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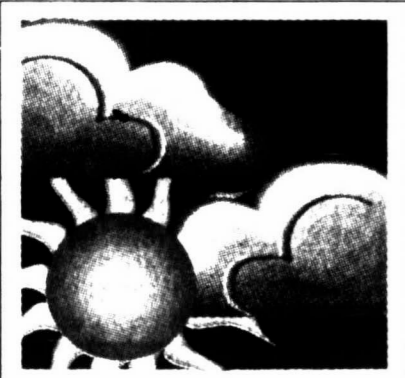
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Today's high 40  
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**Chapel Construction Committee to meet**  
 The Chapel Construction Committee for the proposed Jordan Unit Chapel will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 4, in the Pampa Economic Development Corp. meeting room, 1051 Foster, Suite 200.  
 For more information, call Reed Kirkpatrick, 665-9267, or Rev. David Schlewitz, 665-7070, ext. 245.

**DNA tests fail to clear man, 52**  
 SAN ANTONIO (AP) — DNA tests failed to clear a former San Antonio truck driver of the 1981 rape and strangulation of a 19-year-old mother and cocktail waitress, allowing prosecutors to reset his execution which was delayed in July.  
 DNA tests of hair found in the pubic combings of Lori Bruch showed it belonged to Caruthers Alexander, 52, twice convicted for her slaying, the San Antonio Express-News reported Friday.  
 Both Alexander's lawyers and Bexar County District Attorney Susan Reed supported the DNA tests because it wasn't available during his first trial in 1982.

- Melvin Carter, 57, mechanic, car restorer.
- Jewel Lawson, 85, retired Roberts County employee.
- W.R. 'Bill' Low, 86, retired instrument supervisor at Phillips.
- Leonard Mills, 89, retired farmer, rancher.
- Mary Louise Adams Pryor, 81, former office manager, avid genealogist.
- James R. 'Jimmie' Schuneman, 65, former owner of the old Hogan Construction Company, former president of Jamila, Inc.
- Imogene Steel, 71, hairdresser.

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## It's official ... Census puts Texas 2nd most populous behind California

By SUZANNE GAMBOA  
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas officially became the second most populous state in the country Thursday, stripping New York of the title and gaining two more seats in Congress.

Texas' state resident population grew to 20,851,820 over the past decade, according to census figures released Thursday. The amount was a 22.8 percent increase since 1990.

People living overseas, but claiming Texas residency are added to the population to determine congressional seats. Those number raise Texas' totals to 20,903,994.

The higher population gives Texas 32 seats in the House, displacing New York with the second largest congressional delegation. New York loses two seats, leaving it with 29. California remained the largest with a population of 33.8 million, up 13.8 percent from a decade ago, and one more seat for a total of 53.

The new seats would be filled in the 2002 elections. Texas now has 30 representatives in the U.S. House with 17 Democrats and 13 Republicans.

### Statistics about Texas from the 2000 Census

Here's a look at the Texas population numbers unveiled by the 2000 Census Thursday:

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 Almost one of every eight persons added to the U.S. population in the past decade was added in Texas.

Texas had 16 House members in 1990. In 2000, the number doubled to 32.

Texas' population increase of about 3.86 million during the 1990s is roughly the equivalent of adding the city of Dallas, the city of Houston and the city of San Antonio as they existed in Texas in 1990 to the state's population.

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 In the past century, Texas' population grew almost seven-fold, from roughly 3 million to nearly 21 million.

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 Source: Steve Murdoch, director Texas State Data Center

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## Today busy day for tax collections \$4,959,458 paid to date

Tax payments are coming in to the Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office.

Today, Friday, is one of the busiest days of the year at the tax assessor/collector's office. It is the last day of the year property and mineral taxpayers may pay taxes to get credit on their 2000 income tax.

"A lot of loan companies have been paying taxes this week," said Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris. "We have collected \$4,959,458 in taxes. That amount is for all entities."

Morris said the figure is approximately 22.92 percent of the taxes owed for 2000.

Morris said the tax collections are coming in normally for this time of year. "It's going along just fine," she said.

Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector's office does not give discounts for early payment of taxes, said Morris. She said taxes will not be delinquent until after Jan. 31, 2001.

Morris' office collects taxes for all taxing entities in the county which include Pampa Independent School District, City of Pampa, Grandview-Hopkins School District, City of McLean, McLean Independent School District, City of Letors, Letors Independent School District, road, water district and Gray County, Pampa Economic Development Corporation taxes are included with the City of Pampa.

The local tax office will be open until 5 p.m. today for payment of taxes and any other transactions. The office will be closed Monday, New Year's Day, and will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001.

## Officials to take oath Monday

Several Gray County officials will be sworn in Monday morning, New Year's Day, for a four-year term. The ceremony will be at 9 a.m. in the third-floor district courtroom of the Gray County Courthouse.

Officials who have been reelected will be sworn into office by 223rd District Judge Lee Waters in his courtroom are incumbents Sheriff Don Copeland, Tax Assessor/collector Sammie Morris, County Attorney Todd Alvey, Constable 1 & 3 James Lewis, Constable 2 Chris Lockridge, and Constable 4 Frank Spurling, Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheelley and Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright will also take the oath.

Incoming 31st District Attorney Richard J. (Rick) Roach is being sworn in this afternoon, Dec. 29, by District Judge Steve Emmert in Wheeler County. Roach will serve Gray, Wheeler, Lipscomb, Hemphill and Lipscomb counties.

## Landfill to be closed Monday

The city landfill will close and trash collection routes will not be run on Monday, New Year's Day, said Rick Stone, sanitation superintendent and Jim Benton, landfill supervisor.

However, due to the snow which has caused sanitation collections to lag behind, Stone said crews will work Saturday.

Most likely, collections will be limited to commercial routes where the trucks can reach dumpsters. Previously, Stone said he hoped to start some residential collection on Tuesday.

The landfill winter hours are in effect now from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Last loads should be brought in no later than 4:30 p.m. Unsecured loads are subject to refusal.

The Recycling Center behind Hobart Street Park is open Thursdays from noon to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

## Winter delight!

Conor Wilson, 7, of Pampa munches on a snow ball while he relaxes in the snow after a hard afternoon of playing at Aspen Park Thursday. Below, Annie Day, 10, left, and Jacob Day, 8, right, make angels in the pristine snow field at Aspen Park. Annie and Jacob spent the afternoon playing in the snow with their parents Ruben and Susan Day. Local parks throughout Pampa were filled with kids of all ages taking advantage of the 15-inch snowfall that blanketed the city this week. (Pampa News photos by Dee Dee Laramore)



## Oil, gas entities join hands to form electrical cooperative

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

AMARILLO — Those who produce the oil and gas that is used increasingly to fire boilers to generate electricity are themselves heavy users of electrical power.

In an effort to help lower electric costs to the oil and gas industry, a number of industry associations are joining together to form an electrical cooperative. The Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association (PPROA), Texas Alliance of Energy Producers, Texas Oil and Gas Association and the Permian Basin Petroleum Association are forming the Texas Energy Association Cooperative.

"This, we hope, will make our members lives a little bit easier and their electricity a little bit less expensive," said H. Wayne Hughes, general manager of the Amarillo-based PPROA.

Together the associations represent about 80 percent of the oil and gas producers, pipelines, marketers and refiners in Texas, Hughes said.

The idea of the cooperative is the result of deregulation of electric utilities in Texas.

"Under the terms of Senate Bill 7, which was passed in the 1999 session," Hughes said, "you can no longer have monolithic electrical utilities. The only thing left regulated were the transmission lines."

"Everything else is up for bid, literally," Hughes said.

In theory, he said, a person could buy a small generator and go into the electrical utility business. The only thing stopping him is the market place and whether he could be competitive in his pricing of electricity.

Hughes said that while there is a supply of electricity being produced by electrical utilities, the

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## Ratliff new lieutenant governor

AUSTIN (AP) — Even though he has been chosen by his colleagues to take over the post of lieutenant governor, state Sen. Bill Ratliff says his agenda is no more important than those of the 30 other lawmakers in the state senate.

"This role is considerably different than a lieutenant governor's job which is elected by 20 million people," Ratliff said.

"I've been elected by my peers to preside over this session over the next two years and that is a different situation. I am still the senator from the First District and because of that, it is my philosophy that my agenda is no more important than 30 other agendas," he said.

That's the kind of attitude that has guided Ratliff, chosen Thursday by his colleagues in a secret vote to take over the post of lieutenant governor, through his 11 years as a state senator, lawmakers said.

Ratliff, a Republican from Mount Pleasant, replaces Rick Perry, who was sworn in as governor last week when President Elect Bush resigned. He will take on the duties but not the title of lieutenant governor until the 2002 election. Ratliff said he was unsure if he would run then.

"I may not even like the job," said Ratliff, who spoke to Perry by telephone after the election. The

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## Services tomorrow

**LOW, W.R. "Bill"** — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Fritch.  
**SCHUNEMAN, James R. "Jimmie"** — 10 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, Pampa.  
**STEEL, Imogene** — 1 p.m., Heald United Methodist Church, Heald.

## Obituaries

### MELVIN CARTER

Melvin Carter, 57, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000. The body was cremated and consequently will not be available for viewing. No services are pending at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Carter was born Feb. 26, 1943, at Richland Parish, La. He moved to Pampa from West Monroe, La., five years ago. He had been a mechanic in the Monroe area for 20 years and enjoyed restoring old cars.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a sister.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Free of Mangham, La.; two sons, Tilford Carter of Fairview, Okla., and Sidney Carter of West Monroe; a sister; two brothers; and eight grandchildren.

### JEWEL LAWSON

MIAMI — Jewel Lawson, 85, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2000, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Lawson was born Oct. 4, 1915. A Miami resident for 65 years, she was a member of First Baptist Church of Miami and was a longtime Roberts County employee.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse Lawson, in 1973.

Survivors include three daughters, Patsy Minick of Canadian, Rita Wilson of Canton, Okla., and Belya Greenhouse of Earth; and three sisters, Faye Nix and Helen Allison, both of Denton, and Ophelia Sons of Aubrey.

### W.R. LOW

FRITCH — W.R. "Bill" Low, 86, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2000, at Phoenix, Ariz. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. David Brasher officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery Garden of Good Shepherd in Pampa under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Fritch.

Mr. Low was born at Dawn, Mo. In 1935, he moved to Borger from Onalaska. He married Malelia Kendrick in 1940 at Borger and was a retired instrument supervisor from Phillips.

He belonged to Fritch First United Methodist Church and Billy Dixon Masonic Lodge. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving as a Seabee shipfitter second class during World War II from 1942-45.

Survivors include his wife, Malelia; a daughter, Jerryl Dine Washier of Fritch; two sons, William Raymond Low of Bartlesville, Okla., and Craig Lynn Low of Katy; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home in Fritch.

