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Miami eyes school finance lawsuit

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

MIAMI — Miami Independent School District representatives are meeting in Austin today with a coalition of Texas rural school districts to discuss a possible lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the state's school finance law.

School Board President Troy Manley and Superintendent Allan Dinsmore traveled to Austin this week to meet with other Chapter 41 school districts, many of which have formed the Texas School Coalition (TSC).

The coalition has called the meeting with as many as 90 Texas school districts after preliminary discussions with attorneys as well as with Attorney General John Cornyn, according to a TSC letter to Miami ISD.

'Basically, what (the Texas School Coalition is) saying is Edgewood IV is becoming a statewide property tax and that's unconstitutional.'

— Allan Dinsmore
 Miami ISD Superintendent

Members of the Miami school board discussed Manley and Dinsmore's participation in the meeting at the board meeting earlier this week.

"There was no action taken," Dinsmore said. "The board wanted more information. Basically we're going on a fact-finding mission. We'll bring back what we learn to the board."

At issue is Edgewood IV school finance law, sometimes termed the "Robin Hood Law" because in it property-rich school

districts are required to send a part of their property tax revenue to the Texas Education Agency to be redistributed among property-poor districts.

Miami ISD's current budget includes \$1.7 million sent to TEA as a result of the Edgewood IV decision — 56 percent of the total tax revenues expected to be collected this year.

The original legislation was disputed in the famous "Edgewood vs. Kirby" suit almost two decades ago. The lawsuit

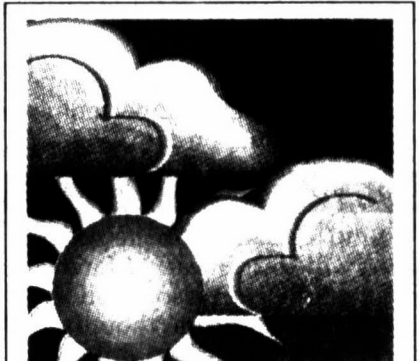
eventually landed in the Texas Supreme Court which issued the "Edgewood IV" decision to settle the matter.

According to the letter, TSC members are exploring three possible bases for litigation:

- "Statewide property tax based on the language of then-Texas Supreme Court Justice Cornyn;
- Unequalized enrichment without recapture above the tax rate necessary to fund an accredited education; and
- Optional homestead exemption amounts being used to determine wealth per weighted pupil."

"Basically, what they're saying is Edgewood IV is becoming a statewide property tax and that's unconstitutional," explained Dinsmore.

He said that then-Justice Cornyn wrote (See LAWSUIT, Page 2)



High, near 50
 Low, mid-teens
 For weather details, see Page 2

Last-minute Santa schedule released

Santa will be hearing last-minute wish lists at the following locations before heading back to the North Pole.

DOWNTOWN — Santa will be visiting these downtown businesses from now until Dec. 22 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

- 3:30 - 4:30 — T-Shirts & More
- 4:30-5:30 — Various downtown stores
- 5:30-6:30 — Tarpley Music Co.
- 6:30-7:30 — T-Shirts & More

CORONADO CENTER — Santa will be in his sleigh at the Consignment Gallery of the Coronado Center beginning Dec. 18 until Dec. 23, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Texas pump prices down for holidays

HOUSTON (AP) — As Texans prepare to motor elsewhere during the holiday season they'll find pump prices an average of six cents lower than they were last month, according to AAA Texas.

The statewide average price for a gallon of self-serve regular unleaded is \$1.37, down from \$1.43 around Thanksgiving.

"The price drop comes just in time for people making travel plans for the Christmas-New Year's holiday," AAA Texas spokeswoman Rose Rougeau said.

However, a gallon of regular unleaded in Texas cost only \$1.19 per gallon last December.

- Eula Pearl Petree, 94, school teacher.
- I.U. Bryant, 93, U.S. Navy Seabees veteran.
- Meredith Lake Parks, infant.

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Pampa students strive for higher math scores

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Young mathematicians are at work in the Pampa school system. Students are learning more about the complexities of math at an earlier age than ever before. And the learning is just going to continue.

Pampa students are scoring higher than other students across the state on the TAAS tests, but the local school district wants them to score even higher in order to increase their math knowledge and reach higher in math-related fields.

Educators in the Pampa Independent School District began to examine closely two years ago where the local school district is and where it is going, said JoAnn Jones, secondary curriculum coordinator.

As part of the Vertical Team Concept in the local school district, math instructors representing each of the six school campuses got together last week to begin working towards a more consistent manner of math instruction within the local school district.

Beverly Morse, third grade teacher at Lamar Elementary, has been (See MATH, Page 2)



Lamar Elementary third graders, clockwise from left, Fabiola Soria, Freddie Ramirez, Dillon Pierce and Stephanie Saxour are working their operation boards to increase their knowledge of mathematics. (Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Water and sewer hikes on the horizon

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

Water and sewer cost hikes to become effective on January's billing have been given the final stamp of approval by the Pampa City Commission.

Officials say the increase is not an actual rate hike but rather lowers the minimum usage to which the base charge applies from 3,000 gallons per month to

2,000 gallons. Sewer costs are calculated based upon water usage.

"Usually the only way to increase revenues is through a tax increase or through raising fees," said Commissioner Jeff Andrews at this week's meeting. "The choice of adjusting the minimum is one the commission felt is the best option and not effect those on fixed incomes."

He was referring to the fact that 10 percent of users — mostly senior citizens and

those on fixed incomes — use under 2,000 gallons a month.

"That's why we did it," said Commissioner Faustina Curry. "This isn't a gigantic increase but it could cause those on fixed incomes some difficulty."

Money generated by lowering the minimum will be used to retire debt related to repainting and refurbishing one water tower and for replacing another water tower. It's expected there will be a water

rate increase in about a year to help pay down the debt.

In other action, Pampa's portion of the refund to Nickles Industry as part of a now settled appraisal dispute will be \$11,094.27, said Finance Director John Horst. The total to be repaid by all taxing entities is \$38,785.

Primarily at issue with Nickles was the transfer of some equipment from Pampa (See RATES, Page 2)



Richard Stowers, Victoria Parsons, Salvation Army Lt. Guy Watts, Dick Stowers and Kelley Stowers at Culberson-Stowers, are still collecting toys for Toys for Tots. They are encouraging anyone who wants to donate toys to the project to drop them by the local business. The toys collected will be distributed to Pampa children. Unwrapped children's toys will be collected at the local business until Thursday, Dec. 21.

Collision causes corn spill across highway

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

A truck van wreck at the intersection of Loop 171 and U.S. 60 early today sent dried corn flying across the highway and slowed early morning traffic.

Kay Tricia Lee, 47, of rural Pampa, was taken by Rural Metro Ambulance to Dr. Nam K. Lee's office after the collision. Officials later reported that Mrs. Lee was treated by her husband and then returned home.

According to Trooper Jessie Cerda of the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Lee was driving a 1994 Chrysler van, traveling south on Loop 171, at about 6:30 a.m. when the mishap occurred.

"From the best of our knowledge, it looks like the van ran through the intersection heading south when it hit the truck trailer in the center," Cerda said.


The DPS trooper said local roads were icy in spots and the road conditions could have been a factor in the accident.

Jesus Salinas Morales, 32, driver of the truck was not injured in the accident.

The 1989 Peterbilt, pulling a trailer filled with feed corn, was heading east on U.S. 60 bound for Tejas Feeders at the time of the collision, Cerda said.

Morales had stopped in Borger to get the corn to be delivered at the cattle feedlot east of Pampa, he said.

Spilled corn covered the highway from the damaged trailer. Deputies from Gray County Sheriff's Office helped direct heavy early morning (See SPILL, Page 2)

 **Last Chamber Luncheon Of The Year**
December 19, 2000 - Noon - RSVP 669-3241

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BEVEL, Martha Rose — 2 p.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.
BRYANT, I.U. — Graveside services, 2 p.m.,

Obituaries

I.U. BRYANT

I.U. Bryant, 93, of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2000. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Sinyard, associate pastor of The Carpenter's Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Bryant was born March 24, 1907, at Cado, Okla. He graduated from Hammond High School and later attended the University of Oklahoma. He married Ethel Bryant in the 1930s at Norman, Okla.; she died in 1992. In the early 1940s, he began working for Cities Service in Clinton, Okla., and retired in 1989 as an operator. He had been a Pampa resident since the 1950s and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy Seabees, serving during World War II from 1942-46.

Mr. Bryant enjoyed reminiscing about his time in the service and the various sports he participated in, having played professional baseball, wrestled on a his college wrestling team and played high school football as well as golfing from time to time. He was also a descriptive storyteller.

He was preceded in death by a son, J.B. Bryant, in 1963.

Survivors include friends, Tommy and Teresa Henson of Pampa.

MEREDITH LAKE PARKS

Meredith Lake Parks, infant daughter of Karl and Stephanie Parks, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2000, at Amarillo. Meredith was delivered stillborn.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Karl H. Parks; and a great-grandfather, Max Crocker.

Survivors include her parents; a sister, Mackenzie Parks, of the home; her grandparents, Dwight and Linda Crocker of Amarillo and Neil and Mary Fulton of Pampa; her great-grandparents, Myrtle Crocker of Amarillo, Lessie Lewis of Garden Grove, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Orville Whinery, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Reger, all of Pampa.

EULA PEARL PETREE

CANADIAN — Eula Pearl Simmons Petree, 94, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Les Hall officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Petree was born at Emory and grew up at Miami, graduating from Miami High School. She married Van William Petree in 1929 at Arnett, Okla.; he died in 1980. She attended West Texas Normal College and held a teaching certificate from Texas Tech University.

She moved to Hemphill County in 1929 and to Amarillo in 1992. She taught at Mendota School and later worked at The Toggery and The Fair clothing stores.

She belonged to First United Methodist Church of Canadian, serving as past president of United Methodist Women, and was also a member of Arts and Crafts Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Annette Lippold of Canyon and Marva Lee Hohertz of Spearman; a brother, R.L. "Bill" Simmons of Amarillo; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church building fund, P.O. Box 1343, Canadian, TX 79014; or to Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, 2200 W. 7th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79106.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....911
Crime Stoppers.....669-2222
Energas.....1-888-Energas
Fire.....911
Police (emergency).....911
Police (non-emergency).....669-5700
SPS.....1-800-750-2520
Water.....669-5830

Police report

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

Thursday, Dec. 14

First Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, reported a theft from a building. A space heater valued at \$40 was reported stolen.

Beauty 2000, 329 N. Hobart, reported a theft of \$100 in a break-in of the business. Damages incurred to the property in the forced entry were estimated at \$550, according to Pampa Police Department.

Tools and a CD player were reported stolen from a residence in the 400 block of North Wells. Estimated value is \$800.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, Dec. 14

Raul Rodriguez, 24, 128 S. Faulkner, was arrested on municipal warrants from Pampa Police Department for failure to maintain financial responsibility and no drivers license.

Rebecca Miller, 19, Lefors, was arrested on municipal warrants from Pampa Police Department for violation of drivers license restriction, failure to appear on bail jumping charges and failure to appear on right of way charges.

David Marcus Dennis, 45, El Dorado, Ark., was arrested by Department of Public Safety on a warrant for theft by check out of Smith County.

Ambulance

Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Dec. 14

8:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Charles and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

9:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to BSA - West, Amarillo.

5:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to U.S. 60 West and transported one to PRMC.

Friday, Dec. 15

2:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to the VA Medical Center, Amarillo.

6:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to U.S. 60 and Loop 171, east of Pampa, and transported one to Dr. Nam K. Lee's office.

Fires

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

Thursday, Dec. 14

8:06 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a blown fuse in the alley of the 600 block of Christy and Zimmers.

5:16 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at U.S. 60 and Gray 5 1/2, west of Pampa.

Friday, Dec. 15

6:05 a.m. — Two units and five firefighters responded to a gasoline spill in the 1500 block of North Hobart. Approximately 86 gallons was reportedly spilled.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.			
Wheat	2.46		
Milo	3.28		
Corn	3.59		
Soybeans	4.29		
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:			
Occidental	21 3/4	up 1/2	
Fidelity Magell	122.13		
Puritan	19.04		
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.			
BP Amoco	48 1/2	up 3/16	
Cabot	24 1/2	dn 1/8	
Cabot O&G	23 3/4	up 3/8	
Chevron	79 3/4	up 1/16	
Coca-Cola	56 5/16	dn 1/16	
Columbia/HCA	37.50	dn 1/4	
Enron	77	up 1/2	
Halliburton	37 5/16	up 3/8	
KMI	47 9/16	up 1 1/16	
Kerr-McGee	60 3/8	up 5/8	
Limited	16 3/8	dn 9/16	
McDonald's	31 11/16	up 1/8	
Exxon Mobil	86	up 1/2	
New Atmos	22 3/8	dn 1/4	
XCEL	27 5/16	dn 1/8	
NOI	35 3/8	up 1	
OKI	42 3/4	up 3/16	
Pennsey	9 1/16	NC	
Phillips	53 1/8	up 5/8	
Pioneer Nat.	14 3/4	up 1/16	
SLB	71 1/2	up 1	
Tenneco	2 5/8	dn 3/16	
Texas	58 1/16	up 15/16	
Ultramar	27 3/4	dn 1/16	
Wal-Mart	50 7/16	dn 5/8	
Williams	34	dn 7/16	
New York Gold	269.75		
Silver	4.61		
West Texas Crude	27.99		

Bush prepares for presidency

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — President-elect Bush worked on assembling a new government Friday and aides said Democrats will be among the top ranks.

Among the potential recruits: Sen. John Breaux, D-La., who was here at Bush's request for a lunch meeting. Breaux has expressed reluctance to leave the closely divided Senate, but isn't ruling it out.

If nothing else, Breaux's visit is part of Bush's "reaching out to members of the Democratic party," said Bush adviser Karen Hughes. She would not rule out a possible Cabinet offer at the lunch session.

Bush is expected to begin making staff and Cabinet announcements as early as Saturday, before a three-day trip to Washington that begins Sunday, his first as president-elect.

He's already settled on a White House staff and some Cabinet members, aides said. The first Cabinet announcement could be retired Gen. Colin Powell as secretary of state and it could come Saturday, Republican aides said.

Bush was expected to make the announcements on his ranch in Crawford, about a two-hour drive north of here. Vice President-elect Dick Cheney may fly to Texas for the event from his base in suburban Washington, Bush aides suggested.

Meanwhile, a senior Bush transition official said Friday that as the president-elect ponders a choice for Treasury secretary, he won't limit himself to Wall Street.

Recent speculation has focused on three from Wall Street: Walter Shipley, retired chairman of Chase Manhattan; John Hennessy, former CEO of Credit Suisse First Boston; and Donald Marron, chairman of PaineWebber.

But, the official, briefing on the

condition of anonymity, said, "President-elect Bush's approach is to look at a number of places. We're looking at Wall Street. We're looking at the Hill. We're looking at think tanks... We're looking at Wall Street, but it's certainly not limited to Wall Street."

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SPILL

traffic through the intersection until the van and truck could be moved.

State Highway Department equipment was called in to remove the corn from the highway.

Cerda said no charges had been filed in the accident at press time.

"I'm still looking into that," the trooper said, adding that if any charges are filed or citations issued, the parties involved will be notified.

LAWSUIT

in his opinion in the Edgewood decision that when a certain number of school districts reached the \$1.50 maintenance and operation ceiling it becomes a statewide tax.

"And almost all of us have reached that point," the school superintendent said.

Edgewood IV also gave property-rich school districts the right to recapture all tax revenue collected above a tax rate of \$1.22, but then the state legislature enacted a law raising that amount to \$1.50, he said.

MATH

coordinating the effort to get the math teachers together.

"We had teaching staff from all grade levels, Kindergarten through 12. One objective is for all teachers to learn what is being taught students above and below their students' grade level," said Morse.

"The increasing standard of accountability being asked on the TAAS tests and the increasing mobility of the population with our district are reasons we are establishing this Vertical Team," said Morse.

She said they hope to establish a guide so all math teachers in the system may pick up and teach effectively from it.

"Hopefully, the math instruction will be delivered more consistently throughout the district," she said.

Jones, facilitator of the group, said the district is optimistic following the meeting last week of the math teachers.

"We're really pleased. It is working quite well," said Jones. "All campuses are represented and they are working well together."

She said the networking among

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"They're saying the legislature stepped beyond its authority to do that," he said.

On the third basis for the lawsuit, Dinsmore explained that Texas school districts have the option to give a homestead exemption from property taxes. However, the exemptions are not considered when the state calculates the wealth of the district per student, he said, thus penalizing districts which grant the exemption.

Dinsmore said the school board has not decided whether or not to participate in a lawsuit, but added, "In the past the board has basically said, 'If you don't fight it, you don't have a right to complain about it.'"

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all the math teachers has been very well received as all math teachers are becoming aware of what younger students are learning at the four elementary schools before they reach middle school and high school.

The elementary teachers are also learning more what is expected of the students in upper level classrooms.

'These teachers have spent much of their own time on this project.'
— Joann Jones, facilitator

"I hope the community understands what our local teachers are doing to make this work," said Jones. "These teachers have spent much of their own time on this project. They are giving up their time for the whole district."

She added that when the math programs are more uniform and consistent in all the school campuses the district will examine the feasibility of establishing similar committees for the other three academic cores.

The cumulative passing rate of PISD students on the math portion of TAAS for 2000 was 92.2 percent

compared to the state's 91.6 percent. The district was down from 95.3 scored in the previous school year while the state score for 1999 was 90 percent.

TAAS percent passing rates in math are: 2000, PISD third grade scored 80.8 percent in 2000 while statewide averages, 80.6 percent. The 1999 year was PISD, 81 percent, and statewide, 83.1 percent.

Fourth grade: 2000, PISD, 91.2 percent and statewide, 87.1 percent; 1999, 90.2 percent and statewide, 87.6 percent.

Fifth grade results: 2000, PISD, 96.8 percent and statewide, 92.1 percent; 1999, PISD, 94.2 percent, and statewide, 90.1.

Sixth grade results: 2000, PISD, 95.6 percent and statewide, 88.5 percent; 1999, PISD, 88 percent and statewide, 86.9 percent.

Seventh grade results: 2000, PISD, 94.7 percent and statewide, 88.1 percent; 1999, PISD, 93.9 percent, and statewide, 84.9 percent.

Eighth grade results: 2000, PISD, 96.8 percent and statewide, 90.2 percent; 1999, PISD, 96.6 percent and statewide, 86.3 percent.

Tenth grade, 2000, PISD, 88.4 percent and statewide, 86.8 percent; 1999, PISD, 81.2 percent and statewide, 81.6 percent.

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RATES

to Oklahoma as well as a dispute over real property, Horst said.

The payback involves 1998 and 1999 and adjusts downward the 2000 appraisal.

While no other companies have filed suit over their appraisals, Horst said the trend of companies doing so is growing across Texas.

Commissioner Andrews said appraisers for this type of business call companies at random offering to work and/or file suit to get appraisals lowered. He noted the company he works for has

received such a call.

On another subject, commissioners gave their stamp of approval to a Pampa Economic Development Commission plan to pay \$292 in tuition for up to 50 people attending a corrections officer training class at the Rufe Jordan Unit.

Susan Triplehorn, executive director of the PEDC, said near Feb. 1 a community program will be held at the Jordan Unit to give general information about the job.

After that, there will be an examination followed by interviews and a criminal back-

ground check. It's expected the class will start in early March.

Currently, the prison is short 32 corrections officers though the local facility still maintains a "low" turnover rate when compared to many other units run by the TDCJ, she said. Promotions in rank to other units have also created openings.

While the PEDC is willing to fund up to 50 class members, Triplehorn quoted a TDCJ recruitment specialist as saying though they would like to hire more than 32 officers, it's likely the class size will end up with about 25 recruits.

City Briefs

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FOUR P Silver Company (in Pack 'n Mail), 1506 N. Hobart, 665-6171. New shipment of sterling silver jewelry!

LIQUIDATING ESTATE of Oscar J. Engle-For Sale: 4 choice cemetery plots in preferred section near road, Fairview Cemetery. Also, house at 1005 E. Foster-good starter home or rent house. Fred Epperly 669-3636.

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WEATHER FOCUS PAMPA - Today, mostly cloudy. Highs around 50. Southeast to south winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 25 to 30. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph, becoming northerly after midnight. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs 35 to 40. North winds 10 to 20 mph and gusty. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows 15 to 20. Sunday, mostly cloudy and windy. Highs around 64. High Thursday was 50 and the overnight low, 27.

STATEWIDE - Clearing skies and a slight warming trend continued Friday to erase the traces

FREE TURKEY Dinner. Everyone welcome! Saturday, Dec. 16th, 5 p.m. 422 N. West, 669-1956.

