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Pampa's sales tax revenues dropping

■ Christmas receipts revealed in February

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Pampa's sales tax revenues dropped below expectations for the third straight month in December coming in over \$14,000 below budget.

While the total was only \$114 below a five-year average for this month, it is lower than the last two Decembers. This loss

combined with losses in the first two months of the fiscal year brings the total to \$29,578 below the city's budget for the year. December's figures represent October sales.

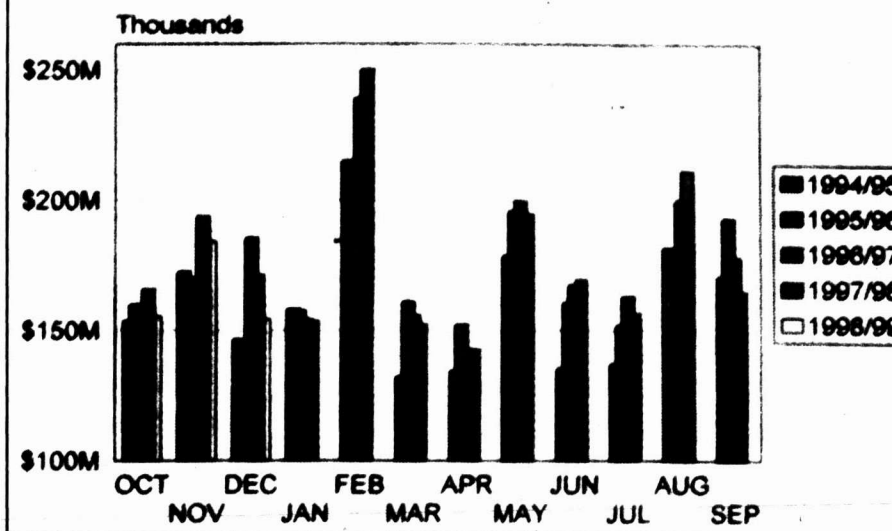
"It was a disappointment. Oil has a lot to do with it and agriculture wasn't at its best due to the drought," said Finance Director John Horst.

He also thought people

might be waiting to do their Christmas shopping since the weather was so warm a lot during this period.

Horst said February figures would be the key to the year. February figures are for December sales and so is traditionally the largest month for sales tax revenue.

CITY OF PAMPA SALES TAX COMPARISON



Santa Claus making his rounds courtesy of Hospice ...

Crown of Crown of Texas Hospice arranged for Santa Claus to visit Pampa nursing home residents and elementary school children this year. Over 2,500 nursing home residents throughout the panhandle got the opportunity to visit with the jolly man this holiday season, according to Jim Holston of Crown of Texas Hospice.

"Santa also joined the Pampa Altrusa Club to visit Lamar Elementary children," said Holston.



(Community Camera photos)

(above) Santa sitting with youngsters at Lamar and (left) at Pampa Nursing Center with Harold Landford and Jackie Pool. Santa said he enjoys working with Crown of Texas Hospice and began making special trips to visit with kids, young and old, because he likes the idea of neighbors caring for neighbors.



PAMPA — The Pampa Chapter of the Red Cross reminds late shoppers that they have gift certificates for sale. Director Stephanie Guest said they make great stocking stuffers. The Red Cross also accepts Pampa Bucks according to Guest.

PAMPA — The deadline for the Pampa High School Hall of Fame nominations is Jan. 5, 1999. Mail nominations to Pampa I.S.D., 321 W. Albert, 79065.

PAMPA — Zion Lutheran Church is holding its annual Christmas Eve candlelight service on Thursday, Dec. 24. "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., and the worship will be a traditional order of service.

- Ralph Freeman, 89, ranch worker.
- Carl E. Lawrence, 91, owner of Caldwell's Drive Inn.

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Snow flurries possible in today's forecast

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Ice crystals sparkled in the crisp, cold air this morning in Pampa as winter continued its grip on the Texas Panhandle.

Snow flurries are possible today in Pampa as temperatures are forecast to reach 23 degrees, slightly higher than the 20 degree high Tuesday.

Pampa recorded an overnight low of 10 degrees. At 7 a.m. today it was 12 degrees in downtown Pampa.

At 6 a.m. today, Amarillo and Skellytown reported snow flurries and 12 degree temperatures. Blowing snow was reported on the east side of Amarillo. Snow flurries were reported along Interstate 40 west of Groom.

Icy highways were being blamed today for two deaths in a 58 car pileup on Interstate 35 near Austin.

Clay Hubbard reported 10 degrees and no wind in Wheeler this morning. "It's beautiful and calm," he said. "It's easy for eskimos."

Doug Bailey said it was cold in Miami this morning, but the roads were clear. "We've got the roads clear for Santa," he said.

Childress reported cloudy skies and 17 degree temperatures. Dalhart was reporting nine degrees.

To the south and east, it was 20 degrees in Oklahoma City and 25 in Dallas with freezing drizzle.

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Freezing drizzle was reported before dawn from Wichita Falls east. Texas Department of Public Safety troopers said highway conditions in the Dallas area to the Oklahoma and Louisiana border were poor and expected to worsen through Thursday.

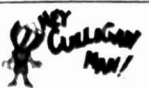
To the west of Pampa, roads were reported clear through New Mexico.

Forecasts today call for mostly cloudy skies tonight with a low of 10 degrees. Temperatures should reach 27 degrees under partly cloudy skies Thursday.

Christmas Eve, temperatures are expected to drop back to 15 degrees before warming to back into the upper 20s.

The National Weather Service in Amarillo said it could reach into the 30s by Saturday and the 50s by Sunday.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

FREEMAN, Ralph — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Canadian.

Obituaries

RALPH FREEMAN
CANADIAN — Ralph Freeman, 89, died Monday, Dec. 21, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in First United Methodist Church with Dr. Lewis Holland, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Freeman was born at Mobeetie and had been a longtime Hemphill County resident. He married Angie Lois Hubble in 1929 at Cheyenne, Okla.; she died in 1996. He worked on several area ranches including Tubb and Ramp Ranch, Frank Shaller Ranch for 40 years and Teas Ranch for 14 years. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Lois Brussell of Ringwood, Okla.; a son, Roger Freeman of Dickinson; a sister, Gladys Hollowell of Pampa; three grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Abraham Memorial Home, to First United Methodist Church or to a favorite charity.

CARL E. LAWRENCE
Carl E. Lawrence, 91, of Pampa, died Monday, Dec. 21, 1998. Memorial services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Richard Bartel, associate pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. The body was cremated and consequently will not be available for viewing. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Lawrence was born Sept. 22, 1907, at Independence, Kan. He had been a Pampa resident since 1929. He married Inez Fannin; she died in 1970. He later married Aldine Hooten Price on Aug. 8, 1973, at Norman, Okla. He owned-operated Caldwell's Drive Inn, retiring in 1976. He was a Presbyterian and a member of Golden Kiwanis Club.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in New Guinea during World War II.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Willie Hunt.
Survivors include his wife, Aldine, of the home; a stepdaughter, Nelda Maginnis of Reno, Nev.; three stepsons, David Price and Larry Price, both of Pampa, and Gary Price of El Paso; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

JAMES MILTON NATION JR.
James Milton Nation Jr., 88, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1998. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Calendar of events

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

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

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

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

VFW CANNED FOOD DRIVE
VFW is now accepting canned foods for Christmas baskets going to the needy. Bring them to the corner of 105 S. Cuyler and 123 W. Foster.

AREA SINGLES DANCE
Pampa Area Singles Dance at M.K. Brown Auditorium, Michael Porter, Dec. 26 from 7-11 p.m., potluck \$5 per person. For more information call 665-0219.

NEW YEARS EVE FELLOWSHIP & DANCE
The New Years Eve Fellowship and Dance is for couples only. No smoking or Alcohol. Charge is \$10 a couple, and it will be in the M.K. Brown Heritage Room. Bring finger food. For information call 669-9993 or 665-2829.

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Honda to sell gasoline-electric car with 70 mpg in 1999

DETROIT (AP) — American International Auto Show in Detroit. Code-named "V V," Honda said the hybrid will have a 1-liter, 3-cylinder engine that will be assisted by an electric motor during acceleration. The car, a two-seat coupe, will be unveiled at next month's North

Police report

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

Tuesday, December 22
Jason Mark Gardner, 19, Borger, was arrested on charges of assault.
Theft by check was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.
Assault was reported at the Pampa Youth and Community Center.
Theft was reported in the 100 block of N. Sumner.

Sheriff's Office

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

Tuesday, December 22
Salvador Rodriguez, 20, 417 N. Faulkner, was arrested on charges of violation of a protection order.

Accidents

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

Tuesday, December 22
Clinton Lee Caylor, 78, 2130 Charles, was cited for failure to control speed when his 1996 Ford pickup struck a 1989 Ford Van driven by Bill Lee Odell, 70, 725 Lefors, who was stopped at a light at Hobart and Kentucky. The force of the impact drove the van into a 1992 Ford Tempo driven by Melvin Lee Batman, 53, 862 Locust, who was also stopped at the light. No injuries were reported.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, December 22
10:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to a local nursing facility.

11:22 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Terrace and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

5:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Wednesday, December 23
12:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of N. Russell and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

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

Tuesday, December 22
10:19 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 400 block of N. Nelson on an alarm.

11:36 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 1100 block of Carr on a smoke scare.

11:41 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Kentucky and Hobart on an automobile accident.

