

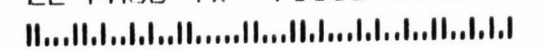
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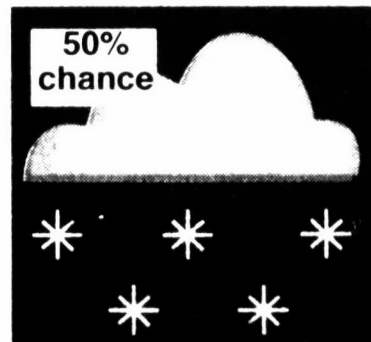
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More help needed to fulfill Angel wishes
 Some of the Angels on the Salvation Army Angel Tree at Wal-Mart are going back up in hopes Pampa's will take them and help fulfill the wishes. Lt. Guy Wells said each Angel carries a request for a toy and a clothing item. Many Angels have been returned with a toy only. He said, "Many of these children really need the clothing." There's still time to help, but hurry, all toys and clothing have to be turned back in by the 18th.

Boxer Tony Ayala Jr. shot
 SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony Ayala Jr., who resumed a once-skyrocketing boxing career after 16 years in prison, was shot in the chest Tuesday morning and then guarded by police officers in his hospital room, a hospital spokeswoman said.
 San Antonio police spokesman Al Ballew said he could not confirm that Ayala had been shot or that he was suspected of a crime.
 But University Hospital spokeswoman Leni Kirkman said Ayala, 37, was brought in early Tuesday morning with a gunshot wound and was in stable condition.
 The hospital had planned to release Ayala within a few hours but then two police officers arrived to guard him, Kirkman said.
 Police scheduled a late-morning news conference to discuss the shooting.
 Before he was sent to prison, Ayala had an undefeated record of 22 fights.

• Fred H. Ferguson, 83, retired yard foreman at Houston Lumber Company.

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Soaring gas prices ... It's boon for some, bane for others

By DAVID BOWSER
 Staff Writer

Natural gas prices soared to a new record high Monday as a blizzard socked the Midwest and forecasts predicted bitter cold for at least the next few days, but one man's poison is another man's pleasure.
 The soaring prices could almost immediately show up as unwelcome increases in consumers' winter heating bills, analysts said, but natural gas producers in the Texas Panhandle are smiling over the price they're getting for their gas.

"We're in an unusual position in the panhandle," said Wayne Hughes, executive director of the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association, "because we supply both the East Coast and West Coast. They're taking all that we can send them. That's the reason for the pressure on the price."
 That price rose to over eight dollars last week on the spot market and hit \$8.50 Monday.
 Hughes said that panhandle gas fields are operating wide open these days.
 "We haven't seen a test set yet for the prices," Hughes said. "I'm going to be

The rising prices have resulted in more drilling activity in the panhandle. There were about 33 rigs drilling for natural gas in the Texas Panhandle this week. In 1998, there were only 21 rigs working.

interested to see what that is. I'm not going to predict it, but it isn't going to be any \$8.50. I don't think that can be sustained."
 He said he did think it will stay above the \$4.00 mark for the time being, however, and that will mean a continuation of

exploration which should help the local economy.
 Many of the local drilling companies are booked up for at least the next four months.
 "I would say it will continue well
 (See SOARING, Page 5)

Pampan's feel heat from higher gas bills Price, frigid air costly mix

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

While the word has been out since summer that natural gas prices were going to sharply increase this winter customers are just beginning to feel the heat as they get their first cold weather bills.
 Bills have not yet doubled as Energas officials warned, but the cost of gas has increased from 47 cents per 100 cubic feet last January to 69 cents per ccf this December, said Roy Urrutia, Energas manager of public affairs in Amarillo.
 Also, he said, temperatures in this area through November are 22 percent colder than in November 1999. The average temperature during November 2000 was 42.8 degrees compared to 55.1 in 1999.
 John N. Wagner, Energas operations supervisor in Pampa, said there are about 10,500 customers in Pampa who, like others around the nation, are seeing gas costs rise.
 Both men stressed the higher prices are the result of the increase in gas costs Energas pays. That higher cost is passed through to the customer.

(See BILLS, Page 5)

County gets \$14,186 for food, shelter aid

Gray County has been chosen to receive \$14,186 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county, Katrina Bigham of the Pampa Area United Way announced in a press release Monday.
 The selection was made by a national board chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with representatives from The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities USA, and National Council of the Churches of Christ USA.
 United Way of America, including the local United Way program, will provide administrative staff and serve as fiscal agent for the funds.
 Board members distribute funds, appropriated by Congress, to expand food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.
 The local board consists of representatives of the Pampa United Way, Good Samaritan Christian Services, The Salvation Army,
 (See AID, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Explorer Scout Sergio Silva peers at a mannequin inside a van set up as a murder scene. The Law Enforcement Explorers Post, sponsored by the Gray County Sheriff's Office, were introduced to the basics of crime scene investigation by Deputy Morse Burroughs and Texas Ranger Gary Henderson at the December meeting.

Exploring ...

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

A newly-formed Boy Scouts Explorer troop explored the world of crime scene investigation with sheriff's deputies and a Texas Ranger as their guides.
 Last fall, Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland agreed to sponsor a Boy Scouts Explorer Post to give teens interested in law enforcement an opportunity to learn about the career field. To

date, almost a dozen young people have signed up to be Explorers under the guidance of Chief Deputy David Russell, with the help of law enforcement professionals from throughout the area.
 Monday night, Texas Ranger Gary Henderson and Gray County Deputy Morse Burroughs guided the Explorers through the investigation of a murder scene.
 "Things are not always as they appear."
 (See EXPLORING, Page 2)

Quite frankly... What is your fantasy Christmas?



"To have Jesus come back for me."
 — Richard Kent

"To be in the mountains with a fresh-cut tree and fresh snow and to have my entire family there with me."
 — David Conner

"A white Christmas with huge snowflakes and peace and harmony."
 — Gary Jackson Sr.

"To spend a week in Hawaii on a beautiful island. No worries. No phone. No headaches."
 — Orline Baird

"For someone to give me a Christmas present of a year-long cruise."
 — Carolyn Hopkins

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Services tomorrow

CANTRELL, Mary F. — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
FERGUSON, Fred H. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

FRED H. FERGUSON

Fred H. Ferguson, 83, of Pampa, died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Darryl Hughes, minister of Central Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Ferguson was born March 26, 1917, at Higgins, Texas. He married Dolly Coblentz on Jan. 31, 1945. He had been a Pampa resident since 1955 and retired as yard foreman from Houston Lumber Company in 1980.

He was a member of Central Church of Christ and was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving for four years during World War II.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charlie Ferguson and Clarence Ferguson; a daughter, Barbara McDowell; and a sister, Ruth Lowery.

Survivors include his wife, Dolly, of the home; a daughter, Loretta Norvall of Hobart, Okla.; three sons, Ken Ferguson of Lubbock and Ronnie Gilbert and Keith Ferguson, both of Amarillo; a sister, Katherine Shower of Greenville, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Central Church of Christ, 500 N. Somerville, Pampa, TX 79065.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.49	Columbia/HCA	40.00	up 0.12
Milo	1.25	Faron	75.15	dn 9/16
Corn	3.55	Halliburton	37.90	dn 3/8
Soybeans	4.36	KMI	47.50	dn 1/8
		Kerr McGee	61.12	dn 1/16
		Limited	17.50	up 3/4
		McDonald's	30.34	up 13/16
		Exxon Mobil	36.38	up 5/8
		New Atmos	22.3/4	dn 1/2
		SCF	27.70	up 1/4
		NOI	35.71/6	dn 1/2
		OKI	42.1/2	up 9/16
		Pennsey	9.30	up 5/16
		Phillips	53.18	up 1/4
		Pioneer Nat.	15.7/16	dn 1/8
		SEB	72.7/16	up 1/8
		Levaco	3.1/8	NC
		Ultramar	28.13/16	dn 1/16
		Wal Mart	51.7/16	up 1/16
		Williams	37.3/16	up 3/8

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Occidental	21.11/16	up 1/4
Fidelity Magell	126.01	up 1/8
Paritan	19.12	up 1/8

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

BP Amoco	48.13/16	up 13/16
Cabot	25.1/8	dn 9/16
Cabot O&G	23.13/16	up 7/16
Chevron	81.3/4	up 1/4
Coca Cola	57.13/16	dn 1/2
New York Gold	270.60	
Silver	4.67	
West Texas Crude	28.91	

Police report

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

Monday, Dec. 11

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 1000 block of North Duncan.
 Phone harassment was reported in the 800 block of Lefors.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of West Alcock.

Harassment was reported in the 1100 block of Duncan.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, Dec. 11

Carl Hayter Brown, 39, 521 Doyle, was arrested for public intoxication.

Jesus Polanco, 28, El Paso, was arrested for failure to appear and on a motion for enforcement.

Jesse Rivera, 34, Canadian, was arrested for violation of a protective order.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

April Cherril Adams, 40, Skellytown, was arrested for public intoxication.

Ambulance

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

9:07 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of North Hamilton and transported one to PRMC.

1:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Montague; no transport.

6 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Kentucky and Banks on a motor vehicle accident.

Fires

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

Monday, Dec. 11

9:57 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a good intent call in the 900 block of Barnard. Firefighters were asked to check a residence with electrical problems for a possible fire. No fire was found.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

6:30 a.m. - Five units and nine firefighters responded to a house fire in the 2600 block of Seminole.

EXPLORING

Henderson told the group. "When you deal with assumptions you're going to make a huge mistake."

Henderson and Burroughs, both extensively trained as crime scene specialists, are often called to investigate major crimes throughout the area.

"We're good personal friends and great professional friends," Burroughs, who is also a blood pattern analyst, explained.

First, Burroughs said, "Make sure the scene is secure. Nobody goes in and nobody goes out. You want it to be like a vacuum where you can see the whole scene just as it was when it was first discovered."

"Crime scene work is not a simple thing," Henderson said, adding that people often want to compare his work with the television program, "Walker: Texas Ranger."

"It's not like that," he said. "Walker goes in and in a few minutes has assessed the entire scene. Numerous times Morse and I have been on a major crime scene and we may be in that scene for hours and hours." He said he usually spends 10 to 12 hours assessing and gathering evidence at the site of a crime.

"To do things right, it takes time," he said.

Henderson said he spent two and a half hours assessing the outside of a murder scene near Dumas, before he ever entered the room where the body lay.

"Remember, the outside of the building will tell you a lot," he said. "Whoever went in there had to take something in and they will always take something back with them."

Burroughs said that many times the crime can be reconstructed from an analysis of blood spatter patterns at the scene.

"It can give you a sequence of events. We can identify the general type of weapon used and determine the number of blows through blood," he said.

Investigators rely on a number of tools to help them determine what happened at a crime, including special lights, chemicals, photography, DNA tests, blood tests, computer aids, and various print analyses.

Henderson said law enforcement officers from throughout the state can call Austin Department of Public Safety for assistance and within hours a fully-equipped, three-ton scene van will arrive carrying a fingerprint expert, trace evidence specialist, DNA expert and blood specialists.

"When that happens, we turn the crime scene over to them," the Ranger said. "It's helpful to us because it relieves the officers to do other work separate from the crime scene."