GIFTWRAPPING SERVICE and supplies. Paper, Boxes, Tissue, etc. Call or come by The Coffee Shop. (Ask for Robin: 665-2999).

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OPEN HOUSE, Fri. Dec. 15th, 1-4 p.m. Huge Sale. Drawing for Christmas wreath. Gift Shop in Tangles Hair Salon, 2121 N. Hobart.

SALE- LOTS of X-mas. 1220 S. Farley. Sat. 10 a.-2p. (M-F 9a.-6p.)

SEE US for in-car video. Custom overhead monitors, in dash, headrest or visor mountings. DVD, VCR, video games & wireless head phones. Halls Auto Sound.

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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.

MESSAGE THERAPY, Special Gift Certificates available. Call Cathy 669-0013.

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of ice that snarled traffic and snapped power lines earlier in the week.

Some light rain showers fell in North Texas, with areas of light rain in the Hill Country and southern half of the state. Fog reduced visibilities north of the Dallas-Fort Worth area, in the Permian Basin and across eastern and southern parts of Texas.

Fog and freezing temperatures extended into the South Plains and Panhandle, from near Lubbock to near Childress, producing heavy frost in some regions.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 30s to 50s.

Extremes were 30 degrees at Dalhart and 50 at San Angelo.

Winds were southeasterly to southwesterly at 5 to 10 mph. A chance of rain and thunderstorms was expected through the weekend, with a greater probability in eastern areas and decreasing cloudiness in other areas of the state.

Daytime highs should range from the 50s to 60s, with 70s in the south.

Windy and cooler weather should return to northwestern areas by Sunday.

Lows overnight will range from the upper 20s in the extreme northwest to the lower 50s in the southeast.

Pampa Monday

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

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

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

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

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

PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION
Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building.

SHRINE CLUB
Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 7 p.m. every third Friday of each month at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall beginning Sept. 5. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

CPF
Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers financial and emotional support as well as many free services. For more information, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-free.

CMBC HOLIDAY HEROES
Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold its Holiday Heroes program Dec. 15-30 at the blood center located at 1915 Coulter Drive in Amarillo. During the program, the center will open especially for "heroes" from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 15 and from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16. Each participant will receive a Holiday Heroes T-Shirt. Regular hours resume Dec. 18. More than 500 pints of blood are needed weekly by children and adults throughout the panhandle. CMBC takes appointments from 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (806) 358-4563.

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.

QUICK TASP
Frank Phillips College in Borger will conduct a Quick TASP exam at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 5 in the Library on campus. Participants may register on-site. Students who took the test in August are not eligible to take the test this month but must wait until January. For more information, call (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 721.

FPC CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Frank Phillips College Music Department and Director of Community Choir will hold their annual Christmas Concert at 3 p.m., Dec. 3 and at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 in the Fine Arts Building Auditorium on the FPC campus in Borger. Both performances are free and open to the public.

TRAIN SHOW
Amarillo Model Railroad Association will hold its annual Magic of Christmas Past Train Show beginning Nov. 24 in Western Plaza. Show hours are, 12 noon-8 p.m., Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 25-31 as well as 5-8 p.m., every Friday in December. The association will raffle off a 4' x 8' HO-scale model railroad at 4 p.m. Christmas Eve. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50-cents for children. Raffle tickets are \$1 a chance or six for \$5.

GED TESTING
Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every month except for May and June. Test dates for these two months are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. Those taking the full test must attend both days. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

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.

ADOPT-A-SEA TURTLE
Adopt a sea turtle for some one you love this holiday season. For a tax-deductible \$25, the Sea Turtle Survival League, an educational, outreach program of the nonprofit Caribbean Conservation Corp., will send participants a personalized color sea turtle adoption certificate, a sea turtle fact sheet, colorful decal and magnet and a subscription to the organization's quarterly newsletter, all in a special folder. For more information, call 1-800-678-7853 or visit www.ccturtle.org on the Internet.

CHILDREN'S HOPE INTERNATIONAL
Trinity Fellowship Church, Family Life Center, will sponsor a Children's Hope International meeting from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26 at the church, 5000 Hollywood Rd., Amarillo. The meeting will

provide information on adoption programs in China, Russia, India, Vietnam and Guatemala. Brenda Barker, Southeastern Regional director for Children's Hope International and mother of seven internationally adopted children, will be the presenter. For more information, call (615) 309-8109, (615) 399-0032 or e-mail brendabarker@earthlink.net.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
The local Alzheimer's Support Group will conduct a four-part series this fall. The series will kick-off Sept. 7 with Dr. Bruce Harrow presenting an overview of the disease. Topics will include: Communication and Activities of Daily Living, Oct. 5; and Community Resources and Caregiving Planning, Nov. 2. The series will conclude Dec. 7 with a panel discussion. The group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356.

FPC EXTENDED EDUCATION CLASSES
Frank Phillips College in Borger will offer the following extended education classes: PC Upgrade class, Dec. 4-14; Concealed Handgun Course, Dec. 12-13. For more information, (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 777.

EXTENSION BAZAAR
Moonlight Extension Education Club will hold its 22nd Annual Christmas Bazaar Dec. 9 at the Bailey County Civic Center and Coliseum in Muleshoe. Booth space will be available until Dec. 4. To request an application, contact Linda Huckaby, 902 W. 8th, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

FRESHSTART
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold FreshStart, a free two-week smoking cessation support series sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, from 6-7 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays, Nov. 6-14. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235.

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 Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

DIALOGUE
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.

FIFTH ARMY TOUR
World War II veterans of the United States 5th Army will tour battlefield sites in Italy in June 2001. For more information, contact: Sy Canton, executive director, 5th Army Association, 465 Shore Rd., Ste 7P, Long Beach, NY 11561 or call (516) 432-3022.

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Inside the Beltway
 with
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Election 2000: A learning experience

It's over, it's over, it's over. I hope it is, anyway. That was all I could think when the wire reports began coming across that Al Gore was ready to concede the presidency to George W. Bush.

Just as all other Americans, and the world, I knew those reports could be unfounded, or change in a very short period of time. The past 37 days have taught us that, if nothing else.

It really is a wonder that we didn't have a hurricane in Florida from the number of sighs probably exhaled when we knew the selection of the 43rd president had finally been made.

Stopping at a convenience store early Thursday morning I saw the headline on the front page of the Daily Oklahoman. I thought that headline the most appropriate of any I've seen. It had one word, and in very large print. The headline read "Finally ..." It may have only been one word, but it spoke volumes.

The immediate nightmare is over for the country, but how is it going to be in Florida? I can't keep from wondering what the cost in dollars is going to be to that state government and the recounting counties. Can they pay for it, what will it cost, will the candidates who requested the recount have to pay part or all of the cost? These are questions to which I would like to know the answers.

Certainly, there will be changes in their election procedures. Probably other states will



Nancy Young

Managing editor

make some changes, too (while they are breathing a sign of relief the election crisis wasn't in their state). This has definitely been a learning experience. I would wager the Florida Tourism Commission was very glad to have the election focus off their state.

President-elect Bush and his transition team will be working many long hours to get the countless thousands of appointments and details completed before the Jan. 20 inauguration. At least the future first lady isn't having to house-hunt. She does know where she is moving.

Both Bush and Gore have been living in public housing for several years. Of course, the connotation is quite different from the thousands of lower income Americans who make their homes in public housing, but the government (the people) are still footing the bill. Bush will be moving from the Texas Governor's Mansion in Austin into the Washington, D.C. White

House while Gore will move from the vice presidential quarters in D.C. to his home in Tennessee.

Lt. Gov. Rick Perry will be moving into public housing in Austin as he becomes Texas governor. We will be learning a great deal more about him in the upcoming weeks.

The new lieutenant governor will be selected from the Texas Senate. Amarillo's Senator Teel Bivins is one of the six senators who has indicated he would like to have the job. That decision could come as early as next week. So, there's going to be a lot of moving going on.

If any of those attorneys involved in the recount mess get hungry now that the legal wrangling is apparently over, they could always get jobs as movers during the next few weeks. Sounds like that business may be more needed than attorneys very soon.

Me, I'm ready to enjoy the holidays. To have family around and enjoy the children is tops on my list. On Sunday, I'm going to a special birthday party for a very special lady. A woman I have known all my life (she still refers to my mother as 'Little June'), is turning 100 on Sunday. Friends and family from several states are planning to honor Hazel Groves Thompson at Miss Anna's Hotel in Stinnett Sunday afternoon. I can't think of a better way to begin the week before Christmas than to spend it with old friends and family.

Mend the Electoral College, don't end it

The people of America sent a message Nov. 7, but it's taking a little time to figure out exactly what it is. As we learn about dangling chads, the drumbeat is also beginning about the reform of our election process. Should we change election day from Tuesday to Saturday? Should we open and close the polls at a uniform time nationwide? More fundamentally, should we scrap the Electoral College?

This final idea would require amending the Constitution. As we consider that, we should begin by examining the intent of its Framers. Their clear vision during the Constitutional Convention of 1787 was that we remain a collection of states united in their common interests. The delegates in Philadelphia never really considered any form of electing the president that did not involve a process by which the states themselves had the final say, with the particular concern of small states holding sway throughout. The Electoral College was established as the best means by which to ensure popular expression of will, weighted by the influence of individual states. Although many schemes were considered and rejected, Alexander Hamilton pronounced of the final effort, "If the manner of it be not perfect, it is at least excellent."

He was right. Consider how closely the fortunes of both Vice President Gore and Gov. Bush were tied to the decisions of the people of smaller states such as West Virginia, New Mexico and Oregon. Each candidate spent considerable time in these states. The combined population of these three states is about 6.8 million. By comparison, the Los Angeles-Long Beach metropolitan area has 15.3 million inhabitants. Would another candidate for the highest office of the land ever step foot in tiny West Virginia were the fortunes of the election based solely on the popular vote? Presidential races in the future would instead be the pursuit of the vote in major urban centers of the country, characterized by frequent run-off elections as proliferating smaller party candidates siphoned off sufficient votes to prevent an absolute majority.

This is often the unfortunate result in many countries around the globe and one we've avoided for two centuries. In just three of 53 presidential elections has the process established in the Constitution failed to yield an electoral majority. That's not a bad record, considering the emergence of political parties, the establishment of universal suffrage and the rapid growth of our country. What has not changed is that we remain a confederation of states with common purpose and a system with enough checks and balances that those who lose do not feel threatened or disenfranchised. Scrapping the electoral system would gravely undermine that principle.

In fact, that's why attempts to change the process will fail. The approval of the legislatures of three-fourths of the states is needed to amend the Constitution. Just 14 states could sink the proposition. Twenty states have a population of fewer than three million and would see little interest in ratifying their loss of influence over the selection of the president.

This doesn't mean there is nothing we can do to improve the process. To reach a more expeditious conclusion in a close election, we might define a finite period for the casting of federal votes. Establishing a uniform voting period tied to a single time zone (9 to 9 CST, for example) would ensure that all Americans are voting in the same real-time period. Setting the election on a Saturday instead of Tuesday should be considered. We might also require absentee ballots to be post-marked on a specified date prior to the election. These simple changes may produce more open access and uniformity while confounding the ability of news organizations to affect the vote in one part of the country based upon early and erroneous calls from another region — as well may have happened regarding Florida on Nov. 7.

We might consider one other modification. In two states now (Maine and Nebraska), electors are chosen in a bifurcated way. Of each state's total, two are chosen by the winner of the popular vote statewide, with the rest allocated to the winner of each congressional district. If this procedure were in place in every state, candidates would not only focus on individual states to cobble together a victory, but be able to spend time in potential strongholds within a state he or she might otherwise lose.

The Constitution is infused with the Framers' understanding that popular passion must be modulated to ensure true consensus in what they knew would be a country of diverse tendencies. There are many examples of this, but none more fundamental to our federal identity than the creation of the Electoral College. They knew that it may sometimes be difficult to select a chief executive through the sheer popular will, and developed a systematic process to handle those cases. Indeed, it was only after considerable deliberation and explicit rejection of every imaginable alternative that the delegates to the Constitutional Convention settled on the system.

In the heat of a closely contested election and its aftermath, we're unlikely to improve upon their work. This matter should be debated, and we should seek improvements to assure fairness and stability. However, I believe the current process is not some 18th Century anachronism ill-suited to modern times, but rather the practical expression of our essence as a nation.

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 15, the 350th day of 2000. There are 16 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Dec. 15, 1791, the Bill of Rights went into effect following ratification by Virginia.

On this date:
 In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull and 11 other tribe members were killed in Grand River, S.D., during a fracas with Indian police.

In 1916, the French defeated the Germans in the World War I Battle of Verdun.

In 1938, groundbreaking ceremonies for the Jefferson Memorial took place in Washington D.C.

In 1939, the motion picture "Gone With the Wind" had its

world premiere in Atlanta.

In 1944, a single-engine plane carrying bandleader Glenn Miller disappeared over the English Channel while en route to Paris.

In 1948, former State Department official Alger Hiss was indicted by a federal grand jury in New York on charges of perjury. (He was convicted in 1950.)

In 1961, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was sentenced to death by an Israeli court.

In 1965, two U.S. manned spacecraft, Gemini 6 and Gemini 7, maneuvered to within 10 feet of each other while in orbit.

In 1978, President Carter announced he would grant diplomatic recognition to Communist China on New Year's Day and sever official relations with Taiwan.

In 1989, a popular uprising began that resulted in the downfall of Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

Ten years ago: European Community leaders wrapped up a historic summit in Rome committed to creating a politically unified federation. With one month left before a U.N. deadline for Iraq to leave Kuwait, Iraq gave no indication it was prepared to pull out.

Five years ago: President Clinton defied a deadline for turning over a former aide's Whitewater notes, prompting a deeply divided Senate investigative committee to vote to challenge him in federal court. (The White House agreed six days later to turn over the notes.) French rail workers voted to end a three-week-old strike.

One year ago: With President Clinton's close mediation, Syria reopened peace talks with Israel in Washington.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ernest Ashworth is 72. Actor-comedian Tim Conway is 67. Singer Cindy Birdsong (The Supremes) is 61. Rock musician Dave Clark (The Dave Clark Five) is 58. Rock musician Carmine Appice (Vanilla Fudge) is 54. Actor Don Johnson is 51. Movie director Alex Cox is 46. Actor Justin Ross is 46. Rock musician Paul Simonon (The Clash) is 45. Country singer Doug Phelps (Brother Phelps; Kentucky Headhunters) is 40. Movie director Reginald Hudlin is 39. Actress Helen Slater is 37. "Crowd-hyper" Kito Trawick (Ghostown DJs) is 23.

Today in history

Election: Chads, butterflies and change

With all the debate over "chads," butterfly ballots and sunlight tests, many Americans seem ready to dismiss the 2000 Election as a new low point in American politics.

That's too bad, because despite the division among voters, and a potential blizzard of lawsuits, the election saw many positive developments on subjects that affect everybody. Let's take a quick look:

What Third Rail? The fact that Gov. George W. Bush's plan to partially privatize Social Security didn't kill him at the polls, even in Florida, proves that Social Security — the long-dreaded "third rail" of American politics — has been de-fanged as a political issue. Exit polls show Bush won 51 percent of voters 60 years and older, proving that even seniors weren't scared by the demagoguery over Social Security reform. This is a major breakthrough. And it may be just in time, considering the fact that Social Security is expected to begin running deficits around 2015, when the baby boomers start retiring.

Wherefore Art Thou, Welfare? One issue conspicuously absent from the 2000 campaign was welfare — and that's good. The fact that both candidates said little about it means that liberals have tacitly conceded the success of recent welfare reform measures. But don't take my word for it: According to the Department of Health and Human Services, the number of



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Syndicated columnist

welfare recipients fell from 12.2 million in August 1996 to 6.2 million in December 1999 — a 49 percent drop. Congressional conservatives helped President Clinton end "welfare as we know it," and now welfare can be sent to the Museum of Dead Presidential Topics with artifacts like the "missile gap," "stagflation" and the "national malaise."

Nearer My God to Thee: Vice President Gore's addition of Sen. Joseph Lieberman, an Orthodox Jew, to the Democratic ticket showed that it's possible to talk seriously about the role of religion and religious institutions in public life. Lieberman's refusal to campaign on Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath, sent an important signal to a country weary of the 24-hour news cycle and non-stop campaigning. Lieberman remained true to his faith, and his devotion undoubtedly caused others to reflect on the meaning of God in their lives.

For his part, Bush also took a brave step by declaring Jesus Christ his favorite political philosopher during a Republican primary debate. He could have picked a "safe" choice such as Jefferson, Plato or even Ronald Reagan. Instead, Bush spoke from his heart — something rare in today's politics. Both candidates also expressed their support for involving faith-based groups in efforts to solve various problems, including teen pregnancy and drug use. That openness toward religion and its institutions is a good step toward re-knitting the fabric of American civil society.

Return of the Bully Pulpit: Because we have a basically divided government, many Americans expect we'll have several years of cautious, status-quo governing. That's debatable, but even if we do, such a stalemate will allow the new president to use the bully pulpit to promote small, yet popular, policy changes, such as repeal of the marriage penalty and the estate tax. The president can also use the bully pulpit to encourage states to experiment with educational reform, much as they experimented with welfare reform in the 1980s and 1990s.

People Matter: And we shouldn't overlook what may be the most important lesson: No longer can anyone say his or her vote doesn't count. American voters got a real-life civics lesson this year. Let's hope they put it to good use — and stay engaged.

Economy: Consumer prices up 0.2 percent in November

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer inflation edged up 0.2 in November as tamer energy costs and cheaper clothing prices helped to blunt the biggest jump in tobacco costs in seven months.

The Labor Department reported Friday that the advance in its Consumer Price Index, the government's most closely watched inflation gauge, matched October's inflation, when prices also rose by a seasonally adjusted 0.2 percent.

The report also showed that "core" prices, for goods other than food and energy rose by 0.3 in November, the largest increase since September. In October, core prices rose 0.2 percent.

The government said a large, 3.6 percent gain in prices of cigarettes and other tobacco products accounted for most of the uptick.

That marked the biggest jump in tobacco prices since a 4.4 percent rise in April. Tobacco prices have been pushed up by the cost of expensive liability settlements.

Analysts were expecting a 0.2 percent rise for both overall consumer prices and core prices in November.

The Federal Reserve pushed up interest rates six times between June 1999 and May of this year in an effort to slow the economy and keep inflation under control.

Fed policy-makers meet next week and many economists expect them to change their policy statement away from a tilt toward raising interest rates to a neutral stance. That position would assume the risks of inflation are no greater than the risks of the economy's stalling. Interest rates are

expected to be left unchanged.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan recently signaled that the Fed stands ready to cut interest rates if the economy shows signs of slipping into a recession.

President-elect Bush and Vice President-elect Dick Cheney have expressed concerns that the slowdown in economic growth may

lead to a recession and have said this is a major reason why Congress next year should pass the Republicans' \$1.3 trillion tax-cut proposal.

For the first 11 months of this year, consumer prices rose at an annual rate of 3.5 percent, compared with the 2.7 percent rise in 1999. The pickup has come

from soaring energy prices.

In November, energy prices rose a tiny 0.1 percent, the smallest increase since a 2.9 percent decline in August.

Home-heating-oil costs increased by a slim 0.1 percent. Electricity prices rose a modest 0.2 percent and gasoline prices went up by 0.3 percent. Natural gas prices fell by 0.7

percent, the best showing since August.

Crude-oil prices have risen sharply this year as oil-producing nations limited production and U.S. supplies shrank. That has made gasoline and heating oil more costly. With output increasing, economists expected energy-price increases to ease in coming months.

Volcano spews on Mexico City

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A volcano outside Mexico City spewed ash on parts of the capital and nearby towns, causing some airlines to cancel flights and rural residents to cover their mouths with masks, local media reported.

The National Center for Disasters Prevention said Thursday's increased volcanic activity posed no threat to area residents. There were no immediate plans for any evacuations.

National TV networks showed the fiery crater of the Popocatepetl Volcano billowing smoke in the pre-dawn hours Thursday. Less than a millimeter of ash fell over a 50-mile radius, local media said.

An official from the Mexico City international airport told TV Azteca network that United Airlines and other international carriers had canceled flights after a light ash fell in the area. But most airlines continued flying into the airport.

