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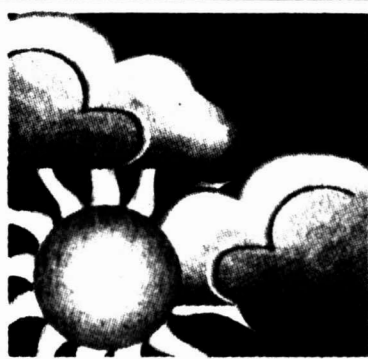


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PAMPA -- John Mann, District Attorney for the 31st and 223rd Judicial Districts of Texas, announced today his intention to run for re-election.

Mann serves Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Roberts and Wheeler Counties.

"I just want the support of the residents of those counties as I seek to protect their property and lives," Mann said today.

Mann cited his 27 years of work in courtroom around the State of Texas and his 10 years at prosecutor as his number one qualification, he said, to continue his war on crime.

PAMPA -- BSA Hospice will kick-off its annual Tree of Love fund-raiser in Pampa with a tree-lighting ceremony at 6:30 p.m. today at the BSA Hospice office, 800 N. Sumner. Austin Elementary School Choir will perform Christmas music and Junior Service League volunteers will host a reception following the brief outdoor ceremony. Donations of \$10 or more for each light on the tree may be made in memory or honor of a family member or friends, in celebration of the birth of a child or to observe a special occasion.

MIAMI -- Miami's Christmas Arts and Crafts Bazaar will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Miami events Center on U.S. Highway 60.

- Billie Ruth Bivens, 70, Groom resident.
- E.O. Howard, Jr., 74, retired Santa Fe Railroad employee.

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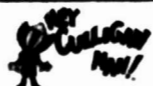


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Bomb threat delays PHS school opening today

By KEITH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Pampa High School evacuated students and personnel after receiving a bomb threat at 8 a.m. today. The students were assembled at the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Pampa Fire Department secured the perimeter of the school grounds while the Pampa Police Department and several officials of the Pampa

Independent School District inspected the high school.

Police gave the all-clear signal at approximately 9:09 a.m.

The bomb threat was the first of the 1999-2000 high school year.

"Nine out ten times it's a prank, but after the incidents in Colorado and elsewhere, you can't assume it's always a prank. We can't afford to be complacent," Police Chief Charlie Morris said.

After receiving two bomb threats last year, P.I.S.D. met with law enforcement personnel to make changes to ensure the safety of students.

"The majority of our lockers are bolted or dead-locked," Pampa High School Principal John Kendall said.

He said the lockers were bolted after last year's bomb threats. P.H.S. has also added exit-only doors to prevent school access by non-students and call

tracing on school phone lines.

Students returned to classes at P.H.S. after the all-clear was given, though several parents did withdraw their children for the day.

Principal John Kendall said the school made the decision to resume classes for the day after law enforcement and P.I.S.D. personnel thoroughly inspected the school.

Kendall said that the safety of the students was the num-

ber one concern of P.I.S.D.

If a student made the bomb threat, Kendall said the student would be suspended and the school district would file charges. Making a bomb threat is a Class B misdemeanor.

Kendall said the student would most likely be sent to Alternative Educational Placement.

Officers suggested trimming the shrubbery around the school building as a security precaution.

Santa Claus is coming to town



Christian Reeves, 5, and Nicholas Reeves, 4, explain to Santa what they want for Christmas. Santa arrived in Pampa Thursday evening as the annual Christmas parade began wending its way through the city streets. Santa ended the evening at McCarley Park handing out candy and listening the wishes of wide-eyed children. Christian wants a real dog, and Nicholas wants a camera and a bird.

Wheeler court hears pleas; probation revocation

WHEELER -- Two people pled guilty to a variety of charges this week in unrelated cases here. A third person had his probation revoked in 31st District Court here.

Timothy Kincannon, 22, of Mobeetie, pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of assault.

Visiting Judge Grainger W. McElhany ordered Kincannon to pay a \$300 fine, court costs and attorney fees.

Kincannon was also sentenced six months probation.

Sylvia Saldana Quinn, 33, of Wellington, pled guilty to tampering with a government document.

She was sentenced to two years in a state jail facility, probation for five years, and ordered to pay \$8,700 restitution to the Texas Department of Health Services plus court costs and probation fees.

Despite an eloquent plea by Roger E. Bland II of Rogers, Ark., Judge McElhany ordered him to spend the next two years in a state jail in Texas.

Bland testified that he was married with two children, paying child support on another, getting a divorce and that he had a pregnant girl friend that he intended to marry.

Bland was initially convicted in 1996 in Wheeler County on a charge of possession of amphetamines and given a probation sentence, but Assistant District Attorney Matt Martindale accused Bland of not living up to his probation requirements.

Bland claimed he had not paid his probation fees because of a misunderstanding. He said he was under the impression that his probated sentenced would be transferred to

Livestock on road damages vehicle

SKELLYTOWN -- A vehicle driven by a Borger man received extensive damage when it struck a cow west of Pampa shortly before 7 p.m. Wednesday in Carson County.

Apollinar Leyva Adame, 25, of Borger, was driving a 1980 Blue Ford Club Wagon west on Texas Highway 152 when it collided with the animal on the highway. Adame was not injured. The vehicle was towed to Borger.

Skellytown Ambulance and rescue personnel responded to the accident scene, but no patients were transported to any medical facility.

Carson County Sheriff Department also responded to the wreck scene.

Investigating the car versus livestock collision which occurred 6.3 miles west of Pampa was Department of Public Safety Trooper Ronnie Shank. No citations were issued in the incident, according to a spokesperson.

Parents of wreck victim may sue county

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Gray County officials may be facing a lawsuit in connection with a fatal motor vehicle accident which occurred May 30 and resulted in the death of a Pampa teenager, Stacey Kaye Sehorn.

Justin Sober was driver of the vehicle in which Sehorn, a 1999 graduate of Pampa High, was riding when the accident occurred. Injured in the same accident were Shawn Allen

Reames and Nakisha Horton.

Letters from Amarillo attorney Channy F. Wood were sent to Gray County Judge Richard Peet and members of the Gray County Commission, County Attorney Todd Alvey, and Texas Department of Transportation offices in both Amarillo and Austin this week stating that he has been retained to represent Sehorn's parents, Darrell and Linda Sehorn, the estate of Stacey Sehorn and Reames regarding the accident.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Texas Highway 273 and Loop 171 in Gray County, approximately three miles south of Pampa.

The letter states the automobile accident resulted from a number of causes, including but not limited to, the handling and processing of Justin Sober following his arrest for driving while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol on or about May 29, 1999, by Gray County officials.

The Amarillo attorney further stated negligence of Gray County officials in the handling of data, information and documents regarding Justin Sober's criminal record, the improper release of Sober from the custody and control of Gray County, the policy and practice of handling persons charged with driving while intoxicated and the construction, maintenance, signage and warnings at the intersection of Highway 273 and Loop 171.

(See **SOBER**, Page 2)

Gray County Commission approves purchases

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Gray County Commissioners approved two county officials' requests to purchase additional office equipment during their regular meeting Wednesday.

Approval was granted by the county commission for County Clerk Susan Winborne to purchase two additional lateral file cabinets for her office. She reported she needed the extra storage for county records in her office.

Pct. 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman was given approval to purchase an additional computer terminal in his office. He has a full time secretary and a part time secretary in the office, but only one terminal, said County Judge Richard Peet. Judge Peet said that another terminal would assist the staff.

Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace Bob Muns has only one staff member in his office. Judge Peet said additional data could be entered by Curfman's staff with the additional computer terminal in the office.

Two members of the White Deer Land Museum advisory board were reappointed to the board. Howard Graham and Cynthia West were approved for an additional three-year term.

New advisory board members appointed to the advisory board were Jerry Foote and John Forrester. Both were appointed to three-year terms, also.

Commission members approved the payment of bills and salaries. Salaries in the amount of \$188,438 were approved while bills totaling \$96,909 were approved for payment.

Three line item budget transfers were approved. Forty dollars was approved for transfer from dues to office supplies in District Judge Leland Waters' budget.

Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter's budget had line item changes totaling \$550 from conference and training and computer expense to mileage, building expense and utilities.

