thank all those who helped by donating one or more items.

For more information on how you can support Good Sam's, please call 665-0073 or visit them at 309 N. Ward St.

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# Two Are No Better Than One When Pills Are Out-of-Date

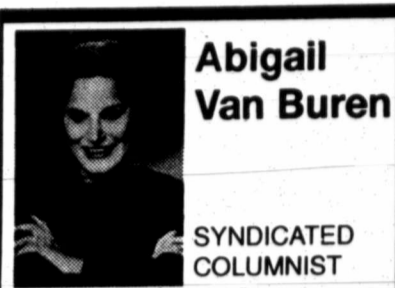
**DEAR ABBY:** A couple of weeks ago, my grandfather was having chest pains. He has a history of heart problems, and had been prescribed nitroglycerin pills for emergencies. Unfortunately, the pills had expired long ago. My grandfather knew it and took two to make up the difference. It didn't, so he took two more. Abby, my grandfather took six pills within a half-hour and was feeling progressively worse. He called my grandmother and asked her to call 911.

A few hours later, we learned that he had suffered a severe angina attack. It didn't damage his heart, but he could have avoided a hospital stay if the pills he had taken were still potent. Some people might think that the expiration date stamped on the bottle is a "guideline," or just a way for the pharmacy to make money. As my family learned, this assumption is wrong.

Please tell your readers the importance of checking the expiration dates on their medications, and that the pills are not good after the expiration date — even if the bottle is unopened.

ALLEN BOUCHARD, CUMBERLAND, R.I.

**DEAR ALLEN:** I'm passing the word along — with a little advice from a pharmacist at the Mayo Clinic: Many medications are relatively stable, but it's probably a good idea to discard medications that have been in the patient's possession for



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

more than a year. Nitroglycerin is an exception, however, because it can deteriorate even more rapidly. Because of this fact, pharmacists will dispense this medication in the original bottle from the manufacturer — which has an airtight seal under the cover.

This is the reason it's not a good idea for patients to transfer nitroglycerin tablets to any other kind of pillbox or container. Once the seal on the bottle is broken, it's wise to get a new supply of the drug after three to six months and to discard the old bottle — particularly if the medication has been exposed to heat and humidity. This is usually not a hardship for the patient, as nitroglycerin is a fairly inexpensive medication.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 13 years old and in the eighth grade. Last year, a new guy moved to our school. When I first saw him, something clicked! I fell for him instantly. I

mean, I knew I liked him before I even talked to him.

When he found out I was interested, he said he thought I was cute and he'd like to get to know me better. Then school was out.

Now, we're back in school, but the only time I get to see him is at lunch for about 30 minutes. He's always turning around and looking at me and smiling, but we haven't even talked to each other!

What should I do? Write him a letter? Talk to him? Wave? Please help!

IN LOVE IN KENTUCKY

**DEAR IN LOVE:** Chances are that he feels the same way about you — that's why he keeps turning around and looking at you. But don't put anything on paper. The next time he turns around and smiles at you, smile back. Say "Hi," and ask him what he thought of last Friday's football game, or some other school activity. Listen attentively. That will break the ice and perhaps get the ball rolling.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

friends and gatherings. Everyone wants to talk and share. News makes you want to celebrate. Meet, greet and network at the same time; some you encounter will be important to you. Tonight: Make the rounds.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You wake up ready to tackle anything that comes your way. Finish remaining holiday errands. Get some exercise, whether it is climbing the ladder to put up mistletoe or going for a brisk walk. Consider your waistline! Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Don't try to contain your amorous nature. Just note how special it is to feel this way. Children could be especially rewarding for those who have them nearby. They want to go that extra mile to make you happy. Help them express their enthusiasm. Tonight: Whoop it up.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Family proves to be most rewarding. Take time to provide what they want. You get a lot of rewards off just giving of yourself and time. Finish up holiday decorating and chores before it gets too late! Make time for a long talk with a loved one. Tonight: Build a fire.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Reach out for others and have needed conversations. Listen to what someone says. He is trying to communicate something that is really important to him. Get out and do errands; you get even more into the Christmas spirit. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You do everything this holiday season with a big bang! Reach out for others. Someone would appreciate an invitation; he might have the holiday blues. A family member blooms from your added attention. It makes a difference. Tonight: Indulge in your customary style.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Call friends, even if you feel overwhelmed by what you need to do. Get started, and you'll complete projects with ease. A happy visit with someone puts a twinkle in your eye. Put your best foot forward; others respond in kind. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Look within; you'll come up with answers. You could be unusually intuitive when choosing gifts. Walk in someone's shoes, understand where they are coming from. Run with a lucky hunch. Surprises are ahead. Keep your budget in mind. Tonight: Hot apple cider by the fire.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your bountiful, positive spirit make a difference to friends. Make time for a fun get-together around a favorite holiday activity. Catching up on news and visiting makes up a large part of your Christmas. Tonight: With your friends.

**BORN TODAY**  
Psychic Uri Geller (1946), filmmaker George Roy Hill (1922), author-artist David Levine (1926)

## Horoscope

SUNDAY, DEC. 20, 1998  
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Someone clearly approves of you and will back your plans. Make a point of spreading your cheer with a visit or two. A parent or respected friend would appreciate hearing from you. You could be surprised by someone's dotting and caring. Tonight: Out and about.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ News from a distance puts a spring in your step. Make time for a concert or catch a light show. Tune in to your spirituality, and allow others to experience your more nurturing qualities. Accept a last-minute invitation. You will have a ball! Tonight: The meaning behind the words.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Closeness bonds you and someone. Feelings flow, and you appreciate their uniqueness. Make plans to clear out any holiday errands together. Holiday projects bond and create more lightness in your relationship. Tonight: You feel like you're under the mistletoe all night!

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Good luck surrounds dealings with others. Drop in on several

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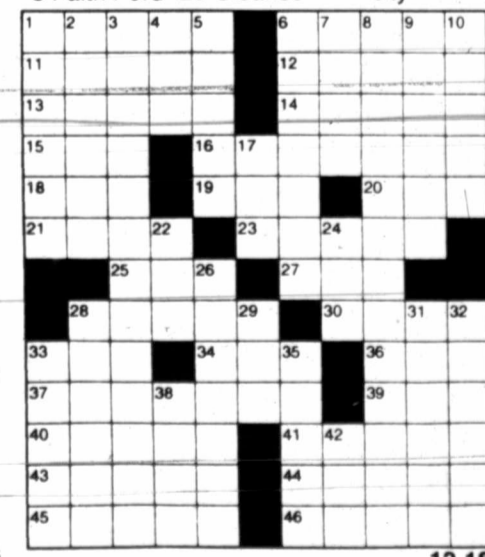
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Yesterday's Answer



## Marmaduke



"Marmaduke! It doesn't need your permission to fly over our yard."

## The Family Circus



"We wanted to trick-or-treat at your house, but we can't go off our block."

