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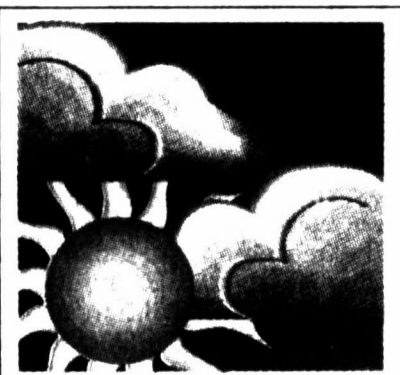
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**No winner, jackpot grows**  
 No ticket(s) correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.  
 The ticket was worth an estimated \$22 million.  
 The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 11-18-27-28-30-51.  
 Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$27 million.

**Couple shot, bodies dumped**  
 CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A young couple was shot execution style and their bodies dumped in a ditch beside a desolate Nueces County road, police said.  
 Angelica Rodriguez, 20, and Jason Alvarado, 26, were last seen with a group of friends at his mother's Corpus Christi house early Sunday.  
 A county worker spotted the bodies Wednesday near County Road 73, northwest of Robstown. Both Corpus Christi residents had been shot in the back of the head.  
 The couple was probably killed elsewhere, then carried to the ditch and dumped, Sheriff Larry Olivarez said.  
 Rodriguez and Alvarado probably died Tuesday evening, the Nueces County Medical Examiner's Office said. The couple showed no signs of having been robbed.

- Fred Cable, 85, retired from oil, gas industry.
- Lucille Davis, 78, homemaker.
- Levearn Joseph Hebert, 63, worked in construction.
- Eula Mae Morrow, 96, retired beautician.
- James R. 'Jimmie' Schuneman, 65, former president of Jarmila, Inc.

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## Sanitation dept. running behind due to snowfall

By KATE B. DICKSON  
 Associate Publisher

Hold on to those bags of torn Christmas wrappings and other trash a bit longer — the city's sanitation department isn't expected to start emptying residential dumpsters until Tuesday at the earliest.

That's the word from Sanitation Superintendent Rick Stone who said his department has been crippled by the winter storm that left 15 inches of snow along with drifts several feet high.

"Be sure and thank all the people for us," Stone told a reporter. "Everyone has been nice ... understanding. We've hardly had any complaint calls at all."

City workers were off Monday and Tuesday for the Christmas holiday and then the snow hit causing there to be no residential and commercial collection so far this week.

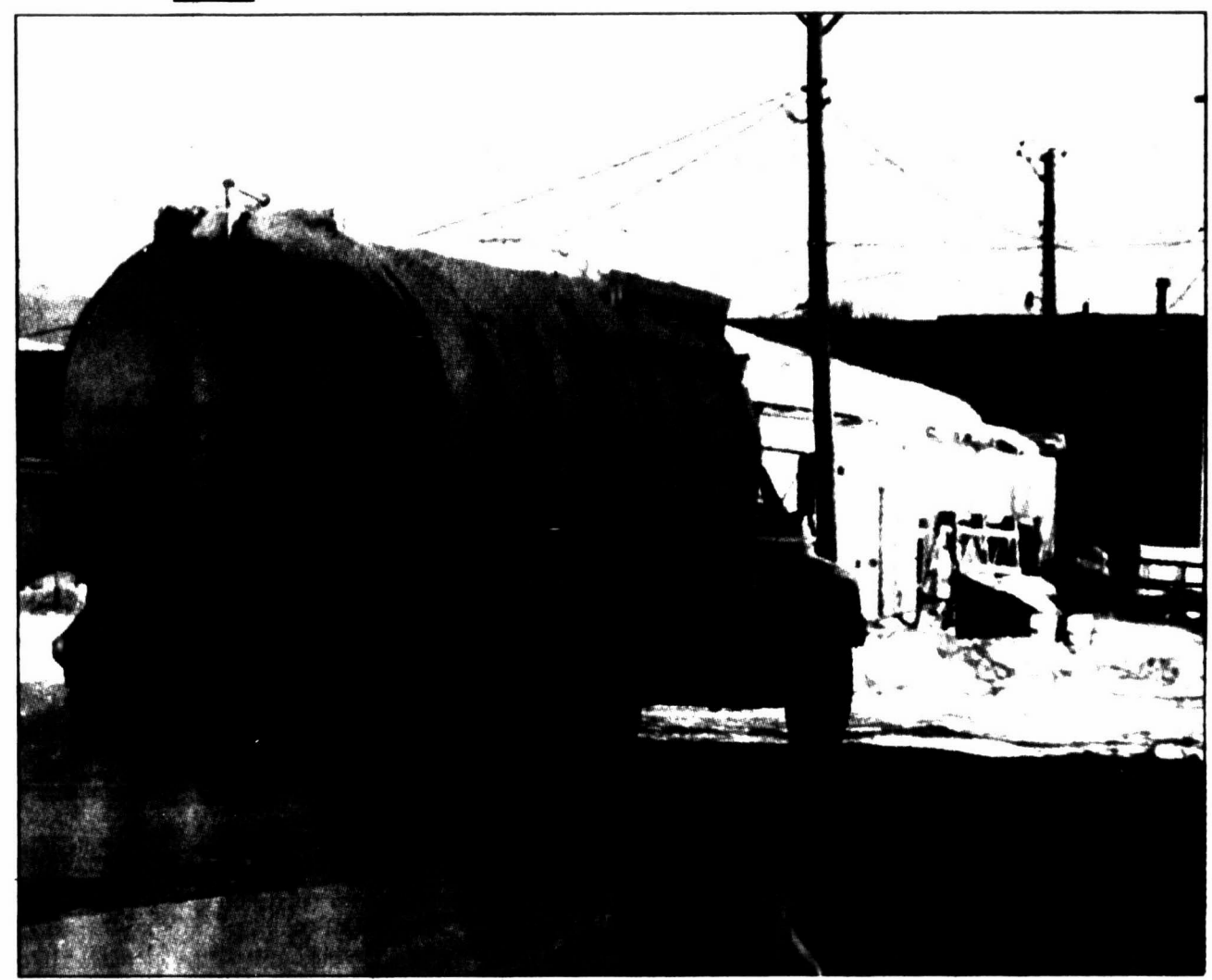
But today, Stone said efforts will be made to collect commercial refuse as the drivers "pick spots" that can be accessed. First on the list of stops was to be the prison.

Crews will also work Saturday but Stone says it's doubtful any residential collection will be included because of deep snow and deeper drifts in many alleys. He said trucks could get into the alleys there's a danger of hitting gas meters that are buried in snow.

If there's a silver lining to the sanitation department's problem, Stone says it is that many residents "can't get out to the dumpsters," thus refuse is not spilling out of dumpsters.

Also, using street department crews to help clear alleys is not an option now because those workers are needed to clear streets, he said.

The landfill is closed today but will be open tomorrow for residents who want to dispose



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

**A sanitation truck makes its way along West Atchison this morning. Efforts are being made to service some commercial customers but snow-blocked alleys are keeping residential pickup on hold.**

of trash before next week, Stone said. The hours are from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

said. "But having this snow at Christmas makes it worse."

## Workers go extra mile to fight snow aftermath

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 Staff Writer

Water main breaks, traffic accidents, and the daunting task of moving tons of snow from city streets has kept City of Pampa employees hard at work since Tuesday's 15-inch snowstorm.

"We will get through it," said John Horst, City of Pampa finance director and acting city manager in the absence of Bob Eskridge and Public Works Director Richard Morris.

Horst said many city street and water employees have been working 12 hours on and six hours off since the snowstorm blanketed the area with more than a foot of snow this week.

"All our equipment is being utilized," he said.

Horst said the city's two maintainers, one front end loader, a big truck with a snow plow, and four backhoes with scoops are being used to clear city streets as quickly as possible. In addition a number of sand trucks are being used to sand icy intersections.

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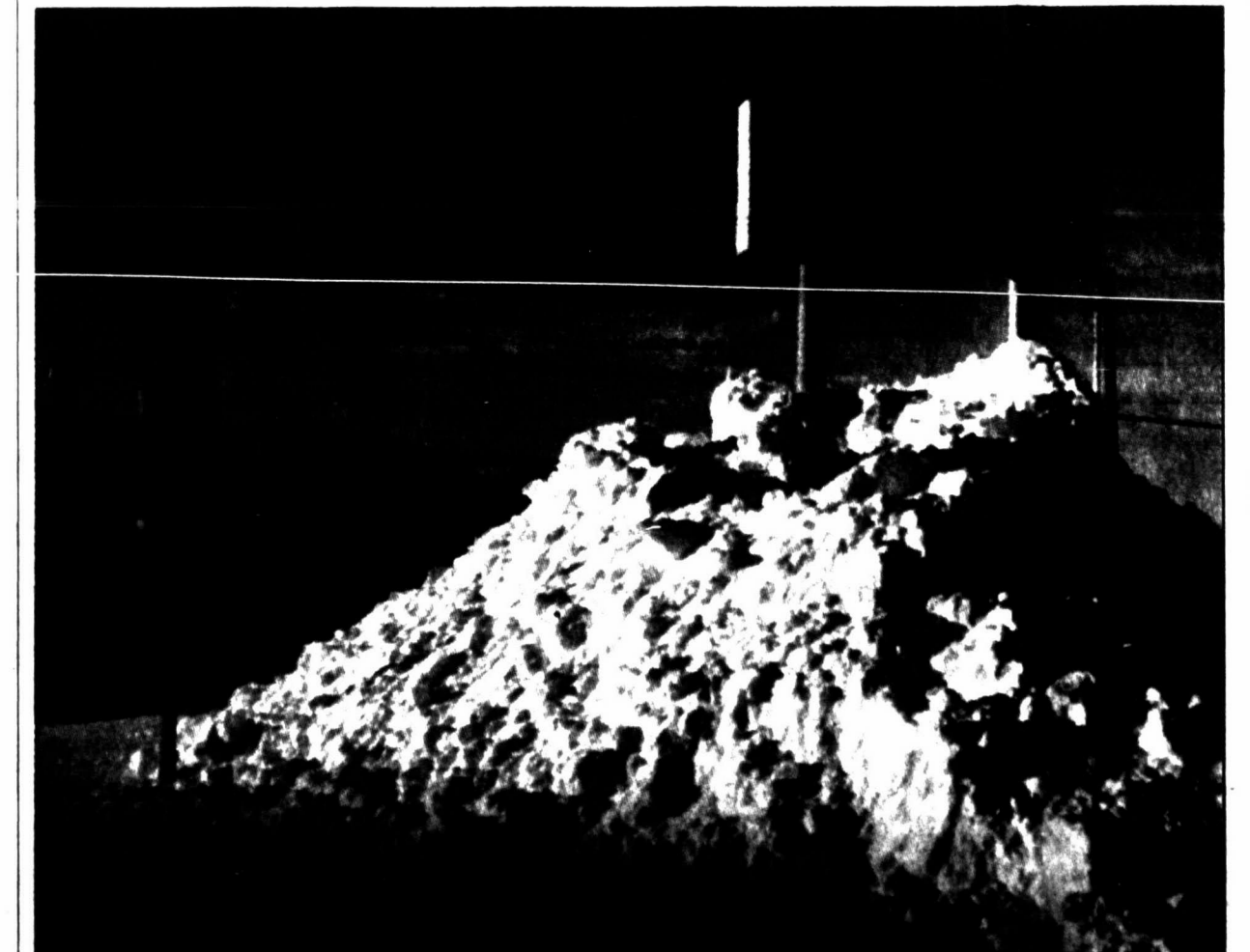
street hasn't been bladed," he said. "But we're trying to clear paths first for emergency workers, for people who have home health needs, who have to get medical care, and for pregnant ladies who have to get to the hospital. These people have to take precedence over the ones who want to be able to get to the grocery store."

City Commissioner Faustina Curry said this morning that she has received several calls from people wanting their streets cleared.

"One person said, 'Surely you can pull some strings and get my street done,'" Curry laughed. "I told them if I could do that, I'd get my street done. My street is always one of the last ones because there's so little traffic through here."

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## How long until it melts?



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

**A mountain of snow bladed from the 500 block of West Francis Street nearly engulfs the Pampa Senior Citizens Center sign. Great piles of snow line city streets, pushed there by maintainers and snow plows as city employees work 12-hours-on and six-hours-off to open thoroughfares for traffic.**

## PISD among five set to return tax money to Nickles

By NANCY YOUNG  
 Managing Editor

Pampa Independent School District is one of five taxing entities required to return tax dollars to Nickles Industrial Manufacturing Corporation.

The Gray County Appraisal District recently resolved a lawsuit brought by Nickles Corporation which provides \$38,786 be returned to the business.

PISD trustees approved the return of \$19,862 during their last meeting. The State Property Tax Code requires tax refunds over \$500 to be approved by taxing entities.

Also required to return tax dollars are: City of Pampa, \$11,094; Gray County, \$6,549; Road, \$1,034; and water district, \$244.

PISD Business Manager Mark McVay said the tax refund is primarily related to 1998 and 1999 tax years.

McVay said current tax collections for the school district are "right on track" and that the collection of delinquent taxes is up.

PISD Facilities Manager Denver Bruner described changes to the board of trustees concerning adding a freezer to the central

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## Shopping tour big hit for all involved

"It was a joy," was the way the Rev. Namiqa Shipman described the annual Children's Shopping Tour.

Shipman, her husband, Walter, and son, Will, were three of more than 160 volunteers who took 103 children between the ages of 5 and 10 shopping for Christmas presents for their family members.