District Clerk Gaye Honderich's request for a line item amount of \$1,254 from office

supplies to capital purchases was approved.

Several budget amendments were approved by the commission. Approval was granted both Auditor Elaine Morris and County Treasurer Scott Hahn to each transfer \$1,500 from their general miscellaneous-Y2K accounts to computer expense.

A budget amendment in County Clerk Winborne's office was approved in the amount of \$3,800 from fund balance to salaries for temporary employees, records maintenance and conference and training.

Pct. 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright was allowed transfer of Lake McClellan revenue in the amount of \$7,653 to equipment repairs and warehouse equipment.

Three thousand dollars was approved from fund balance to records maintenance, financial.

Transfer of hangar lessee at Perry Letors Field was approved. The 1999 tax roll was also approved.

County commission members will hear a report from historical architects at a special meeting to be held Dec. 13.

'The Nutcracker'



Pampa Civic Ballet will present its 28th annual production of "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Above: Cast as cookies are (back, l-r) Olin Boyd, Monica Kohler, Shauna Friend (Clara), Jessie

Parsley (Nutcracker Prince), Jessica Bagerman, Shawna Salazar, Dannielle Wall, (front) Rachel Heuston, Carrie Angel, Ashley Harbeson, Claire Boyd, Ashley Wheeler.

(Special photo)

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-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.

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If interested in the ADHD/ADD Support Group call Connie at 669-9364.

ST. MARK CME CHURCH

St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

MACEDONIA CHURCH

Macedonia Church will host a monthly breakfast the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 441 Elm Street with the Rev. I.L. Patrick. Donations will be accepted and the public is invited.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavillion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY

New Life Assembly of God Church, located at the corner of Randy Matson and Sumner, is accepting donations of new and used coats and toys from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday for Christmas. Please make sure the used coats and toys are clean. For more information or to arrange a time to drop off items, call 665-0804.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

First United Methodist Church of White Deer, 101 W. 8th, is presenting "Journey to Bethlehem," a drive-thru live nativity scene, from 6-8 p.m. nightly including two Sundays, Dec. 5 and 12. Admission is free. The nativity includes live animals, costumed Bible characters and 14 viewing stations.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The Spirit of Christmas volunteers will distribute Wish Cards and raise funds for gifts Nov. 10-Dec. 10. Gifts will be given to abused and neglected Amarillo

children under the care of social services agency Child Protective Services. For more information, call Nancy Hutchens, (806) 378-3206. The Spirit of Christmas program is coordinated by Bank One. Each child enrolled in the program is given three wishes. The supervising social worker interviews the child and completes the wish card for each.

MUSEUM OF THE PLAINS

Museum of the Plains, 1200 N. Main in Perryton, is exhibiting the works of Dr. Marvin Moon and his son Gregory Moon through Jan. 31 in the museum's Brillhart Room. A reception will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

International Library of Photography has announced its International Open Amateur Photography Contest. The deadline is Dec. 15, 1999. The enter, send one photo in only one of the following categories: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports,

Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture or other. The photo must be an 8 x 10 or smaller color or black-and-white print (unmounted). Entries

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By LORETTA FULTON
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE, Texas — "His Name Is Wonderful" never sounded so wonderful, so heartfelt, so beautiful.

Kenneth and Betty Hill stood side by side, as they have since marrying in 1939, pouring forth their faith in a hymn of praise. Only the limp right arm indicated anything was wrong. Certainly not the voice.

But once the music stopped, Kenneth Hill could no longer communicate in words. Lyrics to a hymn flow freely, gliding along on a melodic breath of air. But the spoken word is a different matter entirely.

Hill suffered a stroke in 1978 that left his right side paralyzed and his ability to verbally communicate gone forever. Except in song. His daughter, Sarah Mulkey, compared the oddity to that of country and western singer Mel Tillis, who stutters to the extent that he can't be understood but who can belt out a tune with the best of them. Just like Tillis, Hill can enunciate beautifully in song, his tenor voice still strong at age 83.

"If he's not having to think it up he can do it," Ms. Mulkey said. Unfortunately, the stroke knocked out the brain function that would allow Hill to sing what he wants to say, kind of like a singing telegram.

"You know what you want to say, but the brain can't make the connection to speech," Ms. Mulkey said.

Even so, Hill can sing all the hymns he once knew and can learn new ones. The couple sings with the senior choir at First Baptist Church called "Majestic Sounds," an appropriate title.

"It's a joy to be around them both," said Gary Anglin, minister of music at First Baptist. "They're an inspiration to the choir."

It's fortunate that Hill retained his musical abilities. His career was spent as an administrator at Hardin-Simmons University and as a music minister in Baptist churches.

"His voice was a lot of who he was," Sarah said.

But with the stroke, Hill had to literally start over in many respects. His road to recovery started by first mastering life as a left-hander and then by gradually learning to say a few words. Right-handed by nature, Hill had to learn to use his left hand as best as possible. He can sign his name, drive a car, walk with a cane, and most remarkably, create gorgeous still life paintings that adorn the family's apartment.

"He has always been artistic," said Ms. Mulkey, who along with her sister, Bowie Elementary School teacher Susan Stuerzenberger, checks in on her parents occasionally.

But with a busy professional schedule, Hill never had much time to devote to painting.

"He always had a flair, but he never had time to give to it," Ms. Mulkey said.

All that changed in 1978 when Hill suffered a stroke while in a Dallas hospital recuperating from surgery to repair a detached retina. Hill was only 62 then, and should have been embarking on carefree retirement. But the stroke changed all that.

"I thought each day things would get back to the way they were," his wife Betty said.

Instead, each day the couple and their loved ones learned to cope with a new lifestyle.

"You just accept it as it comes along," Mrs. Hill said.

With faith propping him up more than any cane could do, Hill began his new life as a man not so much on the go as he always had been. Hill started working at Hardin-Simmons in 1947, a year before

he graduated. He went on to serve in a number of positions including director of financial aid and director of alumni affairs, a job he held when he retired.

Hill majored in music at Hardin-Simmons, so it was no surprise that he also served as a music minister for a number of Baptist churches in Abilene and in the Lubbock area.

"He's been music director at every church in the neighborhood," Betty Hill said.

The Hills both still have a strong allegiance to Hardin-Simmons, where Betty also graduated and taught as a math professor. The Hills are fixtures at HSU's home football games, and plaques on the apartment wall tell how highly thought of the Hills are on the 40 Acres. In 1990 Kenneth was the recipient of the university's highest alumni honor, the Keeter Award.

But of all the things hanging on the walls, the Hills are most proud of paintings done by Kenneth since his stroke. Betty still has the first pencil sketches of birds that Kenneth attempted a few years after the stroke, just as he was learning to use his left hand.

There is no comparison to the later ones, many of which adorn Christmas cards sent to friends. Their polished, meticulous attention to detail reflects the patience Hill mustered to perfect his art.

The Hills enclosed the patio at their apartment to create a studio for Kenneth so that he could have his drawing materials at hand whenever the desire to paint strikes him. He works there almost every day, capturing birds and flowers in bright pen and pencil drawings.

Perhaps most expressive of Hill's own spirit is a collection titled "Fruits of the Spirit." Nicely drawn fruits carry a "fruit of the spirit" label alongside them. An apple represents gentleness, cherries become love, and a pear symbolizes peace.

All three of those "Fruits of the Spirit" are evident in Kenneth Hill. What he can't say in words is easily communicated in twin-

ling eyes and a smile that exudes a childlike happiness.

"He can't talk, but he can smile," Betty Hill said.

And smile he does. Only rarely does Hill's frustration show when he's struggling to communicate a thought without the aid of words. "No, no, no," he utters as his wife and daughter try to help him recall a church he once served as music minister. "Yeah, yeah!" he exclaims as they remember it was in Littlefield.

In the 21 years since the stroke, much has changed for the family, but it all adds up to good.

"There have been highs and lows for all of us," Sarah Mulkey said. "You acknowledge you're human and move on."

And move on they have. Avid travelers, the Hills have visited 40 countries and all but two states, Minnesota and North Dakota.

A hip replacement and a bout with cancer, which is now in remission, only slowed Kenneth somewhat. He's still a regular at Lions Club luncheons, Hardin-Simmons football games, choir practice and Sunday morning church. Always by his side is his wife of 60 years.

