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## Motion to suppress evidence denied

By JEFF WEST  
Staff Writer

Santa didn't bring the gift one Pampa man wanted when a motion to suppress evidence in his arrest on charges of drug possession was denied.

The motion to suppress was filed by Pampa attorney Ken Fields Jr., on behalf of Felix Wilbur Scott, 24, 1169 Wilbur, who along with two other men were stopped on September 2. The stop was made after an informant, that police wouldn't identify, said a "white over green car" was bringing drugs from Amarillo to Pampa.

After the car was stopped, three "cookies" of sus-

pected cocaine were found tossed out by the vehi-

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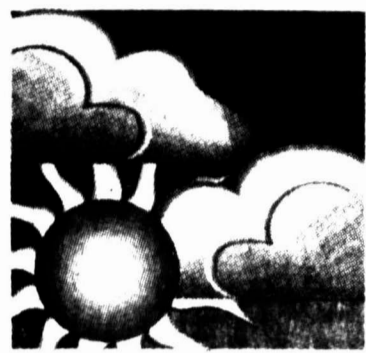
cle's rear tire.

Fields argued that an unidentified informant was

the same as an anonymous informant since the defense couldn't question the informant. He cited other cases where stops, based solely on tips from anonymous sources, were illegal because the information couldn't be counted as reliable.

Assistant District Attorney Matt Martindale argued that the police knew the identity of the informant, and the information given had proved reliable in the past. He argued that not releasing the name was for the safety of the informant.

Judge Lee Waters delayed a decision until the cited cases were studied. He issued a ruling dated December 23 that denied the motion stating that the state did provide enough evidence and that the informer was a



High today 25-30.  
Low tonight 17.  
For weather details see page 2.

**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.

**DALLAS (AP)** — The mayors of Dallas and Fort Worth met Wednesday to discuss the future of two local airports.

The meeting came in the wake of a federal ruling that could open up more long-distance flights from Dallas' Love Field.

The U.S. Department of Transportation ruled that airline service at Love Field is controlled by federal law and not a 1968 agreement in which the cities agreed to strictly limit flights from Love Field.

Fort Worth and American Airlines have filed lawsuits to block expanded service from Love Field, arguing the flights would undermine Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

"In context of the ongoing litigation, I'm not sure it (the federal ruling) means a lot unless it serves as a catalyst to move both cities to an agreed resolution," said Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk. "We're working in good faith to try to see if we can come up with an agreed settlement ... and to stop the ridiculous expenditure of money on legal fees."

- **Vida Mae Coffin, 85**, Women's Missionary Union officer.
- **James Milton 'Jim' Nation Jr., 88**, former Pampa mayor.
- **Frances Alene Stroup, 78**, sister of a Pampa resident.

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## Church starts new food pantry



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Rev. Ronald Barr (center) has opened a food pantry as a ministry of his church, the Church of the Good Shepherd. Helping him load groceries are his father, Marchel Barr, and his wife, Brenda Barr.

By JEFF WEST  
Staff Writer

"We don't want anyone to go to bed hungry," said Rev. Ronald L. Bass, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

That is the reason his church has started up a food pantry. The 17 member church is not trying to replace any of the other charities that get food to the needy.

"Good Sam does an excellent job," Bass

said. "So does Trinity Fellowship and the Salvation Army, but sometimes they can't help."

The pantry operates every Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the church, 422 N. West.

Bass said he wanted to start the food pantry since he arrived in Pampa in April of 1996 to found Good Shepherd. The church has given away food at Thanksgiving since the beginning. Starting with 25 turkeys in 96

and increasing to 40 last month.

Today they gave away Christmas baskets to senior citizens and a few single mothers with large families, but by next Wednesday the pantry will be operating as normal. Bass said in the first two weeks of operation the pantry gave away 1,200 pounds of food.

Bass gets most of the food from the Amarillo Food Bank where the church can buy at reduced prices but he said donations are welcome.

## Don't expect Clinton to admit perjury, says vice president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Any censure deal in the Senate in lieu of impeachment is unlikely to include an admission by President Clinton that he committed perjury, Vice President Al Gore says.

With the nation's second presidential impeachment trial looming next month, key senators acknowledged Wednesday that bipartisan talks were under way on how to decide the president's fate.

But the lawmakers said the time was not ripe for any agreement, and that they could decide what to do with the two articles of impeachment voted by the House without any unsolicited advice from outsiders.

Gore, in comments to CNN on

Wednesday, indicated the White House was "listening, but he also drew a line that Clinton would not cross."

"You will not see a lobbying campaign where the president and I are buttonholing senators," Gore said. "That's not something that feels like it is appropriate in this situation."

But he also made clear that the president was unlikely to admit to lying under oath as part of any censure deal that would avoid his conviction in the Senate and removal from office.

"The president has said he did not lie under oath. He has acknowledged that he gave statements that were less than helpful to his interrogators, and he said that was misleading," Gore said.

"But that is a very different proposition."

It leaves the possibility of a Senate conclusion that Clinton lied, but Republicans may not accept the solution without a presidential signature.

One way to try to force Clinton's hand would be for the Senate and the House to pass a joint resolution, which must go to the White House for Clinton's signature.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., a Clinton ally and former boss of presidential Chief of Staff John Podesta, was among the senators Wednesday who said they wanted no White House intercession. Leahy said he agreed with the Senate's senior Democrat, Robert Byrd of West Virginia, that only

senators should craft a deal.

"We have a good Democratic and Republican leadership in the Senate, and the 100 senators are completely capable of determining how this will end without being told by either the House or the White House," Leahy said in an interview. He directed his comments not only at Clinton aides but at House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, who predicted that a two-thirds vote to remove Clinton would materialize if senators read the evidence.

"This is a major issue for a nation of 260 million Americans and now it will be up to 100 of those Americans to determine how it concludes — and we will. No one else will decide it for us," Leahy said.

## Sunny skies for Pampa today

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Hopes for a White Christmas faded today with the prediction of warmer weather returning to the Texas Panhandle.

Sunny skies are forecast for Pampa this afternoon after a cold morning start of eight degrees. This afternoon temperatures should approach 30 degrees.

Light winds should be out of the south and southwest.

Santa Claus should have clear conditions tonight over the panhandle with a low of about 17 degrees.

Pampa's weatherman, Darrell Sehorn, is predicting a sunny Christmas Day with a high near 50 degrees.

The warming trend should continue through the weekend with a high on Saturday of about 50 and a high Sunday approaching 60 degrees under partly cloudy skies. Sunday could be windy. The low Saturday should be 23 degrees. The low Sunday is expected to be 30 degrees.

A chance of moisture returns to Pampa Monday with a forecast of rain possibly turning to snow Monday night. Monday's high is expected to be 44 degrees with a low of 29.

The biggest weather problems today appear to be to the east of Pampa with snow and ice making travel hazardous from Austin to Boston. Roads to the west, however, are clear and mountain skies are expected to be blue throughout the weekend.

Pampa recorded an overnight low of eight degrees. Wednesday's high was 17 degrees.

Shortly after 8 a.m. today, Sharon Keener reported 5 degrees in Canadian.

She said roads were clear despite the brief snow flurries that spread across the panhandle from Canadian to Pampa to Amarillo Wednesday afternoon.

"All of a sudden it was snowing big flakes and then it quit," Keener said. "There was no accumulation whatsoever."

Jodi Glazner said it was 13 degrees in Shamrock and a few clouds this morning. She said there was very little wind.

"The wind is just barely - See WEATHER, page 2

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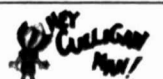
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## Services tomorrow

**Saturday services**  
COFFIN, Vida Mae — 1 p.m., Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel, Amarillo. Graveside services, 4 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

## Obituaries

**VIDA MAE COFFIN**  
AMARILLO — Vida Mae Coffin, 85, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1998. Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Boxwell Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel with Don Woolsey, associate pastor of Grace Community Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa.

Mrs. Coffin was born at Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School. She married Floyd Clifford Coffin in 1929 at Lipscomb; he died in 1990. She lived in the Pampa and Perryton areas prior to moving to Amarillo in 1974.

She was a member of Grace Community Church. She taught Sunday school at First Baptist Church at Perryton for 32 years and at San Jacinto Baptist Church in Amarillo for 10 years. She had been active in vacation Bible school for over 30 years in Perryton. She sang in a church quartet and choir for several years and was involved in Women's Missionary Union, serving in various offices at the local and association level.

Survivors include three daughters, Gloria Freeman and Carol Lewis, both of Amarillo, and Joy Miller of Springfield, Mo.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Alzheimer's Association Panhandle Chapter, 2200 W. 7th Ave., Amarillo TX 79106.

**JAMES MILTON 'JIM' NATION JR.**  
James Milton "Jim" Nation Jr., 88, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1998. Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Camichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mr. Nation was born July 31, 1910, at Erie, Kan. He married Hazel Alexander in December of 1938; she died on June 10, 1994. He had been a Pampa resident since December of 1940. He graduated from Pittsburg State University at Pittsburg, Kan., and operated Shamrock Products Company in partnership with Ray Kuhn prior to retiring in 1976. He served on various boards including Pampa Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Foundation, Kiwanis Club, Pampa Country Club and Pampa school. He also served on the County Commission. He was former director and officer of Security Federal Savings and Loan and was mayor of Pampa from 1965-69.

He was a deacon and member of First Presbyterian Church.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, serving in the South Pacific in World War II.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, LuRae Nation, in 1968.

Survivors include a son, Jim M. Nation III of Amarillo; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2795, Pampa TX 79066-2795.

### FRANCES ALENE STROUP

MINEOLA — Frances Alene Stroup, 78, sister of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1998. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Restland Cemetery at Dallas with the Rev. Dwain Williams officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of English Funeral Home of Mineola.

Mrs. Stroup was born April 28, 1920, at Texoma, Okla., to G. Henry Baxter and Sarah Oka Cleveland. She retired as bookkeeper at Elliot's Hardware and was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Amarillo and of Eastern Star in Arlington.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James G. Stroup, in 1963; and a brother, Ralph Baxter, in 1998.

Survivors include two daughters, Joan Simmonds and Pat McBride, both of Mineola; a son, Jim Stroup of Allen; four brothers, Floyd Baxter of Pampa, Ruel Baxter of Oklahoma, George Baxter of Berger and Boyd Baxter of Clarendon; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 3-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home in Mineola.

## Police report

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

**Wednesday, December 23**  
Tammy R. Nolte, 22, 418 Hill, was arrested on charges of failure to provide insurance and warrants.

Jennifer Marie Darnell, 23, 825 S. Banks, was arrested on charges of failure to id and warrants. Frederic D. Gray, 20, 809 S. Gray, was arrested on warrants.

Eric John Congdon 37, Canadian, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

Venice Annette Owen, 33, Canadian, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

Bobby Ray Morrow, 26, 430 Crest, was arrested on charges of public intoxication, carrying a prohibited weapon and failure to identify.

## Sheriff's Office

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

**Wednesday, December 23**  
Paul S. Weldon, 36, Pampa, was arrested on charges of violation of probation.

William Harold Ackors, 41, Amarillo, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and possession of a prohibited weapon.

## Ambulance

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

**Wednesday, December 23**  
10:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of S. Nelson. No one was transported.

1:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of S. Nelson and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

2:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of E. Foster and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

4:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and transported one to a private Pampa residence.

**Thursday, December 24**  
12:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of N. Russel and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

1:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

4:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to a local nursing facility.

## Fires

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

**Wednesday, December 23**  
8:00 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 400 block of Atchison on a dumpster fire.

12:40 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1500 block of N. Hobart on a hazardous spill.

**Thursday, December 24**  
12:44 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 600 block of N. Sumner on a medical assist.

## Calendar of events

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

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

**ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP**  
If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

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

**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.

**FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
The Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ would like to invite you to come eat with us on Friday, Dec. 25 at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ located on Harvester St. across from Pampa High School.

**LUTHERAN PLANS 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.

**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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## WEATHER

rustling anything," she said.  
At 6 a.m. today the National Weather Service in Amarillo was reporting nine degrees after an overnight low of six degrees. Skellytown was reported seven degrees and partly cloudy skies. Dalhart had one degree above zero this morning with a wind

chill factor of eight below. Childress reported 17 degrees and fair skies. Lubbock had 16 degrees and fair skies. Midland was 21.  
Dallas was reporting one degree above zero. American Airlines was canceling about a third of their flights out of Dallas-Fort Worth Airport today because of weather.

Amarillo Weather Service reported a high of 17 degrees Wednesday. Lubbock had a high of 29. Normal high for this time of year, according to the National Weather Service, is 49 degrees. The record high for Christmas Eve is 81 degrees, set in the 1950s. The normal low is 22 degrees. The record low, set in 1983, is three below zero.

# Houston octuplets get their African names

By **MARK BABINECK**  
Associated Press Writer  
HOUSTON (AP) — The world's only living octuplets were given names Wednesday in the tradition of their parents' African tribe.