### LEONARD MILLS

WILLOW, Okla. — Leonard "Nig" Mills, 89, died Monday, Dec. 25, 2000. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Erick First Baptist at Erick, Okla., with Charlie Floyd officiating. Burial will be in Erick Cemetery under the direction of Fatheree-Albert Funeral Home.

Mr. Mills was born at Cove, Ark. He went to school southeast of Erick and in Iowa as well. He married Glenn Wooley in 1930 at Sayre, Okla.

He later married Aliene Abernethy in 1985 at Sweetwater.

He farmed near Erick until 1937 and in Kelton, Texas, until 1965, when he moved to a ranch southeast of Erick.

He belonged to Kelton First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Aliene; a son, Gary Mills of the home; a daughter, Joyce Divelbiss of Amarillo; a stepdaughter, Jan Hill of Shamrock; a stepson, Jerry Palmer of Mabank; three brothers, Bill Mills and Melvin Mills, both of Erick, and Ben Mills of Sayre; and five grandchildren.

### MARY LOUISE ADAMS PRYOR

Mary Louise Adams Pryor, 81, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000, at Wichita Falls, Texas. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Pryor was born June 23, 1919, at Fort Worth and had been a Pampa resident since 1921. She married C.O. "Ned" Pryor on Sept. 12, 1939, at Sayre, Okla.; he died in 1998. She was office manager for Drs. Veale, Graham and Moritz for 20 years and was an avid genealogist, tracing her lineage back to 1615.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Eugene Adams; and by a grandson, James Michael Conner.

Survivors include two daughters, Martha Lee Conner of Wichita Falls and M. Lynne Pryor of Albuquerque, N.M.; a son, N. Franklin Pryor of Albuquerque; a sister, Dorothy Followell of Merton; five grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society.

## Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported no arrests or incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

## Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....911  
 Crime Stoppers.....669-2222  
 Energas.....1-888-Energas  
 Fire.....911  
 Police (emergency).....911

## Obituaries cont.

### JAMES R. 'JIMMIE' SCHUNEMAN

James R. "Jimmie" Schuneman, 65, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2000. Services will be at 10 a.m. in Zion Lutheran Church with the Rev. Leif Hasskarl, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley 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 Pacesetter 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; two grandsons, Brian James Hughes of San Saba and Stephen Alexander Hughes of Pampa; a stepson, Bob Gist of Amarillo; 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.

### IMOGENE STEEL

SHAMROCK — Imogene Steel, 71, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2000. Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Heald United Methodist Church at Heald with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. Steel was born at Shamrock and had been a longtime resident of the community. She was a hair-dresser and belonged to Advent Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by a husband, Mark Robinson, in 1969.

Survivors include her husband, Lee Ray Steel of McLean; a daughter, Linda Brewer of Shamrock; a son, Mike Robinson of Childress; two sisters, Bessie McLemore of McLean and Juanita Hewett of Vandalia, Ill.; a brother, Ray McLemore of Lela; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

## Ambulance

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

### Thursday, Dec. 29

10:17 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported one to Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.

11:13 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

1:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Lefors; no transport.

2:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

3:37 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Miami and transported one to PRMC.

6:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Terry Road; no transport.

6:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of North Dwight and transported one to PRMC.

## Police report

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

### Tuesday, Dec. 26

Burglary was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville sometime between 7:30 p.m., Dec. 25, and 2 p.m., Dec. 26.

Attempted suicide was reported in the 500 block of North Frost.

Information on a domestic disturbance in the 1900 block of Hamilton on Dec. 23 was reported at Pampa Police Department.

### Wednesday, Dec. 27

A representative for Allsup's, 1901 N. Hobart, reported theft from the business.

### Thursday, Dec. 28

A representative for Northgate Inn, 2831 Perryton Pkwy., reported theft of a blanket, bath towels, hand towels and other bathroom items valued at \$48. Police have a suspect in the case and are continuing their investigation.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of South Barnes.

A representative for Allsup's 140 S. Starkweather, reported theft of two 18-packs of Coors Light beer. One 18-pack was recovered outside the store.

## CO-OP

cooperative is looking at the demand side of the equation.

"What we're setting out to do is to aggregate electrical demand," Hughes said.

He said that means he's going to his members and looking at their electrical needs.

"We accumulate the wattage they've been served along with our other members, and we take that to retail electric providers," Hughes said, "which is what companies like Southwestern Public Service are becoming under the name of Excel."

The cooperative will go to the electric providers and ask for a bid on their electrical service based on the usage they have demonstrated.

Normally, Hughes said, that bid might be seven cents per kilowatt, but with the combination of users, the cooperative can now talk about a much higher usage rate.

"Now we're talking about a megawatt," Hughes said. "We've got a million watts of demand. What are we bid?"

Considering economies of scale, the per unit cost should go down with a larger number of units thus saving individual members of the cooperative.

"If the individual member likes the savings that we can present him with the new rate," Hughes said, "then he signs on."

He said the cooperative is in the process of putting together a pilot project group.

The pilot project will be formed in February and will run through June. The actual deregulation of electricity and the formalized process of the co-op starts next fall with the switches to be turned on in January 2002.

"The pilot project will be a model for everybody who is to be involved in the generation and transmission of electric sales to see how it's going to work," Hughes said. "It's just a shake-out."

Nobody quite knows how it will play.

"The law mandates that there will be a seven percent reduction in electric rates as a result of deregulation," Hughes said, "so we must offer our participating members at least a seven percent reduction."

He said he thinks it will be more than that, but it is impossible to predict.

"I would like to see it in the 10 percent range," Hughes said. "It's possible for more than that."

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## RATLIFF

governor offered congratulations and help with the transition, Ratliff said.

As the state's second-highest ranking officer, Ratliff will keep his vote as a lawmaker as well as control the flow of legislation while presiding over the Senate.

Ratliff, 64, was chosen over Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, in a 16-15 vote.

The vote came after the Texas Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the Senate could choose an interim lieutenant governor by secret ballot, overturning a lower court decision.

The justices decided that the courts had no jurisdiction in the matter. Some of the largest newspapers in the state had sued the senators to get them to hold the vote in public.

Now the senate president, Ratliff said he will give up his chairmanship of the senate's powerful finance committee, which helps guide the allocation of state dollars. He says his new role will be one of an "implementer and an expeditor."

"I think my role is to maintain order, maintain efficiency and provide leadership," said Ratliff, a civil engineer who has been in the senate since 1989.

Mount Pleasant Mayor Jerry Boatner said Ratliff's engineering background makes him a methodical and careful leader.

"He just brings a lot of mental capacity to the job and to the problem, no matter what it is, in a bipartisan way," said Boatner, a friend of Ratliff's for 25 years.

Ratliff represented his district well by keeping his office open to constituents and city and county officials, said Tony Proffitt, former press secretary for the late Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

Ratliff "is a strong person," Proffitt said. "He had a talent for understanding the complex financial dealings that the state is in. He's level-headed and he's pretty fair."

Known for his intelligence and ability to cut through complicated issues a veteran lawmaker, his colleagues dubbed him the "Obi-Wan Kenobi" of the Senate.

The wise teacher of the force in the famous

"Star Wars" movies, Obi-Wan Kenobi was considered an impressive, resourceful master.

But Ratliff has had his share of controversy.

In August 1994, he was criticized for opposing then-Gov. Ann Richards, a Democrat, for appointing gays to state posts.

"I simply don't agree to appointing avowed homosexual activists ... to positions of leadership," Ratliff said at the time. "I think it elevates the lifestyle. It tends to elevate the lifestyle to the equivalent of the traditional family."

The incident seemed long forgotten Thursday, however.

## Weather focus

**PAMPA** — Today, partly sunny with highs around 40. Light and variable winds. Tonight, partly cloudy with lows around 20. Light and variable winds. Saturday, mostly cloudy with highs around 40. Southwest to south winds 5 to 15 mph. Yesterday's high was 43; the overnight low 19.

**STA' EWIDE** — Patchy, early-morning fog hovered in parts of North Texas and along the coast Friday as skies continued to clear behind a winter storm that wreaked havoc on Texas road-

ways. Warmer temperatures are on tap for much of Texas in the wake of the storm that brought snow and ice to much of the state.

Skies were mostly cloudy over the Panhandle, while much of the remainder of the state was clear and cold.

Early morning temperatures were in the 20s and 30s across the state and in the low 40s over the upper and lower coastal plains.

North Texas was mostly sunny on Thursday, with temperatures mostly in the 40s and lower 50s. Another cold front is expected to

move through the region on Friday, but no precipitation is expected. Highs should be in the 40s, and winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

West Texas skies were mostly sunny as temperatures reached the 40s and 50s. More sunshine is forecast for Friday. Temperatures should range mostly from the 30s in the Panhandle to the lower 60s along the Rio Grande.

South Texas temperatures were mostly in the 60s on Thursday, and skies were mostly clear. The region should be mostly sunny and breezy on Friday, with highs in the 50s and 60s.

Big users should see a larger reduction, he said. "If you had somebody like the IRI facility [now National Oilwell] at Pampa," Hughes said, "they could save a tremendous amount of money on electricity if they would agree to certain classes of interruptible service."

Such agreements can save a customer money even over a reduced rate if they agree to be interrupted so many hours per week with an hour's notice. They may be able to get an even better deal if they are willing to have their electrical service interrupted so many hours a month with a one-day notice, or they may agree to use no electricity during certain periods during a given time frame.

"There's a lot of negotiations that goes into that," Hughes said.

He said that if a company has been paying \$5,000 for electricity, and they can get it for \$2,500 if they will sign an interruptible contract, it may be a good deal for all concerned.

"It's a hedge in the future against prices going south again," Hughes said.

The cooperative has contracted with Fowler Energy Company of Austin, who will handle the day-to-day operation.

"They are going to be the watch dogs for us," Hughes said. "They'll be the go-between for our member customers and the retail electric providers."

Fowler will take care of complaints and quality control.

The cooperative, Hughes said, is open only to members of the participating associations. There is also a fee connected to belonging to the cooperative.

"Only members of the associations can be members of the cooperative," Hughes said, "and once you sign on for the electrical usage, you pay a percentage of your monthly bill as a fee. We get part of that."

Because of the broad spectrum of businesses PPROA members are involved in, there is also broad potential interest in the cooperative.

"Not only does it apply to pumpjacks or refineries," Hughes said, "but a lot of our members have feedlots, strip shopping centers, hotels, motels and businesses."

Eventually, Hughes said the electricity will apply to the members' home electrical use.

"We're anxious to see it work because we're a small organization, and it's getting smaller," he said. "The industry's shrinking because of technology and because of economic pressures."