"She reads his mind," Sarah Mulkey said. "They're an amazing team."

Betty Hill serves as somewhat of an interpreter and almost instantly understands what her husband is trying to communicate. The one thing he communicates with ease, with no interpreter necessary, is a gentle spirit, sense of humor, and sparkling eyes that speak of happiness. Perhaps his daughter Sarah put it best.

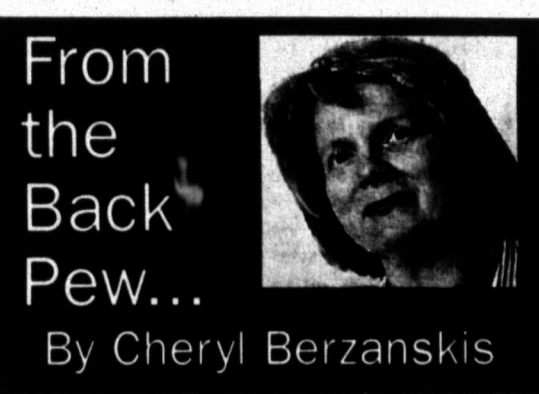
"I feel like he's such a hero," she said.

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Look to Genesis for alpha of spiritual experience

As Christendom moves into the happy seasonal anticipation of Advent, we note all of Bible history is characterized by a sense of anticipation. For the whole of Old Testament history, the Hebrews waited for their Savior.



By Cheryl Berzanskis

They watched for His birth, wandering through history in an imperfect, frequently abysmal, spiritual zigzag. Once Jesus came into His own as a preacher, teacher and prophet, His followers watched His every move for the what-happens-next of prophetic fulfillment. At the end of His life, they sweated the three days of His entombment to see if Jesus was who He said He was.

Now we watch sometimes impatiently, sometimes yawningly, for His return.

We should know that God is who He claims to be, for His fidelity was evident from the beginning of time. A reread through Genesis reminds us of the provision of a loving God, who in creating the Edenic home for man, provided him with everything he needed to live a satisfying and abundant life on Earth. In just the first three chapters of Genesis, God not only spoke the universe into being, He provided for man's every physical, emotional and spiritual need.

In Chapter One, Adam and Eve's physical needs were met through the bounty of the Edenic garden before the fall. In Chapter Two, we see the first couple as a completed union, human to human, for the sustenance only provided by like kind. As the Father moved through spectrum of the human experience, He was required to provide for the spiritual needs of His creations. It is in Chapter Three, the savior is foreshadowed through the metaphor of the crushed serpent, and after the giant oops involving the famous snake, Adam and Eve's physical needs were provided for in the world beyond their natal home. It is at the end of Chapter Three, after God has done His work, that man is ready to live the human condition which continues to mark his days.

Not a bad week's work in just three chapters but more importantly not a bad read for someone looking for the alpha of the spiritual experience.

Church of England wrestles with divorce

By ROBERT BARR
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — Church of England bishops preach the ideal of marriage for life, but changing times have forced them to take another look at the reality of divorce and second marriages.

The rule now is that divorced people cannot get married in church so long as the former spouse is alive. The reality, however, is that many parish priests permit the weddings anyway.

Parish priests are expecting fresh guidance soon from a group of bishops assigned to examine the issues of remarriage.

"The trouble with the Church of England is that everyone does what they like, and there are no rules," says the Rev. David S.M. Smith.

About a third of the weddings at his church, St. John's in Clevedon, a suburb of Bristol, involve divorced people.

Church of England bishops issued a teaching document in September which affirmed the principle of matrimony for life.

"For better or worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance: these well-known words, used for many centuries, are decisive for what it means to undertake marriage," the bishops said.

England and Wales have one of the highest divorce rates in Europe — 13.8 per 1,000 couples per year — while the number of marriages per year has declined to the lowest level since 1917.

In 1996, according to the Office for National Statistics, 3,821 of the 75,147 church weddings in England and Wales involved divorcees.

The church — founded in the turmoil of King Henry VIII's multiple marriages — has not taught that a second marriage is necessarily invalid. Since the 17th century, however, it has barred second weddings in church for divorcees.

The opposition of the church influenced the decision in 1955 of Queen Elizabeth II's sister, Princess Margaret, not to marry Group Capt. Peter Townsend, the divorcee she loved. Now, the church faces the likelihood that its next supreme governor will be a divorcee — Prince Charles.

While many priests have

become more permissive, remarriage for divorcees it remains a divisive and troubling issue.

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"I think like many clergy I am very torn, because there are two very good principles of Christian faith that come into tragic conflict — on the one hand, the idea of faithfulness in marriage ... but on the other hand, the sense that Christian belief hinges on forgiveness and the possibility of a fresh start," says the Rev. Alan Winton, rector of St. Mary the Virgin in Welwyn, 20 miles north of London. With a single exception in his seven years of ministry, he has refused to marry divorcees.

The bishop of Winchester, the Right Rev. Michael Scott-Joynt, who heads the working party on remarriage, has indicated that the bishops are likely to urge caution.

"If we allow the remarriage of divorcees to take place too easily, we undermine the witness to

marriage," he says. "The question of how we hold together the convictions of marriage with the reality of marriages

still not have understood what made a marriage fail," says Spurr, a divorcee himself. "It is not about time, it is about being prepared to look into the dark places of one's own soul and this is always costly."

Smith says he finds it embarrassing to delve into the reasons for a divorce, and wishes that task could be taken up by counseling agencies.

He does inquire into the care of any children from previous relationships. He also requests that couples sign the same disclosure forms required of anyone who works with children, asking whether they have been convicted of any offenses involving children or have had children taken away from them by the courts.

"For me, the whole thing is the pastoral relationship with the church," Smith says. "The church should make it quite clear that if the church marries you, it means business."

Those are not easy issues for parish priests. The Rev. Andrew Spurr, vicar of St. John, Stansted Mountfichet, north of London, says he turns away couples if he believes they have not taken the time to work through the issues from the previous marriage.

"You can be 20 years on and

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Let's Talk Real Estate

by Jim Davidson
Realtor

MORE LEFT HANGING THAN THE DRAPERIES

Could a real estate deal fall apart over a disagreement over draperies? Stranger things have happened when doubts arise over what stays with the house and what goes with the seller. Instead of allowing signs and matters of principle to enter into the negotiating process, sellers should clearly identify those elements of real property that are included with the sale of the house. Generally speaking, anything that is permanently attached to the home goes with it. However, some sellers have every intention of taking a chandelier or kitchen appliance with them. If so, they should make their intentions clear to prospective buyers at the outset. Otherwise, misunderstanding and disappointment can lead to broken deals.

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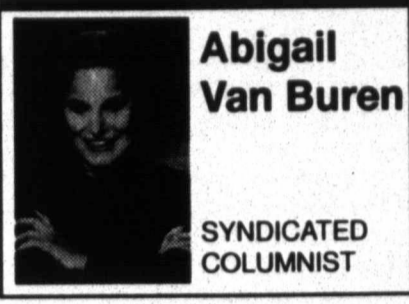
Volunteers in Memory Study May Help Combat Alzheimer's

DEAR ABBY: In past months, some of the letters in your column have dealt with forgetfulness and aging. I would like to inform your readers about a research study designed to address the issue of memory loss found in normal aging compared to that seen in early Alzheimer's disease.

The Memory Impairment Study is taking place at 60 to 80 sites across the United States and Canada, and holds promise for medical intervention against the development of Alzheimer's disease. The study will investigate two treatments that will, we hope, lessen the likelihood of developing Alzheimer's disease in people with a condition known as mild cognitive impairment.

Mild cognitive impairment refers to a type of memory loss beyond that which is expected during the course of normal aging. Symptoms typically include forgetting recent experiences on an increasingly frequent basis. Persons with mild cognitive impairment are otherwise normal, engage in the usual activities of daily living, and do not have a diagnosis of dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Nevertheless, it appears that such individuals are at higher risk for developing Alzheimer's disease.

For the study, we are looking for men and women between the ages of 55 and 90 who are in good general health but are forgetful for their age. They must have a partner who is familiar with them and can accompany them to their clinic



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

visits. The study will run for three years. Clinic visits occur approximately every six months. We will be testing two treatments in comparison to a placebo (an inactive pill).