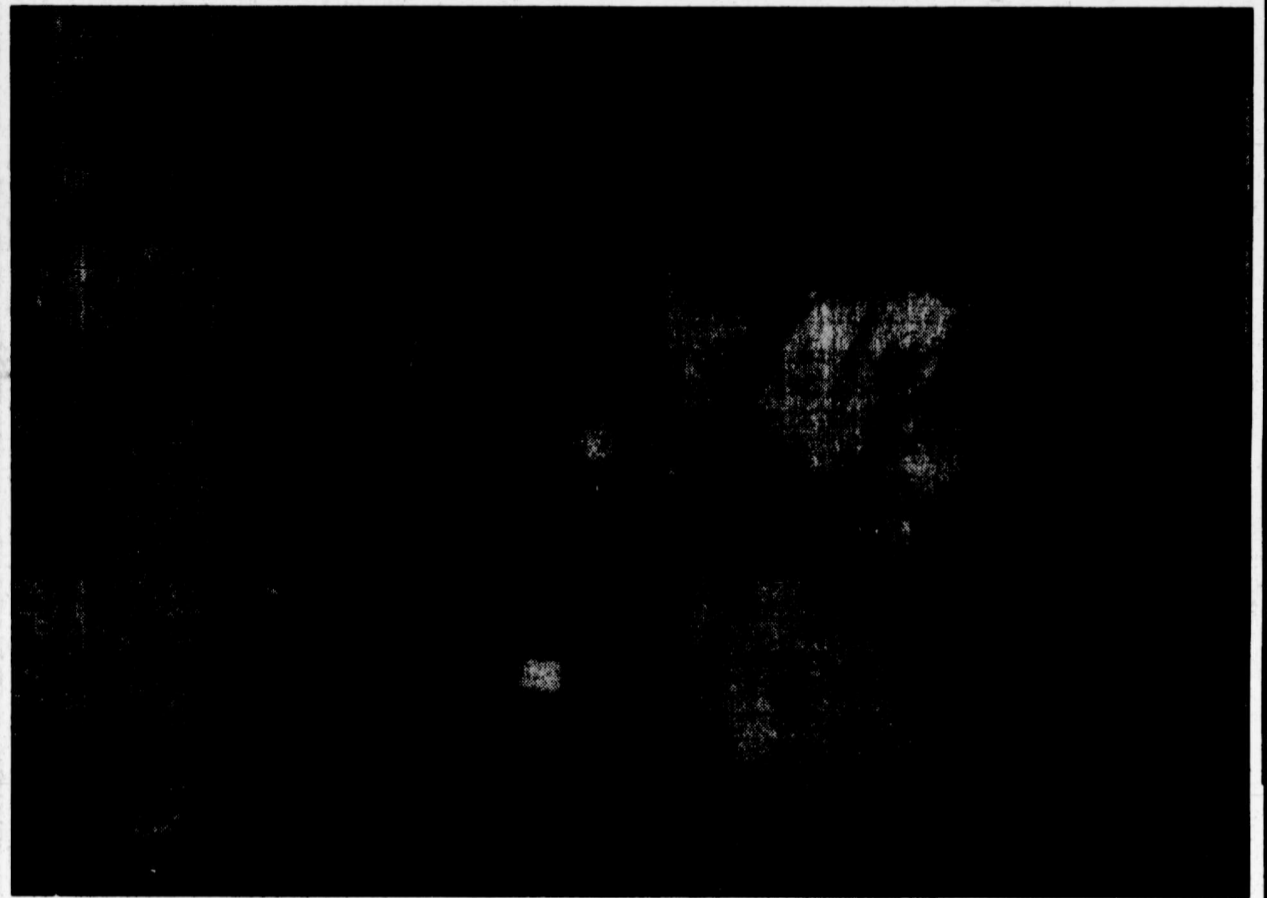
Meanwhile, several residents in villages surrounding the volcano walked the streets with medical masks over their mouths to avoid inhaling the ash.

The 17,886-foot volcano is located 40 miles southeast of Mexico City. Popocatepetl has been spewing vapor, ash and rock intermittently since December 1994 after lying largely dormant since 1927.

But the volcano has been erupting continually over the past week. It erupted 200 times on Tuesday, a record number for a single day. Thursday was the first day ash was reported to have fallen in populated areas.

Luis Perez Rodriguez, who lives in the village of Tetela del Volcan near the base of the volcano, said the eruptions are keeping residents on edge.

Meredith House



(Special photo)

Recipient of the Meredith House Safety Award for October is Bobbie Miller, left. Presenting the award is Cinda Jennings, program director.

Miami High School, Middle School announce upcoming exam schedule

MIAMI — Miami High School and Middle School students will follow a special semester exam schedule Monday through Wednesday, Dec. 18-20. All Miami schools will release at 2 p.m. on Wednesday for Christmas break. Buses will run at 2:05 p.m.

Following is the exam schedule for Miami Middle School:

MONDAY, Dec. 18

8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - third period classes
9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - BREAK
10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - fifth period
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - LUNCH
12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. - eighth period

TUESDAY, Dec. 19

8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - second period
9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - BREAK
10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - sixth period
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - LUNCH
12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. - first period (6th grade seventh period)

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20

8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - fourth period
9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - BREAK
10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - seventh period (6th grade first period)

This is the exam schedule for Miami High School:

MONDAY, Dec. 18

8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - second period - Purple Block
9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - BREAK
10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - fourth period - Gold Block
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - LUNCH
12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. - sixth period

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8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - second period - Gold Block
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10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - fourth period - Purple Block
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - LUNCH
12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. - first period

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20

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9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - BREAK
10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - fifth period

Lambda Chi receives WTAMU December Service Award

CANYON — For its continued support of the High Plains Food Bank's "Together We Can" holiday food drive, Lambda Chi, a social fraternity at West Texas A&M University, has been selected to receive the WTAMU President's Community Service Award for the month of December.

"This is not the first year that Lambda Chi has pitched in to help us with the holiday food drive," Mandy Wulfman of High Plains Food Bank said. "For a couple of years now, they really have been

very instrumental in helping us organize and conduct this drive." Members of Lambda Chi contributed throughout the week-long food drive not only by undertaking a food drive of their own, but by turning out to help sort, weigh and organize contributions as they arrived at the food bank.

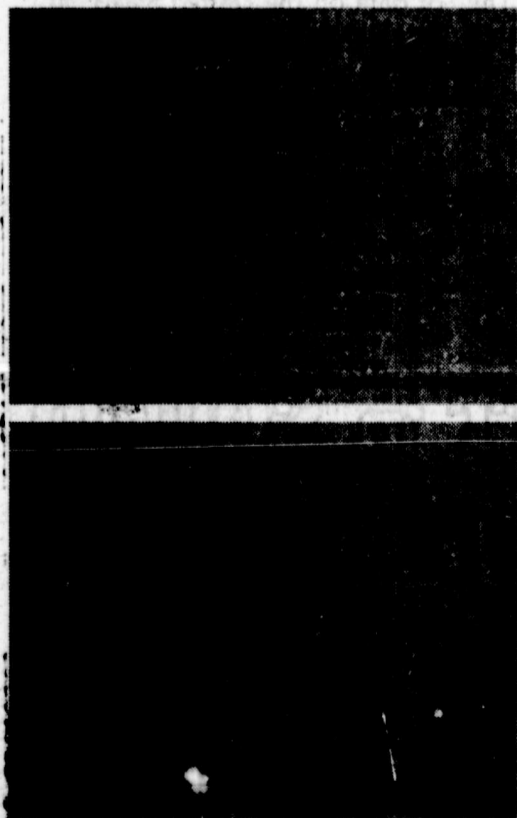
Thanks to the help of the Lambda Chi fraternity, Wulfman said, the food bank was able to distribute the food in time for Thanksgiving.

The President's Community Service Award was established by University President Russell C. Long to recognize the good-faith community efforts of WTAMU students, faculty and staff; offices and departments/divisions; and chartered/registered student organizations. The WTAMU Foundation donates \$100 to the student scholarship fund in the name of each individual or organization that receives the award. For more information or to request a nomination form, call (806) 651-2121.

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TABLE 1 - NOVEMBER TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT

RAILROAD COMMISSION DISTRICT	PERMITS TO DRILL OIL/GAS HOLES	OIL COMPLETIONS	GAS COMPLETIONS
(1) SAN ANTONIO AREA	23	10	3
(2) REFUGIO AREA	78	13	35
(3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS	90	16	41
(4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS	143	4	95
(5) EAST CENTRAL TX	51	8	46
(6) EAST TEXAS	87	14	49
(7B) WEST CENTRAL TX	54	23	9
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	74	33	69
(8) MIDLAND	174	64	7
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	74	38	0
(9) NORTH TEXAS	84	26	35
(10) PANHANDLE	50	4	31

TABLE 2 - SEPTEMBER TEXAS TOP TEN OIL AND GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBL)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (MCF)
1. GAINES	2,717,561	1. ZAPATA	24,776,336
2. YOAKUM	2,203,353	2. WEBB	23,999,999
3. ANDREWS	2,111,821	3. HIDALGO	20,894,070
4. HOCKLEY	1,883,425	4. PANOLA	20,579,656
5. ECTOR	1,767,152	5. PECOS	19,932,381
6. UPTON	1,010,501	6. HARRIS	10,966,091
7. PECOS	988,735	7. FREESTONE	10,126,328
8. CRANE	892,971	8. CROCKETT	9,803,334
9. MIDLAND	863,212	9. STARR	9,491,789
10. SCURRY	623,387	10. LAVACA	7,933,983

RRC posts monthly oil, gas statistics

AUSTIN — According to statistics recently released by the Railroad Commission of Texas, the RRC issued a total of 982 original drilling permits in November compared to 840 in November 1999. Total drilling permits for 2000 year-to-date is 10,990, up from 7,582 recorded during the same period of 1999. The November total included 719 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 41 to re-enter existing well bores and 222 for re-completion.

Permits issued in November included 2878 oil, 214 gas, 438 oil and gas, 30 injection and 10 other permits.

In November, operators reported 253 oil, 422 gas, 28 injection and three other completions, compared to 1999 oil, 321 gas, 15 injection and no other completions during the same month last year.

The total number of well completions for 2000 year-to-date is 7,347, up from 5,297 recorded dur-

ing the same period in 1999. Operators reported 815 holes plugged and 87 dry holes in November compared to 584 plugged and 107 dry holes during the same period last year.

The RRC also reported Texas preliminary crude oil production averaged 1,046,274 barrels daily, down from the 1,073,952 barrels daily average of September 1999.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for September 2000 is 31,388,209 barrels, a decrease from 32,218,571 barrels reported during September 1999.

Texas oil and gas well produced 438,995,692 mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for September 2000, up from the September 1999 preliminary gas production total of 433,119,009 mcf.

Texas production in September came from 144,276 oil and 53,980 gas wells.

Researcher: Elderly often overlooked during holidays

Images of smiling children are abundant during the holidays. In the hectic rush of parties and presents, older adults are often forgotten says inter-generational researcher Susan V. Bosak. But there are some small things you and your children can do to make a big difference this holiday for grandparents and other elders in your community.

Bosak runs workshops across the country. Her storybook "Something to Remember Me By," which has won six national awards, shares the special things young and old can give each other. Based on the book, she has developed a resource set being used by schools, seniors homes, churches, and families to encourage better relationships between children and older adults.

"Young or old, we can all use

a warm smile and a hug," says Bosak. "Spending some special time with a grandparent or an elderly neighbor, or volunteering to visit a local nursing home, gets to the spirit of what the holidays are all about. It also teaches children about the value of older people."

Bosak offers these holiday suggestions to encourage children to interact with older adults:

- Help an older person decorate their home. Ornaments that may have been packed away in boxes for years will bring back a flood of memories and brighten the entire holiday.
- If grandparents live far away, make several phone calls — one for the traditional holiday greeting, and others to keep them posted on activities, funny moments and treasured presents. And don't forget to

mail a thank you note for gifts they've sent!

- Children can interview a grandparent or other elder. Videotaping it brings the added pleasure of the older person being able to watch themselves afterward.
- Read a storybook to an older person. Many storybooks appeal to both children and adults and create a cozy moment for both. Children also get to practice their reading skills.
- Children can act as a tour guide to the Internet. They can share websites that interest them, as well as those with general information on news, sports and entertainment.
- Research shows the older people get, the fewer hugs we give them. Holding an older person's hand or giving them a hug can be the best gift of all.

Leaders plan to push budget deal through Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — The end in sight to one of their most wearying budget wars with President Clinton, Republicans were preparing to wrap up the lame-duck 106th Congress by approving a deal on school spending, Medicare and other issues.

The House and Senate were likely to vote Friday on the overdue package, which covers more than \$450 billion in spending and four of the 13 annual spending bills for fiscal 2001. Staff aides were putting finishing touches on last-minute issues, including a dispute pitting administration efforts to protect Alaskan sea lions against the local fishing industry.

"We'll make it ready," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said when asked if the measure would be ready for a vote on Friday.

The compromise contained spending increases for hiring teachers, repairing schools, biomedical research at the National Institutes of Health, Pell grants for low-income college students and other programs.

Also tucked away were scores of home-district water and construction projects for lawmakers totaling hundreds of millions of dollars.

Both parties sought to put their own stamp on the nearly completed bill.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., said the measure financed schools, medical research and other priorities "without overburdening the American taxpayer."

Linda Ricci, spokeswoman for

the White House budget office, said the deal "builds on the progress of the past eight years by providing significant increases for key presidential priorities."

It has not taken the two sides this long to reach budget peace since Clinton and Republicans, led by then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., waged their fiscal war of 1995. That included two federal shut-downs, and the budget was not resolved until the spring of 1996.

Fiscal 2001 began Oct. 1, but disputes kept Congress and Clinton at odds until four days before the Nov. 7 elections. Even then leaders had to bring lawmakers back for two lame-duck sessions before they clinched a deal this week that would let them finally wrap things up for this Congress and this year's \$1.8 trillion federal budget.

That agreement came with little time to spare. The 107th Congress takes office on Jan. 3, and Clinton leaves the White House Jan. 20.

One of the last disputes involved an effort by Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, to shield his state's fishing industry from an administration effort to protect endangered Steller sea lions by limiting fishing for pollock and other key parts of their diet.

Negotiations ran into Thursday evening, and aides said they expected the two sides to complete an agreement in time for votes on Friday. But Stevens took to the Senate floor to blame the sea lions' depletion on killer whales and complain that 1,000 people could lose their jobs because of the administra-

tion's plans.

"It's just unconscionable," he said.

The heart of the package is a \$351 billion measure financing the departments of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services.

While most of the labor-health bill covers automatically paid benefits like Medicaid, it includes \$108.9 billion for annually approved programs. That is \$13 billion more than last year's bill, but \$3.7 billion less than a tentative agreement bipartisan negotiators struck last month that conservatives complained was too pricey.

The other three unfinished spending bills cover the departments of Commerce, Justice, State, Treasury and Congress' own operations.

Passage will also clear the way for members of Congress to receive a \$3,800 pay raise next month, bringing their annual salaries to \$145,100.

Also included were:

- Higher Medicare reimbursements for health care providers expected to total \$33 billion to \$35 billion. Also, expanded Medicaid benefits for some school children and welfare recipients who take jobs.
- A total of \$25 billion in tax breaks over 10 years, backed by Clinton and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., aimed at boosting investment and creating jobs in poor areas.
- Provisions easing restrictions for far fewer immigrants than Clinton wanted.
- A 0.2 percent cut in defense and many domestic programs to save a total of \$1 billion.

California scrambles for power, again

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — For a second straight day, power-strapped California narrowly avoided rolling blackouts as state regulators scrambled to find more electricity.

Energy officials had said Thursday they were 1,000 megawatts away from declaring a Stage 3 alert that could trigger blackouts. One megawatt is enough electricity for 1,000 homes.

But after trying to find more suppliers in the West, the Independent System Operator, keeper of the state's power grid, later predicted that blackouts would be avoided.

"We expect to skate by at the peak with just under 5 percent operating reserves," said Kellan Fluckiger, the ISO's chief operating officer.

The scramble, again blamed on tight supplies and high costs, came a day before federal regulators were to provide a much-anticipated plan for scaling back skyrocketing wholesale electricity prices.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., and

state Senate leader John Burton on Thursday asked U.S. Attorney Janet Reno to investigate whether power generators were conspiring to boost electricity prices and "gouge consumers."

On Wednesday, ISO officials credited intervention by Energy Secretary Bill Richardson with fending off outages. Richardson said he would order investor-owned wholesalers to sell power to California at a price he considered fair.

Richardson also asked two large power generating associations in the Pacific Northwest to send more electricity to California.

Gov. Gray Davis and Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., praised Richardson's move, but awaited more help from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The FERC was expected to issue an order Friday.

Davis and Feinstein are calling for a regional price cap — set at the cost of generating power, plus a reasonable profit — to prevent

suppliers from gouging customers. Washington state Gov. Gary Locke urges similar action.

Consumer advocates favor long-term contracts and a regional price cap.

"We need to see hard price caps," said Michael Shames, executive director of Utility Consumers' Action Network in San Diego, a nonprofit watchdog group with 38,000 members.

Electricity suppliers say such a cap would discourage construction of new power plants because companies look to increase their profits by building more efficient plants.

"If you give people the economic incentive, they will do a better job," said Steven Greenwald, a San Francisco lawyer who represents power suppliers.

FERC Chairman James Hoecker has said only that the commission will take strong action.

Spokeswoman Tamara Young-Alten said commission members would not comment further until they issue their order.

The mystery deepens; the tapes aren't found

WASHINGTON (AP) — Deepening the mystery of Wen Ho Lee, none of the more than 10 tapes pulled out of a New Mexico landfill by the FBI are the ones made by the U.S. nuclear scientist, The Washington Post reported Friday.

Lee told investigators he threw the material, consisting of downloaded data on nuclear secrets, into the trash at Los Alamos National Laboratory in 1999.

While the latest finding raises new doubts about Lee's assertion

that he dumped the tapes, officials have acknowledged they do not have physical evidence to disprove his story, the Post said. The New York Times reported Wednesday that a preliminary analysis of the cassettes found in the landfill showed no link to the scientist.

Lee told investigators after he was freed from prison in a plea bargain in September that he got rid of the tapes after losing his security clearance by putting them in a trash bin outside the

Los Alamos laboratory.

Lee was investigated by the FBI from 1996 to 1999 about the loss of data on the United States' latest nuclear warhead, the W-88, to China.

He was indicted on 59 felony counts, including alleged violations of the Atomic Energy Act, after being fired for security violations in 1999. He pleaded guilty to a single felony when it was shown that the lead FBI agent in the case had given false testimony.

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Merger could set framework for future Internet policy

By KALPANA SRINIVASAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — For years, the government has taken a hands-off approach to emerging technologies that promise a new world of Internet services for consumers.

But the approval of the America Online-Time Warner merger could lay the groundwork for new rules preventing cable companies from shutting out competitors as they increasingly deliver the Internet to Americans' homes.

The Federal Trade Commission, in blessing the \$111 billion deal, required the companies to offer their high-speed Internet subscribers a choice of online providers, besides AOL.

The fear was that the new corporate giant would provide high-speed Internet access to its millions of Time Warner cable customers — and allow them to connect only through AOL.

AOL, though by far the largest, is just one of hundreds of Internet service providers across the country. That includes local networks and large national operations such as Microsoft's MSN service, Earthlink and Juno Online Services.

Now, public interest advocates and others argue that the FTC's decision offers a roadmap for policy makers to order that all other cable companies offering fast Web access give consumers the option to pick from a range of these Internet providers.

The Federal Communications Commission now is considering whether to craft such a national rule. So far, the FCC has preferred to wait and see how the market evolves.

"The handwriting is on the wall," said Andrew Jay

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Schwartzman of the Media Access Project. "I think it's going to happen sooner rather than later."

He has petitioned communications regulators for years to require that all cable companies who are in the Internet business offer their subscribers a choice in providers.

Consumers who connect to the Net through a telephone line already enjoy a host of options. That's because the law requires phone companies to carry all services on their lines.

But these laws don't apply to cable companies, which are leading the race to bring consumers high-speed Internet.

And so far, the FCC has declined to extend old phone rules to the evolving industry, arguing that government meddling could scare off Wall Street investors.

A handful of local governments have crafted their own laws that require cable companies — like Time Warner and No. 1 operator AT&T — to give competing Internet service providers access to their networks.

But courts have knocked down many of these local rules, so advocates are looking for a federal solution. They hope the

FTC's action gives them ammunition.

Responding to the commission's demands, Time Warner negotiated a deal to carry EarthLink, AOL's chief rival, on its cable lines and agreed to quickly forge deals with other Internet providers.

While the FTC's actions only apply to AOL and Time Warner, the agency's chief anticipated that the agreement could carve a path for other cable companies to follow — if not by regulation, then voluntarily.

"I truly hope this will become a model," said FTC Chairman Robert Pitofsky.

AOL and Time Warner agreed their concessions could provide a blueprint for others. And since they've already agreed to open their lines, they have a financial interest in seeing that other companies do, too.

In fact, some expect that the new giant company will be the most powerful lobbyist for government regulations forcing others to follow their path.

"They don't want to be the only ones doing this," said Stephen Heins of NorthNet, a Wisconsin Internet provider with 2,500 customers.