The hospital had been identifying the eight children by letters of the alphabet since seven of them arrived Sunday by Caesarian section. The first child was born on Dec. 8 to Iyke Louis Udobi (ee-KAY u-DOE-bee) and his wife, Nkem Chukwu (nih-KEHM chuhk-WOO).

The couple said they named the children in the tradition of the Igbo (EE-boh) tribe, a major ethnic group in their native Nigeria.

"We want to honor God and celebrate his gifts to us in the names we give our eight children," the couple said in a statement. Louis is the surname for all eight.

Texas Children's Hospital, where the babies remained in critical condition with an 85 percent chance for survival, released their names, translations and given nicknames:

—Baby A, born almost two weeks before her siblings, is Chukwuebuka Nkemjika (nicknamed Ebuka, pronounced uh-BOO'-kuh), which means "God is great."

—Baby B, the first of the seven Sunday deliveries, is Chidinma Anulika (Chidi, CHEE'-dee), which means, "God is beautiful."

—Baby C is Chinecherem Nwabugwu (Echerem, CHER'-um), or "God thinks of me" in English.

—Baby D is Chimaijem Otiton (Chima, CHEE'-muh), meaning "God knows my way."

—Baby E, whose birthweight was just 10.3 ounces and is in the most delicate condition, is Chijindu Chidera (Odera, oh-

DARE'-uh), translated to "God has my life."

—Baby F, the first of back-to-back boys toward the end of Sunday's 45-minute delivery, is Chukwubuikem Maduabuchi (Ikem, EE'-kem), meaning "God is my strength."

—Baby G, the largest baby at 1 pound, 10 ounces, will be Chijioke Chinedum (Jioke, YOH'-kee), meaning "God is my leader."

—Baby H, the last out of the womb and the sixth girl, is named Chinagorom Chidiebere (Gorom, GORM), meaning "God is merciful."

"The names we have given our children symbolize the strength, guidance and grace we know God will give them throughout their lives," the couple said.

Except for statements through the hospital, the couple has remained fiercely private in the light of public attention. The only published photo of Ms. Chukwu was from a grainy home video; the only one of the father is a mug shot from an arrest that police confirmed Wednesday.

Louis, 41, was charged Sept. 21 with misdemeanor assault after scuffling with his 63-year-old mother-in-law during a domestic dispute with his wife. Ms. Chukwu, 27, who was admitted to the hospital Oct. 1, was uninjured, police said.

"These charges are bogus," said his attorney, Rick Castleberry. A trial for Louis, who was jailed and released, is set for February.

### Babies First Christmas

#### Caleb Michael Jeffery Patrick

Born... April 14, 1998  
Parents... Keisha & Aaron Patrick  
Grandparents... Brenda Roby, Vaughn Roby, Johnny Dominguez  
Great Grandparents... Lee Ledford, AJ Ledford, Katie Chavez

## Weather focus

### LOCAL FORECAST

Today is mostly sunny with a high between 25 and 30. Clear tonight with a low of 17. Tomorrow, sunny and warmer with a high of 50. Yesterday's low was 8 and the high was 17.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

**WEST TEXAS** — Panhandle — Tonight, clear with a low around 20. Southwest winds 10-20 mph. Christmas Day, mostly sunny and warmer with a high around 50. West winds 10-20 mph and occasionally gusty. Extreme Southern Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, clear. Lows in the teens. Christmas Day, sunny and warmer. Highs upper 40s to mid 50s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows mid 20s to mid 30s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, clear. Lows 15 to 25. Christmas Day, sunny and warmer. Highs around 60. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows upper 20s to mid 30s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, decreasing clouds. Lows 15 to 25. Christmas day, sunny and warmer. Highs around 55. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Far West Texas — Tonight, clear. Lows in the

20s. Christmas Day, sunny. Highs in the 50s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, clearing. Lows teens and 20s. Christmas Day, sunny and warmer. Highs 40s northern mountains to 60s Presideo Valley. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows mid 20s to mid 30s.

**NORTH TEXAS** — Tonight, decreasing clouds west and central. Cloudy east, a slight chance of sleet or snow southeast. Cold with lows 19 northwest to 29 southeast. Christmas Day, partly cloudy west and central, decreasing clouds east. Warmer with highs 43 east to 56 southwest.

**SOUTH TEXAS** — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, cloudy and continued cold. Lows in the 20s. Hill Country, 30s south central. Christmas day, mostly cloudy with decreasing clouds in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 40s Hill Country to around 50 south central. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, a slight chance of light rain. Light freezing rain possible north and west of metro houston. Lows in the upper 20s north to near 40 coast. Christmas Day, partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the 40s. Coastal Bend and the Rio

Grande Plains — Tonight, cloudy and cold. Lows from the low 30s inland to near 40 coast. Christmas day, cloudy and a little warmer. Highs in the mid to upper 40s. Deep South Texas — Tonight, cloudy with a chance for light rain or drizzle. Lows from the middle 30s inland to around 40 coast. Christmas day, decreasing clouds late. Highs in the upper 40s.

**BORDER STATES**  
**NEW MEXICO** — Tonight, fair skies. Lows from near zero through the teens mountains and northwest, upper teens to 20s east and south. Christmas day, partly sunny far north. Mostly sunny elsewhere. Breezy northern mountains and east. Much warmer eastern plains. Highs 30s to low 40s mountains and northwest, mid 40s to low 60s east and south. Friday night, partly cloudy north. Fair skies south. Lows single digits to low 20s mountains and northwest, 20s to low 30s east and south.

**OKLAHOMA** — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows mainly in the upper teens. Christmas day, partly cloudy and warmer. Highs mostly 40s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Extended forecast, Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs upper 40s to mid 50s.

## Emergency numbers

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- Energas... 665-5777
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- Police (emergency)... 911
- Police (non-emergency)... 669-5700
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# Merry Christmas from The Pampa News

### Retirement party



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Former County Commissioner Ted Simmons was one of many to wish Wanda Carter well at her recent retirement party.

### Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Board of Trustees approves contract

AMARILLO — The Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Board of Trustees approved a ten-month contract between the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and TPMHA in the amount of \$1,808,184 for the managed care substance abuse pilot. The contract became effective Nov. 1, 1998.

The plan for expending the TCADA funds as recommended by the Panhandle Substance Abuse Advisory Committee was also approved. TPMHA began its lead agency responsibilities for implementing a managed care substance abuse pilot in June 1997 with a three month budget of \$400,000.

In September 1997 the agency received \$1,937,101 for the operation of the program over a 12 month period (September 1997—August 1998). Due to a delay in developing a contract for FY1999, TCADA officials extended the FY1998 contract for an additional two months (September and October 1998), thus the reason for the ten month contract. They also approved the hiring of a director of this project.

Sandy Skelton, TPMHA Executive Director, received his annual Performance Evaluation and was commended for his commitment to the agency, the consumers, and the staff. His contract was renewed.

TPMHA received incentive funds in the amount of \$15,275 for fiscal year 1998. These were given because of the Center's high level of efficiency and their compliance with Texas Department of Mental Retardation requirements.

TPMHA is ranked in the top 10 percent of all mental health centers in Texas.

Adrian Castillo, Board of Trustees member, has moved from Hereford and has resigned from the Board. He was presented a Resolution of Appreciation. He was appointed to represent Deaf Smith and Oldham Counties and has served since January 1998.

Reverend Gene Shelburne, Chair of the Amarillo Programs Advisory Committee, gave an oral report to the Board on the activities of the Amarillo Programs Advisory Committee. This committee provides oversight for TPMHA programs operating in Potter and Randall Counties of the catchment area.

The committee, as appointed by the TPMHA Board of Trustees, consists of seven members and is staffed by Kent Keith, Director of Mental Health Services, and Vicki Eder, Director of the TPMHA Suicide and Crisis Center. Julie Attebury serves as the Board liaison.

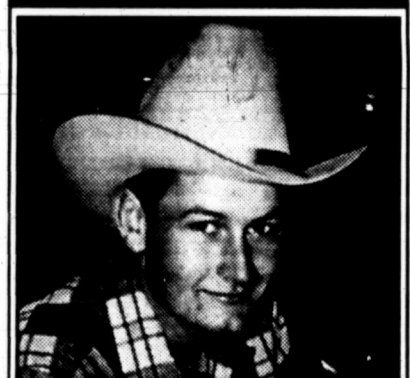
TPMHA's Board of Trustees provides oversight for the operations of the Center. The nine member Board, consisting of citizens from various locations in the Panhandle, meets monthly and conducts business in accordance with public Open Meetings laws of Texas.

TPMHA Board of Trustees are representatives of the 21 counties that are served by the agency. Board members are Dean

Copeland, Chair, Pampa; Larry Campbell, Vice-Chair, Amarillo; Julie Attebury, Secretary/Treasurer, Amarillo; The Honorable Willis Smith, Higgins; Liz Ladd, Amarillo; Steve Cornett, Canyon; and Diane Scroggins, Borger. Two additional Board members will be appointed in the near future.

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority serves the upper 21 counties of the Panhandle and has offices in Amarillo, Hereford, Pampa, Borger, Dumas, Clarendon, and Perryton.

For more information regarding services offered by the agency or a speaker on mental health issues for adults and/or children, call Gene Ann Grant, Family and Community Education Director at 806-354-2191.



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## SBA to boost efforts to help entrepreneurs with disabilities

WASHINGTON — Aida Alvarez, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, joined Vice President Al Gore recently in announcing SBA's intent to develop a new outreach campaign to help Americans with disabilities start their own businesses. The announcement came during a meeting of the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities.

"Small businesses are the primary engine of job growth in America today," Vice President Gore said. "People with disabilities have higher rates of self-employment and small business experience than the rest of America, yet they often are not aware of the assistance available to them."

This campaign would open the doors of opportunity wider to help Americans with disabilities get the assistance they need to create businesses that create jobs.

Administrator Alvarez noted that the entrepreneurial spirit is not limited to any single group. "We've mounted an aggressive effort to make our programs and services readily available to everyone who needs them. When people with disabilities have equal access to entrepreneurial opportunities, it helps to enrich their lives and benefits all of us," she said.

The vice president asked the SBA to begin implementing right away the task force's recommendation to reach out to people with disabilities who want to start their own businesses or are currently operating a small business.

The new outreach campaign would provide greater access to SBA's entrepreneurial development programs, financial assistance incentives, and government contracting opportunities, including the Section 8(a) program, HUB Zones, and the small disadvantaged business program.

Gore commended the task force's first report "Re-Charting the Course" and called for immediate implementation of specific recommendations, reflecting the administration's long-standing commitment to improving opportunities for people with disabilities.

### Landfill to close New Year's

The City of Pampa's Landfill will be closed Friday, Jan. 1, in observance of the New Year's Holiday and will resume regular hours — 7 a.m.-5 p.m. — Saturday, Jan. 2. Commercial routes will not run on Jan. 1, but will resume normal operations on Jan. 4.

The Recycling Center, in Hobart Street Park, will be open from 12 noon-6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31 and will be closed on Friday, Jan. 1. The center will resume normal operations on Saturday, Jan. 2 with regular hours from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

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"HEY! WE CAN SAVE TIME BY SKIPPING WASHINGTON, D.C. ... NOBODY'S BEEN NICE THERE THIS YEAR!"

## Texas editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers: Corpus Christi Caller-Times on immigration policy: Thanks to an infusion of cash, and emphatic backing from Congress, the Immigration and Naturalization Service is going about its business in a more aggressive spirit than at any time in recent memory.

The agency, whose efforts in years past have been hampered both by inadequate funding and personnel shortages, is deporting illegal immigrants these days in record numbers: 370,000 in the two years since stringent new laws went into force. Granted, the would-be immigrants keep on coming — but now a growing percentage of them are being sent back whence they came.

This reflects accurately a sentiment abroad in the land: Like it or not, more and more Americans feel that the days when Miss Liberty could extend a welcome to the world's huddled masses are long past. The vast empty spaces that once demanded wave after wave of immigrants seeking to build new lives in what amounted to virgin territory are history now. Today, even in relatively flush times, Americans have grown leery of immigrants whom they see, rightly or wrongly, as posing a threat to their livelihoods in a competitive marketplace.

The INS, in other words has a mandate. However, the agency, and those who watch over its operations, must ensure that it does not abuse its new-found power.

As Anthony Lewis of The New York Times has pointed out in several columns, there have in recent years been all too many instances in which the INS of whom are seeking political asylum in the United States — are held not in INS facility resident aliens attempting to return to this country after traveling abroad have in some cases been harassed, even denied re-entry, with no rational explanation ever being provided.

Now more than ever, the INS has vast power over the lives of would-be immigrants. The agency must be firm in its dealings with those who would enter the country illegally — but it must also, and always, be fair: "whom are seeking political asylum nton Record-Chronicle on President Clinton's impeachment:

He's William Jefferson Clinton, spin master of the world. He wasn't impeached by the United States House of Representatives Saturday, he was victimized by a right-wing conspiracy, by a rabidly partisan vote, and by the politics of personal destruction.