Volunteers for this study are key to helping us provide hope for the millions of individuals affected by Alzheimer's disease.

We greatly appreciate your support for research in Alzheimer's disease and hope your readers will contact us if interested.

RONALD C. PETERSEN, M.D., DIRECTOR, ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH CENTER, MAYO CLINIC, ROCHESTER, MINN.

DEAR DR. PETERSEN: Thank you for a fascinating letter. I'm sure that many will be interested in the direction that the latest, cutting-edge research is taking in the search for a cure for Alzheimer's disease. As the population of our country ages, it's a problem that will affect an increasing number of individuals and families.

According to the latest figures from the Alzheimer's Association, approximately 4 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease. Fourteen million Americans will have it by the year 2050, unless a cure or prevention is found.

Readers can obtain more information about the study by calling (888) 455-0655 or by visiting the Memory Impairment Study Web site at: www.memorystudy.org.

DEAR ABBY: Some of my friends tend to be a bit immature at times, about both serious and minor situations. I try to give good information if they don't know what to do, or if they're considering something foolish to get through their crisis.

Is there a certain approach or a time that is best to give out my information so that they take it as seriously as I would take it?

KELLY IN PORT WASHINGTON, N.Y.

DEAR KELLY: Yes. The most unwelcome advice is that which is unasked for, so volunteer your information only when asked. The exception would be a life-threatening situation.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY JEWISH READERS: Happy Hanukkah, one and all!

Horoscope

SUNDAY, DEC. 5, 1999

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)
***** Mull over unexpected developments, with an eye to what could be. Try again with a partner, and you'll get a whole new set of reactions. Communication finally flourishes. You can make peace where there has been war. Tonight: Close the emotional gap.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Step back and let others talk about what ails them. You could be surprised by what you hear. You'll feel renewed, with a new sense of direction. Another's smile melts barriers and brings the two of you closer. Listen to the other side of a story. Tonight: Defer to another.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Get into a project. Make a decision about your next course of action. Pace yourself. Understand others' ways of thinking. Initiate conversations. Someone you work with is most appealing. Talk about your feelings in a clear, direct manner. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Your creativity is high; your gentle side emerges when dealing with a child or loved one. Allow caring to flow; let conversations happen. You gain a renewed sense of direction. A relation-

ship sizzles. You'll like what another offers. Tonight: Enjoy loved ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** You might be bewildered by what goes on with others. Somehow, you might feel like you are off the beat. Start up talks in an open, loving manner. You gain important information. Communication sparkles once you open the right door. Tonight: Clear the air.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Reach out for others; listen to what is being said. Your softer side emerges. Keep talks going and clear out a problem. Feelings heat up as a result of talks and your open manner. Discuss plans over a long brunch. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Take time for loved ones, then slip out the door to pick up a gift or two. It isn't the cost of the gift that counts, but the thought behind it. Don't eliminate someone from your list. Redo your budget if it needs be. A discussion is very important. Tonight: Address cards, too!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Finally, you have an opportunity to clear out a misunderstanding that has been festering for way too long. Others respond to your energy and caring. Making the first move opens a long-desired portal. Put bad feelings to rest. Tonight: Beam in whatever you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Take a risk and express what you are feeling. You could be emotional and moody because you have kept certain feelings to yourself for far too long. You feel far more mellow and understood than you have in a very long time. Tonight: Sweet dreams!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Aim for what you want; you'll succeed beyond your wildest dreams. Realize what is ailing you. Be direct with others. Caring is amplified. Get together with friends and do what you love together. Smiles exchanged could mean a lot more than you realize. Tonight: Grinning.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Bring others together, even if it is at an early holiday get-together. Your sense of humor and wit draw the attention of an admirer. Others sometimes shy away from you because they find you unpredictable. Go for what you want. Tonight: Could be a late night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Take off and meet a friend or family member. A day trip visiting or shopping restores your energy and contributes to the holiday festivities. Realize how much you care about another; share feelings, now that you have a perspective. Tonight: Try a new type of exotic cuisine.

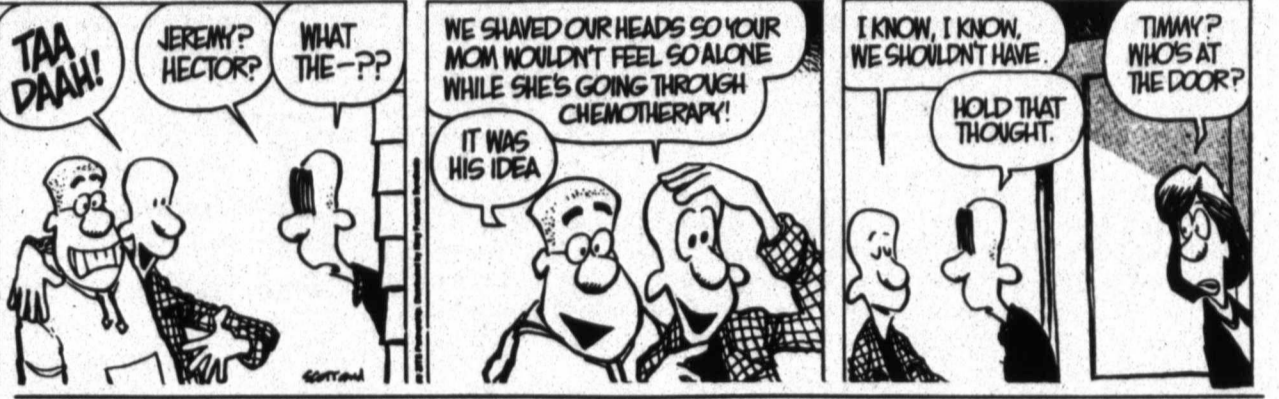
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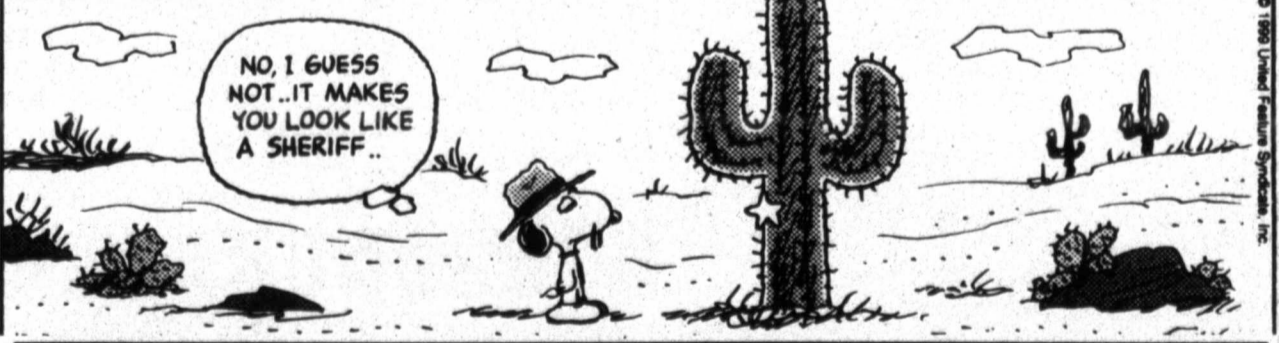
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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 6 Residents
 - 11 '90s sitcom
 - 12 Bar buy
 - 13 Old market
 - 14 Biscotti flavor
 - 15 Promise
 - 16 Be a snoop
 - 18 Train unit
 - 19 Pitching stat
 - 20 Bro's sib
 - 21 Metric mi.
 - 22 Tourist's car
 - 24 Fabricated
 - 25 Spoiled, perhaps
 - 27 Crew member
 - 29 Quick sketch
 - 32 Hill builder
 - 33 Floor cover
 - 34 Racket
 - 35 Society-page word
 - 36 Be decisive
 - 37 Ltd.'s kin
 - 38 Pageant topper
 - 40 Heart link
 - 42 European viper
- DOWN**
- 1 "Aliens" star
 - 2 Candidate of 2000, maybe
 - 3 Way to win
 - 4 A pop
 - 5 Speaks abruptly
 - 6 Is pious
 - 7 Charged bit
 - 8 Done hastily
 - 9 Tacit
 - 10 Channel swimmer
 - 17 Fuming
 - 23 Cargo unit
 - 24 Low
 - 26 GI IDs
 - 27 Little chicken
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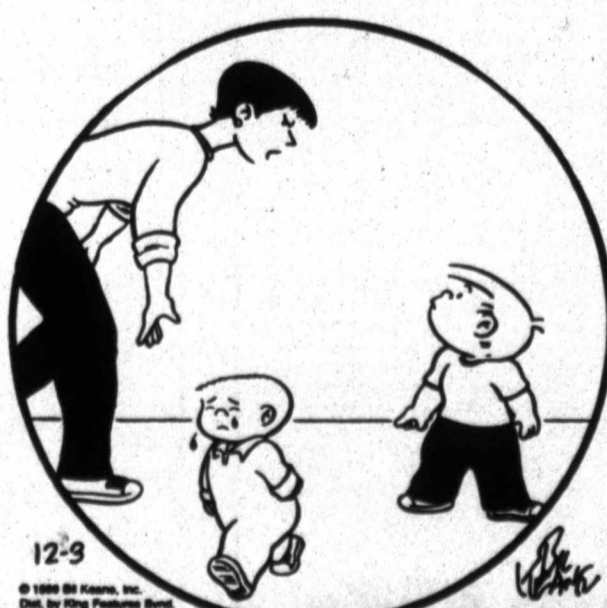
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The Family Circus