The project was a combined effort of Kiwanis Club of Pampa, Pampa Optimist Youth Club, Salvation Army, Energizer and Aldersgate Sunday School classes of First United Methodist Church, American Red Cross, Opti-Mrs. Club, Rotary Club, First Christian Church, Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, Tralee Crisis Center, First Baptist Church, Catholic Youth Organization, Pampa High School cheerleaders, Gray County Sheriff's Office and Conoco, Inc.

Winston Holt, a Kiwanian, was the general chair for the second year. Kiwanians Ann Franklin and John Wagner were in charge of volunteers and registration respectively. Lt. Guy Watts and Lt.

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## Papers win battle to open Senate vote

AUSTIN (AP) — In a victory for several Texas publications who took their battle for open government to court, the Texas Senate has been barred from choosing an acting lieutenant governor in secret.

On Wednesday, state district Judge Lora Livingston ruled that the state's second-ranking official is an executive position normally elected by the people and not merely an officer of the senate.

Livingston's decision later was upheld on an appeal in the 3rd District Court of Appeals. The Texas Supreme Court was expected to make a decision Thursday on the senators' appeal.

It was uncertain if the Senate still planned to hold a secret ballot Thursday to elect one of its members to replace former Lt. Gov. Rick

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**CABLE, Fred** — 1 p.m., United Methodist Church, McLean.  
**HEBERT, Levearn Joseph** — 2 p.m., St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Shamrock.  
**MORROW, Eula Mae** — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.

## Obituaries

### FRED CABLE

**McLEAN** — Fred Cable, 85, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2000. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Cable was born June 7, 1915, at Morris, Okla., to Robe and Martha Cable. He married Margaret Lavon "Mardy" Sherman on Feb. 16, 1951, at Perryton; she died Oct. 15, 1991.

He was retired from the oil and gas industry and had worked as a refinery operator for Phillips Petroleum.

He was active in Methodist Church, serving on the Finance Committee and as head usher, and was a veteran of World War II, serving for five years in the European theater of the war.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

The family requests memorials be McLean Methodist Church Memorial Fund.

### LUCILLE DAVIS

**CANYON** — Lucille Davis, 78, a former White Deer resident, died Monday, Dec. 25, 2000. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Bill Wade officiating. Entombment will be under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mrs. Davis was born at White Deer and graduated from White Deer High School. She married Donald V. Davis in 1947 at Panhandle. The couple moved to Amarillo in 1948.

She was a homemaker and belonged to Polk Street United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Donald; two daughters, Gail Henson and Janice Frigo, both of Amarillo; three sisters, Jean Baker of Amarillo, Vivian Haiduk of Panhandle and Netha Garrett of Paris; a brother, Dale Heath of Texas City; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Alzheimer's Association of the Texas Panhandle.

### LEVEARN JOSEPH HEBERT

**SHAMROCK** — Levearn Joseph Hebert, 63, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Father Calvin Stalter officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Hebert was born at Independence, La., and had spent most of his life in Louisiana, moving to Shamrock in September of this year. He was a Catholic and worked in construction many years.

Survivors include five daughters, Sheila Ramos of Albany, La., Sharon Duncan of Omaha, Neb., Mary Ramos of Shamrock, Louana Jenkins of Fort Worth and Joyce Easley of Kentwood, La.; a son, Wilton Joseph Hebert of Omaha, Neb.; two sisters, Brenda and Clara, both of New Orleans, La.; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### EULA MAE MORROW

**McLEAN** — Eula Mae Morrow, 96, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2000. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Hillcrest Cemetery with Brian Quisenberry, pastor, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Morrow was born Nov. 11, 1904, at Wellington, to John and Mary Green. She had been a McLean area resident for 20 years and was a retired beautician. She had been active in Eastern Star of McLean, Young at Heart Senior Citizens of McLean and American Legion Auxiliary of Chula Vista, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernie Morrow; a granddaughter, Mollie Shannon; and a daughter, Margie Lee Shannon.

Survivors include a son, Buddy Sutton of McLean; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

## Obituaries (cont.)

### JAMES R. 'JIMMIE' SCHUNEMAN

**James R. "Jimmie" Schuneman**, 65, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Schuneman was born Aug. 9, 1935, at Okmulgee, Okla. He was a 1953 graduate of Pampa High School and received his ham radio operators license the same year — K5GFD. He received an associates degree in fine arts from Frank Phillips College in 1959.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1956, receiving the rank of Mechanic Third Class. He was honorably discharged in 1962 when he went to the Naval Reserve.

He received his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Finley Engineering College in Kansas City, Mo., in 1962.

He was a life-member of The Salvation Army Pampa Corp Advisory Board, joining in 1971. He was co-owner of Hogan Construction with Bud Hogan from 1976-1977. He then purchased the business, which later closed in 1983.

He married Sandra Rogers Gist at The Salvation Army Chapel on Nov. 28, 1980, in Pampa.

He was president of Jarmila, Inc., from 1981 until 1999. He received his insurance license in 1999 and was a salesman for United American Insurance. He went to work for Pacesetters in Amarillo in November of this year. He was a certified instructor for the NRA for rifle, shotgun and firearm safety, and he was currently teaching 4-H air rifle shooting and safety. He worked with the Boy Scout Troop 413 and helped many of the boys in the troops earn badges to the Eagle rank.

He had been a member and a trustee of Zion Lutheran Church since 1992.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra, of the home; a daughter, Julianna (Julie) Schuneman, of the home; a stepdaughter, Barbara Hughes of Pampa; a stepson, Bob Gist of Amarillo; two grandsons, Brian James Hughes of San Saba and Stephen Alexander Hughes of Pampa; and three other grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan, Pampa, TX 79065; or to The Salvation Army, 701 S. Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79065.

## Police report

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

### Wednesday, Dec. 27

An unattended death was reported in the 400 block of South Hughes.

Theft of gasoline was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks. The suspect is a white male, aged 19-21, with red hair, standing 5-feet, 9-inches tall, and weighing 180 lbs.

## Accidents

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

### Wednesday, Dec. 27

4:09 p.m. — A City of Pampa pickup equipped with a snow blade and driven by Larry Mac Martinez, 29, 116 S. Dwight, collided with a legally-parked 1986 Ford pickup owned by Clinton Paul Counts, 621 Bradley Dr., in the 2700 block of Navajo. No injuries were reported. No citations were listed on the police report.

8:01 p.m. — A 2001 Nissan Frontier driven by Dennis Graig Darnell, 21, of Borger collided with a 1998 John Deer road grader, owned by the City of Pampa and driven by Terry Lynn Brown, 35, 431 Roberta, collided in the 500 block of North Hobart. A passenger in the Nissan, David Herrle Cray, 20, of Fritch, and Brown were taken by Rural Metro Ambulance Service to Pampa Regional Medical Center for treatment of injuries suffered in the wreck. Cray remained in stable condition at the hospital today, officials said. Brown was treated and released. Darnell was cited for no proof of insurance, failure to control speed in unsafe road conditions and expired tags.

11:54 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a Lifesat standby at Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

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## Fires

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## Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....911  
 Crime Stoppers.....669-2222  
 Energas.....1-888-Energas  
 Fire.....911

## WORKERS

A water main break at Crawford Street, east of Gray Street, kept employees busy for hours late Tuesday, officials said. A second main broke later on Montagu Street, creating another problem for city workers.

"They were both big breaks," Horst said. "I checked with the water department about a half hour ago and we hadn't had any more (water main breaks) reported."

Horst said as the water mains are breaking as deeper soil surrounding them freezes from the cold temperatures.

On Wednesday, City of Pampa vehicles were involved in two collisions while trying to clear city streets of snow, officials said.

A Fritch man remained in stable condition today at Pampa Regional Medical Center after the pickup he was riding in crashed into a City of Pampa road grader in the 500 block of North Hobart. The road grader's driver was treated for injuries he suffered in the collision and released, but was unable to work.

According to the police report, shortly after 8 p.m., Wednesday, a 2001 Nissan Frontier four-wheel-drive pickup driven by Dennis Graig Darnell, 21, of Borger hit a 1998 John Deer road grader driven by Terry Lynn Brown, 35, 431 Roberta, a crew chief for the city's Street Department.

## PISD

warehouse project at Horace Mann. He said it would be approximately 1,500 to 1,900 sq. ft. and would store 2,222 case of food. Bruner recommended a facility 1,900 sq. ft. should be built to meet the future needs of the school district.

School personnel have not determined the type of exterior siding. Bruner said the free-standing facility could be white, stainless steel or panels which can be painted.

Board President Jay Johnson expressed concern that the school district doesn't have a comprehensive (building) plan. "That worries me a little," he said. "I'm concerned we're accumulating uses for that 70-year-old building we abandoned five years ago."

## SHIPPING

Dolores Watts of the Salvation Army screened applications and invited 80 of the children. Kathy Malone of Texas Department of Human Services lead an effort which resulted in an additional 21 children being invited to participate. Linda Town, the director of Tralee Crisis Center, said that two children who were in the Tralee shelter were also included. Wagner estimated between 300 and 325 family members were served by the project.

Volunteers gathered at the Optimist Club at 8 a.m. on a Saturday. They received a brochure prepared by Tina Holt which described the project. The volunteers were assigned children and given information about the ages and sizes of the children's family members. After a brief orientation by Holt, the chaperones picked up their children and headed to Wal-Mart to help the children shop for their families.

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## Weather focus

**PAMPA** — Today, patchy morning fog. Otherwise partly sunny with highs around 38. Northwest to north winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with lows around 16. North to northwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny with highs around 37. Northwest to west winds 5 to 15 mph. Yesterday's high was 29; the overnight low was 19.

**STATEWIDE** — After days of a wet cold front dumping freezing rain and snow over much of the state this week, the state should begin to thaw out under clear skies and slightly warmer temperatures.

West Texas had clear skies Thursday morning after days of clouds, rain and snow, and pre-dawn temperatures ranged from 14 degrees in Lubbock to 37 degrees at Fort Stockton. Skies should remain clear and temperatures should warm to the 30s over most areas and the 60s along the Rio Grande.

North Texas was digging its way from underneath ice and snow the cold front dumped over the area. By Wednesday evening up to 3 inches of snow and ice covered some parts of the region and Ranger had as much as six inches.

Most North Texas awoke to clearing skies and temperatures that fell between Wichita Falls'

22 degrees and Longview's 36 degrees. Clouds should continue to decrease over most areas and temperatures should warm to the 40s and 50s.

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## Ambulance

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

### Wednesday, Dec. 27

7:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Coffee and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

8:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Hobart and transported two persons to PRMC.

9:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Hughes and transported one to PRMC.

### Thursday, Dec. 28

5:25 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Hamilton and transported one to PRMC.

## Stocks

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

Wheat	2.56	
Mill	3.46	
Com	3.76	
Soybeans	4.24	

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

Occidental	25 5/16	dn 3/16
Fidelity Magd	119.80	dn 1/16
Parsons	18.81	dn 1/16

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 1/2
Cabot	25 11/16	up 7/16
Cabot O&G	29 7/8	dn 1/16
Chevron	34 1/8	up 1 1/16
Coastal	60 13/16	up 1/4

Columbia/HCA	44.32	up 0.30
Eaton	82 7/8	up 1/16
Halliburton	36 11/16	dn 5/16
KMI	51 1/16	up 1
Kearney	57 1/16	dn 11/16
Limited	16 3/4	dn 3/8
McDonald's	32 15/16	dn 3/16
Exxon Mobil	26 15/16	dn 13/16
New Atmos	26 1/16	dn 3/16
XCEL	29	dn 3/8
NOE	39	dn 1/8
CKE	49 1/4	up 13/16
Penny's	10 7/16	up 3/16
Phillips	57 1/2	dn 3/8
Pioneer Nat.	20 9/16	dn 1/2
SLB	79 7/8	dn 3/8
Tenneco	2 7/8	NC
Texas	61 1/2	up 9/16
Ultra	30 15/16	dn 1/16
Wal-Mart	53 5/16	up 3/4
Williams	38 3/4	up 1/16

New York Gold	275.60
Silver	4.60
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# 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 Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

## OPEN DOOR

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

## TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

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

## LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

## MONTHLY

### GOSPEL SINGING

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

### PHS SCHOLARSHIPS

Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organizations, individuals or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships available to senior students at the end of February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800.

## GRAY COUNTY

**GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
Gray County Genealogical Society will not meet in the month of December. The January meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library and will feature a hands-on orientation to the Internet.

## FIRST ASSEMBLY

**Aggie Moms' to host meal, family night**

**AMARILLO** — A meeting of Amarillo Aggie Moms' is slated for 6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 8 at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Gym, 4100 Coulter. All Aggies and their families are invited to this "Family Night Barbecue" catered by Desperado. Ring crests will be presented to August and December graduating seniors. The guest speaker will be Don Powell, chairman of the Board of Regents of Texas A&M University.

Donald E. "Don" Powell of Amarillo is president of the First National Bank of Amarillo. He received his bachelor of science degree in economics from West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M University) in 1963 and graduated from the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University.

Mr. Powell is active in educational, community and charitable organizations, serving on the boards of the Amarillo Area Foundation, Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation, West Texas A&M University Foundation, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, Franklin Lindsay Student Aid Foundation, Mary E. Bivins Foundation and Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

He has served as chairman of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, campaign chairman for United Way and has served on High Plains Baptist Hospital Board. Mr. Powell was named Man of the Year by the Amarillo Globe News in 1986.

Mr. Powell was appointed to the Board of Regents by Gov. George W. Bush in 1995. He was elected chairman of the board in 1997 and was re-elected to a two-year term in 1999. Mr. Powell is a member of the Legislative Committee and serves as an ex-officio, non-voting member on all standing committees. His term expires Feb. 1, 2001.