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We said a few months ago that the only people who were going to lose anything on this including their jobs were some ranking Republicans.

We were right, and the country had better wake up to this fact: Bill Clinton is going to do whatever he wants to with Monica Lewinsky in the Oval Office, in the witness chair of a civil trial, before a grand jury and none of us can call him to any real accounting or bring him to any real consequences.

He has perfected his real talent — political spin — too well. He will go down in history as the second president ever to have been impeached and the first to have convinced the American people that impeachment made him not less but more worthy of the nation's highest office.

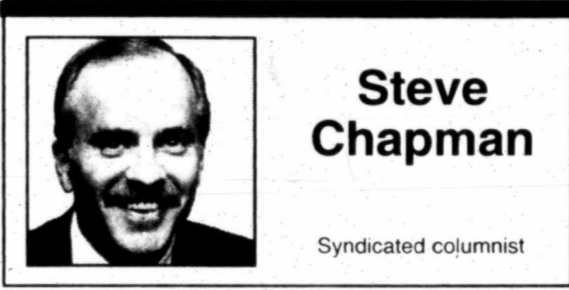
# The libertarian era

Americans have lived through the age of liberalism, which peaked in the 1960s, and the age of conservatism, embodied by Ronald Reagan. Is it possible that we are now entering the libertarian era?

In 1996, nearly half a million Americans went to the polls to vote for the presidential nominee of the Libertarian Party, even though he had as much chance of winning as I have of dancing with the Joffrey Ballet. Recently, libertarianism earned admiring words from arch conservative Washington Post columnist Charles Krauthammer. Slate magazine editor Michael Kinsley, who occupied the liberal chair on CNN's "Crossfire," now calls himself a "redistributionist libertarian." The Republican Party even has a "libertarian wing" opposed to the repressive moralism of Pat Buchanan and the Christian Coalition.

Most people don't know quite what the word means, but the truth is that America is essentially a libertarian country: one based on democracy, private property, personal liberty and free markets. We were the first nation ever founded on those ideals. We were also the first one ever dedicated to a proposition that still strikes some people as dangerous: the right to the pursuit of happiness.

In the 19th century, people who favored the expansion of freedom were called "liberals." But eventually, that term became synonymous with large, meddlesome, bureaucratic programs. Conservatives sometimes rhapsodize about liberty, but not consistently. Friedrich Hayek, one of the greatest libertarian thinkers, got so tired of being mislabeled that he titled a chapter in one book "Why I Am Not a Conservative." Those who believe in freedom across the board had to give themselves a new name: libertarians.



Steve Chapman  
Syndicated columnist

The vast majority of Americans are at least selectively libertarian. Liberals don't want Jesse Helms composing prayers for their kids to recite in school. Conservatives don't want Hillary Rodham Clinton looking over their doctor's shoulder. The American Civil Liberties Union thinks the government should keep its hands off books and videos. The National Rifle Association thinks it should keep its hands off handguns.

Deadheads wish they could smoke dope in peace. Cyberfreaks prefer the Internet to be a wide-open, unregulated medium. Overburdened taxpayers want to keep more of what they earn.

On the matters that directly affect our daily lives, most of us prefer to make our own choices. Increasingly, we are apt to feel that way about other matters, too. In 1964, three out of four Americans said you can trust the government to do the right thing most of the time. By 1994, three out of four said you can't.

But libertarianism is more than a vague, occasional impulse. It's also a coherent and hard-headed political philosophy that offers persuasive answers to a range of problems. Anyone interested in exploring that philosophy can turn to a pair of excellent books: Charles Murray's "What it Means to Be a

Libertarian: A Personal Interpretation" (Broadway Books) and David Boaz's "Libertarianism: A Primer, (Free Press).

They are very different works. Murray's is spare and elegant, concentrating on basic principles. Boaz's is dense and wide-ranging, rich in details about practical application. Both, however, make hash of the notion that libertarians are just anti-social loners and selfish yuppies who care nothing about their fellow man.

Both see freedom as valuable because it respects the choices and elevates the condition of everyone — and because it demands the responsibility needed to foster productive lives and a healthy society. Murray wants to explain how "such a society would lead to greater individual fulfillment, more vital communities, a richer culture. Why such a society would contain fewer poor people, fewer neglected children, fewer criminals."

What gives libertarianism, which is not a new way of thinking, its sudden appeal? Boaz explains: "The alternatives to libertarianism — fascism, communism and the welfare state — have all been tried in the 20th century, and all have failed to produce peace, prosperity and freedom. ... More and more people — in the United States and elsewhere — recognize that Western-style big government is going through a slow-motion version of communism's collapse."

That's why from Bombay to Bonn to Buenos Aires the world is moving toward less regulated markets, lower taxes, a freer flow of information and greater respect for individual choices. Sceptics have always sneered that libertarian ideas could never work in the real world. We may get the chance to find out.

## Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 24, the 358th day of 1998. There are seven days left in the year. This is Christmas Eve.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Dec. 24, 1968, the Apollo VIII astronauts, orbiting the moon, read passages from the Old Testament Book of Genesis during a Christmas Eve television broadcast.

On this date:

In 1524, Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama, who had discovered a sea route around Africa to India, died in Cochin, India.  
In 1814, the War of 1812 officially ended as the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium.  
In 1851, fire devastated the Library of Congress in

Washington, D.C., destroying about 35,000 volumes.

In 1865, several veterans of the Confederate Army formed a private social club in Pulaski, Tenn., called the Ku Klux Klan.

In 1871, Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Aida" had its world premiere in Cairo, Egypt, to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal.

In 1906, Canadian physicist Reginald A. Fessenden became the

first person to broadcast a music program over radio, from Brant Rock, Mass.

In 1920, Enrico Caruso gave his last public performance, singing in Jacques Halevy's "La Juive" at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

In 1943, President Roosevelt appointed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower supreme commander of Allied forces as part of Operation Overlord.

# Better not pout, better not cry ...

The weather seemed warm for December, probably much like what we are experiencing this year. Everyone was excited because school had been let out early. The group of boys chatted and threw rocks, walking toward town from East Ward in Mount Pleasant.

East Ward Elementary was a neat school. Outside, the two-story stucco building looked like the Alamo. The playground had swings, jungle gyms and giant strides — all the toys a protective government now tells us are not safe. We were too young and having too much fun to care then. Inside, dark halls seemed to swallow you. There was also a banister no one dared slide until the day we packed all the books and took them to the new school they called Annie Simms.

On the seven-block trek down East Third, we bunched together in a protective knot, watching traffic and the bigger kids. No one wanted to divulge just how much they knew or didn't know about Santa Claus, so we just talked about what we hoped to see in the parade.

It was the day of the annual Mount Pleasant Christmas Parade. There were to be bands, floats and Santa. Most importantly, we had been released from school an hour early. That made it something really special.

The day was also the type of rite of passage

for me that holiday events like parades, pageants and family reunions so often provide. This was the first time I was allowed to come to town without an adult. I was to meet my parents on the steps of the Post Office (now the Municipal Library), but for the moment I was on my own. Well, you really can't claim to be alone when you are in the middle of about 50 or 60 other kids. We skipped along the broken sidewalk, until the sidewalk inexplicably ended about a block from the railroad. Finally, we walked up the path, packed hard by countless feet, to the tracks. I felt pretty big, anyway.

"I want to see the floats," Scott said. Another boy said he had a sister somewhere in the parade. Larry, who wanted to sound like his older brother, said he wanted to see the majorettes in front of the band. Finally, a kid said he wanted to see Santa. "What?" We all asked. No one said things back then like cool or un-cool. But what this kid had said was totally UN-cool. Sensing the moment, he let us off the hook. "Yeah, he's the guy at the end of

the parade who throws you candy."

We made it across the railroad tracks. That took more than a little courage, but we saw the older students get across safely, so we followed them. Three blocks later I parted company with the gang. Each of us had a different place to be. Mine was on the steps of the Post Office. I had been there often enough with my father to check the mail for the then weekly Titus County Tribune and it seemed like a good place to watch the parade.

The crowd began to fill in and the steps became crowded. There were also lots of people on the steps of the First Baptist Church across the street. I scanned the faces, and waved to someone who was in Cub Scouts with me. I could not find my parents, however. I began to wonder if I was at the wrong place or should I walk two more blocks to the Tribune office and try to find them. At last, my parents appeared with my two younger sisters.

"The best part of the parade is at the end," I told them. "That's when you get to see Santa Claus and he throws you candy."

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# Microsoft no longer political novice

WASHINGTON (AP) — The antitrust case against Microsoft Corp. had been under way for more than a month when the government suffered a minor setback: South Carolina withdrew from the 20 states lined up with the Justice Department against the computer software giant.

South Carolina Attorney General Charlie Condon said the state changed its mind after America Online announced plans to merge with Netscape Communications Corp. That showed competition for use Internet was indeed alive, said Condon, a Republican.

The defection had nothing to do with the \$20,000 contribution that Microsoft made to South Carolina's Republican Party for the 1998 election, spokesman Tom Landess said. "Charlie didn't know about it," Landess said.

Even so, the donation and the state's exit from the antitrust suit can be seen as a vindication of Microsoft's recent conversion to political activism.

Microsoft once prided itself on being disconnected from the goings-on in Washington and state capitals. Now it makes no secret of growing political ties and influence.

"As the government grows more interested in Microsoft, ... it can no longer be aloof in Washington and needs to pull out all the stops," said Jennifer Shecter, a researcher with the nonprofit Center for Responsive Politics.

Microsoft sharply increased its lobbying and campaign presence in the nation's capital this year, as it became the target of Capitol Hill hearings and the antitrust suit.

The company's backers have also grown more savvy in their political giving, spreading donations to vital allies across the country.

Microsoft came close to doubling its lobbying expenditures in the first six months of the year to almost \$1.3 million. It had contracts with eight outside firms, including some of the best-connected in Washington. Microsoft's own Washington office, staffed by a single lobbyist in 1995, now employs seven.

Campaign donations from Microsoft interests reached nearly \$1 million for 1998 campaigns, up from \$235,000 in 1996 and just \$106,000 in 1994.

The world's most influential software maker has been on trial since October in a federal courthouse in Washington, one of the most important business trials of the century. The trial is expected to last until March, and its outcome could dramatically change how people buy and use software.

The Justice Department and the states contend Microsoft illegally tied its Internet browser to its Windows operating system, in part to crush rival Netscape. Microsoft argues it bundled its browser with Windows because of consumer demand.

Microsoft also found itself targeted earlier this year by Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who held hearings on its practices.

Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., said Microsoft's reinforced lobbying crew helped it gain allies in the Senate and probably deterred Hatch from holding more hearings.

"Their presence is paying off," said Gorton, a passionate defender of the Redmond, Wash.-based company. Jack Krumholz, Microsoft's director of federal government affairs, said the company needed to boost its presence in the capital in response to anti-Microsoft lobbying by competitors.

"You're seeing a lot of companies, not just Microsoft, ramping up their efforts in Washington," Krumholz said. "Part of any industry's maturation process is a greater understanding of the role government can and may play."

While the software industry in its infancy was known for an aversion to government, the companies have realized that Washington plays key roles in everything from encryption and anti-piracy initiatives to the creation of visas for foreign high-tech workers.

Technology Network, a group of 140 industry executives formed last year to raise money, meet with political leaders and urge them to pass laws friendly to the industry.

## Report: Task force makes recommendations on democracy in Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) — A draft report of an independent task force wants the government to end limitations on cash transfers from the United States to needy Cubans as part of a broader program to promote "rapid, peaceful" democratic change on the island.

At present, such transfers are restricted to \$1,200 a year, and the task force, sponsored by the Council on Foreign Relations, says removing the limits would accelerate the process of creating "a new group of Cubans" independent of the state.

The co-authors of the report are Bernard W. Aronson and William D. Rogers, both Democrats who made their marks in Republican administrations. Aronson served as the top Latin America aide in the State Department for President Bush, and Rogers held senior State Department posts under President Ford.

A copy of the draft was obtained by The Associated Press. The identities of other task force members were not available.

Beyond remittances, the report also advocates an increase in family reunification efforts, scholarly and cultural exchanges, direct mail service and allowing Cuban-Americans to claim relatives on the island as dependents.

"The success of the Cuban-American community is one of the most powerful factors in promoting change in Cuba," the report says. "The transfers of money, goods and medical supplies from Cuban-Americans to friends, family and religious communities in Cuba are helping to create a new group of Cubans who longer depend on the state for their means of survival."

"Remittances from Cuban-Americans help to create small businesses in Cuba and allow hundreds of thousands of Cubans to improve their lives independent of government control," it says.

Many of the recommendations are an attempt to build on the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992. While

tightening the economic embargo against Cuba, the legislation also sought to promote greater exchanges between the two countries. U.S. officials said the administration has been looking for creative ways to apply the legislation but that no final decisions have been made.