"He feels bad enough since I scolded him. I don't want to hear 'See? I told you' again!"

SPORTS

Notebook

NEW YORK (AP) — The second Heisman Trophy ever to be auctioned to the public was sold early today for \$328,110, nearly \$100,000 more than the price paid in February for O.J. Simpson's Heisman.

Larry Kelley, the former Yale star who won the trophy in 1936, placed the cherished award up for auction after suffering a stroke.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Carolina Panthers cut off Rae Carruth's salary one day after authorities said he played a pivotal role in an alleged plot to try to kill his pregnant girlfriend.

The Panthers, who placed Carruth on a paid personal leave after Cherica Adams was critically wounded in a drive-by shooting Nov. 16, said they were changing his status to a leave of absence without pay.

CHICAGO (AP) — Former Northwestern cornerback Gregory Gill was fined \$5,000 and placed on probation for committing perjury in a federal investigation of gambling by athletes at the school. Gill was ordered to perform 400 hours of community service in addition to his three-year probation term.

NEW YORK (AP) — Charles Barkley was fined \$20,000 by the NBA for criticizing referee Mike Mathis after the Houston Rockets' double-overtime loss to Phoenix the previous night.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Just 3 1/2 months after undergoing a kidney transplant, Sean Elliott believes there's an 80 percent chance he'll return to the San Antonio Spurs this season.

Elliott's recovery has progressed so well that he jumped into a five-on-five scrimmage Monday in San Antonio before the team's trainers and strength coaches told him it probably wasn't the best idea.

CHICAGO (AP) — Leon Smith, the troubled teenager with the Dallas Mavericks, was being sought for questioning by police after they received a report he threatened his ex-girlfriend with a gun at her Chicago high school.

The allegations are the latest bizarre twist involving the 19-year-old who jumped straight from high school to the pros. Authorities have not issued an arrest warrant for the 6-foot-11 Smith, but said they want to talk to him about the alleged confrontation.

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut basketball coach Jim Calhoun is asking the State Ethics Commission to expand its rules on what kinds of advertisements and promotions he can get paid for.

Calhoun's proposal would allow him to use the name of Connecticut's NCAA-winning team in ads for companies that have contracts with the university, said Alan Plofsky, executive director of the ethics commission.

Ethics rules prohibit state employees from cashing in on their positions. Calhoun, therefore, is only allowed to appear in ads that do not specifically mention his connection to UConn and the basketball team.

CLEVELAND (AP) — A day after losing Mike Jackson, the Cleveland Indians restocked their bullpen by agreeing to a two-year contract with Scott Kamieniecki, a deal worth about \$3.8 million.

Cleveland has an option for 2002 that, if exercised, would make the deal worth about \$5.5 million. Kamieniecki, a 35-year-old right-hander, was 2-4 with a 4.95 ERA and two saves last season in 43 appearances with Baltimore.

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago White Sox outfielder Darrin Jackson said he's retiring to become a broadcaster for the team. The 36-year-old signed a multiyear contract and will provide color commentary during White Sox games for WGN, FOX Sports Net and WCIU.

Harvesters and Lady Harvester win at respective tournaments

The Pampa Harvesters posted their first win of the season, defeating Lubbock Cooper 68-45 in first-round action Thursday at the Frenship Shootout at the South Plains town of Frenship.

Reece Hartman led four players in double figures with 13 points. Kirk George and Derek Williams had 12 points each while Adam Rogers had 10. Rusty Garcia had 10 points and Ryan Shuttlesworth 8 to lead Cooper.

Pampa trailed by four (16-12) at the end of the first quarter, but the Harvesters scored the first 11 points of the second quarter to pull away.

Jesse Francis added 7 points for Pampa while Casey Owens and Stephen Vanderpool had 4 each,

Victor Brooks and Tanner Hucks 3 each. Pampa (1-3) moves into the winner's bracket at 7 tonight.

Meanwhile at Fritch, the Pampa Lady Harvesters went on a scoring spree the last three quarters to rout West

Texas High 47-16 in the opening round of the Lake Meredith Classic on Thursday.

Pampa evened its record at 2-2 with the win. They played Borger at 2:15 today in the winner's bracket.



Morgan Meharg heads for Tyler this weekend for the state gymnastics championships.

Pampa girl goes to state gymnastics championship

PAMPA — Morgan Meharg, daughter of Todd and Dennis Meharg of Pampa, will be competing in the Level 6 Texas State Championships in Tyler this weekend.

Morgan, a student of Gymnastics of Pampa, qualified to the state meet at the North State Semi-Finals in Plano. She earned a spot to state by placing 9th on floor exercise with a score of 9.025,

16th on balance beam, 8.55 and 20th in All Around with a total of 34.475.

This is Morgan's second trip to the state championships in only her second year as a competitive gymnast.

UT and KSU come up with Big 12 players of the year

DALLAS (AP) — The Associated Press All-Big 12 team, as selected by a panel of 16 sports writers who regularly cover the league for newspapers throughout the league's seven states. Players at all positions are listed alphabetically; players marked with a -a were unanimous selections.

AP All-Big 12 Team

Offense

Center: Rob Riti, Missouri, Sr., 6-3, 289, Florissant, Mo.
Guard-Tackle: Brad Bedell, Colorado, Sr., 6-5, 310, Arcadia, Calif.; Russ Hochstein, Nebraska, Jr., 6-3, 280, Hartington, Neb.; Stockar McDougle, Oklahoma, Sr., 6-5, 354, Deerfield Beach, Fla.; Roger Roesler, Texas, Sr., 6-5, 315, Round Rock, Texas.

Tight end: Tracey Wistrom, Nebraska, Soph., 6-5, 220, Webb City, Mo.
Receiver: Kwame Cavil-a, Texas, Jr., 6-2, 205, Waco, Texas; Quincy Morgan, Kansas State, Jr., 6-2, 215, Garland, Texas.

Running Back: Hodges Mitchell-a, Texas, Jr., 5-7, 190, Dallas; Darren Davis-a, Iowa State, Sr., 5-8, 190, Miami, Fla.
Quarterback: Major Applewhite, Texas, Soph., 6-1, 205, Baton Rouge, La.

All-purpose: David Allen, Jr., 5-9, 195, Liberty, Mo.
Kicker: Jamie Rheem-a, Kansas State, Jr., 6-1, 190, Wichita, Kan.

Defense

Lineman: Casey Hampton, Texas, Jr., 6-1, 305, Galveston, Texas; Darren Howard, Sr., 6-4, 275, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Justin Smith, Missouri, Soph., 6-5, 256, Holts Summit, Mo.; Steve Warren, Nebraska, Sr., 6-2, 315, Springfield, Mo.