But the cable industry lobby was quick to argue that the agreements are unique to this situation since AOL is such a giant provider.

As the FCC considers the issue, companies like AT&T continue to insist there is no reason for the government to step in to such a nascent market.

On the Net:
America Online corporate site: <http://corp.aol.com>
Time Warner: <http://www.timewarner.com>
Federal Trade Commission: <http://www.ftc.gov>

Bush presidency could signal shift in fight over Arctic refuge

By MAUREEN CLARK
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The village of Kaktovik lies on the flat, frozen tundra of the Arctic coast, thousands of miles from the courtrooms of Tallahassee and Washington, D.C.

But Kaktovik's 238 residents, most of them Inupiat Eskimos, kept a close watch on the seesawing presidential contest.

"We have cable TV and we watch CNN," said Alfred Linn Jr., president of the village tribal council. Theirs is more than a passing interest.

Kaktovik is the only community within the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. President-elect George W. Bush has said opening the area to oil exploration and development would be a major part of his energy strategy. Vice President Al Gore had opposed such activity in the refuge.

Linn voted for Bush. Like most Kaktovik residents, he supports oil development in the coastal plain for the economic benefits it could bring to this isolated community, where unemployment is at about 30 percent.

Most of the 19 million-acre refuge is off-limits to development. But the 1.5 million-acre coastal plain is estimated to contain anywhere from 5.7 billion to 16 billion barrels of oil. President Clinton has repeatedly turned back attempts by Alaska's Republican congressional delegation to open the area to drilling.

Development advocates may now have an ally in the White House, but they acknowledge they still must win support from a divided Congress and the public. High home heating oil and natural gas prices and talk of planned power outages in California may help their argument, said Cam Toohey, executive director of the pro-drilling lobby Arctic Power.

"I think that will generate more interest in domestic oil and ANWR than anything else," Toohey said. "One thing we have is a lot of oil. When the winter gets cold and it gets darker, people will appreciate that more and more, including politicians."

Environmentalists and the Gwich'in Indians of Interior Alaska and Northwest Canada say oil development would jeopardize wildlife in the coastal plain. The refuge is home to polar bears, grizzly bears, musk oxen, hundreds of species of migrating birds and thousand of caribou that forage and give birth there.

Conservation groups are pledging renewed efforts to oppose ANWR development under a Bush administration.

"It doesn't necessarily mean we're going to see drilling in the refuge in the next year if Bush is president, but it will make our work much more difficult," said Sarah Callaghan Chapell of the Sierra Club.

Drilling opponents are pressing to have Clinton designate the refuge a national monument before he leaves office next month. Such a designation would not add additional protections to the area but could create a considerable hurdle for development advocates.

Clinton said earlier this month that he has not yet made a decision on whether to designate the area as a national monument, but said he would discuss the issue with Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

On The Net:
Arctic Power: <http://www.anwr.org>
City of Kaktovik: <http://www.kaktovik.com>
Alaska Wilderness League: <http://www.alaskawild.org>
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People ...

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Cindy Williams' marriage is over.

The "Laverne & Shirley" star, citing unspecified irreconcilable differences, filed a divorce petition Wednesday to end her 18-year marriage to musician William L. Hudson, attorney Gary M. Olsen said.

The 52-year-old actress is seeking joint custody of their 14-year-old son.

Hudson, 51, was once married to actress Goldie Hawn. They had two children — Oliver Hudson and "Almost Famous" actress Kate Hudson.

Williams played Shirley Feeney opposite Penny Marshall's Laverne De Fazio in the 1976-1983 TV sitcom.

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Hanks heeded cries of "Run, Forrest, run" in "Forrest Gump." But the actor says he won't be running for public office anytime soon.

Talk of a political future for the "Cast Away" and "Saving Private Ryan" star swirled when he appeared in public service announcements to raise money for a World War II memorial on Washington's National Mall.

"I would not want to live in a country that would have me as a leader in any sort of political bent," the Oscar-winning actor says in an interview airing Sunday on the CBS news program "60 Minutes."

Hanks also is a longtime contributor to Democratic candidates, most recently supporting Vice President Al Gore in his presidential bid and Hillary Rodham Clinton's run for the U.S. Senate from New York.

NEW YORK (AP) — Muhammad Ali will help ring in the new year by lowering the ceremonial crystal ball over Times Square.

"I will be very nice and make sure he doesn't get mad at me," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani joked Thursday at a press conference to announce details of the New Year's Eve celebration.

Last year, representatives of the medical organization Doctors Without Borders, winners of the 1999 Nobel Peace Prize, helped Giuliani lower the ball.

Ali has Parkinson's disease and has made fewer public appearances in recent years. The former heavyweight champion and Olympic gold medalist will attend the New Year's Eve celebration with his family.

BALTIMORE (AP) — Elinor Kennedy Shriver is out of the hospital following seven weeks of treatment for a postoperative infection.

The sister of the late President John F. Kennedy left Johns Hopkins Hospital on Wednesday.

"My father, brothers, sister and I are extremely excited to have our mother come home," Maryland lawmaker Mark Shriver said in a statement.

Mrs. Shriver underwent surgery

Oct. 12 to remove a benign pancreatic tumor and was later released from the hospital. She was readmitted Oct. 23 after developing an infection.

Mrs. Shriver, whose sister Rosemary was mentally retarded, organized the first Special Olympics in 1968 in Chicago. Her husband, R. Sargent Shriver, was the founding director of the Peace Corps and the Democratic vice presidential candidate in 1972.

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal is adding sheepskin to his trophy case.

The 28-year-old basketball star will pick up his bachelor of arts degree Friday from Louisiana State University.

When O'Neal left LSU in 1992 after three years to turn pro, he vowed that he would someday get his degree.

"I promised my parents I'd do it, I promised myself I'd do it," O'Neal said. "It took eight years, it should have taken six or seven. I had some other engagements."

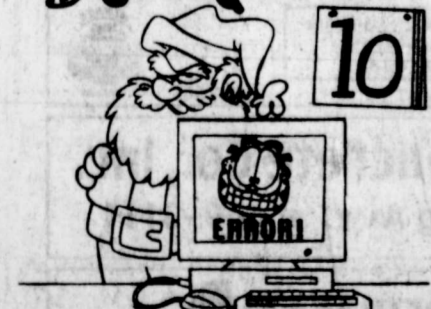
O'Neal attended classes during the summer and earned credit through LSU's independent studies program. His degree is in general studies.

He will miss the Los Angeles Lakers' Friday night game against the Vancouver Grizzlies to make the graduation ceremony at LSU.

"He's persevered to do it. We wish him well in his graduation, it's a wonderful thing to do," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said.

O'Neal will earn about \$19 million this season playing hoops.

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RELIGION

At Hanukkah, Jews stress message of light over might

By JULIA LIEBLICH
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — For generations of children, Hanukkah was a celebration of Jewish might, a gleeful commemoration of the Maccabees' victory over a foe who declared Jewish practices punishable by death.

This year, in the shadow of the crisis in the Middle East, some rabbis say they'll be focusing less on the joy of victory than prayers for peace. They'll stress that the miracle of Hanukkah, when one

and a renewed commitment to stopping bloodshed between Palestinians and Israelis.

"The oil teaches us it is possible to re-light hope. Now is the time to renew the miracle," says Rabbi Arthur Waskow, author of "Seasons of Our Joy: A Modern Guide to the Jewish Holidays."

"Winning the peace is a much greater challenge than winning the war," writes Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson, dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Bel Air, Calif.

Jews throughout the world will be praying for peace as they light the Hanukkah candles starting at sundown Dec. 21, whether or not they agree on strategies to end violence and how much "might" is necessary to secure lasting peace.

In Israel, Elyahu McLean of the Peacemaker Community says he is organizing a meeting with prominent rabbis and imams in late December, during Hanukkah and at the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

"We'll be praying for peace between Jews and Muslims," he says. "We'll try to tie together the spiritual of Hanukkah and Ramadan to transform a religious dispute into religious understanding."

In the United States, however, some interreligious celebrations will be muted.

The Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue Group, which has been meeting for eight years in San Mateo, Calif., will get together to celebrate "A Season of Light." But unlike in previous years they will not mention Hanukkah, Christmas or Ramadan by name.

"I'm still close to my Jewish friends here," say Nahida Salem, a Palestinian member of the group who once held a menorah lighting ceremony in her home. But this year, she says, "I don't feel like seeing a menorah in any Palestinian's home."

Hanukkah commemorates what is often called the first fight for

religious freedom in recorded history.

The Syrian king, Antiochus IV, who reigned from 175 to 162 B.C., decreed that keeping the Sabbath, teaching the Torah and observing the commandments were punishable by death; and idol worshippers desecrated the Temple of Jerusalem.

Judah the Maccabee and his small band of men recaptured Jerusalem and purified the temple. The dedication of the temple in 165 B.C., it was decided, would be celebrated for eight days.

Later, during the rabbinic period beginning in the first century, the rabbis de-emphasized the military component and moved up the element of miraculous redemption, says Hirschfeld. They said the celebration lasted eight days because one-day's worth of oil found in the temple burned for eight days.

During the Zionist movement that started in the late 19th century, however, the story of military might moved to the forefront.

"The Zionist movement ... was eager to find a national revolutionary event they could attach their own feelings of a nationalist revival to," says Rabbi Moshe Waldoks of Temple Beth Zion in Brookline, Mass.

But the victory of the Maccabees, he says, takes on new meaning in new times.

"Now, as Jews with real physical power, it is incumbent on us to ask: What does victory look like for the powerful?"

This year, Waldoks will tell his congregants: "Fill yourself with light so you can see the other person is filled with light as well."

Even before the current crisis, the late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach called for a new emphasis for a new time.

"On Chanukah we are standing before God, begging the world, crying out to the world," he said with characteristic passion. "Let's stop celebrating victories; let's start celebrating light... And it is this light that will bring us the real peace that the world is waiting for."

This year, in the shadow of the crisis in the Middle East, some rabbis say they'll be focusing less on the joy of victory than prayers for peace. They'll stress that the miracle of Hanukkah, when one day's worth of oil burned for eight days, should remind Jews that even during the year's darkest days, there is reason for optimism

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Religion briefs...

Federal judges mull Christmas as a holiday and Ohio's God motto

CINCINNATI (AP) — Christmas as a legal holiday was challenged at a hearing in the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which also heard arguments against Ohio's state motto, "With God All Things Are Possible."

In the Christmas case, Richard Ganulin, a city attorney filing as a private citizen, contended the national holiday violates the constitutional separation of church and state by giving government approval to a "sectarian celebration."

Boyce Martin Jr., one of three judges hearing the case, told Ganulin he must show how non-believers are harmed. "You don't have to celebrate Christmas. You can ignore it," Martin told Ganulin, who had a Jewish upbringing.

A U.S. Justice Department lawyer urged the judges to uphold a lower court decision that threw out Ganulin's suit.

In the state motto case, the full panel of judges is reviewing a three-judge decision last April that outlawed the God motto on church-state grounds.

Methodist conservatives accuse church magazine of promoting homosexuality

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Three independent conservative organizations contend that a United Methodist Church magazine violated a policy that bars use of denominational funds "to promote acceptance of homosexuality," the Methodist news agency reports.

The conservatives filed formal charges with the church's financial council over the current issue of the Board of Church and Society magazine. They complain the issue has 10 articles advocating acceptance of homosexual behavior and none "defending or explaining the church's position against such conduct."

The Methodist General Conference last May strongly reaffirmed that traditional position.

Meanwhile, the retired editor of the official United Methodist magazine for clergy has decried the "Southern captivity" of the denomination in two articles. The Rev. Keith Pohl says Methodists in the South generally have more in common theologically with the conservative Southern Baptists than with Methodists in the North and West.

"No section of the country with its cultural history and theological world view should hold the entire whole captive," he asserted in Michigan's Methodist newspaper.

The church's Southeastern and South Central regions together now have a slight majority of the U.S. Methodist membership and have gained in voting power.

On the Net:
United Methodist Church (official): <http://www.umc.org>

Interfaith leaders pledge new commitment to eradicate racism

WASHINGTON (AP) — A broad coalition of U.S. religious leaders has issued a statement calling racism "an evil that must be eradicated from the institutional structures that shape our daily lives, including our houses of worship."

The endorsers represented, among others, the Roman Catholic bishops, National Council of Churches, Southern Baptist Convention, Greek Orthodox archdiocese, National Congress of Black Churches, Judaism's three major branches, national Muslim organizations and Native American religions.

The participating groups have long opposed prejudice, but they rarely act jointly on social issues.

The interfaith National Conference for Community and Justice, which organized the effort in response to a call from President Clinton, released a directory of 27 religious programs working for racial inclusiveness. The group also issued specific guidelines to help local congregations and religious organizations foster racial justice.

On the Net:
National Conference for Community and Justice: <http://www.ncj.org>

Church leaders oppose Idaho's religious freedom act

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — Some Idaho church leaders want to repeal or amend Idaho's Free Exercise of Religion Act because it might let people do harm in the name of religion.

The law, similar to ones in other states, says that if government limits a person's religious practice it must show a compelling interest and that its action is the least restrictive option available.

The bill was overwhelmingly approved in the state House and Senate but Gov. Dirk Kempthorne signed it with the stipulation it would not go into effect for a year so religious leaders and legislators could discuss it further.

A statewide Episcopal Church convention last month urged the legislature to exclude laws on child abuse, domestic violence, child support and civil rights.

"Historically, horrible things have been done in the name of religion," said Alex Nagy, an Episcopal priest.



By Dr. Jimmy Flynn
Iglesia Bautista Emanuel

Parable fosters truer meaning of Christmas

There is a strange old legend of a world that grew colorless in a single night. The clouds became lifeless, spongy vapors. The waves turned pale and motionless. The fire fled from the diamond and light from every gem. The world turned into a sculptor's world and all was animated stone. Those that dwelt upon it were saddened and bewildered at the change and never ceased to mourn for the beautiful tints of flowers and grasses and the vanished hues of the sunset clouds. All nature was in mourning and wore a leaden-colored robe. Nevermore should diamonds sparkle nor rubies shine nor dewdrops glisten in the morning light. Nevermore should there be a rainbow on the cloud or a silver in the falling raindrops. The expanse of lake or ocean should never more reflect a blue heaven, the stars nor the sun. The world had passed into eclipse-into the shadow of death.

This old legend is a parable, it suggests to us a picture of the world without the Christmas Christ. What a dark, dead, dismal world this would be. What an awful world it would be if in total eclipse of a Christ-less condition. What if there had been no Savior? We celebrate the day of Christ's birth — Christmas — the gladdest, brightest, happiest day of all the year. But will it not be all the happier if we prepare for it by at least a little time thinking of what the world would be if

there had been no Savior? The bright scene will be all the brighter for having in the background this heavy, dark curtain of the thought of a Christ-less world.

Others have had this thought. Job had it. He saw man a sinner and asked how it was possible for him to be justified before God. The apostle John had it and said he that believeth not is condemned already. The writer of the epistle to the Romans had it when he told of the awful sins of men and added that God would render to every man according to his deeds. The apostle Paul had it when he told the Ephesian Christians that before they had been quickened by Christ they were "dead in trespasses and in sin." A Christ-less world! If there had been no Savior! No eclipse could be so dark as that.

1. It would mean a heathen world. Read pagan history.
2. It would mean a hopeless world. Christ put hope into the world. Christmas Day has well been called the birthday of hope.
3. It would mean a paralyzed world, for where there is no hope there is no action.
4. It would mean a lost world. Lost! A lost world! If there had been no Savior!

Are you ready to appreciate the Christmas message? The good news of the gospel? Are you ready to yield yourself wholly, heartily, gladly to Christ, let Him be your Savior?

Family grieves as beloved pet sent to 'Kitty-Kat Heaven'

From the Back Pew...
By Cheryl Berzanskis

Abby Dale Hoffman Berzanskis, our subversive cat, went to Kitty-Kat Heaven on Tuesday. Abby was infected with that nasty virus, feline leukemia, and in light of his prospects and his contagion, we elected to send him home to be with his predecessors in the household of cats. We are prostrate with grief.

Abby was just over a year old when he died, a black and white short-haired stray who'd wandered to the home of a fellow teaching assistant at West Texas A&M University last year. I decided to adopt him because he was city pound bound.

Abby looked rough then. He had drabny stuff coming from his eyes and a slight case of diarrhea. He screeched rather than meowed. A trip to the veterinarian's office set him right and he grew fat, sassy and glossy through the months. He was our intrepid cat who did not feel at all the stranger in the household he had joined.

But Abby always had a little something about him that was not quite right. The lymph nodes in his neck were swollen for the longest time and he

had bad breath and a gassy digestive system. Then there was slight infection in a front leg in early November and last week, right before our very eyes, he grew thin, listless and dispirited. He lost his ability to meow.

Then Tuesday, the diagnosis was definitive and Abby is now safe in the arms of feline angels who'll protect him from cars, dogs and humans who won't let him nap in their laps.

When I brought Abby home, we had no idea of his gender. Our daughter suggested we name him Abby to match our other two cats, Alice and Annie.

Abby turned out to be a boy. "You can't name a boy Abby. We'll have to change his name," Laurie said.

My husband countered, "Uh unhhhh. How about Abby Hoffman? He's a boy."

So that's how our kitten became Abby Hoffman, and he was a subversive cat indeed sneaking up on one's plate of food, claiming cozy corners for his naps and hiding in kitchen cabinets. He would climb onto sleeping humans, assert himself with curious dogs, and annoy the older, quieter cats with his antics. He embodied the joie de vivre that humans envy so much, for Abby was curious about everything, especially the newly-erected Christmas tree, and just happy to be on board.

It is that pleasure in living Abby embodied that we will miss so much.

For my husband and me there will be no more undone chores because he's napping in one of our laps, or a plate of food snatched away because Abby is sniffing too closely. For us, there is just that sense a blessing is gone and life is a little plainer.

First Pentecostal to hold special candlelight service

The soft glow of candles will fill the sanctuary of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, at six on Sunday evening, Dec. 17. In a beautiful tradition which has been carried on for more than 20 years, the church will share its Christmas candle lighting, "The Light of the World is Jesus," with the community.

Featuring brief devotionals and Christmas songs, the pro-

gram will close with everyone present holding a lighted candle — the only illumination will be the lit candles.

Arranged and adapted by Mary Maggard, the program has been designed to include the talents of many in the congregation as the church presents its "Christmas gift to our community."

At the conclusion of the candle lighting service, the congre-

gation will go Christmas caroling, followed by refreshments in fellowship hall. Visitors attending, and any who would like to join in, are encouraged to participate.

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Old-Fashioned Table Manners Should Still Be In Style Today

DEAR ABBY: Oh, my gosh — the letter from Bob Buckles' mom listing the rules for good table manners was the best! What a great woman. She included everything you need to survive a social dinner anywhere.

I am a social phobic — there, I've said it out loud. And those rules will help me remember what to do. In case I missed a rule or two while raising my girls, I'll pass that list along. You can be sure it'll be posted on my fridge. Thank you, Bob — and thanks to you, Mom. And thank you too, Abby.

CHERI IN GIG HARBOR, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: Thank you, Mrs. Buckles' list of table manners generated still more of them. It's a subject people can sink their teeth into. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: People chomping on their food with open mouths is a

Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

pet peeve of mine. It is disgusting. May I add a 21st suggestion to Mrs. Buckles' 20? "Keep your mouth closed when chewing your food, lest you resemble a cow chewing its cud."

WESLEY WOOD, MELBOURNE, FLA.

DEAR WESLEY: Your pet peeve is shared by many others. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: May I offer another rule for Mrs. Buckles? It is: Remove your hat before sitting down at the table. This includes baseball caps!

NANCY IN HAMMONDSVILLE, OHIO

DEAR NANCY: You're right — in polite society the hat should come off, unless it's there for religious reasons.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

SUNDAY, DEC. 17, 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) ***** Say what you mean. Don't be surprised if someone knows more than you intended. Popularity soars as you deal with others. Pressure builds as you attempt to adjust plans to your needs. Another will manipulate to get what he wants. Be flattered. Tonight: Out and about.

This week: Add the season's cheer to your office interactions. Others respond. Deal with a financial matter on Wednesday. Finish shopping!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** You cannot turn back the calendar, even if you would like to. Finish your shopping. Check your list twice. Use your creativity for last-minute items. Another might not be helpful. Rather than getting angry or upset, accept the situation. Tonight: Your treat.

This week: Focus on work. Get the job done. Opt for an early and long weekend to complete your errands. Someone might act in a shocking way!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Though you definitely mean well, another misreads your intentions. Keep discussions going, even if you are uncomfortable with another's attitude. You see eye to eye with someone once you get past a power play. Your smile and personality help melt another's resistance. Tonight: Your call.