Some members of the task force advocated unilaterally lifting the U.S. embargo against Cuba though others opposed that idea, and the authors acknowledged the futility of trying to bridge this gap.

"We believe U.S. policy must build as bipartisan consensus to be effective," the report said. "Rather than revisit old divisive arguments, we have consciously sought to find new common ground."

The study rejected the notion that the "Cuban dictatorship merits an exception to U.S. opposition to dictatorship in the region. This is the first principle that guided us in developing our recommendations."

Other recommendations in the report: —End restrictions on humanitarian visits. "The federal government should not be the judge of how often Cuban-Americans, or any other Americans, need to visit relatives abroad."

—U.S. policy should encourage "through every available measure" to increase scholarly, cultural and other exchanges between the Cuban and American peoples. This would combat the "secrecy and isolation" on which the Cuban system thrives and "will accelerate the process of change in Cuba."

—End the regulation that requires academics, health professionals, cultural workers, religious leaders and other professionals — except journalists — to endure the time-consuming process of obtaining a U.S. government license to visit Cuba. This would greatly facilitate "efforts by responsible individual Americans to tear down the wall the Cuban regime has sought to build around the island."

## Christmas Eve arrives with snow, freezing rain arrive in East

After turning roads across the nation's midsection into deadly sheets of ice, snow and freezing rain barreled into the East Coast today, threatening to disrupt travel for thousands on Christmas Eve.

Several inches of snow was predicted from Tennessee into the Northeast by tonight, along with freezing rain, while another storm system promised snow for the Northwest. "The roads are going to be real bad, so if people have not done what they need to do, they probably won't be able to do it before Christmas," said Dewey Walston, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Maryland.

The cold snap that began over the weekend is blamed for dozens of traffic accidents from Texas to Maryland. Many flights have been delayed or canceled, and California was blaming the chill for more than \$590 million in damage to its citrus crops.

"I was playing golf two days ago," said retiree Robert Reddersen of Berlin, Md. "I won't be playing tomorrow, that's for sure."

Even President Clinton was slowed by the weather, showing up late for an event in Baltimore early Wednesday after his limousine failed to start in freezing temperatures in the White House driveway. Snow fell for the first time this season on the Christmas tree at New York's Rockefeller Center.

By early today, weather-related delays and cancellations had been reported at many airports across the eastern third of the nation, including

Baltimore, Dallas, Charlotte, N.C., and Memphis, Tenn.

"I'm stuck here," said Betty Stiles, who passed the time chatting with customers awaiting delayed flights at the airport in Jackson, Miss.

Traffic stacked up for miles along icy Interstate 35 from Gainesville, Texas, into Oklahoma. State troopers went vehicle to vehicle, trying to persuade drivers to turn around and head back north.

In the tiny town of Tom in Oklahoma's southeastern corner, 69-year-old Billie Lewis already had given up plans to spend Christmas with her children in Dallas.

"It woke me up this morning coming down in sheets of ice," Mrs. Lewis said Wednesday. "I'm not going nowhere."

In Shreveport, La., Gladine Draughn's sports utility vehicle slid off an icy overpass and fell 35 feet to the street below. She came out with only a black eye and bruises, calling it "a miracle."

About 800 people scheduled to work the second production shift today at the General Motors plant in Shreveport were told to stay home. Spokesman Jim Hopson said poor driving conditions around the South kept truckloads of parts from reaching the plant.

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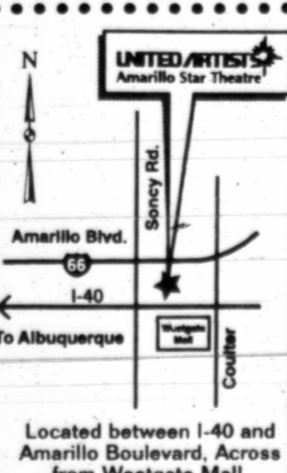
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# Troubles on two fronts as Israel gears for elections

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's relations with the Palestinians are crumbling and an agreement not to harm civilians along the Lebanese border is collapsing — just as the nation goes to elections over how to shape its security into the next century.

Reflecting widespread security concerns, a bevy of retired generals are among the candidates for prime minister. And each seems to have different ideas about bringing peace to the country.

On Wednesday, Lebanese guerrillas showered towns on Israel's northern border with Katyusha rockets, retaliation for an Israeli air raid a day earlier that killed a woman and six of her seven children. Israel vowed further retaliation.

In the Gaza Strip, meanwhile, Palestinian authorities released

the spiritual leader of Hamas, two months after placing him under house arrest when a member of

against Hamas ... but in reality, quietly acquiescing to Hamas activities," he said.

*In the north, Israel accused the Hezbollah guerrilla movement of breaking a two-year-old agreement to avoid attacks on civilians.*

the militant Islamic movement attempted to blow up a schoolbus full of Israeli children.

Israel accused its Palestinian partners and Lebanese enemies of violating agreements.

Government spokesman Moshe Fogel said the Palestinians showed bad faith by releasing Sheik Ahmed Yassin.

Yasser Arafat's government has "conducted a high-profile policy of ostensibly taking actions

Palestinian leaders are frustrated with a slowdown in Israel's fulfillment of the peace accords reached in Wye River, Md., in October, and have said they no longer feel totally bound by their own promises.

Israel has frozen a number of its Wye commitments, including a small pullback from the West Bank, accusing the Palestinians of failing to contain anti-Israel violence.

Yassin, frail and confined to a wheelchair, said his release showed that his movement — which calls for the destruction of Israel — had triumphed over Wye.

"Today, after the sound of Wye has become inaudible, it is inevitable that other voices will be heard," Yassin said as enthralled followers showered him with kisses.

In the north, Israel accused the Hezbollah guerrilla movement of breaking a two-year-old agreement to avoid attacks on civilians.

The Lebanese guerrillas countered that Israel broke the agreement with the deadly air raid Tuesday.

In Baalbek, Lebanon, hundreds of mourners gathered Wednesday for the funeral of Nada Othman and her children, aged 2 to 13.

Israeli chief-of-staff Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz expressed his regrets and said the attack on the family home was the result of pilot error. The target had been a Hezbollah radio transmitter.

He said Hezbollah's retaliatory rocket attack was inexcusable.

"We reserve the right to decide when and where we will respond," Mofaz said.

The rockets struck early Wednesday just as Israeli schoolchildren were emerging from bomb shelters, where families had spent the night in anticipation of an attack. Sixteen people suffered slight to moderate injuries.

The Katyusha attacks and Yassin's release came two days after Israel's parliament voted to hold elections more than a year ahead of schedule.

The elections, expected by April, were prompted by widespread opposition to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Hard-liners in his governing coalition are angry with his Wye concessions to the Palestinians, while the dovish opposition says Netanyahu is scuttling the agreement with his demands of the Palestinians.

## 'It isn't normal' — at anniversary, questions about JonBenet's death

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — John and Patsy Ramsey are a long way from Boulder.

The couple whose slain daughter was found in the basement of their home here nearly two years ago have moved to suburban Atlanta. Ramsey is nurturing a new computer software business. Mrs. Ramsey organizes family activities and their 11-year-old son Burke is enrolled at a private school.

But the shadow of JonBenet's death hundreds of miles away still hangs over them.

"They do normal things ... but it isn't normal because all around are these pictures (of JonBenet)," said Linda McLean of Parkersburg, W.Va., a family friend who has known Mrs. Ramsey since high school. "Nobody watches the television. Nobody talks very much about this."

The Ramseys, who have been deemed under suspicion but have maintained their innocence, are expected to appear before a grand jury examining evidence in the case when it reconvenes after a holiday break, probably in January.

"They have wanted to go to the grand jury. And they want to say, 'We didn't do it, here's what happened,'" said Ms. McLean, who wrote a book called "JonBenet's Mother: The Tragedy and The Truth!"

"And they have a tremendous amount of faith. They believe that they will get in front of these people and they will see the truth."

As the anniversary of JonBenet's death approaches, it is unclear whether the truth will ever be known. Some legal analysts believe the killer may never be convicted because of crucial, early mistakes in the investigation.

On Dec. 26, 1996, the Ramseys called police to report their daughter missing after Mrs. Ramsey found a ransom note demanding \$118,000 for the child's safe return.

About eight hours later, Ramsey found his daughter's body in a basement room of the family home. Authorities said JonBenet was strangled, had a fractured skull and may have been sexually assaulted.

Haunting images of the golden-haired little beauty queen captured the public's heart, drawing worldwide scrutiny — and criticism — of the search for her killer and the city of Boulder.

Police were chastised for allowing Ramsey to search the house and find his daughter's body and letting family friends wander about the home. Disputes between prosecutors and police erupted, and District Attorney Alex Hunter was criticized for failing to bring charges.

Last fall, Detective Steve Thomas, a key investigator, resigned, accusing Hunter of bungling the case and trying to protect the Ramseys. Special investigator Lou Smit also quit, saying he believes the Ramseys are innocent.

The grand jury of five men and 12 women, including five alternates, was convened after Gov. Roy Romer rejected several pleas to appoint a special prosecutor.

The grand jury took this month off.

With the investigative mistakes and the time that has passed since the slaying, "it's hard to see how there's ever going to be a conviction," said Denver attorney Andrew Cohen, who has followed the investigation.

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# California crops frozen, farmers suffer huge loss

SANTA PAULA, Calif. (AP) — Bob Pinkerton labored through the night trying to keep his citrus grove warm, hoping to protect the fragile lemon trees that bear his livelihood on their branches.

The farmer ran wind machines and sprinklers until dawn as puddles of water froze and icicles formed on the precious fruit. Ice crunched under his feet.

"You can't just trust everything, roll over and pull the covers up a little more," Pinkerton said Wednesday amid the racket of propellers. "You better be on the job. It's your business."

Three straight nights of below-freezing temperatures have caused at least \$591 million in damage to California's citrus industry. The tally comes from just three counties. It is a grim number that is expected to grow.

The citrus harvest has just begun in California, second only to Florida in orange production and the supplier of most of the nation's fresh market oranges. Florida oranges are mostly used for juice. California also produces 80 percent of the nation's lemon supply.

While Pinkerton and other farmers scrambled to save their crops, the cold air that has spilled out of Canada spread a deadly sheet of ice from Texas through the Tennessee Valley. Deaths, mostly traffic related, have been reported in at least a half-dozen states in the nation's first true cold snap of the season.

Here, it is the crops that are dying. A hard freeze warning was posted again this morning for southern Arizona and southeastern California, with lows expected to dip into the mid-20s.

Fruit can be severely damaged when the temperature dips to 26 degrees for four to six hours, said Bill Spencer, president of Associated Citrus Packers Inc., a major lemon producer and shipper.

Long hours of freezing temperatures have blanketed central California's San Joaquin Valley, especially in Tulare County, which supplies 50 percent of the state's oranges.

County officials, along with those from Fresno and Kern counties, were planning to seek federal aid for farmers by asking the state to declare their communities disaster areas.

"Based on preliminary damage surveys, our growers will be lucky to salvage more than 15 percent of the county's citrus crop," said Leonard Craft, Tulare County's agricultural commissioner. "It was too cold for too long."

Temperatures in the Yuma, Ariz., area, which produces most of the nation's winter lettuce crop and millions of dollars worth of lemons, also dipped into the 20s overnight Tuesday and Wednesday.

While citrus growers can irrigate their fields when temperatures dip near freezing because water gives off heat as it cools, little can be done to protect the fields of iceberg, romaine and red leaf. Lettuce grows close to the ground and its leaves are heavy with water.

# Couple flooded with donations to help Russian girl

BEDFORD, Texas (AP) — Hundreds of people are offering to help 9-year-old Natasha Domashonkina travel to the United States for brain surgery that could save her life.

A Bedford couple has received nearly \$10,000 in donations from people as far away as Florida who want to help save the young Russian girl.

And a Dallas business wishing to remain anonymous has promised to give \$100,000 to support the girl and her mother while they are in the United States — if a doctor and hospital will agree to donate the medical services.

Airlines, lawyers and businessmen with dealings in Russia have offered to help Natasha, and a Richardson nonprofit organization has agreed to take her case under its wing.

"I am just in shock about the kindness and generosity the people in Dallas and all the surrounding areas have shown toward this little girl," Gene Barnett told The Dallas Morning News.

For almost a month, Barnett and his wife, Svetlana, have sought help for Natasha, the daughter of a couple with whom Mrs. Barnett attended medical school in Russia.

Natasha's mother, Elena Malkova, called her former classmate out of the blue the day after Thanksgiving and told her about the girl's tumor and the grim prognosis she had received from Russian doctors.

Natasha already has undergone surgery in Russia for the tumor. But because of limited technology, doctors there could remove only 60 percent to 70 percent of the tumor, which is not cancerous.

The girl's parents are both practicing physicians who have not been paid in more than a year because of the Russian economic crisis. Doctors told them after the first surgery in March that the remainder of the tumor was inoperable in Russia — and said the best hope was in the United States.

