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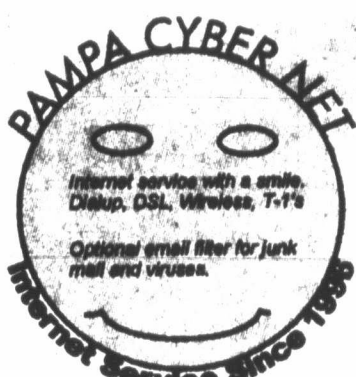
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First Christian to host Emmaus Community

Golden Spread Emmaus Community plans its Christmas meeting at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, in Pampa, on Thursday, Dec. 5. Sponsor training will be at 6 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Worship service begins at 7:30 p.m. All Emmaus Communities are invited.

STATE

Study finds fault with death penalty appeals

AUSTIN (AP) — A review of hundreds of death penalty post-conviction cases concludes that the state is at risk of executing the innocent. Texas Defender Service's report said it also found widespread incompetence.

The group, which specializes in representing capital defendants on appeal, examined hundreds of death penalty state habeas petitions filed since 1995.

DEATHS

Willie Mae Carter, 74, former Skellytown resident.
Malenda Fay Kinslow, 62, retired nurse.

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Al-Qaida link to Kenya blast grows

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. suspicions that al-Qaida was behind last week's terrorist attacks in Kenya grew stronger after counterterrorism officials deemed a claim of responsibility credible and tied missiles used in the attack to an attempted hit on a military plane in May.

U.S. authorities are treating the claim as authentic, officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The claim, posted on the Web site <http://www.afalrasas.com>, is attributed to "The Political Office of al-Qaida Jihad Organization."

The statement called Thursday's attacks in Mombasa — on an airliner and a hotel, both full of Israelis — a Ramadan greeting to the Palestinian

people and referred to al-Qaida's deadly bombings in 1998 against U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

"At the same place where the 'Jewish Crusader coalition' was hit four years ago ... here the fighters of al-Qaida came back once again to strike heavily against that evil coalition. But this time, it was against Jews," the statement said.

The attacks were intended to strike fear in travelers, the statement indicated.

"These two operations put thousands of question marks and exclamation points in front of the allied countries that spent millions on programs to protect airplanes from the inside. Here are the fighters attacking them from

the outside," it said.

In the attacks, two missiles were launched at an Israeli charter airliner just after it took off from Mombasa for Tel Aviv, Israel, with 261 passengers and 10 crew members on board. Both missed. The Arkia Airlines Boeing 757 landed safely at its destination.

About the same time, a vehicle bomb exploded at an Israeli-owned hotel in Mombasa, killing 10 Kenyans, three Israelis and the three bombers. Kenyan officials have detained at least 12 people.

The Internet statement pledged to continue operations, saying, "It is a war between faith and the infidel, between truth and fallacy, between justice and injustice."

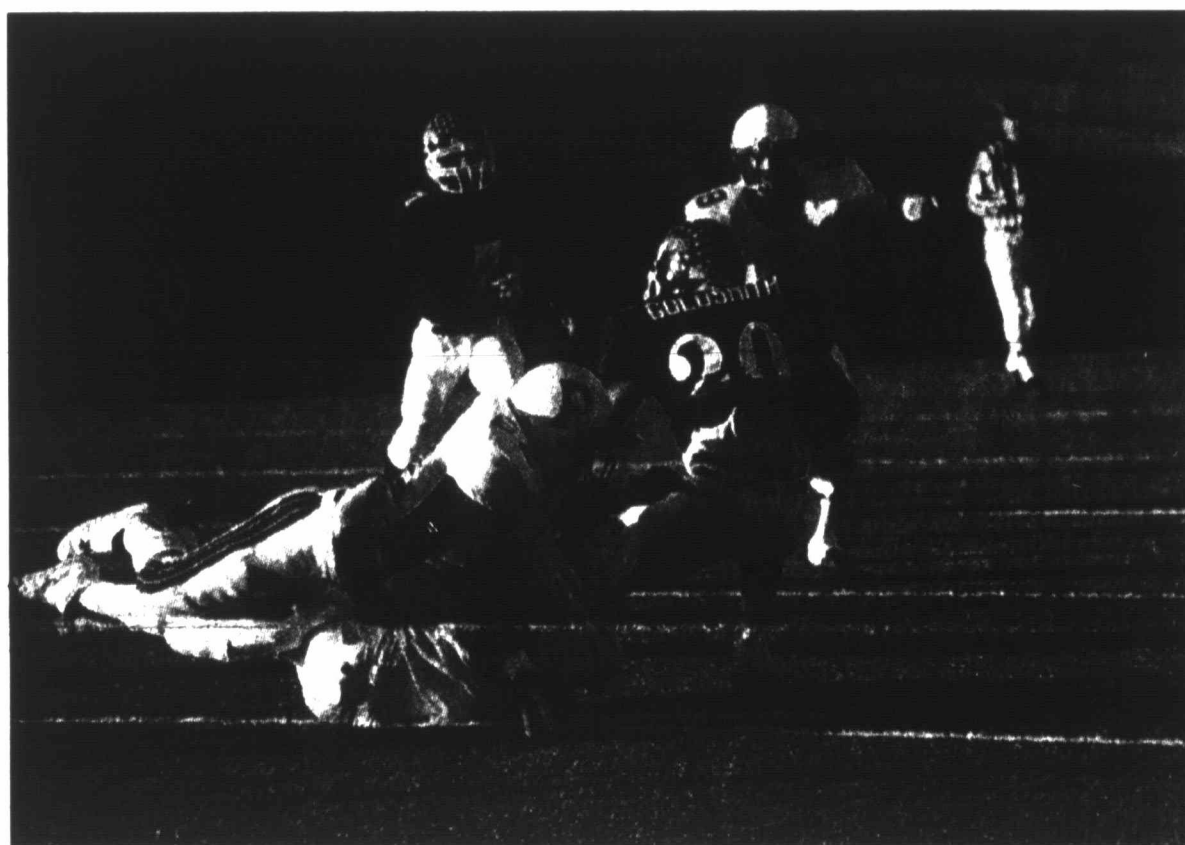
Someone listing an address in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, registered the Internet address for the site, which is published on computers in Texas, Internet records show.