10:59 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on an alarm.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.			
Wheat	2.55	Chevron	83 3/4
Milo	3.27	Coca-Cola	68 5/8
Corn	3.58	Columbia/HCA	22 9/16
Soybeans	4.75	Enron	57 7/8
		Halliburton	31 5/8
		IRI	3 1/8
		Kerr McGee	36 7/16
		Limited	26 3/4
		McDonald's	76 5/8
		Phillips	41 15/16
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	8
		SLB	45 7/8
		Tenneco	32 11/16
		Texaco	50 1/2
		Ultramar	22 7/8
		Wal-Mart	78 3/16
		Williams	30
		New York Gold	286.10
		Amoco	58 7/8
		Arco	65 7/16
		Cabot	26 15/16
		Cabot O&G	15 3/16
		West Texas Crude	10.89

Emergency numbers

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



Pampa firefighters were called out shortly after dawn today to battle a blaze in dumpsters behind *The Pampa News*. Pampa fireman Jim Montgomery sprayed two dumpsters with foam in an effort to extinguish smoldering newsprint. Jesse Hanes, bare-headed in the 12 degree weather, separated the old newspapers to expose the hot spots.

Economy grew at robust 3.7 percent rate in third quarter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American economy is expanding at a robust pace despite trade problems linked to the world economic slump.

The gross domestic product — the sum of all goods and services produced within U.S. borders — grew at a 3.7 percent annual rate during the July-September quarter, the Commerce Department said today.

That wasn't quite as fast as the 3.9 percent estimated by the department last month, but it was nevertheless quite brisk, especially considering that much of Asia, Russia and other developing-country economies are in recession.

The world slump has hurt American factories and farms but so far hasn't much harmed other sectors. Faced with fresh evidence of the economy's resilience, Federal Reserve policy-makers decided in their last meeting of the year on Tuesday to hold short-term interest rates unchanged.

They had sought to insulate the American economy from global weakness and calm financial markets with three quarter-point cuts this fall in the benchmark rate on overnight loans between banks, bringing it to 4.75 percent.

Economists predicted the central bank will refrain from further reductions, possibly well into next year.

"I don't think there's going to be any further eases," said economist Joel Prakken of MacroEconomic Advisers in St. Louis. "Unless the

economy really slows down very quickly and very sharply, I think they're going to sit and see what happens."

He said he expected growth would prove to be robust again in the current quarter and then slow next year to a moderate rate around 2.5 percent.

If the expansion, which began in March 1991, lasts past next year, it would become the longest in U.S. history, surpassing even the 1961-69 expansion, which was sustained in its last years by production for the Vietnam War.

During the third quarter, consumer spending advanced at a rapid 4.1 percent annual rate and housing construction soared at a 9.9 percent annual rate.

That helped offset the deteriorating trade deficit and a drop in business investment in new equipment, at a 1 percent annual rate, the first since 1991.

Commerce Department economists said a slightly worse trade performance than previously estimated was largely responsible for the modest downward revision in overall GDP growth.

For the first time in 40 years, U.S. export sales fell for a third consecutive quarter. They were down at a 2.8 percent annual rate over the July-September period, while imports from abroad rose at a 2.3 percent rate.

Meanwhile, an inflation measure tied to the GDP increased at a 1 percent annual rate, nearly the lowest in 35 years.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

High of 23 today with a north to northeast wind between 5 to 15. Mostly cloudy tonight with a chance of slight flurries and a low of 10. Partly sunny tomorrow with a high of 27 and a low projected at 15 for tomorrow night. Yesterday's high was 20 and the overnight low was 10.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle

— Tonight, flurries possible early, then becoming partly cloudy. Low zero to 10 above. Light east wind. Thursday, partly sunny with a high in the 20s. South wind 5 to 10 mph. South Plains, Far Southern Panhandle and Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, mostly cloudy. Possible freezing drizzle southeast. Lows in the teens. Thursday, partly to mostly cloudy. Highs upper 20s to mid 30s. Concho Valley and Edwards Plateau — Freezing drizzle advisory. Tonight, occasional freezing drizzle. Lows around 20. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Highs upper 20s to mid 30s. Far West Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs mid 20s to lower 50s.

Guadalupe Mountains and Big Bend — Tonight, partly cloudy.

Lows teens and 20s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs mostly 40s mountains to lower 60s Presidio Valley.

NORTH TEXAS

— Winter storm warning through tonight south central and east; winter weather advisory through tonight elsewhere. Tonight, cloudy with a chance of light sleet, freezing rain or snow west. Periods of sleet or freezing rain central and east. Continued cold with lows 17 west to 29 east. Thursday, continued cloudy and cold. A slight chance of sleet, freezing rain or snow west and central; chance of sleet or freezing rain east. Highs 28 west to 32 east.

SOUTH TEXAS

— Hill Country and South Central Texas — Winter storm warning eastern Hill Country and parts of South Central Texas tonight. Freezing rain advisory remainder of Hill Country and South Central Texas tonight. Tonight, cloudy and cold with a chance of freezing rain. Some accumulation possible. Lows from near 20 in the Hill Country to the 20s South Central. Thursday, cloudy and cold. Scattered light rain showers possibly mixed with freezing rain in and around the Hill Country. Highs in the 30s Hill Country to 40s west. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Winter storm warning extreme northeast. Winter weather advisory for inland portions of Southeast Texas. Tonight, cold with a chance of rain south and freezing rain north. Lows in the upper 20s north to near 40 coast and

NEW MEXICO

— Tonight...Fair to partly cloudy west and north. Low clouds and freezing drizzle possible southeast. Lows from near 10 below zero to 15 above mountains and north...Teens to low 20s south. Thursday...Partly cloudy north. Variable clouds south with a slight chance of light snow in the mountains and freezing drizzle southeast. Highs upper 20s to mid 30s mountains...East and north with 40s and 50s south-west.

BORDER STATES

— Tonight...Cloudy with a chance of snow...Possibly mixed with sleet and freezing drizzle south and a chance of light snow central and west. Partly cloudy north. Lows in the single digits and lower teens. Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of light snow. Highs mainly in the 20s.

OKLAHOMA

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City briefs

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Business of the Quarter



The Retail Trade Committee recently named Brown Shoe Fit Business of the Quarter. Above are: Rick Clark, Ed Ringaring, Bob Marx, David Smith, Darrell Sehorn and John McKean. (Special photo)

TDA offering 'Totally Texas Holiday' website

AUSTIN — From Christmas and all the way into the New Year, Texans can once again ensure their holidays are "Totally Texas" simply by visiting the Texas Department of Agriculture's home on the Internet. Everything you need from decorating ideas to menu suggestions is as close as your web browser throughout November and December.

The "Totally Texas Holiday" page on the TDA website (www.agr.state.tx.us) features holiday suggestions with a true

Lone Star touch. With a listing of selected choose-and-cut Texas Christmas tree farms and Taste of Texas companies with holiday gift baskets, the site is a convenient one-stop shopping and planning center during the busy holidays.

"The hardworking men and women of Texas agriculture produce a bounty of food and fiber to meet all our holiday needs," Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said. "Texans should remember to start holiday planning with the fine products our

agricultural industry has to offer."

The Totally Texas Holiday Page highlights unique ideas for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and New Year's celebrations. Recipes in the "Gifts from the Kitchen" and "Totally Texas Holiday Menus" sections include ingredients grown or processed in Texas.

There's even a "Kids Korner" with holiday activities to keep the youngsters busy while Mom and Dad are busy decorating the house — perhaps with a wreath made with Texas cotton bolls — or baking up a batch of Texas Pecan Pie Bars for a homemade gift.

Agriculture is the state's second leading industry, generating more than \$45 billion to the state's economy.

Combined Law Enforcement Associations name director

AUSTIN — As the 1999 session of the State Legislature looms near, a new quarterback will lead the team of Texas police officers onto the field.

The Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas has named Charles B. "Charley" Wilkison new director of the political, organizing and legislative division.

The Amarillo Police Officers Association is affiliated with CLEAT.

In announcing the promotion of Wilkison, CLEAT president and co-founder Ronald G. DeLord said, "Texas police officers have never had a better friend or stronger advocate than Charley Wilkison."

CLEAT Chief of Staff Larry D. Watts added, "After hard-fought years in the field and in the capitol serving active and retired law enforcement professionals, Charley has earned our unquestioned confidence and trust. Our legislative mission now rests in his capable hands."

CLEAT has long been a pillar in criminal justice reform and victims' rights efforts across the state and in the legislature. The Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation — honoring Texas' fallen heroes — is a CLEAT project. Next spring, a monument to martyred officers will be dedicated on the grounds of the state Capitol.

"In recent years, Texas' elected leaders have considerably toughened the criminal code," Wilkison said. "For instance, in the last legislative session they enacted a CLEAT bill which closed a glaring legal loophole regarding the death penal-

ty for murdering a police officer."

"In the 1999 legislative session, we need to get back to basics by strengthening local control of law enforcement and public safety issues."

The son of a minister, Wilkison and his wife Shelly, a newspaper reporter, have three children, ages 7, 5 and 2. He is a political science graduate of Texas A&M-Commerce.

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Delicious food!

Date: Friday, December 25th
 Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Place: The Fellowship Hall of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ
 Location: On Harvester Street Across from Pampa High School

Free Christmas Dinner

The Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ would like to invite you to come and eat Christmas Dinner with us. We know many in our community, and in our congregation are pinching pennies during this time of year, and we just want to help out. This meal is provided because we serve Jesus Christ whose birth the whole world celebrates this time of year. It is out of the surplus that God has given us that we give to you. Come and share with us the blessing and surplus of God's grace as we eat together on Christmas Day.

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Sat. & Sun. Matinees 2:00

3rd Week

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"Sometimes I wonder if I can keep up, but then I just imagine the babies who need it," she said, pouring the cold, creamy fluids into pasteurizing beakers.