The cost of the event will be \$6 per person. Deadline for reservations is Dec. 29. For more information, contact Vicki Baker at (806) 352-5212 or Connie Boudreaux at (806) 622-3436.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

First Assembly of God Church, 500 S. Cuyler, will present its annual "Home for Christmas" program at 10 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 24 in the sanctuary of the church. Pastor Mike Moss will share the Christmas story, Christmas carols will be sung by candlelight and refreshments will be served. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Moss at 665-5941 or 665-6060.

## 3D PROGRAM

Free weekly classes for the Christ-centered 3D program featuring the three Ds — Diet, Discipline and Discipleship — will begin soon. The program will tailor an eating plan to suit the individual tastes and lifestyles of each participant. For more information, contact Judith Loyd, 665-6127; Jamee McCarty,

669-7869; or Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713.

## TRAIL RIDE

### OF THE MILLENNIUM

"The Journey" will celebrate the first Butterfield Overland Stagecoach Run in 138 years with the "Historic Trail Ride of the Millennium!" The trip will begin March 24, 2001, in Springfield, Mo., and will conclude May 25 in Tombstone, Ariz. The event will raise money for Special Olympics, St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Children's Miracle Network, both by the sale of tickets and by corporate sponsorship. For more information, contact "The Journey" at (417) 255-2390 or visit [www.thestagecoachjourney.com](http://www.thestagecoachjourney.com) on the Internet.

## CANYON NATURE HIKES

The following nature hikes are scheduled at Palo Duro Canyon

State Park: 2-5 p.m., Dec. 9 and 23, Givens, Spicer and Lowry Running Trail, 2.5-mile hike, moderately difficult; and 2-4 p.m., Dec. 30, Sunflower Trail. Participants should bring water and good walking shoes. The walks will include discussions on geology, history, wildlife and plants. For more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

## AYUSA

Academic Year in the U.S.A. International, a non-profit student exchange program, invites high school students to apply for the Congress-Bundestag scholarship, a full scholarship for one year to study in Germany. Deadline for application is Dec. 1. For more information, call 1-800-727-4540, ext. 567 or visit [www.ayusa.org/usagermanyscholarship](http://www.ayusa.org/usagermanyscholarship) on the World Wide Web.

## AAA INTERNSHIPS

American Angus Association and the "Angus Journal" will offer three summer internships to college students who want to learn more about breed association work. The paid internships will begin approximately June 1, 2000, and will conclude mid-August. Application deadline is Feb. 15, 2001. For more information, call (816) 383-5100.

## MS. TEXAS

### SENIOR PAGEANT

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

## HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

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

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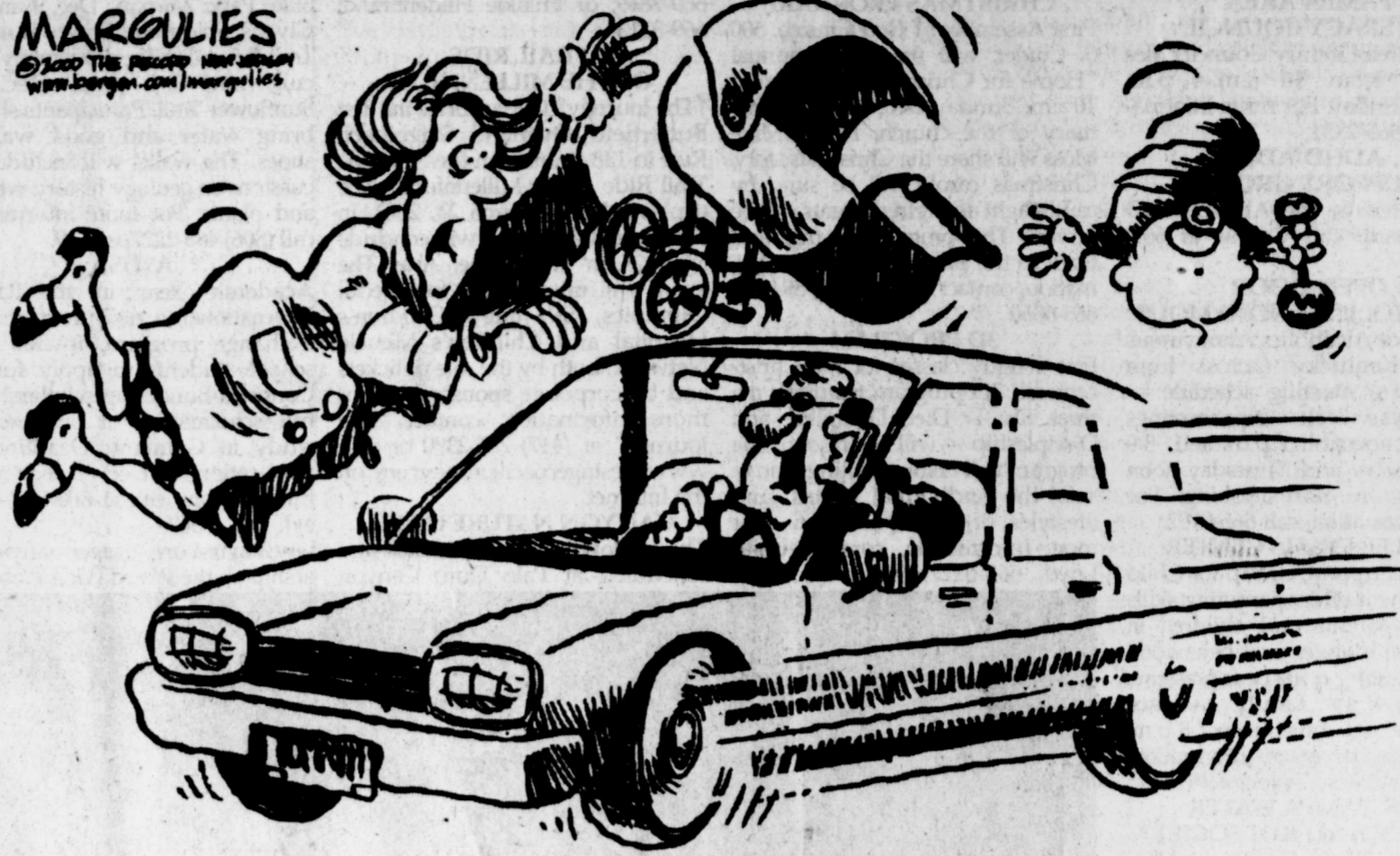
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**"Now that cell phones have been cleared of causing cancer,  
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**Texas Editorials**

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:  
 The McAllen Monitor on Carnivore:

An independent technical review of the FBI's controversial Carnivore e-mail surveillance system suggests strongly that the software can snoop as advertised and that may be the problem.

The FBI began developing the system in 1997 to perform the equivalent of a telephone wiretap on Internet communications. When news of the system was leaked in July, alarmed privacy advocates sued for release of details of the software. Instead, the Department of Justice commissioned a review of the system by the Illinois Institute of Technology Research Institute. The report has been released. It is available on the Web at <http://www.usdoj.gov/jmd/publications/carniv-entry.htm>.

The report indicates that Carnivore doesn't have the power "to spy on almost everyone with an e-mail account," and that it has filters that can adjust it to fit different kinds of court orders simply monitoring whom a suspect communicates with or probing the content of those e-mails. But it expressed concern over the lack of assurance that an FBI agent can't abuse the system.

"(The Illinois Institute of Technology Research Institute) did not find adequate provisions e.g. audit trails," the report said, "for establishing individual accountability for actions taken during the use of Carnivore." The system doesn't keep track of who accesses it, every user is simply called "administrator" and there is no feature for confirming that the snooping has been ordered by a court. And while it can't monitor everyone, it can do very broad sweeps that raise significant privacy concerns.

The FBI says it will implement some of the suggestions in the report. That's a start. But in the electronic era, better ways are needed to monitor the monitors. That should be one of the first priorities of the new Congress.

**Isolationism is hardly U.S.'s problem**

I was disappointed to hear the president-elect say that the main problem facing America was isolationism and then issue a silly macho warning against terrorism.

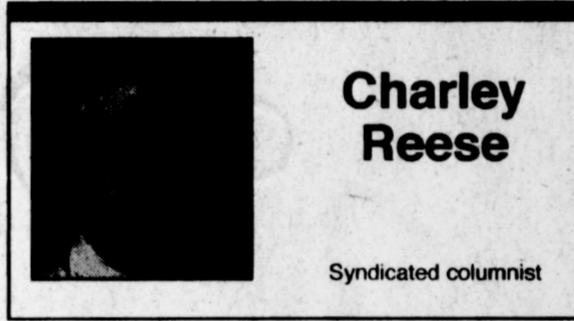
Isolationism is hardly our problem, since we are entangled in so many treaties and alliances and have American armed forces posted in 100 foreign countries — almost without exception on missions that have nothing to do with either national interests or national security.

As for warning terrorists, let's get real. Most terrorist acts are suicidal. So who is this tough talk suppose to scare? Certainly not men who are prepared to die as long as they can take a few of us with them.

I already fear that I will have to adopt a sort of secular prayer in which, from time to time, I will repeat, "Well, at least he's not Al Gore."

Terrorism is neither a police nor a military problem. It is a political problem. The new president ought to shut down that cottage industry on the Beltway of so-called terrorism experts and concentrate on developing a foreign policy that will not give people just cause to hate us.

I hope no one is so naive that he or she thinks that we are going to escape some kind of payback for having killed 500,000 Iraqi children with the cruelest embargo in human history. It isn't the government of Saddam Hussein we have to fear. We haven't harmed it. It's the Iraqi



**Charley Reese**  
 Syndicated columnist

people whom we have mercilessly tortured.

I don't know why it seems so difficult for politicians in Washington to understand. We have no reason on God's green earth to harm the people of any country on this planet. If we have a quarrel with a government, then let us confine our actions to that government, not to innocent people. Nor should we ever support, in any way, another government that is harming innocent people. When we do, we become accessories, and then their enemies become our enemies.

We ought also to stop committing war crimes by bombing countries or shooting missiles at them when we are not in a state of war. Reprisals are war crimes. When we respond to an act of terrorism by bombing a country, we are doing exactly what the German army did in World War II when it would kill 50 or 60 civil-

ians in reprisal for an attack on German soldiers.

Some Americans have this kooky idea that if you kill innocent people with a bomb or a missile, instead of a rifle, it's not a war crime. It is. The choice of weapons makes no difference. It's just more cowardly to kill at a distance than it is up close.

I would like to see some of these politicians who profess to be Christians start acting like Christians instead of decadent and pagan Romans. We should be helping people live better lives rather than destroying them. We should, as George Washington suggested, be extending the hand of friendship and commerce to all the nations of the world while not getting ourselves involved in their internal affairs or regional quarrels.

We as Americans have many, many domestic problems that require our full attention — aging infrastructure, rampant immorality, a failed government education system, a shrinking agricultural base, a too-expensive medical-care system, polluted air and water, usurpation of power by various government entities and uncontrolled immigration. You can probably add others.

Mr. President-elect, isolationism is not the problem; it's part of the solution. Let's dump the aging cold Warriors and bring some new thinking to our problems.

**Today in history**

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 28, the 363rd day of 2000. There are three days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 28, 1945, Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

On this date:

In 1694, Queen Mary II of England died after five years of joint rule with her husband, King William III.

In 1832, John C. Calhoun became

the first vice president of the United States to resign, stepping down over differences with President Andrew Jackson.

In 1846, Iowa became the 29th state to be admitted to the Union.

In 1856, the 28th president of the United States, Thomas Woodrow Wilson, was born in Staunton, Va.

In 1897, the play "Cyrano de Bergerac," by Edmond Rostand, premiered in Paris.

In 1917, the New York Evening

Mail published a facetious — as well as fictitious — essay by H.L. Mencken on the history of bathtubs in America.

In 1937, composer Maurice Ravel died in Paris.

In 1944, the musical "On the Town" opened on Broadway.

In 1973, Alexander Solzhenitsyn published "Gulag Archipelago," an expose of the Soviet prison system.

In 1989, Alexander Dubcek, the former Czechoslovak Communist

leader who was deposed in a Soviet-led Warsaw Pact invasion in 1968, was named chairman of the country's parliament.

Ten years ago: The government reported that its chief economic forecasting gauge, the Index of Leading Indicators, plunged 1.2 percent the previous month, the fifth consecutive monthly drop.

Two people died in a subway fire in New York; 33 people were injured in a trolley collision in Boston.

**Collision over Columbia may be eminent**

A hallmark of the Clinton administration's military commitment to Colombia has been to help Colombian officials curb narcotraffickers while staying out of the country's long-running civil war.

President-elect George Bush may not be as fussy about drawing such distinctions. He could face a collision with Democrats over Colombia policy.

Under President Clinton's rules of engagement, leftist guerrillas are fair game if they are part of the drug trafficking infrastructure, but U.S. helicopters and other assistance should not otherwise be used against the rebels.

"As Clinton sees it, drug trafficking poses a threat to the United States but Colombia's 35-year civil war doesn't."

The Bush team seems to think the current policy is too confining, a point made by Robert Zoellick, a top foreign policy adviser to Bush, in a no-press-allowed speech in late October.

"We cannot continue to make a false distinction between counterinsurgency and counter-narcotics efforts," said Zoellick, a State Department aide in the first Bush administration a decade ago.

"The narcotraffickers and guerrillas compose one dangerous network," he said.