The electrical cooperative could be a substantial income supplement for PPROA, Hughes said.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebery Quotations of Pampa:

Columbia/HCA	45.00	up 0.38
Janco	83.34	dn 1.16
Halliburton	36.716	dn 11.16
KMI	51.78	dn 2.38
Kerr McGee	66.508	dn 2.18
Limited	16.1116	dn 5.16
McDonald's	33.778	dn 1.18
Exxon Mobil	36.1116	dn 3.16
New Atmos	24.338	dn 15.16
XCEL	3.116	dn 1.08
NOI	38.12	dn 11.16
OKE	49.508	dn 15.16
Pennex	11.316	dn 7.16
Phillips	57.116	dn 1.18
Pioneer Nat.	19.1316	dn 3.08
SJB	30.1316	dn 5.08
Tenneco	3.116	dn 1.08
Texasco	62.18	dn 1.16
Ultramar	31.18	dn 3.08
Wal Mart	53.1516	up 1
Williams	39.1116	dn 5.08

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

Occidental	24.916	dn 13.16
Fidelity Magelln	120.49	dn 9.16
Partners	48.900	dn 13.16
Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:		
BP Amoco	48.316	dn 9.16
Cabot	26.916	dn 3.16
Cabot O&G	30.1516	dn 13.16
Chevron	84.78	dn 7.08
Coca Cola	60.34	dn 5.16
West Texas Crude		25.89

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

BP Amoco	48.316	dn 9.16
Cabot	26.916	dn 3.16
Cabot O&G	30.1516	dn 13.16
Chevron	84.78	dn 7.08
Coca Cola	60.34	dn 5.16
West Texas Crude		25.89

## Fires

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

### Thursday, Dec. 28

10:03 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a request for assistance in the 700 block of North Dwight. Firefighters helped an elderly person get to a car for a doctor's appointment.

1:14 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a rescue in the 800 block of Lefors. A person was trapped under debris from a patio roof that had collapsed under the weight of snow. Firefighters helped the person get out. No injuries were reported.

1:18 p.m. - Four units and nine firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 2600 block of North Hobart. A clothes dryer with clothes in it had caught on fire. Damage was contained to the dryer itself, according to fire reports. Damage was estimated at \$300 to \$500.

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# U.S. grows to 281.4 million, Southeast wins more House seats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arizona, Texas, Florida and Georgia gained two House seats each and the Northeast and Midwest emerged as big losers as the government Thursday disclosed this year's census figures, which will be used to reassign the 435 House seats among the states.

There were 281,421,906 Americans on April 1, 2000, the Census Bureau said, announcing a 13 percent gain from the 1990 count.

"Never have we been so diverse, never have we been so many and never have we been so carefully measured," Census Director Kenneth Prewitt declared in releasing the numbers that will reshape America's political boundaries for the next decade.

New York and Pennsylvania were the biggest losers in the decennial count, each losing two House seats despite small population gains. Five Midwest states also lost House seats, including unexpected losses in Michigan and Indiana.

The numbers also provided a pleasant surprise for the Southeast, where Florida unexpectedly gained two seats with a 23.5 percent population gain. North Carolina picked up one unexpected seat while Georgia claimed two new House seats with a 26.4 percent population jump.

"This is tremendous," exclaimed Linda Meggers, director of the Georgia Legislature's redistricting office, which will now have 13 congressional districts to reshape.

"Over the last two decades we have had some of the largest congressional districts in the country because we have always been on the cusp of that

extra congressional seat," she said. "Now, we're where we ought to be and it is a tremendous gain for Georgia."

North Carolina's surprise gain came because the apportionment figures include overseas military and diplomatic residents. "If you had not included the overseas diplomatic and military corps in the 2000 count, then North Carolina would not have increased a seat and Utah would have (gained a seat)," Prewitt explained.

Nevada recorded the largest population gain, up 66.3 percent over 1990, but picked up only one seat and will now have three.

California remained the nation's largest state with a population of 33.8 million, up 13.8 percent from a decade ago, and picked up another House seat in the process.

Texas, however, displaced New York as the second-most populous state and picked up two representatives as did Arizona, which recorded a 40 percent gain in population from the last census. Texas had a 22.8 percent population gain, and now will have 32 House seats.

Colorado was the only other state to pick up a House seat.

The Midwest suffered some of the heaviest losses, particularly Indiana, which will have only nine House seats — a loss of one — despite a 9.7 percent population growth. Michigan lost one of its 16 representatives after a population gain of 6.9 percent.

Illinois, which recorded a population gain of 8.6 percent, Ohio and Wisconsin also lost seats in the

Midwest.

Other states suffering a loss of one House seat included Connecticut, Mississippi and Oklahoma.

The numbers furnished new evidence of a trend that has been under way since the last count — growth in the South and West spurred in large part by an increase in Hispanics, and a movement of Americans to such economic hotbeds as Atlanta and Las Vegas.

The numbers will now be used by state legislatures to reshape political boundaries for House districts.

Every state increased its population, with North Dakota recording the smallest growth at 0.5 percent. The District of Columbia experienced the only population decline, falling 5.7 percent.

The Census Bureau also released a second population number that accounted for U.S. residents living overseas, but did not include the population of the District of Columbia, which has no voting representative in the House. That number was used to reapportion the House seats.

The numbers landed on President Clinton's desk a few hours before Commerce Secretary Norman Mineta and Prewitt made the public announcement.

"Today, I am pleased to receive from the Department of Commerce the first data released from Census 2000, our country's 22nd decennial census," Clinton said in a statement. "Most importantly, I want to thank the American people for their participation in Census 2000."

The Constitution says seats in the House must be redistributed fairly among the states every 10 years following the census. This year, a House member represents about 625,000 people, said John Haaga, a researcher with the Population Reference Bureau.

The reapportionment figures are just the first numbers from Census 2000 that will have wide political implications. In March, the Census Bureau is scheduled to begin releasing more data detailing county and local-level populations that will be used to redraw congressional and state legislative districts.

"People have looked at those projections and have already begun to think 'Where can we add a seat? Where can we take a seat away?' ... Both parties are playing that game," said Tim Storey, redistricting analyst for the National Conference of State Legislatures. "That's where politics and population factors come into play."

The GOP enters redistricting in a much better position this year than a decade ago because of increased power and influence in state legislatures, said Tom Hoffler, redistricting director for the Republican National Committee.

On the Net:  
Census Bureau: <http://www.census.gov>  
Election Data Services: <http://www.electiondataservices.com/home.htm>  
Population Reference Bureau: <http://www.ameristat.org/political-arithmetic/>

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## CENSUS

"That's a credit for Texas," said state Sen. Mario Gallegos Jr., D-Houston, who co-chairs the Texas Senate Redistricting Committee. "I think people are seeing Texas as a good place to live and work and bring up their kids."

Population estimates in the early 1990s had shown Texas overtaking New York, but the new census makes it official and sets in motion the redistribution of the 435 House seats.

"It certainly means we have had a very extensive period of population growth and change," said Steve Murdoch, director of the Texas State Data Center. "These are numbers that are higher than expected for the country and higher than we expected for Texas."

Texas' resident population made a 27 percent leap in the decade from 1970 to 1980, but numerically the 1990-2000 increase was larger.

The numbers released Thursday are intended for use in reapportionment and will be used by state legislatures to redraw congressional districts to accommodate the population changes. In March, the Census Bureau is scheduled to release more data detailing county and local-level populations.

The news officially begins a process that will mean months of politicians huddling over maps, closed door talk about trading a few constituents here for a few constituents there and lots of jockeying and political wrangling to redraw political district boundaries.

"Officially, when you get the numbers the wheels start turning" in the redistricting process said Bill Miller, an Austin political consultant. "How fast those wheels turn remains to be seen."

But because population estimates showed Texas was likely to get two more seats, the political maneuvering began long ago.

It played a role in November's elections. Republicans had hoped to control the redistricting process by winning a majority in the state House during the November elections, but Democrats maintained the majority.

The redistricting process even looms over the Texas Senate's election of an interim lieutenant governor, said state Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, and a contender for the interim spot. He said some members are weighing how candidates might run the redistricting process.

Miller said he expects one seat to be drawn in Dallas and the other for Houston to accommodate significant growth of its Hispanic population.

"Democrats will try to hang onto the seat and make it a Hispanic seat," said Miller, who has represented Republican and Democratic clients. "Democrats don't want to give both seats to Republicans."

Many expect the plan to end up before a three-judge panel, which can redraw districts if it believes they don't comply with the federal Voting Rights Act.

The last time Texas lawmakers drew their congressional map, a Republican judicial panel deemed three districts racially gerrymandered, drawn unlawfully to favor minority votes. In 1996, the panel redrew the state's map, affecting 13 districts, threw out results from primary elections and forced congressional candidates in the 13 districts into special elections.

Although the Legislature draws the redistricting map, members of Congress will be offering their own proposals, as will lawmakers with an eye

toward becoming Congress members.

"Frankly the only time you see very many members of Congress around the Texas Legislature is in a redistricting year and sometimes that offends the legislators. I know it used to get (former Lt. Gov.) Bob Bullock's goat," said George Christian, a public affairs consultant and former press secretary to Lyndon B. Johnson. "But they will have influence on the districts. I will be surprised if any incumbent congressman lost a halfway favorable district."

## Next census battle over sampling, redistricting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now that states know how many House seats they will have two years hence, lawmakers are turning their attention to where they will redraw the lines for those districts.

The process, known as "redistricting," takes place every 10 years, with Republicans and Democrats typically trying to redraw the voting districts to their own advantage. This year the process could be even more politically divisive since the Census Bureau in March will release more detailed numbers that have been adjusted using a statistical method known as "sampling."

The bureau released the first results of the 2000 census on Thursday. The numbers will be used to reapportion the 435 House seats. That "actual count" was gathered from the roughly 80 million census forms returned, as well as phone and in-person interviews with people who did not mail back or receive a form.

House members elected last month will remain in their current districts until the 2002 election, when the new allotment of seats becomes effective. States will redraw congressional district boundaries to account for those changes, as well as shifts

Some may have to take in folks they just as soon not."

On the Net: U.S. Census Bureau: <http://www.census.gov>  
For Census historical tables on Texas population and reapportionment: <http://www.census.gov/dmd/www/resapport/states/texas.pdf>

## Number of police killed increases in 2000, Texas leads

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 150 police officers died in the line of duty in 2000, an increase of 11 percent from the year before, police organizations said Thursday.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and the Concerns of Police Survivors said 151 police officers have been killed so far in 2000, up from 134 in 1999, the lowest level since 1965.

The annual average in the 1990s was 153, compared to 187 during the 1980s and 222 during the 1970s.

The most recent officer killed was Aubry Hawkins, 29, of Irving, Texas, shot while investigating a Christmas Eve holdup at a sporting goods store. Seven convicts who escaped a Texas prison are wanted in the shooting.

Texas had the most police officers killed in 2000 with 14 dead, followed by California with 11 and Georgia and Tennessee with 10 each.

The number of officers shot to death rose from 45 last year to 51 so far this year.

Except for 1999, when there were more deaths from automobile accidents than shootings, firearms have been the leading cause of death for law enforcement officers every year since 1792, Craig W. Floyd, chairman of the memorial fund, said in an interview.

However, the widespread use of bulletproof vests has greatly reduced the number of shooting deaths during the last 25 years, he said.

This year 47 officers died in automobile accidents, a number that has remained relatively stable over the last four years.