This batch will be flown by volunteer pilots to Highland and fed to two foster children: 8-month-old Dori — who lost 90 percent of her small bowel after birth and is barely surviving as she waits for a liver and intestinal transplant — and 3-year-old

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These days he is fed almost 2 quarts a day. His chubby cheeks and bright brown eyes bring smiles from strangers.

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The letter arrived at the Dallas main post office too late for the annual charity project, so it went into a file with the other "Dear Santa" letters that didn't make the cut.

It was not until a few days ago that postal worker Kim Paulissen found the letter. It brought tears to her eyes so she decided to make Anthony's Christmas wishes come true.

Ms. Paulissen called the family to see if their fortunes had improved since last year. They hadn't. Anthony's grandfather had died in a car accident last summer, leaving his grandmother, Betty

McKinney, alone to care for the boy and two younger half-siblings.

Anthony also suffered a broken leg in the car crash.

Paulissen decided to visit the McKinneys. She found their drafty home in Sandbranch, about 20 miles south of Dallas, without gas.

"(Ms. McKinney) said, 'If you'd just turn my butane on and get me some groceries, I'd appreciate it,'" Ms. Paulissen recalled.

Ms. Paulissen took up a collection and had the gas turned on. The Dallas Morning News reported in today's editions that the postal workers have pledged to pay the bill all winter.

Ms. Paulissen and her co-workers also brought food and presents to the family this week, and she promised to drive over on Christmas Eve with dinner for four.

Anthony told his grandmother he never gave up on his letter to Santa.

Christmas



Keenan James Young
Born... July 13, 1998

Parents...
Jay & DeAnn Young

Brother...
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"Merry 1st Christmas"

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PaPa Mike, Nana & Uncle Cody,
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We Love You!

Jimmy Doyle Townson IV
Born... May 20, 1998

For this child we prayed; and the lord hath answered our prayers.

Parents...
Jimmy & Misty Townson

Loe Madison Scott
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Grandparents...
Jesus M. Velasquez
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Cameron Brooke Derrick
Born... July 24, 1998

Our Added Blessing

"Another little gift from the ONE Above"

Parents...
Bruce & Sheri Derrick
Big Sister...
Courtney

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Merry First Christmas
We Love You!

Parents...
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Merry Christmas
Sweet Baby!

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Dalton Ray Burks
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Parents...
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Great Grandparents...
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Monty Cole Waters
Born... August 3, 1998

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Daddy...
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Milk banks can't keep up with the demand.

"We're overwhelmed," said Lois Arnold at the Human Milk Banking Association of North America in Sandwich, Mass. "There's never enough breast milk, and there's never enough space, time or people to process and distribute it."

Refrigerators are packed with bags and bottles at the San Jose bank, where nurse Pauline Sakamoto was preparing a 300-pound shipment last week. As she worked, a Federal Express package arrived with more frozen milk.

"Sometimes I wonder if I can keep up, but then I just imagine the babies who need it," she said, pouring the cold, creamy fluids into pasteurizing beakers.

This batch will be flown by volunteer pilots to Highland and fed to two foster children: 8-month-old Dori — who lost 90 percent of her small bowel after birth and is barely surviving as she waits for a liver and intestinal transplant — and 3-year-old

Nicky, who failed to thrive before his diet was switched to breast milk 18 months ago.

These days he is fed almost 2 quarts a day. His chubby cheeks and bright brown eyes bring smiles from strangers.

There are no federal guidelines for breast milk banks. The six U.S. banks, along with one in Canada and one in Mexico, regulate themselves through the Human Milk Banking Association.

Donors are screened and approved by their own doctors, their baby's pediatricians and the

milk bank. They donate their milk at home, freeze it in sterile containers and ship it in batches to the milk banks. There it is pasteurized and distributed.

Human milk banks have been around, officially, since the turn of the century. The first known bank in the United States opened in Boston in 1910. They dropped out of sight in the 1980s as formula companies began producing milk substitutes for premature infants and AIDS became a real scare.

Post office answers letter to Santa

DALLAS (AP) — Sixth-grader Anthony McKinney wrote a desperate letter to Santa last year. He asked for some winter clothes, a couple of toys and maybe a way to cook dinner.

His letter also mentioned that he had never known his father and that his mother had died in a traffic accident years ago. On top of that, the boy had bronchitis and chronic asthma.

The letter arrived at the Dallas main post office too late for the annual charity project, so it went into a file with the other "Dear Santa" letters that didn't make the cut.

It was not until a few days ago that postal worker Kim Paulissen found the letter. It brought tears to her eyes so she decided to make Anthony's Christmas wishes come true.

Ms. Paulissen called the family to see if their fortunes had improved since last year. They hadn't. Anthony's grandfather had died in a car accident last summer, leaving his grandmother, Betty

McKinney, alone to care for the boy and two younger half-siblings.

Anthony also suffered a broken leg in the car crash.

Paulissen decided to visit the McKinneys. She found their drafty home in Sandbranch, about 20 miles south of Dallas, without gas.

"(Ms. McKinney) said, 'If you'd just turn my butane on and get me some groceries, I'd appreciate it,'" Ms. Paulissen recalled.

Ms. Paulissen took up a collection and had the gas turned on. The Dallas Morning News reported in today's editions that the postal workers have pledged to pay the bill all winter.

Ms. Paulissen and her co-workers also brought food and presents to the family this week, and she promised to drive over on Christmas Eve with dinner for four.

Anthony told his grandmother he never gave up on his letter to Santa.

Christmas



Sean James Young
Born... July 13, 1998

Parents... Jay & DeAnn Young

Brother... Brandon Gray Young

Grandparents... James & Joyce Gray Frank & Sue Shushok

Allyson Pait Roberson
Born... July 20, 1998

"Merry 1st Christmas"

Parents... Steve & Missi Roberson

Lynne Michelle Weatherly
Born... November 3, 1998

Parents... Mike & Heather Weatherly

PaPa Mike, Nana & Uncle Cody, PaPa Hargus & Granny

We Love You!

Jimmy Doyle Townson IV
Born... May 20, 1998

For this child we prayed; and the lord hath answered our prayers.

Parents... Jimmy & Misty Townson

Joe Madison Scott
Born... October 30, 1998

Parents... Denise & Mark Scott

Grandparents... Travis & Donna Reynolds

Aunt... Laura Reynolds

Rylee René Shackelford
Born... November 1, 1998

Parents... Tina & John Shackelford

Grandparents... Kattie Chavez John Shackelford Linda & Jesus Velasquez

Jacob Malachi Velasquez
Born... February 18, 1998

Parents... Jesus M. Velasquez & Amelia E. Dominey

Grandparents... Jesus M. Velasquez Linda L. Velasquez Fred Dominey Jr. Linda Austin

Cameron Brooke Derrick
Born... July 24, 1998

Our Added Blessing

"Another little gift from the ONE Above"

Parents... Bruce & Sheri Derrick Big Sister... Courtney

Kade Curtis Woods
Born... November 11, 1998

Merry First Christmas We Love You!

Parents... Kevin Woods & Jeree Waters

Grandparents... Bob & Regina Rice Buddy & Kay Waters Mike & Roseann Woods

Anna René Chaney
Born... August 4, 1998

Parents... Matt & Angela Chaney

Merry Christmas Sweet Baby!

Cody Wayne Beyer
Born... August 19, 1998

Parents... Jeff & Angie Beyer

Grandparents... Doug & Betty Beyer Kelly & Joni Everson

Dalton Ray Burks
Born... November 2, 1998

7 lbs. 5 1/2 ozs. 21 in.

Parents... Jimmy Burks & Dawn Duree

Grandparents... David & Linda Sickler

Ebby Jane Morris
Born... April 2, 1998

Parents... Eddie & Julie Morris

Grandparents... Bob & Sammie Morris Jeff & Becky Mayfield

Great Grandparents... Bonnie & Lawrence Scribner

Monty Cole Waters
Born... August 3, 1998

Parents... Monty & Crystal Waters

Grandparents... Speck & Cheryl Waters Harold Gideon Trudy Lundahl

Great Grandmother... Maudie Wheeler

Ger Andrew Jones
Born... February 14, 1998

Daddy... Ronnie Jones

Sister... Jeniffer Jones

Grandparents... Don & Shirley Hoskins Vic & Sue Jones

Great Grandparents... Hermon & Clara Jones

Kyler Curtis Ray
Born... October 6, 1998

Parents... Tim & Christy Ray

Grandparents... Kenneth & Opal Ray Grant & Sandy Copeland

Zachary Marcus Roberts
Born... March 9, 1998

Parents... Danny & Andora Roberts

Grandparents... Gary & Edna Smith

Larissa Krystelle Worley
Born... October 13, 1998

Merry 1st Christmas!

Parents... Ray & Kristy Worley

Ashleigh Rene Mitchell
Born... November 11, 1998

Parents... Brian & Michelle (Harpster) Mitchell

Grandparents... Gene & Sylvia Goss

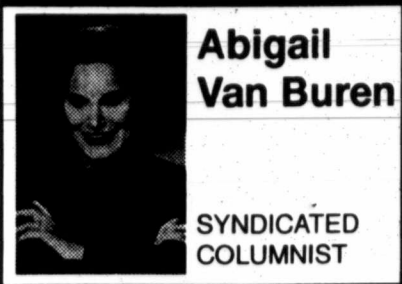
In-Laws' Anniversary Invitation Is High Price to Pay to Party

DEAR ABBY: My in-laws are having a large and expensive celebration for their 40th anniversary. They are demanding that all five children kick in \$250 toward the party. We live in another state and our tickets to attend are very expensive. Abby, we feel the cost of our tickets is enough expense without helping to pay for their party. They invited us!

My father is 80 years old, and he and Mom will have a 50th anniversary soon. That is something to celebrate. I don't mind paying for it myself, and I won't ask anyone to help.