After Burroughs and Henderson explained the basics of crime scene investigation, the Explorers were taken to a scene set up in the Sheriff's Office to try out some of their newly-learned



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Texas Ranger Gary Henderson explains the proper procedure for investigating a crime scene to members of the Law Enforcement Explorer Scouts in the briefing room of the Gray County Sheriff's Office Monday night.

investigative skills.

The group found a white van. When they looked inside, they saw a man slumped to the left in the front passenger seat. The handle of a large knife, embossed with the name of a street gang, protruded from his neck. Pieces of cardboard with blood spatters were taped on the van's windows in strategic places.

Burroughs led the Explorers around the outside van, explaining important details to note and asking questions to guide them.

"Look around. Can you see through the windows?" Burroughs asked.

"Whoa!" exclaimed Charles Mejia, 15, when he looked inside.

After completing the outside survey, the deputy opened the van's door and the teens got their first good look at the "body" in the vehicles.

They spent the rest of the evening going over the evidence inside the van and trying to understand what the different blood spatters told them about what had happened.

Explorers attending Monday night's meeting included Scott Phillips, 18; Rick Morgan, 18; Chris Hearton, 19; Skylar James, 11; Sergio Silva, 14; Joshua Perez, 12; and Charles Mejia, 15. Other members of the troop who were not present included David Perez, 15; Juan Mejia, 14; Andrew Cano, 17; and Cynthia Brown, 17.

Robert Downey Jr. has two new felony counts

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert Downey Jr. has been charged with two felony drug counts and a misdemeanor stemming from his Thanksgiving weekend arrest at a Palm Springs resort.

The actor, who was arrested only four months after being released from prison in connection with another drug case, faces a maximum of six years in state prison on the felonies and a year in county jail on the misdemeanor if convicted.

City Briefs

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Weather focus
PAMPA — Today, cloudy and continued cold with a 50 percent chance of light snow mainly in the afternoon. Highs around 24. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, cloudy and very cold with a 50 percent chance of snow. Lows around 20. South to southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Wednesday, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow showers early. Partial clearing in the afternoon. Highs around 29. West to northwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Yesterday's high was 17; the overnight low 7.
STATEWIDE — With Arctic air in place across Texas Tuesday morning, an approaching storm system from Mexico is bringing up to four inches of snow for northern sections of the state and freezing rain in central

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MARY ELLEN Harvester Church of Christ will be having our 3rd annual "Foy's Toys" giveaway on Dec. 16 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the youth building across the street from the church. The clothing room will also be open at this time.

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GM to phase out Oldsmobile; will cut salaried workers 10%

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. will phase out its Oldsmobile division over the next several years and reduce salaried employment by 10 percent in North America and Europe next year, the company announced Tuesday.

Oldsmobile's current models will continue to be produced and sold until the end of their current product life cycles or as long as they remain economically viable.

The moves along with production cuts in Europe and North America will lead to a special pretax charge of \$1.5 billion to \$2.5 billion in the fourth quarter. GM also said that its fourth quarter earnings will be lower than estimates.

In recent years, GM has denied repeated rumors about plans to end the 103-year-old Oldsmobile brand. The automaker has defended its brand-management system as the best way to capture sales in a mature U.S. market for cars and trucks.

But GM president and CEO Rick Wagoner has said in the past several months that no division was sacred and each would have to prove itself over time.

In the past, a GM division was like a company within a company, handling its own manufacturing and engineering. Today the divisions — except for Saturn — are just marketing and sales arms, peddling vehicles from one engineering center.

Oldsmobile has been struggling as GM attempted to recast the division as an alternative to near-luxury import cars. November sales were down 28 percent, despite an incentive program that lets buyers forgo a down payment, monthly loan payments and interest charges for one year on all Oldsmobile models.

Sales for the entire year are down 18.5 percent, and GM said it will reduce production in the first quarter of 2001 by 15 percent from this year's total.

Marines ground Osprey fleet following crash; future in doubt

WASHINGTON (AP) — The commandant of the Marine Corps grounded all MV-22 Osprey aircraft Tuesday following a crash in North Carolina that killed four Marines and raised new doubts about the future of the tilt-rotor plane.

Gen. James I. Jones, the commandant, also asked Defense Secretary William Cohen to convene a panel of experts to review the troubled \$40 billion program, said Marine Corps spokesman Maj. Dave Andersen at the Pentagon.

An Osprey crashed Monday night in a forested area near Jacksonville, N.C., killing all four Marines aboard. It was the second fatal Osprey accident this year. In April an Osprey crashed while attempting to land at an airport in Arizona, killing all 19 Marines aboard. Human error was blamed for that accident.

At Marine Corps headquarters, Andersen said Jones has asked the Pentagon to delay indefinitely a decision that was due this month on giving the go-ahead to begin full-rate production of the Osprey, which is a revolutionary tilt-rotor aircraft that takes off and lands like a helicopter and flies like an airplane.

Jones wants the decision put off "until further information is gathered" regarding the Jacksonville crash, Andersen said.

The four killed in Monday night's crash were identified by Marine Corps headquarters as: Lt. Col. Keith M. Swaney, 42, of Richmond, Va.; Maj. Michael L. Murphy, 38, of Blauvelt, N.Y.; Staff Sgt. Avelly W. Runnels, 25, of Morven, Ga.; and Sgt. Jason A. Buyck, 24, of Sodas, N.Y.

The Jacksonville crash is under investigation. The last communication with the aircraft, based at the Marine Corps Air Station at New River, N.C., was a mayday call received at 7:27 p.m., officials

said.

"The rotors got real loud, and it disappeared behind a tree," said Mark Calnan, who lives near the crash site in a southeastern North Carolina forest. "There was an orange flash, a great big one. Then I heard a pop. It cracked like thunder."

Rescue workers had to use a bulldozer to create a path through the trees so they could reach the site about 10 miles north of Jacksonville.

The Osprey program has had a troubled history. There were nine aircraft in the Marines' inventory before the Monday crash. A prototype version crashed in June 1991 while undergoing its first flight in Delaware, and in July 1992 another prototype Osprey crashed near Quantico, Va., killing seven people.

Just last month, Jones, the Marine commandant, said he fully expected the Pentagon to give the go-ahead to begin full-scale production of the Osprey, which is built jointly by Boeing Co. and Bell Helicopter Textron.

"I'm confident it should be approved, and I've seen nothing to lead me to believe that it won't," Jones said in an interview with The Associated Press on Nov. 30. Later that day the Marine Corps announced that an Osprey made a "precautionary landing" at Wilmington International Airport in North Carolina. The aircraft was approaching the airport when a warning indicator illuminated, officials said. The landing was described as uneventful and no one was injured.

On the Net:
 Boeing Osprey: <http://www.boeing.com/rotorcraft/military/v22/>
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Calendar of events

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY
The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride all Sharon King, 665-2818.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST
Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, conducts prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily for the citizens of Pampa - the churches, the schools, etc. All are cordially invited to come and pray. For more information, call 665-4926.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Women's Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING
First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

SANTA HELPERS
In an effort to raise funds for its Summer Educational Student Exchange trip to Germany, the German Club at Pampa High is organizing a volunteer program during the Christmas season. The volunteers are calling themselves "Santa's Little Helpers" and are available to help wrap presents, decorate homes (indoors and outdoors), remove decorations and much more. For more information or to schedule "Santa's Little Helpers," contact Jamie Greene, PHS German Club sponsor, at 669-4800 (PHS) or at 665-8850 (home). Donations are accepted.

MIP CLASSES
Clarendon College will offer ABC Computer Class from 1-4 p.m., Dec. 14 and from 8:30 a.m.-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Dec. 15. Minor in Possession classes are scheduled from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Dec. 11-12 in Clarendon. For more information, call Clarendon College-Pampa Center or Eddie Hankins, (806) 874-5074.

SINGLES NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
The Singles Ministry at

Paramount Terrace Christian Church of Amarillo will host an area-wide Singles New Year's Eve dinner and dance from 7 p.m.-12 a.m., Dec. 31 in Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza. Music will be by Sharla Lee Hayes and Double Diamond Band. A photographer will be available at 6:30 p.m. for personal photos. Tickets are \$20 per person and will include a guest speaker, dinner and dance. Deadline to purchase tickets is Dec. 22. The event will be alcohol- and smoke-free. For tickets or for more information, call Penny Lawlis or Mike Nuthman at the church, (806) 353-6615.

FRANK PHILLIPS
Frank Phillips College in Borger will close for winter break at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20 and will re-open at 8 a.m., Monday, Jan. 8.

PAS DANCE
Pampa Area Singles will hold a New Year's Eve dance from 8-11 p.m. Dec. 30 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Entertainment will be by Mike Porter. The event will be alcohol- and smoke-free. For more information, call 665-7059.

WINTER PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
A Winter Photography Workshop is in the offering at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16 at Caprock Canyons State Park in Quitaque. Participants will need their own camera, film, note pad and snacks. The workshop will be conducted both inside and outside and will not be canceled due to inclement weather. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors/TCP members and \$10 for children 12 and under.

Reservations are required. For more information, call (806) 455-1492.

PALO DURO PROGRAMS
Palo Duro Canyon State Park will host a series of evening programs throughout the month at Lone Star Interpretive Theater near Hackberry. Topics and dates are as follows: "Birdwatching," (Panhandle Bird Club), 8:10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Dec. 7; "Canyon Chat," 7-8 p.m., Dec. 9; "Starwalk," 7-8 p.m., Dec. 23; "Canyon Critters," 7-8 p.m., Dec. 30. For more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

MS. TEXAS SENIOR PAGEANT
Ms. Texas Senior Pageant officials are currently seeking participants and corporate sponsorships for the 14th annual Ms. Texas Senior pageant scheduled March 23-24 at the Ramada Market Center in Dallas. For more information, contact Nell Coleman, state director, at (972) 239-3342, or Red Walker, executive director, (972) 270-5944.

WATERPARK OF TOMORROW CONTEST
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AYUSA
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HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL
First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit <http://www.heifer.org> on the Internet.

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The Don and Sybil Harrington

Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Dec. 6 and 27, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Dec. 15, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa; Dec. 26, Family Care Center, 1010 S. Main, Shamrock and Parkview Hospital, 901 S. Sweetwater, Wheeler. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
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la, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines will also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4:00 p.m., Dec. 6, 20, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky; 2-4:30 p.m., Dec. 11, McLean Clinic, McLean; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Dec. 12, Allison School, Allison; 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-3 p.m., Dec. 18, Miami School, Miami (flu).

HOSPICELINK
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FREE BOOKLET
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AIYSE
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COAF WEBSITE
The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.



(Community Camera photo by Jennifer Scoggins)

The above Pampa High School Choir students made All-Area Choir during try-outs in Dumas recently: (top) Mike Eskridge, Josh Gibson, Cory Bigham; (middle) Nathanael Hill, Shelby McGahen; (bottom) Meredith Hendricks.

Several PHS Choir students make All-Region Choir

In auditions at Dumas High School recently, six Pampa High School Choir members earned places in All-Area Choir. This is the third in a series of auditions leading to placement in All-State Choir. Students earning the honor are Meredith Hendricks, Soprano 1, first chair; Shelby McGahen, Alto 1, first chair; Josh Gibson, Tenor 2, third chair; Mike Eskridge, Bass 1, third chair; Nathanael Hill, Bass 1, fourth chair; and Cory Bigham, Bass 2, fifth chair. Over 500 students began the audition process toward All-State Choir in September. This number was narrowed to 40 in the Dumas audition. These students will go to their final audition at Odessa High


School on Jan. 6 where they will compete with class A through class 5A students from the Texas Panhandle as well as the Lubbock, Midland-Odessa and El Paso regions.