Two anti-aircraft missile launchers recovered after the failed attack on the Israeli airliner are from the same production batch as one fired in May by an al-Qaida operative in Saudi Arabia at a U.S. military plane, officials said.

That suggests another al-Qaida link to the Kenya attacks, because the portable heat-seeking missiles probably were obtained as a group, the officials said.

The U.S. government has obtained other, unspecified information that (See LINK, Page 3)

Team tackle



(Photo by Grover Black)

Pampa's Tristan Brown and Carlos Solis team up to tackle Denton Ryan tailback Earl Goldsmith (20) for a loss in Saturday's regional semi-final game in Wichita Falls. Denton Ryan defeated the Harvesters 35-9 to end Pampa's season. The Harvester fell to the Raiders, the defending Class 4A champion ranked No. 2 in the state going into the game, but not without a good fight.

Vehicle crashes into parked car, fence and house

Pampa police impounded a Chevrolet and cited its owner after a late night hit-and-run damaged a vehicle, fence and house in south Pampa Monday.

At about 11:30 p.m., Monday, a 1994 Chevrolet Cavalier was northbound in the 1000 block of Huff Road, when it jumped the curb and struck a 1986 Chevrolet parked at 1029 Huff Rd., according to Pampa Police Department reports of the accident.

The Cavalier continued across the yard, across the alley behind the house, sent through a fence at 1024 Neel Rd., and final struck the northwest corner of the house, police reported. The vehicle then left the scene.

Police located the suspected driver of the vehicle in the 1600 block of West Somerville, according to the reports. The vehicle was impounded by Lt. Kenneth Hopson and the suspect was taken to the hospital by a citizen, the report states.

The Pampa News had not gotten a condition report from the hospital by press time today.

Owner of the parked Chevrolet was listed as Nettie Neel Tucker, 1029 Huff Rd. The fence and house was reported to be owned by Donna Honeycutt, 1024 Neel Rd. Police estimated damage to the property at \$4,000.

Police cited Eriac Lane Corley, 20, 621 1/2 Lowry, for leaving the scene of an accident with leaving information, no proof of financial responsibility and expired motor vehicle inspection.

Animal Control seeks animals

City Animal Control officials today are seeking the person or persons who took several animals left in the drop off box in front of the Animal Control office, 816 S. Hobart.

On Friday, a citizen dropped off a chihuahua-cross found running in front of cars outside of the post office downtown, hoping that the dog's owner would come claim the animal.

Unfortunately, someone came by and took the chihuahua along with several other animals from their cages in the drop-off box. The dog's owner came looking for it, but it had disappeared along with the other animals.

"This has happened before," said Sandy Burns, Animal Control director. "People drop off sick or old animals, as well as found animals."

"These animals could have a disease or have already bitten someone," Burns said. "They have no idea what they may be getting when they take these animals."