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## Music industry gets helping hand from movies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Buoyed by the "Titanic" soundtrack, the growing popularity of movie music and Celine Dion's "Let's Talk About Love," the music industry is boasting of a 4 percent rise in sales over last year.

With Sony Music in the lead, the industry has sold 780 million units through last weekend, up from 749 million through the same weekend in 1997, sales monitor SoundScan said Wednesday.

The success of the past two years is a rebound from two years of almost flat sales: 705 million units in 1996 and 690 million in 1995.

The industry benefited in 1998 from growth in rap music and the continued success of country, along with a broader consumer base. Consumers aren't just young males, but teen-age girls and older buyers of both genders.

The year also got a boost with "Titanic," which splashed across the silver screen with record success and also did well on the airwaves, even though the soundtrack features mostly orchestral songs.

"It was in a once-in-a-lifetime phenomenon," said Geoff Mayfield, director of charts and columnist for Billboard magazine. "This thing

was the kind of album that did Christmas week numbers in January and February."

Released by Sony, the "Titanic" film soundtrack for the highest-grossing movie of all time sold 9.2 million units through Dec. 13, the most recent date available for individual sales figures. It outsold the closest album, Dion's "Let's Talk About Love," by 4 million copies, according to SoundScan.

The "Titanic" ballad "My Heart Will Go On" sung by Dion also was a smash single, so popular that it topped the Latin music charts in English.

The film industry's influence on records went beyond "Titanic." The soundtrack to "City of Angels" sold 3.8 million units and rapper-turned-actor Will Smith scored with his album "Big Willie Style," which sold 3.2 million units.

Rap's continued popularity may outsell country for the first time, despite such hits as Shania Twain's "Come Over" and Garth Brooks' latest, "Double Live." Meanwhile, the latest teen heartthrobs, Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync' also racked up impressive sales.

## Churches reach out to help bereaved cope with Christmas

CINCINNATI (AP) — Peggy Fiegler knew Christmas would be tough this year, only three months after her brother was killed by a mugger.

She felt a little better after turning to her church, which holds "Blue Christmas" services for those suffering the heartbreak that comes when familiar holiday sights and sounds become hurtful reminders of loss.

"I was really dreading this Christmas season, and while it is still painful, the service made me realize I was not alone and that it was OK to be sad," she said.

In addition to the regular services that help celebrate the Christmas season, North American churches are grappling with how to comfort and minister to the bereaved.

"We are in a time of year when music, TV and everything coming into our senses is focused on happiness, even if it is not always a true or honest depiction," said the Rev. Joanne Sizoo, pastor of Norwood Presbyterian church, where Ms. Fiegler is a member.

"This year, several key people in our congregation died suddenly," Sizoo said. "And it just seemed like the time to formally acknowledge the pain of those losses."

So the church recently launched its first "Blue Christmas" service, which included readings from the Bible, prayer and song to provide comfort and reassurance.

"I think more and more churches are realizing that people of faith need to be more sensitive to the pain and loss many people feel at this time," said the Rev. Thom Schuman, pastor at the Greenhills Community Church in Cincinnati.

Schuman began offering a service for those struggling with hardship three years ago under the name "Longest Night," and has since received e-mail requests to send copies of his version to churches across the United States.

Rachel Burrell, founder of the Fernside Center for Grieving Children, said it is important not to forget that sights like trees trimmed with sparkling lights can produce overwhelming sadness for people coping with family tragedies.

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## Questions raised about dual payments to Burton staffer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Rep. Dan Burton did nothing illegal or unethical by paying nearly \$500,000 to a woman who has served on his congressional staff for the past 16 years while also working for his campaign, a spokesman said.

"Other congressional offices have those kinds of arrangements," John Williams, spokesman for the Indiana Republican, said Wednesday.

But the head of a watchdog group that studies campaign finance issues said it's extremely rare for a congressional staffer to be on campaign and government payrolls simultaneously.

"To say it's eyebrow-raising is an understatement," said Chuck Lewis, director of the Center for Public Integrity. "I think Dan Burton is going to have a lot of answering to do over the next several months because of these revelations."

In an election preview, The Indianapolis Star reported in October that Burton had approved nearly \$500,000 in payments and salary to Claudia Keller, mostly since 1990, including money for appearances by her "Buttons and Bows" clown service. The online magazine Salon and The Washington Post published similar reports this week.

Williams told The Associated Press that the payments dated to 1983. He acknowledged that some payments were for appearances by Keller as a clown at Fourth of July parades and other events.

A woman who answered the phone in Burton's office said Keller will not talk to reporters.

The House Ethics Committee recommended earlier this year that staff members doing both government and campaign work carefully document their time. It's illegal for lawmakers to use their office budgets to subsidize their campaigns, and Capitol Hill staff members who work on political campaigns are supposed to do so on their own time.

"As a practical matter, there are campaign staffs and there are government staffs. It's always been that way," said Lewis. He acknowledged that those lines have blurred in recent years, but said Keller's case still seems "extremely unusual."

According to Federal Election Commission records, Keller received almost \$22,000 last year for working at Burton's Indianapolis and Greenwood district offices an average of two days a week, along with nearly \$44,000 for her full-time position as campaign manager.

The Burton campaign also has paid Keller \$250 a month to rent office space in her Lawrence home, which is outside Burton's congressional district, by declaring it campaign headquarters.

Williams said Keller, a former model and medical technician, moved to Washington after the November election and serves as his full-time scheduler. She no longer serves as campaign manager and rents out her home in Lawrence.

## Odds and ends ...

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The information superhighway may have sped things up too fast for the Trappist monks who for years sold their trademark fruitcake, cheese and bourbon fudge through mail or fax orders.

Since Nov. 1, when the monks began accepting orders online at [www.monks.org](http://www.monks.org), they have received 1,600 orders, many for multiple items.

That's way too many for the 75 brothers who work 4 1/2 hours each day — practically all the time they aren't reading and praying — and can't keep up with the orders.

"Well, we're out of food," said Brother Anselm, head of the Abbey of Gethsemani in Trappist, Ky., about 35 miles south of Louisville.

The monks make the cheese, fruitcake and fudge, and the cheese and fruitcake must be aged.

Business really picked up after a Wall Street Journal critic, in a Nov. 20 column, dubbed the monastery's fruitcake the best available. That

weekend, the monks received 280 orders.

The monks since have unplugged their fax machine and stopped accepting orders online. Customers are being told they can still order, but not to expect delivery until April.

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Tim Ward was in his car at Lansing District Court when he noticed police motioning toward him and telling him not to move.

When what to his wondering eyes did appear, a man dressed as an elf with all of his gear.

"This elf climbs out from under my car," Ward said.

The elf turned out to be a man who had bolted from a probation-violation hearing hours earlier, police said.

Joshua Castilla, 18, who was on probation for a breaking-and-entering conviction, ran from the

court wearing only his thin yellow prison uniform around 10 a.m., court officer Dave Meretta said.

Castilla allegedly went to a nearby parking lot and hid in the trunk of a car, where there was an elf hat, matching green and red boots, pants and a sweatshirt. The car's owner had the outfit in her trunk for an office party.

When the car's owner tried to open her trunk, Castilla fled, hiding in various places before eventually winding up beneath Ward's parked car, police said.

Castilla faces up to four years in prison if convicted for the escape.

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Consumer activist Ralph Nader continued his feud with Mayor Carty Finkbeiner by sending him

a bar of soap to protest his use of profanity at a recent news conference.

The two have been trading pointed remarks since the city agreed to tear down dozens of homes and spend millions of dollars to keep Jeep's assembly plant in Toledo. The mayor said the project will keep at least 5,000 jobs. Nader describes it as "corporate welfare."

Finkbeiner, known for his temper, used a vulgar term this month when talking about a newspaper story that questioned the Jeep project's cost. He also ridiculed Nader's criticism of the project.

Nader fired back with soap and a note that arrived Tuesday and read, "A cleaner tongue may induce a cleaner mind."

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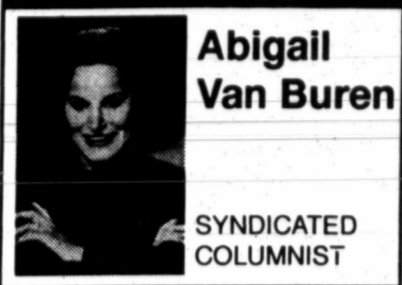
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# Cold Turkey Is Best Christmas Present Smoker Gave Himself

DEAR ABBY: It will be three years this Christmas that I gave myself the best Christmas gift anyone could give me. I quit smoking, cold turkey. It was Christmas Eve and I had two cigarettes left in the pack. When I finished the last one, I looked at the pack, crumpled it up in my hand, and thought to myself how much I disliked everything about cigarettes. When I threw the pack away, I decided then and there I wouldn't run to the store for more.



**Abigail Van Buren**

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I can't explain what happened to me the next day (Christmas), but it was as though I had never smoked a cigarette in my life! I didn't go through any nicotine withdrawals or have the shakes, or even think about wanting a smoke — and I still feel the same way today.

In the past, I had quit for 3 1/2 years, twice for two years, once for 18 months, for a total of nine years. They were horrible times. Any time I was in the presence of a person who was smoking, I wanted a cigarette. I suffered from withdrawal and the shakes. I now know that I will never smoke another cigarette.

Abby, I started when I was 13. I am now 52 and hope to live another 30 years. My parents were smokers, but they quit more than 30 years ago. Today, they are 79 and 83 years old. My mother lost three sisters to cancer (two of them were smokers). My father lost two brothers and two sisters, one of whom had emphysema, one had cancer, and two died of heart attacks. They were all heavy smokers.

I just want to say, Don't give up

trying. If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. I've never felt better and am looking forward to the rest of my life.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT  
 IN NEW YORK

DEAR BEEN THERE: Congratulations on kicking your addiction. You're right; it was the best Christmas gift you could have received. My readers confirm that although it's a jolt to the system, "cold turkey" is the most effective way to stop smoking. Perhaps your letter will inspire other smokers to quit smoking. I can't imagine a more meaningful gift to themselves and their families.

DEAR ABBY: I have been engaged almost 14 months. My fiancé never mentions marriage. When I bring it up, he says the relationship isn't great enough to discuss marriage. The only time he wants me is when I tell him I'm going to move on with my life.

He told me that I care far too much for him, and if I want him to love me the way I want him to, I will have to start caring less for him. He is much older than I am.

Abby, I just don't feel the love is being returned. Before we got engaged, he cheated on me and lied about it. He claims she was "only a friend," but it happened more than once. He still keeps in contact with her. I now have a hard time trusting him when he goes anywhere.

He says I have to forget about the past and move on to the future. I don't believe people can move on with the future while the past still haunts them. What do you think?  
 WANTS TO BE LOVED  
 IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR WANTS TO BE LOVED: From what you have described to me, I'm hesitant to call your arrangement an engagement. If your "fiance" is serious about marrying you, he certainly doesn't act like it. Listen to your intuition. It's pointing you in the right direction.

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right words. A possible trip could be in the offing as a result. A partner comes through for you in a big way. Others are excited. All eyes are on you. Tonight: Bask in the moment. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Expect only good today. A partner clearly cherishes you. There is reason for bliss. Someone touches a chord that takes you into another realm. Talk about the future and travel possibilities. Call those at a distance who can't be close. Tonight: It gets better and better. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Others are refreshing as they dote on you. Feelings are extreme. Your ability to make others happy is as strong as it has ever been. You feel good about yourself as you manifest true giving. Your nurturing ways touch a partner's heart. Tonight: Enjoy receiving. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You naturally give of yourself now. You understand the true essence of giving. There is a unique quality of caring that is developing between you and a youngster, or if single, a special love interest. Don't hold back any longer. Tonight: Share a lot with others. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You finally have reached the harvest in a relationship. It could involve a child or paramour. Feelings exchanged have a euphoric quality. Material gifts can't touch on this depth. News from a friend or family member puts a smile on your face. Tonight: Happy at home. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You don't need to go far this holiday. Staying close to home and family proves even more rewarding than most Christmases. Indulge people in your daily life; let them know how much they mean to you. An important call or news comes forward later in the day. Tonight: Get frisky.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Reach for people whom you care about. Your call means more than you are aware. Exchanging feelings is rich and intense. Someone touches you on a very deep level. See others later in the day. Tonight: You receive something special. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Dazzling best describes this holiday season for you. You cannot do enough for someone. You naturally know how to please others. A vision or special wish comes true for you at the eleventh hour. Stay anchored, return calls, spread holiday cheer. Tonight: Share your vision. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Others come to you, revealing long-term desires. Feelings abound. Someone can delight you with his choice of presents. You might remember this holiday season for a very long time. Your instincts pay off later in the day. Tonight: Thank someone in a special way.