At the final audition, five students from each voice section will be chosen for the All-State Mixed Choir with an additional five from each treble voice section being chosen for the All-State Treble Choir out of a total field of 160 students.

For these auditions, students must learn a program approximately an hour in length that includes a Bach Motet and other works ranging from Renaissance to modern in a variety of languages. They also sight-sing individually as part of their auditions.

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Almost time to celebrate another year



Dee Dee Laramore

Staff writer

Can you believe the year 2000 is almost gone? Even with all the hype building up to this millennium change, I don't think I could have imagined in my wildest dreams what this year would bring. To be honest, I'll be glad when it's over. Maybe things will settle down a bit.

Simply the way the year began should have been some warning of things to come. Here we were, people all over the world, poised for disaster when the clocks turned from 11:59 p.m., Dec. 31, 1999, to 12 midnight, Jan. 1, 2000. So many had vaults filled with food and water and money, prepared for the shock waves from the computer nightmare we had all been warned about for years prior.

What happened? Nothing. Nothing in China. Nothing in Russia. Nothing in Japan. Nothing in Europe. Nothing in Great Britain. Nothing in Africa. Nothing in South America. Nothing in the United States.

Internationally-known broadcasters and journalists postponed their own night of revelry so they could report on the world as it fell country by country, like stacked dominoes - victim to its dependence on computer technology.

They ended up with a great big non-story. Whoops!

Here's the clincher... I'll let you in on a little-known fact. That wasn't the millennium.

That's right. Midnight, Jan. 1, 2000 isn't the start of the millennium. Any mathematician will tell you that 11:59 p.m., Dec. 31, 2000 is the true end of the Twentieth Century and Midnight, Jan. 1, 2001, is the beginning of the Twenty-first Century.

The best way I know to explain it is this... you don't celebrate your first birthday until you are one year old. You don't say you're "one" until that

whole year has gone by. In mathematical language - a zero can't be one.

My husband Vic has been preaching this to everyone who will listen to him since "back in the 1900s." Allan Dinsmore, superintendent of Miami schools, brought the matter up the other day. (I think he taught math before becoming a school administrator.)

I don't know how much luck Dinsmore has had explaining this, but it's been a major frustration for Vic. He doesn't understand why its not as apparent to everyone else as it is to him.

He doesn't realize that most people want a good reason to part. What could be a better reason for a party than the year changing from 1999 to 2000? That's the best reason that's come around in the past 1,000 years.

So here I am, a year later, looking back on what's got to be one of the strangest years in my life as far as weather, politics, and especially my personal life. As I write this column, we still don't know who the next president will be. If this is any indication of what the next century holds, I think I want to migrate to Mars. Anyone know when the next shuttle's leaving?

UPDATE: While driving around, looking for a feature photo last summer, I came across a man and a woman fishing at City Lake. Dora Hunnicutt and her son-in-law Ira Smith were the picture of relaxation and contentment, sitting in lawn chairs on the shady bank of the lake. Remember, this was during a weeks-long, 100-degree weather spell. They had caught a couple of carp, a little catfish, and a perch.

The photograph of Hunnicutt and Smith smiling and holding up their catch ran on the front page of Friday's paper, July 21.

Last week, Patricia Hunnicutt, daughter and wife of the pair, called me with a surprising update on the photograph. The perch and catfish had been living in her aquarium since the day they'd been caught, she said. She'd kept them alive by feeding them worms and crickets and "all kinds of stuff."

The perch, bright yellow and silvery when caught, turned black in the aquarium, Hunnicutt said. "I think it may have changed color to try to hide from the other fish," she surmised.

"They're really not housepets," she decided after multiple cleanings of the smelly aquarium water. "I thought I'd let 'em go home for Christmas."

So last Friday, almost five months later, she and her mother released the two fish back in City Lake by the bridge.

"The perch took on off," Hunnicutt said. "He shot off like he was going to New York City."

But the little catfish stuck around awhile before disappearing into the lake, she said.

"The little catfish played in the mud. He turned flips and rolled around in it. Then he took off, too," she said.

Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram on child safety: Child safety in the car should be second nature.

They know who they are, those parents who sit their tots on their laps in the front seat of the car instead of buckled into a car seat in the back. Those families who squeeze three kids into two seats in the truck, all without seat belts. Worse yet are those adults who drink and then drive with children in their vehicle.

Car wrecks are the leading killer of children in the United States, and two of the top risk factors are drunken driving and lack of restraints, says the National Safety Council.

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, police officers in more than 10,000 departments, including many in the Tarrant County area, took part in a nationwide campaign aimed at reducing such recklessness.

But diligence in keeping kids safe on the road is crucial year-round.

Federal Transportation Department says that six of 10 children who die in traffic crashes are neither wearing a seat belt nor sitting in safety seats. Almost one-quarter of the wrecks that take children's lives involve alcohol.

Public awareness campaigns and efforts to strictly enforce seat-belt laws have reduced child fatalities in motor vehicle wrecks about 17 percent in just three years.

Texas laws require that children younger than 2 sit in safety seats, that children younger than 15 be restrained and that anyone sitting in a vehicle's front seat wear a belt.

Plus, Texas is one of 17 states (plus the District of Columbia) in which police can stop and ticket drivers for not wearing seat belts without waiting for another traffic violation to occur first.

The argument of personal freedom doesn't trump children's safety. Buckling up everyone in the car, truck or van ought to be as automatic as turning the engine key. Staying sober with youngsters in the car should be basic common sense.

Those who aren't following these safety rules should start before the odds catch up with them.

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By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 12, the 347th day of 2000. There are 19 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 12, 1870, Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina became the first black lawmaker sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives.

On this date:

In 1787, Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1913, authorities in Florence, Italy, announced that the "Mona Lisa," stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris in 1911, had been recovered.

In 1917, the Rev. Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Neb.

In 1925, the first motel - the

"Motel Inn" - opened in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

In 1937, Japanese aircraft sank the U.S. gunboat "Panay" on China's Yangtze River. (Japan apologized, and paid \$2.2 million in reparations.)

In 1947, the United Mine Workers union withdrew from the American Federation of Labor.

In 1963, Kenya gained independence from Britain.

In 1975, Sara Jane Moore pleaded guilty to a charge of trying to kill President Gerald Ford in San Francisco the previous September.

In 1979, in response to the Iran hostage crisis, the Carter administration ordered the removal of most Iranian diplomats in the United States.

In 1985, 248 American soldiers and eight crew members were

killed when an Arrow Air charter airplane crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland.

Ten years ago: President George Bush announced that he and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev would hold a summit the following February in Moscow. Lauro Cavazos resigned as secretary of education.

Five years ago: By only three votes, the Senate killed a constitutional amendment giving Congress authority to outlaw flag burning and other forms of desecration against Old Glory. Two French airmen shot down over Bosnia arrived home after nearly four months as captives of the Bosnian Serbs.

One year ago: Author Joseph Heller, whose darkly comic first novel "Catch-22" defined the para-

dox of the no-win dilemma and added a phrase to the American language, died in East Hampton, N.Y., at age 76.

Today's Birthdays: television host Bob Barker is 77. Former New York City Mayor Edward Koch is 76. Singer Connie Francis is 62. Singer Dionne Warwick is 60. Rock singer-musician Dickey Betts (The Allman Brothers) is 57. Actor Wings Hauser is 53. Gymnast-turned-actress Cathy Rigby is 48. Actress Sheree J. Wilson is 42. Singer-musician Sheila E. is 41. Actress Jennifer Connelly is 30. Actress Mayim Bialik is 25.

Thought for Today: "I have never known a man who died from overwork, but many who died from doubt." - Charles Horace Mayo, American surgeon and co-founder of the Mayo Clinic (1865-1939).

Today in history

A wonderfully sad day in America

It is a wonderfully sad day in America.

I went to the United States Supreme Court on Dec. 1 to see all the displays and protesters in front as the Florida Presidential dispute hearings were being deliberated. It was quite a sight. Amazing, to say the least. I saw a young man from England with a sign saying "You Stupid Americans, Revert Back to Monarchy. It's the Best Form of Government."

Both Democrats and Republicans were telling him that we already won that war.

Ha, ha. Brave guy.

I saw many Bush signs and many Gore signs. I would say judging from the mass amounts of New York groups and civil rights groups protesting, there were more Democrats, but the crowd was fairly equal with many people from every walk of life and all political affiliations.

There were Chinese activists making statements for the Falun Dafa and the Falun Gong. I didn't know what they were, but they were apparently making statements about their rights in China. The Chinese government detained and harassed thousands of Falun Gong practitioners who were making peaceful and legal appeals for their right to practice their faith. The point being, many special interests were there.

Folks who tend to show up when the cameras are around were there, too. Guess who? You guessed it - The Rev. Jessie Jackson and



J.B. Horton

Guest columnist

the Rev. Al Sharpton. I guess I can't say anything negative about these gentlemen since I was there, too. However, they were leading walks in the streets chanting things like "What's Bush afraid of - count the votes." I was just watching. They seem to be very good at stirring up crowds wherever they go.

Other chants were "No more Gore," "Bush needs a brain and Cheney needs a heart" - creative, but a little mean-spirited. Still others: "Slobodan Gore" (as in Slobodan Milosevic), and one man behind Al Sharpton was referring to Bush as "America's Hitler." Interesting. More chants: "Cut those Bushes" - and "Strike Three - you're out Gore." I even saw a black man in overalls with a female dummy hanging from the end of a rope. His shirt said, "Stop injustices to Black farmers." I'm not quite sure what his point was, but I did take a picture.

My opening statement was how I felt standing on the corner listening to people yell back

and forth at each other with statements and chants that were not accurate. It reminded me of one of my favorite quotes: "Those who know it the least, know it the loudest." How true. It saddened me that so much anger could be among people who really didn't know what they were talking about. And by that, I am not saying I really know completely what is going on, but we can always tell who is following the lead of others, and it becomes dangerous when those "others" are being violent.

That is why it is a wonderful day in America. Out of all of these protests and insults and yelling, and mean signs, and cruel chants, and uncertainty, most people were smiling and happy. No fights. No major problems. Just large, peaceful protests. That is what separates us from almost every country in the world - peaceful government - by the people and for the people. One man was yelling at the top of his lungs at Al Sharpton saying "What are you afraid of Al?" Then he added a few choice words including "loser" - then a man walked by and said, "Hey man, nobody here is a loser, we are all Americans."

Good point. What a wonderfully sad day. All smiles from my end.

God Bless.
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Election 2000: What a sorry spectacle

The street theater - which amounts to a hoax - staged in Palm Beach County, Fla., by the Gore campaign had all the usual characteristics of this most miserable administration: lawyers, lies, exaggerations, litigation and unctuous sanctimony. Kind of reminds a person of how the Clinton-Gore folks handled the Monica Lewinsky affair.

Gore's campaign manager, Bill Daley, son of the infamous mayor William Daley of Chicago, said there was an "injustice perhaps unprecedented in American history." Wow, man, there's been lots of injustices. What was he talking about?

The Palm Beach County supervisor of elections - a Democrat as required by law, tossed out 19,000 ballots that had been improperly marked. That's neither an injustice nor unprecedented. It is common. In every election in every county, improperly marked ballots are tossed out. In the 1996 presidential election, Palm Beach County tossed out 16,000 ballots because they were improperly marked.