Burns said the drop-off box is not a final destination for pets. Animals left in the cages often match descriptions of lost pets and when identified can be returned to their owners.

"Whoever took these animals, please return them to Animal Control," Burns said. "There are several owners who would like to have their family pet come back home."

U.N. team checks Hussein's palace

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — International inspectors roared up to one of Saddam Hussein's presidential palaces Tuesday and demanded and received quick entry, in an early test of new powers to hunt for weapons of mass destruction anywhere, anytime in Iraq.

In New York, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan described Iraq's cooperation as good but cautioned "this is only the beginning." Annan's assessment appeared at odds with that of President Bush, who said Monday that early signs from Baghdad "are not encouraging."

A key Iraqi official said Baghdad will reaffirm its position that it no longer has mass destruction weapons in a long-awaited declaration later this week that is unlikely to satisfy Washington.

The U.N. weapons monitors found spectacle and opulence inside the sprawling, riverside Al-Sajoud palace. But there was no word that they found anything else. A day earlier, the United Nations announced inspectors could not find some equipment

they were looking for at a missile-related site; it was not the first time in a week of inspections that such a problem arose.

Chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix, speaking to The Associated Press on Tuesday at U.N. headquarters, said Iraq has not obstructed U.N. weapons inspectors during their first week of work but that Baghdad must explain moving some equipment.

Iraqis said Tuesday, as they have on previous days, that they cooperated with the inspectors.

Gen. Hossam Mohammed Amin, the chief Iraqi liaison officer, told journalists after Tuesday's presidential search: "The inspectors were happy."

The U.N. team left the west Baghdad grounds after 1 1/2 hours and had no comment for reporters, as has been their practice. The visit itself carried a message: that this time the inspectors have a free run of Iraq, under a Security Council mandate requiring the Baghdad government to give up any chemical, biological or nuclear weapons.

Once the inspectors left, (See TEAM, Page 3)

City joins rural advocate group

The City of Pampa has joined an organization created to become a strong voice for rural Texas.

The city recently became a member of the Association of Rural Communities in Texas (ARCIT). ARCIT was initially formed in response to the creation of the Office of Rural Community Affairs.

The new state agency will be monitored by ARCIT to ensure State and Federal funds designated for rural areas, end up in rural areas. As the association grows, its membership will direct the board and staff as to other state agencies they would like ARCIT to monitor and advocate for rural issues.

Eligible entities include cities under 50,000 population and counties under 200,000. Also eligible to join are economic development corporations and utility districts that serve those areas.

ARCIT will act as an advocate for rural communities during the upcoming 78th Legislative Session. The organization is governed by an 11 member board and has about 200 members.

Hughes Spring City Manager George Fite, ARCIT president, said, "At a recent House Committee Hearing discussing rural issues, 13 State Agency Directors were in attendance and ARCIT was the only voice there to represent the rural cities and counties. We intend to be a strong voice for rural Texas."

To learn more about ARCIT, visit arcit.org

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ON RECORD

AMBULANCE

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

Monday, Dec. 2

7:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Morrison Ranch Road and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

9:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Christy and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of North Wells. No transport.

2:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the

Spine Center in Amarillo and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Charles and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Foster and Hobart and transported one patient to PRMC.

7:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

5:09 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

POLICE

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

Monday, Dec. 2

Zachary Mitchell, 19, Amarillo, was arrested on municipal warrants for no seat belt, driving wrong side of road, parking facing traffic, and two warrants for failure to appear after he turned himself in at the police department.

Raymond Ballard, 28, Clarendon, was arrested by Donley County Sheriff's deputies on Pampa municipal warrants for no driver's license, no insurance, and failure to appear.

A chair valued at \$50 was reported stolen from Cinema Four, 1225 N. Hobart, on Nov. 15.

Minor in possession of alcohol was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A simple assault was reported in the 500 block of West Montague.

A simple assault was reported in the 2200 block of Lea.

Aggravated assault was reported in the 300 block of South Gray. The 39-year-old male victim reported that someone called him to a residence and then beat him on the head and shoulders with a pipe before he got out of his vehicle.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive. Someone entered a home through a bathroom window sometime between 5 p.m., Nov. 27, and 5 p.m., Dec. 1. Miscellaneous items valued at approximately \$800 and including a television, microwave and computer were reported taken in the break-in.

An unattended death from apparent natural causes was reported in the 400 block of North Wells. No autopsy was ordered.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of East 17th. Someone entered a vehicle sometime between 10:30 p.m., Dec. 2, and 4 a.m., Dec. 3, and took a purse/wallet valued at \$10.