## For Better or For Worse



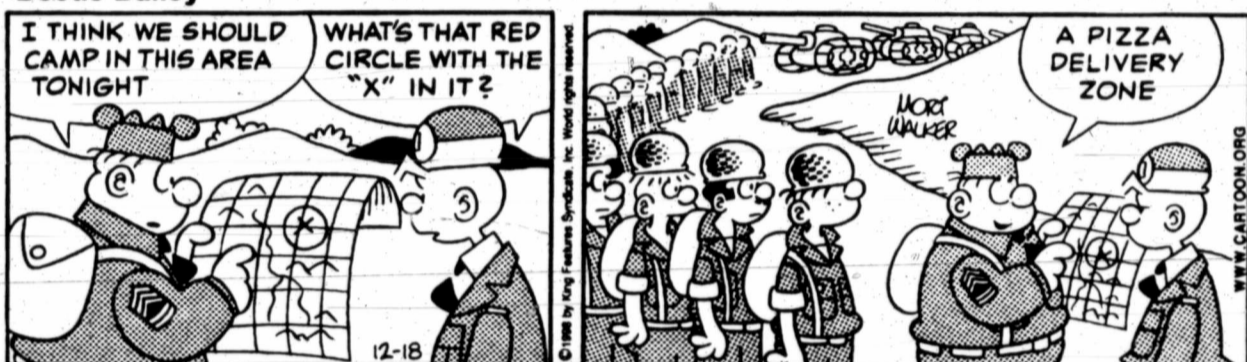
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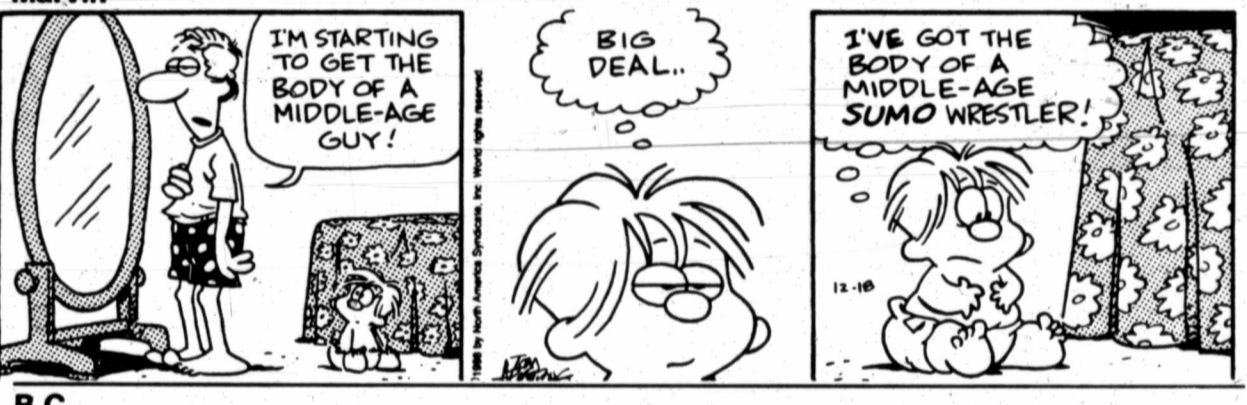
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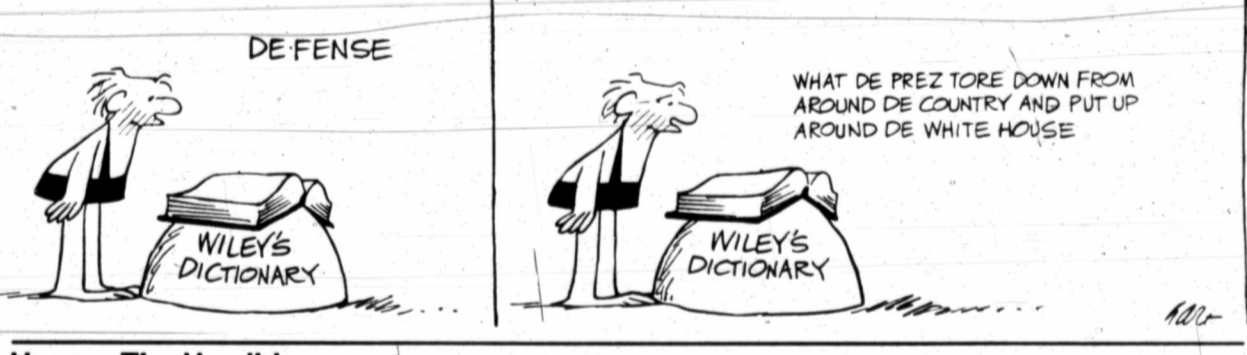
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# SPORTS

## Stephenville headlines 4A all-state list

### Pampa's White named to second team defense

By JAIME ARON  
AP Sports Writer

Kelan Luker, Cody Cardwell and Rob Lilly were in eighth grade when Stephenville won its second of two straight state titles. The Yellow Jackets return to the title game this weekend and that trio is a big reason.

The Associated Press Sports Editors recognized their contributions, voting all three to its Class 4A all-state team released Thursday.

Lilly was the key to an offensive line that helped the team amass an average of 556 yards per game during a 9-1 regular season. Luker threw for 2,817 yards and 30 touchdowns while Cardwell had the most catches (61) and yards (1,454) in the class, scoring 14 TDs and running for three more.

Stephenville plays La Marque (13-0) on Saturday for the Class 4A Division II championship. There was only one 4A title given out when the schools met in 1993 and 1994, with Stephenville winning both. La Marque won the last consolidated title in '95, then took the first two Division II trophies in '96 and '97.

Grapevine, which beat Bay City last weekend for its second Division I title in three years, had one player make

second team — end Jason Schindler.

Sports writers around the state chose the ninth annual APSE team based strictly on regular-season performance. They selected nominees during the season and balloting took place during the playoffs.

West Orange-Stark, which finished the year 10-0 and ranked No. 2 in the AP poll, joined Stephenville with three first teamers.

Stark's honorees included offensive lineman Charles Crochet, defensive lineman Kelton Traylor and defensive back Derrick Thibodeaux.

Shaud Williams of Andrews was named a first-team running back for the second straight year and was voted the offensive player of the year. He's the only repeat member from the 1997 APSE team.

The 5-foot-8, 180-pound senior led 4A with 2,121 yards, marking his third straight year over 2,000 yards. He scored 27 touchdowns.

Jose Gonzales, who helped blow open holes for Williams, was voted to the first team at offensive line.

Brock Anderson of Fort Worth Wyatt was honored on the offensive line and teammate Donald Burrell was picked at defensive line and was named defensive player

of the year. Burrell, 6-foot-2, 230-pound senior, had 97 tackles, 18 sacks, 45 tackles for loss, forced five fumbles and recovered two for touchdowns and recorded two safeties.

Brownwood also had two honorees: Colby Freeman, a run-pass threat who shared top quarterback honors with Luker, and linebacker Jared Morris.

Tomas Sanchez of Fort Worth Arlington Heights, who set a national record with 46 career field goals, was named the top kicker.