A copy of Zoellick's prepared remarks was made available by his office. His speech was delivered to a gathering of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Colombian rebels are believed to earn hundreds of millions of dollars through their links to drug traffickers. The State Department recently cited evidence that Colombia's leading rebel group supplied cocaine to a major Mexican cartel in exchange for cash and possibly weapons.



**George Gedda**  
 AP Special correspondent

Zoellick suggested that future U.S. support for Colombia would depend on Colombian willingness to confront enemies of all stripes.

"If the legitimately elected leaders of Colombia demonstrate the political will to take their country back from killers and drug lords, and if the Colombian people are willing to fight for their own country, then the U.S. should offer serious, sustained and timely financial, material and intelligence support," Zoellick said.

But if the incoming Bush administration tries to alter the ground rules along the lines suggested by Zoellick, it would almost certainly produce Democratic opposition, particularly from Sens. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

Many Democrats believe the Clinton administration already is too deeply involved in Colombia, citing shortcomings in the human rights record of the Colombian military and its continuing links with rightist paramilitary groups that also have a reputation for brutality.

Zoellick sees the problem differently. He said in October that the "forces of democracy" must join hands to combat "new threats to security," such as that which exists in Colombia. His comments made no reference to human rights problems that Democrats find troubling.

The tougher line on Colombia was foreshadowed in an Aug. 25 speech by then-candidate

Bush himself who said U.S. assistance "will help the Colombian government protect its people, fight the drug trade, halt the momentum of the guerrillas and bring about a sensible and peaceful resolution to this conflict."

In those comments, Bush gave equal billing to the need to curb narcotraffickers and guerrillas. The Clinton approach has been to give prominence to the counterdrug aspect of the problem.

Clinton angered many Democrats in August by waiving a legislative provision which requires that Colombia meet certain human rights criteria before further U.S. assistance can be dispensed. A \$1.3 billion U.S. anti-drug package was approved for Colombia last summer.

Wellstone, in an opinion piece in Tuesday's New York Times, delivered an appeal for no more human rights waivers.

"Next month," he wrote, "the U.S. government must once again certify that Colombia's military satisfies the conditions so that delivery of anti-drug aid can continue in 2001."

"This time, the Bush administration's State Department must take a tough stance: no waiver and no aid until all human rights conditions are met," Wellstone said. "Americans should not be supporting a partnership with a military that does not meet these very basic standards."

**EDITOR'S NOTE**— George Gedda has covered foreign affairs for The Associated Press since 1968.

On the Net:  
 State Department on Colombia aid:  
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**Thought for today**

"Even while they teach, men learn."  
 — Seneca

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## Contradictions mark recall of alleged shooter

BOSTON (AP) — To high school classmates, Michael McDermott was Mike Martinez, a gregarious class clown with a love for acting and a sense of the dramatic.

But in the years since, he changed his name, worked on a nuclear submarine, divorced — and became known to some as an eccentric loner with few close friends.

These starkly different views of McDermott collided this week as he stands accused of killing seven of his co-workers at Edgewater Technology Inc.

Prosecutors say McDermott, 42, apparently angry over a demand by the Internal Revenue Service to garnish his wages for back taxes, methodically stalked through the office and gunned down four women and three men, some as they desperately tried to escape.

Then, prosecutors said, he sat impassively in the office lobby until police arrived. As they approached, McDermott's only words were cryptic: "I don't speak German."

Nearby was a stash of weapons: a semiautomatic assault rifle, a 12-gauge shotgun and a pistol.

The Friday before the killing, co-worker Robert O'Leary said, McDermott gathered two colleagues as witnesses at his desk and had them sign his will. No one wondered why.

Those who knew McDermott in high school, when he was known as Mike Martinez, were in disbelief.

"He was a very nice guy, everybody liked him," said high school classmate Kurt Schuler.

A co-worker who spoke under the condition of anonymity said McDermott went by the nickname "Mucko" — something his nieces and nephews came up with when they couldn't pronounce Michael.

McDermott was born Michael McDermott in Plymouth to Raymond and Rosemary Martinez, according to town records. He changed his name, the Globe reported, because he wanted to sound Irish, not Hispanic.

McDermott grew up in Marshfield, a seaside community of 21,000 about 28 miles south of Boston where his parents worked as teachers.

McDermott attended Marshfield High School, graduating in 1976. In his yearbook photo, he's wearing a natty turtleneck and his hair is short and wavy — in stark contrast to the long, unkempt hair and beard McDermott now sports.

Schuler said McDermott was always joking, and participated in the drama club.

In 1978, he joined the Navy, and he served six years aboard the nuclear submarine USS Narwhal. He was an electrician and was honorably discharged as a petty officer second class.

Shipmate Bruce Joy said he wasn't surprised to learn that McDermott had been arrested in the shooting. Joy recalled an episode when several shipmates angered McDermott, and he lashed out with a knife, cutting Joy's leg. McDermott apologized.

However, Jack Semelsberger, his superior officer on the submarine, described McDermott as "a fun guy, not a troublemaker." McDermott's post-Navy life included a marriage to Monica Sheehan in early 1990s that ended when the pair separated after 3 1/2 years. Sheehan did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

He also worked in research and development for nearly 10 years at Duracell, where he left voluntarily in February, according to Eric Kraus, a spokesman for Gillette, which owns Duracell.

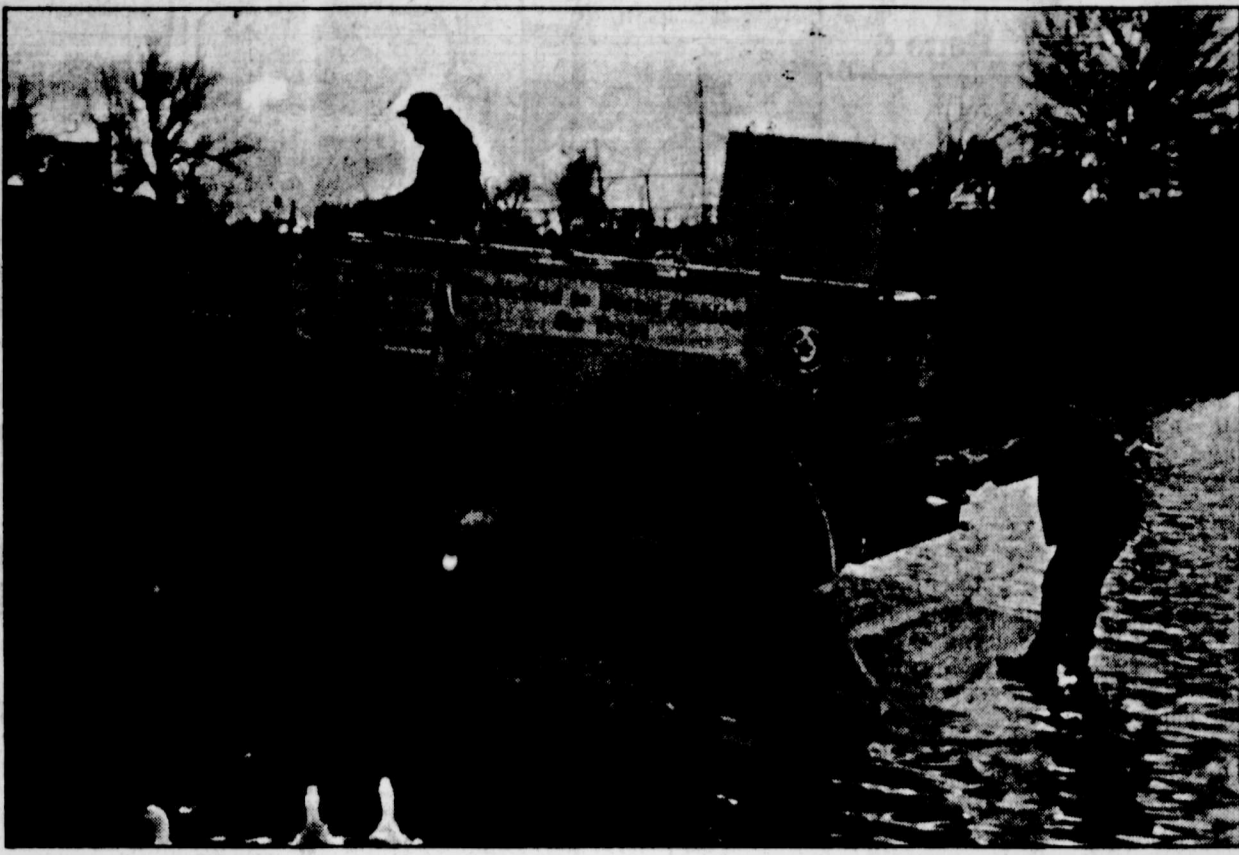
Marcus Scott, a co-worker at Duracell, described McDermott as inquisitive and sociable. "I can't believe this," Scott told the Globe. "That the man would just walk in and start shooting people. Mike wouldn't do this. Mike wouldn't hurt a fly."

Investigators seized bomb-making chemicals, blasting caps and magazines on explosives from his Haverhill apartment.

After Tuesday's shooting, co-worker Mike Stanley described McDermott as "a little strange" and "quirky," offering that if any of his co-workers was capable of the rampage, it was McDermott. But Frank Harrington, a consultant at the company, had another take.

"I thought he was, prior to (Tuesday), a nice person to work with," he said.

## Rainbow Trout release



Earlier this month, (top) Daniel Field and Jeff Gee, Texas Parks and Wildlife Fisheries biologists, introduced 974 Rainbow Trout into the lake at Pampa's Recreation Park. The biologists hooked up a pump to the lake and exchanged the water in the trailer for lake water before releasing the fish, a procedure which took about 30 minutes and greatly reduced shock and stress on the fish. Three fishermen were on hand, waiting for the fish trailer to arrive, and within one hour after the trout were in the lake George Hayes managed to catch this season's first trout at the park. Bottom, left-right: George Hayes, John Dawes and Tom Chumbley.

(Special photo)

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## PAPERS

Perry, who became governor last week when George W. Bush resigned to become president.

Some senators said they were prepared to vote regardless of the outcome.

"I'm going to show up at the appointed hour prepared to vote," said Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, a strong proponent of the secret ballot and an 11-year veteran who has expressed interest in the lieutenant governor job.

"I am a very strong believer in the separation of powers and I don't believe that a district court has the jurisdiction to tell the Senate how to conduct its business," he said.

During the state district court hearing Wednesday, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn argued that the state constitution authorized the senators to elect their presiding officer by secret vote.

Senators supporting the private ballot say it helps avoid the political retribution that might result if votes are known.

Livingston ruled that the constitutional provision allowing the Senate to elect "officers" in secret almost certainly referred to employee positions such as clerks and doorkeepers.

"It seems to me in this case they are not choosing a president of the Senate. Rather, they are choosing the lieutenant governor. It seems to me that is something required by the (Texas) Open Meetings Act to be done in public," Livingston said.

The petition was filed by the Bryan-College Station Eagle, San Antonio Express-News, Houston Chronicle, Waco Tribune-Herald, Austin-American

Statesman and Texas Monthly magazine against the Senate and President Pro Tem Rodney Ellis, a Democratic senator from Houston.

"This is unprecedented," said Austin attorney Jennifer Riggs, who represented several of the publications. "We are seeing history being made. And the ones who benefit are the members of the public."

Perry's replacement will assume the duties but not the title of lieutenant governor and will continue to be a senator. He will control the flow of legislation while presiding over the Senate and keep a vote as a legislator. A new lieutenant governor will be elected in 2002, when Perry's term would have expired.

On Dec. 23, senators meeting in a private caucus informally agreed to pick Perry's replacement through a non-record vote. They still would have to approve the rule formally Thursday before casting ballots.

Last week, an Austin law firm representing the publications faxed letters to the 31 senators, warning that a non-record vote would violate the Open Meetings Act, which requires government bodies to act in public.

So far, Sens. Steve Ogden, R-College Station, Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay and Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, have opposed moves to keep the vote secret and said the state's constitution requires an open voice vote.

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, said he would honor the court's ruling.

"I obey the law. I think everybody ought to have their day in court. I don't know if the day in court is finished, however," he said.

## Fort Worth cheers scrapped census plans

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — It's official. Fort Worth is not a suburb of Dallas.

The White House budget office Wednesday struck down a proposal to group some cities together as "megapolitan areas" when releasing census information. That would have made the Old West cowtown a suburb of the more cosmopolitan Dallas.

"I am very pleased that the new standards will recognize the distinctions between the Dallas and Fort Worth areas," said U.S. Rep. Martin Frost, D-Dallas, whose district covers parts of Fort Worth. "The changes made to (the) proposed standards is a resounding victory for those of us in North Texas who spoke out to preserve our community's unique character and heritage."

More than 1,300 of Fort Worth's roughly 500,000 residents wrote letters to the U.S.

Census Bureau opposing the idea of Fort Worth being buried in the Dallas "megapolis."

"I'm pleased that the Census Bureau listened to us," Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr was quoted by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Thursday's editions. "It was a community-wide effort. It shows that when we all line up to work on something, we can make good things happen."

The Massachusetts cities of Brockton, Lawrence, Lowell and Haverhill bristled at losing their identities to Boston; and in Florida, residents of Bradenton and Port Charlotte fought against being second-rate to Saratoga.

Opposition was also strong in New Jersey, where the state would have been largely swallowed up by New York City and Philadelphia.

The agency got a total of 1,672 comment letters on the proposed standards nationwide.

"They were passionate letters and they clearly conveyed the pride folks have in Fort Worth and the importance of Fort Worth in the region," Michael Ratcliffe, a Census Bureau geographer, said of the 1,300 sent by Fort Worth residents.