No one has been denied the right to vote. They had their chance. They were just too stupid or too careless to fill out the ballot correctly. The law places that responsibility on the voters. The law says that if the ballot is not properly marked, it cannot be counted. How, in fact, could you count a ballot on which some jerk has voted for two candidates for the same office?



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

The hoax was perpetrated on two false facts. One false fact is that the ballot is confusing. Well, if it's confusing, how come more than a quarter of a million people used it to cast their vote for the candidate of their choice? It had, as required by law, been pre-approved and pre-published.

I've seen it. It's not confusing - except, perhaps, to a moron.

The second false fact is the assertion that some 3,000 people must have voted for Pat Buchanan because he didn't get that many votes in any other county.

First, there's no proof that anyone voted for Buchanan by mistake. Second, Palm Beach County, though liberal, has a pocket of about 14,000 hard-nosed conservatives registered in third parties. The Reform Party also had a candi-

date for the state senate on the ballot, and she received more than 3,100 votes. If Reform Party people gave her 3,000 votes, what's so unusual about them casting 3,000 votes for Buchanan?

As for Buchanan's remarks that he didn't think he got that many votes, that just shows you how removed Buchanan is from a party he hijacked and destroyed in a vain exercise of his own ego. Buchanan apparently still holds a grudge against the Bush family. This whole thing is a hoax, aided and abetted, as usual, by sloppy journalism. If I could find out about the other Reform Party candidate, how come these high-priced TV journalists couldn't discover that simple fact? It's because they were too busy talking to the Democratic spin doctors, and because most reporters are loathe to let a fact spoil a good story.

It was a vain hope that the Clinton-Gore era would end gracefully. They remain true to their ruthlessness, their lying, their willingness to use character assassination and their hypocrisy. Gore has disgraced himself with this hoax and street show he's put on in Palm Beach County.

Al Gore is not fit for office. He is showing that he's willing to do any amount of damage to the body politic to get into office. Even he had won, he would have poisoned the atmosphere for the next four years.

What a sorry spectacle.

Anxious candidates await high court ruling

By DAVID ESPO
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — One day after closely questioning lawyers for all sides, the Supreme Court pondered its ruling Tuesday in the nation's presidential election, a contest that holds George W. Bush and Al Gore in limbo and the nation in thrall. The Florida Legislature moved cautiously to intervene, careful not to get ahead of the high court.

As is their custom, the justices gave no indication of when they might rule in the case of Bush v. Gore — the name on the court docket as well as a choice that confronted the voters when they marked their ballots five tumultuous weeks ago. At least two justices were at work by midmorning.

There were obvious time pressures, since Tuesday was a deadline of sorts for the states to certify their slates of electors.

There was controversy about only one — Florida — and the court's widely anticipated ruling on the issue of manual recounts, as well as the Legislature's stated readiness to appoint a slate of its own — added to the sense of uncertainty.

"I think we ought to just wait and see what they do," President Clinton said Monday after the justices heard the case. "One way or the other, it will be a historic decision that we will live with forever," he added, more than a month after the nation voted on his successor.

Bush was in Texas and Gore in Washington as the justices pondered the legal controversy that turned on the vice president's bid to resume manual recounts ordered by the Florida Supreme Court over the weekend. The recount was suspended less than 24 hours later when the U.S. Supreme Court, divided 5-4, granted Bush a stay.

The Texas governor has been certified the winner by 537 votes by Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris — a victory that would give him the state's 25 electoral votes and the White House if it stands up in court. Gore looked to the recount to overtake his rival statewide and give him the presidency.

Away from the courts, the GOP-controlled Florida House of Representatives began debate on legislation appointing electors loyal to Bush. A vote was scheduled for later in the day, although leaders said they would suspend the proceedings to study any ruling from the nation's highest court.

Committees for the House and Senate advanced the legislation on Monday, the House panel acting on a party line vote, the Senate panel's vote turning up one Democratic defector.

"I represent a good district, very good people and I listen to them," said Democratic Rep. Dwight Stansel, whose district voted heavily for Bush. "If you don't listen to them, you'll be home. Someone else will be listening to them."

Stansel's willingness to cross party lines stood

out in the political and legal controversy that has stretched from county canvassing boards scattered across in Florida to the rarified precincts of the Supreme Court in Washington.

The state Supreme Court issued a clarification — requested by the U.S. Supreme Court a week ago — to its ruling that extended the time available for counties to report election results.

On a ruling of 6-1, the court said it acted "based on longstanding rules of statutory construction," meaning it ruled after reviewing state law and the apparent conflicts it contains.

Evidently rebutting critics who said it had gone well beyond that, the state court said it had not. The ruling extending the time for vote counts to Nov. 26 "was not a new 'deadline' and has no effect on future rulings," it wrote. "It was simply a date in accordance with the requirements that had been established prior to the election" and designed to construe all provisions of state law "as a consistent whole."

The lone dissenter was Chief Justice Charles T. Wells, who opposed issuing a new opinion while the justices in Washington had the election case before them. It was the second time Wells dissented in a ruling of the court where he presides. He was one of three justices to depart from the 4-3 opinion ordering the recounts to resume.

The legal arguments before the nation's highest court Monday were lively as the justices directed questions at Bush's attorney, Ted Olson; Harris lawyer Joseph Klock, and Gore attorney David Boies. Some justices suggested a recount would amount to a change in law and others worried that the use of varying standards in examining ballots would be unfair.

Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony M. Kennedy asked many of the questions.

Kennedy began by asking, "Where's the federal question here?" Later he answered his own question, saying that if the Florida court acted in reference to a federal law, "it presents now a federal question for us to determine."

O'Connor said she was concerned that the Florida court's ruling did not fully acknowledge that its earlier recount decision had been set aside by the U.S. Supreme Court.

She noted that the Constitution gives state legislatures the authority to control the choice of presidential electors. "Does that not mean that a court has to ... give special deference to a legislature's choices insofar as a presidential election is concerned?" she asked.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg questioned why the nation's highest court should override the Florida high court's interpretation of state law and "say what the Florida law is."

Boies said the state court was not making new law but interpreting laws passed by the state legislature. Olson countered that the Florida court made a "new wholesale, post-election revision" of state election law and "wrenched it completely out of the election code."

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through the first quarter of next year," Hughes said. "If it's a cold winter like's being projected, then we could stay in the vicinity of where we are right now for the next 90 days."

Exploration for gas is at a high not seen in years.

Natural gas futures rose Monday as much as 13 percent, hitting a high of \$9.65 per thousand cubic feet in regular trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange after surging as high as \$9.86 in electronic trading overnight. Phil Flynn, vice president and senior energy analyst at Alaron Trading Corp. in Chicago, said a storm that was expected to dump up to a foot of snow on Chicago raised fears that utilities may not have enough natural gas stored up to get through a harsh winter. Natural gas heats 90 percent of the homes in Chicago, he said. Cold weather in the Pacific Northwest has also contributed to the rise in prices, he said.

"It's more of a psychological situation than a real situation right now," Flynn said. "I would expect that the first big break in the weather will bring a break in the market."

Another factor in Monday's gains was federal regulators' approval Friday of plans to lift price caps on wholesale California electricity to ease that state's power crunch, Flynn said. The order means the \$250 per megawatt hour limit for wholesale electricity can be exceeded if the sellers can justify the costs.

Natural gas, once thought of mainly as a source for winter heating, has become a year-round fuel used to generate the electricity that powers air conditioners and computers. But that rise in use has not been accompanied by an equal growth in capacity, meaning the resource is in short supply.

Weekly data released Wednesday by the American Gas Association showed a draw of 73 billion cubic feet from U.S. inventories of natural gas. The decline was not as severe as some traders had feared but still has been driving prices higher because supplies are considerably lower than year-ago levels.

Bill O'Grady, director of futures research at A.G. Edwards and Sons in St. Louis, said the timing of Monday's snowstorm — early December — has utilities concerned about shoring up their inventories.

"Inventories aren't the tightest on record, but they're tight," O'Grady said. "The market is essentially auctioning off the last molecules of supply to the highest bidder."

O'Grady and Flynn said consumers should be prepared for utilities to pass along the higher natural gas prices in their heating bills this winter. While much of the news has centered around the northeast this week and the snow storm that struck, gas rates have been rising for much of the year, particularly last summer in concern over winter weather predictions.

Hughes said that he had been told a month ago that gas at arriving at a city in North Carolina was selling for \$12/mcf. It was three dollars more by the time it got to the local distribution center and was over \$17 by the time it got the local home.

"By contrast, we pay seven dollars here," Hughes said.

The rising prices have resulted in more drilling activity in the panhandle, Hughes said. There were about 33 rigs drilling for natural gas in the Texas Panhandle this week.

In 1998, there were only 21 rigs working. "The activity has been spurred on by the increase in demand for natural gas," said Hughes. At this time in 1998, natural gas was about a \$1.75. Crude oil prices were at eight dollars a barrel.

"Today, crude oil is \$25.50," Hughes said.

But if every cloud has a silver lining, there is also rain to dampen the parade.

Hughes said many of the drilling service companies are facing severe labor shortages. After the last downturn in oil and gas prices, many veterans of the oil patch retired. Others took jobs in more stable businesses. Today, a veteran could be a term applied to someone who's been on a drilling rig more than two months.

In an effort to get people to work on rigs, pay rates have jumped from \$12 an hour to more than \$18 an hour.

"That's for inexperienced hands," Hughes said. A few of the more experienced hands have been attracted back by the increased activity and rising wages, he said.

"But not as many as you would expect," he said.

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Energas, Urrutia said, makes its money through the commodity charge which reflects what it costs to transport the gas.

The actual cost of the gas, Urrutia said, is a straight pass through to the customer.

Energas is a distributor that does not store gas but buys natural gas monthly. He said the company tries to get the best price it can, noting that

December's 69 cents per 100 ccf is lower than the current market price. (See related story above) January's gas will be bought about the fourth business day of the month.

Meanwhile, Urrutia said Energas call centers "... have had a lot of calls from customers who are receiving higher bills."

And that's something that can be expected to continue when customers get their bills reflected gas used during the current cold snap.

Whoopi Goldberg makes an unscheduled jail visit

FORREST CITY, Ark. (AP) — Whoopi Goldberg made an unscheduled visit to the St. Francis County Jail after the driver of her tour bus was pulled over by police for speeding on Interstate 40.

While her driver filled out paper work and posted a \$450 bond Sunday night, Goldberg signed autographs for jail staff and gave female inmates a pep talk.

According to the sheriff's department, a bus carrying the actress was stopped Sunday night by Trooper David West.

In order to post his bond, Robert Ward, 44, of St. Clair Shores, Mich., followed the trooper to the jail. Not missing an opportunity to visit with fans, Goldberg also went.

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Pampa Middle School honor roll

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Seventh Grade
Abbi Kristin Aderholt, Andy Joseph Anderson, Shalea A. Ausbrooks, Cooper C. Brazile, Christopher Collier, Trevor Blane Day, Zachary J. Edens, Nicole Fernuik, Juan Raymond Gallegos, Chase Guyer, Mayra Cassandra Hernandez, Tyson J. Hickman, Monica Deshun Johnson, Clay Michael Jones, John Tyler Klein, Eric Michael Knott, Sarah Nichole Langford, Lacie Nichole Long, Jennifer Alyson Mackie, Johnathan Chadd Malone, Morgan Blair Meharg, Michael Ryan Munnerlyn, Manuel Navarrete, Britany Nelson, Reid Allen Schindler, Alexa Rae Silva, Brody Davis Smith, Christopher Henry Smith, Weston Paul Teichmann.