"Officers are finding themselves in dangerous situations driving at high rates of speed and maybe don't have the level of training to navigate the roadway safely under those circumstances," Floyd said. "They're paying the price with their lives."

Noting that 20 officers died after being struck by cars while outside their cruisers, Floyd said drivers need to be more cautious when they see police stopped by the side of a road.

Accidental deaths have been on the rise, Floyd said. "When you're a law enforcement officer any situation can be potentially life threatening," he said.

Lt. James R. Haddock, of Kissimmee, Fla., died after the horse he was riding fell and crushed him as he acted as an escort for a trail ride. Lt. John Galvin, of Wichita, Kan., died of burns after 1,500 pounds of old fireworks he was helping to dispose of exploded.


Also in 2000, eight officers died in motorcycle accidents, seven were killed in aircraft accidents, six died from job-related illness, three drowned, three died in falls, two were stabbed, one was beaten to death and one died after falling from a bicycle during a training exercise.

On the Net: National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund: <http://www.nleomf.com>

Concerns of Police Survivors: <http://www.nationalcops.org>

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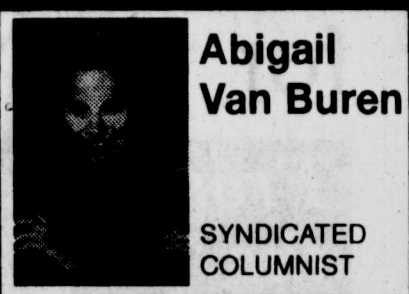
DEAR ABBY: I have a problem. All my friends have started having sex, and I haven't even been kissed yet.

I'm beginning to think that maybe I should tell guys I'm experienced, so I can have sex and be like my friends. What do you think?

OUT IN THE COLD UP NORTH

**DEAR OUT IN THE COLD:** I think it's a bad idea. You should thank your lucky stars you haven't been subjected to the pressure that your friends have. Being a teen-ager is tough enough without worrying about getting a sexually transmitted disease or accidentally becoming pregnant.

I can think of no worse reason to have sex than the fear that you're being left out. While we're on the subject of sex, read on for an eye-opener:



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**DEAR ABBY:** If you have been asked this question before, please forgive me. I was wondering what the proper etiquette is about going out (not dating — just appearing in public) after your husband dies. Is there a waiting period?

My husband passed away two weeks ago. I attended our church festival with two girlfriends, and I felt like I was being stared at. We didn't stay long.

I am only 51 and my husband

was 52. I know he would not have wanted me to stay at home — but I want to do the right thing.

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**DEAR NEWLY WIDOWED:** I have always felt that the time to show "respect" for a spouse is while the person is living. The right time to resume a social life varies from person to person. If you felt you needed some company and diversion, no one should criticize you for it. However, some people are by nature critical and judgmental. If you live your life to please them, you'll be making a mistake. Enjoy every minute with which you are blessed.

## Horoscope

SUNDAY, DEC. 31, 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) **★★★★** New beginnings are possible. Discuss what is on your mind. Getting another opinion only empowers you. Reach out for someone at a distance. Plug into your imagination and seek answers. Make this a lazy day for extra R&R. Tonight: Easy does it. This week: By the time the workweek begins, you command your ship and rule the roost as well. No one tests your authority until Thursday. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) **★★★★** Gather with friends. Plans could change at the last minute, so use your imagination. A partner is definitely out of sorts. Allow your creativity to come out. Think in terms of what makes you happiest. Tonight: The more, the merrier. This week: Though Monday lights you up, you won't be in the mood for work on Tuesday. Maybe by Thursday you can deal with some hard facts (and work).

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) **★★★★** You might want to invite friends and loved ones over for New Year's. You like being center stage and the lead player. Claim your power and enjoy the moment. Let happiness into your life. A partner might feel left out. Your extra caring does make a difference. Tonight: Cheer in the new year. This week: Never lose sight of your goal. Support yourself and start making that long-overdue statement. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) **★★★★** You might want to go to a concert or do something very different for you. Why not? You are setting the tone for the next year. Consider how much energy you have before committing to an endless rampage and celebration. Don't forget that New Year's resolution! Tonight: Let your mind roam. This week: You're in a take-charge mood once you remove all the holiday fluff.

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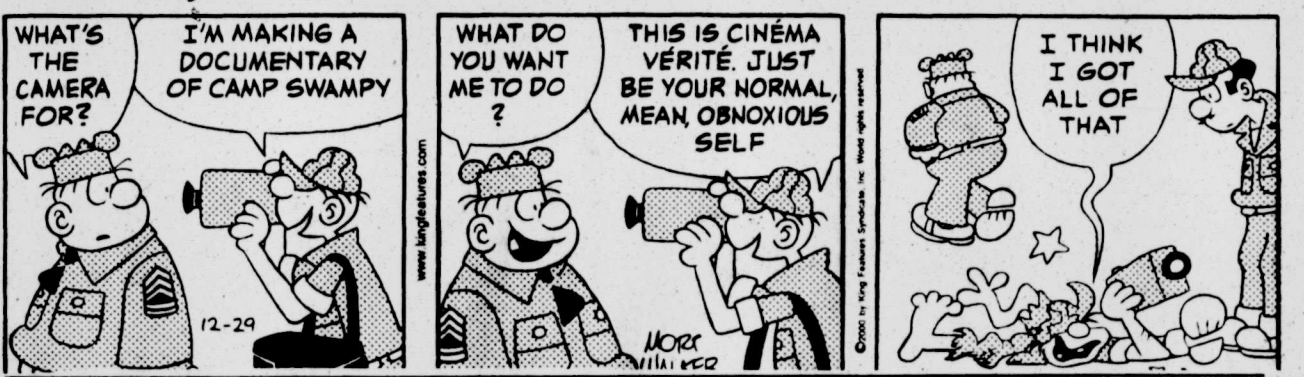
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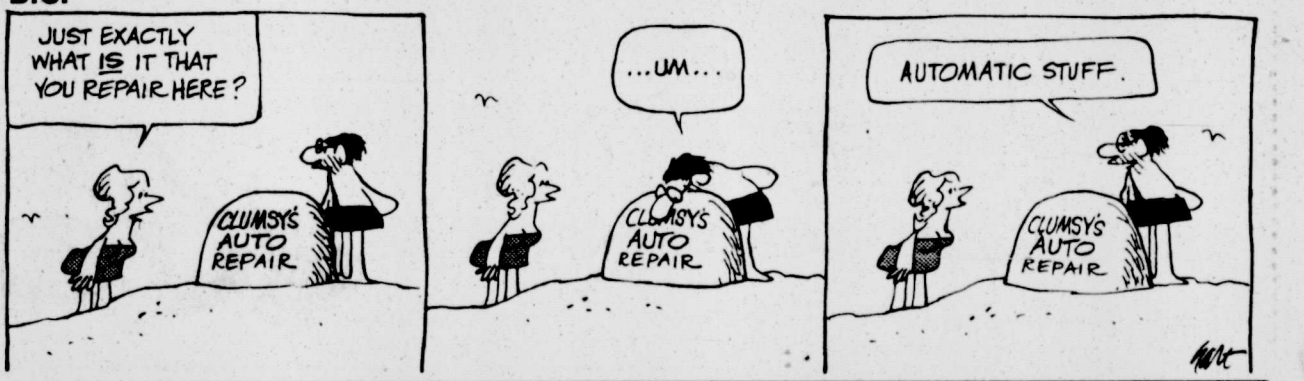
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## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 6 Organ parts
- 11 African capital
- 12 Turn
- 13 Popular newspaper name
- 14 Della of TV
- 15 Menu phrase
- 16 H look-alike
- 18 Hwy.
- 19 Negative link
- 20 Essay
- 21 Young fellow
- 22 Book goofs
- 24 Cronies
- 25 Cleek
- 27 Circus sight
- 29 Phonograph feature
- 32 Slalom maneuver
- 33 Jiffy
- 34 Box office sales, in Variety
- 35 Fitting
- 36 Golf course requirement
- 37 Mythical bird

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- 1 Gas pump number
- 2 Salt
- 3 Stuart Whitman TV western
- 4 Exist
- 5 Floral ornament
- 6 Mist
- 7 Draw
- 8 William Bendix TV western
- 9 Mail-related
- 10 Horses
- 17 Apprentice TV
- 23 Kitchen pest
- 24 "Tamerlane" writer
- 26 Went out
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- 28 Sevilla's nation
- 30 Brother of John and Ethel
- 31 Superfluous
- 33 Kiosk
- 39 Skier Tommy
- 41 Fury

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### Marmaduke



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### The Family Circus



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## RELIGION

### Minister's musing ...

[January] shall be unto you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year. — Exodus 12:2

We have here a new event, a new starting point, a new epoch, and therefore a new era.

That event was emancipation and redemption, an exodus. There were centuries behind of exile and servitude. Of that experience which has been so characteristic of Israel, a sojourning which no naturalization, a dwelling amongst without becoming of another nation, estrangement. Therefore isolation, solitude, even in populous cities and amidst teeming multitudes.

Now all this is behind them. They are to quit the homeless home, Egypt, behind. Sinai, before. Canaan, beyond. This is the exact account of the position of Israel when the words of the text were spoken. Redemption

By Dr. Jimmy Flynn

Iglesia Bautista Emanuel Church

was the starting point of the new. From it all that follows shall take a new character and a new life.

The idea of a new start is naturally attractive to all of us. We are fatigued. We are wearied. We are dissatisfied, and justly so. With the time past of our lives we long for a gift of amnesty. There are senses in which this is impossible. The continuity of life cannot be broken. There is a continuity, a unity, an identity which annihilation could only

destroy. The beginning of months is made by an exodus. Redemption is the ground word of the new life. If there is in any of us a real desire for change we must plant our feet firmly on redemption.

When we get out of Egypt we must remember that there is still Sinai in front with its thundering and voices. We have to be schooled and disciplined by processes not joyous, but grievous. These processes cannot be hurried. They must take time. Here we must expect everything that is changing and unresting, within as without. But he who has promised will perform. He who has redeemed will save. He who took charge will also bring through. Be ye steadfast, unmoving, always abounding in the work of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Have a happy new year!

### Nuns apologize for slave legacy ...

BARDSTOWN, Ky. (AP) — Three orders of nuns gathered to formally apologize for the use of slave labor by their predecessors in the early 1800s.

Black worshippers responded with forgiveness at the service in St. Joseph Church, which slaves helped build in 1819.

Nearly 400 people sang gospel songs and recited prayers of repentance. The event was sponsored by three predominantly white orders with Kentucky roots: the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth,

Sisters of Loretto and Dominicans of St. Catharine.

"I cannot tell you what this service has done for me," said Martha Hickman, whose husband's forebears were slaves. "It has strengthened my heart. My deceased ancestors are crying tears of joy in heaven today, and I'm sure yours are, too."