Every decade since 1949, the federal government has prepared for a census by re-evaluating the definitions of metropolitan areas. The definitions influence the distribution of federal funds, decisions by corporations about where to locate — even lists of "best places to live."

## Officials: Escapees' atypical behavior, firepower alarming

DALLAS (AP) — Federal and state law enforcement officials say they are puzzled and alarmed by the atypical behavior, firepower and the alleged ringleader of a band of seven prison escapees suspected of killing an Irving police officer on Christmas Eve while stealing a cache of weapons at a sporting goods store.

"They are apparently on a mission, and it's a pretty dark mission," Lori Bailey, a spokeswoman for the FBI in Dallas, was quoted by The Dallas Morning News Thursday. "Does anybody know what that is right now? I don't think anybody does."

The only clue to the plans of the seven inmates, which includes two murders, was a note left during their escape that read, "You haven't heard the last of us."

The inmates have seemed to defy authorities and past history since their escape.

Multiple escapees are rare in Texas and most are caught within three miles of the prison or three days after escaping, said Glen Castlebury, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The last large escape attempt was Thanksgiving 1998 when seven death row inmates at the Ellis Unit in Huntsville attempted an escape from an exercise yard by cutting through a fence.

Guards spotted the inmates before they left the grounds, and only Martin Gurule managed to climb two security fences and escape. He apparently drowned shortly after the escape, and his body was found a week later, floating in a nearby creek.

"Once we're past the big unusual aspect of these many people escaping, all bets are off. We don't have anything else to compare it to," Castlebury said.

Rather than go the separate ways, back to families, favorite haunts and old running buddies, the inmates appear to have stuck together and appear to have plans for more crimes.

The inmates evaded more than 200 searchers using helicopters, horses and tracking dogs and disappeared until the Christmas Eve robbery and shooting death of police Officer Aubrey Hawkins in Irving, 280 miles away and two weeks later.

During the robbery at an Irving Oshman's Super Sports USA store, the inmates stole at least 25 new weapons, many of them semiautomatic hunting rifles and pistols, to add to 14 .357 Magnum pistols with 238 rounds of ammunition, a loaded automatic rifle and a loaded shotgun that they stole from a guard tower, the Dallas newspaper reported.

They also made off with a large amount of ammunition, a shopping cart full of winter clothes and \$70,000 in cash.

Some law enforcement officials fear the inmates may be preparing for a shoot-out with police, aware that they could face the death penalty if caught.

"These aren't guys who said, 'Hey, I need a gun in case a cop stops me.' It looks like they're getting ready to go to war," an unidentified police source told the Dallas newspaper.

But after the high-profile crime, just like after their dramatic escape, the men have disappeared amid rumors they are being aided.

"We're trying to look at every angle we can think of," he said. "If we really had a good answer to that, I think we'd be a little closer to finding them," said Officer David Tull, spokesman for the Irving Police Department.

Bailey of the FBI said the federal agency was compiling behavioral profiles of the escaped convicts.

Authorities believe the inmate leading the gang is George Rivas, who was serving 99 years for aggravated kidnapping and burglary, and whom prosecutors and law officers in El Paso called "one of the most dangerous men in El Paso."

The Christmas Eve robbery, which included guard uniforms for disguises and herding about a dozen employees had been herded to the back of the store, resembles the crime that put Rivas in jail.

In 1993, Rivas' gang robbed an Oshman's store in El Paso, taking dozens of guns, which later were found in his home. Later that year, he wore a security guard uniform to rob a Toys 'R' Us.

In both of those robberies, Rivas and an accomplice communicated with walkie-talkies and tied and handcuffed employees in a back room.

The toy store holdup, in which Rivas took hostages, ended with his rooftop arrest after a three-hour standoff with the police.

"Even on the roof, surrounded by a police helicopter and 100 officers, he still had it in his mind he was going to get away," an unidentified El Paso law official familiar with Rivas told the Houston Chronicle.

Rewards totaling \$23,000 have been offered by the governor's office, Schepp's Dairy and Crime Stoppers Anonymous for clues leading to the arrest of the seven men.

## Woman pleads guilty to smuggling turtle eggs

HOUSTON (AP) — A Los Angeles woman on Wednesday was sentenced to two years supervised release and time served for smuggling 1,500 sea turtle eggs into the United States, U.S. Attorney Mervyn M. Mosbacher said.

U.S. District Judge Nancy F. Atlas sentenced Ena Lilibet Reyes, 34, for illegally importing the endangered sea turtles and their eggs without obtaining a federal permit.

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# Donor Labors to Climb Mountain of Charity Mail

**DEAR ABBY:** Please help me and others who are constantly asked to give donations. I am a university professor at retirement age; I have a modest salary. Fortunately, I am frugal and thus able to lead a comfortable life.

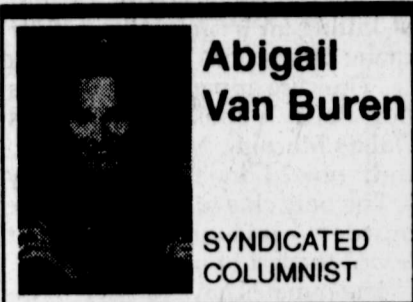
I contribute to numerous causes. Helping my fellow human beings is a moral duty from which I derive great satisfaction. Yes, I realize there are catastrophes in this world, and I do add something to my contribution whenever I can. However, I am unable to do it all the time.

Every year, I send checks to more than 80 charities, and I make it a point to label each donation "annual contribution for the year" — to no avail. Still I continue to receive three to four daily requests and/or "gifts." Besides the inconvenience of all this unasked-for and unwanted mail, I'm concerned about the waste of paper and the money that should go to philanthropy and not marketing.

How can I convince charities to accept the fact that I can send them only one check a year? Could you suggest that these associations label us "once-a-year contributors" and stop showering us with requests and gifts the rest of the year? Believe me, Abby, I would be most grateful.

NOT A MILLIONAIRE, COLUMBIA, S.C.

**DEAR NOT A MILLIONAIRE:** I could suggest that charities send solicitations only once a year — but the effort would be



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

useless. Many large charities have become automated. The donor lists have become part of a computer information bank, and requests for money are spit out and mailed a minimum of several times a year. One would think the expenditure of paper and postage would be taken into consideration, but they must make so much money that they can afford to waste it.

At one time, I was in your situation regarding a charity in Los Angeles. I, too, was concerned when I continued to be solicited almost monthly. I called a development person at the charity and asked to be solicited only once a year. During the next few months, I continued to receive requests for money from them — and then a package arrived containing a useless "gift," because I was such a "valued friend" of the charity.

Since that was not how I wanted my donations spent, I contacted a much smaller charity that does similar work and

solicits me only once a year. It now receives the donation I previously gave to the larger program.

P.S. It has been years, and I still receive requests from the large charity. I throw them away unopened.

**DEAR ABBY:** I don't have enough money to quit working, but I want to. I have this desire to live my life freely. I would like to travel around the world and get to know new people and rich men. If possible, I would like to meet handsome, kind men. How can I do this?

THE WISHER, MADRID, SPAIN

**DEAR WISHER:** Unless you win a lottery or an unexpected inheritance of some size comes your way, traveling without earning an income is indeed a fantasy. However, it's refreshing to learn that some fantasies are universal.

If you are willing to work while you travel, apply for a position as a crew member for a cruise line or a business that provides private jets to upscale companies. You're sure to meet new people in such a job. Unfortunately, there's no guarantee that the men you'll meet will be rich, handsome and kind. However, with luck, you might score two out of three.

## Horoscope

FRIDAY, DEC. 29, 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)

Put your best foot forward. Others might not appreciate the effort you make, but it makes no difference. Do it for yourself. Deal with a financial matter head-on, and you will be pleased with yourself. Your smile goes far. Success comes through a meeting. Tonight: Where your friends are.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Too much of anything can wear you down, even holiday hoorahs. You could be more off kilter than you realize. A boss might be pushing you in a certain direction, but you know what works for you. Clear out excess work. Tonight: Stop burning the candle at both ends.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Reach out for someone, but know your limits. You might not be comfortable with feedback, even if it is well-meaning. You could be a bit more tired than you realize. News is meant to be positive. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Work with a friend or loved one who might feel as if he is in dire straits. A partner or associate does something special. Do not minimize what is happening in a key matter. Your sense of

direction marks your actions. Willingly accept another's gesture. Tonight: Go for quality time.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Defer to others, especially a difficult associate. Someone clearly sees you in a special light. Take charge at work and get as much done as possible. Think carefully about your image at work. You could be overwhelmed by another's demanding nature. Tonight: Accept an invitation out.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Work must take a higher priority. You could be overwhelmed by what is going on at a distance. You also might have a difficult time establishing communication. Carefully rethink a decision. If you can find another course of action or a way around a problem, do so. Tonight: Squeeze in exercise.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Someone who has been a source of comfort or material support will slam the door if you aren't careful. You don't need to see eye to eye with another, but you do need to respect each other. Listen to feedback from a child or loved one who sees the complexity of a dilemma. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes and forget your cares.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Someone is testy. Still another could be grumpy. What is the common denominator here? You might want to question what you are putting out to get such strong reactions. A loved one cares and lets you know. Tonight: Mosey on home.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Your fatigue could be coloring your work and your vision about what is

possible here. You feel as if you are plugging along at an unusually slow pace. Think before enacting any decisions. Make calls and catch up on news. Tonight: Do something special for another.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Avoid the frivolous, and you will be happier. Curb a tendency to go overboard and (at times) a bit crazy. A loved one could inadvertently rain on your parade. Hold your money and feelings close to your vest, for now. Tonight: Make a favorite meal or be with a favorite person.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Clearly, you have a lot to buck. Finding common ground proves to be challenging. Carefully think through a decision that involves family or a domestic matter. You might not agree. Somehow, you might not understand another's attitude. Keep asking questions. Tonight: Do what makes you happy.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your understanding goes a long way toward resolving a problem. You might be overly sensitive and reactive. Pull back. Take a walk and think. Talk to a trusted friend later. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

### BORN TODAY

Actor Jude Law (1972), singer Marianne Faithfull (1946), actress Mary Tyler Moore (1936)

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## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

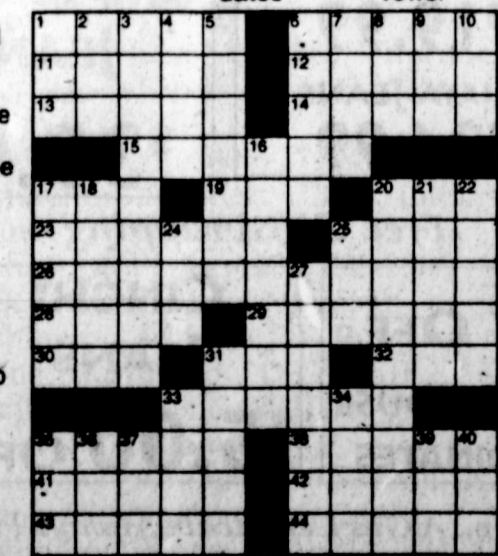
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- 30 Heady brew
- 31 Toothpaste choice
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- 42 Beak
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- 44 Buccaneers' base



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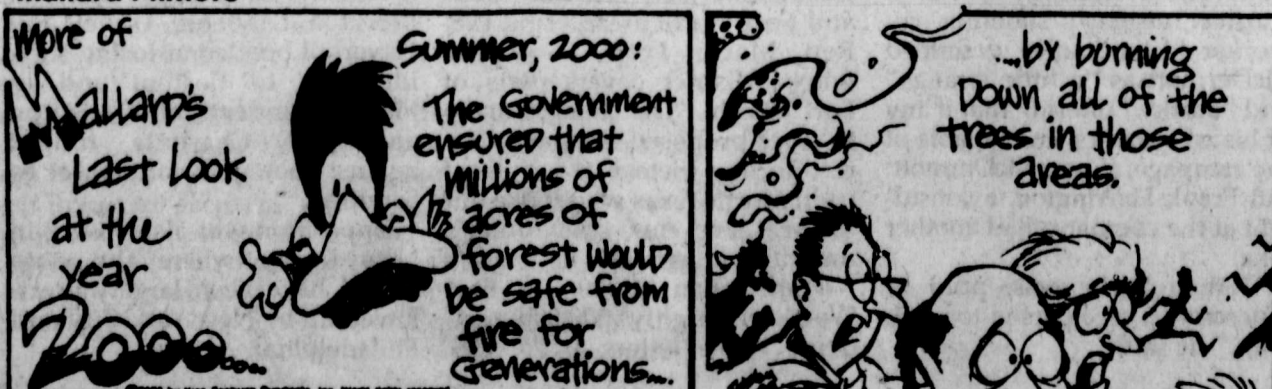
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# SPORTS

## Red Raiders fall in bowl battle, 40-27

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ  
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — East Carolina's wake-up call came much earlier than Texas Tech's.

The Pirates scored the first 34 of the game, including two 1-yard runs by Leonard Henry and a 71-yard punt return by Keith Stokes, and went on to a 40-27 victory in the gallery furniture Bowl on Wednesday night.

They stumbled to a 28-14 loss to Texas Christian in last year's Mobile Alabama Bowl and vowed to be ready for their next postseason game.

"They were a group of kids who didn't know how to act last year as far as preparing for a bowl game," East Carolina coach Steve Logan said. "They played hard, but

there was no focus. From that moment on, they determined to prepare differently."

The Red Raiders found themselves down 34-0 with 4:27 left in the first half.

"We woke up too late," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "We were sluggish. I don't know why, but I'm going to discover it in the offseason. I knew they were good, but I didn't think they'd be that effective. They made the big plays when they needed to. That's something we didn't do."