AB HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade
Lopez, Stacy L. Pepper, Tasha M. Powell, Jaime Resendiz, Anna Schafer, Brian David Schepp, Cameron Alexander Seger, Garnet Sue Skinner, Darby Blaine Snow, Trevor Noel Talley, Ronnie L. Tucker.

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AB HONOR ROLL
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Whitney Marie Wichert, Heather Blair Wills, Miranda Hope Woodruff, Amy Michelle Youree.

Eighth Grade

Elizabeth Ann Adams, Lindsey Dale Ammons, Payton L. Baird, Mary Ann Burnett, Shantillee Melissa Berk, Christine A. Bowman, Stephanie Raeann Boyd, Benjamin Thomas Briscoe, Alyssa D. Bromwell, Shawn Kegans Brown, Bobby Glenn Brummett, David K. Burns, Jerrod Steven Busse, Elizabeth M. Campbell, Nathan James Carnagey, Chera Jade Chavedo, Isabell Chavez, Quinton Burns Cobb, Megan L. Coffey, Cindy Conde, Mitchell Lewis Crow, Alisha Marie Dallas, Heather L. Dildy, Tyler Brett Doughty, Rebecca Lynn Dudley, Christin Nichole Dyer, Cody Lance Dyer, Monica Paige Eakin, Dustin P. Elliott, Shayna Michelle Evans, Andrew Michael Fraser, Amy Laneigh Freeman, Samuel M. Gamble, Sasha Mae Garcia, Teryn L. Garner, Rickey Wayne Gattis, Ricky Don Harvill, Theresa D. Hernandez, Brianna Leigh Hopkins, Colin James Howard, Cody Dean Hukill, Kolbye Dale Johnson, Brandon Joe Johnston, Elizabeth Ashley Joiner, Jay Gene Kelly, April Lyn Laycock, Dusty J. Lenderman, William Ryan Lewis, Yi Lin, Kandice Yvette Maddox, Rebecca Ann Middlebrook, Wendi Marie Miller, Austin C. Morgan, Andrew Hynes Morrison, Austin K. Morton.

Mark Jordan Murray, Jessica Nicole Neider, Catherine Skye Niccum, Ashley Rose Oeader, Ashley A. Parker, Kaysi N. Parker, Lashonda Kay Parks, Adam Kendall Pollock, Felipe J. Portillo, Jacob Daniel Potter, Amanda Jo Rasmussen, Diana Resendiz, Matthew B. Robertson, Whitney Leighann Roden, Ruth Ann Schlewitz, Joel Michael Shannon, Kara Dyan Shephard, Lindsey Tatum Smith, Carissa Breann Snelgroves, Jaclyn Dianna Spearman, Jacob Ryan Stillwagon, Kendall Shae Stokes, Jerica Jerisha Timmons, Karen Lizbet Torres, Christopher Ford Veal, Deidra Ann Warden, Brittany Lynnea Westbrook, Michael Wayne Wilkinson, Holly Elizabeth Winborne, Erin Dawn Winegeart, Lauren Chantille Winkelman, Yolanda Annette Young, Melissa Zubia.



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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: _____

4-H Futures & Features

Dates

12 - Prime Time 4-H Club meeting, 7 p.m., Annex; 4-H Shooting Sports, 7 p.m., Indoor Rifle Range

13 - McLean Horse Project, 6 p.m., McLean Ag Barn

16 - Celebration of Lights community service project, 5:45-11 p.m., Recreation Park

4-H Christmas Party

The 4-H Council sponsoring a countywide Christmas party Sunday in the Gray County Annex Building.

The Council sponsored two countywide community service projects at the party — a Backpack Drive for the homeless and a canned food drive. Participants were to bring any used backpacks in good condition to the festivities. The backpacks will be donated to area homeless to carry their possessions. Canned food items or money was also accepted for a food basket to be given to a needy family.

4-Hers received points for attending the party and for participating in the service projects.

Celebration of Lights project

4-H Council voted to work one night at Celebration of Lights — from 5:45-11 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16. Each 4-H Club and Council will work a one-hour shift. Club managers will be responsible for having club members to work their time slot. The schedule is as follows: 5:45-6:45 p.m., McLean; 6:45-7:45, Sew Fine; 7:45-8:45 p.m., Lefors; 8:45-9:45 p.m., Prime Time; 9:45-11:45 p.m., Senior High Council members.

Prime Time Club

The Prime Time Club meeting will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12 in the annex. The program will be a Christmas party and a community service project. Members will be called to determine what they need to bring for the party. For the community service project, members need to

bring a wrapped gift to adopt a family in the CASA program.

Sew Fine Club

A Christmas party will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14 at the home of Judy Elliott. Participants should bring homemade cookies or candy. The club's community service project will be Celebration of Lights. Members will volunteer from 6:45-7:45 p.m. Dec. 16. Another project involves the Salvation Army Angel Tree program. Emily Elliott, Julie Schuneman, Kendra Strickland and Sarah Schwab will meet at 1:30 p.m. at Wal-Mart to shop for the adopted angel or angels. Erica Schepp, Monica Schepp and Joy Hart will wrap gifts. Donna Schepp will contact the 4-Hers to schedule a time.

McLean Horse Project

Meetings for the McLean Horse Project will be held at 6 p.m., the second Wednesday of each month at McLean Ag Barn. This month's meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Shooting Sports Project

Meeting dates for Shooting Sports Project is 7 p.m. every Monday and Tuesday at the Indoor Rifle Range.

Vet Science

A Vet Science meeting is not scheduled for December. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 8 at the Annex.

Photography Project

Photography Project members be sure to bring your photos for the gift place mats to be made during the upcoming project meeting slated from 7-8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 11 at the Annex. Also, bring scissors, a ruler and \$2 for other supplies to be used in creating the place mats. For more details, call Judy Elliott, 665-7826. Project members will also be deciding dates for the January and February meetings, so participants should bring their calendars.

Fabric and Fashion Design

If any 4-Her would like to participate in Fabric and Fashion Design project this spring, begin collecting catalogues and magazines that contain fashions and accessories that appeal to you. Participants will be using these in some of the project activities.

Any 4-Her or adult who would like to get involved in this fun and exciting project should contact Judy Elliott at 665-7826. Elliott will be putting together a project planning meeting over the Christmas break to make sure project members are ready to start work in January.

Texas 4-H Foundation

A TTVN Scholarship Training (Texas 4-H Scholarships) will be held at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 4 at the District Extension office, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West. Another session concerning West Texas A&M University scholarships is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. the fourth.

This training is for high school juniors or seniors. Extension officials urge eligible students to attend if they are interested in applying for a 4-H scholarship. Deadline to RSVP is Jan. 2. The local Extension office must notify the District office so the office will plan accordingly.

Scholarship applications for current high school seniors may be picked up at the local Extension office and will be due around the first of March. The applications are also available at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/foundation/fndhome.html> on the Internet.

Deadline

Due to holiday schedules, the Gray County Extension Service will need all information for 4-H clubs, projects or special activities turned into the office no later than Dec. 15 or information for the clubs, projects or activities will not be published until the February newsletter.

Pampa Board of Realtors



(Community Camera photo by Bobbie Sue Stephens)

The following officers were recently installed to serve on the 2001 Pampa Board of Realtors during ceremonies held recently at Pampa Country Club: (left-right) Roberta Babb, Quentin-Williams, Realtors, vice president; Jim Howell, Century 21, president; Judi Edwards, Quentin-Williams, director; and Becky Baten, Quentin-Williams, secretary.

~ Business Review ~

Simmons Business Services ...

Local Certified Public Accountant Ed Simmons has seen many changes in the business world and in Pampa since he moved to this community 55 years ago. The community prospered as did many communities across the area following the

end of World War II and the return of soldiers to American soil. Simmons Business Services has been located at 1313 N. Hobart for 25 years. Effective Jan. 1, 2001, the business owned by the Simmons family will be owned by Johnson

Business and Financial Services. Ed and Paul Simmons will both move to the Johnson Business and Financial Services location at 1224 N. Hobart. After obtaining his CPA certification and working for Amarillo CPA and attorney

Walter G. Russell for several years, Ed Simmons decided to relocate and begin his own business in Pampa in 1945. He said he had worked with several Pampans and was knowledgeable of the community.

Simmons began his accounting profession at 32 years of age with a correspondence course, and later completed the studies for his CPA. Now 92 years of age, Ed Simmons has been working with figures for six decades and continues to go into the office on a daily basis.

His son, Paul, is also in the family-owned Simmons Business Services.

Ed Simmons said he remembers when the most advanced office technology was the calculator. An IBM card sorter was the first step toward computerization. At that time, he said, the machine consumed most of the room.

The business purchased its first computer several years ago, and it had 20,000 mega bytes. "The computer we

have now has a 10 billion mega byte capacity and much more speed," he said.

Born in Ochiltree County in 1908, Ed Simmons celebrated his 92nd birthday last week. He and his wife, Anabel, were born within one-half mile of each other. The couple celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary earlier this year. Ed Simmons also observed 75 years anniversary of his high school graduation this year as he graduated from Spearman High in 1925.

Anabel worked at the family business until she suffered a stroke three years ago, said her husband.

The two Simmons grandchildren both graduated from Pampa High and West Texas A&M in Canyon. Vendell Simmons Stevens owns a photography studio in Canyon while E.P. Simmons is a musician in Chicago.

Their son, Paul, has been overseeing much of the business operations the past few years, said his father. Paul does payroll work for their

clients as well. He also picks up and delivers customer work.

Ed Simmons said he mainly works with income taxes and various other taxes.

The business has grown and prospered during the years. The Simmons' clients are individuals as well as businesses, ranchers and farmers.

Simmons Business Services is able to set up its clients who own small businesses, which he described as the "Mom and Pop" operations, and agriculture couples to be able to deduct their insurance and medical expenses as business expenses, said Ed Simmons. "The main thrust is to reduce their taxes to a bare minimum."

The Simmons' encourage their customers to visit them at the new location as they join the Johnson Business and Financial Services. "I really hate to leave this location after being here 25 years," said Ed Simmons, "but we want our customers to continue with us at the new location."



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Paul Simmons, left, and his father, Ed Simmons, will be moving to the Johnson Business & Financial Services as the Simmons Business Services has been purchased by them. The business transition will be effective Jan. 1, 2001.

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Worker's College Education Gets No Respect From Boss

DEAR ABBY: I recently received my bachelor of science degree. It took determination and sacrifice to fulfill the requirements to graduate. Now that I have found a job where I can use my academic knowledge, I am finding stumbling blocks to career advancement. I work with managers who refuse to recognize the importance of an academic education.

Several of the upper-level managers attained their high-paying positions by staying with the company and working their way up the organizational ladder. They frequently comment that education is "overrated." I have great respect for these managers and their fortitude in staying with the same company; however, they belittle the value of education. I believe they are not aware of the time and energy one must expend to attain a degree.

I have also noticed that managers who have an advanced level of education appreciate what it takes to get a degree and don't minimize its value. Unfortunately, I must report directly to a lesser-educated manager, and I would appreciate your advice on how to handle the situation.