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## Horoscope

FRIDAY, DEC. 25, 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) There is a lot on your mind. Give in to contentment and relaxation. Others are thrilled by what takes place. A friend or loved one does something special. You won't forget this Christmas for a long time. Make an extra effort for a difficult person. Tonight: Beam away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Attend to a parent or someone you respect. They could be elusive, but mean well. It becomes clear how deeply you are cared about. Let others play a bigger role in your life. Give up the need for control. Loving surrounds you. Tonight: Add your special touch to the celebrations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Others turn to you. You are more instrumental in the Christmas celebrations than you realize. Others are thrilled that you're part of their plans. You actually might have to do the party rounds. You let go and enjoy later in the day. Tonight: Smile into the wee hours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Relish the dreamy quality of this Christmas. Someone chooses the perfect gift or knows just the

## Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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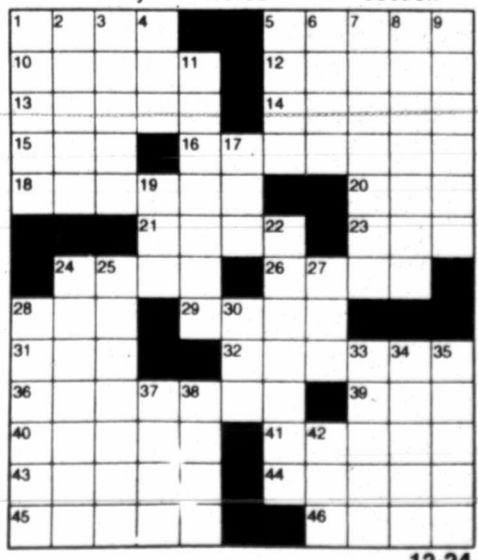
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# SPORTS

## Notebook

### BASKETBALL

**AMES, Iowa (AP)** — Mike Wilks scored 23 of his career-high 25 points in the second half and Robert Johnson added eight points in overtime as Rice beat St. Mary's 81-70 Tuesday night in Iowa State's Tribune Holiday Classic.

Rice (8-2) won an overtime game for the first time since a 96-88 victory over Baylor on Jan. 26, 1994 and will play in Wednesday night's championship game. The Owls are off to their best start since winning their first 10 games in the 1955-56 season.

St. Mary's (7-6) couldn't hold on after leading 50-41 with 10 minutes left. The Gaels had a chance to regain the lead with 15 seconds left in regulation, but Frank Alocco made only one of two free throws to tie it at 66 and Wilks' 10-foot shot went in and out just before the buzzer.

Wilks, whose previous high was 19 points against Weber State earlier this season, got most of his points by taking the ball at the top of the key and driving 1-on-1 to the basket.

**LAIE, Hawaii (AP)** — Harold Arceneaux handled the scoring in the first half and Eddie Gill took over in the second Wednesday as Weber State pulled away to an 86-69 victory over Texas Tech in the fifth place game of the Pearl Harbor Classic.

Arceneaux, who finished with 22 points despite foul problems, had 16 at the break in leading the Wildcats (8-4) to a 36-33 lead.

Gill then took over, getting 12 of his 14 points. At 56-56, Gill, who made all six of his shots, knocked down a 3-pointer and followed with a basket that gave the Wildcats the lead for good.

Noel Jackson contributed 16 points. For the game, the Wildcats shot 62 percent (31-of-50) from the floor.

### HOCKEY

**TORONTO (AP)** — Mike Modano and the league-leading Dallas Stars pushed aside the Toronto Maple Leafs with a strong all-around performance.

Modano scored three times as the Stars beat the high-scoring Maple Leafs 5-1 on Wednesday night to extend their winning streak to 10 games.

The Stars are 7-0-3 during the streak and 20-5-6 overall.

"We learned a lesson," Toronto captain Mats Sundin said. "We've been talking about playing better defensively, especially when we run into really good teams."

Modano opened the scoring at 4:00 of the first period, and gave Dallas a 3-1 lead with a shorthanded goal with 2:13 left in the period. He completed the hat trick midway through the third period.

"I haven't had too many shots the last few games, so it was nice to get rewarded," said Modano, who ended a seven-game goal drought.

Jere Lehtinen had a goal and two assists, and Brett Hull added a goal and an assist for the Stars.

"We knew how good Toronto has been playing," Hull said. "They are a fast and talented team and we knew we had to play well in the neutral zone."

The game was Dallas' final regular-season appearance at Maple Leaf Gardens.

"There's been some good memories," Hull said. "It's a great old building. It will be missed."

Toronto goalie Curtis Joseph gave up four goals on the first seven shots.

"I didn't think we got beaten as badly as the score showed," Joseph said. "It was a tough night ... we've had the breaks going for us lately. Tonight it was the other way."

Sergei Berezin scored for Toronto, the NHL leader with 106 goals.

## Dallas looks for first 8-0 run through NFC East

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Chan Gailey can do something Sunday night no coach in the NFC East has ever accomplished — win all division games in a season.

The Dallas Cowboys have swept the Arizona Cardinals, New York Giants, and Philadelphia Eagles. They beat Washington 31-10 in October, leaving them needing only a victory over the Redskins in the season finale for a perfect 8-0 in the division.

The game has no other bearing on either team's season. Washington is out of the playoff chase, while the Cowboys are locked in as the NFC's third seed. Dallas will host a wild-card team on either Jan. 2 or Jan. 3.

A victory would accomplish another statistical feat for the Cowboys: a 10-6 record that's an exact flip of their disastrous 6-10 finish under Barry Switzer last year.

Gailey, who was the offensive coordinator at Pittsburgh this time last year, said the motivation to hit the NFC East milestone was strong.

"We have a chance to sweep all the games in the division and that's something I would look forward to," Gailey said. "It's a chance to get some confidence and establish a confident mindset going into the playoffs."

If the Cowboys could beat Washington, it would give them a 10-win season for the 23rd time in franchise history, an NFL record. Dallas, which just wrapped up its 19th division title, has been in the playoffs an NFL-record 25 times.

The first time these teams met this season, Oct. 4 in Jack Kent Cooke Stadium, Emmitt Smith rushed for 120 yards and scored a touchdown, Chris Warren reeled off 104 yards and two touchdowns and Jason Garrett, subbing for an

injured Troy Aikman, hit 14 of 17 passes for 169 yards and a touchdown.

The Cowboys are a different team since the rout in Washington.

Wide receiver Ernie Mills, who caught a 43-yard touchdown pass in the game, suffered an internal injury that will keep him out the rest of the season. Warren is down again with another groin injury. Deion Sanders has a hurt toe and tight end David LaFleur and defensive end Kavika Pittman are also nursing wounds.

Aikman is back operating the offense but not having much success. Dallas has sputtered to move the ball in recent weeks. The Cowboys had lost three straight before struggling to beat lowly Philadelphia 13-9 last Sunday.

The Redskins, meanwhile, have finally settled down under Norv Turner and won six out of their last eight games, including a 20-16 upset of Tampa Bay last Sunday. Washington started the year

with seven consecutive losses.

"We finally started believing in ourselves," Turner said. "It's just a shame we couldn't get going like this earlier in the season. We have a lot of faith in each other now."

Turner is a former Dallas offensive coordinator who owns two Super Bowl rings from his days with the Cowboys. Turner is 4-5 against his old team.

Dallas hasn't swept a season series from Washington since 1994.

Smith is still looking for a rushing touchdown that would be the 124th of his career and an NFL record. He's tied with Marcus Allen for career rushing touchdowns.

"The record would be good, but right now the important thing is getting this team going," Smith said. "I feel this team can go as far as we want to go and as far as we have put our minds to go and achieve."

## Final Harris Ratings

Harris Ratings  
(1998 final release)

### Class 5A Top 10

1. Midland Lee 15-1
2. Katy 13-2
3. Duncanville 12-3
4. Converse Judson 14-1
5. Ald. Eisenhower 10-4
6. Lufkin 10-4
7. South Grand Prairie 9-5
8. Westlake 11-3
9. Plano East 10-2
10. Lake Highlands 9-6

5A Division I State Champ  
Duncanville 24, Converse Judson 21

5A Division II State Champ  
Midland Lee 54, S.A. MacArthur 0

(Katy forfeited win to S.A. MacArthur and was disqualified from participating in the state championship)

### Class 4A Top 10

1. Stephenville 15-1
2. La Marque 13-1
3. Smithson Valley 12-3
4. Schertz Clemens 12-1
5. C.C. Calallen 10-2
6. W.O. Stark 10-1
7. Andrews 10-1
8. Grapevine 11-4
9. Southlake Carroll 12-2
10. Dayton 12-1

4A Division I State Champ  
Grapevine 22, Bay City 0

4A Division II State Champ  
Stephenville 34, La Marque 7

### Class 3A Top 10

1. Newton 14-1
2. Daingerfield 15-1
3. Breckenridge 12-1
4. Waco La Vega 11-1
5. Aledo 13-1
6. Childress 12-3

7. Sweeney 10-3
8. Crane 13-1
9. Cleveland 9-2
10. Cuero 11-4

3A Division I State Champ  
Aledo 14, Cuero 7

3A Division II State Champ  
Newton 21, Dauingerfield

### Class 2A Top 10

1. Paul Pewitt 12-3
2. Brookshire Royal 12-2
3. Celina 14-2
4. Mart 13-1
5. Stanton 13-2
6. Pilot Point 10-1
7. Grand Saline 11-2
8. Spearman 13-1
9. Seagraves 11-2
10. Elysian Fields 12-4

2A Division I State Champ  
Paul Pewitt 28, Brookshire Royal 26

2A Division II State Champ  
Celina 21, Elysian Fields 0

### Class A Top 10

1. Tenaha 16-0
2. Wheeler 12-3
3. Iola 13-1
4. Era 11-1
5. Aspermont 14-1
6. Sudan 9-3
7. Bartlett 12-2
8. O'Donnell 11-2
9. Menard 11-2
10. Wortham 11-1

1A State Champ  
Tenaha 20, Wheeler 13

Coach of the year: Pat Ward, Marfa

Team of the year: Midland Lee

## Super freshman



(Pampa News photo by Bonner Green)

Fort Elliott running back C.J. Bryant tries to fake out a would-be tackler in a game played earlier in the season. Bryant was named freshman of the year on the Amarillo Globe-News Six-Man Super Team. Bryant rushed for 901 yards and 11 touchdowns this season.

## Collingsworth could start in bowl contest

LUBBOCK — Pampa native Justin Collingsworth could be starting at offensive right tackle when Texas Tech meets Mississippi Dec. 31 in the Independence Bowl.

Collingsworth and Nick Lee are backups to tackle Steve McFadden, who underwent an appendectomy and surgery to repair a hernia last week. He's listed as questionable for the bowl game.

Collingsworth has seen a lot of playing time this season. He started against Baylor, Oklahoma State and Colorado when McFadden was out with a sprained ankle. Collingsworth saw starting action in four games a year ago.

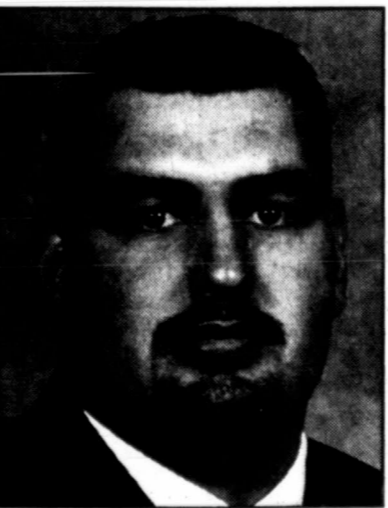
Collingsworth is a 6-6, 316-pound senior.

The Red Raiders accepted the Independence invitation Dec. 6 and practiced three days before taking a week off for final exams. The Raiders returned to the practice field for two-a-days last Thursday and Friday. They had one practice session on Saturday.

Texas Tech has a 7-4 record while Mississippi is 6-5.

Collingsworth, a 1994 PHS graduate, was twice named to the all-district team and was a member of the Amarillo Globe-News Super Team in high school.

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — University of Mississippi football coach David Cutcliffe was treated this week at a Knoxville, Tenn., hospital for inflammation of his pancreas.



Collingsworth

Ole Miss assistant athletic director Langston Rogers said Wednesday that Cutcliffe will be with the team in Shreveport, La., for the New Year's Eve Independence Bowl game with Texas Tech.

Cutcliffe's condition was not available early Thursday. Rogers said Cutcliffe, the former Tennessee offensive coordinator, entered the hospital Tuesday.

"He's had this before," Rogers said.

Cutcliffe, 44, was named the Ole Miss head coach earlier this week. He started the job full time on Dec. 6.

Inflammation of the pancreas causes pain in the abdomen. It is treated by putting the patient on a low fat diet and pain relieving medication.

## College football almost has national title game

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT  
AP Football Writer

The bowl season has come to this: One game matters, maybe two; the others don't.

College football wants a national title game, and just about has one when No. 1 Tennessee (12-0) plays No. 2 Florida State (11-1) in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 4.

While the winner will be crowned national champion in the USA Today-ESPN coaches' poll, No. 3 Ohio State still has an outside shot at finishing No. 1 in The Associated Press' media poll.