Linebacker: Rocky Calmus, Oklahoma, Soph., 6-3, 226, Tulsa, Okla.; Carlos Polk, Nebraska, Jr., 6-2, 250, Rockford, Ill.; Mark Simoneau-a, Kansas State, Sr., 6-0, 240, Smith Center, Kan.; Jashon Sykes, Colorado, Soph., 6-3, 225, Los Angeles.

Defensive Back: Mike Brown-a, Nebraska, Sr., 5-10, 205, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Ralph Brown, Nebraska, Sr., 5-10, 180, Hacienda Heights, Ariz.; Lamar Chapman, Kansas State, Sr., 6-0, 175, Liberal, Kan.; Ben Kelly, Colorado, Jr., 5-10, 185, Cleveland.

Punter: Shane Lechler, Texas A&M, Sr., 6-2, 220, East Bernard, Texas.

Others receiving votes

Offense

Center: Randall Cummins, Kansas State; Andre

Gurode, Colorado; Dominic Raiola, Nebraska; Matt O'Neal, Oklahoma.

Guard-Tackle: Adam Davis, Oklahoma State; Leonard Davis, Texas; Jonathan Gray, Texas Tech; Semisi Heimuli, Texas A&M; Ryan Johanningmeier, Colorado; Adam Julch, Nebraska; Curtis Lowery, Texas Tech; Bill Marsau, Iowa State; Damien McIntosh, Kansas State.

Tight end: Matt Anderson, Oklahoma; Marceljus Rivers, Oklahoma State.

Receiver: Javon Green, Colorado.

Quarterback: Eric Crouch, Nebraska.

All-purpose: Brandon Daniels, Oklahoma; Jamaal Fobbs, Oklahoma State; Jarrail Jackson, Oklahoma; Ben Kelly, Colorado.

Defense

Lineman: Justin Bannon, Colorado; Mario Fatafehi, Kansas State; Aaron Humphrey, Texas; Kris Kocurek, Texas Tech; Shaun Rogers, Texas; Taurus Rucker, Texas Tech; Juqua Thomas, Oklahoma State; Kyle Vanden Bosch; Nebraska.

Linebacker: Tarrick Knauls, Oklahoma State; Torrance Marshall, Oklahoma; Barry Odom, Missouri; Kyle Shipley, Texas Tech; Kenyatta Wright, Oklahoma State.

Defensive back: Jarrod Cooper, Kansas State; Kevin Curtis, Texas Tech; Michael Jameson, Texas A&M; Rodney Rideau, Oklahoma; Jason Webster, Texas A&M; Damien Wheeler, Colorado.

Punter: Dan Hadenfeldt, Nebraska.

Offensive player of the year: Applewhite, Texas. **Defensive player of the year:** Simoneau, Kansas State. **Offensive newcomer of the year:** Josh Heupel-a, Oklahoma. **Defensive newcomer of the year:** Carl Newsmith, Kansas. **Coach of the year:** Frank Solich, Nebraska.

Voters

Lee Barfknecht, Omaha World Herald; B.G. Brooks, Denver Rocky Mountain News; Jimmy Burch, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; Pete Goerring, Topeka Capitol-Journal; Kim Gorum, Waco Tribune-Herald; Blair Kerkhoff, Kansas City Star; Curt McKeever, Lincoln Journal Star; Rick Plumlee, Wichita Eagle; John Rohde, The Daily Oklahoman; John Shipley, Des Moines Register; Dave Sittler, Tulsa World; Jerome Solomon, Houston Chronicle; Ken Stephens, The Dallas Morning News; Adam Thompson, Denver Post; Mark Wangrin, Austin American-Statesman; Don Williams, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Barkley on fines: 'They're all tax-deductible'

By KEN PETERS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Free speech is getting expensive for Charles Barkley.

A day after criticizing referee Mike Mathis in Phoenix, the Houston Rockets' All-Star forward was fined \$20,000 by the NBA.

"I pay taxes, just like everybody else. Everybody else has an opinion, but famous people — especially athletes — don't," Barkley said Thursday. "But I'm going to speak my mind if I'm asked."

"It definitely ain't free speech. That's an oxymoron."

Barkley has paid the bill previously for ripping officials.

"This is like the third time it's happened," he said. "They got me for \$10,000, \$15,000. It's just escalated. If I think an official's bad, I'll say it."

"I don't think about it, don't worry about it too much. They're all tax-deductible."

The fine resulted from remarks Barkley made about referee Mike Mathis after the Rockets' 128-122 double-over-

time loss Wednesday in Phoenix. Barkley unleashed a string of expletives at Mathis after the game and said he couldn't believe Mathis wasn't still in jail.

Called for a foul while going for a rebound with 3.5 seconds left in the first overtime against the Suns, Barkley has a history of run-ins with Mathis, one of seven officials who resigned following tax charges last year.

"We lost the game because of one reason — Mike Mathis," Barkley said following that loss. "He's a bad official. He's been bad the whole time I've been in the league."

"He cost us the game, and I hate that he's back in the league."

Barkley already had been fined \$5,000 and suspended without pay for one game this season after getting into a fight with Shaquille O'Neal.

After learning of the latest fine earlier in the day, Barkley had 12 points, 10 rebounds, seven assists and just one minor conflict with an official during Thursday's 109-96 win over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Philippoussis beats Grosjean to give Aussies 1-0 lead

NICE, France (AP) — Mark Philippoussis beat Sebastien Grosjean 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 today, giving Australia a 1-0 lead over France in the Davis Cup final.

The Australian won in 1 hour, 58 minutes, before a crowd of about 10,000.

"I am extremely happy with the way I played," he said. "I was solid and played calmly."

Both players appeared tense early, moving uneasily and making wild, unforced errors. But it was Philippoussis who held his nerve.

In game three, Grosjean hit a

second serve that was so wide it landed outside the doubles court. Grosjean dropped his serve at 1-1, after double-faulting twice.

Philippoussis, one of the hardest servers in the game, fired a 135-mph ace in game four but also failed to hold his serve.

At 4-4, Grosjean handed Philippoussis a break point with a weak forehand into the net, and on the next point made another unforced error, hitting a poor backhand into the net.

Philippoussis then won nine of 11 games to take control of the match.

Longhorns remember play that started the streak over Nebraska

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Before he became part of an unlikely streak, Mack Brown wanted Nebraska to beat Texas.

In 1996, Brown was the coach at North Carolina. A Nebraska win in the inaugural Big 12 championship game would have sent his Tar Heels to the Fiesta Bowl.

Brown's hopes were deflated by "The Play" that started Texas' three-game winning streak over the Cornhuskers.

With the Longhorns facing fourth-and-inches late in the game, Nebraska loaded up to stop the run. Instead, quarterback James Brown rolled out and threw a soft pass to wide-open tight end Derek Lewis.

"I saw James rolling out and I was like, 'What are they doing?' said Texas senior defensive lineman Aaron Humphrey, a freshman in 1996.

"When Derek caught that ball, I took off down the sideline. I was excited," Humphrey said. Lewis turned a short catch into a 61-yard gain. He didn't reach the end zone, but he helped Texas beat heavily favored Nebraska 37-27.

The win sent Texas to the Fiesta Bowl and North Carolina to the Gator Bowl.

"I was disappointed when Texas won that game," Brown said. "I can't say that now."

The 12th-ranked Longhorns (9-3) meet No. 3 Nebraska (10-1) again Saturday in the Big 12 title game in San Antonio.

Since coming to Texas, Brown has beaten Nebraska twice. Both wins required the Longhorns to execute long drives late in the game.

In 1998, quarterback Major Applewhite capped an 85-yard drive with a 2-yard touchdown pass with 2:47 left. Texas won 20-16, snapping Nebraska's 47-

game home winning streak.

This season, the Longhorns were trailing 20-17 in the fourth quarter when Applewhite's TD pass to tight end Mike Jones with 5:51 left capped a 60-yard drive for the winning score.

The late losses have Nebraska anxious to beat Texas.

"It's awesome that we have another shot to play them," Cornhuskers defensive Mike Brown said. "It poses a challenge for us."

Nebraska players say they're not thinking about revenge, even though losses to Texas spoiled their national title hopes this year and in 1996.

If not for the 24-20 loss at Austin in October, the Cornhuskers likely would be playing for the chance to face top-ranked Florida State for the national championship in the Sugar Bowl.