SUPPORTS THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

DEAR SUPPORTS: Keep your mouth shut and your eye on the goal. Pointing out your manager's ignorance will make you an enemy.

College doesn't always teach the "practical" aspects of a job.

Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Experience is also a great teacher. Learn, absorb and weigh everything your managers have to say. They would not be at the level to which they have risen had they not earned the respect of their employers.

DEAR ABBY: Twenty years ago, my high school civics teacher gave us a choice for a project: Write a research paper or perform 20 hours of volunteer work and report on the experience. For not completely altruistic reasons, I chose the volunteer experience because I thought it sounded more interesting — not to mention easier!

That was one of the most memorable high school experiences I had. I didn't come from a perfect background (does anyone?), but it was good for me as an impressionable young person to see how those in true need lived. I will never forget rocking a baby who was born without eyes because his mother dallied with drugs during her pregnancy. Most volunteer experiences

aren't as sobering, but there is always something to learn. As a result of that school project, I have led a life of volunteering — even if it is just an hour a week. In addition, I have introduced my children to the wonderful world of volunteering as young as age 3, and they love it. My parents were also volunteers.

Abby, please address the subject of volunteering with your readers. If they don't volunteer, they owe it to themselves to give it a try. It's a wonderful experience. Just when they think they will only be giving, lo and behold, they'll be receiving an education and a worthwhile experience.

GRATEFUL TO BE ABLE TO HELP, ST. PAUL, MINN.

DEAR GRATEFUL: I agree volunteering can be gratifying. I heartily recommend it. The subject has been mentioned in this column before. Years ago, I volunteered my time to the Red Cross as a "Gray Lady," reading and writing letters for shut-ins. Later I worked for the Mental Health Association and to raise funds for the March of Dimes.

Volunteer work is emotionally rewarding, a sure cure for the blues and a self-esteem builder. Some people have stumbled onto fulfilling career opportunities through volunteering at hospitals, schools, shelters, etc.

DEALING WITH ANOTHER proves to be a full-time job. Talking about long-term goals proves to be meaningless with this person. Know when you are barking up the wrong tree. Seek out a loved one. Look for solutions. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE the control you would like to have over another. Face facts: The only person you can control is yourself. Listen, and understand where another comes from. Your sense of what is right comes out with a loved one. Take charge at work. Clear out as much as you can. Tonight: Dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

JUMP TO ANOTHER TUNE. Think about what feels socially correct with a co-worker. Dig up information and seek out solutions. Your ability to cruise through problems puts you way ahead of others. Think about your long-term problems with someone at a distance. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

FIND OUT MORE about a loved one or a creative enterprise. How another pictures things isn't quite correct. Think about what you would like from a situation. Evaluate new ideas, with an eye to breaking past barriers. How another sees a problem is very different from how you see it. Tonight: Work late.

BORN TODAY

Actor Dick Van Dyke (1925), actor Jamie Foxx (1967), musician Ted Nugent (1948)

For Better or For Worse



Zits



Garfield



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Marvin



Do You Have Christmas Stockings?



Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Mallard Filmore



Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13, 2000

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)

Your high energy takes you in new directions. If others don't agree with you, frustration comes out and reaches a crescendo. Don't pick a fight when you don't need to. Take responsibility with a domestic matter, even if it costs you. Let your creativity out. Tonight: Opt for a midweek break.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

A discussion proves to be volatile but informative. Regroup and use new facts to enhance a project or relationship. Pressure builds, but your strength and concentration separate you from others. Listen to your sixth sense. What might be difficult at first is worthwhile. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Keep talking about a money matter. Another might not agree with you. Carefully review decisions that affect not only you but also a child or loved one. A flirtation might go sour with your present mood. Stay even, knowing your long-term objectives. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Pressure builds on the home front. Someone, or you, could blow a fuse. Your high energy takes you in

another direction. Think carefully about a financial decision. Eye long-term objectives. Don't do anything foolish that you might regret. Tonight: Do some holiday errands.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You might be hard pressed not to react to a family member. This person has a way of getting under your skin. Listen to what he thinks, but remember that you don't have to buy into it. Your sense of what is right directs you professionally. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Aim for what you want, but still put a stop to abnormal spending. Everything goes a bit overboard without you realizing it. Emphasize others, meetings and a common consensus. Do your part as far as seeking out additional information. Know when to pull back. Tonight: Out with friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Your hot temper could cause a problem between you and another. You might not agree or see eye to eye. Know that the bigger problem will ultimately be for you and not a boss, if you opt for conflict in this area. Someone expresses strong opinions. Tonight: Be with your best friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Someone knows how to be testy and aggravate you. What you need to carefully think about are your expectations of another. Reach out and keep talking about what you want. Find a mutually acceptable solution, and success will be yours. Tonight: Go where the music is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

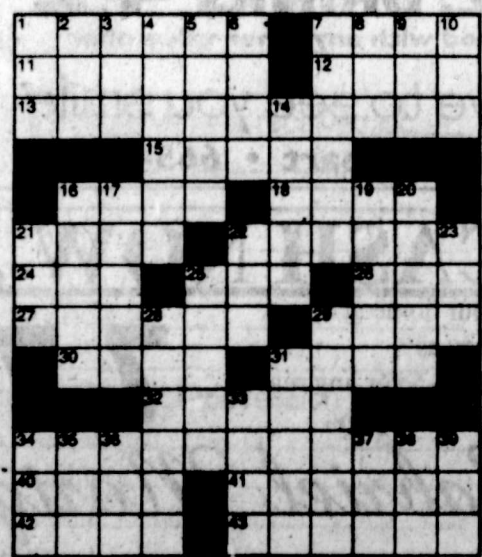
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- 12 Tardy
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- 22 Software writers
- 24 Historic time
- 25 Chess piece
- 26 Little Labrador
- 27 Became rigid
- 29 Simple
- 30 Spots
- 31 Liquefy
- 32 School paper
- 34 "E.T." actor
- 40 Lotion additive
- 41 Printing goofs
- 42 Give a hoot
- 43 Looked intently

GANGS VEGAS
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ALOHA SIMON
MIMIC INANE
PASTE EGGED

Yesterday's answer

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- 8 door sign
- 9 On the — (in hiding)
- 9 One — time
- 10 Common answer
- 14 Wading bird
- 16 Skin openings
- 17 Ludicrous
- 19 Flower part
- 20 Have faith in
- 21 Wager
- 22 Boulder
- 23 Secret agent
- 25 Disorderly
- 26 Fume
- 29 Friend of Pooh
- 31 Skier Phil
- 33 Flight part
- 34 Emotive actor
- 35 Actor Wallach
- 36 Opposite of "our"
- 37 Damage
- 38 Had a snack
- 39 Blue



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SPORTS

Rodriguez signs for \$252 million with Texas

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — A-Rod is baseball's newest lightning rod, a quarter-billion dollar example of the star system dominating professional sports.

Even before Alex Rodriguez finalized his \$252 million, 10-year contract with the Texas Rangers on Monday, baseball's doom-and-gloom faction was saying the money has become too much.

"This amount of money spread out over 10 years could probably buy three franchises or so at the bottom end of market value," said Sandy Alderson, an executive vice president in baseball's commissioner's office.

Rangers owner Tom Hicks predicted the All-Star shortstop will lead his team to national prominence, to "fulfill its dream of continuing on its path to becoming a World Series champion."

Hicks paid \$250 million to buy the entire franchise three years ago from a group headed by George W. Bush and Rusty Rose.

"The Rangers are serious about winning," Texas general manager Doug Melvin said. "I know expectations will be high. We're ready for that challenge."

But, while A-Rod now has 1-Rod — catcher Ivan Rodriguez — as a teammate, they don't pitch. Texas hasn't added much to staff that had a major league-worst 5.52 ERA last season.

And the Rangers must contend with teams who claimed Rodriguez and agent Scott Boras bamboozled them into overpaying by tens of millions of dollars. "I'm the whipping boy for 'baseball games will destruct,'" Boras said.

The contract calls for a \$10 million signing bonus paid over five years and salaries of \$21 million in each of the first four years —

well above the \$15.8 million Minnesota paid its entire team this season.

The 25-year-old Rodriguez gets \$25 million a year in 2005 and 2006, and \$27 million in each of the final four seasons. A total of \$36 million is deferred at 3 percent interest, the money to be paid from 2011-2020.

The contract is double the previous record for a sports contract: a \$126 million, six-year agreement in October 1997 between forward Kevin Garnett and the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves.

And it was finalized just two days after Mike Hampton's \$121 million, eight-year deal with Colorado, which had been baseball's highest package. New York Yankees president Randy Levine criticized Texas as among the teams "whining about out-of-control payrolls" and said it would be "the height of hypocrisy" for them to "ever

complain about anything again."

"At first they were talking about 200 million — 250 (million) came out of nowhere," said Rodriguez's new teammate, Rafael Palmeiro. "It's just incredible."

Rodriguez, who can opt out of the agreement after seven years and become a free agent again at age 32, came away with an average salary of \$25.2 million — 48 percent higher than the previous top, the \$17 million Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado agreed to in October as part of a four-year contract.

But A-Rod fell short of the highest average salary in sports. Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal will average \$29.5 million in an \$88.5 million, three-year extension that starts with the 2003-04 season.

Michael Jordan made about \$33 million in 1997-98, his final season in the NBA.

"People are talking about the money, but you have to recognize the type of player he is and what he can accomplish," Oakland general manager Billy Beane said. "And he's only 25 years old."

The lanky infielder from Miami — he's 6-foot-3 — was highly prized because he became a free agent at such a young age. In seven seasons with the Seattle Mariners, he has a .309 career average with 189 homers and 595 RBIs.

This year, he made \$4.25 million in the final season of a \$10.6 million, four-year contract he signed against Boras' advice in 1996.

"Yes, he's special because he can hit a baseball. Yes, he's special because he can hit it a long way," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "We're talking about more than hitting a baseball. We're talking about marketing an area."

Notebook

BASEBALL

PAMPA — Pampa High baseball boosters will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Val Halla.

All interested persons are urged to attend.

SOCCER

PAMPA — Pampa High School Soccer Booster Club will meet at 7 tonight in the Ready Room at Val Halla.

All interested persons are urged to attend.

BASKETBALL

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs didn't panic when they saw superstar teammate Tim Duncan writhing in pain, clutching his surgically repaired left knee.

After all, this was old hat for the well-balanced Spurs.

Antonio Daniels scored 13 points and sparked a third-period rally that came without Duncan or David Robinson as the San Antonio Spurs beat the Utah Jazz 91-83 on Monday night.

Daniels made a 3-pointer and a layup over the last two minutes of the third quarter, when San Antonio turned a 57-54 deficit into a 65-61 lead entering the fourth quarter.

The Spurs went ahead for good with Duncan in the locker room tending to his injured knee and Robinson on the bench in foul trouble.

Duncan, the cornerstone of the San Antonio franchise, was diagnosed with a hyper-extended left knee, the same knee that required surgery to repair torn cartilage last May. He returned with 9:31 to play.

The Spurs never worried. "I don't think we ever looked down on ourselves," Daniels said. "Last year, Tim went down and that was something we had to deal with. We got a lift as a unit. We helped each other out in that situation."

They did the same thing against the Jazz.