FIRE

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

Monday, Dec. 2

9:07 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 400 block of North Wells.

6:22 p.m. — Four firefighters in one unit presented a program for the Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven.

6:38 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters investigated a report of a gas odor at Texas Highways 70 and 273. No source of the odor was found.

11:33 p.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to a report that a vehicle had run into a house in the 1000 block of Neel Road and left the scene. Firefighters checked for hazardous material spills and helped clean up debris.

OBITUARIES

MALENDIA FAY KINSLOW 1939-2002

Malenda Fay Kinslow, 62, of Pampa, died Monday, Dec. 2, 2002. Services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Skellytown, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Kinslow was born Dec. 19, 1939, at Ford City, Texas. She married William "Pete" Kinslow on Aug. 8, 1954, at Crowell; he died July 16, 1998. She moved to Pampa in 1969 and was a nurse at Highland General Hospital, retiring after 20 years of service.

She was a member of Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Belinda Nolte and Vickie Long, both of Pampa; a son, Jerry Kinslow of Happy; three sisters, Beatrice Woodward, Adeline Allsup, and Mildred



Morrow, all of Crowell; five brothers, Charles Durham, Elbert Durham, Hubert Durham, and Jerry Durham, all of Crowell, and Melton Durham of Burlington, Colo.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation-Pampa Center, 1224 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065.

www.carmichael-whatley.com

WILLIE MAE CARTER 1928-2002

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — Willie Mae Carter, 74, died Nov. 24, 2002, at Bates Medical Center in Bentonville. Services were held Friday, Nov. 29, at the Church of the Nazarene in Bentonville with the Rev. Herbert Ray officiating.

Mrs. Carter was born May 5, 1928, at Alanreed, to O.K. Lee and Maggie Bearden Lee. She and her husband moved to Benton County, Ark., from Skellytown, Texas, in 1964.

She was a member of Bentonville First Baptist Church and was retired from Department of Human Services. She enjoyed

reading and traveling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren C. Carter.

Survivors include a daughter, Gaye Schaffer of Gavette; three sons, Larry Carter of Bentonville, Ed Carter of Plainview, and Ronnie Carter of Seguin; three sisters, Evelyn Street of McLean, Colleen Franks of Amarillo, and Mable Pletcher of Pampa; six brothers Lawrence Lee, James Lee, and O.K. Lee Jr. of Pampa, Edgar Lee and Darel Lee, both of McLean, and Paul Lee of Shamrock; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

SERVICES TOMORROW

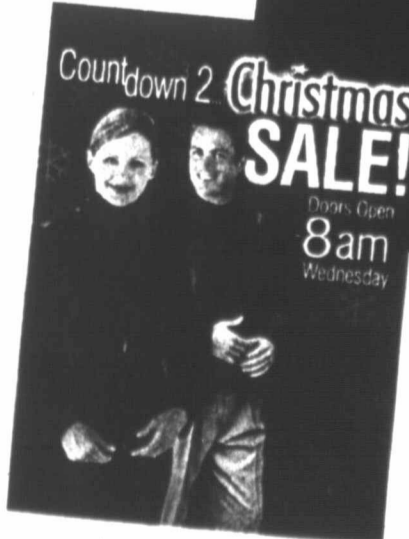
ETHEREDGE, George O., Jr. — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

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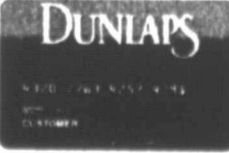
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WASHINGTON TODAY

Split in Bush's war Cabinet now more evident than ever

By TOM RAUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — A foreign policy rift simmering in the Bush administration shows no signs of mending and could affect Iraq policy as well as U.S. dealings in the Middle East and with North Korea and China.

For the moment, Secretary of State Colin Powell, a centrist, appears to have the upper hand, prevailing over hard-liners like Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in persuading President Bush to seek U.N. Security Council approval on disarming Iraq.

The victory could be short-lived. Cheney and Rumsfeld remain a potent force, and Bush's natural tendencies appear to favor bold action over Powell-style cautious diplomacy. Meanwhile, Republican midterm gains in the House and Senate have diminished Democratic influence as a force in foreign policy, further emboldening conservatives.

Tensions within the president's foreign policy inner circle are nothing new.

Earlier, the key players at least made a show of denial, aware of Bush's dislike of open discord. "There is no real space between us," Powell insisted early in Bush's term when he was asked about reported rifts with Rumsfeld. The Pentagon chief echoed that there was no "daylight between Colin and me."

But with Powell's transparent victory on the U.N.-Iraq issue, and with freshly published details of fierce behind-the-scenes wrangling, pretenses of harmony are largely gone.