Which anniversaries should be celebrated with a big celebration? And must we help pay for their party? (No one offered to help us with the expense of our plane tickets.)

DEAR JACKIE: Forty years of marriage is something to celebrate, and a party is appropriate. Usually the couple hosts the party, but if the children wish, they can give the party. If the children planned this celebration, then they should each pay a share. However, if your in-laws planned the party, they are the hosts and the children should not be forced to finance it. It would be gracious to chip in if you can afford to, but if you cannot, let your in-laws know it would cause financial hardship. Perhaps they will excuse you.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

P.S. The fifth, 10th, 20th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th are typically celebrated in style, but many couples also celebrate anniversaries in between with small parties with family or close friends.

DEAR ABBY: While my daughter and I were standing at the window, we saw that her 3-year-old had stopped his tricycle and leaned his chin on the handlebars. When we looked again, he was in the exact same position, which was unusual for him. Laughing, we went out to see what had captured his attention for so long.

His face was turning blue. The cord on the hood of his jacket had come unfastened, and when he leaned forward it had become entangled in the pedal. Each turn of the pedal had pulled him tighter against the handlebars until he could go no farther. Thank God, he was fine as soon as we cut him loose.

Children's coats should fasten with snaps or Velcro, and slacks

should have no belts to remove. A baby can strangle on any string or cord — even that ribbon used to hold its pacifier.

NAOMI GLENN, A CONCERNED GRANDMA, HILLSBORO, OHIO

DEAR NAOMI: Your grandson's near-miss must have been terrifying for all concerned. Thank you for alerting other parents and grandparents to this potential danger. This valuable information may save some lives.

DEAR ABBY: Is it appropriate for a couple to announce their engagement at another couple's wedding?

My sister-in-law and her fiance did that at our wedding — at the request of my mother-in-law. I'm very upset about it, and my husband says I'm being selfish and petty.

Abby, are they right, or am I? (Please don't use my name.)

BRISTLED BRIDE

DEAR BRIDE: You are correct. What your sister-in-law did at her mother's behest was akin to the cute little child actor stealing the star's spotlight.

However, please be generous enough to forgive them, so this sore spot doesn't fester and eat away at family relationships. Harmony is more important than highlighting a breach of etiquette.

or miss an important message. Don't stand on ceremony. Express your Christmas spirit. Someone lets you know how much they care. Tonight: Get into the music and the moment. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Take it easy. Start Christmas celebrations. Don't let a misunderstanding get out of control. Settle it. Give someone the benefit of the doubt. Relating proves unusually satisfying and adds a lot of happiness. Give and receive on a spiritual level. Tonight: Snuggle in. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Others seek you out. A last-minute problem might baffle you. Don't let the hectic pace get to you. Remain even and upbeat. Someone has an odd manner of showing his feelings. Be patient, and allow caring to dominate. Tonight: You make Christmas cheer happen. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** You might still have a lot to complete, but the day is short and Christmas is here. Do what you can. Remain nurturing to others. Let go of any problems. Your true self comes out with family and loved ones. They do understand. Tonight: Slow down, enjoy a nice fire and a hot toddy. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Loving and Christmas mix well this year. Still, you could have your doubts as the day begins. Don't let a friend disappoint you. Be mellow and direct. A child or loved one comes around to your way of thinking. Don't hesitate to say what you are feeling. Tonight: Mistletoe! **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** A partner who doesn't always make the right decision confuses you. Right now, you are out of sync. Worry less. Focus on family, home and the holidays. Finish up a few remaining details. Express your caring through actions, not words. Tonight: Home is where the heart is. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Matters become unnecessarily complicated. You are tired and overly sensitive. Take some time to regroup. Put on your best face and don't permit someone to get to you. Keep communications flowing. Everything works out. Tonight: Exchange gifts and good wishes. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You could be emotionally exaggerating problems. Pull back and be realistic. Let go. Indulge yourself and others. Remember, this only happens once a year! You instinctively know what someone needs besides a gift. Follow that hunch. Tonight: Let the celebrations begin. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** You are the focal point, more than you realize. A boss or parent could be most frustrating. He is unclear, and you certainly aren't getting the message. Adopt an understanding attitude with those who are difficult. Tonight: Be with the people whom you love. **BORN TODAY**

Actress Jill Bennett (1931), author Mary Higgins Clark (1925), author-director Nicholas Meyer (1945)

Horoscope

THURSDAY, DEC. 24, 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)

***** It is now or never. You are confused and unsure of your direction. Clean up any last-minute details ASAP. You'll want to enjoy yourself. Make time for a special loved one before everything gets too busy. Express your feelings. Tonight: Avoid company for personal reasons. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

***** Resist getting caught up in someone's frenzy. You could easily be overwhelmed. Remember the true nature of the holiday. Remain even and be loving with friends. One particular person could be contrary and difficult. Be understanding. Tonight: Pass the eggnog around. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

***** Make sure every base is covered. Make phone calls and check in. Others really love hearing from and/or seeing you. You could be more in control than you realize. Clearly, you are adored. Don't let a case of "bah humbugs" get to you. Tonight: In the limelight. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

***** Take an overview, enjoy others. Feelings are most intense. Doors open. You could confuse plans

with the expense of our plane tickets.)

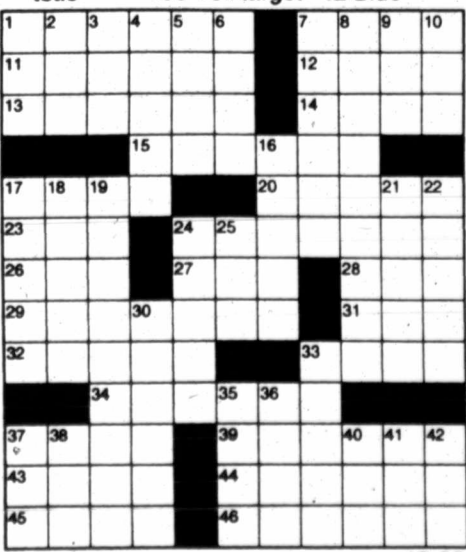
Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 24 Sicilian city
 - 26 Cargo unit
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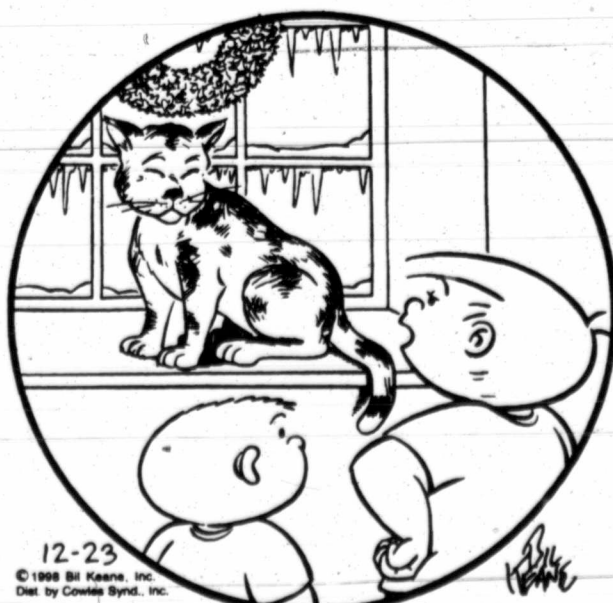
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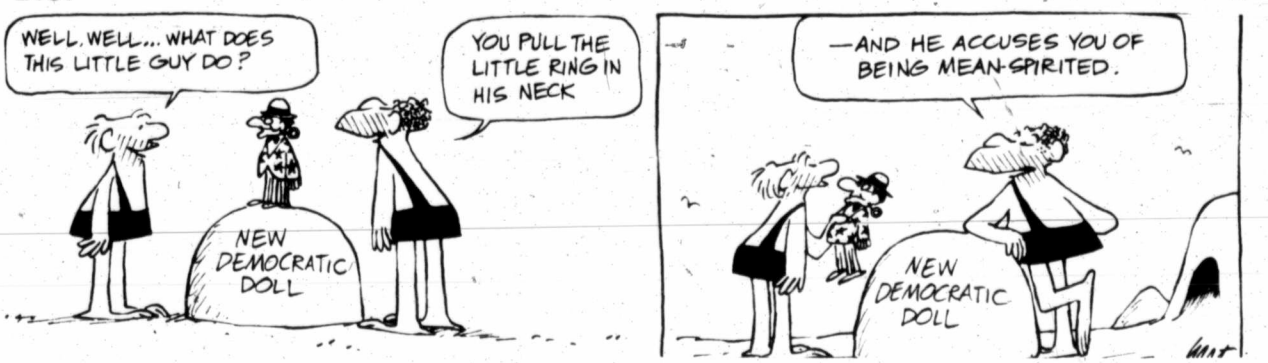
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Marvin



B.C.



Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Mallard Filmore



SPORTS

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.

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — The American Basketball League just couldn't beat the WNBA — even when the pioneer women's league was practically the only pro game in town.

The nine-team ABL folded Tuesday midway through its third season, unable to compete with its rival, which was backed by the money and marketing power of the NBA.

As the league filed for bankruptcy protection, ABL franchises canceled their games and began drawing up plans for paying players and employees, and refunding ticketholders' money.

The ABL had teams in Chicago; Columbus, Ohio; Denver; Hartford, Conn.; Nashville, Tenn.; Philadelphia, San Jose; Seattle; and Portland, Ore.

"At this point, the league is out of money," league co-founder and CEO Gary Cavalli said in a statement. "This is a sad day for our fans, employees, players and coaches, and for women's basketball in general."

He said the ABL was unable to get the necessary TV exposure and sponsorship support.