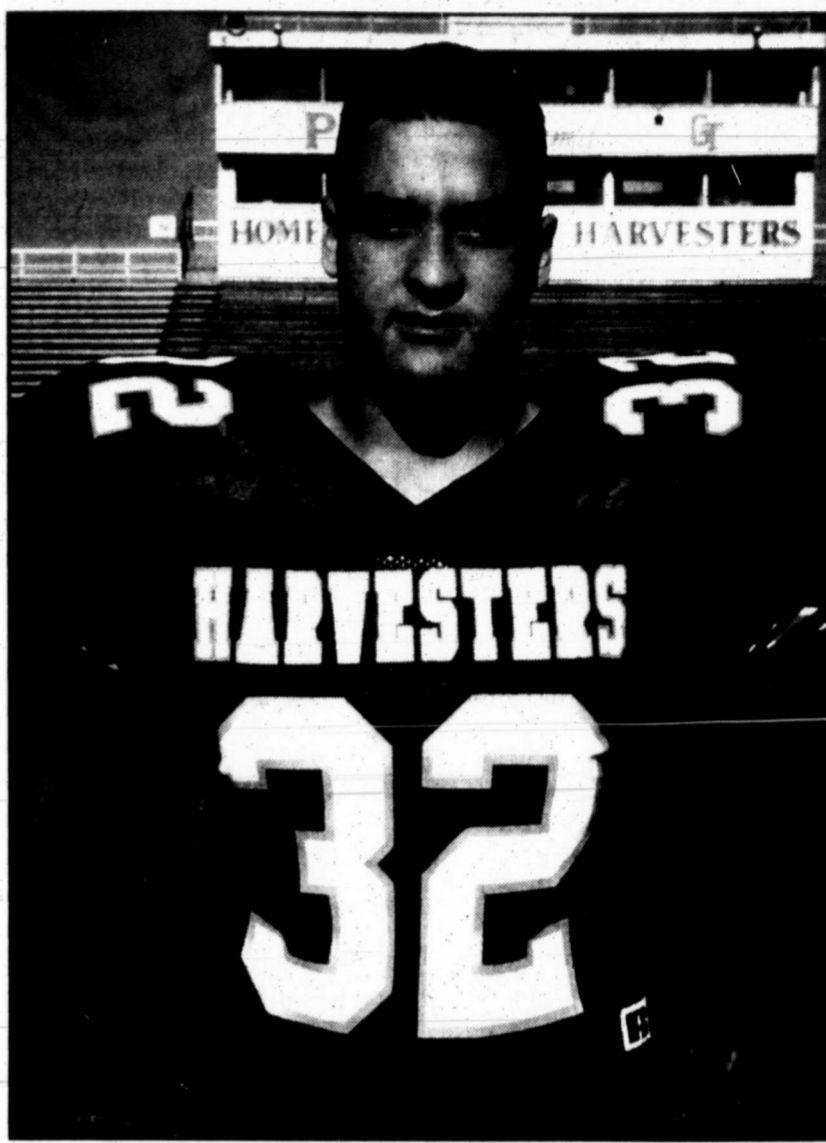
Other skill position honorees included ends Jeremy Arnold of Clint and Delrick Taylor of Longview Pine Tree and running backs Kris Briggs of Carthage and Richard Whitaker of Jacksonville.

Rounding out the offense are offensive linemen Dean Mayfield of Sweetwater and Wade Wittliff of Corpus Christi Calallen.

Other defensive linemen were Gabe Sanford of Smithson Valley and Evory Thompson of Waller. The other linebackers were Reed Boyd of New Braunfels Canyon and Willie Woodbury of Fort Stockton.

Rounding out the defensive backs were Scott Hall of Schertz Clemens, Clint Mitchell of Nederland and Tony Powell of Borger.

Roy Wright, who averaged 43.4 yards per punt and had six pinnings inside the 10-yard line, was voted the top punter.



Pampa middle linebacker Jared White was selected to the Class 4A all-state second team by the Association Press Sports Editors. The 210-pound senior was District 3-4A's leading tackler, finishing the regular season with 36 unassisted tackles and 107 assisted tackles. He was a three-year starter for head coach Dennis Cavalier. White had earlier been honored as the defensive player of the year in District 3-4A.

## Notebook

### BASKETBALL

**PAMPA** — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring men's and women's basketball leagues for ages sixteen and up. Mens Competitive, Recreational, and Women's Open divisions will be offered. In addition, this year we will offer a Mens Over 35 division. Entry deadline will be January 13, at 5:00 PM, and the season will begin on January 20, 1999.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$ 200.00 and player's fee is \$ 1 0.00 per player with a minimum of ten (10) players.

Roster forms, fact sheets, and league bylaws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart. For more information please contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

### BASEBALL

**AUSTIN (AP)** — The hat had no holes for the dreadlocks and the jersey was No. 37 instead of No. 34.

But the Texas Rangers on Thursday welcomed their newest outfielder-tailback, presenting University of Texas running back and Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams with his first Rangers hat and jersey.

Texas purchased Williams' contract from the Expos on Tuesday, a day after Montreal took him from the Philadelphia Phillies with the fourth pick of the major league draft for players left off 40-man rosters.

"We know Ricky's football talent is No. 1. We're just hoping we can somehow get Ricky in our organization and this is a first step," said Rangers General Manager Doug Melvin.

### OLYMPICS

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Seattle is out of the running for the 2012 Olympics, its bid undercut by a lack of civic support.

The Seattle Olympic bid committee voted Thursday to disband and withdraw as a candidate, leaving eight U.S. hopefuls: Baltimore-Washington, Cincinnati, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, Orlando-Tampa and San Francisco.

The winner will be decided in a vote in 2005 by the International Olympic Committee.

Seattle had been an early favorite to be selected by the U.S. Olympic Committee as the American city to face a field of international challengers.

The next two Summer Games are in Sydney (2000) and Athens (2004), with Beijing the front-runner for 2008.

The decision by the Seattle executive board followed an 8-1 City Council vote Monday that stuck to an earlier council decision against an Olympic bid.

A government endorsement, including a pledge to underwrite any losses, is required before the USOC will consider a bid.

After the City Council's initial rejection, the Seattle committee had turned to the Puget Sound Regional Council — a transportation and growth-management planning agency — for an endorsement. But the regional council last week decided not to vote on the bid proposal.

"Seattle and Puget Sound would have been a wonderful candidate," bid committee president Kathy Scanlan said. "We continue to believe that the bid process would have provided a unique opportunity for our community to come together to address critical issues like transportation, housing, education and protecting our environment."

The chief organizer of the bid, promoter Bob Walsh, who brought the city the NCAA Final Four basketball tournament and the Goodwill Games in 1990, sounded bitter.

## APSE Class 4A All-State Football Team

**ALLAS (AP)** — The Class 4A All-State high school football team, released Thursday, as voted on by The Associated Press Sports Editors based on regular-season performance.