This week: You gain by sharing your creativity and by being willing. Others thank you in their special ways. Dig into work on Wednesday. You'll have little choice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Step back and think carefully about a decision. Not everyone agrees with you. Be clear with others during the next few weeks, especially in a discussion that surrounds plans. You could be dismayed by another's lack of support. Think about the whole rather than only what is good for you. Tonight: A good

night's sleep. This week: Reach out for others, especially family members who generally might fall through the cracks. Use your creativity to finish off work and holiday errands as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Deal with expenses. Talk to a loved one about what you need. Others have totally different points of view. Examine what is going on. Join friends for a must appearance. You make more of a difference than you realize. Network and reach out for others. Tonight: Where the gang is.

This week: Seek out co-workers and associates early in the week. Clear out messages and make calls. Finish projects rather than starting them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Get last-minute packages and cards in the mail. You might not agree with another's methods, but you can work with him. Avoid an unnecessary conflict. Focus on family and your immediate loved ones. As you reach out for others, they feel cared for. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

This week: Expenses go off the deep end. Reel in spending while you still can. Calls, errands and work charge Wednesday and Thursday with high energy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Take a step back if you're fighting with a partner or loved one. You might not be sure where this person is coming from. Perhaps you haven't been reading between the lines. You might have pushed past your limits without realizing it. Tonight: Cocoon.

This week: Your smile melts another's resistance. You know how to make others step down from their positions. Discussions shed light on what has been wrong. A child or loved one might surprise you on Wednesday or Thursday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Join friends. You discover that you are much happier with friends than with a touchy partner. Enlist a loved one's help in bringing others together. Make the most of an opportunity or someone's visit. Quit worrying so much about money and spending. Tonight: Where your friends are.

This week: Do some assessing on Monday and Tuesday. You glow on Wednesday. Nearly anything and every-

thing can happen. Use the unexpected to your advantage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Stay on top of a problem. Do not let it become bigger. Your steady past makes you a winner, especially as you accept responsibility. Tension mounts because you need more time to enjoy yourself and your life. Take charge of your life. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.

This week: While everything runs as it should on Monday and Tuesday, you might feel like you hit a wall on Wednesday and Thursday. Make your life easier.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Reach out for someone at a distance. Your perspective changes considerably as you seek out another's input. A child or loved one might be very serious or touchy. Bring others together for a fun seasonal get-together. Be more of an observer. Tonight: Be understanding with another.

This week: All eyes turn to you on Monday. You set the tone at work this week. On Wednesday, when you lighten up, so will others. Don't be surprised. You're influential.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** One-on-one relating develops. You need to express your feelings to someone close to you. You might feel awkward or shy. Confusion surrounds a child or loved one. Use your intuition and talk out a problem. Tonight: Be with your favorite person.

This week: News from a distance forces you to regroup. You need to settle down and calm down. When others get flaky, you assume responsibility.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Defer to others. You might not understand what is going on with another. Your friendliness makes a big difference to a friend or loved one. You know how to make others comfortable. Keep talks active. Make calls and catch up on other's plans. Tonight: Start visiting with friends.

This week: Work with an associate. Together you clear out problems and open up the week. Make calls and seek out another's opinion after Tuesday. Feedback might jolt you, but you need to hear it.

BORN TODAY
Columnist William Safire (1929), publisher Bob Guccione (1930), actress Vanessa Zima (1986)

For Better or For Worse



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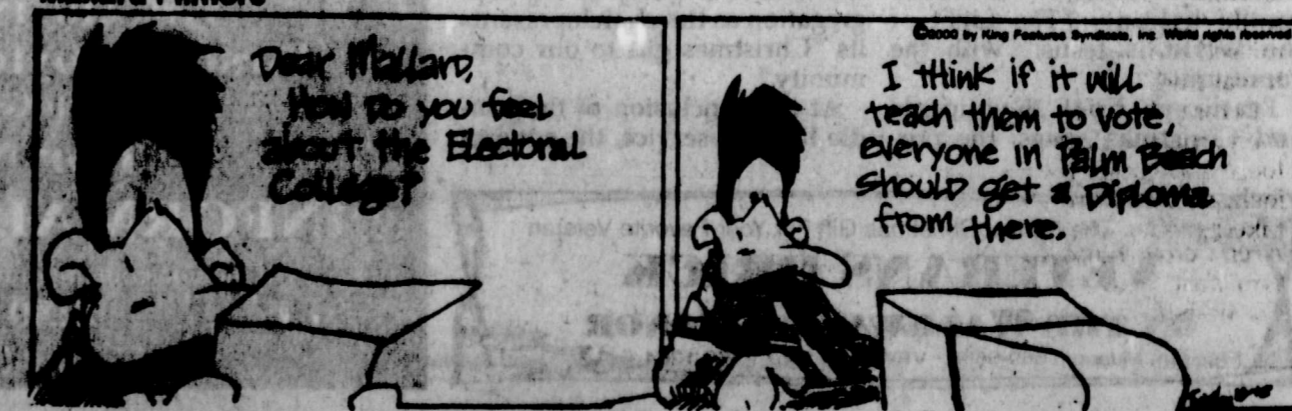
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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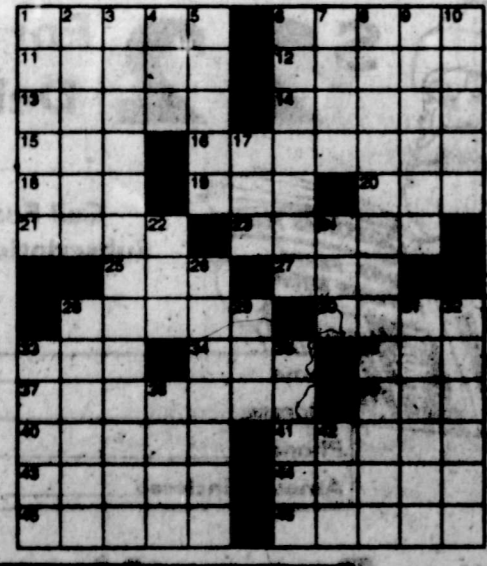
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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — There will be a boys basketball coaches meeting at 7:30 Monday night at the Pampa Optimist Club.

Anyone interested in coaching or helping to coach are urged to attend. Players' signups will be announced after the holidays.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Mookie Norris had practiced this shot thousands of times. Still, he was surprised when it made him a hero.

Norris banked in a 3-pointer from three steps behind the line as time expired, giving the Houston Rockets a 98-95 victory over the Golden State Warriors on Thursday night.

"I just tried to heave one up there," Norris said. "It really felt good to me from the time I got the ball — but wow, you never know for sure."

Norris, who bounced through four NBA teams and the CBA in the last four years before finding a home as Steve Francis' backup, hadn't hit a game-winner since his minor-league days. But he was prepared: He shoots 30 to 50 long 3-pointers at nearly every practice, just in case such a situation arises.

"I felt like he had a chance when he got it off, because he always practices that shot," said Maurice Taylor, who led Houston with 22 points. "I don't know if he caught glass or not, but I'll accept it."

Cuttino Mobley added 20 points, and Francis had 16 points and 12 assists for the Rockets, who won their third straight and finished their road trip at 3-1 despite blowing a 15-point lead in the second half to an injury-riddled Warriors team playing with an eight-man rotation.

Golden State made a 26-11 run, and Antawn Jamison's free throws with 2:28 left gave the Warriors a 93-91 lead, their first since the second quarter.

After Jamison's layup tied the game with 17 seconds left, the Rockets got the ball to Mobley, who was double-teamed. Houston ran the clock nearly to zero before Mobley passed to Norris, who banked in his 34-foot shot from straightaway to give Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich his 400th victory.

"It was a lucky shot," Warriors coach Dave Cowens said. "He's the least likely guy to make a shot like that for them."

Norris threw his black headband in the air in disbelief as he leaped and sprinted off the court behind Mobley, while several Warriors collapsed on the court in frustration. It was his only field goal of the game.

"I didn't know which direction to run," Norris said with a laugh. "When I saw where Cuttino was headed, I just thought I'd follow him."

Houston got its 10th straight win in Oakland and beat Golden State for the 15th time in their last 17 meetings.

Houston overcame a solid challenge from the Warriors, who got a career-high 20 points from rookie Chris Porter but lost their fourth straight. Larry Hughes scored 15 points but was ejected after a tantrum late in the third quarter, leaving the Warriors with just nine players in uniform.

Jamison, who had back-to-back 51-point games last week, missed 16 of his first 20 shots Thursday but finished with 23 points and 11 rebounds. He missed three shots in the final two minutes as the Warriors blew several chances to take the game away from Houston.

"I hurt my team more than anything tonight," Jamison said. "Down the stretch, I missed too many easy shots. It was bad."

Before the Warriors made their run, the Rockets were a loose and happy bunch. They joshed with the officials, faked passes at the Oakland Arena crowd and ran phantom fast breaks long after the whistle had blown.

Titans' Matthews ties Pro Bowl selection mark

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Instead of talking about tying Reggie White for the most Pro Bowl selections in NFL history, Tennessee Titans guard Bruce Matthews congratulated a teammate for making it the first time.

"We can get back to the business at hand of playing football, win the championship," Matthews said, peering over left tackle Brad Hopkins' shoulder. "The pressure's off my man here. We're all excited for him."

Talking about Pro Bowl honors is old hat for Matthews, a unanimous choice for the AFC squad. When Hopkins, an offensive tackle, and reporters asked the 39-year-old guard if he'll join his seven teammates in Hawaii in February, he started making excuses and joked that defensive linemen take the game too seriously.

"If I have to miss out on the Super Bowl parade because of that, no I'm not (going), so I'll make that statement right now," Matthews finally said before slipping away.

If Matthews plays in the Pro Bowl on Feb. 4 in Honolulu, he will have plenty of company. The Titans led the AFC with eight players, while the Tampa Bay Buccaneers led the NFC with eight.

The only teams without a player on the roster? Atlanta and Chicago in the NFC; Cleveland, Seattle and New England in the AFC.

The Titans hadn't sent eight players to the Pro Bowl since 1993 when they were still the Houston Oilers. The number reflects last season's run to the Super Bowl and the young talent on the team.

"Doing the Pro Bowl is a great accomplishment," said running back Eddie George, named a reserve with Cincinnati's Corey Dillon behind starter Edgerrin James of Indianapolis. "To be recognized by coaches fans and other players, it goes to show how much respect we're gaining as a team. The guys that are going definitely deserve it."

While Matthews was selected for the 13th time, kick returner

Derrick Mason, cornerback Samari Rolle and Hopkins all earned their first Pro Bowl berths. Mason, 60 yards from an NFL record for all-purpose yardage in a season, is in his fourth season, while Rolle is in his third. Hopkins is the veteran of the bunch in his ninth season.

Defensive end Jevon Kearse, last season's NFL Defensive Player of the Year, wasn't sure if he would receive a spot, but he will go as a reserve. He has 9 1/2 sacks this season after a rookie record of 14 1/2 last year.

The Titans thought they had a chance at even more players on the Pro Bowl team, but fullback Lorenzo Neal, who led in the fan voting, was the third alternate behind starter Richie Anderson of the New York Jets.

Oakland's Rich Cannon will start as the AFC's quarterback ahead of Indianapolis' Peyton Manning and Brian Griese of Denver, who has been out since Nov. 13 with a shoulder separation. The Titans' Steve McNair is the first alternate.

Donovan McNabb, being promoted as a candidate for MVP, was the NFC's first alternate behind Minnesota's Daunte Culpepper, San Francisco's Jeff Garcia and St. Louis' Kurt Warner. Warner missed 5 1/2 games with an injury and threw four interceptions in his first game back.

Thanks to Rolle's selection, a cornerback who wore No. 2 at Florida State is a Pro Bowl player. But it isn't Deion Sanders, despite having made it seven times. Second-year cornerback Champ Bailey made the NFC at the position ahead of Sanders and Darrell Green.

City basketball leagues tip off on January 24

PAMPA — City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring men's and women's basketball leagues for ages 16 and up. Men's Competitive, Recreational and Women's Open divisions will be offered. In addition, this year the recreation department will offer a Men's Over 35 division.

Entry deadline will be Jan. 17 at 5 p.m., and the season will

begin on Jan. 24, 2001.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$200 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of ten (10) players.

Roster forms, fact sheets and league bylaws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart.

For more information, please contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Smith secures NTPGA Player of Year honors

WYLIE — Bruce Smith, an assistant golf professional at Tenison Park Golf Course in Dallas, capped an outstanding season by capturing the 2000 Northern Texas PGA Player of the Year award.

Smith was victorious in the NTPGA Western Championship while adding strong placings in all of the other major championships for the year. Along with his victory, Smith added a second-place finish in the E-Z-GO Eastern Championship, a T2 finish in the NTPGA Club Professional Championship and the FINA NTPGA Championship, and he made it to the second round of the year-ending Golf Match Play Championship.

Smith finished the year with a total of 456.67, well ahead of his closest pursuer Perry Arthur, director of golf at Stonebridge Country Club in McKinney.

Perry, the 1999 NTPGA Player of the Year, finished with 350.17 points. Players are awarded points based on their finish in each of the Northern Texas PGA's five

major championships, which include four stroke play events and a season-ending match play event.

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In addition to the NTPGA Player of the Year award, Smith captured another NTPGA award—the 2000 Ben Hogan Stroke Play Scoring Average award. This award is named in honor of the late Texas golf legend Ben Hogan, and is given to the NTPGA Section member with the lowest scoring average in relation to par in the Section's four major stroke play championships. Smith averaged 70.11 per round, which put him more than a stroke and a half better than Arthur, who finished second with a 71.78 average.

John Horne, Borger Country Club, tied for 18th in stroke play scoring. He was 19th in the points challenge final results.

High scorer



(Photo by Grover Black)

Pampa senior Charity Nachtigall was high scorer for the Lady Harvesters with 12 points in the District 3-4A opener Tuesday night against Palo Duro. Pampa plays Hereford at 7:30 tonight in Hereford.

BOWLING

Harvester Lanes League Results

Church League

Ladies high scratch game: Kay Crouch, 200.

Ladies high scratch series: Margaret Hulsey, 457.

Men's high scratch game: Donny Hulsey, 201.

Men's high scratch series: Donny Hulsey, 511.

Clarendon College League

Ladies high scratch game: Michelle Etchison, 154.

Ladies high scratch series: Michelle Etchison, 255.

Men's high scratch game: John Bolz, 169.

Men's high scratch series: Jacob Willis, 245.

Casino League

Ladies high scratch game: Peggy Smith, 224.

Ladies high scratch series: Peggy Smith, 587.

Men's high scratch game: Carlton Cates, 256.

Men's high scratch series: Ralph West 598; Larry Wainwright, 592.

Ladies Trio League Ladies high scratch game: Carla Schiffman, 224.

Ladies high scratch series: Carla Schiffman, 620.

Free Agent Signings

NEW YORK (AP) — The 60 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract.

The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sources. For players with minor league contracts, letter agreements for major league contracts are in parentheses:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ANAHEIM (3) — Re-signed Gary Disarcina, ss, to a \$320,000, one-year contract; re-signed Tim Belcher, rhp, to a minor league contract (\$750,000); signed Pat Rapp, rhp, Baltimore, to a \$2 million, one-year contract.

BOSTON (4) — Signed Frank Castillo, rhp, Toronto, to a \$4.5 million, two-year contract; re-signed Tim Wakefield, rhp, to a \$6.5 million, two-year contract; re-signed Pete Schourek, lhp, to a minor league contract (\$1 million); signed Manny Ramirez, of, Cleveland, to a \$160 million, eight-year contract.

CHICAGO (2) — Re-signed Jose Valentin, ss, to a \$15.5 million, three-year contract; re-signed Cal Eldred, rhp, to a \$1 million, one-year contract.

CLEVELAND (1) — Signed Ellis Burks, of, San Francisco, to a \$20 million, three-year contract.

KANSAS CITY (1) — Signed Doug Henry, rhp, San Francisco, to a \$2.75 million, two-year contract.

NEW YORK (5) — Re-signed Paul O'Neill, of, to a \$6.5 million, one-year contract; signed Joe Oliver, c, Seattle, to a \$1.25 million, one-year contract; signed Mike Mussina, rhp, Baltimore, to an \$88.5 million, six-year contract; re-signed Luis Sojo, inf, to a \$500,000, one-year contract; re-signed Dwight Gooden, rhp, to a minor league contract (\$500,000).

SEATTLE (2) — Signed Jeff Nelson, rhp, New York Yankees, to a \$10.65 million, three-year contract; re-signed Jay Buhner, of, to a \$1.85 million, one-year contract.

TAMPA BAY (1) — Re-signed Ozzie Guillen, inf, to a minor league contract (\$550,000).

TEXAS (6) — Signed Andres Galarraga, 1b, Atlanta, to a \$6.25 million, one-year contract; signed Mark Petkovsek, rhp, Anaheim, to a \$4.9 million, two-year contract; signed Ken Caminiti, 3b, Houston, to a \$3.25 million, one-year contract; signed Alex Rodriguez, ss, Seattle, to a \$252 million, 10-year contract; re-signed Ruben Sierra, of, to a minor league contract; re-signed Mike Munoz, lhp, to a minor league contract.

TORONTO (4) — Re-signed

Mickey Morandini, inf, to a minor league contract (\$500,000); signed Dan Plesac, lhp, Arizona, to a \$2.4 million, one-year contract; re-signed Alex Gonzalez, ss, to a \$20 million, four-year contract; signed Jeff Frye, 2b, Colorado, to a \$1 million, one-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (2) — Re-signed Armando Reynoso, rhp, to a \$6.5 million, two-year contract; signed Mark Grace, 1b, Chicago Cubs, to a \$6 million, two-year contract.

ATLANTA (3) — Signed Dave Martinez, of, Toronto, to a \$3 million, two-year contract; signed Rico Brogna, 1b, Boston, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract; signed Kurt Abbott, 2b, New York Mets, to a minor league contract (\$600,000).

CHICAGO (4) — Signed Julian Tavarez, rhp, Colorado, to a \$5 million, two-year contract; signed Jeff Fassero, lhp, Boston, to a \$5.1 million, two-year contract; signed Todd Hundley, c, Los Angeles, to a \$23.5 million, four-year contract; signed Tom Gordon, rhp, Boston, to a \$5 million, two-year contract.

COLORADO (4) — Re-signed Todd Hollandsworth, of, to a \$5.5 million, two-year contract; signed Denny Neagle, lhp, New York

Yankees, to a \$51 million, five-year contract; signed Mike Hampton, lhp, New York Mets, to a \$121 million, eight-year contract; signed Ron Gant, of, Anaheim, to a \$2.05 million, one-year contract.

HOUSTON (1) — Signed Jose Vizcaino, inf, New York Yankees, to a \$1.5 million, two-year contract.

LOS ANGELES (2) — Signed Andy Ashby, rhp, Atlanta, to a \$22.5 million, three-year contract; re-signed Darren Dreifort, rhp, to a \$55 million, five-year contract.

MILWAUKEE (1) — Re-signed James Mouton, of, to a minor league contract (\$300,000).

NEW YORK (5) — Re-signed John Franco, lhp, to a \$10.5 million, three-year contract; re-signed Turk Wendell, rhp, to a \$9,399,999.99, three-year contract; re-signed Rick Reed, rhp, to a \$21.75 million, three-year contract; signed Kevin Appier, rhp, Oakland, to a \$42 million, four-year contract; signed Steve Trachsel, rhp, Toronto, to a \$7 million, two-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA (2) — Signed Jose Mesa, rhp, Seattle, to a \$6.8 million, two-year contract; signed Rheal Cormier, rhp, Boston, to an \$8.75 million, three-year contract.

PITTSBURGH (2) — Signed Terry Mulholland, lhp,

Atlanta, to a \$6 million, two-year contract; signed Derek Bell, of, New York Mets, to a \$9 million, two-year contract.

SAN DIEGO (3) — Re-signed Tony Gwynn, of, to a \$2 million, one-year contract; re-signed Ed Sprague, 3b, to a minor league contract (\$575,000); signed Alex Arias, 3b, Philadelphia, to a \$1.3 million, two-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO (2) — Re-signed Mark Gardner, rhp, to a \$2 million, one-year contract; signed Shawon Dunston, ss, St. Louis, to a \$1 million, one-year contract.

White Deer drops its district opener

PANHANDLE — White Deer fell to Hedley 48-37 in a district girls' basketball opener earlier this week.

Lauren Hill had 11 points and Rebecca Howard 10 to lead Hedley's scoring attack.

Hedley led by six (16-12) at halftime and pulled away to a 32-20 lead after three quarters.

Samantha Parks was high scorer for the Does with 15 points. Suni Jo Petty followed with 11.