FOOTBALL

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma State's new secondary coach is familiar with the Big 12.

The Daily Oklahoman reported Tuesday that Mike Cassidy, the former Baylor defensive coordinator, was Bob Simmons' choice for the job. Paperwork is pending to hire Cassidy.

He would replace Johnny Burnett, who was fired last month after three years with the Cowboys.

Meanwhile, the Cowboys lost running backs coach Tom Lavigne to Mississippi. Lavigne will coach defensive backs for the Rebels, who play Texas Tech in the Independence Bowl.

Cassidy had been at Baylor for two seasons after being secondary coach at Wisconsin for two years. He also has been defensive coordinator at Cincinnati, Georgia Tech, East Carolina, Northeast Louisiana and Western Kentucky.

COMMERCE, Texas (AP) — Eddie Brister, offensive coordinator at Stephen F. Austin since 1991, on Tuesday was named the new coach at Texas A&M-Commerce, school president Keith McFarland said.

Brister, 48, succeeds Eddie Vowell, who retired after 13 seasons as the Lions' coach.

Cowboys to go all out against Redskins

IRVING, Texas (AP) — It would be tempting for Dallas coach Chan Gailey to rest his starters Sunday night against the Washington Redskins in a game that means nothing for the NFC postseason. But he's not going to do it.

Running back Emmitt Smith could use a rest. Tight end David LaFleur, wide receiver Michael Irvin, defensive end Greg Ellis, and offensive lineman Erik Williams are nursing injuries.

However, Gailey, won't pull back. "We need to improve as a team on offense and defense and we can't do that without them (the regulars) playing good," Gailey said on Tuesday. "If it was a tight game out there it would be hard to get the team off the field. They probably wouldn't let me take

them out."

The Cowboys beat Philadelphia 13-9 on Sunday to clinch the NFC East with a 9-6 record. The unimpressive victory snapped a three-game losing streak. Gailey would like to get

would become the first team to sweep games against the NFC East in a single season. It would also be the 23rd time in club history the Cowboys have registered a 10-win season, the most of any NFL team.

Dallas beat Washington 31-10 earlier in the fourth game of the season.

"They are playing a lot better offense and (quarterback) Trent (Green) has really settled down," Gailey said. "On defense they are stopping the run much better than they did early in the year. They are keeping points off the board."

The Dallas injury list is piling up. Defensive end Kavika Pittman is out with a pulled hamstring and Michael Myers will start in his spot.

Cornerback Deion Sanders was expected to miss his fifth consecutive game and Kevin Smith will step into his spot like he did last week.

Chris Warren's groin pull will keep him out of action and backup running back Sherman

Williams will spell Smith and also come into the game on third down.

"Sherman keeps playing better and better so will should be OK there," Gailey said.

Gailey also will resist another temptation and that's doing film study on possible playoff opponents in two weeks.

"All our attention will be centered on Washington," Gailey said. "You can waste a lot of time preparing for an opponent you might not play."

Gailey still maintains the Cowboys can get their offense and defense playing well enough to make a serious Super Bowl run.

He pointed to the recent troubles of defending Super Bowl champion Denver, saying "it reconfirms what we know — on any day, anybody can win."

"All our attention will be centered on Washington. You can waste a lot of time preparing for an opponent you might not play."

— Chan Gailey

the team on a roll going into the playoffs.

"We're just doing what we can do right now but I'd like to see us do better," Gailey said.

If Dallas can beat Washington it

The Redskins have been hot. After losing their first seven games, the Redskins have charged back to win six of their last eight, including a 20-16 win over Tampa Bay last Sunday.

Groom is top team

PAMPA — The Amarillo Globe-News picked the Groom Tigers as the Six-Man Super Team of the year.

The Tigers breezed to a 12-1 record this season losing only to Borden County, 52-6, in the state quarterfinals. Groom hadn't advanced as far in the playoffs since 1976 when the Tigers reached the semifinals. In 1975, Groom advanced to the championship game.

Groom's Larry Reid was named Super Team coach of the year while Tiger linebacker Dusty Crump garnered defensive player of the year honors.

1998 Amarillo Globe-News Six-Man Super Team

First-Team Offense

Quarterback: Josh Morris, 170, sr., Lazbuddie.

Running back: Jeremy Holt, 165, sr., Silverton.

Running back: Wade Ritter, 150, sr., Groom.

Spread back: Ike Hanes, 150, jr., McLean.

Lineman: Jamie Shuck, 175, sr., Groom.

End: Wyatt Weinheimer, 190, sr., Groom.

Punter-Kicker: Trey Rogers, 165, jr., Miami.

First-Team Defense

Lineman: Dusty Crump, 260, sr., Groom.

Lineman: Shane Thompson, 195, sr., Miami.

Lineman: Evan Crowell, 185, jr., Groom.

Linebacker: Artie Wright, Samnorwood, 190, sr.

Defensive back: Brandon Foster, 145, sr., Lazbuddie.

Defensive back: Dustin Monroe, 150, jr., Hedley.

Superlatives

Offensive player of the year: Jeremy Holt, Silverton.

Defensive player of the year: Dusty Crump, Groom.

Coach of the year: Larry Reid, Groom.

Team of the year: Groom Tigers.

Sophomore of the year: Nathan Hefley, end-linebacker, Fort Elliott.

Freshman of the year: C.J. Bryant, running back, Fort Elliott.

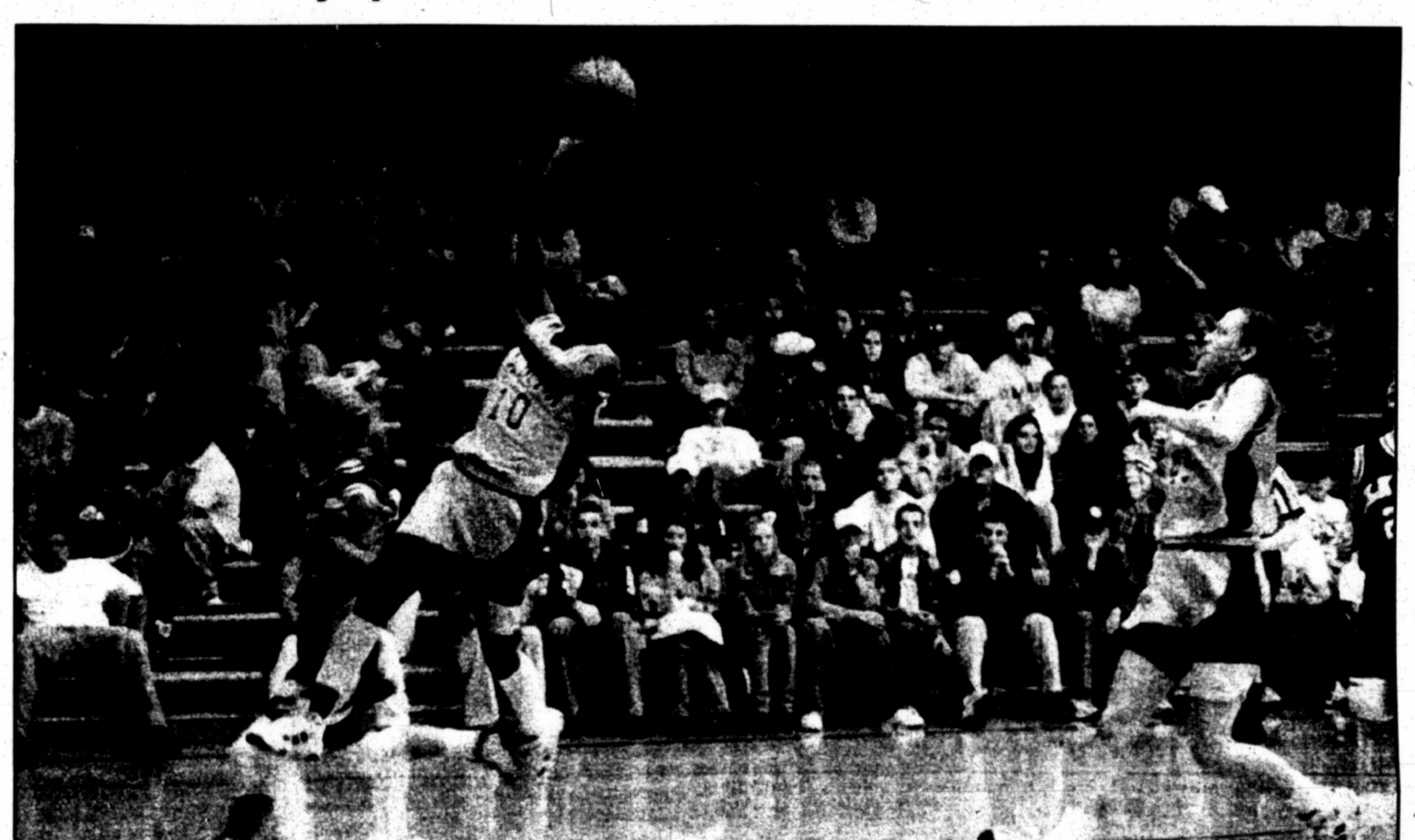
Second-Team Offense

Quarterbacks: Curt Smith, Fort Elliott, jr.; Josh Evenson, Groom, sr.; Running backs: Adam St. Clair, Lazbuddie, sr.; Brady Lackey, Miami, sr.; Spread back: Artie Wright, Samnorwood, sr.; Lineman: Frankie Sparling, McLean, jr.; Ends: Luke Carter, Samnorwood, sr.; Shane Thompson, Miami, sr.; Seth Black, Lazbuddie, sr.; Punter-kicker: Jeremy Wells, Hedley, jr.