"It's good we can have healthy, open debates among people who have respect for each other, people who have known each other for years," Powell said when asked about disclosures in a new book by Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward on the weeks and months after the Sept. 11 attacks.

The book, "Bush at War," details fierce infighting among Bush's war Cabinet, often inconclusive meetings on military strategy and lingering divisions over Iraq.

After Cheney suggested in August that arms inspections in Iraq would be basically futile, "Cheney and Powell went at each other in a blistering argument," Woodward wrote of one White House meeting.

Bush, Powell, CIA Director George Tenet and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice come off fairly well. Rumsfeld and Cheney are depicted as the heavies — always pressing for quicker military action and suspicious of both the CIA and the State Department.

The book shows Rumsfeld and deputy Paul Wolfowitz beating the drum for war with Iraq only days after the Sept. 11 attacks. It shows Tenet as seizing the early lead in military strategy on the ground in Afghanistan.

Bush's chief political strategist, Karl Rove, was distrustful of Powell, feeling he was "beyond political control," and along with senior Bush aide Karen Hughes, kept Powell off the Sunday talk shows, Woodward wrote.

The book portrays Rice as the troubleshooter and a calming influence on Bush.

Early on, Rice privately counsels the sports-minded president to decide which of his bickering war Cabinet commanders should take the lead on Afghanistan: "Mr. President, you have to have a quarterback for this."

"Am I not the quarterback?" he asked her.

"No, I think you're the coach."

In the end, Bush gains confidence in his judgment, weighs the rival advice of his advisers and charts his course.

"A president is constantly analyzing, making decisions based upon risk, particularly in war — risk taken relative to what can be achieved," Bush tells Woodward. Bush has said he values different views.

The foreign policy rift continues. It could be seen last week when some hard-liners urged a get-tough ultimatum on Saudi Arabia after reports of Saudi financial support for terrorists, including allegations that some came from members of the royal family. Powell cautioned against a "rush and jump to conclusions" without further investigation of the claims.

Bush also must choose among conflicting advice as he makes important decisions on Iraq, the Israeli-Palestinian crisis, North Korea's nuclear threat and growing Chinese military and economic influence.

Even though Bush has tried to keep internal dissent within his official family, the Woodward book and recent developments show that his advisers are as quarrelsome as those of other, less button-down administrations.

"These people are useful to him importantly because they don't agree. They take their case to him and he sorts out what parts of each plan he wants," said Stephen Hess, who served in the administrations of former presidents Eisenhower and Nixon and advised former President Carter during his transition to the presidency. "I'm just interested that he's still juggling all these balls and catching them."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Tom Raum has covered Washington for *The Associated Press* since 1973, including five presidencies.

A lady I worked with several years ago, Sister Ellen Corcoran, gave me a cassette tape of music. She thought I might find it comforting to listen to when I felt stressed.

Everytime I heard one of the songs, a certain phrase stood out to me. "I offer my sacrifice of phrase."

I could not hear that without wondering. In fact, it really bothered me. What does he mean — a sacrifice of praise?

To me, a sacrifice of praise put suffering and gratitude together and those two, in my mind, just did not go together.

In her book, "The Hiding Place," Corrie Ten Boom recalls time spent in a Nazi concentration camp.

One chapter talks about Ten Boom's sister who was held prisoner with her. Although the imprisoned women were not allowed a Bible, some had managed to smuggle little pieces of paper with scripture verses written on them.

Using the tiny scraps, Ten Boom's sister conducted Bible classes, knowing all the while that discovery would mean the gas chamber or firing squad for all of them.

During one of these meetings, her sister prayed aloud for the group of starving women and girls, filthy and dressed in tattered rags, who gathered around her.

"And thank you, God, for the fleas ..." she prayed earnestly.

First shock, then horror, and finally rage filled Ten Boom at her sister's words.

"Thank you, God, for the fleas!" Had weakness and starvation finally robbed her sister of her mind? How in the world could she thank God for those horrid insects infesting their bedding, their clothes, their very bodies! How could she thank God for these creatures that made their already terrible lives almost unlivable?

When I was 15, I traveled with a church youth group South Dakota to paint and



DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

clean an Episcopal boarding school on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation.

It wasn't all work and no play. On one excursion, we visited Mt. Rushmore in the Black Hills. One day, we boarded the church bus to see a buffalo herd, said to be the last surviving herd of wild buffalo.

We traveled 80 miles across the Badlands of South Dakota. We saw lots of desert, a few clumps of cactus, but no buffaloes. I don't think we even saw a buffalo chip.