Pirates quarterback David Garrard completed 17 of 27 passes for 229 yards and one touchdown, earning the Most Valuable Player award. The TD pass was a 44-yarder to Derrick Collier in the first half.

"I never thought we'd come out like that at the start,"

Garrard said. "But we wanted to keep on pounding and pounding. We did that all the way."

A crowd of 33,899 saw the first bowl game played in the Astrodome since the last Bluebonnet Bowl in 1987. Ticketing problems caused hundreds of fans to miss much of the first half standing at the will-call window waiting to get their tickets.

In a game expected to be an offensive shootout, only East Carolina came through in the first half with an assortment of trick plays and fancy running by Stokes. Voted the special teams player of the game, he had 266 total yards.

"I knew all we needed was a spark, whether it happened on offense or special teams," Stokes said. "This time, it happened on special teams."

Stokes had five kickoff returns for 105 yards, and three punt returns for 82 yards. He also rushed 33 yards on two carries and caught five passes for 46 yards.

Tech rallied behind Kliff Kingsbury, who threw three of his four touchdown passes in the second half to cut into the big deficit.

The Red Raiders finally scored with a 7-yard touchdown pass from Kingsbury to Derek Dorris with 1:39 left in the first half.

"To get down 34-0 is a pretty big hole to climb out of," Kingsbury said. "I don't think they were a super defense. We just made them look good."

Kingsbury hit Darrell Jones with a 65-yard touchdown pass with 13:11 to go in the third quarter to make it 34-14.

After East Carolina's Kevin Miller kicked field goals of 36 and 35 yards, Kingsbury threw a touchdown pass of 17 yards to Cole Roberts and a 3-yard pass to Dorris to make it 40-27.

"Whatever I did this week to avoid that happening, I didn't get it done," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "It wasn't a bowl game, it was just a game. We went out and got outplayed."

The last bowl game played in the Astrodome was on Dec. 21, 1987, when Texas defeated Pittsburgh 32-27, ending a 28-year run for the Bluebonnet Bowl.

Tech's bowl record dropped to 5-18-1, and the Red Raiders have lost five of their last six postseason games. East Carolina improved its bowl record to 7-2.

### Notebook

#### BASKETBALL

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.

#### SOFTBALL

CORPUS CHRISTI — There will be a softball camp for girls ages 7 through 18 on Jan. 20-21 at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

For more information and registration forms, call (361)-825-3412.

#### FOOTBALL

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — When UTEP coach Gary Nord learned the Miners would travel to chilly Idaho for the Humanitarian Bowl, he stopped by the equipment room to check on cold-weather gear.

"It looked like a lost-and-found box," Nord said. "There were some gloves and a couple of hats in there. That was it."

For their showdown with the Broncos (9-2), UTEP (8-3) purchased new tights, gloves, wool hats and jackets. Temperatures are forecast in the upper 30s, about 15 degrees warmer than last season's Humanitarian Bowl.

"It's not nearly as cold lately as it was last year," said Boise State coach Dirk Koetter, recalling the Broncos' 34-31 victory over Louisville. "It's not Palm Springs but if we don't get any big winds, the weather shouldn't matter."

Nord agreed, although before leaving El Paso he had the Miners practice at 6 a.m. to experience cooler temperatures. This time of year in El Paso, highs usually reach the 50s or 60s.

"I don't care how cold, snowy or rainy it gets, both teams have to play in it," Nord said. "Fifteen minutes after it's over, you get to stand in a hot shower. What's the big deal?"

Maybe the glow from the scoreboard lights will keep everyone warm, since both teams can put the ball in the end zone. Boise State's 44.9 scoring average leads the nation, while UTEP is 22nd at 32.3.

"Whoever plays the best defense will win," Nord said. There's also a matchup between two offensive stars who blossomed in college after barely being recruited in high school.

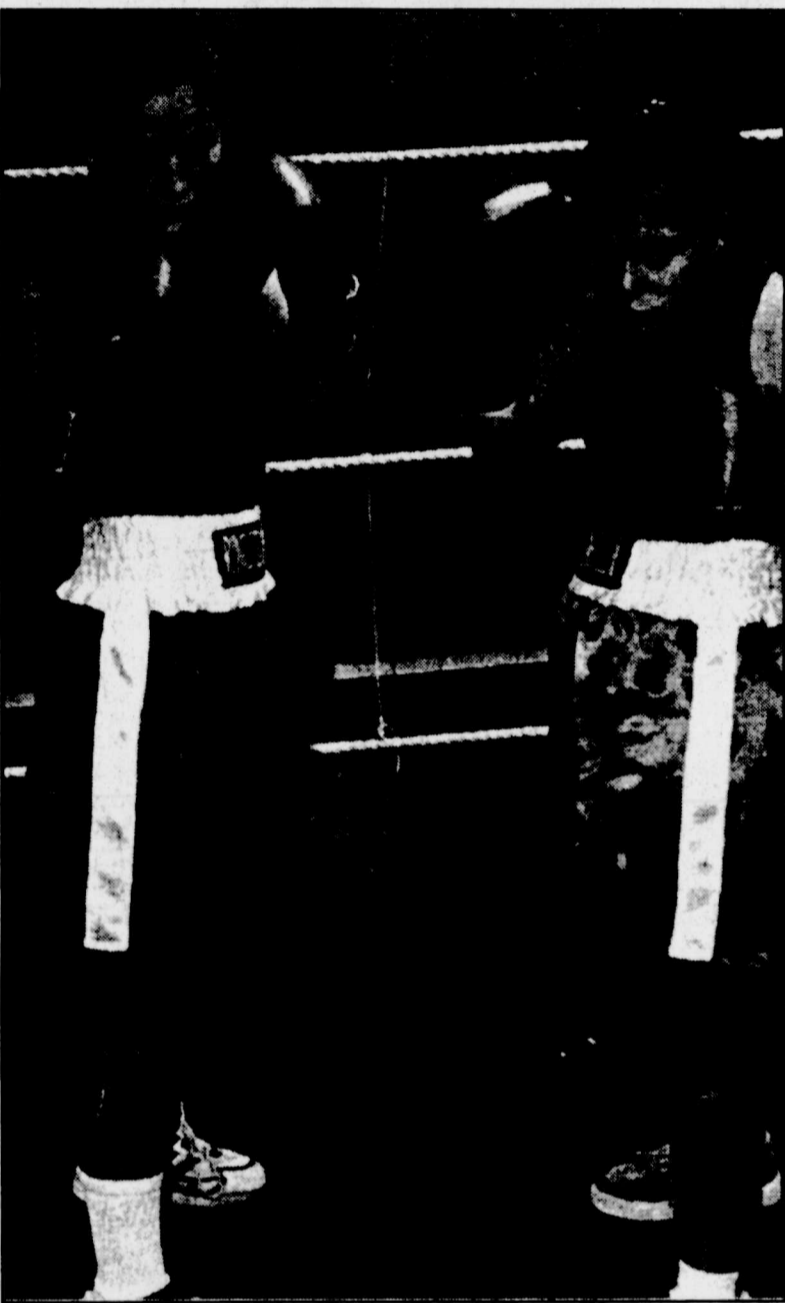
UTEP tight end Brian Natkin, who picked the Miners over Air Force and Army coming out of high school in San Antonio, was a first-team All American this fall, capping his career as the school leader with 172 receptions.

Broncos quarterback Bart Hendricks is a product of Reno, Nev., whose only Division I offers came from Nevada and Boise State. A two-time Big West player of the year, he led the nation with 35 touchdown passes this season.

Both Natkin and Hendricks attracted attention from professional scouts. Not bad, considering each passed up offers from established Division I-AA programs to take a chance in Division I.

"It shows you can't evaluate a kid's heart," Koetter said.

### Female boxers



(Photo by Grover Black)

Nikki Medley (left) and Celia Mora are part of a girls' boxing team organized by the Youth Survival Club of Pampa. The girls' program started about four months ago and they are expected to appear in a tournament in Pampa later this year.

### Harvesters meet Muleshoe in L. Caprock Tournament

LUBBOCK — The Pampa Harvesters will meet Muleshoe at 3:30 today in the first round of the Lubbock Caprock Tournament. That game will be played in the Lubbock Monterey High gym.

Other games in both boys' and girls' divisions will be played at Estacado and Lubbock High schools during the three-day tournament.

The Harvesters enter the tournament with a 10-6 record. They opened the District 3-4A season Dec. 21 with a 66-52 win over Dumas.

Muleshoe, a 3A school, has several players just coming out of the football playoffs.

The Mules were 20-11 a year ago and advanced to the Area round of the basketball playoffs. Their only returning regular is 5-10 senior post Darrell Lewis.

District 3-4A foes Caprock, Borger and Hereford are also competing in the tournament. Class 3A powerhouse Dimmitt is also entered.

Seminole, which handed Pampa a 71-70 loss in the season opener, is another entry.

Pampa returns to district action against Amarillo

Caprock on Jan. 2 in McNeely Fieldhouse. Gametime is 7:30.

### IBL team cuts Leon Smith

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP) — Another basketball team has given up on Leon Smith.

The one-time first-round NBA pick has been released by the St. Louis Swarm of the International Basketball League. Smith, a 6-10 forward-center, averaged seven points and nearly eight rebounds per game in three games with the Swarm (3-1) this season.

Though the release was announced Wednesday, the team said Smith was let go following the Swarm's 110-91 win over Cincinnati on Saturday. Smith did not play in that game for what was listed as personal reasons.

"It just didn't work out," coach Bernie Bickerstaff said. "He's a nice young man with a lot of skill and we wish him well. But at some point, you have to be willing to take responsibility for yourself. There were times when he really worked to fit in here. But he wasn't able to sustain it."

Smith, 20, tried to make the jump from Martin Luther King High in Chicago to the NBA last year.

## Lady Harvesters to host soccer scrimmages Jan. 2

PAMPA — The Pampa girls' soccer team will host a four-team scrimmage Jan. 2, starting at 9 a.m. at the high school athletic complex.

Canyon, Randall and Borger will join Pampa in the round-robin type of scrimmages.

"These are going to be short scrimmages," said PHS head coach Lori Patulea. "It's an opportunity to get everybody playing so they can work out the kinks."

The Lady Harvesters will be looking to make a strong run at the District 3-4A title.

"We should be very strong," Patulea said. "We had a talented group of freshmen three years ago, and now they're juniors."

Those juniors are Misty Northcutt, Jessica Burns, Desiree Vigil, Danielle Martinez and Allison Earl.

"These girls are the nucleus of the team we had last year," added Patulea.

Cassie Meadows is the lone senior on the squad. Kori Dunn is the only freshman who made the varsity.

Meadows, Northcutt and

sophomore Sara Porter were named as team captains.

"We only lost one starter, so we're looking to be real good this year," Patulea said.

The Lady Harvesters open the season Jan. 9 at home against Amarillo High.

### It's High School Heisman time!

BOSTON (AP) — Coming soon to a high school near you: the Heisman Trophy.

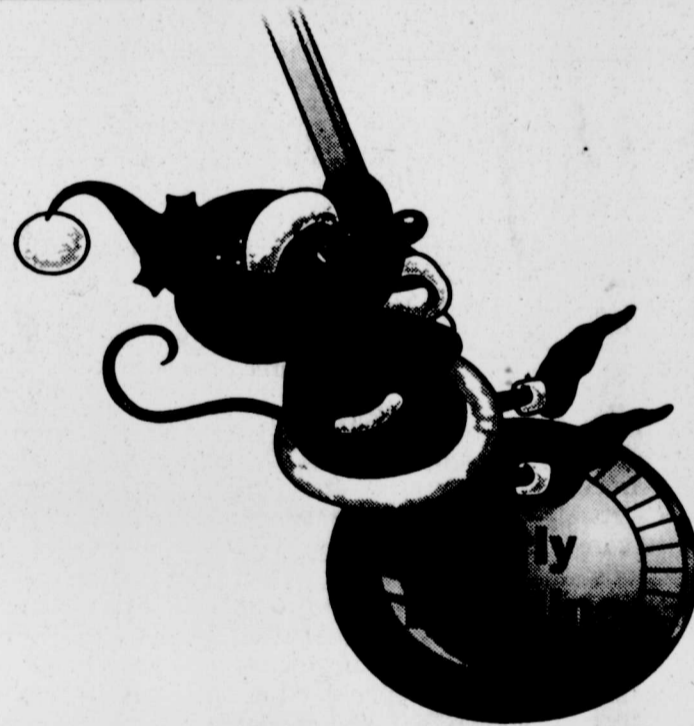
For the first time, New York City's Downtown Athletic Club is putting its stamp on a high school football version of the most prestigious award in college football.

Unlike the Wendy's High School Heisman, which can be awarded to athletes in a number of sports, the first annual High School Heisman is for football only.

The award may be new but its name has given it immediate distinction.

"When I first found out about it, I was awestruck," said nominee Brett Basanez, a quarterback of St. Viator High School in Arlington Heights, Ill. "I was overwhelmed."

The Northwestern-bound Basanez, who threw for more than 3,000 yards and 37 touchdowns in 11 games this season, is competing with three other regional nominees for the Heisman honor.



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Happy Holidays!

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# Record-setting Marshall Faulk wins MVP honors

By R.B. FALLSTROM  
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Marshall Faulk spotted the rest of the league two games and still won the NFL's Most Valuable Player award easily.

"He's the greatest player in the NFL, and that's something that's obvious to us," St. Louis Rams tight end Roland Williams said. "We're glad everybody else can see it."

Faulk was a last-minute scratch for the Panthers game in Week 9 when loose cartilage locked up in his right knee, and he underwent arthroscopic surgery the following day.