"You don't think about revenge or retaliation or anything like that," quarterback Eric Crouch said. "I've never even thought about those type of words. It's just another opportunity for us to go out and prove how much improved we are from the last time we played these guys."

Texas' streak over Nebraska eventually will run out, be it Saturday or a game in the future.

"Everybody in America outside of Texas thinks we're going to lose," Brown said.

Under the Big 12 schedule, the teams won't play each other in the 2000-2001 regular seasons.

Nebraska is favored by slightly more than a touchdown. In 1996, the Huskers were three-touchdown favorites.

"We'd be underdogs if we were 11-0," Texas wide receiver Kwame Cavil said. "They deserve it."

"We're just going to have to beat them every time we play them to get the respect we deserve."

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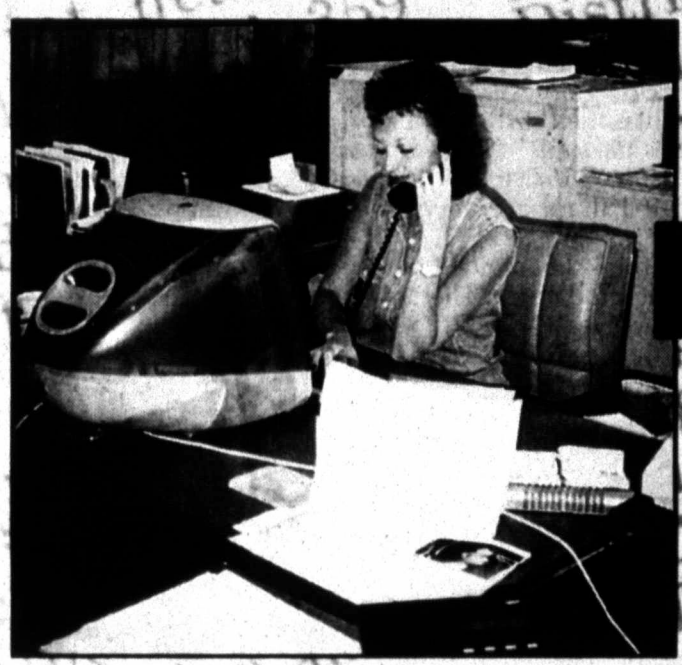
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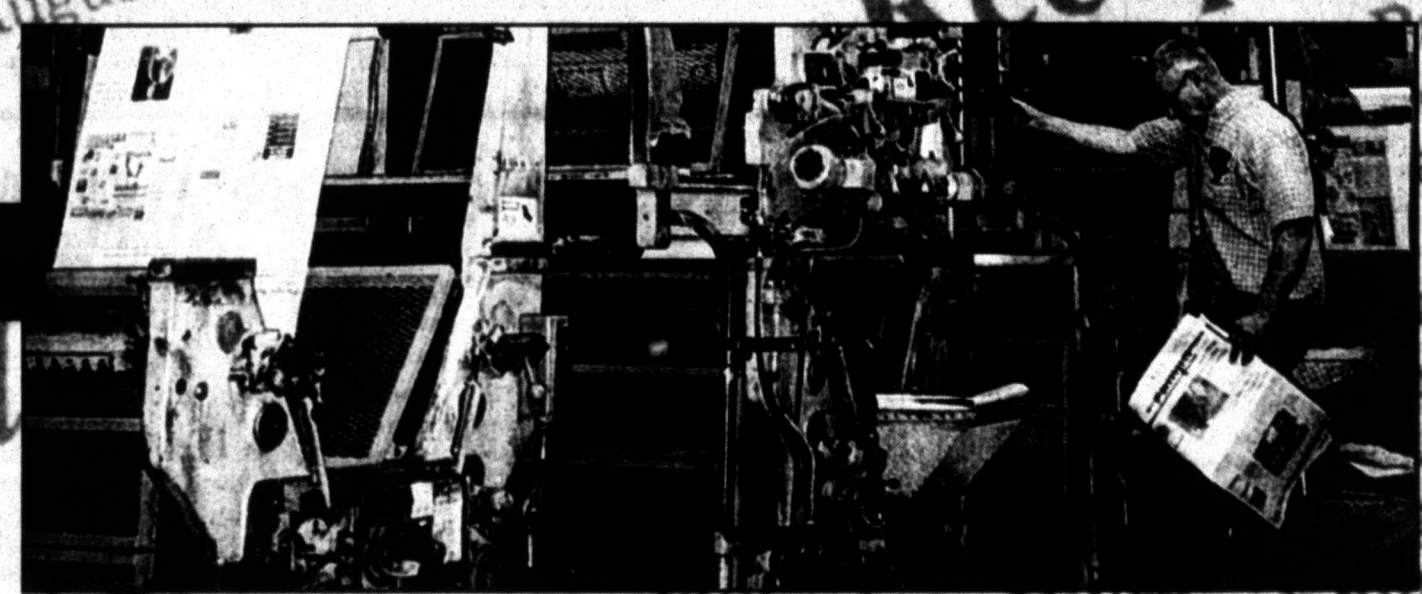


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Texas Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman addresses convention

CORPUS CHRISTI — Texas Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman addressed delegates to the TFB state convention held recently, urging them to "make the 21st Century agriculture's century."

Stallman compared Texas Farm Bureau's role in agriculture to that of firefighters extinguishing one blaze after another.

"We dare not stop for fear that the fire will consume all that we have worked a lifetime for," Stallman said. "That's why we have an organization like Farm Bureau."

Stallman, a rice farmer from Columbus, alluded to a recent request by an animal rights group for the names of every rancher in Texas who has used the Livestock Protection Collar to control predators. Farm Bureau, he said, obtained a temporary restraining order blocking the release of those names.

"We will go to court later to put a stop to this blatant attempt at harassment and violation of privacy once and for all," Stallman said.

Stallman focused much of his discussion on America's need for a national farm policy. A successful agricultural policy would have equal footing with foreign and trade relations as well as environment regulations, he said.

Unilateral embargoes against countries like Cuba lock the U.S. out of foreign trade and leave fertile international markets open to competitors. The Farm Bureau "cannot and will not accept that," Stallman said. "The Texas Farm Bureau will not sit still while our negotiators disarm America in the international trade arena," he said.

Trade regulations constitute one of many factors contributing to what Stallman called a "flight out of agriculture" that is taking place in America. From 1992 to 1997, more than 40,000 full-time farmers have cut back

to part-time work or left the farm altogether. Stallman implored the nation not to ignore this flight from farming.

"These are the young men and women who would be our next generation of family farmers. What will be the price if they continue to leave the farm?" he said.

Another potential risk factor that could force farmers off of the farm lies in limiting the use of technology in farming. Agricultural technology allows farmers to produce safe, healthy food and fiber in greater quantities than ever before, and legislators should recognize that fact, Stallman said.

"Our technology is the only edge we have... without it, it would be impossible to produce enough food for our own people, let alone a sizable portion of the world," he said.

Activists question the safety of food produced through technologically-advanced methods. Stallman,

however, noted that their objections lack foundation in scientific fact and therefore should carry little weight in the argument against utilizing technology in agricultural production.

"It would be foolish to give it (agricultural technology) up for unproven whims and emotional rhetoric," he said.

The bottom line in a successful national farm policy lies in farmers' opportunity to earn a profit from their land. Failing to recognize this fact will push food production into the hands of corporate managers or foreign growers, Stallman said.

Stallman encouraged convention attendees to work as a team in order to win agricultural battles in the new millennium.

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BOLIN Sale Barn. 415 W. Browning, open Fri. 1 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. 665-2254.

LARGE Moving Sale. 303 N. Starkweather, Thurs. Dec. 2 thru Dec. 8, Lyle Gate residence

3 Family Garage Sale. 629 S. Cuyler, Saturday only, 8:30 a.m.-?

OLD Plantation, 529 S. Ballard. Collectibles, toys, cars, dolls, other items.

PIANOS FOR RENT New and used pianos. Starting at \$40 per month. Up to 9 months of rent will apply to pur-hase. It's all right here in Pampa at Tarpley Music. 665-1251.

80 Pets & Suppl.

1 bdr. furnished, Dog-wood Apts. References and deposit required. 669-2981, 669-9817.