Second-Team Defense

Lineman: Chris Ollinger, Groom, jr.; Bill Watters, Samnorwood, jr.; Mario Gracia, Samnorwood, jr.; Linebackers: Brian Fuller, McLean, jr.; Nathan Hefley, Fort Elliott, soph.; Defensive backs: Josh Evenson, Groom, sr.; Gabriel Vega, McLean, soph.

Fast break layup



Pampa's Vaughn Evans converts a fast break layup at the Elk City Festival last weekend. The Lady Harvesters are entered in the Ardmore, Okla. Tournament next week and will play Edmond Memorial at 4:30 p.m. Monday in the first round.

Clemens nixes trade demand, blasts Astros

SPRING, Texas (AP) — Roger Clemens no longer is demanding that the Toronto Blue Jays trade him. But if they do, he still can refuse it.

Clemens removed the demand Tuesday and also made it clear he would not play for the Houston Astros under their current management because of remarks they made at a news conference in Nashville, Tenn. at baseball's winter meetings.

Clemens, the only five-time Cy Young Award winner, said he had no desire to play for Astros team president Tal Smith and general manager Gerry Hunsicker, who called a news conference during the winter meetings to blast Clemens' proposal for a \$27.4 million, one-year extension.

"I'm very upset about what Mr. Smith and Mr. Hunsicker said and how they directed things toward me as a person," Clemens said during a news conference at the offices of his agents.

"I don't know them personally and they don't know me as a person," Clemens said of Smith and

Hunsicker. "The disappointment I feel is that I have no interest in playing for two individuals like that who would make a statement like that and don't know me."

Clemens, who would have gotten \$43.5 million over the next three years if Houston had accepted his proposal, confirmed for the first time he had a written agreement with the Blue Jays allowing him to both demand and veto a trade.

He is guaranteed \$16.1 million in the final two years of his contract with Toronto and said he wouldn't ask for a renegotiation as part of a trade. He said he was walking away from an additional \$44 million in guaranteed money by staying with the Blue Jays — citing offers made by other teams willing to trade for him.

Clemens' decision didn't have much effect on Blue Jays general manager Gord Ash's agenda. He'll likely resume Clemens trade talks after the holiday break.

"It doesn't mean much of anything if you ask me," Ash said in Toronto. "All it does is remove a

lot of the clutter talk we've had the last couple of weeks and clarify their position."

Ash said Clemens' rights under the collective bargaining agreement, which allows veteran players dealt during multiyear contracts to file formal trade demands, would give the pitcher leverage over any deal.

"Any club that is going to give up talent of substance is going to want to know he'll be there beyond the year," Ash said.

When Clemens signed with Toronto, Beeston agreed that the team would trade him if the pitcher wouldn't contend. Clemens became disenchanted after interview SA, the team's Belgian owner, set a budget with a payroll of about \$40 million, and Toronto made little effort to re-sign Jose Canseco, who went to Tampa Bay.

Ash said that if Clemens begins the season with the Blue Jays, he didn't anticipate any negative fan response.

"Once he marches out there, pitches a two-hit shutout and strikes out 15, I can't see it," Ash said.

Clemens notified the Blue Jays in a Nov. 27 letter that he was demanding a trade to a team closer to home or to a contender, citing an agreement he made with then-team president Paul Beeston in December 1996. The Blue Jays made his demand public Dec. 2.

Houston, Cleveland and Texas were the chief contenders for Clemens, with the New York Yankees on the outskirts of talks, but Toronto couldn't find a deal to its liking.

"I still have the right to refuse a trade, but I'm just not demanding it," Clemens said.

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Broncos slumping, just like last season

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos lost in the 14th and 15th weeks of the season in 1997 before regrouping to win the Super Bowl.

One year later, the Broncos have lost in those same two weeks, normally considered crucial as a team gears up for the playoffs.

Can they repeat the 1997 scenario? Coach Mike Shanahan believes they can, that his team has only temporarily lost its edge as it closes out the regular season with some meaningless games.

His players aren't as confident, however.

"How much work do we have to do before the playoffs?" safety Tyrone Braxton said after Monday night's 31-21 loss to Miami. "A hell of a lot."

Tight end Shannon Sharpe said he and his teammates had "better start looking deep into ourselves. I don't want to hear how we don't have anything to play for. We've got to shore things up before we go into the playoffs. If things don't change, we're not going to go very far."

Sharpe speaks from experience. In 1996, the Broncos clinched home-field advantage early — as did this year's team — and also faded down the stretch, losing two of their last three games to finish 13-3, then bowed unexpectedly to Jacksonville in their first playoff game.

Denver (13-2), which wraps up the regular season at home on Sunday against Seattle (8-7), now has had subpar performances in four straight games after looking invincible for the first 11 weeks of the season and remaining unbeaten through 13 weeks.

Not to worry, the unflappable Shanahan insisted Tuesday.

"You lose your edge a little bit when you have home-field advantage and when you have the division sewed up," Shanahan said. "When you lose that edge, all of a sudden you can get embarrassed."

"We came out and we played maybe 20 or 30 minutes, but we didn't play Bronco football for 60 minutes (against Miami). And when you don't do that against a team that's hungry and is playing for a playoff spot and their backs are against the wall in a Monday night game and in their backyard, then the outcome is what happened to us."

In a game pitting future Hall of Fame quarterbacks Dan Marino and John Elway, Marino was the clear victor, throwing for 355 yards and four touchdowns.

Elway and running back Terrell Davis, the NFL's leading rusher, both flopped. Elway completed only 13 of 36 passes for 151 yards and two interceptions, while Davis managed just 29 yards rushing on 16 carries, leaving him with 1,830 yards and only a slim chance of reaching the 2,000-yard plateau that once looked certain.

Shanahan said Elway developed a strained hip flexor muscle during the game that limited his mobility, and Davis was slowed by bruised ribs — neither of which should bother either player this week.

But he made it clear that injuries weren't the cause of his team's latest loss.

"Dan made some great throws, and their receivers made some big plays in man coverage," Shanahan said. "Defensively, there were a number of times when we weren't in the right spot. Offensively, we had some opportunities we didn't take advantage of."

Asked if he saw a decline in confidence among his players over the last two weeks, Shanahan said, "No. I see a sense of urgency. I really feel good about our team and the type of character we have. Sometimes you lose, but you've got to keep your focus. There's only one thing that matters: You've got to play well once you get to the playoffs. I've got confidence we will."

Scoreboard

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College Bowl Games
At A Glance
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Saturday, Dec. 19
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
North Carolina 20, San Diego State 13

Wednesday, Dec. 23
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Marshall (11-1) vs. Louisville (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Friday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, Noon (ABC)

Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Colorado (7-4) vs. Oregon (8-3), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
Oahu Classic
At Honolulu
Air Force (11-1) vs. Washington (6-5), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 26
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Bethune-Cookman (8-2) vs. Southern U. (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Insight.com Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Missouri (7-4) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 29
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Alabama (7-4) vs. Virginia Tech (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

MICRON PC Bowl
At San Antonio
North Carolina State (7-4) vs. Miami (8-3), 7:30 p.m. (TBS)

Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Kansas State (11-1) vs. Purdue (8-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 30
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Idaho (8-3) vs. Southern Miss (7-4), 3 p.m. (ESPN2)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Nebraska (9-3) vs. Arizona (11-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 31
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Brigham Young (9-4) vs. Tulane (11-0), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)

West Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Southern Cal (8-4) vs. Texas Christian (6-5), 2 p.m. (CBS)

Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (9-2) vs. Georgia (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Mississippi (6-5) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.

Penn State (8-3) vs. Kentucky (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Michigan (9-3) vs. Arkansas (9-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Texas (8-3), 11 a.m. (FOX)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Wisconsin (10-1) vs. UCLA (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Syracuse (8-3) vs. Florida (9-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Monday, Jan. 4
Fiesta Bowl
At Tampa, Ariz.
Tennessee (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 16
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
East vs. West, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 23
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 2:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan. 24
Hula Bowl
At Kahului, Maui
South vs. North, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-N.Y. Jets	11	4	0	.733	385	256
x-Miami	10	5	0	.667	305	227
x-New England	9	6	0	.600	327	298
x-Buffalo	9	6	0	.600	355	300
Indianapolis	3	12	0	.200	291	417

Central

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Jacksonville	10	5	0	.667	371	335
Tennessee	11	4	0	.733	314	294
Pittsburgh	7	8	0	.467	260	282
Baltimore	5	10	0	.333	250	325
Cincinnati	3	12	0	.200	268	417

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Denver	13	2	0	.867	473	288
Oakland	8	7	0	.533	264	325
Seattle	8	7	0	.533	351	282
Kansas City	6	9	0	.400	296	339
San Diego	5	10	0	.333	228	326

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Dallas	9	6	0	.600	358	268
Arizona	8	7	0	.533	309	365
N.Y. Giants	7	8	0	.467	287	299
Washington	6	9	0	.400	312	398
Philadelphia	3	12	0	.200	151	324

Central

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Minnesota	4	1	0	.933	530	280

x-Green Bay 10 5 0 .667 392 306
Tampa Bay 7 8 0 .467 279 295
Detroit 5 10 0 .333 296 359
Chicago 4 11 0 .267 263 352

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Atlanta	13	2	0	.867	404	273
x-San Francisco	11	4	0	.733	441	309
New Orleans	6	9	0	.400	272	314
St. Louis	4	11	0	.267	286	340
Carolina	3	12	0	.200	309	394