**FIRST TEAM**  
**LINEMEN**  
BROCK ANDERSON, FW Wyatt, Sr., 6-5, 316 — over 90 percent grades for year, 34 pan-cakes, 58 percent of 212 rushing avg. ran behind his blocks.  
CHARLES CROCHET, West Orange-Stark, Sr., 6-3 1/2, 255 — top lineman on 10-0 team that averaged 32.8 ppg, graded out at 93 percent with 61 pancake blocks and one sack in 136 attempts.  
ROB LILLY, Stephenville, Sr., 6-2, 260 — dominant blocker for offense that avg. 556 ypg.  
DEAN MAYFIELD, Sweetwater, Sr., 6-3, 285 — school's best OL for two years, excellent blocker on run and pass, graded 90 percent, avg. 5 pancake blocks.  
(tie) JOSE GONZALES, Andrews, Sr., 6-2, 280 — helped open holes for 4A leading rusher Shaud Williams.  
(tie) WADE WITTLIFF, Corpus Christi Calallen, Sr., 6-2, 260 — team averaged 40.1 ppg and 389 ypg.  
**ENDS**  
CODY CARDWELL, Stephenville, Sr., 5-10, 170 — 61-1,454, 14 TDs, led 4A in receiving, 127-223, 3 TDs rushing.  
(tie) JEREMY ARNOLD, Clint, Jr., 6-0, 185 — 51-1,168, 13 TDs, 12-192, one TD rushing, returned one kickoff and one punt for TD, had 3-2-pt conversions.  
(tie) DELRICK TAYLOR, Longview Pine Tree, Sr., 5-10, 165 — 56-824-11 to lead East Texas, threw two TD passes, rushed for a TD, returned a kickoff for a TD, returned a fumble for a TD, returned an INT for TD and returned a fumble for a safety.  
**QUARTERBACK**  
(tie) COLBY FREEMAN, Brownwood, Sr., 6-3, 210 — 58-98-1,217, 16 TDs, 143-1,488 yds, 13 TDs rushing, 643 of rushing yds on down-field option pitch; has started 46 games.

(tie) KELAN LUKER, Stephenville, Sr., 6-1, 200 — 134-224-2,817, 30 TDs, 5 INTs; offensive averages 556 ypg.  
**RUNNING BACKS**  
KRIS BRIGGS, Carthage, Sr., 5-11, 210 — 1,855 yards, 19 TDs for playoff team; had school-record 334 yards in one game.  
RICHARD WHITAKER, Jacksonville, Sr., 5-11, 195 — 277-1,880, 20 TDs.  
SHAUD WILLIAMS, Andrews, Sr., 5-8, 180 — led 4A with 2,121 yards on 281 carries; 27 TDs; third year to rush for over 2,000 yards.  
**KICKER**  
TOMAS SANCHEZ, FW Arlington Heights, Sr., 5-9, 175 — 13-17 FGs to set national career record of 46, longest 49; 30-31 PATs.  
**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR** — Shaud Williams, Andrews.  
**DEFENSE**  
**LINEMEN**  
DONALD BURRELL, FW Wyatt, Sr., 6-2, 230 — 97 tackles, 18 sacks, 45 tackles for loss; 5 forced fumbles, 2 recoveries both for TDs, 6 PBU, two safeties.  
GABE SANFORD, Smithson Valley, Sr., 5-11, 220 — 111 tackles, 28 for losses, 11 sacks, nine hurries, 5 deflected passes, 3 caused fumbles, 3 recovered fumbles, 2 blocked punts; three-time unanimous all-district.  
EVORY THOMPSON, Waller, Sr., 6-0, 225 — 55 unassisted tackles, 23 assists, 15 pressures, 12 sacks, three fumble recoveries for top-ranked 4A defense in Houston area.  
KELTON TRAYLOR, West Orange-Stark, Sr., 5-10, 171 — 84 tackles, 13 sacks and 20 quarterback pressures on 10-0 district champ that allowed just 139 ypg.  
**LINEBACKERS**  
REED BOYD, New Braunfels Canyon, Sr., 6-3, 220 — 150 tackles, 3 QB pressures, 62 INTs, 5 sacks, 2 INTs, 2 caused fumbles, 3 recovered fumbles.  
JARED MORRIS, Brownwood, Sr., 6-4, 225 — 91 solo, 56 assisted tackles, 13 for loss, 3 forced fumbles, 2 blocked FGs, 3 sacks, one INT.  
WILLIE WOODBURY, Fort Stockton, Sr., 6-0, 200 — 143 tackles, 19 for loss, 4 sacks, 14 QB pressures, 7 forced fumbles, 9 PBU, one INT.  
**DEFENSIVE BACKS**  
SCOTT HALL, Schertz Clemens, Jr., 6-1, 195 — all-district as a defensive back and wide receiver; 67 tackles, 9 INTs, a sack, 2 passes broken up.  
CLINT MITCHELL, Nederland, Sr., 5-9, 160 — led district with six interceptions for 124 return yards; also had six blocked punts, 70 tackles (46 solos).  
TONY POWELL, Borger, Sr., 5-11, 170 — 5 INTs (186 yds returns and one TD), 33 solo, 28 assisted tackles, returned 6 KO for 205 yds.  
DERRICK THIBODEAUX, West Orange-Stark, Sr., 5-11, 170 — 56 tackles (29 solo), three caused fumbles, one recovery, two tackles for loss, four deflected passes and one interception; also had 14 punt returns for 264 yards and two TDs.  
**PUNTER**  
ROY WRIGHT, Austin Travis, Sr., 6-4, 180 — 27 for 43.4 avg; 6 inside 10-yard line, 4 inside 5-yard line.  
**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR** — Donald Burrell, FW Wyatt.  
**SECOND TEAM**  
**OFFENSE**  
OL FELIX ALVARADO, Stephenville, Sr., 6-2, 300.  
OL SCOTT MERRY, Hays, Sr., 6-4, 270.  
OL DRACO MILLER, Brownwood, Sr., 6-1, 265.  
OL RYAN WOLF, FW Brewer, Sr., 6-3, 294.  
OL BRETT MCDANIELS, Springtown, Sr., 6-3, 245 (tie).  
OL JERRY MILLER, Pampa, Sr., 5-11, 255 (tie).  
E CODY COBURN, Port Neches-Groves, Sr., 6-2, 190.  
E JASON SCHINDLER, Grapevine, Sr., 5-11, 180.  
QB NATHAN CHANDLER, Southlake Carroll, Sr., 6-6, 235.  
RB DEON HILL, Paris, Sr., 5-5, 150.  
RB LUIS PADILLA, Floresville, Sr., 5-10, 190.  
RB DREW SNIDER, New Braunfels Canyon, Jr., 5-11, 185.  
PK DEWAYNE WAGES, Hallsville, Sr., 5-10, 190.