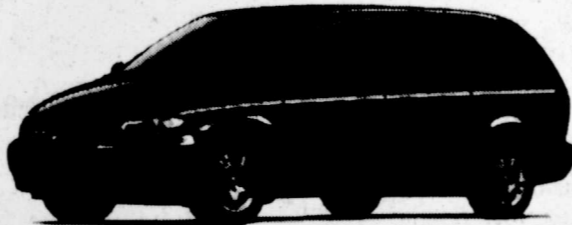
The service was part of an effort by Catholic institutions worldwide this year to repent for the mistreatment of others.

*The Pampa News staff wishes you and yours a happy and safe New Year!*

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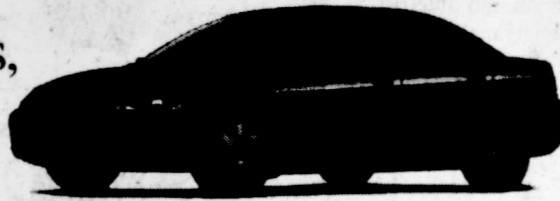
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### To find the beauty in life — a pledge for the New Year

*From the Back Pew...*

By Cheryl Berzanskis



The Navajos have a philosophy which emphasizes walking with beauty all around and living in harmony with people, places and things. That seems completely sensible.

The emphasis is on appreciation for the world God created and the contentment fostered by the desire for finding one's place in the world and giving and taking as life offers its blessings and sorrows.

It agrees with Paul's advice to live at peace with those we dwell among. It agrees with the Edenic vision of a world untainted but provided as a setting in which man might see the handiwork of God. There is a similarity between the Navajo way and the Christian way.

Since my spiritual epiphany in March when I learned the power of religious art, I've made it my business to look for it, broadly defined, all around me. I find that it engenders a spirit of gratitude toward God and a spirit of awe at His creation.

Walking with the first all around yields a spirit of thankfulness which follows behind in the blink of an eye and it permeates the attitude of the soul.

In the last couple of weeks, I've found beauty all around, both the physical and spiritual. The God's own gorgeous self is in the common and uncommon and I find His manifestations in equal measure.

When eating at International House of Pancakes last week I noticed a band of inlaid plastic in the dining table. It was a happy shade of blue, just the color of sailing on a summer day.

Tuesday two cowboys in a huge Dodge pickup with a Cummins diesel engine rescued me and my Oldsmobile from atop a snow drift. When I asked whether they made it their mission in life to play Good Samaritan, one replied, "No, we just have all our shopping finished." Both their dry-boned humor and their help was beautiful.

On the third Sunday of Advent my church's musicians blessed the congregation with the most delightful music, both vocal and instrumental. The swell of harmony surrounded the sanctuary as the adult choir arrayed themselves along the walls such that their projected voices met over worshippers. The children's choir joined with the adult singers in a three-part round. The handbell choir called us to worship and dismissed us when the service ended.

For the new year, I hope to find more beauty all around me. May you find it also.

### Call to spread gospel keeps couple together

DALLAS — In almost 56 years of marriage, Lois Morran can't remember having a single argument with her husband, Louis. Maybe all the sweet music they've made together has had something to do with that.

They've performed together even longer than they've been married, more than 58 years now, singing at churches and revivals, nursing homes and daycare centers, anywhere anyone wants a good helping of old-fashioned Southern gospel music. The Morrans' love of music has never wavered. Nor have their audiences.

"We sang at a Baptist church last night, and just this morning people who heard us called and asked if we could sing at their church in January," Lois Morran said in a recent interview. "We have to keep a book or else we wouldn't know where to go."

They perform so often, and do so much to spread Southern gospel music, that the Texas International Music Association recently honored the Morrans with a lifetime achievement award for furthering gospel music. The award was so unexpected that Lois Morran fairly blushes when asked about it.

"It was a complete surprise to us," she said. "We'd never even anticipated being recognized for our music. We never imagined anything like this."

All she and her husband ever wanted was to spread the gospel through their music, Lois Morran said. That's why they stick to a program of traditional songs, one of the many things they agree on in life.

"We'll never sing contemporary songs. We don't like them," Lois Morran said. "We think gospel isn't gospel if it doesn't make sense. And we don't sing them unless they have a clear message in them."

Lois Morran grew up in Seagoville, where the couple still lives. Louis Morran, who has been pastor of the Evangelical Methodist Church in Seagoville since it was organized in the early 1950s, hails from Mesquite. And when they first met, neither had enough money to go out to eat or see a movie.

"So we just went to churches and sang," she said.

They've been comfortable in that setting ever since, a fact that still amazes Lois Morran.

"When I was a little girl, I was too timid to ever get up in front of someone to do anything," she said. "I was so timid I'd take a zero on an oral report to keep from standing in front of the class."

"But I've overcome that, thank the Lord."

She thanks the Lord, too, for the harmony that marks their marriage.

"Now, we don't agree on everything," Lois Morran said, answering that question before it was asked. "But we don't let things build up and get mad about them. Besides, I can't get mad at Louis. He's too fine a man."

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### Church ends affiliation with Boy Scouts

TAUNTON, Mass. (AP) — The Union Congregational Church, affiliated with the United Church of Christ, has voted to cancel the charter of its Boy Scout troop as of January, forcing the scouts to find another sponsor and meeting place.

A local elementary school also severed official ties, but is letting the scouts continue to meet in the building. In both cases, the issue is the organization's ban on openly gay leaders.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Boy Scouts' right to set its own standards for leaders. In response, numerous school boards, city councils, corporations and charities have cut support.

The church news deadline is noon Wednesdays

## SPORTS

## Notebook

## BASKETBALL

**PAMPA** — Heavy snow and ice forced the Pampa girls' basketball team to drop out of the Ardmore Tournament this week.

The Lady Harvesters' next game is a District 3-4A contest with Amarillo Caprock at 6 Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** — Applications are now being evaluated for the annual Ten Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp.

The camp is for boys' ages 8-9 and girls' ages 10-19. Texas camps will be located in Commerce and Fort Worth.

For an evaluation form, call (704) 588-8891.

## FOOTBALL

**IRVING, Texas (AP)** — As boring as it was to watch the Dallas Cowboys this past season, it should be exciting to follow them in the offseason to see how they handle a wide variety of difficult questions.

Owner Jerry Jones must pick everything from a quarterback to a place to hold training camp. Among the decisions facing coach Dave Campo is whether to have hip-replacement surgery.

Changes, and lots of them, are needed following a 5-11 season that was Dallas' worst since going 1-15 in Jones' first year. That team, though, at least had potential with a rookie quarterback named Troy Aikman and a first-round draft pick that became Emmitt Smith.

This time, Aikman is deciding whether to retire and Jones is deciding whether to release him if he won't. Smith is still going strong, but some of his longtime teammates may have to go because they're worn out, expensive — or both.

Rebuilding through the draft would be a good start, except the Cowboys don't have picks in the first, fourth and seventh rounds. The first-rounder, which Seattle owns, is No. 7.

Jones traded those picks last offseason, trying to reshape his offense around Aikman, hoping to squeeze out one last hurrah from the remaining players from Dallas' three Super Bowl teams of the '90s.

Instead, Aikman suffered a concussion before he completed a pass, got knocked out of two more games in the first quarter, and completely missed five more. When he did play, Aikman threw 14 interceptions, five in one game, and seven touchdowns while compiling the lowest QB rating of any NFC starter.

**BOISE, Idaho (AP)** — Dirk Koetter is taking his reputation as an offensive wizard to Arizona State. And he's leaving Boise State, now his former program, in solid shape.

Bart Hendricks ran for two touchdowns, threw for another and caught a late scoring pass as Boise State beat Texas-El Paso 38-23 on Thursday in the Humanitarian Bowl.

It was the closing chapter of Koetter's three-year coaching run with the Broncos (10-2), who won their hometown bowl game for the second straight year while also winning two straight Big West titles.

"There's a lot to be proud of, and not just in terms of wins and losses," Koetter said. "We improved the infrastructure. We recruited a lot of good, young talent. I think you'll see Boise State be a factor for years to come."

Koetter's voice broke when he was asked if he realized he had coached his last game for the Broncos.

"It's hitting me right between the eyes," Koetter said.

The priority for new coach Dan Hawkins, a former assistant, will be to find a successor to the versatile Hendricks, who completed 17-of-29 passes for 247 yards and ran for another 57 yards.

If that wasn't enough, Hendricks capped his career by catching an 11-yard pass from receiver Andre Banks with 3:35 to play.

## Texas, Oregon look to make more magic

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Put Texas and Oregon on the same field, and a classic Holiday Bowl might break out.

Comeback wins in the fourth quarter or overtime? Oregon had plenty of those this year. Score lots of points? Texas averages almost 40 a game.

Yes, the Holiday Bowl might live up to its wild reputation when No. 8 Oregon and No. 12 Texas, both 9-2, play Friday night.

"I'd like that," said coach Mike Bellotti, whose Ducks were part of a Pacific Northwest uprising in the Pac-10 this season.

"I think it can be a great football game. Texas' ability level is greater than ours, so we're going to have play better, play harder. If we can do that, and we match up, that'll be to our advantage."

The Ducks, of course, would be playing in the Rose Bowl if

## Holiday Bowl

not for their devastating 23-13 loss to rival Oregon State on Nov. 18, when quarterback Joey Harrington committed six turnovers. Oregon was the only team to beat No. 4 Washington, which earned the Pac-10's Rose Bowl berth even though the Huskies, Ducks and Beavers tied at 7-1 in the conference.

While Harrington and Bellotti say the Oregon State loss will stick with them forever, they don't look at the Holiday Bowl as a consolation prize. If the Ducks win, they'll have the first 10-win season in their 105-year history.

"There was a mourning period," Harrington said. "But now everybody's got a spring in their step. I think it's a great chance to go out on top against one of the best teams in the country."

Besides playing a big-name

program, the Ducks get valuable exposure to the fertile Southern California recruiting scene.

And Bellotti said this is Oregon's biggest challenge since playing Penn State in the Rose Bowl after the 1994 season. He's not just buttering up his opponent, either. The Longhorns have an edge with two mammoth All-American linemen — 365-pound offensive tackle Leonard Davis, whose nickname is "Dancin' Bear," and defensive tackle Casey Hampton.

And the Longhorns' six-game winning streak — which started a week after they lost 63-14 to Oklahoma — makes them one of the nation's hottest teams.

"If Washington and Oregon State are Top 10 teams, this is a Top 10 team," Bellotti said of the Longhorns. "They possess as many or more weapons than anybody we've played this year. In fact, they are the best team

we've played this year. Hands down, no question."

Besides a 10th win, the Longhorns are motivated by finishing in the Top 10, which they haven't done since 1983.

"This game will determine our mindset for the whole off-season," said sophomore quarterback Chris Simms, who will start his third straight game. "We all want to be in the Top 10 and have a nice clean start and a fresh frame of mind going into next year."

It's not much of a surprise that Brown picked Simms to start over Major Applewhite, considering Simms' 383 yards passing and three touchdowns in a season-ending 43-17 win over Texas A&M.