The Buckeyes (10-1) would need a convincing win over No. 8 Texas A&M (11-2) in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1, followed three days later by a lackluster Seminoles' victory over the Volunteers in Tempe, Ariz.

Voters in the AP poll consider all bowl games before casting final ballots, while the coaches have agreed to make the Fiesta Bowl winner No. 1 no matter what happens in the other bowls. The final AP poll is released on Jan. 5.

Looking for a few other entertaining games over the holidays? Try the Micron PC, Alamo, Holiday, Liberty, Gator and Orange for starters.

Micron PC: Features two intriguing prospects — North Carolina State wide receiver Torry Holt vs. Miami running back Edgerrin James.

Alamo: Can a depressed

No. 4 Kansas State (11-1) shake off the disappointment of being bounced out of a Bowl Championship Series game and rebound against Drew Brees and unranked Purdue?

Holiday: Will speed-demon No. 5 Arizona (11-1), deflated after losing out on a Rose Bowl trip when UCLA lost to Miami, outrun No. 14 Nebraska (9-3), or will the Huskers avoid their first four-loss season since 1968?

Liberty: Shaun King, the nation's passing efficiency leader, tries to put the finishing touches on a perfect season when No. 10 Tulane (11-0) plays Brigham Young.

Gator: No. 17 Notre Dame (9-2) is reason enough to tune in, but in No. 12 Georgia Tech (9-2), the Irish are dealing with a team it was lucky to beat last season. And the Yellow Jackets haven't forgotten.

Orange: If you like the color orange, then show up in Miami on Jan. 2 when No. 7 Florida (9-2) plays No. 18 Syracuse (8-3) in an all-orange Orange Bowl — at the Orange Bowl. Footballs will be flying, too, with Donovan McNabb — in his last game for the Orangemen — going pass-for-pass with the Gators' Doug Johnson.

Tune in to the Cotton Bowl, too, for Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams' last game at Texas. The Longhorns go against Mississippi State, which put a scare into Tennessee before losing in the SEC title game.

## Fryar hangs up cleats

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — If Irving Fryar makes it to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, he'll have plenty of stories to tell on those steps in Canton, Ohio.

When he was picked No. 1 in the 1984 NFL draft, it was the beginning of a long, sometimes bizarre and ultimately redemptive ride. The Philadelphia Eagles receiver said Wednesday he's retiring after the final game of his 15th season, ending a career that's included a Super Bowl, a 1-15 season and enough personal catastrophes to write a book.

He did that, too. "I'm kind of like the prodigal son," said Fryar, accompanied at a news conference by his wife and four children. "I've gone away, messed up and found my way back. And now everything's OK."

Fryar conquered his renegade past to become one of the most productive receivers in NFL history before finally crashing into the limitations of age at 36. He has only 45 catches and two touchdowns this season and cannot reach the performance incentives needed to kick in the final two years of a contract extension he signed in September.

"I refuse to go somewhere else and play," said Fryar, a native of Mount Holly, N.J., who will play his last game Sunday against the New York Giants. "I've already moved my family twice."

Though he might get anxious when training camp starts next year, he said, "I won't change my mind. I'm done. I am done."

Fryar's consistency, longevity and numbers put him in elite company. His 781 catches place him seventh on the NFL's career list, and his 77 touchdowns receptions are 15th.

"One of my goals was to catch 800 balls," Fryar said. "And that's not going to happen, unless by some miraculous reason they throw me the ball a whole lot on Sunday."

Fryar and the Jets' Keyshawn Johnson are the only two receivers selected first in the draft. This season, he passed Charlie Joiner in receptions, Don Maynard in yards and Fred Biletnikoff in touchdown catches. All three are Hall of Famers.

"I would like to say Hall of Fame," receivers coach Gerald Carr said. "... We often kid ourselves about how good he could have been if he had the same attitude for the first six years of his career."

With 53 receiving yards in his final game, Fryar would become only the eighth player in NFL history to reach 12,000. With five receptions, he'd extend his streak of 50-catch seasons to nine — the longest current streak in the league.

"Irving's had 15 great years of football," said coach Ray Rhodes, who also expects Sunday to be his last day with the Eagles (3-12). "I support him whatever he does in life and wherever he goes. He's always going to be a friend of mine."

Fryar played on New England's Super Bowl team in 1985, and ended the Patriots' 1-15 campaign in 1990. He played for Don Shula in Miami, Ray Berry in New England and Tom Osborne on Nebraska. He caught passes from Hall of Famers like Dan Marino, lesser-names like Scott Zolak, two running backs (Keith Byars and Terry Kirby) both Detmer brothers (Ty and Koy).

# Motor City Bowl won by Marshall

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — In a game featuring two high-scoring teams, hardly anyone imagined the difference in the Motor City Bowl would be defense.

Yet that's what happened as Chad Pennington threw four touchdown passes and Marshall's defense held the nation's No. 1 offense to eight points in the second half for a 48-29 victory over Louisville on Wednesday night.

"Louisville was a great offensive football team," Marshall coach Bob Pruett said. "Our defense took it as a big challenge playing them."

The Cardinals (7-5), behind the passing of Chris Redman, went into the game with the nation's No. 1 scoring offense, averaging 40.4 points. But the Cardinals, who finished behind Tulane and Southern Mississippi in Conference USA, also had a defense that allowed an average of 35.2 points.

"We tried to roll the coverages and confuse Redman a little," Pruett said. "We didn't want to allow him any big plays."

Redman completed 35 of 54 passes for 336 yards and one touchdown, with one interception. But just 130 of his passing yards came in the second half.

"We thought we moved the ball well in the second quarter," Redman said. "Then, we had a lull in the third quarter and they kept on going. That got us out of our game plan, and we never could get in any kind of rhythm."

Pennington completed 18 of 24 passes for 411 yards for Marshall (12-1), which earned a return trip

to the Silverdome by repeating as Mid-American Conference champion.

"Our receivers made big plays and our offense did a great job," Pennington said. "We really wanted to come out in the third quarter and take the pressure off the defense."

Mission accomplished. Last year, Pennington threw three touchdown passes in the inaugural game, but Marshall still lost when Mississippi scored with 31 seconds remaining to pull out a 34-31 victory.

There was no such drama this time as Marshall, a 3 1/2-point underdog, opened the second half with three touchdowns and a field goal on its first four possessions for a 45-21 lead.

The two high-octane teams combined for 1,012 yards, 613 by Marshall. The difference was that Louisville managed just 160 yards in the second half.

"Basically, we were kept off the field a whole lot," Louisville offensive guard Rick Nord said. "When we're kept off the field, our offense can't get anything done. We got so frustrated that things weren't going our way that we just lost our poise."

Pennington broke a 21-21 halftime tie with a short pass that Gerald Long turned into a 50-yard touchdown to put Marshall ahead for good with 12:19 left in the third quarter.

Doug Chapman added two 1-yard touchdown runs and Billy Malashevich kicked a 22-yard field

goal. Malashevich added a 32-yarder in the fourth quarter.

"It was a lot of mistakes," Louisville defensive end Mike Gantous said. "There's no excuse for what went on out there. To be in our 12th game and have this many breakdowns. We're just going to have to learn from it."

Marshall's first-half scores all came on Pennington passes. He hooked up with James Williams from 29 and 26 yards and flipped a 14-yard scoring strike to Lanier Washington.

"We've been working on it for 15 days now," Gantous said. "We'd seen pretty much anything they could bring at us. They just executed well and we had too many breakdowns."

Louisville's first-half touchdowns came on runs of 2 and 13 yards by Leroy Collins, sandwiched around a 21-yard scoring toss from Redman to Charles Sheffield.

Collins added a 1-run touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

"We accomplished a great deal this season, and we made a lot of progress," said Louisville coach John L. Smith, who turned around a program that went 1-10 in 1997. "We'll be better next year. We've still got to go up the mountain."

"But we came further, faster than anybody expected this year."

Marshall is the winningest college football program in the nation in I-AA or I-AA in the 1990s with a 101-25 record. From 1987 to 1996, the Herd played in six Division I-AA championship games, winning two.

## Scoreboard

COLLEGE FOOTBALL									
College Bowl Games									
By The Associated Press									
All Times EST									
AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
East									
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA			
x-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									
y-Jacksonville	10	5	0	.667	371	335			
Tennessee	8	7	0	.533	314	294			
Pittsburgh	7	8	0	.467	287	292			
Baltimore	5	10	0	.333	250	325			
Cincinnati	3	12	0	.200	268	417			
West									
y-Denver	13	2	0	.867	473	288			
Oakland	8	7	0	.533	364	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									
	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	267	299			
Washington	6	9	0	.400	312	398			
Philadelphia	3	12	0	.200	151	324			
Central									
y-Minnesota	14	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	373			
West									
y-Atlanta	13	2	0	.867	404	275			
x-San Francisco	11	4	0	.733	441	309			
New Orleans	6	9	0	.400	272	314			
St. Louis	4	11	0	.267	268	340			
Carolina	3	12	0	.200	209	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									
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.									
Arizona 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.									
Monday, Dec. 28									
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 8:20 p.m.									

# Lady Raiders turn back Hawaii, 67-64

HONOLULU (AP) — Angie Brazier scored all of her 19 points in the second half, leading No. 10 Texas Tech to a 67-63 victory over Hawaii for the championship of the Ala Moana Hotel Paradise Classic.

After playing poorly in the first half, the Lady Raiders came back

in the second half to shoot 71 percent.

Texas Tech led 16-11 with 9:22 remaining in the first half before Hawaii went on a 11-0 run to take a 28-25 halftime lead. Hawaii shot 50 percent from the field in the first half, compared with 33 percent for Texas Tech.

Brazier dominated the second half, scoring 10 consecutive points for the Lady Raiders as they took a 45-44 lead with 11:03 remaining in the game, a lead they would not relinquish.

Rene Hanebutt had 17 points and Keitha Dickerson 13 for the winners.

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## TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**  
**MINNESOTA TWINS**—Agreed to terms with INF Dennis Hays on a two-year contract.  
**OAKLAND ATHLETICS**—Agreed to terms with INF Domingo Cedeño on a minor league contract and invited him to spring training.  
**TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS**—Agreed to terms with OF Mike Kelly on a one-year contract.  
**TEXAS RANGERS**—Agreed to terms with LHP Mike Munoz on a minor league contract with Oklahoma City of the PCL and invited him to spring training.  
**TORONTO BLUE JAYS**—Agreed to terms with C Mike Matherly on a one-year contract.  
**DESIGNATED INF Mike Peeples** for assignment.  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**LOS ANGELES DODGERS**—Named Scott Sharp and James Merrifield to their scouting staff.  
**PITTSBURGH PIRATES**—Agreed to terms with LHP Jim Baron, RHP Johann Lopez, RHP Bob Mladen, C Mel Rosario and C-Inf Fred Seibel on minor league contracts.  
**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**—Agreed to terms with OF F.P. Santangelo on a one-year contract.  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**NFL**—Suspended Green Bay Packers LB Jude Waddy for testing positive for anabolic steroids.  
**CLEVELAND BROWNS**—Signed L John Henry Mills, TE Aaron Laing and DT Chris Maumalanga.  
**GREEN BAY PACKERS**—Signed RT Earl Doherty to a four-year contract extension. Signed TE Scott Galbraith.  
**MIAMI DOLPHINS**—Released G Chris Bryner from the practice squad. Signed T Alan Barrett to the practice squad.  
**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**—Released FB Cliff Groce.  
**PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**—Announced the retirement of WR Irving Fryar following the season.  
**TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS**—Re-signed WR Geroy Simon to the practice squad. Released CB Cedric Donaldson from the practice squad.  
**WASHINGTON REDSKINS**—Signed FB Le'Shai Jefferson to the active roster. Waived LB Kevin-Jefferson.  
**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
**CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS**—Recalled D Christian Laflamme from Portland of the AHL.  
**OTTAWA SENATORS**—Recalled G Jari Hume from Cincinnati of the IHL.  
**COLLEGE**  
**MICHIGAN STATE**—Announced junior RB Sedrick Irvin will forgo his final year of eligibility to enter the NFL draft.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**Wednesday's College Basketball Majors**  
**By The Associated Press**  
**EAST**  
 Connecticut 102, Fairfield 67  
 La Salle 77, Niagara 74  
 Navy 72, Md. Baltimore County 69, OT  
 Rhode Island 74, San Francisco 55  
 Siena 106, George Washington 99  
 St. Peter's 81, Monmouth, N.J. 69  
**SOUTH**  
 Arkansas 75, Wake Forest 59  
 Maryland 132, North Texas 57  
 SE Louisiana 81, Texas Coll. 64  
 Virginia Tech 85, Coastal Carolina 65  
 W. Kentucky 78, S. Illinois 69  
**MIDWEST**  
 Butler 77, Florida St. 65  
 Cleveland St. 67, Sacred Heart 82  
 Illinois St. 79, Ill.-Chicago 67  
 Iowa 87, Coppin St. 73  
 Northwestern 69, Boston College 59  
 Saint Louis 78, Kansas 64  
 W. Michigan 64, Loyola, Ill. 58  
 Wisconsin 61, Marquette 45  
**SOUTHWEST**  
 No major team scores reported from the SOUTHWEST.  
**FAR WEST**  
 UC Santa Barbara 90, Western St., Colo. 71  
 UCLA 66, American U. 56  
**TOURNAMENTS**  
**Coors Light Classic Championship**  
 Fresno St. 73, Miami, Ohio 62  
**Third Place**

## Younger brother wins first matchup as Saint Louis shocks Kansas, 78-64

By The Associated Press

Ryan Robertson has played in some big games in his four seasons at Kansas. Freshman Troy Robertson has played in just 11 games for Saint Louis.