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched division title

Saturday's Games
New York Jets 17, Buffalo 10
Washington 20, Tampa Bay 16

Sunday's Games
Sugar Bowl
Chicago 24, Baltimore 3
Cincinnati 25, Pittsburgh 24
New York Giants 28, Kansas City 7
Carolina 20, St. Louis 13
New England 24, San Francisco 21
Green Bay 30, Tennessee 22
Seattle 27, Indianapolis 23
Oakland 17, San Diego 10
Arizona 19, New Orleans 17
Atlanta 24, Detroit 17
Dallas 13, Philadelphia 9
Minnesota 50, Jacksonville 10

Monday's Game
Miami 31, Denver 21

Saturday, Dec. 26
Minnesota at Tennessee, 12:35 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 27
Buffalo at New Orleans, 1:01 p.m.
Carolina at Indianapolis, 1:01 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 1:01 p.m.
Green Bay at Chicago, 1:01 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 1:01 p.m.
New England at New York Jets, 1:01 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, 1:01 p.m.
New York Giants at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Top 25 Fared
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How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll fared Tuesday:

1. Connecticut (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Fairfield at Hartford, Wednesday.
2. Duke (11-1) beat No. 3 Kentucky 71-60. Next: vs. North Carolina-Greensboro, Wednesday, Dec. 30.
3. Kentucky (10-2) lost to No. 2 Duke 71-60. Next: at Louisville, Saturday.
4. Cincinnati (10-0) beat Houston 115-78. Next: vs. Dayton at Cleveland, Sunday.
5. Maryland (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. North Texas, Wednesday.
6. Stanford (9-2) beat Santa Clara 94-49. Next: vs. Temple at Oakland, Tuesday.
7. North Carolina (12-2) lost to Georgia Tech 66-64. Next: at California, Tuesday.
8. Arizona (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Holy Cross, Monday.
9. Purdue (12-1) beat South Carolina 80-64. Next: at Providence, Sunday.
10. Indiana (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Drake at Indianapolis, Sunday.
11. New Mexico (8-0) did not play. Next: at Washington, Thursday.
12. UCLA (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. American, Wednesday.
13. Kansas (8-2) did not play. Next: at Saint Louis, Wednesday.

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TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday's Sports Transactions
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BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Placed 18 Mark Johnson on waivers for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Tomokazu Ohka.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Kip Wells on a one-year contract.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Named Johnathan special assignment scout.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Ken Ryan and OF Rob Ducey on one-year contracts.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with SS Rafael Bourquignon, RHP Jim Dougherty, RHP Todd Ritchie, C Chris Tremie, INF Matt Howard, OF Ray Montgomery and 1B Ivan Cruz on minor-league contracts.

BASKETBALL
American Basketball League
ABL—Announced it has suspended operations.
Women's National Basketball Association
HOUSTON COMETS—Signed Van Chancellor to a multiyear contract extension.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed WR Corey Bridges, LB Darion Conner, DB Corey Dowdell, DT Bill Duff, CB John Dutton, and DT Alby Reese.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed CB Reggie Rusk.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed WR Horace Copeland. Placed WR Bruce Hunter on injured reserve.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Promoted Doug Perleman to vice president of business affairs and special assistant to the chief operating officer.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Recalled D Christian Laflamme from Portland of the AHL and C Todd White from Chicago of the IHL.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Claimed D Eric Cairns off waivers from the New York Rangers.

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Lebanese guerrillas rocket northern Israel

KIRYAT SHEMONA, Israel (AP) — Guerrillas in south Lebanon fired a hail of rockets at northern Israel today, injuring at least 13 people and inflicting heavy property damage.

Although the cross-border attack with Katyusha rockets was the heaviest in nearly three years, most people in Israel's north had spent the night in shelters, accounting for the relatively light casualty toll.

In the border town of Kiryat Shemona — hit so often by rocket attacks that some Israelis call it "Kiryat Katyusha" — a rocket smashed into a bank, wrecking its cash machines. Broken glass littered the streets and

a tree was uprooted by a direct hit. The electricity was out in some areas but was later restored.

As of midday, several hours after the attack, tens of thousands of people in northern Israel were being told to stay in shelters.

Israel's army said its forces were returning artillery fire and were prepared to launch airstrikes.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called a special meeting of his security Cabinet to discuss the attack and planned to fly to the north for a visit later today.

Hezbollah guerrillas claimed responsibility for the attack and threatened more strikes.

"Since force cannot be confronted except with force and murderers must pay the price of their crimes ... the Islamic resistance" rocketed Zionist settlements," Hezbollah said in a statement. "We renew our pledge to protect our people and their villages, no matter how great the struggle."

Northern Israel had been braced for a retaliatory attack after an Israeli airstrike Tuesday killed a woman and her six children in eastern Lebanon. That was the highest civilian casualty toll this year in the war between Israel and Lebanese guerrillas.

Israel expressed regret over the civilian deaths, saying the target of the airstrike had been a Hezbollah radio transmitter.

A session of Israel's parliament opened today with speaker Dan Tichon expressing condolences over the slain civilians in Lebanon and offering sympathy to "those who sit in the shelters under the threat of Katyusha rockets" in northern Israel.

Dozens of rockets were fired in today's attack, falling with enormous booms that could be heard for miles.

"What is here is tremendous damage — to property," Mayor Chaim Barbiavai told army radio. "People were in shelters. ... We were ready for this situation."



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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: WILLISTON BENEDICT, OR IF DECEASED THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLISTON BENEDICT, DECEASED, ET AL, Defendant, Greeting: YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 223rd District Court of Gray County, at the Courthouse being located at 200 N. Russell in the City of Pampa, Gray County Texas, by filing a written answer, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation the date for answer being the 25th day of January, A.D. 1999, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 8th day of December, 1998, in this cause, #13209 and styled JO BELL INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF VERNON BELL, DECEASED, Plaintiff vs. WILLISTON BENEDICT, OR IF DECEASED THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLISTON BENEDICT, DECEASED, ET AL, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: to wit: TRESPASS TO TRY TITLE (SECTION 102, BLOCK 3, I&N RR CO. SURVEY, GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS)

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Witness, YVONNE MOLER, Clerk of the 223rd District Court of Gray County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office this 9th day of December, A.D. 1998.

YVONNE MOLER, CLERK

223rd District Court Gray County, Texas P.O. Box 1139 Pampa, Tx. 79066-1139

By Jo Mays, Deputy

IMPORTANT NOTICE YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER BY 10:00 A.M. FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY-TWO DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU.

B-96 Dec. 16, 23, 30, 1998 Jan. 6, 1998

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1 Public Notice

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National spotlight has singled out city's warts

By TEDDIE WEYER
Associated Press Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — For four breathless days, the number stood at 299.

Would the Baltimore police be able to hold the number of homicides this year below 300 for the first time in nine years?

Mayor Kurt Schmoke had said keeping a lid on the murder rate was a major priority. Three hundred was a threshold he didn't want to cross again.

Officers were pulled from desk jobs and called in on overtime. Many of the department's administrative functions were put on hold while a new flood of cops worked the streets.

The reply came in the form of 16-year-old Donte Brooks, who was found bleeding to death from multiple gunshot wounds early Monday. He became murder victim No. 300.

"If you just look at our murder rate compared to New York City, it really makes you sick," said Gary McLhinney, president of Baltimore's police union. "The bodies in Baltimore are stacking up higher and higher."

Baltimore's apparent inability to bring its homicide count down, even as other types of violent crime have declined, has thrust a national spotlight on the city's dark side.

Schmoke recently went on NBC's "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" to defend his city's reputation after Leno spent a week taking potshots at Baltimore for its other unhappy claim to fame — the highest

Men involved in sodomy case file new appeals

HOUSTON (AP) — A challenge to the state's 119-year-old anti-sodomy law has been sent to a Texas appeals court, the latest step in a privacy rights case that could wind up before the U.S. Supreme Court.

John Lawrence, 55, and Tyrone Garner, 31, were arrested Sept. 17 in Lawrence's apartment and charged with engaging in homosexual conduct, a misdemeanor.

Both pleaded no contest last month, but appealed with a motion to quash the charges. Judge Sherman A. Ross dismissed the motions Tuesday.

Under an agreement reached with prosecutors, Lawrence and Garner again pleaded no contest. The judge fined them \$200 each and allowed the immediate filing of their new appeals.

The case may end up before the Supreme Court because Garner and Lawrence's challenges are based on state and federal constitutional questions involving privacy rights.

"I believe in the Constitution of the United States and I believe in the rights of all citizens," Lawrence said. "Would you like someone busting into your house?"

Harris County deputies entered Lawrence's apartment and found the men engaged in consensual sex. The deputies were responding to a false report that someone was going crazy in the apartment and was armed with a gun, according to court documents.

Although on the books for more than a century, the Texas sodomy law is rarely enforced. Gay activists have worked unsuccessfully for years to overturn the statute.

syphilis rate in the country.

Just this week, the public learned that the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission had ruled the Baltimore Police Department discriminated against its black officers, who have long complained they were disciplined more harshly for infractions.

Officials defend the city by pointing out its achievements — the development of the Inner Harbor, once a rusting manufacturing area and now a tourist des-

tinuation; the demolition of dilapidated public high rises to make way for cozier low-income neighborhoods; and successes in public health, such as declines in teen births, infant mortality and AIDS.

Baltimore was giddy about its recent acquisitions of such pop-culture attractions as the Hard Rock Cafe, Planet Hollywood and the nation's first ESPNZone, a Walt Disney venture.

And homicides aside, violent crime is down more than 30 percent over the past 2 1/2 years,

said police spokesman Rob Weinhold. Property crime also has decreased significantly.

Yet beyond the new glitter on the waterfront, Baltimore's row-house-lined streets still harbor poverty-locked neighborhoods and a rampant drug trade that fuels the murder rate.