**DEFENSE**  
DL JASON BARRON, Brownwood, Sr., 6-2, 230.  
DL JARED SHELTON, Sweetwater, Sr., 6-2, 225.  
DL ERIC WILLIAMS, FW Dunbar, Sr., 6-3, 228.  
DL CHAD PUGH, Boswell, Sr., 6-5, 270 (tie).  
DL JAMAL EDWARDS, Schertz Clemens, Sr., 6-2, 195 (tie).  
LB GAYRON ALLEN, West Orange-Stark, Jr., 5-10, 191.  
LB JARED WHITE, Pampa, Sr., 6-1 1/2, 210.  
LB KEVIN DANIEL, Longview Pine Tree, Sr., 6-2, 215 (tie).  
LB TERRY PIERCE, FW Western Hills, Sr., 6-3, 245 (tie).  
DB MARK ABILA, Pecos, Sr., 5-10, 170.  
DB JAI GARRETT, FW Trimble Tech, Sr., 6-1, 170.  
DB JUSTIN McMINN, Waco Midway, Sr., 5-10, 180 (tie).  
DB JASON ROBERTS, San Marcos, Sr., 5-11, 180 (tie).  
P CHRIS EVATT, Stephenville, Sr., 6-1, 170.  
**HONORABLE MENTION**  
**OFFENSE**  
**LINEMEN**  
Araham Cook, Brownwood, Lorenzo Gonzalez, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo; Gene Harlin, Boswell; Sterling Harris, Terrell; Aaron Hernandez, Fort Stockton; Chris Loupe, Nederland; Noah Mays, Belton; John Mesa, Hays; Mike Miller, Smithson Valley; Sione Nuaali, Channelview; Reggie Russell, FW Dunbar; Jeremy Stolla, Reggio City; Keith Virdeil, Marble Falls.  
**ENDS**  
Josh Boop, FW Western Hills; Isaac Flores, San Angelo Lake View; Jai Garrett, FW Trimble Tech; John Hampton, Burleson; Jason Hunt, New Braunfels Canyon; Zane Willard, Borger.  
**QUARTERBACKS**  
Dakari Pearson, Dayton; Jordan Wilson, Grapevine.  
**RUNNING BACKS**  
Rod Anstey, Plainview; Olan Coleman, Waco University; James Edwards, Corpus Christi Calallen; Keithon Edwards, Dayton; Eron Haynes, Borger; George Lozano, Edcouch-Elsa; Donnie Pinkerton, Schertz Clemens; Jason Polk, Sherman; Derrick Strait, Austin Lanier.  
**KICKERS**  
J.W. Boren, Stephenville; Nick Limoges, Borger.  
**DEFENSE**  
**LINEMEN**  
Jimmy Ateman, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo; Bobby Barba, Hereford; Brandon Borel, Port Neches-Groves; Jake Brod, El Campo; Darrel Cowley, Corpus Christi Calallen; John Diggs, San Antonio Alamo Heights; Monty Eakin, Amanilo Caprock; DeAndre Fuellein, Houston Forest Brook; Clayton Harmon, Stephenville; Russell King, Borger; Chris McIver, San Antonio Taft; Jason Morgan, Denison; Sione Ouafl, Channelview; Seth Robinson, San Marcos; Joseph Simmons, FW Wyatt; Josh Tubbs, Belton; Clay Weir, Belton; Joe Young, Andrews.  
**LINEBACKERS**  
John Bearden, Sharyland; Brennan Bell, Plainview; Devon Davis, Austin McCallum; D.J. Dever, Dayton; Randall Garrett, Springtown; Matt Grieve, Smithson Valley; Jack Hodges, Stephenville; Barry Johnson, Waco Midway; Brandon Key, Denison; Kyle Leiby, Andrews; Wes Morrow, Sherman; Vincent Turner, FW Southwest; Corey Williams, FW Arlington Heights; Jarred Williams, Bridge City; Monray Williams, Amarillo Paid Dur.  
**DEFENSIVE BACKS**  
Rod Anstey, Plainview; K.R. Carpenter, Schertz Clemens; Derrick Cash, El Campo; Quentus Cumbly, Cleburne; Aaron Freeling, Sherman; Will James, Canyon; Randal McLeard, Smithson Valley; Antonio Moore, Del Valle; Jeremy Pitkin, Andrews; Jermire Roberts, Fort Arthur Lincoln; Floyd Spivey, Corpus Christi Calallen; Derrick Strait, Austin Lanier; Colby Sykes, San Angelo Lake View; Russell Thomman, Levelland; L.J. Vallejo, Hereford; Marcus Walker, Denison.  
**PUNTERS**  
Kyle Jenkins, Livingston; Brad Sullivan, Nederland.

## Reality beckons, and Jets have Bills to face

By DAVE GOLDBERG  
AP Football Writer

The New York Jets go into Buffalo on Saturday with a lot of "what ifs."

What if they had beaten the Ravens, Rams and Colts, who have a combined record of 12-30?

What if they hadn't benefited from blown calls that cost the Bills their game in New England and gave the Jets a win over Seattle. New York would be 9-5 instead of 10-4 and a game behind Buffalo instead of a game ahead in the AFC East.

The Jets are in first place alone and already own a playoff berth. Buffalo gets a shot Saturday at a team it lost to 34-12 in the Meadowlands, one of just two losses by the Bills since Doug Flutie became the starting quarterback.

The Bills are favored by 2 1/2 points, which doesn't consider the possible effect of the weather; it's been a warm December in the Northeast, but anything can happen in Buffalo this time of the year. The Jets can clinch their first

AFC East crown. They last won in 1969 with Joe Namath when they were in the AFL. The Bills could lock up a playoff spot nobody expected them to even challenge for.

Bill Parcells isn't the kind of coach whose teams usually have letdowns after big wins, like Miami. On the other hand, look at the losses to the Ravens, Rams and Colts.

Buffalo needs it more. **BILLS, 27-24**

**Denver (minus 3) at Miami (Monday night)**

What to make of this? Miami needs to win, Denver doesn't, and it doesn't have an unbeaten season to protect any more.

But Mike Shanahan doesn't like negative momentum. **BRONCOS, 27-14**

**Jacksonville (plus 13 1/2) at Minnesota**

What a spread. What a quarterback for the jags — Jonathan Quinn. **VIKINGS, 28-9**

## Pro Picks

**New Orleans (plus 3 1/2) at Arizona**

If the Giants and Bucs lose, the Cards could make the playoffs for the first time since 1982 if they beat the Saints. They barely beat the Eagles, but ... **CARDS, 21-15**

**San Francisco (minus 7 1/2) at New England**

Steve Young's finger is fine. Drew Bledsoe's isn't, so Scott Zolak starts. **49ERS, 31-16**

**Tennessee (plus 6 1/2) at Green Bay**

The Titans (whoops, not yet) can actually win the AFC Central with two wins and two Jacksonville losses. **PACKERS, 20-16**

**Atlanta (minus 6 1/2) at Detroit**

Does Dan Reeves have an effect? Does Jamal Anderson do what Garrison Hearst did to the Lions? **FALCONS, 31-10**

**Philadelphia (plus 10) at Dallas**

The world now knows what Deion means to Dallas. **COWBOYS, 23-10**

**Tampa Bay (minus 3) at Washington**

Did the Bucs get started too late? **BUCS, 24-20**

**Kansas City (plus 1) at New York Giants**

Two teams that started too late. **GIANTS, 20-17**

**Cincinnati (plus 10) at Pittsburgh**

Pittsburgh's playing badly; Cincinnati's playing worse. **STEELERS, 24-6**

**Oakland (plus 2) at San Diego**

And the Raiders keep sliding. **CHARGERS, 13-10**

**Indianapolis (plus 7) at Seattle**

Peyton Manning looks like he will be a star. So does Jon Kitna. **SEAHAWKS, 31-20**

**St. Louis (plus 3) at Carolina**

At least the Rams aren't punching each other. **RAMS, 18-17**

**Baltimore (pick'em) at Chicago**

The only thing these teams do well is return kickoffs. **BEARS, 35-28**

Last Week: 8-6-1 (spread), 11-4 (Straight up).