Simms, the son of former New York Giants quarterback Phil Simms, started the final two games after Applewhite, Texas' career passing leader, sprained a knee.

"I don't expect to be taken

out, that's for sure," Simms said. "Even if I go the first four or five drives and we don't score. ... I've practiced great. I don't feel like they can take me out."

Applewhite, though, said he expects to get in the game.

Bellotti said Texas' balance makes the Longhorns look like a Pac-10 team. Senior running back Hodges Mitchell had more than 1,000 yards rushing and 300 yards receiving for the second straight year. Wide receiver Roy Williams had 40 catches to set Texas freshman records with 809 yards and eight touchdowns, and B.J. Johnson had a freshman-record 41 catches for 698 yards and three TDs.

Oregon has a big-time back, too. Maurice Morris rushed for 1,217 yards and eight touchdowns.

The Holiday Bowl is sponsored by Culligan.

## M.G. Flyers compete in Santa Cup Invite

The M.G. Flyers Tumble & Trampoline Team and Division One Gymnasts entered their first meet of the new season at the Santa Cup Invitational earlier this month.

All gymnasts competed in compulsory routines on trampoline and tumbling.

All the gymnasts did very good, said M.F. Flyers head coach Madeline Graves.

All M.G. Flyers team members received fourth place or better in both events.

Danielle Zuniga, a first-year Level 4 gymnast, received a 28.70 All-Around, a personal best.

In the Level 5 competition, Shannon Clay received a 7.0 on vault, 7.8 on bars, 7.2 on beam and 8.4 on floor. Shannon was third in the All-Around competition.

Shelby Clay received her best score of the year in All-Around competition. Shelby received an 8.2 on vault and a second place medal; 9.0 on bars and tied for

the silver medal; 7.1 on beam and a fourth place; 7.9 on floor and a second place in All-Around.

Allison Cooper, in her first year of competition in Level 5, placed fifth in all four events and fifth place in the All-Around competition.

In Level 6, Nichole Dyer competed in only three events and received a fifth place on vault.

Allison Ware placed first on beam and third in the All-Around competition.

Carrie Clay competed in her first Level 7 competition and received an 8.75 on vault and first place and a gold medal for her vault. Carrie placed second on bars, first on beam for the gold medal, third on floor and a bronze medal. Carrie won the gold medal for her All-Around score.

The M.G. Flyers will start competing again in January. Coach Graves is assisted by Mary Clay and Jeanna Zuniga.



(Photo by Grover Black)

**Pampa's Ashley Derington (23) and Ashlei Jordan (15) run a play during a recent girls' basketball game. The Pampa girls were scheduled to play in the Ardmore Tournament this week, but dropped out because of icy road conditions in Oklahoma.**

## Pampa faces defending champs

**PAMPA** — The early-season schedule couldn't be much tougher for the Pampa boys soccer team.

The Harvesters open the 2001 season in the Wichita Falls Shootout Thursday through Saturday of next week. Their first-round opponent Friday is Wichita Falls Rider, the defending Class 4A state champion.

"We've got them right out the blocks," said PHS coach John True. "This will be the biggest game as far as the opponent goes that the Pampa boys soccer program has ever had. I feel like we've been ready, though."

Returning starters Ryan Sells, Ryan Chambers, Ryan Nash and Tristan

## Soccer

Brown will be the backbone of this year's team. Jimmy Story and Shawn Davis, who skipped soccer a year ago, return for their senior season.

Foreign exchange students Richard Rodriguez and Ivan McKenzie will give the Harvesters a shot in the arm. True believes both Rodriguez and McKenzie will be in the starting lineup.

True is also looking at Kevin Hopson and Chance Crain, who both saw playing time a year ago. Mark Garza is up from the junior varsity and is expected to push somebody for a starting spot.

Others looking to suit up for the varsity are Sepp Haukebo, Kevin Turner, Curtis Pritchett, Blake Helms, Hayden Wade and Nuni Silva.

Although the Harvesters will be young again, there won't be a depth problem.

"We've got a full JV team, 18 or 19 people," True said. "We've got lots of kids out, and hopefully, we've got some talent."

The Harvesters travel to Amarillo on Tuesday to scrimmage the Amarillo schools. The varsity-alumni scrimmage is tentatively set for 4:15 p.m. Wednesday at Harvester Stadium.

## Mules tame Harvesters in Caprock Tournament

**LUBBOCK** — Pampa lost to Muleshoe 65-56 Thursday in the opening round of the Caprock Holiday Tournament at Lubbock Monterey gym.

Pampa (10-7) moved into the consolation round and played either Stephenville or Trinity Christian today. Muleshoe evened its record at 1-1.

Darrell Lewis had 22 points and Lincoln Riley 14 to lead the Mules in scoring.

Adam Rodgers had 15 points and Gary Alexander 14 to lead the Harvesters.

The Harvesters, trailing 28-22 at halftime, fell behind by 12 points early

in the third quarter.

Pampa cut the gap to three (52-49) early in the fourth quarter, but Muleshoe was able to keep the lead the rest of the way.

Others scoring for the Harvesters were Victor Brooks with 8, Kirk George 4, Max Simon 4, Chadd Platt 4, Matt Crow 3, Sedrick Drew 2 and Kyle Francis 2.

In other first-round openers, Dimmitt slipped by Lubbock Estacado 62-60, Shallowater defeated Dalhart 63-51, Hereford romped by Austin St. Michael's 64-41, and Caprock downed Lubbock Cornado 51-40.

## Rams and Saints taking "full contact" a step further

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Call it fuller contact, extra hard-hitting, more smashed-mouth football.

The St. Louis Rams and the New Orleans Saints warmed up in their first regular season game, getting just a little extra mean.

They turned it up in the second game, starting the trash talking in pregame warmups and moving on to pushing matches, slugfests, and general rowdiness during the game.

On Saturday, the Rams and Saints meet in the NFC wild-card game, and the NFL has already warned both teams that officials will have the flags ready.

Rams quarterback Kurt

Warner said the officials will probably need them.

"A lot of emotions are going to be flying around," Warner said. "People are going to be trying to bait other people into getting in fights and things like that, kind of like you saw last week. I expect to see more of the same."

The Rams (10-6) and Saints (10-6) head into Saturday's game 1-1 against each other during the regular season. New Orleans, which won the NFC West with a better division record, took the first game in St. Louis. The Rams won the second one last Sunday in New Orleans.

"There was a lot of trash talking going on in both games," said Saints wide receiver Jake

Reed. "I think those guys started it trying to get our defense out of their game, but we need to stop it and all the other stuff this week. We need to take care of business no matter what they do."

The Rams also seem to agree with that game plan, but like the Saints, St. Louis feels it was the other guys who started it.

"They've already been saying some things and doing a little yapping in the media," Rams tight end Roland Williams said. "We don't want to get caught up in that. We just want to go out there and play big-time football."

Last week, there was plenty of pushing and shoving, and at least six group fights that had officials and teammates sepa-

rating players.

The rivalry has grown suddenly, Saints coach Jim Haslett said, because his team has improved rapidly. For eight years, New Orleans was not much of a factor in the division, failing to achieve even a winning season.

This year, that's changed — and so have the feelings of conference foes.

"I'm sure that both teams don't like each other," Haslett said. "I think it's nice the Saints are in that position. You couldn't say that the last year or the year before that."

But Haslett understands that penalties can hurt his team. He hopes his players understand that, as well.

"We're going to be smart, but

we're definitely not going to back down," Saints defensive lineman Norman Hand said. "They'll be in here trash talking and trying to intimidate us. But nobody intimidates us."

While the Rams apparently have shaken off midseason problems and are intent on defending their Super Bowl title, the Saints have rebounded from a 3-13 season with the biggest turnaround this year.

St. Louis running back Marshall Faulk, who took part in at least one brawl in last week's game, said that adds up to a lot to prove for both teams.

"I think we respect each other," Faulk said. "But we don't necessarily like each other."

# Dolphins don't have the time to enjoy success

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Miami Dolphins know what it takes to win the AFC East championship.

They just didn't think they'd have to do it twice — in one game.

The Dolphins were already in the locker room celebrating their 27-24 win against New England on Sunday, when they were called back on to the field to replay the game's final three seconds. They survived a failed Hail Mary attempt, and went back to the locker room to continue the revelry of their first title in six years.

The Dolphins (11-5) haven't thought much about it since as they prepare for Saturday's wild-card playoff game against the Indianapolis Colts (10-6) at Miami.

"It's a shame that you can't walk in here and say, 'Hey we just won the division, and let's take two weeks and enjoy this thing.' You've got one day, and then you're in there grinding on the players. It's nice, but it won't mean anything on Saturday," Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt said.

The Dolphins, crushed by Jacksonville 62-7 in last year's divisional game, have greater aspirations than just a division title.

"For us to lose Saturday would be a major disappointment. We have all the credentials. In the AFC, there's nobody we can't compete with," receiver Leslie Shephard said.

The teams are meeting for the third time since Nov. 26, and each has won on the other's home turf.

Indianapolis' Peyton Manning relied on the short-passing game in the last meeting, completing 21 of 28 passes for 206 yards in a 20-13 victory on Dec. 17.

Edgerrin James rushed for more than 100 yards in both regular-season games, including a 17-14 Miami victory in

Indianapolis on Nov. 26.

"The difference in the game up there was, we didn't have penalties and we didn't make mistakes," Wannstedt said. "They came down here, and did the same thing. We made the penalties and we made the mistakes."

The victory against the Patriots snapped a two-game losing streak for the Dolphins. Quarterback Jay Fiedler said a comeback victory against New England was just what they needed.

"I feel great coming from behind," he said.

The Colts might not feel so great if they fall behind, largely because of Miami's tough defense.

"When you play the Dolphins, you know what you're getting into," Manning said. "They've got a great defense. The times we've played well against them, we just made plays and executed."

Offensively, there's little comparison between the two teams. Fiedler has thrown for 2,402 yards to Manning's league-leading 4,413.

Dolphins running back Lamar Smith has run for 1,139 yards to Edgerrin James' 1,709.

## Wheeler, White Deer athletes named to G-N Super Team

Seven Pampa area players were named to the Class 1A Amarillo Globe-News Super Team.

Wheeler was represented on the Super Team by running back Caleb Finsterwald, offensive lineman Kelby Ledbetter and linebacker Bret Goad. All three are seniors.

Four White Deer athletes — wide receiver Dustin Harper, offensive lineman Thomas Harris, defensive back Aaron McKean and punter Nick Ball — were named to the team. Harper, McLean and Ball are juniors while Harris is a senior.

Both Wheeler and White Deer advanced into the playoffs, finishing 1-2 respectively in the District 1-A standings. The Mustangs went unbeaten in district play and advanced to the Area round of the playoffs. The Bucks went from having a losing record to a winner, going from 2-8 in 1999 to 7-4 this season.