Our tour guide, not wanting to disappoint us or maybe because the bus was running low on fuel, finally stopped at a gas station. In a pen beside the gas station stood the mangiest excuse for a buffalo I had ever seen with great hunks of matted hair hanging off of his dirty hide. That was our buffalo!

That night, back at the boarding school, we all sat together in a prayer circle.

It was a spiritual time that I had enjoyed every night - until this night - until it was Johnny's turn to pray.

Not real tall, with red hair and freckles, Johnny was a bit of a rebel. But Johnny had a really good heart. Looking back over my high school years, I realize that he was part of many of my adventures I'll never tell my parents.

Johnny started off thanking God for the beautiful day, for the good time we were having together and for all we had learned. He ended with, "... and God bless the wonderful buffalo."

I snorted. I snorted so loud a buffalo would have been proud. I visualized that

poor, mangy buffalo standing there in the corral and it just seemed hysterically funny.

When I snorted, everyone else began to giggle and the next thing we knew we were all rolling around on the floor, laughing so hard our sides ached.

Johnny's simple, sincere words transformed a long, tiring, uncomfortable day into a priceless memory, still vivid after all these years.

Corrie Ten Boom's sister died in the concentration camp. She gave her own food away to others and eventually died of starvation.

Years later, Ten Boom talked to one of the guards that had held her, her sister, and the other women captive. The guard, who had become a Christian after the war, told her that the reason they had left the women alone was because they didn't want to get fleas.

Because of the fleas, they had been able to hold those prayer meetings in safety. The fleas had protected them.

Have you noticed how everything is opposite of what the world thinks it should be when it comes to God? Abraham, God's most faithful follower, is asked to give up his only son, a gift from God, to prove his faith. Moses, a man with a speech impediment, is chosen to lead the Jews out of captivity. A young uneducated shepherd boy, David, becomes a king. A tiny baby, born in a barn to an unmarried mother, becomes the savior of the world. And that baby, Jesus Christ, grows to man, only to die so that we might live.

When you look at it that way, maybe it becomes a little clearer why God wants us to say thank you, even when there seems to be nothing to be thankful for.

To say "thank you" in the worst of circumstances somehow unleashes an explosion of God's power and love.



Non-politically correct thinking



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

There are lots of terms used in ways that have great emotional worth but little analytical value. Take the term discrimination. When selecting a wife, some 43 years ago, not every woman was given an equal opportunity. I discriminated against white, Chinese and Japanese women, not to mention criminal women.

You say, "Williams, that kind of discrimination is OK because it's harmless!" That's untrue. When I married, other women were harmed. The only way that I couldn't have harmed other women was to be a man that only one woman would want. Sometimes, I'm tempted by the ideals of equal opportunity and non-discrimination, but Mrs. Williams insists otherwise. Discrimination simply means the act of choice.

Speaking of Mrs. Williams, early in our marriage she used to angrily charge, "You're using me, Walter!" I'd tell her that of course I was using her. After all, who in their right mind would marry a person for whom they had no use? In fact, another way of looking at the problem of people who can't find marriage partners is that they can't find somebody to use them. One never wants to be useless.

How about the expression, "It's not right to profit from the misfortune of others." That's utter nonsense that's easily revealed if we ask: Should there be a law against profiting from the misfortune of others? I'm guessing that auto collision

shop owners are not saddened by predictions of ice storms. Neither are orthopedic physicians when people break a limb in a skiing accident. I profit from the fact that students are ignorant of economics. So should we have a law banning profiting from the misfortune of others?

What about prejudice and stereotyping? Going to the word's Latin root, to pre-judge simply means: making decisions on the basis of incomplete information.

Here's an example: Suppose leaving your workplace you see a full-grown tiger standing outside the door. Most people would endeavor to leave the area in great dispatch. That prediction isn't all that interesting, but the question why is. Is your decision to run based on any detailed information about that particular tiger, or is it based on tiger folklore and how you've seen other tigers behaving? It's probably the latter.

You simply pre-judge that tiger; you stereotype him. If you didn't pre-judge and stereotype that tiger, you'd endeavor

to obtain more information, like petting him on the head and doing other friendly things to determine whether he's dangerous. Most people would quickly calculate that the likely cost of an additional unit of information about the tiger exceeds any benefit and wouldn't bother to seek additional information. In other words, all they need to know is he's a tiger.