Baltimore, the nation's 14th-largest city with 650,000 residents, has about 46 deaths per 100,000 people — more than four times higher than the murder rate in larger cities like New York. Homicide No. 301 was recorded Tuesday and detectives think a decomposed body found in a field may be No. 302.

City politicians bicker over how to reduce the number of murders, which hit 310 last year — down from 325 in 1995 and 331 in 1996.

"If there was an easy answer to this problem, we certainly would have implemented it by now," Schmoke said.

Police Commissioner Thomas Frazier's management style has come under fire. Critics say that by rotating homicide detectives to other assignments, Frazier forced out the most experienced officers.

The commissioner also has been accused of massaging statistics to show a greater drop in gun violence. Police officials deny the allegations.

Author David Simon, who spent a year researching his latest book, "The Corner," about the city's drug culture, said police are having a hard time gaining control over many of Baltimore's drug corners. Inexperienced officers often

grab the first suspect they can find, he said. "Everyone would watch as they walked past the guy who shot four people in the last month," said Simon, whose book on detectives spawned the TV crime series "Homicide: Life on the Street" — filmed by NBC in Baltimore.

Almost everyone agrees that drugs represent the city's biggest hurdle.

Crack came to Baltimore a little later than its entry into larger, more cosmopolitan cities, and the crack-for-sex trade fueled many sexually transmitted diseases.

Health Commissioner Peter Beilenson noted gonorrhea is down 50 percent from 1991 and said he expects to reduce syphilis cases by increased testing and treatment.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Holidays light up winter season

The dark nights of winter are brightened by numerous celebrations throughout Texas. The holidays are times of joy, gift giving, and sharing simple and elaborate meals.

Christmas

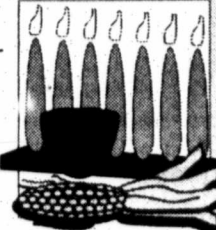
December 25 Celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, and January 6, the Epiphany, or revelation of Christ to the Magi.

Symbols include Star of Bethlehem and manger, Santa Claus and Christmas trees. Gifts and toys are given to all. Holiday foods: turkey and dressing, as well as tamales, and German coffee cake, or stollen.



Kwanzaa

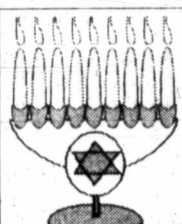
December 26—January 1 Celebrates African-American unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. Symbols include seven candles, ear of corn and unity cup. Gifts are simple and handmade. Karamu feast: traditional foods such as porridge, beans and corn, as well as other dishes.



Hanukkah

December 14-21 Marks the return to the Temple of Jerusalem in 165 BC. Eight candles symbolize the number of days oil lamps were lit in the temple, with a ninth candle to light the others. Traditional gifts for children include a dreidel, or four-sided top, and coins.

Special food: latkas, or potato pancakes fried in oil.



New Years

January 1 and February 16 Celebrates the new year. In the Chinese lunar year, the New Year begins February 16, 1999—the Year of the Rabbit. Preparations include cleaning house and paying debts. Sweet rice is part of the festivity, along with fireworks. Gifts include "red envelopes" containing lucky money.



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas African American Heritage Association, Jewish Federation of Austin, Aelan Chamber of Austin, Internet.

Study: Past misdemeanors predict future crime risk

CHICAGO (AP) — Laws barring felons from buying guns should be expanded to ban prospective buyers who have committed misdemeanors, according to a study published today in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Researchers found that handgun purchasers with a prior misdemeanor conviction were nearly five times as likely as gun buyers without a criminal record to be charged with new offenses involving firearms or violence.

A critic of the study said its methods were flawed and that its authors and underwriters are activists favoring gun bans regardless of science.

But Jim Brady, the former presidential press secretary who was wounded in an assassination attempt on Ronald Reagan, supported the study's conclusions in an editorial accompanying the findings.

The editorial, co-written by Brady's wife, Sarah, and by Dr. Thomas Cole of JAMA's editorial staff, said California has successfully stopped would-be gun buyers if they have convictions for violent misdemeanor crimes.

"The findings (of the study) strongly suggests there are com-

elling reasons to do so," the editorial said.

The study was led by Dr. Gareen Wintemute of the University of California, Davis, and underwritten in part by the California Wellness Foundation.

The researchers did a 15-year study of 5,923 randomly chosen people in California who legally purchased handguns in 1977, based on state records. The researchers were able to track 5,177 for the full study period, while the others could not be verified as continued residents of California.

Of the 2,735 subjects convicted before their gun purchases of at least one misdemeanor, 1,379 (50.4 percent) were subsequently charged with new crimes. Only 239 purchasers out of 2,442 who had no prior criminal history were subsequently charged (9.8 percent).

Counting only the worst crimes — murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault — 421 people with previous convictions (15.4 percent) were subsequently charged compared with 60 of people with no criminal history (2.5 percent), researchers said.

Each uneventful day a little victory for octuplets, according to doctors

HOUSTON (AP) — Just three days after most of them were born, the world's only living octuplets are settling into an uneventful existence after their dramatic entrance. Doctors only hope their lives stay mundane, though they're vigilant just in case.

"The good news is that there hasn't been any dramatic change in the babies' conditions," said Dr. Leonard Weisman, chief neonatologist at Texas Children's Hospital. "We don't look for significant changes. We're happy

Three students with Texas ties win scholarships

HOUSTON (AP) — Three students with ties to Texas are winners of Marshall Scholarships, the British equivalent to Rhodes Scholarships.

The government grants allow U.S. students to attend a British college for at least two years. They cover tuition, books, travel and living expenses.

Justyna Gudowska, a straight-A student at Rice University, plans to study economics at Cambridge University. The Polish immigrant says she aspires to help Eastern European countries solve economic problems.

The University of Texas' Tara Spires, who plans to pursue neuroscience research at Oxford University, is majoring in biochemistry and French at UT. Spires' research focuses on finding a cure for paralysis and mental retardation caused by nerve damage.

UT graduate Daun Nicole DeFrance, who plans to study in Oxford's joint program in math and philosophy, is pursuing a doctorate in structural engineering at Cornell University. She plans to teach aspiring engineers and scientists.

Britain established the Marshall Scholarships in 1953 in appreciation for the Marshall Plan help it received from the United States after World War II. Former Marshall scholars include U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt and inventor Ray Dolby.

with small progressions."

The eldest of Nkem Chukwu's newborns, a girl delivered naturally on Dec. 8, was the only one of the octuplets not on a ventilator Tuesday night and the only one being fed baby formula. However, all are in critical condition and will remain so for quite a while, Weisman said.

The other five girls and two boys are responsive and moving around, doctors said. They are being fed intravenously a combination of proteins, fats, electrolytes, glucose, vitamins and minerals called "parenteral nutrition."

The most worrisome case is the girl dubbed Baby E. Born at just 10.3 ounces — her siblings ranged between 1 pound and almost 2 pounds — an echocardiogram Tuesday revealed a heart abnormality common in premature infants that will be treated with medication.

Five other brothers and sisters tested negative for the same complication. The babies were born 13 weeks premature except for Baby A, who arrived 15 weeks early.

Baby E, whom neonatal experts say statistically has between a 20

percent and 65 percent chance for survival based on her birthweight, still requires more oxygen than her siblings. If she survives, Weisman said she'll be the tiniest infant ever to leave Texas Children's Hospital alive.

The other seven have an 85 percent chance for survival, doctors said.

Ms. Chukwu has steadily improved after delivering the remaining seven octuplets during a 45-minute Caesarian section Sunday morning. Doctors were hopeful she could visit her new family either late Tuesday or today.

"If she continues to improve at this rate, we expect that she will be released later in the week," said Dr. Brian Kirshon, the high-risk obstetrician who helped deliver the babies at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital.

The family has remained fiercely private since the deliveries. Word of Ms. Chukwu's historic condition was concealed from most everyone outside the Texas Medical Center until Sunday, and the family waited until late Tuesday to make their first public statement.

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SAT., DEC. 26TH
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Date	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				(Memorandum Only)	
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	300-399 Debt Service Fund	600-699 Capital Projects Fund	98 August 31, 1998	97 August 31, 1997
REVENUES:						
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 10,529,369	\$ 509,751	\$ 389,410	\$ 9,406	\$ 11,437,936
5800	State Program Revenues	7,747,476	237,836	237,464	-	8,222,776
5900	Federal Program Revenues	60,747	1,840,655	-	-	1,901,402
5020	Total Revenues	18,337,592	2,588,242	626,874	9,406	21,562,114
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	12,018,105	948,051	-	-	12,966,156
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	1,130,175	39,654	-	-	1,169,829
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	1,987,342	946,315	-	-	2,933,657
0040	Administrative Support Services	799,941	-	-	-	799,941
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	1,844,450	5,995	-	-	1,850,445
0060	Auxiliary Services	36,865	155,152	-	-	192,017
0070	Debt Service	495,368	-	779,266	-	1,274,634
0080	Capital Outlay	21,670	297,299	-	4,578,049	4,897,018
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	-	249,087	-	-	249,087
6030	Total Expenditures	18,333,916	2,661,553	779,266	4,578,049	26,352,784
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	3,676	(73,311)	(152,392)	(4,568,643)	(4,790,670)
7020	Other Resources	-	-	102,367	3,979,631	4,081,998
8030	Other (Uses)	(2,756,998)	(225,000)	-	(100,000)	(4,081,998)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(1,753,322)	(298,311)	(50,025)	(689,012)	(4,790,670)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	4,363,040	358,534	68,713	813,490	5,603,777
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 609,718	\$ 60,223	\$ 18,688	\$ 124,478	\$ 813,107

To the patients of
Dr. Gregory T. Kelly

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Have A Happy Holiday Season