Selected as Player of the Year was running back Sid Resendes of Stratford. Resendes, a senior, set the all-time Panhandle single-season rushing record with 2,914 yards.

Coach of the Year was Stratford's Brad Thiessen, who led the Elks to the state championship, finishing with a 16-0 record. It was the first 16-0 season in area history.

Indianapolis wide receiver Marvin Harrison outgained Oronde Gadsden 1,413 yards receiving to 786.

Dolphins offensive guard Mark Dixon said they'll need to have success running the ball.

"The key for them to be successful is for their defense to play well, and they've been doing it," Dixon said. "Our style is to run the ball, and we need to do it better than we have recently. Lately, we've seen teams bringing the house to stop the run. That's what we'll see this weekend."

In two games, the Dolphins could score only a combined 30 points against a Colts defense that ranks 21st in the NFL.

The Colts allowed only 43 points in the final three games, compared with 70 in the three-game losing streak that preceded it.

"There aren't going to be any major changes," Wannstedt said. "You don't win 10 or 11 games, and then all of a sudden change your offense or defense and do a bunch of different things. Both teams know each other fairly well."

## West redux: Bryant leads LA to Phoenix rout, Blazers edge Jazz

Jason Kidd scored 15 points for the Suns, who shot a season-low 30.5 percent from the floor in their fourth loss in six games.

"We didn't make any shots and we definitely didn't stop them," Kidd said. "That's why we got our hand handed to us tonight."

Los Angeles outscored Phoenix 64-37 over the second and third quarters.

The Suns lost 144-107 at home against the Lakers on Oct. 31, 1985. Thursday's 37-point margin was Phoenix's worst anywhere since a 151-107 defeat at Seattle on April 2, 1988.

Portland, meanwhile, got by Utah 103-102 in overtime despite having Scottie Pippen, Rasheed Wallace and Arvydas Sabonis foul out. Damon Stoudamire scored nine of his season-high 32 points in the extra period, including the winning jumper.

The Blazers have won four straight against Utah, and eliminated the Jazz from the playoffs the past two seasons.

Los Angeles beat Phoenix in last season's playoffs, before knocking out Portland in the conference finals.

In Thursday's other NBA games, Boston edged New Jersey 112-111 on a little-used player's steal and miracle 3-pointer at the buzzer; Sacramento beat Charlotte 91-87 for its 13th victory in 14 outings; Chicago stunned San Antonio 105-104; Milwaukee beat Cleveland 107-89; Orlando defeated Detroit 102-96; Minnesota rallied past Atlanta 88-81; Dallas beat the Los Angeles Clippers 105-96; and Toronto got by Denver 94-93.

"I felt like I could go to any spot on the floor and capitalize on what the defense was doing," Bryant said after surpassing the 35-point mark for the 11th time this season. "I was in the flow and felt like anything they would do, they couldn't stop me."

He was 12-of-19 from the floor and 11-of-11 from the line. Shaquille O'Neal had 18 points and 11 rebounds for Los Angeles, which won for the sixth time in seven games despite playing without starting forward Horace Grant, who had back spasms.

Stephon Marbury scored 27 points for host New Jersey. Kings 91, Hornets 87.

Chris Webber had 24 points and 10 rebounds as Sacramento, at home, ended Charlotte's seven-game winning streak. The Kings have the NBA's best record at 20-7

and lead the Lakers by a game in the Pacific Division. Bulls 105, Spurs 104.

Chicago's Ron Mercer scored 24 of his 33 points in the second half, including a go-ahead 17-foot jumper with 52 seconds left. Brad Miller hit two free throws with four seconds to go to seal the Bulls' second home victory. Bucks 107, Cavaliers 89.

Sam Cassell and Ray Allen each scored 23 points to lead Milwaukee to its fourth victory in a row. Visiting Cleveland, which has lost five straight, was without five key players because of injury, including starters Matt Harpring and Zydrunas Ilgauskas. Magic 102, Pistons 96.

Darrell Armstrong's 22 points, 14 assists and seven rebounds led Orlando to its 14th win in 15 home games against Detroit. Timberwolves 88, Hawks 81.

Reserve Anthony Peeler scored 22 points as host Minnesota rallied to end Atlanta's season-high four-game winning streak. Mavericks 105, Clippers 96.

Michael Finley scored 25 points and Steve Nash 20 at Dallas as the Mavericks beat the Clippers for the ninth straight time. Lamar Odum had 21 points for Los Angeles.

Raptors 94, Nuggets 93.

Vince Carter scored 25 points, including a 3-pointer with 4.9 seconds left, to lead Toronto at Denver. Former Nuggets player Mark Jackson had 11 points and a season-high 17 assists as the Raptors snapped a two-game losing streak.

# Scoreboard

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### College Bowl Games

#### At A Glance

#### By The Associated Press

#### All Times EST

#### Wednesday, Dec. 20

#### Mobile Alabama Bowl

#### Payoff: \$750,000

#### Southern Mississippi 28, TCU 21

#### Thursday, Dec. 21

#### Las Vegas Bowl

#### Payoff: \$500,000

#### UNLV 31, Arkansas 14

#### Sunday, Dec. 24

#### Oahu Bowl

#### At Honolulu

#### Payoff: \$750,000

#### Georgia 37, Virginia 14

#### Monday, Dec. 25

#### Blue-Gray Classic

#### At Montgomery, Ala.

#### Gray 40, Blue 37

#### Aloha Bowl

#### At Honolulu

#### Payoff: \$750,000

#### Boston College 31, Arizona State 17

#### Wednesday, Dec. 27

#### Motor City Bowl

#### At Pontiac, Mich.

#### Payoff: \$750,000

#### Marshall 25, Cincinnati 14

#### GalleryFurniture.com Bowl

#### At Houston

#### Payoff: \$750,000

#### East Carolina 40, Texas Tech 27

#### Thursday, Dec. 28

#### Humanitarian Bowl

#### At Boise, Idaho

#### Payoff: \$750,000

#### Boise State 38, Texas-El Paso 23

#### Music City Bowl

#### At Nashville, Tenn.

#### Payoff: \$750,000

#### West Virginia 49, Mississippi 38

#### Micron.com Bowl

#### At Miami

#### Payoff: \$750,000

#### North Carolina State 38, Minnesota 30

#### Insight.com Bowl

#### At Phoenix

#### Payoff: \$750,000

#### Iowa State 37, Pittsburgh 29

#### Friday, Dec. 29

#### Liberty Bowl

#### At Memphis, Tenn.

#### Payoff: \$1.25 million

#### Colorado State (9-2) vs. Louisville (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)

#### Sun Bowl

#### At El Paso, Texas

#### Payoff: \$1 million

#### North Carolina State (9-2) vs. Air Force (8-3), 7 p.m. (FOXSN)

#### Peach Bowl

#### At Atlanta

#### Payoff: \$1.8 million

#### Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. LSU (7-4), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

#### Holiday Bowl

#### At San Diego

#### Payoff: \$1.9 million

#### Texas (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

#### Saturday, Dec. 30

#### Alamo Bowl

#### At San Antonio

#### Payoff: \$1.2 million

#### North Carolina State (9-2) vs. Northwestern (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

#### Sunday, Dec. 31

#### Silicon Valley Classic

#### At San Jose, Calif.

#### Payoff: \$1.2 million

#### Purdue (8-3) vs. Washington (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)

#### Cator Bowl

#### At Jacksonville, Fla.

#### Payoff: \$1.4 million

#### Virginia Tech (10-1) vs. Clemson (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

#### Citrus Bowl

#### At Orlando, Fla.

#### Payoff: \$13.5 million

#### Purdue (8-3) vs. Washington (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)

#### Rose Bowl

#### At Pasadena, Calif.

#### Payoff: \$13.5 million

#### Purdue (8-3) vs. Washington (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)

#### Fiesta Bowl

#### At Tempe Ariz.

#### Payoff: \$13.5 million

#### Oregon State (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)

#### Tuesday, Jan. 2

#### Sugar Bowl

#### At New Orleans

#### Payoff: \$13.5 million

#### Florida (10-2) vs. Miami (10-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

#### Wednesday, Jan. 3

#### Orange Bowl

#### At Miami

#### Payoff: \$11-13 million

#### Oklahoma (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

#### PRO FOOTBALL

### NFL Playoff Glance

#### All Times EST

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#### Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 4 p.m. (FOX)

#### Divisional Playoffs

#### Saturday, Jan. 6

#### New Orleans, Philadelphia or Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 12:30 p.m. (FOX)

#### Baltimore, Denver or Miami at Oakland, 4 p.m. (CBS)

#### Sunday, Jan. 7

#### Baltimore, Denver or Indianapolis at Tennessee, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)

#### Philadelphia, Tampa Bay or St. Louis at New York Giants, 4:15 p.m. (FOX)

#### Conference Championships

#### Sunday, Jan. 14

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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# News in brief ...

## Bush looks to welfare-reforming governor for HHS chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Bush is looking to welfare-reform pioneer Gov. Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin to head the Department of Health and Human Services, the huge federal agency that delivers welfare and other social programs. Thompson, who is the nation's longest-serving Republican governor, flew to Washington on Thursday night for an announcement Friday, GOP sources said. Bush, meanwhile, was taking a long look at Houston schools chief Rod Paige for education secretary.

## Bomb attacks further dampen peace efforts

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel has closed off the West Bank and Gaza Strip in response to bomb attacks that killed two Israeli soldiers, wounded 16 other people and further hampered efforts to forge a peace agreement with the Palestinians. Prime Minister Ehud Barak closed the Palestinian territories as of Friday, banning Palestinians from entering Israel. Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza will not be permitted to attend Friday services at the Al Aqsa Mosque in the Old City of Jerusalem. Israel's strict new measures were sparked by Thursday's deadly attacks in Tel Aviv, where two small bombs exploded in the back of a city bus on a main street, injuring 14 people, two seriously. Hours later, two Israeli soldiers died and two others were hurt in a bomb blast in the Gaza Strip.

## Judge approves McVeigh's request to get execution date

DENVER (AP) — Timothy McVeigh could be put to death as early as May now that a federal judge has granted the convicted Oklahoma City bomber's request to drop all appeals and get a prompt execution date. U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch, however, gave McVeigh time to change his mind. After Jan. 11, the judge said he would let the U.S. Bureau of Prisons set a date for McVeigh to die by lethal injection.

## New seats, redistricting could change Arizona's political landscape

## PHOENIX (AP) — Long a bastion of conservative Republican politics, Arizona is prepared for a dramatic reshaping of its political landscape. Arizona is among four states that will gain two seats in Congress due to population increases over the past decade. As a result, the state will send eight people to Congress in the 2002 election. The increase may seem like a major victory for the Republican Party, which holds five of the state's six current seats and controls the state Legislature. But for the first time, state lawmakers will not control the process of redrawing Arizona's congressional map. The boundaries will be set by an independent commission.