Malik Rose scored 11, one of six San Antonio players in double figures. Rose scored seven on open jumpers in the fourth quarter and Daniels made two free throws with 13.1 seconds left.

Duncan added 13 points and nine rebounds, only the third time in 20 games he hasn't reached a double-double. As the Spurs head to Wednesday's game at Phoenix, he'll have tests Tuesday to evaluate the injury.

"I was worried, not because of the surgery, but because of the pain level," Duncan said. "It was a little weak, but I had the opportunity to go back in and play a little bit. After that, it felt pretty good."

Karl Malone led the Jazz with 19 points but went scoreless in the fourth quarter. John Stockton had 16 points but only four assists, leaving him nine away from the 14,000 mark for his career.

Bryon Russell added 14 for Utah.

"We weren't trying to beat them, we were trying to beat them individually," Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said. "When you try to beat them individually, you don't have much of a chance."

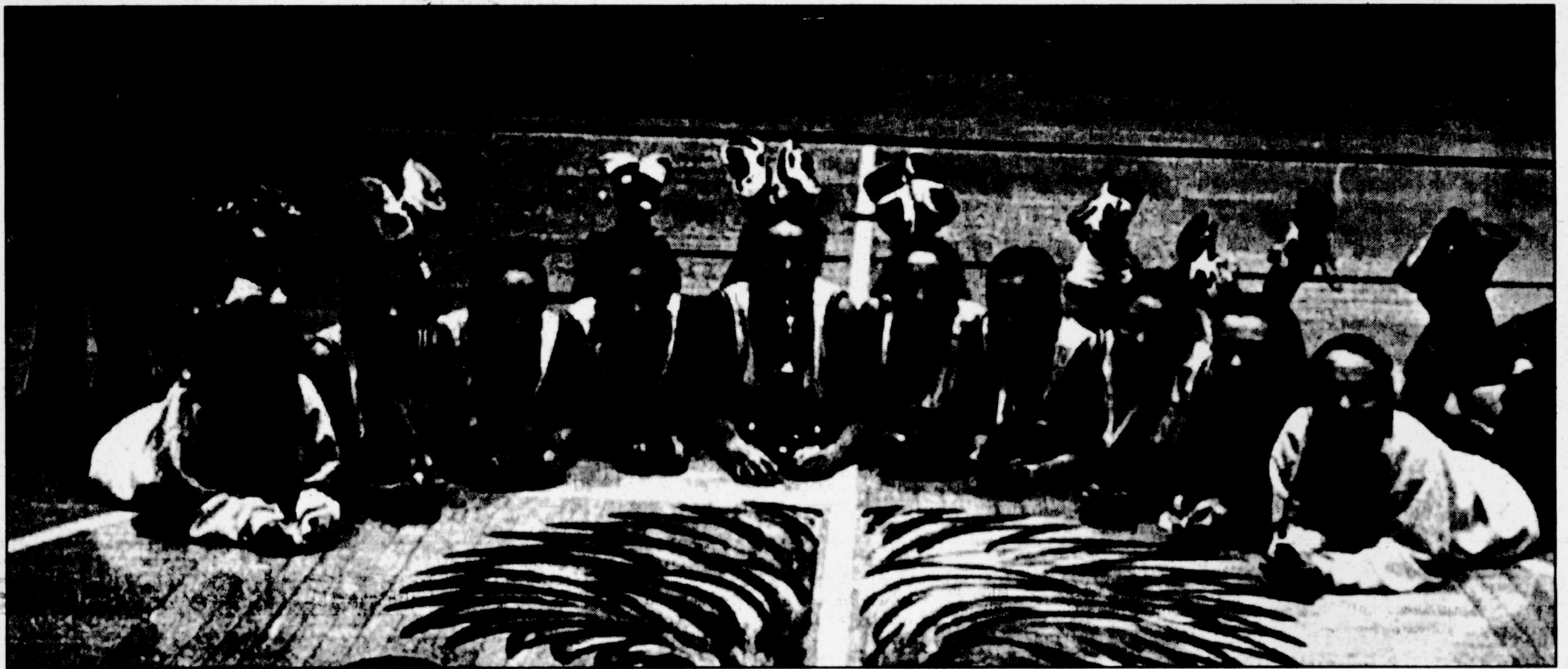
It was a showdown between teams expected to battle for the Midwest Division title. The Spurs won the first meeting at the Alamodome last month.

Utah came in on a hot streak, winning nine of its last 10 and 11 of 13 since losing in San Antonio. But that success came against the likes of Golden State, Vancouver, New Jersey (twice) and Detroit.

Beating the Spurs would have added credibility to Utah's run.

Asked whether it mattered that the Jazz had lost twice to the Spurs, Stockton said: "I'm sure it matters, but we can't do anything about it now except go forward."

Dumas Tournament champs



(Photo by Lance Burton)

The unbeaten Pampa freshmen girls' basketball team were the champions of the Dumas Tournament last weekend. Team members are (from left) Raeanna Cowan, Abbi Covalt, Denisse Solis, Tara Jordan, Jennie Waggoner, Erika Skinner, Stacey Johnson, Britney Downey, K'lee Ratzlaff and Ashley Abbe.

Pampa girls win swim meet

SEMINOLE — The Pampa swim team participated in the Seminole Invitational last weekend with the Harvester girls scoring 108 points to win the championship.

The PHS girls out-stroked nine other schools, including Pecos, Andrews and Fort Stockton, all teams in Pampa's regional. Pampa had not won an invitational meet in over 10 years.

"We only have nine girls, but they are all great competitors," said Pampa coach Amy Howard.

Foreign exchange student Andrea Branchetti won both the 100 backstroke and 200 IM and was a member of the first-place 400 freestyle relay team along with Kelley Stowers, Misty Moman and Tamra Henthorn. Moman (100 butterfly), Stowers (100 freestyle) and Henthorn (500 freestyle) were also individual winners.

Pampa boys team placed fifth out of nine teams. Pampa beat regional foes Monahans and Fort Stockton.

The Harvesters' best individual finish was by Willie Griffin, who took third in the 500 freestyle. Griffin was also a member of the 400 freestyle relay team (Matt Schoenrock, Ben Whitten and Clay David), which placed third.

"The boys face some tough competition in their region. We have a lot of talent and if not by the end of this year, then next year for sure the Pampa boys team will be a powerhouse along with our girls teams. All of the swimmers did a great job this weekend considering the training hours that they have put in over the last month," Howard

said. Pampa's next competition will take place in Amarillo against Tascosa and Caprock in a dual meet at the Maverick Pool Club. The meet starts at around 10 a.m.

Seminole Invitational Pampa results Boys Division

200 medley relay: 7. (Joe Johnson, Ben Whitten Michael Eskridge and Garrett Johnston), 2:21.53; 11. (Julian George, Alan Arzola, Cameron Cargill and Jason Kilhoffer), 2:55.93.

200 freestyle: 4. Willie Griffin, 2:17.47; 5. Clay David, 2:18.97. 200 IM: 5. Michael Eskridge, 2:41.59; 10. Garrett Johnston, 2:56.42; 14. Jason Kilhoffer, 3:53.61.

50 freestyle: 14. Garrett Johnston, 30.18; 18. Joe Johnson, 31.27; 46. Richard Rodriguez, 41.62. 100 butterfly: 5. Michael Eskridge, 1:13.43; 6. Ben Whitten, 1:14.72; 10. Matt Schoenrock, 1:18.68; 13. Alan Arzola, 1:42.47; 16. Cameron Cargill, 1:52.39.

100 freestyle: 6. Clay David, 1:02.52; 10. Doug Warren, 1:05.11; 12. Matt Schoenrock, 1:05.93.

500 freestyle: 3. Willie Griffin, 6:13.13; 5. Joe Johnson, 6:27.68; 13. Kody Kirkland, 7:30.10; 20. Cameron Cargill, 8:38.04. 200 freestyle relay: 6. (Willie Griffin, Doug Warren and Clay David), 1:55.19; 15. (Kody Kirkland, Alan Arzola and Julian George), 2:23.43.

100 backstroke: 9. Doug Warren, 12. Kody Kirkland, 1:21.52; 15. Julian George, 1:28.45.

100 breaststroke: 7. Ben

Whitten, 1:25.26; 13. Alan Arzola, 1:33.66; 21. Jason Kilhoffer, 1:48.99; 22. Richard Rodriguez, 1:50.78.

400 freestyle relay: 3. (Matt Schoenrock, Ben Whitten, Clay David and Willie Griffin), 4:15.34; 7. (Garrett Johnston, Joe Johnson, Michael Eskridge and Doug Warren), 4:32.55.

Girls Division

200 medley relay: 6. (Desiree Vigil, Jessica Hall, Megan David and Jessica White), 2:43.53.

200 freestyle: 2. Tamra Henthorn, 2:32.74; 5. Kelley Stowers, 2:40.28; 12. Jessica White, 2:52.91.

200 IM: 1. Andrea Branchetti, 2:35.11; 5. Megan David, 3:04.61.

50 freestyle: 8. Desiree Vigil, 33.83; 31. Kendra Strickland, 41.62.

100 butterfly: 1. Misty Moman, 1:21.35.

100 freestyle: 1. Kelley Stowers, 1:12.78; 12. Desiree Vigil, 1:18.72.

500 freestyle: 1. Tamra Henthorn, 6:48.01; 10. Jessica White, 7:57.58; 12. Kendra Strickland, 8:57.14.

200 freestyle relay: 2. (Misty Moman, Kelley Stowers, Tamra Henthorn and Andrea Branchetti); 7. (Megan David, Jessica Hall, Jessica White and Desiree Vigil), 2:19.30.

100 backstroke: 1. Andrea Branchetti, 1:12.16; 6. Misty Moman, 1:25.76.

100 breaststroke: 5. Megan David, 1:32.71; 10. Jessica Hall, 1:37.45.

400 freestyle relay: 1. (Andrea Branchetti, Kelley Stowers, Misty Moman and Tamra Henthorn), 4:41.75.

PHS 9th graders capture Dumas Tournament title

DUMAS — Undefeated Pampa rolled past Dumas 37-19 to win the Dumas Freshmen Girls' Basketball Tournament last weekend.

Pampa 9th graders boosted their record to 9-0 with the championship win. Stacey Johnson had 12 points and Jennie Waggoner 10 to lead the Pampa scoring attack.

Pampa held Dumas to only two points in the first quarter and led by nine (17-8) at halftime.

Others who scored for Pampa were Britney Downey

and Tara Jordan with 4 points each, Erika Skinner 3, K'ylee Ratzlaff and Denisse Solis 2 each.

To reach the finals, one of the teams Pampa defeated was Clovis Marshall, which had a record of 12-0.

Jordan was high scorer with 10 points as Pampa came away a 20-18 winner. Waggoner had 5 points, Johnson 4 and Abbi Covalt 1 for Pampa.

Waggoner was named the tournament's most valuable player and Covalt was named to the all-tournament team.

8th grade boys beat Borger in basketball

PAMPA — Pampa Red beat Borger 55-45 in an 8th grade boys' game Monday night.

Britten East led Pampa in scoring with 15 points. Seth Foster and Tyler Doughty added 10 each.

Pampa Blue lost to Borger 33-25.

Scoring for Pampa were Janssen Eilenberger 8, Dusty Lenderman 7, Ricky Gattis 6 and Mark Murray 4.

Pampa Red has a 6-1 record and Pampa Blue is 7-1.