He missed the next game, and the Rams used him sparingly the two games after that, which didn't keep him from setting an NFL record with 26 touchdowns. He also topped 2,000 yards rushing and receiving for the second straight season.

The first half of the season, Faulk was probably the MVP favorite.

"I think once I got injured, the talk went away," Faulk said. "Just deciding to get it done when I did was probably the best thing I did. I guess it was just good timing on our part."

Last season, teammate Kurt Warner was the MVP.

"The guy, I felt, deserved it as much as anybody last year,

and definitely deserves it this year," Warner said. "He'd get my vote every year."

Faulk, 27, received 24 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters. Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb (11) was second, followed by Tennessee running back Eddie George (8), Oakland quarterback Rich Gannon (5), Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning (1) and Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis (1).

Faulk set the NFL record with 2,429 yards last year. This year, he set a record with three four-TD games and totaled 2,189 yards, second behind Edgerrin James' 2,303.

In the last three games, Faulk scored 11 touchdowns and had 572 yards rushing and receiving. He saved the best for last, rushing for 220 yards and catching seven passes for 41 yards in a victory over the Saints that, combined with Chicago's upset of Detroit, put the Rams in the lead of the conference. As that happened, my workload increased.

His game isn't just statistics. Coach Mike Martz has often complimented Faulk for his on-field awareness and leadership off the field, and he doesn't mind doing the little things.

"He does everything so

well," general manager Charley Arney said. "He had three or four really big blocks in the Saints game, he picks up the blitz real well and lead blocks when he has to."

"I don't know if anybody has ever had a ballplayer that could do everything as well as he can do it."

Martz knew Faulk was different early last season, his first with the Rams. Faulk played a minor role in a victory at Cincinnati in Week 3, touching the ball 14 times for only 40 yards, but didn't need an apology.

"A player of his stature, invariably in professional sports, has this certain amount of selfishness, and that lower lip starts to hang," Martz said. "That's not Marshall at all."

"He's the most unselfish professional athlete I think I've ever been around."

Faulk, the 1999 Offensive Player of the Year, is the 14th running back to be voted MVP. He joins such Hall of Fame runners as Jim Brown, Walter Payton, Jim Taylor, Paul Hornung, Earl Campbell and Marcus Allen.

"There's not too many of those guys that you won't see in the Hall of Fame, or those guys that didn't (make it), got everything out of every play one every down," Faulk said. "It's good company."

# Scoreboard

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### College Bowl Games

#### At A Glance

By The Associated Press  
All Times EST

Wednesday, Dec. 20  
Mobile Alabama Bowl  
Payout: \$750,000  
Southern Mississippi 28, TCU 21

Thursday, Dec. 21  
Las Vegas Bowl  
At Las Vegas  
Payout: \$600,000  
UNLV 31, Arkansas 14

Sunday, Dec. 24  
Oahu Bowl  
At Honolulu  
Payout: \$750,000  
Georgia 37, Virginia 14

Monday, Dec. 25  
Blue-Gray Classic  
At Montgomery, Ala.  
Gray 40, Blue 37  
At Honolulu  
Payout: \$750,000  
Boston College 31, Arizona State 17

Wednesday, Dec. 27  
Motor City Bowl  
At Pontiac, Mich.  
Payout: \$750,000  
Marshall 25, Cincinnati 14  
Gallery Furniture.com Bowl  
At Houston  
Payout: \$750,000  
East Carolina 40, Texas Tech 27

Thursday, Dec. 28  
Humanitarian Bowl  
At Boise, Idaho  
Payout: \$750,000  
Boise State (9-2) vs. Texas-El Paso (8-3), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
Music City Bowl  
At Nashville, Tenn.  
Payout: \$750,000  
West Virginia (6-5) vs. Mississippi (7-4), 4 p.m. (ESPN)  
Micronpc.com Bowl  
At Miami  
Payout: \$750,000  
Minnesota (6-5) vs. North Carolina State (7-4), 7 p.m. (TBS)  
Insight.com Bowl  
At Phoenix  
Payout: \$750,000  
Iowa State (8-3) vs. Pittsburgh (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 29  
Liberty Bowl  
At Memphis, Tenn.  
Payout: \$1.25 million  
Colorado State (9-2) vs. Louisville (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
Sun Bowl  
At El Paso, Texas  
Payout: \$1 million  
UCLA (6-5) vs. Wisconsin (6-4), 2 p.m. (CBS)  
Peach Bowl  
At Atlanta

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### College Bowl Games

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All Times EST

Wednesday, Dec. 20  
Holiday Bowl  
At San Diego  
Payout: \$1.9 million  
Texas (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 30  
Alamo Bowl  
At San Antonio  
Payout: \$1.2 million  
Nebraska (9-2) vs. Northwestern (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 31  
Silicon Valley Classic  
At San Jose, Calif.  
Payout: \$1.2 million  
Fresno State (7-4) vs. Air Force (8-3), 7 p.m. (FOXSN)

Independence Bowl  
At Shreveport, La.  
Payout: \$1.1 million  
Texas A&M (7-4) vs. Mississippi State (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 1  
Outback Bowl  
At Tampa, Fla.  
Payout: \$2 million  
Ohio State (8-3) vs. South Carolina (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)  
Cotton Bowl  
Payout: \$2.5 million  
At Dallas  
Kansas State (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-3), 11 a.m. (FOX)  
Gator Bowl  
At Jacksonville, Fla.  
Payout: \$1.4 million  
Virginia Tech (10-1) vs. Clemson (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)  
Citrus Bowl  
At Orlando, Fla.  
Payout: \$4 million  
Michigan (8-3) vs. Auburn (9-3), 1 p.m. (ABC)  
Rosa Bowl  
At Pasadena, Calif.  
Payout: \$13.5 million  
Purdue (8-3) vs. Washington (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)  
Fiesta Bowl  
At Tempe, Ariz.  
Payout: \$13.5 million  
Oregon State (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Tuesday, Jan. 2  
Sugar Bowl  
At New Orleans  
Payout: \$13.5 million  
Florida (10-2) vs. Miami (10-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Wednesday, Jan. 3  
Orange Bowl  
At Miami  
Payout: \$11.1 million  
Oklahoma (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

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### College Bowl Games

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All Times EST

Eastern Conference  
Atlantic Division

Philadelphia 20 W L Pct GB  
New York 17 12 .588 3 1/2  
Miami 16 14 .533 5  
Orlando 12 16 .429 8  
Boston 11 17 .363 9  
New Jersey 9 19 .321 11  
Washington 5 24 .172 15 1/2

Central Division

Charlotte 20 W L Pct GB  
Cleveland 15 11 .577 3 1/2  
Milwaukee 15 12 .556 4  
Toronto 14 14 .500 5 1/2  
Detroit 13 15 .464 6 1/2  
Indiana 13 17 .433 7 1/2  
Atlanta 10 18 .357 9 1/2  
Chicago 3 24 .111 18

Western Conference  
Midwest Division

Utah 20 W L Pct GB  
San Antonio 18 10 .643 1 1/2  
Dallas 19 11 .633 1 1/2  
Minnesota 16 13 .552 4  
Denver 15 14 .517 5  
Houston 13 15 .464 6 1/2  
Vancouver 8 20 .286 11 1/2

Pacific Division

Sacramento 19 W L Pct GB  
L.A. Lakers 20 10 .667 1  
Portland 19 10 .655 1 1/2  
Phoenix 17 9 .652 2  
Seattle 16 14 .533 5  
L.A. Clippers 10 19 .345 10 1/2  
Golden State 8 20 .286 12

Tuesday's Games  
Charlotte 115, Cleveland 110, OT  
Detroit 101, Boston 96  
Atlanta 81, New Jersey 76  
San Antonio 103, Houston 95  
Milwaukee 89, Orlando 77  
Dallas 114, Seattle 93  
Minnesota 100, Toronto 97  
Philadelphia 87, Utah 91  
Denver 109, L.A. Clippers 108  
Phoenix 97, Vancouver 95

Wednesday's Games  
New York 89, Washington 82  
Miami 91, Indiana 79  
Seattle 107, Houston 92  
Philadelphia 118, Golden State 110

Thursday's Games  
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
Detroit at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.  
Boston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.  
Portland at Utah, 8 p.m.  
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8 p.m.  
San Antonio at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
Toronto at Denver, 9 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
Charlotte at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games  
Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
Chicago at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
Vancouver at Portland, 10 p.m.  
Utah at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

## PRO BASKETBALL

### National Basketball Association

#### At A Glance

# Lemieux leads Pittsburgh past Toronto in 5-0 shutout

By IRA PODELL  
AP Sports Writer

Nothing could take the spotlight away from Mario Lemieux, not even four goals by Peter Bondra.

Lemieux resumed his NHL career after a 3 1/2-year retirement with a goal and two assists as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-0 Wednesday night.

"I was a little surprised by the way I played," Lemieux said. "My legs were strong. I didn't play that much in the third period, but my legs were still strong."

They were in especially good shape on his first shift, when 33 seconds into the game Lemieux assisted on Jaromir Jagr's 20th goal this season, sending the home crowd into a frenzy.

"I wanted to get off to a good start and take the pressure off right off the bat," said Lemieux, who has set up 67 of Jagr's goals.

Bondra had his sixth career game with at least four goals — Lemieux leads active players with 13 — as the Washington Capitals earned a 5-1 road victory over the Ottawa Senators.

"I'll take that. I don't have to be a highlight," said Bondra, referring to Lemieux, who is also the owner of the Penguins.

In other NHL games, it was Carolina 4, New York Rangers 3; Minnesota 5, Detroit 3; Boston 5, New York Islanders 2; Columbus 2, New Jersey 2; Philadelphia 5, Florida 2; Dallas 3, Anaheim 1; Phoenix 1, Chicago 1; Colorado 3, Edmonton 2; and Vancouver 3, Montreal 2.

It was Bondra's first hat trick in

more than 14 months — and 15th of his career. He scored three of Washington's four second-period goals.

"It's too bad nobody in the world will notice he scored four because Mario scored a goal," Capitals coach Ron Wilson said.

Lemieux scored at 10:33 of the second period. Jagr skated down the right wing, faked out defenseman Dimitri Yushkevich, then fed a cross-ice pass to a fast-charging Lemieux.

His second assist came less than four minutes later when he set up Jan Hrdina for a 4-0 lead.

"I didn't know what to expect, but I didn't expect that," said Jagr, who also had a short-handed goal and two assists.

Dmitri Khristich also scored in the second for the Capitals. Adam Oates had three assists in the period.

Bondra's 18th goal this season and fourth of the night made it 5-1.

"Once he gets excited to score, good luck trying to stop him," Wilson said.

Wilson was also distracted by Lemieux's comeback. A cheer went up from Senators fans when a replay of his goal was shown on the scoreboard.

"I was looking for out-of-town scores, and I happened to look up when he scored that goal," Wilson said.

**Hurricanes 4, Rangers 3**  
Martin Gelinas scored two power-play goals and assisted on Rob DiMaio's winner as Carolina beat New York.

League-leading scorer Theo Fleury had a goal and Petr Nedved added two assists for the visiting Rangers.

## Deviils 2, Blue Jackets 2

Jason Arnott scored on a power play with 69 seconds left in the third period to give New Jersey a tie with Columbus.

Randy McKay also scored for the host Devils.

Columbus goalie Mark Denis, who stopped the first 17 shots and finished with 42 saves, prevented New Jersey from extending its winning streak to four games by stopping six shots in overtime.

Espen Knutsen and Kevyn Adams had Columbus goals.

**Bruins 5, Islanders 2**  
Bill Guerin scored two goals, and Jason Allison added three assists for Boston.

Joe Thornton, Kyle McLaren and Sergei Samsonov also scored for the Bruins, who got 31 saves from goalie Byron Dafoe.

Bill Muckalt and Dave Scatchard scored for the Islanders, who lost their third straight during a seven-game homestand.

**Flyers 5, Panthers 2**  
Five Flyers scored and goalie Roman Cechmanek made 31 saves in his third straight win. Philadelphia sealed the road victory with goals 72 seconds apart by Paul Ranheim and Chris Therien.

Panthers goalie Trevor Kidd allowed five goals on 34 shots. Robert Svehla scored both goals for Florida, which has just one victory in its last 14 games (1-8-3-2).

**Wild 5, Red Wings 3**  
Scott Pellerin and Sean O'Donnell scored second-period goals, and Minnesota held on to defeat Detroit.

An apparent tying goal by Kirk

Maltby with nearly three minutes left was disallowed, preserving the Wild's victory in their first game at Joe Louis Arena.

Antti Laaksonen added an empty-net goal with 19 seconds left.

**Blackhawks 1, Coyotes 1**  
Phoenix's Sean Burke stopped 24 shots, and Chicago's Jocelyn Thibault made 18 saves.

Chicago's Eric Daze and Phoenix's Shane Doan scored as the host Blackhawks extended their unbeaten streak to a season-high four games (3-0-1).

**Stars 3, Mighty Ducks 1**  
Shaun Van Allen scored twice as Dallas extended its winning

streak to three games.

Stars rookie goalie Marty Turco finished with 19 saves. Jere Lehtinen extended Dallas' lead to 3-1 with 10:09 to play.

German Titov scored the only goal for visiting Anaheim, which lost its fourth straight.

**Avalanche 3, Oilers 2**  
Milan Hejduk and Adam Foote scored third-period goals, and Ray Bourque had two assists as Colorado won for the third time in four games.

Chris Drury got his first goal in seven games and Patrick Roy stopped 18 shots for the host Avalanche.

Janne Niinimaa and Daniel

Cleary scored for Edmonton, and Doug Weight posted his 600th career point.