Similarly, sometimes it makes sense to use sex and race stereotypes. If I'm faced with choosing among people who could become soldiers and succeed in a 20-mile forced march carrying 60 pounds of equipment, I'd assign a higher likelihood that men would succeed more so than women. Or, choosing among the general population who is more likely to be able to slam-dunk a basketball, I'd choose a black over a white and surely men over women. If I were guessing the race of an American most likely to win a Nobel Prize in science, I'd select a Jew over any other ethnic group. In none of these cases is there necessarily a causal relationship, but there's surely an associative one. Moreover, pre-judging and stereotyping doesn't necessarily make one a sexist or racist.

You say, "Williams, how can you get away with such political incorrectness?" It's easy. I'm a tenured professor, and I have diversified sources of income - plus, I don't have much longer in this world.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Internet Site Delivers Holiday Greetings to Troops Overseas

DEAR ABBY: Will Operation Dear Abby be accepting cards and letters this year? I am hoping to use it as a service project for my church youth group. Writing holiday messages to our servicemen and women is one of the best gifts that anyone — any age — can give this year. Thanks, Abby.
 ALLISON NAHR
 ARLINGTON, VA

DEAR ALLISON: Your question is a timely one because the following letter just arrived from the Department of Defense. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: For more than 17 years, you have brought good will and cheer to members of the armed forces through your column. During the holiday season, you solicited patriotic Americans to send cards and letters to servicemen and women stationed away from home and families. Your Operation Dear Abby program brought support and comfort to thousands of troops posted overseas, embarked upon ships or on operational deployments far from home.

Unfortunately, as world events have shown, those who would do harm to Americans and their guardians will exploit any opportunity. The mail-related attacks of last year demonstrated the vulnerability of the postal system for use in terror-related actions. Although "Any Servicemember" card and letter programs such as Operation Dear Abby were established to boost morale, they also

allow for the introduction of mail into the military postal system from unknown sources, creating a threat to the very forces the program supported.

Upon consultation with all branches of the armed services, Any Servicemember programs, including your own, were suspended indefinitely in October 2001. This suspension is still in effect.

However, please inform your readers that due to the overwhelming popularity of such morale-boosting programs, and in cooperation with the Department of Defense, your Internet alternative, www.OperationDearAbby.net, will continue to allow patriotic Americans to send messages of support to military members via e-mail.

Your Web site is safe, secure and accessible for all members of the armed forces deployed worldwide.

EDWARD A. PARDINI
 DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MILITARY POSTAL SERVICE AGENCY
 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

So, Allison, as you can see, although it is still not possible to send cards and letters through Operation Dear Abby using the postal system, a faster and easier alternative is available on the Internet, OperationDearAbby.net, and I'm sure your church youth group will enjoy it.

And for the rest of my Dear Readers, if there is a message in

your hearts you would like to convey to our heroic servicemen and women stationed worldwide during this holiday season, now's the time! All your good wishes will be relayed by the Department of Defense to our troops via www.OperationDearAbby.net, a secure military site that serves all branches of the armed forces year-round.

Christmas and New Year's are just around the corner. So, fire up those computers, type in www.OperationDearAbby.net and show our troops how much we support them. If you're not computer-literate, ask a computer-savvy friend to help you send a message. This year, it's more important than ever to show these brave young men and women in the military that they're remembered — and appreciated — by the folks back home.

Happy holidays, everyone!

Love,
 DEAR ABBY
 a.k.a. Jeanna Phillips

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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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SPORTS

Texas A&M releases head football coach

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — R.C. Slocum won the most games in Texas A&M history and never had a losing record in 14 seasons.

That still wasn't enough to keep his job.

Slocum was fired on Monday, three days after the Aggies closed the regular season with a 50-20 loss to rival Texas that clinched their first losing season in conference play in 18 years.

"Although disappointed with (the) decision, I do recognize that the university has the right to decide who coaches the team," Slocum said in a prepared statement. "I've spent 30 years of my life here and have deep feelings for Aggieland."

Slocum had a record of 123-47-2 for a .715 winning percentage that was second

only to D.X. Bible, who had a .765 winning percentage.

Still, A&M fans were disgruntled that the Aggies have become less competitive in the Big 12 South — their 3-5 finish was their first losing record in league play since 1984. The Aggies have also lost to Texas in four of the past five seasons.

Slocum resumed recruiting immediately after Friday's loss to the Longhorns, expecting to get another chance to revive the Aggies.

"We had a season where we lost several close games that could have gone either way and no one was more disappointed than me with our record," Slocum said. "However, we have some really outstanding young players and I felt our future was bright."

Slocum was 21-15 over the

past three seasons, losing at least four games each year. In the 10 seasons previous, A&M lost as many as four games only twice.