In the 7th grade division, Borger slipped by Pampa

Red 38-36. Colby Scott was high scorer for Pampa with 12 points. Eric Kingcade had 7 points and Braden Barker 6.

Pampa Blue lost to Borger 32-28.

Scoring for Pampa were Pablo Alvarado with 6, Cody Russell 5, Cody Ellis 4, Jarred Mohler 4, Tyler Klein 3, Shane Goldsmith 2, Aaron Anguiano 2, and Nick Robbins 2. Their record is 2-6.

The Pampa teams play next on Jan. 4 at home against Hereford.



(Photo by Grover Black)

Pampa's female boxers are (front row, from left) Roneca Carey, Amanda Hood, Jackie Medley and Celia Mora; (back row, from left) Nikki Medley, Candie Smith, Gina Guerra and Nicky Parks.

Pampa's Ladies of the Ring

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

Since that first moment when a pair of brawlers started trading punches in a square, roped-off ring, boxing has been a male-dominated sport. Times have changed, however, especially since both the daughters of ex-heavyweight champions Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier are following in their fathers' footsteps.

In Pampa, as in other parts of the country, young girls are starting to test their skills in the ring. Celia Mora, 13, and Nikki Medley, 12, are two of seven local youngsters who have joined the Youth Survival Club of Pampa to learn the sport.

"I started boxing about three months ago and I really enjoy it," Celia said. "I work out every day. I like exercising and I'm working on getting a good attitude."

Nikki joined the club after a friend told her about the boxing program.

"I like the exercises that goes with boxing. I am little scared about getting in there and boxing for the first time," she said.

The girls could be licensed to box by the end of the year, according to J.R. Moreno, Youth Survival Club founder. The licensing body is the Lubbock Boxing Commission.

"It all depends on who turns in their sanctions first," Moreno pointed out. "We'll have to wait our turn behind other clubs."

The first tournament for the girls would probably be held in Pampa, says Moreno.

"It might be a month and a half away, but the girls will be getting ready to box. By that time they're going to be in shape," he said.

The club's other female fighters are Gina Guerra, 14, Roneca Carey, 13, Candie Smith, 12, Nicky Parks, 12, and Amanda

Hood, 12.

The girls got their first taste of an official tournament when they accompanied Moreno and the club's male boxing team to Lubbock last weekend for the West Texas-USA Boxing Association Championships.

"They just went as observers and I thought it might scare them when they saw some blood splattering. I figured they might not want to box again," Moreno said.

However, the trip made the girls more eager to get into the ring than ever before.

"They just can't wait," Moreno said. "They've been getting in there and sparring with the boys."

Michael Chaney and Kevin Harris have been serving as coaches for both the girls and boys teams.

"They're young coaches and they do a tremendous job. They take their responsibilities very serious," Moreno said.

Colts prove their critics wrong

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indianapolis Colts defenders heard the complaints all season—that they couldn't cover the pass, couldn't stop the run, couldn't produce turnovers and couldn't pressure the quarterback.

On Monday night, the Colts proved their critics wrong.

Bernard Holsey returned a fumble for a touchdown, Mustafah Muhammad returned an interception for a touchdown and Indianapolis registered a season-high nine sacks as it blew out Buffalo 44-20 to stay alive in the NFL playoff race.

"We've gotten criticism, but we don't go out with the feeling we've got something to prove," said defensive end Chad Bratzke, who had one sack. "We have something to prove to ourselves. We're a hard-working unit and we're a proud unit."

Monday night, facing playoff elimination, the Colts played like it.

They allowed just 294 yards, their third-lowest total of the season.

They picked off two of Rob Johnson's passes and forced a fumble, rarities for a unit that produced just 15 turnovers in 13 weeks.

They even blocked a punt—for the first time in nearly 11 years.

"I was really proud of our defense," Colts coach Jim Mora said. "We scored a couple of (defensive) touchdowns, and that is a pretty good feat in itself."

Meanwhile, the Colts offense hardly resembled itself.

Quarterback Peyton Manning threw for a career-low 132 yards and failed to throw a touchdown pass for the first time this season.

Wide receiver Marvin Harrison managed just two catches for 27 yards.

Even Edgerrin James struggled to get to the 100-yard mark, which he didn't achieve till the waning minutes. He finished with 111 yards and two touchdowns.

And it didn't matter one bit.

"We didn't make the necessary adjustments," said wide receiver Eric Moulds, who managed just

two receptions for 47 yards as the Bills were eliminated from the playoff race. "Give those guys credit, they played well and we stunk the place up."

Still, the Colts (8-6) led just 9-6 at halftime.

Then they unleashed their defensive hordes.

Buffalo punter Chris Mohr double-clutched when he dropped the ball, and Paul Shields blocked it, setting up Indianapolis at the Buffalo 25. Four plays later, James plunged in from 1 yard out to make it 16-6.

Two series later, cornerback Jeff Burris hit Johnson square in the back, jarring the ball loose. Holsey scooped it up and scooted 48 yards for a touchdown to make it 23-6.

"I saw the ball hit the ground and I just picked it up," Holsey said, laughing. "I don't know how fast I was running. I just wanted to get the touchdown before somebody tackled me."

"We hadn't played up to our expectations as of this year and we really wanted to show the country how we can play."

The Colts were only warming up, though.

After Sammy Morris' 1-yard TD run made it 23-12, the Colts countered with James' second touchdown run, and two plays after that, Muhammad intercepted Johnson's pass and raced 40 yards for another score to make it 37-12.

"We blocked them pretty well," Bills tackle Marcus Spriggs said. "Then they brought DBs, linebackers, everybody. You can't block everybody."

The Bills didn't, and the Colts took advantage like they hadn't all season—with a performance that produced the most defensive touchdowns in three years and the most sacks since Sept. 6, 1992.

"We've been scrutinized on not getting turnovers. It's something we've been working on all year," Bratzke said. "They come in bunches. They came tonight from guys hustling and playing their hearts out."

"We got two touchdowns

defensively and we got a lot of sacks. We were on our game against Buffalo, and that's something we've got to continue to do."

And it didn't matter one bit.

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N.Y. Jets	9	5	0	.643	294	277			
Indianapolis	8	6	0	.571	378	303			
Buffalo	7	7	0	.500	263	314			
New England	4	10	0	.286	239	301			
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x-Philadelphia	10	5	0	.667	335	238			
Washington	7	7	0	.500	258	242			
Dallas	5	9	0	.357	281	313			
Arizona	3	11	0	.214	200	410			
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x-Minnesota	11	3	0	.786	359	307			
Tampa Bay	9	5	0	.643	336	217			
Detroit	8	6	0	.571	277	277			
Green Bay	7	7	0	.500	303	281			
Chicago	4	10	0	.286	193	318			
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New Orleans	9	5	0	.643	310	272			
St. Louis	9	5	0	.643	479	412			
Carolina	8	6	0	.571	277	277			
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Grizzlies defeated by Rockets, 82-75

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — A season that has been all too familiar could become worse for the Vancouver Grizzlies if they lose Michael Dickerson, their best all-around guard.

Dickerson left Monday night's 82-75 loss to the Houston Rockets just four minutes into the game

with what was diagnosed as a sprained left foot. Dickerson returned to the Vancouver lineup last week after missing eight games with a sprained right ankle.

Vancouver, 7-14 this season, went 2-6 without Dickerson during that stretch, and his ability to create an offensive spark was noticeably absent when he left

Monday's game. Grizzlies coach Sidney Lowe said Dickerson's status would be reassessed Tuesday.

Dickerson's absence also hurt the Grizzlies defensively. Vancouver had no answer for Houston's Cuttino Mobley, who continued his early campaign for the NBA Sixth Man Award honors by scoring 16 points.

Fourth-grade winners



Fourth-grade winners in the Lamar Hot Shot Contest this year were (from left) Kelby Doughty, third place, Austin; Tristan Reeves, second place, Lamar; Kami Doughty, first place, Austin in the girls' division; Sergio Salazar, third place, Lamar; Heath Skinner, second place, Lamar; Anthony Arreola, first place, Travis in the boys' division. Lamar Elementary would like to think the following business organizations for helping make the Contest a success: KGRO-KMOX, Hawkins Communications, Topographics, Dunlaps, Snappy Services, Sivalis, Culberson-Stowers, NBC Bank, Perfex, Larry Baker, Halls Sound, Utility Oil, Leonard Hudson, Subway, IRI, Superior RV, Easley Animal Hospital, First Bank of Southwest, Homeland, Mrs. Bairds, Sonic, McLean Feed Lot, Wal-Mart and G&W Services.

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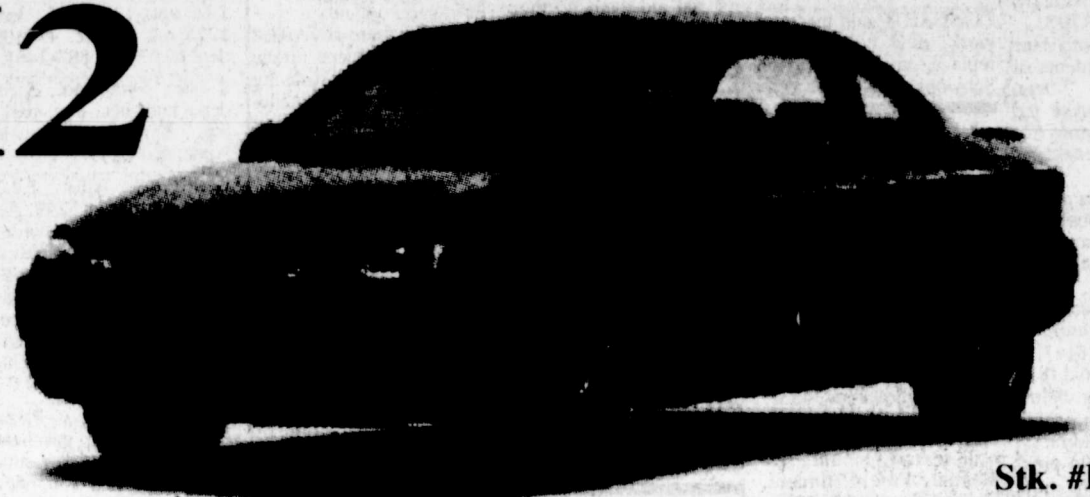
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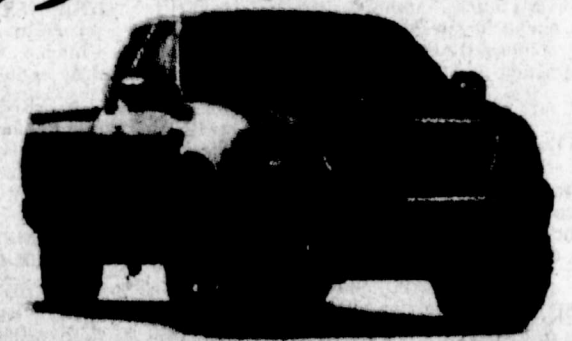
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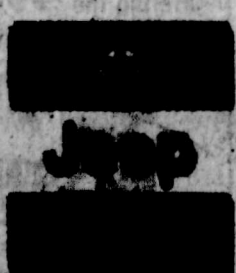
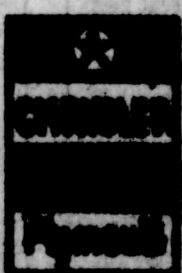
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