Ring up a big one for the little brother.

Saint Louis, playing in front of a Kiel Center record crowd of 22,527, shocked No. 13 Kansas 78-64 Wednesday night in the first collegiate meeting of the brothers who played their high school ball at nearby St. Charles West.

"If anyone had to beat me, I wish it was not him," said Ryan Robertson, a starter who had 13 points on 4-of-15 shooting. "But at the same time I'm happy for him. I know it was a big win for the program."

"They respect us and I respect them," said Troy Robertson, a reserve who had eight points. "As far as between Ryan and me, it's still 100 percent love."

In other games involving ranked teams on Wednesday, it was No. 1 Connecticut 102, Fairfield 67; No. 5 Maryland 132, North Texas 57; No. 12 UCLA 66, American 56; No. 15 Michigan State 75, Alabama 58; No. 19 Arkansas 75, Wake Forest 59; No. 20 Wisconsin 61, Marquette 45; No. 21 Iowa 87, Coppin State 73; and North Carolina State 62, No. 23 Oklahoma 58.

Justin Love had 24 points to lead the Billikens (6-5). Love, a junior college transfer who was 7-of-10 from the field, including 3-of-4 from 3-point range, missed the first seven games of the sea-

son with back problems.

"Today I made a little difference," he said. "I'm still getting there. I'm probably not there yet."

The Jayhawks (8-3) were 0-for-10 from 3-point range and shot 25 percent in falling behind 34-20 at halftime and never seriously challenged the Billikens in a game Kansas coach Roy Williams scheduled as a favor to Ryan Robertson.

"Right now, people will think we're a little wounded, and perhaps we are," Williams said. "(But) like the sharks, you smell that blood and it makes you want to go a little bit harder."

Nick Bradford had 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Jayhawks, who shot 36 percent for the game and committed 24 turnovers.

"Saint Louis played the best defense we've faced all year," Ryan Robertson said.

No. 1 Connecticut 102, Fairfield 67  
 At Hartford, Richard Hamilton and Ricky Moore each scored 21 points to lead the Huskies (9-0) to their 14th straight win over the Stags (6-3). It was a physical game that saw 56 fouls, four technical fouls, one flagrant foul and an ejection.

Didier Boucard of Fairfield was ejected with less than three minutes remaining after an intentional foul that leveled Rashmael Jones as he tried to finish a fast break with a dunk. UConn's Edmund Saunders was given the flagrant foul for throwing a punch during the skirmish and will miss the next game under

NCAA rules.

Kyle Commodore led Fairfield with 14 points.

No. 5 Maryland 132, North Texas 57

At College Park, freshman Lonny Baxter scored 28 points and set a school record by going 10-for-10 from the field as the Terrapins (12-1) registered the most lopsided victory in school history. Baxter also went 8-for-8 from the foul line as Maryland bettered the 67-point victory over Western Carolina earlier in the season by scoring the second-most points in school history.

Sam Funches scored 16 points for North Texas (0-9).

No. 12 UCLA 66, American U. 56

At Los Angeles, the Bruins (8-2) survived a slight scare before pulling away to their fourth straight victory. The Eagles (3-8) closed to 54-48 with 3:16 left, but Baron-Davis' three-point play 36 seconds later gave UCLA control.

Davis led UCLA with 11 points. Freshman forward Patrick Doctor had 22 points for American, which lost its seventh straight.

No. 15 Michigan St. 75, Alabama 58

At Laie, Hawaii, reserve forward A.J. Granger scored 10 of his career-high 16 points during a 20-4 second-half run as the Spartans (9-3) pulled away in the championship game of the Pearl Harbor Classic.

Mateen Cleaves had 17 points and seven assists for Michigan State, which led 57-47 after the deciding run. MC Mazique had 19 points on 9-of-12 shooting for the Crimson Tide (10-3).

# Christmas at Boys Ranch

By DOUG McDONOUGH  
Plainview Daily Herald

PLAINVIEW, Texas — As an alumnus of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, Plainview High agricultural science instructor Tom Maynard said Christmas is something he never takes for granted.

"Christmas was the one time of the year at Boys Ranch when the boys got to go home, which meant the excitement and expectations built to a fever-pitch," he recalled.

Maynard was 11 years old when he and his brother Jim became residents at Boys Ranch. Before then, the two brothers and their mother lived in Watsonville, Calif., in the Monterey Bay area.

"Our mom was a single mother and school teacher," he recalled. "While we always had a tree, there were many Christmases when we didn't have anything under it because we just couldn't afford it. Other kids at school would be talking about all the neat toys they got for Christmas, and it hurt because I'd get up early, look under the tree and there would be nothing."

That memory is especially poignant during the

annual FFA Toy Drive. "I remember how much it hurt to not get anything and hope that, through our efforts, some kid doesn't have to go through the same pain."

Boys Ranch, funded by a private foundation, has provided a home to children in need since 1939.

Maynard sent seven years at Boys Ranch, graduating in 1982 at age 18. His brother, who is two years older, was there for five years.

"My brother and I hardly ever left Boys Ranch," he noted. "The rest of the year there were probably 400 boys there, but at Christmas we'd just about have the place to ourselves."

During the year, Boys Ranch residents had various jobs they did for a small salary. During Christmas, the boys who remained were paid a much higher hourly wage for feeding livestock, running the dairy and doing other chores because fewer workers were available. "Usually we would get to go on a ski trip or something as well."

Christmas at Boys Ranch also was the one time of the year when residents got a new set of Sunday clothes. "We called them 'Christmas issue' because we got them during the holidays. And, high school

juniors and seniors got to pick out their own suits. The younger ones only got pants, shirt and tie. It's not quite like the tradition of Texas A&M Senior Boots, but at Boys Ranch it meant that boy had finally arrived."

Prior to Christmas break, Boys Ranch residents traditionally host a large holiday program involving both the Children's Choir and Chapel Choir. "We had two performances," Maynard said. The first would be open to the public and the second would be for those at Boys Ranch.

"After that would be the dorm Christmas parties. And, almost immediately after those parties, boys would be leaving for home. Everything built to a huge climax ... rolled up into one enchilada. About the only other time of the year which comes close to the excitement is graduation."

Boys Ranchers also appreciated the holiday season because it meant a change in the menu.

"The food at Boys Ranch was always real predictable. For example, every Tuesday we would have the same thing: Beef stew, lettuce wedge with Thousand Island dressing, buttered noodles, cornbread, milk and water. And, they had about 20 dif-

ferent ways of preparing chopped beef patties. They'd call it something different each time, such as Chuckwagon burgers or Salisbury steak. But it was always the same.

"Well, during Christmas we would have the good stuff, such as fried shrimp. No more beef stew or chopped beef, and no more artificial mashed potatoes until after the holidays."

During the rest of the year, the program at Boys Ranch was highly structured and regimented. That all changed during the holidays. "It was the one time of the year we could relax," he remembered.

And, some years, Maynard and his brother — who share Dec. 20 birthdays — would even get to celebrate before everyone left for home.

"Christmas was the one time of the year that everyone at Boys Ranch looked forward to, for a whole host of reasons," Maynard said.

And those memories continue to make the holiday special for Maynard and his wife, Freda, and their four children: Jeremy, 19; Jason, 17; Justin, 15, and Jordan, 6.

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Shane White

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Love,  
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Santa, Olin.

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# Gun makers facing new legal challenge

NEW YORK (AP) — The firearms industry, which has defeated claims that it has made defective guns and makes an inherently dangerous object, next month will have to answer a new legal challenge: that it negligently markets a legal product.

The class-action liability suit, based on the legal approach that proved very effective against Big Tobacco, was brought in 1995 by the families of seven shooting victims who are seeking unspecified damages.

When the case goes before a federal jury in Brooklyn on Jan. 4, a high-ranking industry defector is expected to testify that gun manufacturers look the other way while their products end up in the hands of killers.

Defenders of the gun industry — which generates sales of \$2 billion to \$3 billion a year — say manufacturers should not be held accountable for criminal use of a legal product.

But last week, U.S. District Judge Jack Weinstein rejected a request by Smith & Wesson Corp., Beretta USA Corp., Ruger & Co., Accu-Tek and more than 30 other defendants to dismiss the lawsuit. That cleared the way for the case to go to trial, which gun-control advocates called a victory.

"It's huge," said Joshua Horwitz, executive director of the Washington-based

Educational Fund to End Handgun Violence. "If you can get to trial, you have a chance to win. And if you win, the whole face of the industry would change."

Jack Adkins of the American Shooting Sports Council, an Atlanta-based trade association, said the case is "another attempt to shift blame where it doesn't belong. It won't work."

In urging Weinstein to dismiss the case, defense attorneys said that nearly all guns are sold and owned legally. They also noted that the plaintiffs have never conclusively linked the weapons used to kill their relatives to specific gun manufacturers.

"There is a total disconnect here," said Smith & Wesson attorney James Dorr.

The lead attorney for the plaintiffs, Elisa Barnes, responded that the "chain of title" is irrelevant. What matters is that the industry as a whole creates a widespread risk with indiscriminate marketing, she said.

Last month, Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley used similar logic in filing a \$433 million lawsuit against the firearms industry. The suit accuses gun makers of saturating his city with more guns than could ever be sold to law-abiding citizens.

Barnes has armed herself with a study by a New York consulting firm, the National Economic

Research Associates, that concludes that gun makers over-

mothers like Freddie Hamilton, whose son was gunned down in

three sons died on the same street in separate shootings in 1994.

The plaintiffs appear to have good timing.

In recent months, the once-invincible tobacco industry has settled a series of liability suits by agreeing to pay \$206 billion over 25 years, while schoolyard shootings in Mississippi, Oregon, Kentucky and Arkansas have outraged the public.

Other cities, including Los

Angeles, Philadelphia and Baltimore, are considering taking gun makers to court.

The Brooklyn case may turn on the testimony of Robert Hass, a retired Smith & Wesson executive who unexpectedly called Barnes in 1995 and offered to help.

Hass charged in an affidavit that the industry is "aware that the black market in firearms is not simply the result of stolen guns, but is due to the seepage of guns into the illicit market."

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supply states with weak handgun laws such as Florida, thus feeding a pipeline of illegal guns to states with strict controls like New York.

The study also found that manufacturers have substantially increased production of guns popular with criminals, such as 9 mm semiautomatic pistols.

Despite that evidence, the industry "would have us believe that the shootings ... are strange occurrences that happen because of matters beyond (their) control," Barnes said.

Barnes previously helped women claiming injury from health products. Through a New York anti-gun group, Barnes met grieving Brooklyn

1993, and Frances Davis, whose



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## Ethnic Albanians claim Serb forces launch attack on stronghold

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Serb forces backed by tanks and artillery launched a strong attack today on a rebel stronghold, setting fire to houses and killing at least one person, ethnic Albanian sources said.

The Kosovo Information Center, close to the province's ethnic Albanian leadership, said Serb police and military were targeting six villages near Podujevo, 20 miles north of the provincial capital Pristina.

The report could not be independently confirmed. If it is true, the attack would represent a significant setback to the already shaky cease-fire that ended the worst of the fighting in October.

According to the report, Serb tanks had entered one of the villages, Lapastica, a stronghold of the Kosovo Liberation Army, which is fighting for independence from Serbia, the main republic of Yugoslavia.

The report said at least one ethnic Albanian villager was killed and several houses were set ablaze. There was no comment from Serb sources.

"This offensive confirms our worst fears that the Serbian regime planned to use the Christmas holidays to launch an action aimed at ethnically cleansing the north of Kosovo," said Xemal Mustafa, a spokesman for the province's ethnic Albanian leaders.

Mustafa urged foreign governments and the international monitors sent to Kosovo to verify a two-month-old cease-fire to intervene with Yugoslav authorities to halt the attacks.

On Wednesday, two top NATO officials warned both sides against launching more attacks. The alliance's supreme commander for Europe, Gen. Wesley Clark, complained of "increasingly aggressive Serb military and police activities."

Speaking in neighboring Macedonia, he said NATO is watching closely to ensure that Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic keeps his promises under the October agreement reached with U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke to halt the bloodshed.

NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana echoed those concerns, saying in Brussels, Belgium, that the escalating violence and killings "pose a grave risk to the cease-fire."

"We remain fully vigilant and ready to act," he said.

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