**Montgomery Ward to close stores, file for bankruptcy**  
CHICAGO (AP) — Besieged by competition from specialty retailers, Montgomery Ward, a progenitor of mail-order shopping that operated general merchandise stores in 30 states, is closing down after 128 years. Montgomery Ward had been shooting for sales growth this year of about 9 percent. Instead, it hovered at a sluggish 2 percent. Heavy competition — from chains ranging from Home Depot to Best Buy, Target and the Gap — proved to be too much for the department store chain that helped pioneer American retailing.

## High-level Korean economic talks stall over electricity

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Economic talks between North and South Korea stalled Friday, the latest setback in this year's unprecedented efforts to improve relations after half a century of enmity.

## 'Armless, Legless Girl Wonder' dies

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — Frieda Pushnik, "the Armless, Legless Girl Wonder" who spent years touring with Ripley's Believe It or Not and Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, died Dec. 24 after a battle with bladder cancer. She was 77.

## Madonna was dripping with diamonds at wedding

NEW YORK (AP) — Stella McCartney was the maid of honor, not Gwyneth Paltrow. And the bride didn't wear diamond-encrusted cowboy boots, as had been rumored. But Madonna was dripping with diamonds — on loan from Harry Winston — when she married British film director Guy Ritchie under tight security in Scotland. Madonna, 42, wore a strapless silk ivory gown, designed by Stella McCartney, daughter of ex-Beatle Paul McCartney. Paltrow, Rupert Everett, Donatella Versace and Sting were among the celebrities who witnessed the union at Skibo Castle.

## 1,000-yard receiver doesn't mind light duty if Rams keep winning

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Rams' wildcard playoff game against the New Orleans Saints shapes up as another dull afternoon for Isaac Bruce. Bruce loves the big play, and just completed his fourth 1,000-yard receiving season. But he didn't get many openings in last week's 26-21 victory over the Saints, catching only two passes for 43 yards. He doesn't expect room to roam on Saturday, either, when the teams meet in New Orleans for the second straight week, with the Saints usually using in a two-deep zone.

## Philadelphians gathered outside during the police investigation, alternately crying, yelling, and demanding information about family members who they believed might have been inside.

"I want to go in there!" one woman shouted, according to the Philadelphia Daily News. "My baby's in there!" Another woman was singing, "Jesus wants me..."

## Two of the Philadelphia victims were drug dealers, and a small amount of crack cocaine was found in the house, about 200 feet away from an elementary school, Deputy Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson said.

"The same scenario is played out every day — Crack house, school, Crack house, church, Crack house, neighborhood," said Malik Aziz of the community organization Philadelphia Making a Difference Against Guns, Drugs and Violence.

## Hospitalized survivors told police that four people wearing masks broke into the house after 8 p.m. and opened fire, Brady said.

Six men were found dead in the dining room. A woman died later at a hospital. Two victims remained hospitalized Friday: a 37-year-old man in critical condition and a 45-year-old man in good condition. A 43-year-old female was discharged Friday morning. Police said they would not release the names of the victims until all had been identified.

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## The house was one of dozen dilapidated homes with boarded-up windows, fallen awnings and overgrown lawns littered with fallen bricks.

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## "Every house on this street is abandoned. They should knock them down and give the neighbors support," said Steve Hawkins, a community activist who visited the street Friday.

After the shooting, Tina Washington, 44, was looking for her 23-year-old son, who may have been in the area. She said she often pulled young adults off the corner to get them away from the drug activity.

## "You pray, and you talk to them, and you keep talking to them until you're blue in the face," she said.

# Seven dead, three hurt in Philadelphia shooting

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Four masked intruders burst into a dilapidated crack house and opened fire on 10 people, killing seven, police said.

The victims were found lined up in the dining room of the ramshackle home, each with multiple gunshot wounds, police Capt. James Brady said Friday.

"We know that a robbery occurred inside, but it would seem to me that you don't slaughter 10 people for a few bucks," Brady told reporters. "I think there's a deeper motive involved than a single, straight-up robbery."

Police said they were exploring several leads but did not have any suspects.

One woman inside the house was heard screaming "Help me! Oh my God, help me!" during Thursday night's shooting.

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CUSTOM homes, additions, remodeling, residential / commercial Deaver Construction, 665-0447.

OVERHEAD DOOR REPAIR Kidwell Construction. Call 669-6347.

ADDITIONS, remodeling, roofing, cabinets, painting, all types repairs. Mike Albus, 665-4774.

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### 14c Carpet Serv.

NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost...It pays! No steam used. Bob Marx owner-operator. 665-3541, or from out of town, 800-536-5341.

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COX Fence Company. Repair old fence or build new. Free estimates. Call 669-7769.

HOUSE Settling? Cracks in brick or walls? Doors won't close? Call Childers Brothers Stabilizing & Foundation Leveling. 1-800-299-9563 or 806-352-9563 Amarillo, Tx.

### 14n Painting

REMODELING: Ceramic tile & shower, paint, dry-wall, acoustic ceiling, wall texture. Free Estimates. Jesus Barraza, 665-3453.

50 yrs. exp. We paint, dry-wall, texture, cornbl., residential. Free Estimates. Happy Painters 665-3214

### 14s Plumbing/Heat

JACK'S Plumbing & Faucet Shop, 715 W. Foster, 665-7115. faucets, plumbing supplies, new constr., repair, remodeling, sewer / drain cleaning, septic systems installed. Visa/MC

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Larry Baker - Plumbing Heating/ Air Conditioning Borger Hwy. 665-4392

### 14t Radio/TV

RENT TO RENT RENT TO OWN

We have tvs, VCRs, camcorders, to suit your needs. Rent by hour, day, week. We do service on most major brand of tvs & VCRs. Call for estimate. Johnson Home Entertainment, 2211 Perryton Pkwy. 665-0504.

### 21 Help Wanted

NOTICE  
Readers are urged to fully investigate advertisements which require payment in advance for information, services or goods.

ST. Ann's Nursing Home has openings for the following positions: PT LVN 11p-7a., PRN LVN and CNA all shifts. Benefits incl. ins., retirement and furnished meals. Apply in person, Spur 293 off Hwy. 60 in P. handle or call Andi @ 537-3194.

SIVALL'S, Inc. needs experienced welders/fabricators. Welding & drug test required! Call (806) 665-7111.

WORK from home up to \$25-75/hr. PT/FT. 1-800-852-6352. www.cashquick4you.com

ARE you connected? Internet users wanted! \$350-850 per week. www.money4ever.net

Non-Certified Welders and General Assembly Workers for Compost Equip. Manufacturing Company. Starting pay \$8.50. Work week is based on 50 (40 Regular and 10 Over-time) hours. Mon-Fri. 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Apply in person at Scarab Manufacturing, From White Deer, 2 mi. West on Hwy. 60 and 1 1/2 mi. South on County Road W.

CALDWELL Production Co. needs oil field pulling unit operator. 6 paid holidays plus 1 week paid vacation a year. Hwy 60 West Pampa. 665-8888.

DEPENDABLE, hard-working needed to clean local supermarket floors 3A-6A. (806) 793-9319.

DEPT. STORE in Pampa needs exp. cosmetic person for established line. Hourly plus commission. Send resume to Box 7 c/o Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, Tx. 79066-2198

ABSOLUTELY Free Info! Earn on line income \$2000-\$5000/mo. www.MakeWorkFun.com

OILFIELD Valve & Controls Sales Co. requires individual for valve and instrument repair and warehouseman. Exc. benefits. Send resume in own handwriting to P.O. Box 1836, Pampa, Tx. 79066-1836

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USDA VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT POSITION TITLE: Program Technician TYPE: Full Time Temporary LOCATION: United States Dept. of Agriculture, Gray County FSA Office, P.O. Box 1621, Pampa, TX 79065-1621, Attn: Matthew Street FSA-675 is "Application for County Employment." Blank forms may be obtained from any FSA Office. The application period closes on January 10, 2001 and all applications must be received in this office by that date. Duties include assistance in administration of Farm Programs as they relate to Gray County. Starting salary between \$18,816 and \$23,633 depending on qualifications. QUALIFICATIONS: High School Diploma or equivalent. General office skills, typing, filing, etc. Must be a U.S. Citizen and be at least 18 years of age. Farm background helpful but not necessary. Ability and willingness to work with the public and co-workers. Equal Employment Opportunity: USDA prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

RN'S/LVN'S/CNA'S, needed, all shifts, flexible hours, benefits, car pooling available. Apply in person, See Cindy Hennessy at Abraham Memorial Home in Canadian.

ANTIQUE Clock Repair, auth. by Ridgeway & Howard Miller. Larry Norton, 669-7916 aft. 5.

### 69 Misc.

ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.

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### 80 Pets & Suppl.

CANINE and Feline grooming. Boarding. Science diets. Royce Animal Hospital, 665-2223.

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White House Lumber 101 S. Ballard 669-3291

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420 W. Foster 669-6881  
TWO Steel Buildings, Engineer Certified, 40x40 was \$8680, now \$4580. 50x100 was \$17,940, now \$11,935. Must sell, call deliver. 800-292-0111.

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WEST Texas Landscape & Irrigation. Residential & commercial. 669-0158, mobile 663-1277

### 60 Household

JOHNSON HOME FURNISHINGS  
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REALLY FULLY furnished 1 bedrooms starting at \$335. All utilities included available. 3 & 6 mo. leases. Pool, laundry on site. Caprock Apts. 1601 W. Somerville, 665-7149. Open Mo-Fr 8:30-5:30, Sa 10-4, Su 1-4.

Corporate Units New furniture, W.D. Bills pd. Lakeview Apts. 2600 N. Hobart 669-7682

EFFICIENCY apt. \$225 mo., bills pd. Rooms \$20 day, \$80 wk. & up, air, tv, cable, phone. 669-3221.

ONE/TWO bdr., furn./unfurn. All utilities paid, starting at \$250, \$100 dep. Courtyard Apts., 1031 N. Sumner, 669-9712.

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GWENDOLEN Plaza Apts., 1 & 2 bdr., gas, heat & water incl., 3-6 mo. lease. 800 N. Nelson, 665-1875.

LRG. 2 bdr. Newly redecorated, appli. Water & gas paid. References. Call 665-1346.

MEREDITH House has a studio apt. avail. Assisted with daily living. 24 hrs. a day. Call 665-5668. License #00434.

PAM Apts. Seniors or disabled. Rent based on income. 1200 N. Wells, 669-2594, 9-2 p.m.

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

### 98 Unfurn. Houses

PICK up rental list from Red Box on front porch of Action Realty, 707 N. Hobart. Update each Friday.

2 bdr., \$250 mo., 213 E. Kentucky, 662-9520.

CONDO available Jan. 1st. 2 bdr., 2 bath, gar. & pool. Contact 665-3788 or 665-6936.

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3 bdr., 905 Twiford 3 bdr., 1214 E. Francis 665-2254

2505 Charles, 3 br., 2 ba., dbl. gar., c h/a, fp., \$700 mo., \$500 dep. Ref. Lease. 665-6000.

### 99 Stor. Bldgs.

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