Season: 105-100-5 (spread), 135-75 (Straight up).

# No. 13 Kansas turns back DePaul; No. 24 Oklahoma cruises by Sam Houston

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — If you can't score, stop the other guy from scoring.

Kansas center Eric Chenoweth spent most of the first half on the bench in foul trouble, and couldn't buy a basket when he was on the floor.

So he turned his attention to blocking DePaul's shots in a 74-66 win for the No. 13 Jayhawks.

No. 24 Oklahoma had another miserable shooting night. So the Sooners turned their defense up for a 75-44 win over Sam Houston State.

And Texas Tech took advantage of poor shooting in the second half by Texas-Pan American for a 101-88 win as the Big 12 played a light schedule Thursday.

"You can't really control yourself on offense — I mean, you can try to make a shot, but if it doesn't go, it doesn't go," Chenoweth said. "But on defense, you can at least control your effort, and that's what I did."

Kenny Gregory also needed to bring his defensive grades

up in the eyes of coach Roy Williams.

"I told him I didn't care how many he scored, he needs to get better defensively," Williams said. "I don't think he's always had the concentration he needs, but in the second half he did."

Chenoweth blocked a career-high seven shots and scored 10 of his 14 points in the second half for Kansas (7-2) in Lawrence.

DePaul (6-3) led 46-42 with 10:29 left.

But Gregory scored six points, including two layups following his own steals, in a 12-2 run that gave Kansas a 54-48 lead with 7:46 remaining.

"They were running set plays pretty much every time down the court," Gregory said. "You watch long enough, you know where the passes are going."

Eduardo Najera scored 18 points and tied a career-high with 13 rebounds for Oklahoma (6-1), which shot only 34 percent from the field in Norman.

"When you have a bad night shooting like we did but still win convincingly, that shows

you are doing something right on the defensive side of the ball," said Tim Heskett, who had 15 points and six rebounds for the Sooners.

"Oklahoma did not play well tonight, but well enough to beat us," said Bearkats coach Bob Marlin. "They pounded us on the glass and they were stronger than us and the referees let them play tonight."

Sam Houston State (3-5) shot only 25 percent from the field and was outrebounded 57-39, including 21-5 on the offensive end.

## Lady Pacers have 9-0 mark

PAMPA — Pampa Lady Pacers move to a 9-0 record on the season defeating Trinity Fellowship Christian School and Amarillo Home school this week.

Monday night, the Lady Pacers met the Lady Lions here in ilampa. Angie Edmondson led the Pacers in scoring with 21 points and 9 steals. Erin Raber's 18 points and 12 rebounds, Brienna Taylor's 12 points and 12 rebounds, and Kendra Raber's 3 points and 4 steals completed the Pacer scoring to give them the 54-36 victory.

Texas-Pan American (1-10) made 12 of its first 15 3-point tries.

But the Broncs missed 27 of their last 35 attempts from the field against Tech (6-3) in Lubbock.

Stan Bonewitz scored a career-high 29 points and Cliff Owens added 21 points for the Red Raiders.

The Broncs led 59-54 lead with 3:40 gone in the second half, but Tech went on a 22-4 run over the next five minutes that included six 3-pointers, three of them by Bonewitz.

## Scoreboard

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	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA				
x-N.Y. Jets	10	4	0	.714	368	248				
Buffalo	9	5	0	.643	345	283				
Miami	9	5	0	.643	274	206				
New England	8	6	0	.571	303	277				
Indianapolis	3	11	0	.214	268	390				
Central										
Jacksonville	10	4	0	.714	361	285				
Tennessee	8	6	0	.571	292	264				
Pittsburgh	7	7	0	.500	236	257				
Baltimore	5	9	0	.357	247	301				
Cincinnati	2	12	0	.143	243	393				
West										
x-Denver	13	1	0	.929	452	257				
Oakland	7	7	0	.500	247	315				
Seattle	7	7	0	.500	324	259				
Kansas City	6	8	0	.429	289	311				
San Diego	5	9	0	.357	218	309				
NATIONAL CONFERENCE										
East										
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	345	259				
Arizona	7	7	0	.500	290	348				
N.Y. Giants	6	8	0	.429	239	292				
Washington	5	9	0	.357	292	382				
Philadelphia	3	11	0	.214	142	311				
Central										
x-Minnesota	13	1	0	.929	480	270				
Green Bay	9	5	0	.643	362	284				
Tampa Bay	7	7	0	.500	263	275				
Detroit	5	9	0	.357	279	336				
Chicago	3	11	0	.214	239	349				
West										
x-Atlanta	12	2	0	.857	380	256				
x-San Francisco	11	3	0	.786	420	285				
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	255	295				
St. Louis	4	10	0	.286	253	320				
Carolina	2	12	0	.143	289	381				
x-clinched playoff berth										
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## Texas Bowl will have high school twinbill

IRVING — With the cooperation of two high school football coaches, FOX Sports Southwest has juggled its programming schedule and made arrangements to televise a Texas Bowl state football championship doubleheader Saturday from Texas Stadium in Irving.

Coverage begins at noon with the Class 5A Division II title game pitting Katy (14-1) and Midland Lee (14-1). The Class 4A Division II championship championship followed at 4 p.m. as defending champion La Marque (13-0) and Stephenville (14-1) square off in a rematch of the 1994 state championship game. A special High School Extra championship day studio show will air between games.

The doubleheader was made possible when Stephenville coach Art Briles and La Marque coach Larry Walker both agreed to play the Class 4A Division II Texas Bowl at Texas Stadium in order to have it televised.

FOX Sports Southwest con-

tractually is obligated only to televise the 5A Division I and II Texas Bowls. However, in an effort to gain support for the Texas High School Coaches Association to study the feasibility of a central-site format, the network in the past has added additional telecasts when title games in other classifications were played at the Class 5A site and they did not conflict with prior programming commitments. That scenario has now played out in each of the last five seasons. Last year FOX SW televised doubleheaders on consecutive weekends for the Class 5A and 4A Division I and II title games.

"The 4A Division II game is a great matchup of two powerhouses who have a rich football tradition," said FOX SW President and General Manager, Jon Heidtke.

"The big winners are football fans throughout the state who now have an opportunity to watch this classic rivalry."

"For them just to have confidence in me, just to put me in, that motivates me," said Owens, who was 3-for-4 from the field in the second half after going 0-for-3 in the first half.

Three straight 3-pointers helped the Cardinals (2-2) tie the game at 51 with 12:21 to play. Owens broke the tie with a taping in, and after Alex Sanders scored inside for Louisville, Owens got a layup with 11:25 left, giving North Carolina a 55-53 advantage.

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## Snow geese causing ecosystem problems

By RAY SASSER  
The Dallas Morning News

HIGH ISLAND, Texas — The ringing, staccato yelps of snow geese skirting the huge decoy spread sounded like taunts to the hunters dressed in white parkas and trying to remain as motionless as possible on the muddy levee.