Panhandle also won the boys game, 54-42.

Shane Slover had 13 points and Brandon Earnshaw 12 for Panhandle.

Leading scorer for White Deer was Nick Ball with 15 points. Dustin Harper was next with 9.

Third-grade winners



(Special photo)

Third-graders who won at the Lamar 2000 Hot Shot Contest were (from left) Audi Hutto, third place, Grandview-Hopkins; Delissa Salazar, second place, Lamar; Ashley Facio, first place, St. Vincent in the girls division; Dytray Williams, third place, Lamar; Andrew Regalado, second place, Lamar; Dakota Whiney, Travis, first place, in the boys division.

Clayton goes to White Sox and Hermanson to Cardinals

NEW YORK (AP) — Royce Clayton and Fernando Tatis were traded for each other 2 1/2 years ago. On Thursday, they were dealt separately in swaps announced five minutes apart.

Clearing room at shortstop for Alex Rodriguez, the Texas Rangers sent Clayton to the Chicago White Sox for right-handed pitcher Aaron Myette and Brian Schmack.

St. Louis dealt Tatis and right-hander Britt Reames to the Montreal Expos, who sent right-hander Dustin Hermanson and left-hander Steve Kline to the Cardinals.

"Once I found out I was traded to the White Sox, I was basically overwhelmed," Clayton said. "I was very positive about going to a place where I could win. That was my first and foremost concern."

The Rangers, who sent Tatis, pitcher Darren Oliver and outfielder Mark Little to St. Louis for Clayton and pitcher Todd Stottlemyre on July 31, 1998, agreed Monday to give Rodriguez a record \$252 million, 10-year contract. It took Melvin three more days to take care of the displaced Clayton.

"I know I have a lot of good years left at shortstop," Clayton said. "I know I can help. Doug extended me the courtesy of trading me to the White Sox to secure their infield and do just that."

"We're better served by dealing in trades than with free agents," Cardinals general manager Walt Jocketty said. "We've had better success with that. I think we gave up some value here, but I think the return that we get is significant."

Also Thursday, right-hander Curt Schilling and Arizona agreed to a \$32 million, three-year extension through 2004,

the Chicago Cubs announced their \$5 million, two-year contract with closer Tom Gordon, reliever Mike Jackson agreed to a \$250,000, one-year contract with the Houston Astros, right-hander Brian Boehringer agreed to a minor league contract with the New York Yankees, and left-hander Matt Whisenant agreed to a minor league contract with Los Angeles.

Colorado designated Butch Huskey for assignment to open roster space for Ron Gant, signed last weekend to a \$2.05 million, one-year deal. And Seattle claimed infielder Mike Caruso off waivers from the White Sox; Caruso, 23, hit .246 with 38 runs and 26 RBIs in 88 games last season for Triple-A Charlotte after hitting a combined .278 with seven homers and 90 RBIs for the White Sox in 1998 and 1999.

In late deals Wednesday, Atlanta agreed to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract with infielder Rico Brogna, down from \$4.2 million this year, and a minor league contract with infielder Kurt Abbott, who would get a \$600,000, one-year deal if he makes Atlanta's roster.

For Clayton, Texas got Myette, a 23-year-old who went 5-5 with a 4.35 ERA this year in 19 games, all but one as a starter, for Triple-A Charlotte.

The 27-year-old Schmack has spent six years in the minors. He was 11-7 with a 2.78 ERA and one save in 51 relief appearances last season at Charlotte.

With its additions, St. Louis has six experienced starters — Darryl Kile, Garrett Stephenson, Andy Benes, Rick Ankiel, Matt Morris and Hermanson — plus a solid bullpen, anchored by closer Dave Veres, Mike Timlin and

Kline. Hermanson, 27, was 12-14 with a 4.77 ERA in 30 starts and eight relief appearances with the Expos last season. He has a career 47-48 record and 4.17 ERA in 170 games, 122 as a starter.

Hermanson won a career-high 14 games in 1998 with a 3.13 ERA. He struck out 559 batters in 805 career innings, walking 292.

Kline had 14 saves in 18 chances while serving as the Expos closer for three months this year. He went 1-5 with a 3.50 ERA in 83 games, leaving his career record at 15-19 with a 3.84 ERA.

"This is a guy we've been searching for for years," Jocketty said. "He's really the first left-hander we've gotten under 30 years of age — actually under the age of 40 — since I've been here."

Following offseason shoulder surgery, Schilling struggled to an 11-12 record and a 3.81 ERA, going 5-6 with a 3.69 ERA for Arizona.

"I know that if he traded for me to win a pennant, and I didn't hold up my end of the bargain," Schilling said. "I have a lot of pride. This year and the next three years I will do whatever it is within my ability to make it right and make us champions."

Jackson, a 35-year-old right-hander, missed the entire 2000 season following shoulder surgery.

"Mike's a leader," Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "He's not bashful about being vocal. I think he's going to help the attitude and competitiveness of our bullpen."

If Jackson is added to the opening day roster, his base salary would increase to \$750,000. He could earn an addition \$4.3 million in bonuses.

PRO FOOTBALL

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National Football League At A Glance

By The Associated Press

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami 10	4	0	7	.143	182	182
N.Y. Jets	9	5	0	.643	294	277
Indianapolis	6	6	0	.571	378	303
Buffalo	7	7	0	.500	263	314
New England	4	10	0	.286	239	301

Central

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Tennessee 11	3	0	7	.286	291	191
x-Baltimore 10	0	7	1	.125	286	138
Jacksonville	7	7	0	.500	328	282
Pittsburgh	7	7	0	.500	263	231
Cincinnati	3	11	0	.214	161	329
Cleveland	3	12	0	.200	161	365

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Oakland 11	3	0	7	.286	403	263
x-Denver 10	4	0	7	.444	440	340
Kansas City	6	8	0	.429	322	318
Seattle	5	9	0	.357	270	339
San Diego	1	13	0	.071	226	376

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants 10	4	0	7	.143	283	208
x-Philadelphia 10	5	0	6	.667	335	236
Washington	7	7	0	.500	258	242
Dallas	5	9	0	.357	281	313
Arizona	3	11	0	.214	200	410

Central

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Minnesota 11	3	0	7	.286	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

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	9	5	0	.643	310	272
St. Louis	9	5	0	.643	479	412
Carolina	8	6	0	.571	271	236
San Francisco	5	9	0	.357	362	384
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	216	377

x-cinched playoff spot

Saturday's Games

Washington at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.

Oakland at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Detroit at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.

Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.

San Diego at Carolina, 1 p.m.

Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.

New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.

Jacksonville at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.

Tennessee at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

Green Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.

Chicago at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.

Indianapolis at Miami, 4:15 p.m.

Baltimore at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.

N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8:35 p.m.

Open: Philadelphia

Monday's Game

St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 23

Jacksonville at New York Giants, 12:30 p.m.

San Francisco at Denver, 4:15 p.m.

Buffalo at Seattle, 8:35 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 24

Arizona at Washington, 1 p.m.

Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 1 p.m.

St. Louis at New Orleans, 1 p.m.

Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.

Kansas City at Atlanta, 1 p.m.

Miami at New England, 1 p.m.

New York Jets at Baltimore, 1 p.m.

Pittsburgh at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.

Minnesota at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m.

Carolina at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.

Open: Cleveland

Monday, Dec. 25

Dallas at Tennessee, 9 p.m.

End Regular Season

PRO FOOTBALL

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Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	13	7	.650	—
Charlotte	14	9	.609	1/2
Toronto	12	10	.545	2
Indianapolis	11	11	.500	3
Milwaukee	11	11	.500	3
Detroit	10	12	.455	4
Atlanta	5	17	.227	9
Chicago	3	19	.136	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	16	6	.727	—
Houston	13	9	.591	3
Minnesota	13	9	.591	3
San Antonio	13	9	.591	3
Dallas	14	10	.583	3
Denver	11	13	.456	6
Vancouver	7	15	.318	9

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	15	6	.714	—
Sacramento	14	6	.700	1/2
Portland	16	8	.667	1/2
L.A. Lakers	15	9	.625	1 1/2
Seattle	12	12	.500	4 1/2
L.A. Clippers	7	17	.282	9 1/2
Golden State	6	17	.261	10

Wednesday's Games

Chicago 104, Boston 96

Indiana 97, Dallas 92

Philadelphia 102, Washington 82

Detroit 92, Atlanta 89

Charlotte 101, Sacramento 93

Phoenix 103, San Antonio 93

Milwaukee 111, Utah 102

Seattle 94, Vancouver 93

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Thursday's Games

Toronto 70, New York 68

Denver 102, San Antonio 96

Houston 96, Golden State 95

Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.

Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Dallas at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Sacramento at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Utah at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Detroit, 8 p.m.

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Toronto at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Miami at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Orlando at Portland, 10 p.m.

Vancouver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Boston at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

New Jersey at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Utah at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Indiana at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

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L.A. Lakers at Toronto, 1 p.m.

Orlando at Vancouver, 3:30 p.m.

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Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Austin	17	7	2	36	99	68
Monroe	17	9	1	35	86	84
B-Shreveport	16	10	1	33	88	76
Tupelo	16	13	1	33	121	91
Corpus Christi	5	14	1	31	89	107
Lake Charles	14	13	1	29	88	107
Central Texas	10	12	4	24	78	85
Fort Worth	8	19	2	18	81	106

Western Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Lubbock	16	9	4	36	109	93
New Mexico	14	7	2	30	95	93
Amarillo	13	10	4	30	94	98
Odesa	12	7	5	29	85	78
San Angelo	11	12	4	26	72	

Luby's estate case ends as co-founder's wife, family come to terms

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A two-year fight over the multimillion dollar estate of Luby's Inc. co-founder Charles R. Johnston has been settled by Johnston's heirs, lawyers for both sides said.

The present-day Luby's — formerly known as Luby's Cafeterias Inc. — was founded in 1947 by Bob Luby and his cousin, Johnston.

When Johnston died in 1989, he left a fortune worth \$11 million to his wife, Gertrude Johnston. The estate's value grew to almost \$18 million by 1998, when it slipped out of her control through a series of

moves that her daughter, Carol Johnston, later claimed were fraudulent.

Carol Johnston blamed the family of John W. Cunningham, Gertrude's brother, for a plan that would leave them in a position to receive most of the trust funds.

Gertrude Johnston became suspicious in February 1999 that she no longer controlled her estate so she hired lawyer Frank Ikard Jr. and he launched a legal fight to get back her assets.

The Cunninghams then tried to accelerate all

aspects of their plan of conversion, lawyers for the Johnstons claimed, according to Friday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News.

But during the course of the dispute, both Gertrude, 87, and her brother, John, were declared by probate judges to be mentally incompetent and each was assigned a lawyer.

A tentative settlement was reached in October, but it was held up primarily by Carol Johnston's objection to what she saw as the exorbitant fee charged by Ikard. He testified before Probate Judge Polly Jackson-

Spencer that he had offered to work on an hourly basis, but that Gertrude opted for a contingency fee based on a percentage of what was recovered.

Ikard stands to earn a fee of more than \$4 million. Ikard said Thursday that as part of the settlement agreement, he reduced his \$4.25 million fee by \$200,000.

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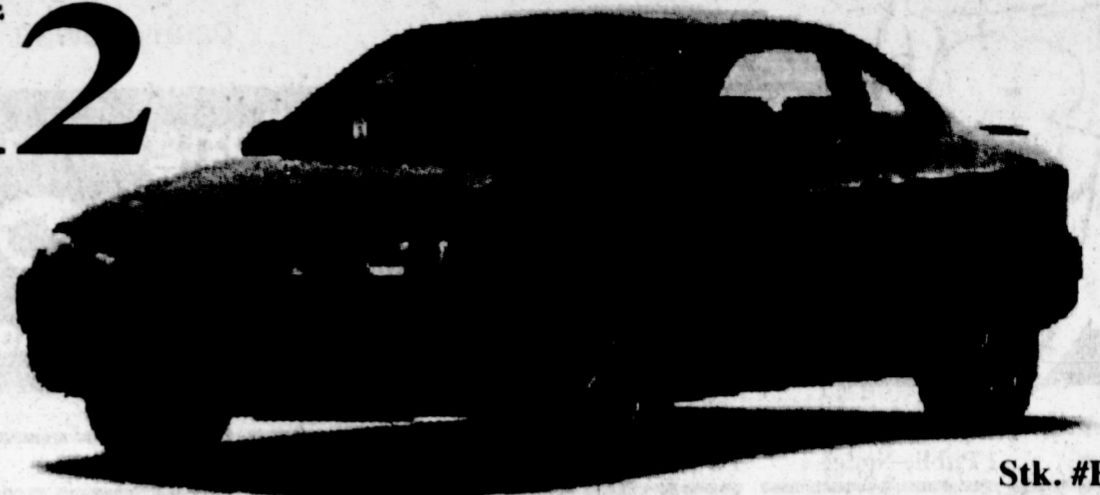
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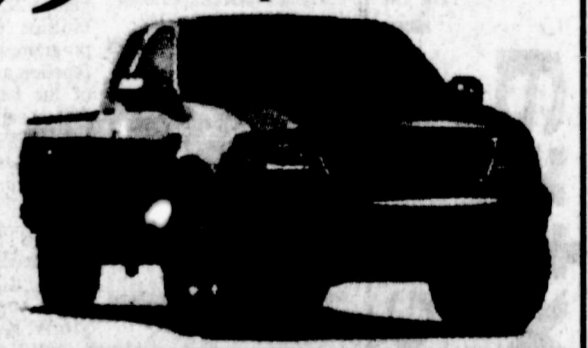
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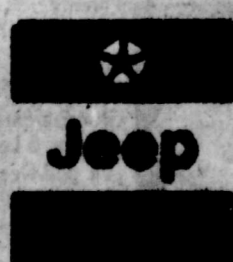
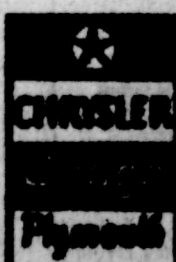
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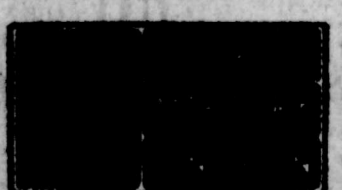
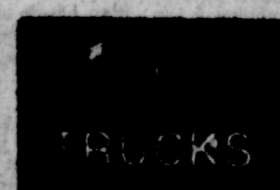


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By [Name]

Sit down, sit down, sit down. That's the sound that students hear coming from a teacher's mouth.

"You're not listening!"

thing," Green said.

Maybe it is their daily life problems, or maybe it's the class. A room full of teenagers talking, asking questions, and not always listening to the teacher could upset anyone with little patience.

"Teachers should be there to answer questions no matter what, face what they get paid for. They're not there just to hand us the work, tell us a little about it and just go back to their desk to do whatever it is that they were doing," sophomore Lauren Cortez said.

While some students also have trouble with teachers who don't answer their questions, one teacher said she makes every effort to do so.

"I am willing to answer any questions

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WHAT QUALITIES TEACHERS LOOK FOR IN STUDENTS

Prepared by [Name]
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Relationships are in the air

[Text]



NEWS IN BRIEF

Swimming

The swimming team has begun a new diving team. The girls' swim team placed 2nd at Monahans Invitation which is a first in over ten years. Also: Dec. 16 -Dual Tascosa and Caprock there at 9:30.

TAFE

TAFE have been making Teacher Appreciation bags. They will also be having Shadow Days in the spring.

Speech and Debate

Six members of the debate team have earned TFA state points. Eight points are needed to qualify. Lance Burton and Josh Harrison have 2 points. They went to quaterfinals in debate in the Coronado Tournament in Lubbock. John Schlewitz and Michelle Lee have 4 points. They went to semifinals in debate and won third overall in the West Texas A&M tournament.

Richard Conner and Sarah Frasier have 6 points. They placed fourth at Coronado and third at Frehdship in duet acting.

Senior Development

Call Mrs. Wichert to have popcorn delivered for 25 cents each. Also, Special Olympic Basketball has started at Austin Elementary in the evenings. Call Cindy Cooper at 665-2137 to find out which night.

German Club

Pampa High School German Club presents "Santa's Little Helpers." They are helping people with their Christmas duties such as wrapping presents or decorating houses.

They are raising money for their Summer Educational Student Exchange trip to Germany.

In this issue

By DUSTIN DURRETT

There have been many changes that have gone under way, and this newspaper is still alive.

With the loss of the Assistant Editor, junior Callie Veal, the staff has made a few leadership changes. Tim Williams, Shauna Broaddus, and Dustin Durrett were named the new Co-Editors in Chief.


This issue is our first 16 page paper that has been published by our staff. The titles of each section have changed to

make the paper more appealing.

Inside you will find a follow up to the November issue's NHS cheating story, including comment on it in the form of columns and a letter to the editor. We also have a new "This or That" survey on page 6, and a tribute to freshman Ashley Roe, who will be missed.

Lastly, we would like to thank Mrs. Dirickson and her art students for the beautiful Christmas art for this issue.

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And the Theme is... Meeting My Innerself

BY ANGELA PHILLIPS

No, they're not green or gold this year, they're silver. And that's not the only change you will find in the 2001 Harvester yearbook.

"This year's yearbook is going through a rebirth," said co-editor-in-chief Lucas Oliva.

"We all wanted to redo the yearbook so that it would be fresh and have a new look."

Oliva and co-editors-in-chief Anita and Consuelo Hacker worked all summer and this fall to make the 2001 Harvester more visually appealing.

The biggest difference, according to Anita, is that the yearbooks have more of a magazine feel rather than the old traditional yearbooks.

"We just wanted to make our yearbook more personal," Consuelo said as she talked about the yearbook's theme.

The theme, Consuelo said, is "Meeting My Innerself"—MMI for short. The editors said they chose this theme because MMI is the Roman numeral for 2001.

"Because of the Meeting My Innerself theme, the book is divided up into three sections including body, mind and soul — which are the things that make up a person's innerself," said yearbook adviser Miranda Bailey.

This year's book will also feature formal club group shots as well as student-designed original spreads in almost every section of the book.

"We have a lot of fun and new spread ideas for this book, including spreads that highlight students near death experiences, the cell phone/email explosion, and even a spread that is like E's Fashion Emergency meets M-TV's Mission Makeover," Bailey said.

While it takes a lot of time to create a yearbook, one of the

most important things about getting a yearbook designed are the ads you have to sell.

"Our biggest problems are money and deadlines," Bailey said, "We have to raise \$15,000 in advertising. We have a major deadline every month until April, where we have to send 50 pages to the yearbook company for each one; it takes a lot of time and organization to get it all done."

As one of the three editors-in-chief, Oliva said yearbook does require a lot of his time after school.

"Personally, I had to rearrange my whole work schedule but I know in the end it will be worth it," said Oliva.

Although yearbook may be a lot of work, members said they do have a lot of fun in the class.

"Yearbook is fun for me because I like the people in there. I can talk to them whether it's a deep conversation about alco-



Working on meeting his innerself:

Senior Lucas Oliva works on looking for designs in magazines to find ideas for this year's MMI (2001) yearbook

deep conversation about alcohol or Christina Aguilera. It's always fun," said Anita.

Yearbooks are expected to be distributed at the yearbook party in the main gym in early May. In addition to distributing the books, the yearbook staff will be selling gel pens to write on the yearbook's black endsheets, yearbook covers, autograph sections and World Beat inserts.

This year there have also been changes in the way the books are ordered through the Josten's order-by-mail program.

Students were asked to fill out an order form in homeroom where they wrote down the yearbook package in which

they were interested. The yearbook staff sent these forms to Josten's Yearbook Company and Josten's then bills students at their residence where parents have the option to pay or disregard the three notices each student will receive by January.

"If people don't order their yearbook by January 1 through the mail, they'll have to buy them for \$65 dollars in May and I'm not planning on ordering many extra," said Bailey.

To finish making payments or order books, students can call the Josten's toll free number at 1-800-846-4686.

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2001



"When I was six I got a ninja turtle blimp."

Thomas Long,
senior

"When Jacie had her first Christmas she was dressed up as a little Santa Claus."

Mrs. Studebaker,
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"When my little brother Mitch had his first Christmas."