SMALL apt., very clean, stove & refr., fur. See at 1616 Hamilton or call 665-2200 9-6 p.m. or 669-9986 aft. 6 p.m.

TUMBLEWEED Acres, 184 ac. rent free. Cellars, fenced, stor. bldg. avail. 665-0079, 665-2450.

3 bdr., 1 ba., brick home, cent. hv. Call Shed Realtors, Walter/Janie 665-3761

2 bdr., fireplace w/gas, celar, cent. hv. 1116 Garland, \$250 dep. \$325 mo. 665-0524. Ref. req.

NICE 3 bdr., 2 1/2 ba., whfp. Must see to appreciate. Gas & water pd. 669-7782.

1 & 2 bedroom houses for rent. Call 669-9532.

NICE clean 2 bdrs. 1801 Hamilton, 1815 Hamilton, 1526 Coffee. 665-6604, 662-5037.

3 bedroom - 1214 E. Francis. \$250 month + deposit 665-2254

NOW avail. nice brick country house 3-3-2, dbl. car. No water or gas bill. Move-In Special!! 800 N. Nelson, 665-1875.

LRG. 1 bdr., appl. cov. parking, laundry. \$275 mo. + elec., \$100 dep. 1334 N. Coffee, 663-7522, 883-2461.

PAM APARTMENTS Seniors or Disabled Rent Based On Income Call about Move-In Specials 669-2594 1200 N. Wells 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Schneider House Apts. Seniors or Disabled Rent Based On Income 120 S. Russell 665-0415

INSIDE Storage, Campers, Cars, Boats, RV's, Carports, etc. Corral Real Estate 665-6596.

TUMBLEWEED Acres, self storage units. Various sizes. 665-0079, 665-2450.

2 bdr., fenced, stove, refrigerator, 1008 S. Banks, \$275 month. 665-8925.

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'The Nutcracker'



(Special photo)
 Pampa Civic Ballet will present its 28th annual production of "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Above: (top, left-right) Cast in the party scene are Olin Boyd, Shauna Friend (Clara), Deanna McGill, Courtney Derrick, Stephanie Harbeson, Brooke Woelfle, Maegan Wheeler, Glenda Kohler, Danielle Wall, Joy Hart, Macy Woodside and Nakayla Hardman. (Middle, l-r) Cast as Clara's friends are Dannielle Wall, Rachel Heuston, Claire Boyd, Ashley Harbeson, Carrie Angel, Ashley Wheeler, Telissa Sealey, Monica Kohler, Macy Woodside. (Bottom) Cast as harp angels are (back, l-r) Robin Fernuik, Alex Heusdon, Dacie McGill, Brooke Woelfle, Tawnee Williams, Elizabeth Aler, (front) Courtney Derrick, Jessica Hooker, Cassidy Weingart, Abbie Taylor, Macy Woodside, Meira Vaid, Nakayla Hardman.

Wilson Elementary honor roll

Wilson Elementary recently announced its honor roll for the second six weeks grading period of the 1999-00 school year.

Second Grade
 Meghan Asencio, Jacob Collins, Jordann Hughes, Ryan Jimenez, Phoenix Keeter, Leonal Madrid, Lauren Roberts, Daniel Valenzuela, Miranda Waldrop, Micaela Anguiano, Canyon Canales, Justin Carlton, Israel Casanova, Crystal Collis, Caylon Edwards, Jessie Fick, Brian Gayton, Dylan Hendrix.

Bethney Mosteller, Sam Newman, Aleah Noble, Erik Ramirez, Kylee Reel, Stephanie Saxour, Cody Starks, Amanda Brasier, Brittany Bennett, Marticia Davis, Lariat Lowry, Daisy Perez, Cristal Silva, Tyler Wilbanks, Zachery Cheater, Diamond Cordova, Robert Douglas, Bryon Ponder, Nathan Smith.

Third Grade
 Jered Camberlain, Teddi Cowan, Senecia Cruz, Haylee Francis, Iran Gaytan, Calee Henley, Juan Rivera, Scottie Dabbs, Bernardo Casanova, Cassi Denton, Amanda Harkins, Cody Newton, Keah Reel, Natalie Santacruz, Tatiana Soto, Jonathan Valdez, Stephanie Castellanos, Gerardo Guterrez, Chelsie Douglas, David Guterrez, Norman Rodgers.

Fourth Grade
 Brittany Balay, Kristopher Boyd, Nick Day, Matt Hernandez, Anna Hillman, Theresa Lambert, Chelsea Ma, Kaci Maddox, Brenda Marrufo, Trevor Phillips, Cody Ponder, Islea Resendiz, Ryan Rivera, Lidia Salazar, Amy Silva, Krissa Whittley, Kasey Wells, Carrie Angel, Ashley Bowers, Evelin Castillo, Ashlie Cox, Solomon Cruz, Dakota Gowin, Jacob Jenkins, Whitney Jenkins.

Nikki Jones, Chris McKenzie, Jerid Oxley, Krystal Ramirez, Michael Renteria, Michael Schiffman, Smantha Sutterfield, Heather Addington, Crystall Blanco, Lilly Calixto, Erica Delgado, Andy Dunn, Edward Madrid, Jeremy Martinez, Jackie Medley, Angelica Pena, Josh Pryor, Oscar Recendez, Carla Romero, Adriana Saldierna, Carizma Soto, Megan Waldrop.

Fifth Grade
 Megan Addington, Bobby Fowler, Alicia Laycock, Kaley Maddox, Ashley Martinez, Ashton Ray, Donna Solis, Alex Torres, Lucy Villagrana, Abby Weaver, Geneva Wildcat, Jonathan Edwards, Shaunna Gray, Chelsea Luster, Nikki Marcum, Justin Sealman, Cassy Tice, Matthew Trusty, Johnny Carver, Alba Jimenez, Kenzi Nickell, Alex Perez, Colby Stevens, John Ulloa, Amber Williams.

Chocolate flintknapping part of holiday open house program

FRITCH — Southwest Parks and Monuments Association bookstore at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area will host a Holiday Open House on Chocolate Flintknapping from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14 at park headquarters, 419 E. Broadway, Fritch. Early settlers in the Texas Panhandle used Alibates flint to make stone tools. Chilled blocks of chocolate fracture in a similar way to flint. Visitors of all ages can learn about the Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument as well as the process of making stone tools during the open house. A wide variety of books and videos will also be available at the bookstore. Reservations are required for this program. For more information, call (806) 857-3151.



SUNDAY SNAPSHOT

Anyone Can Do It ... And It's This Simple
Just Fill Out The Following Questions (you do not have to answer all the questions to be a Sunday Snapshot) And Bring It To The Pampa News Office. We Can Take Your Picture In The Office Or You Can Bring A Favorite Photo With You. It's That Easy ... And It's For All Ages!

- Name: _____
- Occupation/Activities: _____
- Birth Date & Place: _____
- Family: _____
- If I had a different job, I'd be a: "or" _____
- When I grow up I want to be: _____
- My personal hero: _____
- The best advice I ever got was: _____
- People who knew me in High School thought: "or" _____
- My classmates think of me as: _____
- The best word or words to describe me: _____
- People will remember me as being: _____
- The four 'guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: _____
- My hobbies are: _____
- My favorite sports team is: _____
- My favorite author is: _____
- The last book I read was: _____
- My favorite possession is: _____
- The biggest honor I've ever received is: _____
- My favorite performer is: _____
- I wish I knew how to: _____
- My trademark cliché or expression is: _____
- My worst habit is: _____
- I would never: _____
- The last good movie I saw was: _____
- I stay home to watch: _____
- Nobody knows: _____
- I drive a: "or" _____
- Someday I want to drive a: _____
- My favorite junk food is: _____
- My favorite beverage: _____
- My favorite restaurant is: _____
- My favorite pet: _____
- For my last meal, I would choose: "or" _____
- My favorite meal is: _____
- I wish I could sing like: _____
- I'm happiest when I'm: _____
- I regret: _____
- I'm tired of: _____
- I have a phobia about: "or" _____
- My biggest fear is: _____
- The electrical device I couldn't live without is: _____
- My most embarrassing moment: _____
- The biggest waste of time is: _____
- If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: _____
- If I had three wishes they would be: _____
- If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: _____

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