An occasional immature goose would fall for the deception and drop into shotgun range. But the veteran birds, stark white and black against the pale blue sky, passed well beyond range. When Forrest West counted the final bag, it came to four geese per hunter, including one white-fronted goose apiece.

That's well short of the daily limit of 20 snow geese approved this year by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (F&WS) and adopted by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

"The limit could be 100, and it would not change the overall snow goose harvest," said West, a 30-year veteran waterfowl guide. "Back when the limit was five snow geese, our hunters would average about three or four a hunt. Now that the limit is 20, we still average about three or four per hunter."

West has a reverent nickname for snow geese. He calls them white crows in deference to their wariness. For snow geese, caution is a learned response. From the time they begin their southward migration, the white birds are hunted for six months - from Canada to the Gulf Coast and back.

An expanding population is good news for most game birds, but the adaptable snow geese have been too successful. Dr. Bruce Batt, chief waterfowl biologist for Ducks Unlimited, calls the snow goose expansion the most serious waterfowl conservation issue in the world.

Scientists say too many snow geese have destroyed 5 percent of their fragile arctic nesting habitat along a 1,200-mile stretch of Canada's Hudson and James

bays. Another 30 percent of the habitat has been damaged.

The arctic is so sensitive that it's not expected to recover in 100 years, even if the goose problem was solved today. Geese, in the meantime, are expanding into untraditional nesting areas, degrading additional habitat.

"The problem is bigger than snow geese," Batt said. "An entire ecosystem and everything that lives in it is being wrecked. It's taken biologists a long time to realize what's happening because the geese nest in very remote areas."

Also because traditional mid-winter goose counts are done when geese are gathered in flocks so huge they're difficult to count. Batt said that while wintering snow geese in the Gulf Coast hotspots of Texas and Louisiana have remained relatively stable for the past decade, geese are expanding their range into other states.

"We think there could be as many as 10 million snow geese this year," said Batt. "The good news is that expanded seasons and bag limits have doubled the annual harvest from 500,000 to one million geese in recent years. We need to harvest 1.5 to two million geese per year for the next seven or eight years to reduce the population to where it needs to be."

That's easier said than done, at least with traditional hunting pressure. According to F&WS, less than two percent of all hunters filled a snow goose limit last season when the limit was 10. Ninety-five percent killed five or fewer geese.

Longer seasons and more liberal bag limits are obviously not a viable method for reducing snow goose populations. That's why F&WS and TP&W are proposing unprecedented late season harvest tools that would become legal in February, if approved.

Among those tools is the removal of a daily bag limit on snow geese, an extension of the season through April and an extension of legal shooting hours to 30 minutes past sunset.

Also, hunters may use unplugged shotguns for snow geese, should the proposal be implemented.

The final tool, however, is the most important. During that special late season, hunters would be permitted to use electronic callers to pull snow geese within shotgun range.

To determine the effectiveness of electronic callers, Dr. Al Afton, a wildlife specialist at LSU, performed a special research project during the later part of the 1997-98 snow goose season.

The study, done with professional outfitters and individual sportsmen in Louisiana, Arkansas and Iowa, showed that electronic callers are nearly nine times as effective for fooling snow geese as traditional calling. Afton's study used a Johnny Stewart electronic calling unit with a detachable speaker.

The cassette player was used to broadcast a Johnny Stewart tape created by placing a microphone in a goose roost holding about 10,000 snows. Calling was alternated at timed intervals between traditional calling (voice or manual calls) and electronic calling.

"We found that the approach rate for snow geese was five times greater when we used electronics" Afton said. "The harvest rate for electronics was 8.7 times greater than with traditional calling. We found the average flock size that approached the electronic caller was twice as big as the average flock coaxed within range by traditional calling geese that came to electronics approached much closer than with traditional calling."

Part of Afton's study was done with Terry Shaughnessy's Hackberry Rod and Gun Club near Lake Charles, La. Shaughnessy said electronic calls that simulate thousands of geese work because snows are such vocal, gregarious birds.

"Even if you have a perfect decoy spread, the geese get 100 yards over the spread and they see what looks like 500 geese but they hear what sounds like four or five geese," Shaughnessy said.

"Snow geese live a long time, and a mature goose has fallen for decoy spreads several times and learned to avoid them. They can't stay away from what sounds like 10,000 geese."

Shaughnessy said hunters used electronics to call in one memorable flock of geese, shot the birds, then turned the electronic call back on and part of the flock returned, and four more geese were bagged.

"Electronic callers are so effective, I think you could stand beside a truck and shoot 10 geese," the guide said.

The snow goose problem paints an unusual opportunity for recreational hunters to enjoy longer seasons and the most liberal bag limits in modern history. Batt cautions sportsmen not to get carried away on the crusade to reduce goose numbers.

"We need to respect these birds and enjoy the unique hunting experience they provide," he said.

"The last thing we want to do is treat snow geese like vermin. They are an incredibly challenging game bird."

Brian Sullivan, TP&W's waterfowl program leader, said final approval for a late snow goose season using electronic calls and unplugged shotguns will not be made before late January.

"We've never done anything like this before," Sullivan said. "We're tied to federal framework. It would have been much better had the late season been approved in time for hunters to make plans, but we did not receive the OK from F&WS until November."

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## Steele expected to be next Baylor coach

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor University was expected to announce the hiring of Carolina Panthers assistant coach Kevin Steele as the school's new head football coach today.

Steele told his players Thursday he was leaving to take the Baylor job.

Officials at Baylor refused to confirm that Steele is headed for Waco, but they scheduled a news conference today to announce the hiring of a new coach.

"We are not saying who it is," spokesman Brian McCallum said. "We don't have anything to say today."

But several Panthers players said in North Carolina on Thursday that Steele announced he's taking the job.

"I'm very upset. He's a quality coach," linebacker Jeff Brady said. "We lost Kevin Steele and that's going to hurt this program. There's not enough good coaches in this business. Kevin Steele is an outstanding coach."

Steele would replace Dave Roberts, who was fired this month after his teams went 2-9 in his only two seasons.

Steele, 40, has no head coaching experience, but spent three seasons with the Panthers' inside linebackers after a six-year stint at Nebraska.

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# Company, executive to plead guilty in campaign finance case

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Miami computer company will pay a \$1 million fine and one of its executives will plead guilty to federal charges stemming from contributions to President Clinton's re-election and to other Democratic campaigns, the Justice Department says.

Future Tech International Inc. and its chief financial officer, Juan C. Ortiz, both signed agreements to plead

guilty that were filed in U.S. District Court in Washington on Thursday.

The charges grow out of the same case that produced a 17-count indictment Sept. 30 of Democratic fund-raiser Mark B. Jimenez, 52, a Philippine national and Future Tech's chief executive. Jimenez, who came to the United States in the early 1980s, built the distributor of com-

puter components and peripherals from a small company to one that does more than \$250 million a year in business.

Jimenez apparently has fled the country and is considered a fugitive, Justice Department spokesman John Russell said. Mitchell Fuerst, a staff attorney for Future Tech, said he doesn't "hold

much hope that he is coming back."

Ortiz is the 15th person charged by the department's campaign finance task force.