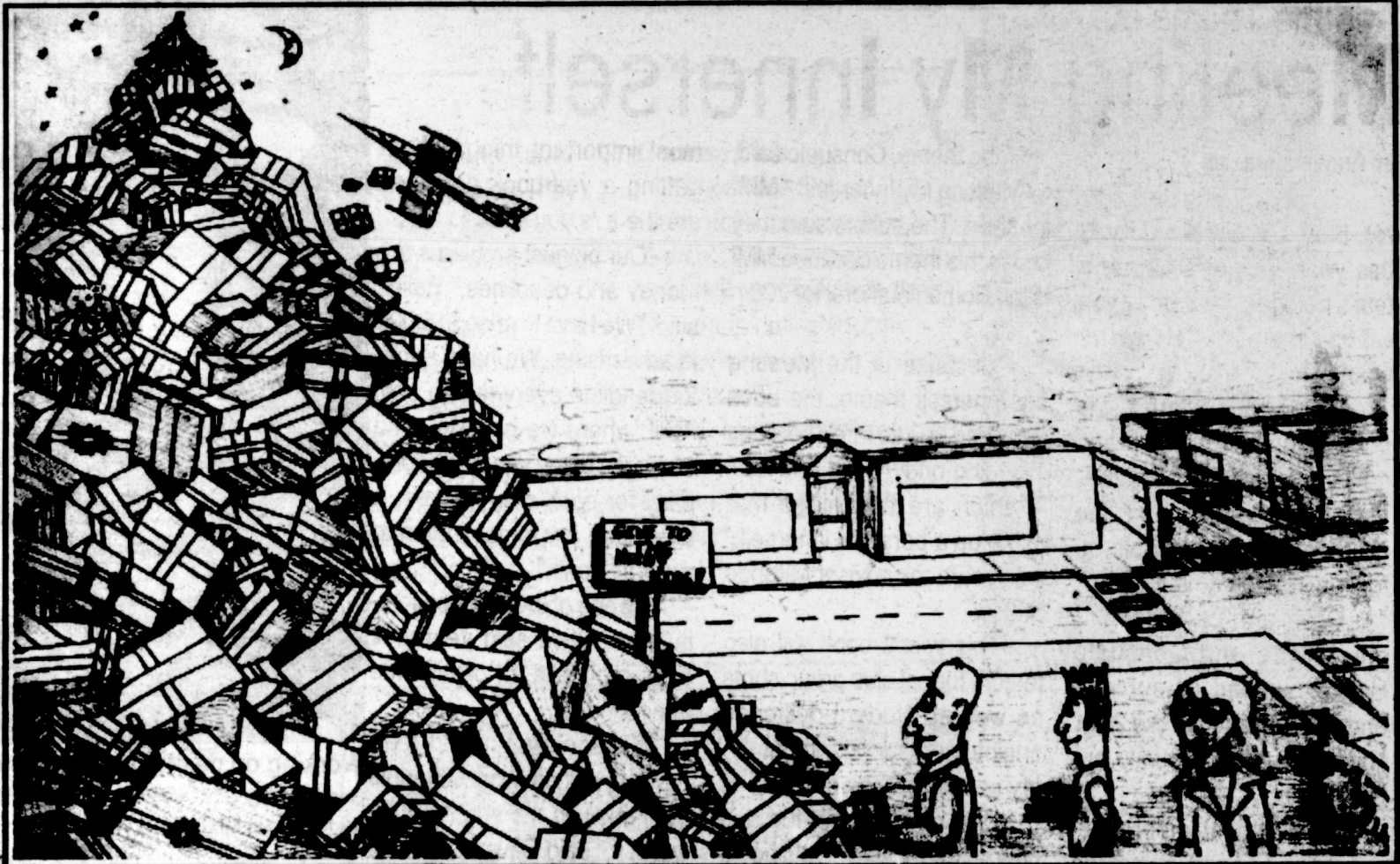
Max Simon,
sophomore

"I was 8 years old and I got a brand new BMX bike it was really cool!"

Breck Hoggatt,
senior

"My second cousin's first Christmas."

Daniel Green,
sophomore



Students give time to volunteer

BY JULIE THOMPSON

'Tis better to give than to receive.

There are but a select few students who know just what the phrase means. They volunteer, and for them, the words ring true.

Sophomore Nicole Sikes is one person who gives unto others.

"I don't volunteer for any organization or anything like that. I just help whoever needs help with whatever they need done," Sikes said.

However, there are some who do volunteer for

organizations. Junior Michael Frels used to volunteer for Pampa Regional Medical Center. He worked at the information desk and in employee health.

"I got started because I just thought it would be fun," Frels said.

There are many reasons why students might volunteer around the holidays. Sikes said that she simply can't tell anyone no.

"I like to help people," Sikes said.

In the past, church youth groups have played a vital role in helping out the com-

munity. Though they do not directly volunteer themselves, through their church, they feel the same effects of good will toward others. Recently, the youth group of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church volunteered for the Salvation Army. Several students stood outside Wal-Mart and collected money.

"It felt good to know that we were helping other people," sophomore Ross Buzzard said.

It is safe to say that more adults than students volunteer around the holidays. There are, however, many ways one can help out around the community. Some

may be familiar with the angel tree at Wal-Mart. On the tree, there hangs many cards with children's names and information on them about these kids that might not be fortunate enough to receive many Christmas presents.

The trees help many children each year to receive a little bit of Christmas cheer - however small it may be.

Even helping out as Sikes does, simply performing a task for someone that will make life easier for them, is giving unto others. Perhaps the phrase does ring true.

"Yes, I will continue to help people. I enjoy it," Sikes said.

Merry Christmas



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Holidays change from year to year

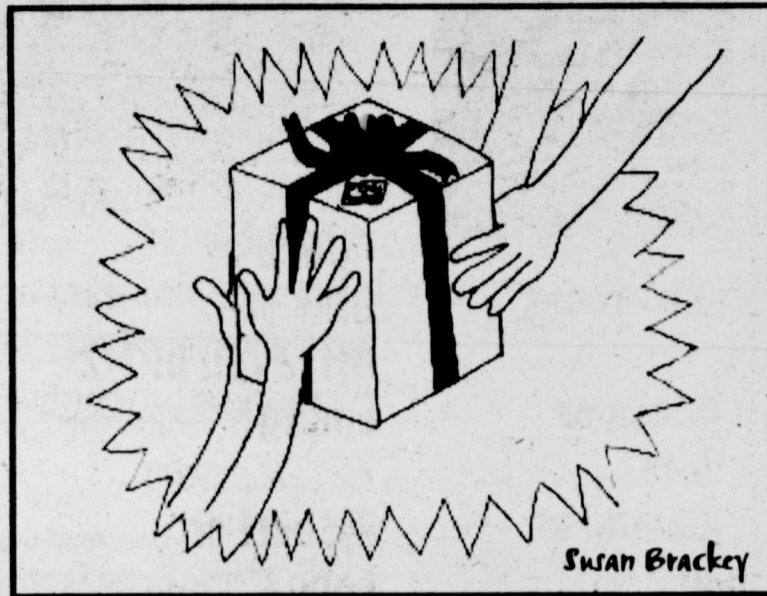
BY ANGELA PHILLIPS

My parents always tell me that Christmas is supposed to be a time of giving and a time to be with family and friends and remember Jesus Christ. But for the last few years, it seems like it has been everything but that.

You see, in my family, we always go over to a family member's house and exchange gifts and go home. We never really show love or kindness to one another. We just tear into those boxes and try and act happy when we didn't get what we wanted. And to make sure everyone gets a present, we draw names.

It may not be who we want, but we do try to get what we think they would want. But sometimes, no matter how hard you try you can never please that person - like the time I got my cousin Beth. I asked her

what she wanted and she told me it didn't matter, so my mom have never seen her wear it. This year, I drew the



told me to get her something that I thought she would like.

At the time, I knew she was into T-shirts but I wanted to get her something different, so I bought her a vest; I thought she would like it. Now when it came time to open presents, she didn't seem to be that thrilled. Come to think of it, I

name of my aunt's boyfriend. He and I are pretty close and I know what he likes so he shouldn't be disappointed. Also my older cousin, Stephanie, got my name for Christmas, and like me, she never has a lot of money to spend, so this Christmas I'm going to go shopping with her to show her what I want

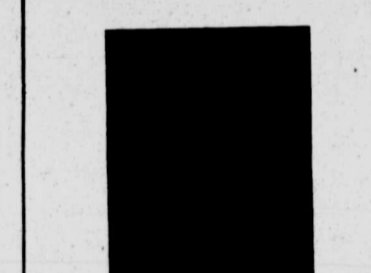
if I can find anything. To me, Christmas has never been like it used to for me. I remember when I was little, going over to my grandmother's house and conversing with family members until after midnight and then opening presents, and now it's like we can't even wait to get away from each other. Even when it's time to draw names, we just sit there in front of each other while someone draws a name and acts disappointed because someone drew your name that you didn't want to buy for you. I just think it's really sad that our family has come to this point - our family used to be so much closer than this. We used to love drawing names and whomever we got, we were more than happy to buy for them.

I just wish things could go back to the way they used to be.

What is something your family does every Christmas that other families do not?



"We draw names to see who opens presents first, and whoever draws has to wear the Santa hat. Also my brother and I perform the 12 days of Christmas."
Destiny Engle, senior



"We open our gifts two days before and we also build a snowman family."
Matt Dudley, junior



"On Christmas Eve we turn off all the lights and light every candle in the house and watch Christmas movies."
Tony Beck, senior



"We open our Christmas presents in the middle of the night."
Rick Blain, senior

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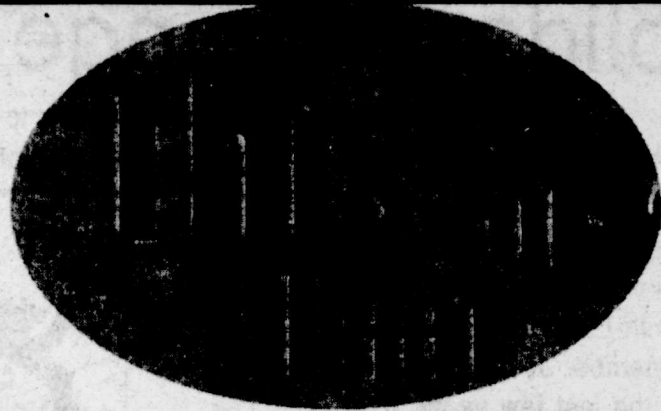
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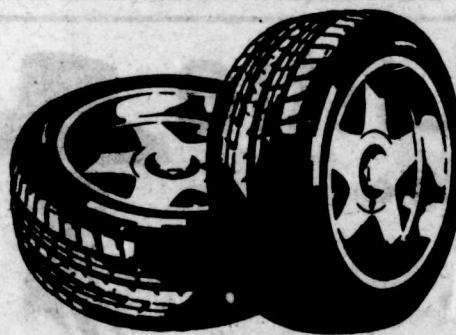
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Leaving too soon

By ADRIAN ALVA

In the end it seems like all we'll have to hold on to is our memories.

Memories last a lifetime, but very sad to say, our family and friends don't. Death is one of those things that has never been understood. When someone dies, all kinds of questions come up - who, what, and most important why?

Death is something you never really understand if you have never experienced personally. But of course, most people already have.

Recently, we have all lost a truly great person. I just can't understand why ... why did God have to take someone as nice and pretty and as wonderful as her away?

This story is dedicated to Ashley Row and to her family and friends and all who knew her.

Yes, the world has lost another great person. Even though some may not have known her, there is no way you could not have missed her. She was always the one standing in the halls talking to a group of her friends, always the one that if you were having a bad day, her smile and laughter could cheer

you up. She was just one of those people you could have never imagine dying.

As I looked around at the people I know, and the people they hang out with, I noticed my cousin, Tiffany Parker and

something just seemed different. There was a person missing that was usually by her side - Ashley.

It seemed like they were always around each other. The day

of Ashley's incident, I had gone to my cousin's house to run an errand, and I had seen Ashley sitting at there table eating biscuits. I sat down right next to her. Everything had seemed to be just fine - that's why her death came as such a surprise.

Many of you don't understand why she died ... why God took someone like her. But now we are left with only memories, because like I said, memories are all we have left to hold on to. But no matter what, we can't turn to anger, we can't sit and be mad at any one person.

I think what all of us who are mourning her death should remember all the good times we had with her and remember that she is in a better place, where nothing can ever hurt again. She is most definitely in a better place than we are. And no matter what, the memory of Ashley will live in our hearts forever.

I just can't understand why ... why did God have to take someone as nice and pretty and as wonderful as her away?

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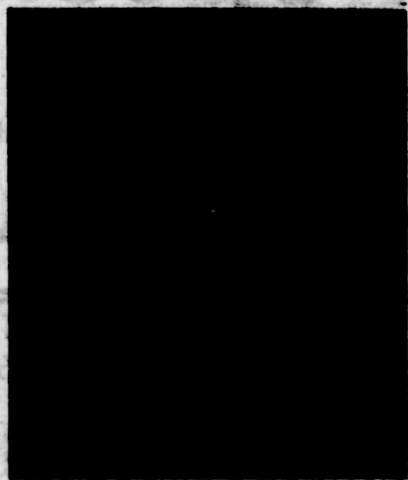
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Cheating story interesting learning experience

By SHAUNA BROADOUS

Cheating is cheating.

If you are caught cheating should it matter who you are, or what extracurricular activities you are involved in? No, if you are caught cheating by a student or a teacher and then on top of that admit it, corrective actions should be taken.

In the last issue of the *Little Harvester*, there was a small story about members of NHS that were caught cheating by other students and since this incident there has been controversy over whether to write a more in-depth story about it. Originally, part of the reason is because, according to the school administration, if this story was printed with the students admitting to cheating it would become public knowledge and then an investigation would have to take place.

We received a letter to the editor from one of the parties involved, and she accused us of not being fair and getting the opinions from those accused. We agreed with her letter. She's right. We apologize for this, and in an effort to fix the situation we went out and spoke with those students accused of cheating.

Now with both sides of the story and guilty admissions from these students, last week we were being asked not to name names and forget about this because, as Assistant Principal Daniel Barker said, the NHS students who were caught cheating last month have only admitted it to a *Little*

Harvester reporter and student reporters aren't credible enough to start an investigation on whether or not the confessions are true.

How come we can be trusted when student crimestoppers ask for information to help lead to the catching of a criminal? But whose to say that is credible, if newspaper reporters aren't even considered credible after they do their own investigating ...

Also, does it really matter if we are only students? There are adults who lie and aren't very credible.

Well, if you ask me there should have already been an investigation. When principals found out last week that students were admitting it to us, why didn't they question us and those students then? Why did you have problems with us printing what they said then?

To those of you that this involves, it is nothing against you, but it looks like nothing is being done because of who you are; I like you and have nothing against you all. I'm sorry this is happening to you, but you need to realize that there is obviously more of this going on than what everyone knows about.

Another part of the controversy is whether or not our paper should be able to mention the students' names and my response is why shouldn't we? We are a newspaper and we are here to inform. I understand that some of you may not want your names mentioned because you will be removed from NHS and possibly other

school functions, but sorry ... that is the way life goes. Also if you didn't want your names mentioned, then why in the world did you talk to a newspaper reporter?

Also, yesterday Mr. Kendall asked us to name the names of those admitted to cheating so he could do something. I would like to just say that we chose not to tell names because if we did we would have been accused of being vindictive and wanting to get these people in trouble.

You may be wondering what the difference is to us between telling Mr. Kendall the names of those who talked to us and reporting what was said? Well, we figured that by talking to us students told on themselves; we were just reporting the news and facts that were voluntarily given.

I also feel like through this whole thing we have been treated wrong because our class was told by the administration that our students newspaper is not to inform like a regular newspaper, but strictly a "teaching tool," which makes this all okay.

Guess what? All newspapers are to inform, I don't care what kind of crap is in it. It could be a picture of a brick wall and that would inform our readers of something, if nothing less than the fact that we are morons for printing that.

Get my drift? We will always be informative, no matter what we put in the paper. This story just shows that we are able to handle real world journalism because we know how to ask hard questions and handle all the slack that we catch from writing a controversial story.

This may seem like a really stupid reason to be mad, but I'm pretty sure that every student who is old enough to vote, old enough to live by themselves, or old enough to not have their mother wipe their butts should be treated like adults. That's what we want. Even if we're not technically adults, if you treated us INDIVIDUALLY like adults until we acted like we weren't you would see a whole lot of difference.

And why did we want to write this story? First, to get both sides of the story like our readership urged us to do. And second, because other people get more than a verbal warning for cheating, and this didn't seem fair to us.

In the 2000-2001 PHS student handbook it states when a student has been found cheating, "The teacher must contact the parents and explain what has happened. A statement of the student's cheating, signed by the teacher, should be attached to the students' folder in the assistant principal's office. Students with a statement of cheating in their discipline records should not be allowed to run for any office, or be eligible for academic honor during that school year (i.e. NHS, graduate with honors, etc)."

So this situation is different because the teacher didn't see the cheating. And maybe it would be slightly different if the students had only admitted it to us.

But a *Little Harvester* reporter asked this teacher if the students who had been turned in as cheating admitted it to him.

He said the students did admit it. When we asked him who those students were, he declined to comment.

So, that leaves us with students admitting they cheated to us, and admitting it to a teacher. And still, nothing has happened.

Principals say no names have been admitted to them personally so there is nothing they can do. But why not go ask the teacher about who the kids were? Then go ask those kids. And why try to stop us from printing the names of the kids who confessed? Or why not let us print the story with the names and then go investigate it more. But acting like you don't want us to print names makes us feel like you don't want to take action and possibly because of who these kids are.

The students admitted it to us, they admitted it to their teacher and still it seems like nothing is going to happen.

Administrators say that there would probably have been disciplinary action taken if they would have found out who these people were six weeks ago, but since it happened that long ago there is really not a whole lot they will do. Everything is confusing and there are a lot of contradicting statements and accusations flying around. It's a messy situation and one where we have all learned.

Still, there's a problem. People admitted they were cheating, and we originally were asked not to report the truth (the names and admissions) we found. I don't know what's worse.

ers than to receive. One purpose of the season is to bless others and make them happy, instead of pleasing yourself. And while you're blessing them, do it for Jesus, not Santa Claus.

Santa Claus not only reason for celebrating holiday season

By DUSTIN DURRETT

Throughout the years, Christmas has lost the true meaning. Every year families gather around and have a time of fellowship. They gather to celebrate the Christmas holiday. People celebrate it every year, but many forget its meaningful purpose. If you ask some people, they will say that Christmas is great because of the food, family, and all the presents. Sure a Christmas ham will taste good, all the pre-

sents are great, and seeing and receiving kisses and pinches on the cheek are great from Aunt Sally.

But that isn't the what it is all about. The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. The celebration is like a birthday party for a certain special individual who still lives on and on.

When you ask people who comes to mind when they think of Christmas, many will say Santa Claus. But Santa Claus is just a fictional character like

the Easter Bunny, a Leprechaun, or Cupid. I am not saying it is wrong for little kids to believe in those things because they have such wild imaginations. As a matter of fact, I think the whole milk and cookie tradition is actually pretty cool. What I am say-

ing is that, just do not let the real meaning of Christmas be completely hidden by a myth.

Have you ever heard of the saying it is better to give than to receive? There is nothing wrong with receiving, but it is just better to give to oth-

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Cell phones, shoe polish threat to innocent drivers Driving Dangers

By TIM WILLIAMS

Everyday somebody gets pulled over for speeding or failing to signal. Basically, they break basic traffic laws that put other peoples' lives in jeopardy. So what happens when it is legal to put other people's life on the line?

People drive and talk on cell phones all the time. They may say it is not true, but they are really not thinking about driving. They are more worried about who said what to whom.

They drive down the road with hopefully one hand on the wheel and the other on the handy cell phone. They start talking about something, whether it be how the day went or what tonight's plans are. And I bet, they didn't even see the little kid on the side of the road playing. He could have run out in front of them at any time. But I guess out of sight, out of mind.

They keep on driving. Well, they aren't really driving; they are really talking. But anyway, they keep on driving. The conversation is over so

now it is time to hang up the handy cell. Here is the really cool part for all you danger lovers. They take both hands off of the wheel, not even slowing down to push in the antenna. Not only that, they take their eyes off the road so they can see if they are hitting the right button. I don't know about you, but that sounds pretty dangerous to me.

Another legal way we put lives on the line in our automobiles is shoe polish. See, it is really cool to go out and put shoe polish all over you best friend's window. Decorate it really nice, covering all of the windows with some catchy phrase like "guess who?" or "ha ha ha, I got you."

What happens when that person has to leave?

What happens when they actually have to see out their windows?

They go to switch lanes, checking in their rear view mirror through the only spot vacant of shoe polish to make sure that no one is there. They look at their blind spot to see if anyone is there. But guess what? They can't see their blind spot because the window is completely covered with

shoe polish. So they say to themselves, "I bet there is nobody over there."

They are wrong.

They hit a family car with a little baby strapped in a car seat. I bet those people who shoe polished their car feel really cool now. I bet they are just rolling in laughter. Their little prank not only cost someone a car, it also sent a little baby to the hospital. Now is it all that cool?

And here is the true danger. Those people who drive around talking on their cell phones with shoe polished windows.