**Canucks 3, Canadiens 2**  
Felix Potvin stopped 20 shots and Markus Naslund scored his 20th goal as Vancouver ended a three-game losing streak with a home victory.

Vancouver jumped out to a 3-0 lead after two periods on goals by Harold Druken, Naslund and Brendan Morrison, then hung on after Brian Savage and Jim Campbell closed to 4-3.

Vancouver won for just the second time in six games. Montreal lost its third straight and has just one win in 11 games.

# Marshall tames Cincy in Motor Bowl

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Byron Leftwich showed that his coach knows what he's talking about.

Marshall coach Bob Pruett has been telling everyone that Leftwich has the potential to be the Mid-American Conference's best quarterback ever.

The MAC is not exactly the cradle of quarterbacks, but it did produce Charlie Batch of the Detroit Lions and Chad Pennington, drafted by the New York Jets in the first round this year.

"It makes you want to get better every day and work hard every day," Leftwich said after hearing his coach's praise. "When your coach says you have an opportunity to be the best quarterback ever from the MAC, it only pushes you to get better."

"It's a good pressure," Leftwich led the Thundering Herd to a 25-14 win over

Cincinnati in the Motor City Bowl on Wednesday, giving Marshall a three-game winning streak in the bowl after losing the inaugural game in 1997.

Marshall (8-5) won six of its last seven games in what was expected to be a rebuilding year after Pennington graduated.

Leftwich, the Most Valuable Player of the game, threw a 77-yard touchdown pass on the fourth play and rushed for another 117, making up for two turnovers in the second quarter.

"I was so juicy up, I wanted to make every play a touchdown," Leftwich said. "Coach told me to settle down, and I did, and it showed in the second half."

The sophomore was 17-of-30 for 221 yards. This season, Leftwich completed over 60 percent of his passes for 3,579 yards with 22 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

"His story is still yet unwritten,"

Cincinnati coach Rick Minter said. "He had a great game, and his career is only half over. That's scary if you're his opposition."

Leftwich was confident he would be successful this season after sitting behind Pennington the past two years.

"I just had to wait my turn and get a chance," Leftwich said. "I think I really showed what I could do, and I am proud to lead a continually proud line of Marshall quarterbacks."

Cincinnati's Deontey Kenner was 19-of-39 for 189 yards with two interceptions, and DeMarco McCleskey rushed for 72 yards and two touchdowns.

Despite the loss, the Bearcats (7-5) hope they will begin a winning tradition at what is regarded as a basketball school.

"Today's defeat is just a setback and is not detrimental to the program," Minter said.

# Iverson returns to action, scores 29 in 76ers win over Warriors

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Larry Brown couldn't stop Allen Iverson from playing, and the Golden State Warriors couldn't stop him from winning.

Iverson returned to action just five days after dislocating his right shoulder and scored 21 of his 29 points after halftime as the Philadelphia 76ers won their sixth straight road game, beating the Warriors 118-110 Wednesday night.

"I really, really wanted to play," Iverson said. "I felt like I wasn't going to hurt myself any more than I already was. I've got a lot of confidence in these guys getting things done without me, but I'd rather see them get it done with me."

In other NBA games, New York beat Washington 89-82, Miami defeated Indiana 91-79 and Seattle stopped Houston 107-92.

While helping the Sixers

increase their Eastern Conference lead and beating his good friend and former teammate Larry Hughes on Wednesday night, Iverson certainly didn't look like a player hobbled by a lengthy list of injuries.

He said his shoulder — which was expected to keep him out 1-to-3 weeks, but only stopped him from playing in Tuesday's game at Utah — didn't hurt as much as a left hip pointer he picked up last week, or his chronically inflamed right elbow, which might require surgery sometime soon.

Iverson's biggest challenge was playing against Hughes, who scored 18 points against the team that traded him in February.

"It was awkward. It was uncomfortable," Iverson said. "We don't want each other as loose, except when we play each other."

Hughes, the eighth overall pick in the '98 draft, was sent to Golden State in February in a three-way trade that brought Toni Kukoc to Philadelphia. He said Iverson only played because it was a chance for the good buddies to face off.

"I hang out with the guy, so I know (injuries) don't matter," Hughes said. "Once the ball goes up, everything goes out the window. That's how I play, and I learned that from him."

Jumaine Jones added career-highs of 19 points and nine rebounds as Philadelphia improved the NBA's best road record to 13-4 with the team's highest point total of the season.

James Jones had 36 points and 11 rebounds for the Warriors, who lost for the fifth time in six home games and were 1-2 in their last three games at the Oakland Arena.

Down by a point with 7:24 left, the Sixers responded with an 8-0 run and held the Warriors scoreless for more than four minutes. Aaron McKie, who finished with 24 points, scored nine in the final six minutes, and Iverson had several big buckets as Philadelphia held on.

"I don't think (Iverson) was ever hurt," Golden State coach Dave Cowens said. "You don't play with a dislocated shoulder. But he didn't hurt us as much as Jones and McKie."

Golden State's Mookie Blaylock had 20 points and 11 assists, but couldn't contain Iverson.

Iverson played 19 minutes in the first half and didn't appear to be favoring the shoulder. He scored 10 points in the third quarter and 11 of Philadelphia's 37 points in the fourth.

Jones, who like Hughes has feasted on Philadelphia's side-

line after leaving college early, easily surpassed his previous career high of eight points.

"It feels good to come in here and contribute in a tough game like this one," Jones said. "It's tough playing here the night after playing in Utah, but we made the most of it."

Knicks 89, Wizards 82  
Latrell Sprewell scored 25 points and Allan Houston had 23 for New York as Washington fell to 5-24, the franchise's worst record after 29 games. The 1966-67 Baltimore Bullets started 6-23.

Juwan Howard scored 20 points and Chris Whitney 15 for the Wizards, who lost their fifth straight overall and sixth in a row at home.

SuperSonics 107, Rockets 92  
Gary Payton had 26 points and 10 assists and Ruben Patterson scored 23 points as Seattle handed host Houston its sixth straight loss.

The Rockets haven't won since beating Golden State 98-95 on Dec. 14 and haven't won at home since defeating Dallas 109-102 on Dec. 5.

Maurice Taylor led the Rockets with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Cuttino Mobley scored 18 points.

Heat 91, Pacers 79  
Eddie Jones scored 22 points as host Miami extended its winning streak to three games.

The 79 points were the fewest for Indiana this season, and the frustration showed as Reggie Miller and Al Harrington were ejected, and Sam Perkins and Derrick McKey were hit with technical fouls.

A.C. Green scored 15 points for Miami, which moved two games above .500 for the first time this season.

Jalen Rose scored 13 points for Indiana. Jermaine O'Neal, Travis Best and Austin Croshere each had 12.



# Schools expanding ways to educate students on-line

By ANJETTA McQUEEN  
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A generation growing up on the Internet may now get their formal educations there — from new schools offering kindergarten through 12th grade on-line.

Backers of education technology say the Internet can help children isolated from traditional schoolhouses by distance or disabilities or benefit children already schooled at home by their parents.

"Education is what America cares about the most, and technology is what we do best," said former Education Secretary William Bennett, introducing a new on-line school Thursday. The for-profit school, K12, begins enrollment next fall in kindergarten through second-grade and promises eventually to offer lessons in all grades from math and science to arts and sex education. Costs would range from \$25 for skill tests to about \$2,000 for full lesson plans and software for a year.

As a past critic of education technology, Bennett once gave schools' efforts to increase use of computers in teaching an F-minus. Yet he is joining companies and school districts willing, even eager, to sail into uncharted cyberspace despite skeptical child development experts and the spiraling business failure rate in the dot-com world.

There's no exact count of public and private elementary and secondary schools that have followed the lead of Web-based colleges: The nonprofit, Orlando-based Florida On-line High School has offered on-line courses since 1997 for grades 9 to 12 nationwide. Public charter schools from California to Pennsylvania teach children on-line. At the state-funded Valley Pathways on-line school based

in Palmer, Alaska, roughly 300 students take one to six courses a semester on the Web.

"We wouldn't do it if we didn't think it could produce an equal education — or better," said Pathways teacher Kathi Baldwin. "I know my students on-line and in detail. They tell you things in writing they would never tell you face-to-face."

Classes are held by computer, teachers and staff work from a central office, and students sign in from their home desktop or laptop computers. Standards for teachers ideally are the same as those of traditional schools.

It's not all reading, writing and arithmetic. In gym class over the Web, pupils keep daily logs of their exercises. They learn music theory on-line, then

go to a designated campus for piano or guitar lessons. They can fax, e-mail or bring in art projects completed at home. Parents even dial in for an on-line PTA meeting.

Linda Deafenbaugh said on-line schooling has filled a void for her son, a third-grader with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder. Each morning, despite his behavioral disorder, Douglas Meikle, 8, signs on to the Western Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School and downloads his reading, science and math assignments himself. He completes the lessons, working with on-line teachers, who include a special education expert, to keep him focused.

"He definitely had a bad school experience, to the point teachers were not letting him in

the door of the classrooms," said Deafenbaugh, a cultural anthropologist who works for the federal government. "Not only was his social life falling apart, but his academics were, too."

Douglas, who stays home with his father in Pittsburgh, socializes with other children at after-school sessions, sporting events and church groups, she said.

The going has been bumpy for some on-line schools. Teachers have to keep up student interest with interactive lessons, guard against student cheating and do without body language or verbal cues to tell them whether students understand lectures.

And in October, a 15-year-old in an on-line charter school in California hacked into the system and racked up \$18,000 in

damage, knocking the school offline for two days and destroying homework assignments, lesson plans and attendance records.

"There simply is not enough research," said William Rukeyser, coordinator of the nonprofit Woodland, Calif.-based Learning in the Real World. "Too often, people say let's spend the money and maybe the wisdom will miraculously transfer from the computer to the child."

Schools spent more than \$5 billion on education technology last year, and a congressional panel concluded last week that 70 percent of America's classrooms are connected to the Web.

But the marriage of education and technology is needed, say educators who believe teaching

is becoming more difficult in today's environment. Growing enrollments and shrinking budgets are leaving less room for one-on-one, hands-on learning at the side of an attentive teacher.

"We shouldn't be stuck with one model," Bennett said.

On the Net: K12: <http://www.k12.com>

Valley Pathways: <http://www.seeuonline.org/>

Market Data Retrieval: <http://www.schooldata.com/>

Western Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School: <http://www.midlandpa.org/wpcps/>

The Florida On-line High School: <http://www.fhs.net>

Learning in the Real World: <http://www.realworld.org/>

## States increasingly list prisoners, parolees on Web

WASHINGTON (AP) — A growing trend to place criminal and prison records on the Internet has civil liberties groups worried that governments might violate privacy safeguards by putting lawbreakers on public display.

Eighteen states currently place on-line databases of inmates and parolees, which allows any Internet user to find current and former prisoners' names, pictures, criminal records and sentences.

Spurred by the state's powerful open records law, Florida enacted one of the earliest such Web sites in 1997. Kentucky's, which opened this month, is the most recent. The Kentucky Offender On-line Lookup site will soon carry the records of 22,500 inmates and parolees going back to 1978.

These efforts have some people wondering whether the easy access might do more harm than good.

"Florida has put a lot of good things on the Net, but this is really the first case where we are deeply concerned about the privacy implications," said Ari Schwartz, policy analyst at the Center for Democracy and Technology in Washington. "There's questions of why they would need some of this information, particularly the pictures."

Schwartz brought up the possibility of criminals using the databases to take advantage of or revenge on ex-convicts, their families or their victims.

State officials say the information is public record and can contribute to public safety. Once a person finishes parole, they say, his or her name is purged from the Web site.

"It gives the public, the press, law enforcement agencies and inmate relatives as well as victims immediate access to inmate information," said C.J. Drake, spokesman for the Florida Department of Corrections.

Statistics suggest the listings are popular. Florida's inmate and parolee sites recorded more than 2.2 million hits this month, Drake said.

Proponents say the sites allow citizens to check whether parolees live in their neighborhood or when a convicted neighbor is leaving prison. Employers can check if a prospective hire is on parole.

Susan Howley, director of public policy at the National Center for the Victims of Crime, said her group typically tells crime victims and others about state inmate databases.

"Whenever you're talking about managing offenders, you're having to balance public safety concerns with individual rights," Howley said. "But we think there is a victim, a witness or even a neighbor, that balance weighs in favor of public safety."

Critics insist that while the information is useful for some, it can detract from another worthy goal: putting inmates on the right track after prison.

"You probably catch some" dangerous offenders, "but you also do a lot of damage to people who are legitimately trying to make a new start and improve themselves," said Larry Spalding, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union office in Tallahassee, Fla.

"When you've got the information on the Web, it's very difficult to get or keep a job," he said.

Spalding said his office considered fighting Florida's Web site but decided against it because that state's open records law is so strong.

Florida officials are unapologetic, saying the extra scrutiny and loss of privacy is the price convicts must pay.

"That's one of the consequences of committing crime," Drake said. "The public has a right to know where you are, whether you're in prison or whether you're on probation."

On the Net: Florida Department of Corrections: <http://www.dc.state.fl.us>

Kentucky Offender On-line Lookup System: [http://www.cor.state.ky.us/\(tilde\)kool](http://www.cor.state.ky.us/(tilde)kool)

Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants: <http://www.curenational.org>

American Civil Liberties Union: <http://www.aclu.org>

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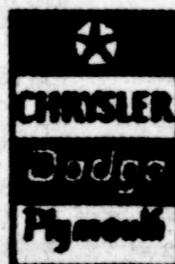
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