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# Impeachment debate starts; Hillary Clinton breaks silence

By LARRY MARGASAK  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bitterly divided House today debated impeaching a president for only the second time in history as Republicans argued President Clinton should be removed from office for betraying "the people's trust." Democrats pleaded for a lesser penalty and objected to holding the debate while U.S. troops were in action.

"No man or woman, no matter how highly placed, no matter how effective a communicator, no matter how gifted a manipulator of opinion, or winner of votes, can be above the law in a democracy," House Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde declared, laying out the case against the president.

Impassioned Democrats said it was the wrong time to be debating removing the commander in chief, with military action under way against Iraq.

"We don't believe we should be here today while our men and women are fighting abroad," said Democratic Whip David Bonior of Michigan.

Hyde countered that majority Republicans "felt that the quicker

we could go ahead, the more we could show the world our democracy works." Democrats hissed at that notion.

At the White House, the president's defenders were resigned to the possibility that at least one article of impeachment would be approved by the GOP-controlled House. They were already preparing a strategy for trying to stop a Senate trial.

Out of public view, Clinton met with Republican Rep. Christopher Shays of Connecticut, hoping to convince him to stay with his declared intention to vote against impeachment. White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Clinton would "absolutely not" consider resigning, even if impeached.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, after months of silence on the matter, commented on the impeachment debate during an appearance on the White House South Lawn.

She said Americans share her "approval and pride" in the way the president does his job. And she added: "In this holiday season ... we in our country ought to practice reconciliation."

The debate unfolded in a half-

filled House chamber, with other legislators watching from cloak rooms and from televisions in their offices. Public galleries also were only partially filled.

Clinton's chances of staving off impeachment dimmed. An Associated Press telephone survey of House members found 200 lawmakers said they would support impeachment, 193 said they would oppose it, 30 remained undecided, and 12 wouldn't answer. The undecided and those not responding included 15 Democrats and 27 Republicans.

Rep. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., said it was a "travesty" that Republicans had proceeded with impeachment rather than the lesser punishment of censure supported by a majority of Americans.

"I warn my colleagues, you will reap the bitter harvest of the unfair partisan seed you sow today," he declared.

Emotions ran high as Republicans reeled from a stunning confession on the eve of the debate from their incoming speaker, Rep. Bob Livingston of Louisiana, that he had engaged in extramarital affairs.

The four articles of impeachment accused Clinton of committing perjury before a grand jury and in the Paula Jones lawsuit, obstructing justice and abusing his presidential powers — all through his effort to conceal his sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

"Resolved, that William Jefferson Clinton, president of the United States, is impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors," House reading clerk Paul Hays intoned in a somber voice as he read aloud the impeachment resolution to start the debate.



Honoring the United Way for remodeling a new training room for the Red Cross are Red Cross Chair Reed Kirkpatrick, Red Cross Director Stephanie Guest, and United Way Chair Katrina Bigham.

## United Way helps Red Cross spiff up health, training room

Several things are happening at the Red Cross in Pampa including the dedication of a new health and safety training room.

The room is located next door to the current Red Cross offices at 108 N. Russell. The organization owns the building but that room had not been used in some time except for storage and had fallen into disrepair.

Thanks to a donation from the United Way the room is now repaired, repainted, re-carpeted and renovated and ready for use, according to Pampa's Red Cross Director Stephanie Guest.

While Guest hopes eventually to be able to rent the room out as a conference room right now the

main use is for the first aid and CPR classes they offer.

She said the next Standard First Aid class the organization will hold will be Jan. 11 and 12. That class offers both CPR and first aid training and will start at 6 p.m. both days. A community first aid and safety class will be offered Saturday Jan. 23 at 9 a.m. and will run all day.

Guest also said that the Red Cross now accepts Pampa Bucks and sells gift certificates. She said a gift certificate for first aid training makes a nice stocking stuffer.

Anyone wanting to sign up for a class or to buy a gift certificate can call the Red Cross at 669-7121.

## Chemical spread on roads by TxDot may have caused seven accidents

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A chemical put on Amarillo roads by the Texas Department of Transportation, ostensibly to reduce the danger to motorists from upcoming winter storms, may have contributed to a series of seven wrecks that sent six people to the hospital.

The first accident happened just before 5 p.m. on the off ramp from eastbound Interstate 40 to southbound Interstate 27 Thursday. A pair of cars lost control and spun in circles, police said. One of the vehicles hit a curb and flipped onto its side.

When emergency workers pulled up to the scene, they began sliding around on a slick liquid that was covering the road. As firefighters attempted to extricate a pregnant woman who was trapped in the flipped car, calls of additional accidents started flying over the radio.

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## WEATHER

At 10 a.m. today, Perryton was reporting cloudy skies and 42 degrees.

Hemphill County authorities were also reporting overcast skies and temperatures in the 40s.

The National Weather Service is calling for a light, dry snow with the bone-chilling temperatures. Weather forecasters at the

## 'Home for Christmas' program to be held

First Assembly of God Church, 500 S. Cuyler and Hwy. 60, will present its annual Christmas program at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. The title of the program is "Home for Christmas." The church sanctuary will be decorated as a living room scene and various members of the congregation will perform.

Pastor Mike Moss will share the Christmas story, Christmas carols will be sung by candlelight and refreshments will be provided.

The public is cordially invited to attend the celebration. For more information, call 665-5941 or 665-6060.

Amarillo office said today there would be little accumulation, mostly in the northwestern panhandle and northeastern New Mexico.

The weekend forecast is in strong contrast to the mild temperatures Pampa has experienced so far this month. Thursday's high was a balmy 59 degrees. The overnight low was 41 degrees.

The National Weather Service said it will become cloudy and colder tonight over most of West Texas tonight with some light drizzle or freezing drizzle possible on Saturday across the southern South Plains and some snow flurries over northern

areas of the South Plains.

The Texas South Plains and Low Rolling Plains off to the east should experience fair weather this evening and become cloudy and colder tonight. Lows 25-35 are forecast for the South Plains and Low Rolling Plains. Saturday, the cloudy and colder weather with areas of light drizzle or freezing drizzle should expand to the southern South Plains. Snow flurries are expected for the northern South Plains. Highs should be in the upper 20s northern South Plains to the upper 30s Low Rolling Plains. Saturday night will be cloudy with lows in the 20s.

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## U.S. reporter's murder investigated

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Investigators were combing the mountains of western Mexico for clues in the killing of an American journalist who was strangled while hiking to visit an isolated Indian tribe.

"The Mexican government condemns violence and deplores the death of Philip True, correspondent of the San Antonio Express-News," President Ernesto Zedillo said in a statement Thursday.

An autopsy showed that True,

50, was killed several days before Mexican soldiers recovered his body from a 330-foot ravine on Wednesday, said Dr. Mario Rivas Souza, chief medical examiner for Jalisco state.

Rivas Souza said True was strangled to death with a neck-erchief. The body had no broken

bones, indicating that it probably was dumped after death.

"It is a homicide. It is not an accident," Rivas Souza said in an interview broadcast by the Televisa television network. Before the autopsy, authorities had suspected True may have slipped and fallen into the ravine.

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