I got an idea. Why don't they just put a blind fold on before they even start their car. It would be just as safe. Then they would at least realize what they were up against instead of lying to themselves and saying "I'm a good driver, it would never happen to me."

So think about it, is that cell phone really that important and is it really that cool to have SENIOR 2001 all over the windows? I didn't think so.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Cheating hurts you more than anyone else

Lately, it seems that the line between right and wrong has been blurred. Students have chosen to place grades before morals.

Regardless of who you are, what position you hold or don't hold, whether you are accused of cheating, or admit to it, we feel that cheating is wrong.

It is basically stealing knowledge.

People that cheat probably don't even realize that what they are doing is stealing. They say that it is only a test, or only a quiz. But the knowledge that they copied does not belong to them. It very well could have. They could have studied but they chose not to. So they should just take the grade and/or punishment they deserve.

People often say that cheating is not that big of a deal. They may say that everyone has cheated before. But if everybody robbed a bank, would you do it too? No. The reason why is because it is wrong. We don't care how many cheaters have come and gone. Cheating is wrong too.

Here is when it gets serious. The problem is that some of the students who cheat are in the top of the class. We are pretty sure that they did not copy their way through school but it is a race to the top. Colleges look at class rank.

Imagine this, a college looks at two transcripts. The college decides that they are going to chose the person that is in the top 25% instead of the one in the top 26%. But picture this, the person in the top 25% cheated their way through school. The person in the top 26%, the one that was turned down, earned every grade he or she got and managed to work 30 hours a week too. Who seems like the better student now? Which one will work harder for the grade?

In addition, colleges also require students to have a certain class rank in order to apply for some scholarships. They want to reward the ones who worked the hardest.

But what happens when the ones who really did work hard are overlooked for the ones who didn't? What happens when a class rank isn't really accurate because it doesn't truly show how dedicated that student is?

We realize that it does not feel good to get a paper back with an F on it. But guess what? If you cheated, an F is what is deserved. So next time, before you accidentally glance at the palm of your hand where that answers happen to be written, or look at someone else's paper, or whisper to your classmate during a test, think about who you are truly cheating.



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Remembering the past...

When it's time to say good-bye

By JUDY PEPI

As this year ends I have been thinking of all of my past school years, starting with Pre-K.

I'm never going to forget the day that I cut my hair and I got stuck in the corner for the the rest of the day.

In kindergarten, it was recess and I was going to go down the slide with my best friend, who just so happened to be a guy, when this girl comes up and pushes me out of the way and goes down the slide with my man. I met her at the bottom and I pushed her down, imagine that.

My first grade year, Monica

Moxon teased all of my hair. Then my teacher Ms. Choat combed my hair out and it took forever because it was so long.

In third grade, Mrs. Rand read to us *Where the Red Fern Grows* and everyone in our class cried, including me. One day when I had the hiccups Mrs. Rand tried everything to make them go away, but nothing worked.

So she made me stand in front of the whole class and hold hands with a boy.

After that, my hiccups were gone and I never got them again.

The only thing that stands out of my fourth and fifth grade years was that in P.E. every other week we would play dodge ball, and in music we would always watch *The Buttercream Gang*

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through my elementary years I went to Horace Mann, which is a block away from house; yet my mother still picked me up everyday. I hardly ever walked home.

I don't remember much about middle school.

My sixth grade year I had Cinthia Cordova in every single one of my classes, except for the last class. Mrs. Free's class was the best. Mr. Milligan hiding the attendance folders from



Saying good-bye:

Judy Pepi, with friends (left) Shauna Broaddus, Callie Veal, and Mitzi Pedersen during last spring's newspaper convention in Austin.

the TA's was funny the first couple of times.

The only thing I don't miss from middle school was having to stand in line outside after lunch and not being able to step on the grass. You know, it's funny they still don't let anyone step on it and they still don't have any grass.

High school was a big change because you are, to a certain point, independent. You don't

always have someone on your back watching you like the P.I.E people from middle school.

But as I leave I want to thank all of my teachers. If you think about it, if it wasn't for our teachers, just imagine where we would be. We wouldn't know how to read, write, or do all of that math stuff.

As I write this, I ask myself, what's next? The only thing that is next is the real world, and I think I'm ready for it. See you there when you get there.

Letters To Editor

To whom it may concern:

The last *Little Harvester* had many articles that disturbed me as well as many students. There was one article in particular that did not tell the whole story. This article was about the cheating that went on in Mr. Leeper's Biology class. When someone told the authorities (about the cheating going on), they failed to tell on their own friends that were cheating. They just reported on those of us they do not care for. So now before an article is written and published, let's tell both sides of the story. Also in the paper was an article about a few boys shav-

ing their legs. It's no one's business but their own if they choose to shave their legs. This article was just gross too! I don't appreciate looking into our high school newspaper and finding something so disgusting as that article was. The point I am trying to get across is that if other people would pull their noses out of other people's business, many problems would not exist. The school newspaper is intended to inform, not to let a person start bad mouthing other students without knowing all the facts. And to all the writers on the staff, you know who I am talking too.

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Left: Max Simon denies the ball to a member of the Perryton Rangers.

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Below: Sara Ontiveros practices her discus skills during practice.



Guarding to win the game
Junior Kyle Francis guarding at the Pampa vs. Perryton game



Freestylin'... Life in swimming lane

By JULIE THOMPSON

"We always have fun, we work hard for a good cause, and going to state is awesome," junior Clay David said.

David has been swimming since the third grade. David said that swimming is one of the hardest sports there

is. He, along with his team, swim three or four miles every-day.

"It's not like most sports," David said. "It's not running or jumping, it's more strenuous than that."

David has received honorable mention all-state in two events this past year. David got interested in swimming when he was very young. He started going to the Youth Center with a group of about 30 other kids. David said that he likes swimming because he said that you don't have to perform to compete.

"You don't have to worry about how you do in practice because you get to swim in the meets anyway," David said.

David takes his swimming very seriously. He cares so much about his swimming that he even shaves his legs.

"We have to for regional's. If we didn't, we could drop three or four seconds," David said. "We aren't the only sport who does it ... football, soccer, and track do to."

David cares about making himself presentable on an everyday basis.

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Harvesters players of the month

This month marks the Little Harvester's first Harvester's Players of the Month. The nominees for the month were: Brad Britton, Gary Alexander, Jennifer Lindsey, and Michael Cornelison. The nominees were chosen by the Little Harvester's players and their names were put in a hat. The Little Harvester's players voted on the nominees and the winners were announced at the Little Harvester's meeting on Friday, December 15, 2000.

GARY ALEXANDER



Accomplishments:
All District Honor two years in a row. Started on JV as a freshman. Made the cover of the *Texas High Plains Magazine*.

On the Court:
Stay cool and calm and never let the opponent see any weakness.

Influences:
Mother and Sister

Techniques:
Being quick to make up for height and being a good shooter

JENNIFER LINDSEY



Accomplishments:
Being one game away from the National AAU Tournament.

On the Court:
Stay cool and calm and never let the opponent see any weakness.

Influences:
Parents & Robert Dixon

Techniques:
Make sure to see the court so whether she knows to pass, shoot or drive. Also ball-handling and free throws

BRAD BRITTON



Accomplishments:
One of my biggest accomplishments is getting so strong in my love for the game and getting better.

On the Court:
I try to stay low and move fast like coach showed us.

Influences:
My dad is my biggest influence before he died in '98.

Techniques:
I try to keep a positive attitude but sometimes it's hard. I'm only one and it takes a team to win a game.

MICHAEL CORNELISON



Accomplishments:
All District all 4 years in singles and doubles. Team ranked top 10 in state all 4 years. Doubles District Champion Junior year. District MVP Senior year. Ranked #10 in Champs

Influences: Mother, Father, The Quarles, Warren Cottle, Jerry Ticer

On the Court:
Being the smarter player and making that be an advantage

Techniques:
Determination and patience, knowing I will win every time I walk on the court, an enjoying it

DAVID continued from page 11

He said that he tries to dress nice and fix his hair, among other things.

"I try to make sure I don't smell," David said.

He thinks his good points are that he is fun to be around and always happy.

"I hate to be mad," said David.

On the other hand, David's mother said that he is messy and tends to wait until the last minute to do things.

"I'm not very organized," David said.

He likes to hang out with his friends and girlfriend, or just drive around.

"That's about all there is to do here," David said.

When David gets out of college he wants to work with

computers or kids. If he won the lottery, he said that he would buy a new truck and deck it out.

"I'd put the rest away," David said.

If he could change one thing about society, he said that he would change all of the splitting up into groups that people do.

"I think it's stupid not to talk to someone just because they aren't in your group," David said.

When it comes to Pampa, however, David doesn't have many positive things to say.

"If I were stuck here, I would die of boredom," David said. "I wouldn't even want my kids to grow up here."

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- Who holds the single game record for highest quarterback rating in a Superbowl game?
 - Phil Simms
 - Troy Aikman
 - Terry Bradshaw
 - Joe Montana
- The Superbowl record for points in a game is 18. Only one player did it more than once, who?
 - Terrell Davis
 - Jerry Rice
 - Roger Craig
 - Ricky Watters
- Only once have two players on the same team each had 100 yards receiving, who were they?
 - Irving-Harper
 - Clayton-Duper
 - Rice-Taylor
 - Swann-Stallworth
- The quarterback with a career touchdown-interception ratio of 11-0 in a Superbowl?
 - John Elway
 - Troy Aikman
 - Terry Bradshaw
 - Joe Montana
- The only player to reach 200 yards rushing in a Superbowl is?
 - Franco Harris
 - John Riggins
 - Marcus Allen
 - Timmy Smith
- Since the NFL adopted a 16-game schedule in 1978 what was the worst regular season record by a Superbowl champion?
 - 9-7
 - 12-4
 - 10-6
 - 11-5
- Since the 16-game schedule, what was the best record by a Superbowl loser?
 - 14-2
 - 13-2
 - 15-1
 - 12-4
- Since the 16-game schedule, only one Superbowl team had less than 10 regular-season victories, who were they?
 - Philadelphia Eagles
 - Los Angeles Rams
 - Minnesota Vikings
 - New York Jets
- How many teams have never played in the Superbowl?
 - 8
 - 10
 - 9
 - 11
- Which of the following teams has a losing Superbowl record?
 - Washington Redskins
 - Oakland-L.A. Raiders
 - Dallas Cowboys

- Answers:
- Phil Simms went 22 of 25 for 268 yards and three touchdowns for a 158.9 rating, the highest ever.
 - Jerry Rice had 18 points (3 touchdowns) in Superbowls XXIV and XXIX.
 - In Superbowl XIII, Lynn Swann had seven catches for 124 yards, while John Stallworth had three for 115.
 - Joe Montana.
 - Timmy Smith ran 204 yards in Superbowl XXII.
 - In 1988 the San Francisco 49ers were 10-6 in regular season.
 - The 1984 Dolphins and the 1998 Falcons went 14-2, but lost the Superbowl.
 - In 1979 the L.A. Rams went 9-7 but somehow made it to the Superbowl.
 - Nine teams have never been in the Superbowl: Cleveland, Baltimore, Jacksonville, Seattle, Arizona, Detroit, Tampa Bay, Carolina, and New Orleans.
 - The Dolphins have a 2-3 record. They won Superbowls VII and VIII at lost VI, XVII, and XIX.

COACH'S SPOTLIGHT

GOLF COACH
MIKE SELF



Influence:

Father who introduced him to golf and brother who coached a championship golf team.

Team Goals:

To be district champions as well as being state qualifiers, and also to improve everyday on attitude, work ethic, and skill level.

Advice:

"There are alot of talented players and teams across the state and if we are going to compete with them we are going to have to work hard and believe in ourselves that we can compete with these players and these teams."

Other Interesting fact:

Biggest thrill as a coach was in 1997 when he was fortunate enough to coach the first district champion in school history at Caprock High School.

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Top 10 'metal' CD's to own

By DAVEY ANDERSON

There are practically millions of CD's out in the world. There are also many different types of music out there which include heavy metal, rap, alternative, rock, and country.

I have had long discussion with numerous people like Steven Terry, a fellow floor associate of mine at Hastings entertainment store, and Ben Rodriguez, a manager also easily located at Hastings.

During some of our discussions we started talking about the ten CD's everyone should have. Since all of us are into metal, hard rock, and Seattle-based rock, we agreed on many different "essentials."

So here is a list, in no particular order, of what we have come up with.

1. Metallica, "Metallica"- Also called "The Black Album," this is the first CD many people will think of when you mention Metallica. Many of their hit singles have come off of this album. Although "Ride the Lightning," an earlier recording of Metallica's, is one of my favorites, I still believe that if you want to buy a Metallica CD and do not know which one, then this one would be great.

2. AC/DC, "Live"- This album is a collection of some of the greatest AC/DC songs performed live at concerts and is owned by many students at the high school. Many people have even gone to Hastings to get another copy after their first one had a slight scratch on it. It is a great classic which paved the way for many other bands.

3. Pearl Jam, "Ten"- "Jeremy", "Evenflow", and "Alive" all come from this great CD. Although I myself do not have this CD, it is on my list of

things to look into. This is a fine example of Seattle-based music. If you are unfamiliar with this genre, it is music that was created by bands who started their career and were stationed in Seattle like Soundgarden, Alice in Chains, Nirvana, Smashing Pumpkins, and Mother Love Bone.

4. Pantera, "Cowboys From Hell"- Many people consider Pantera a Heavy Metal band, however Pantera considers themselves a "Power-Groove Band." You would understand why if you've ever seen footage of them in concert or heard any of their albums. Diamond Darrel, the guitarist for Pantera, was kicked out of every guitar competition in Texas when he was 16 years old because he had already won them all.

5. Def Leppard, "Vault"- This is a collection of Def Leppard's greatest songs off of their previous six albums in which two of them went platinum. It also features one new song that was supposed to be on their previous album "Adrenalize," but did not make it. If you are into the late 80's or early 90's type of rock you must definitely consider checking this one out.

6. Guns 'N' Roses, "Appetite for Destruction"- This is the number one selling debut rock album of all time. It features four hit singles that made this band big. "Welcome to the Jungle," the first song on the album, is played at major stadiums all around the world. This band, however, broke up due to conflict with Axl Rose and Slash.

7. White Zombie, "Astro-Creep 2000"- This is an altered form of metal. White Zombie has a sound different from most bands. They are easily compared to Type O Negative in the style of music which is heavy

and gothic sounding metal. I encourage you to try this CD if you are looking for a darker style of crisp rock.

8. Nirvana, "Nevermind"- This is the number one selling rock album of the 90's. It caused a definite change in music totally eliminating "Hair-Bands." This CD made Kurt Cobain one of the most looked at rock stars in the history of rock and roll. This popularity was not what Cobain was looking for in a music career and took his own life after a drug overdose.

9. Bush, "6teen Stone"- This album contains many great singles which include "Glycerine", "Little Things", "Machinehead", "Everything Zen", and "Come Down." They started a style of rock that can best be described as hard hitting crunchy rock with-

"Seattle-based"

Heavy Metal **TOP 10**

1. METALLICA, "METALLICA"
2. AC/DC, "LIVE"
3. PEARL JAM, "TEN"
4. PANTERA, "COWBOYS FROM HELL"
5. DEF LEPPARD, "VAULT"
6. GUNS 'N' ROSES, "APPETITE FOR DESTRUCTION"
7. WHITE ZOMBIE, "ASTRO-CREEP 2000"
8. NIRVANA, "NEVERMIND"
9. BUSH, "6TEEN STONE"
10. OZZY OSBOURNE, "THE OZZMAN COMETH"


Picks from Davey Anderson & friends

out the grungy vocals. They are on this list because it is great music to crank in your stereo. They supply a relaxing feel to their music.

10. Ozzy Osbourne, "The Ozzman Cometh"- A collec-

tion of the greatest songs a man could create. Ozzy has had probably the greatest influence on some of the best bands out there. It also features two great songs not on previous albums.

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Blame it on Beatles: Today's musical lyrics come from yesterdays bands

By JULIE THOMPSON

"Why don't we do it in the road
Why don't we do it in the road
Why don't we do it in the road
Why don't we do it in the road
No one will be watching us ..."

Now, before you get angry for opening the high school newspaper and reading such things ... let me explain.

The above words are lyrics. While the younger audience reading may have a confused smirk on their faces, our older readers are probably thinking one word ... Eminem.

Or perhaps Marilyn Manson or some other rock musician that is spreading a bad message and fueling rebellion in the younger generation. These lyrics, however, were written and performed by none other than "cue scary music" the Beatles.

Yes, that's right. The song continues to repeat the above verse two more times, and that is the entirety of the song. Never has the subject been put so ... um ... bluntly.

Today's music has been attacked time and time again by angry parents who are shocked at the content expressed with in. There have been court battles at least dating back to 1985 concerning censors for music. In 1990, the RIAA (Recording Industry Association of America) introduced a uniform labeling system using the logo, "Parental Advisory - Explicit Lyrics." However, the RIAA gave no standards or guidelines for determining what albums should be labeled. As a result, companies have chosen to label rock and rap albums and not recordings of country music, opera, or musical comedy that may also contain controversial material.

Several spokesmen for the music industry also testified at these hearings and they stated the undeniable truth ... adults have ALWAYS been shocked at rock and roll and they always will be.

In reality, it wasn't the famously evil generation X that began the whole violent and sexual revolution in music; it was our elders that

first starting making this kind of music popular.

Well, the king, to be precise. The outrage directed at Manson and Eminem can be compared with that aimed at Elvis Presley in the 1950's. His dance moves were far more provocative than any that came before him. He had two songs, "Kissing Cousins" and "Kissing Cousins 2" that stated, "... it's great to be on big family and we show it, yes we show it ..."

Oh, and what about the violence toward women in so many of Eminem's songs? Like always, there were those that came before him.

"Don't think that I won't pin you down

No matter how you plead it

I'm like a lion who's been caged

And you are gonna meet it ..."

This is from a song called "Animal Instinct" by the "King of Rock and Roll" himself. From Elvis to Madonna, rock and roll has one main thing in common: all were provocative and offended parents. And someone, somewhere wanted them banned.

In fact, much of yesterday's banned music are today's golden oldies. "Louie, Louie" by the Kingsmen was banned for unintelligible lyrics and, to appear on the Ed Sullivan show, the Rolling Stones had to change "Let's Spend the Night Together" to "Let's spend some time together."

So you see, rock and roll, rap, or hip-hop will always have an escalating shock value and no one will ever be able to do anything about it. The First Amendment will always protect musicians to the right to their message, as ugly as it may be. So my message to parents, or whoever that may be enraged at today's music, is to stay away from it or get over it. I'm sure someday, the songs that we listen to will be considered as classic as "Yellow Submarine" as impossible as that may sound. And to the younger generation ... if you ever get into an argument with your grandmother about how bad music is now and how music was when she was your age ... simply reply, "You started it."

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CHEATING

- not worry about anybody else," one of the students who confessed said. "If you know you did the right thing, then don't worry about what other people did."

Also, some said that the wrong people were turned in.

"There were people who were turned in that were not cheating and some people who were cheating were not turned in," senior Kim Porter said.

In addition, those turned in question whether it was actually cheating.

"The class is primarily group work."

However, the students were not working on a group activity - they were taking a quiz.

"I did cheat and I made a mistake, but tattling is third grade stuff," one of the NHS seniors confessed.

Kendall added that he hated for students to be hanged for a crime that was not witnessed by an adult, particularly when there seem to be as many personal vendettas with students accusing other students.

Since the incident a month ago, Kendall has spoken with the Biology teacher, as well as the entire student faculty about carefully monitoring students to prevent possible cheating incidents in the future. In addition, he has since said that he would be willing to question and speak with honors students who admitted to cheating to The Little Harvester reporter.

Students across the board admit that cheating is a common problem and something that most people feel everyone has done at one point or another. However, students say they still have a problem with the fact that the NHS students have not received any corrective action other than verbal warning.

"The only reason they aren't being punished like they should is because they are the most prominent figures in the community," Hacker said.

Other students feel that punishment should not be judged according to who the students are.

"It is not fair that people who have their name get out of trouble just because they are rich," said.

COMMENTS

Some people believe that cheating is a necessary evil and that it is better to cheat than to fail. Ladd said.

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RELATIONSHIPS

that my students have, at the end of class," Spanish teacher August Navarette said.

Navarette also said that if her students are willing to wait until the end of class to ask her their questions, she then is willing to answer them. But, she said, they don't want to wait until the end of class.

class as soon as his car in the road, that he was driving in the road.

She also said that if he wanted to, she would be willing to answer their questions. And if they didn't want to, she would write the students up as if they were cheating.

Although some students feel that cheating is a necessary evil, they still have a problem with the fact that the NHS students have not received any corrective action other than verbal warning.

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