"I'm disappointed," senior linebacker Brian Gamble said. "He's a great guy and a great football coach and I hate to see that happen to him. The guy has been a father figure to me for four, almost five years. To see him go is really disheartening."

Slocum won four conference championships, including the Big 12 title in 1998. This year's 6-6 mark matched his worst with the Aggies — A&M last went 6-6 in 1996.

Texas A&M regents chairman Erle Nye said Slocum would coach the Aggies if they receive a bowl bid.

"I believe the understanding is he would coach through

any bowl," Nye said. "If you name somebody tomorrow, it would make sense for (Slocum) to take them out (on the field) and to leave the new coach to recruit."

While at A&M, Slocum helped clean up a program that had landed on probation twice since the late 1980s.

Slocum's stay also was tinged with tragedy. Four days before the final loss to Texas, Aggies freshman defensive lineman Brandon Fails died after collapsing in his dorm.

Preliminary autopsy reports showed Fails died from a blood clot that formed as result of a leg injury and eventually traveled to his lungs.

And in 1999, before its big game against Texas, the log stack for the university's traditional bonfire collapsed, killing 12 people and injuring

27. Slocum had been a part of A&M's football operations all but one year since 1972, when he joined Emory Bellard's A&M staff as offensive end coach. Slocum spent two years as a freshman coach at Kansas State before that.

Since a 30-26 win over top-ranked Oklahoma, the Aggies lost in double overtime to Missouri, and closed the regular season with the big loss to Texas.

Slocum was picked as A&M's defensive coordinator under Tom Wilson in 1979. In 1981, he left to be defensive coordinator at Southern California but returned to A&M the following year when Jackie Sherrill became the Aggies' new coach. Slocum succeeded Sherrill in 1988.

NOTEBOOK

FOOTBALL

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Miami Dolphins quarterback Jay Fiedler will start next Monday night against the Chicago Bears after sitting out six weeks with a broken right thumb.

Receiver Cris Carter will also play after missing the last four games with a kidney ailment.

FISHING

FRITCH — The National Park Service and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are releasing approximately 1,200 rainbow trout this week at the stilling basin in Spring Canyon. The basin is located below the Sanford Dam at the Lake Meredith National Recreation Area.

The rainbow trout program at Lake Meredith has been operated as a stock-and-take operation with funding for trout coming from the National Park Service and sales of Texas trout stamps. This program was designed to provide anglers with fishing opportunities during the winter and spring months when most other fishing has slowed.

"A fishing pier, ample shoreline, restroom and picnic facilities make Spring Canyon an ideal fishing spot," said park superintendent Karren Brown.

The stilling basin is about 70 feet deep with icy cold water, which makes a perfect habitat for trout. Anglers are reminded that boats and other flotation devices are not allowed in the waters at the basin and that alcohol is now allowed in Spring Canyon.

During the past six year, the NPS, TP&W and the Small Fry Fishing Tournament Association have stocked over 16,000 trout in the stilling basin for the tournament held each April. Since only a small number of the trout are caught during this event, anglers have greater opportunities for catching trout throughout the year.

HORSE RACING

NEW YORK (AP) — Jockey Jerry Bailey broke his own North American single season earnings record with a third-place finish at Hollywood Park over the weekend.

The \$60,000 earned boosted Bailey's total to \$19,032,509, according to Equibase Company LLC, thoroughbred racing's official database for statistics.

Through Sunday, Bailey had 209 victories from 822 starts in North America. Bailey broke his previous mark of \$19,015,720 set in 2001.

Pampa cagers compete in Amarillo Tip-off Classic

AMARILLO — The Pampa Harvesters lost a pair of close games in last weekend's Amarillo ISD Tipoff Classic.

Lubbock Trinity Christian posted a 67-61 decision over the Harvesters, who had trailed by nine (45-36) at half-time.

Turner Phillips tossed in 25 points to lead Trinity in scoring. Collin Bowers had 18 points for Pampa.

Tascosa outlasted Pampa 51-49.

Jason Perry was Tascosa's top scorer with 14 points. Kellan Morgan added 8.

Max Simon had 13 points and Clayton Hall 10 for Pampa.

In first-round action, Pampa fell to Amarillo High 57-43.

David Coward had 12 points and Chris Hinz 11 to lead the Sandies.

Simon again was Pampa's high scorer with 13 points. Chance Bowers and James Silva each had 8 points.

In the girls' division, Pampa notched a 59-41 win

over Caprock.

Casey Fisher was Pampa's high scorer with 15 points, followed by Tara Jordan 10.

Caprock's Whitney Searcy had 14 points.

In another game, Pampa lost to Midland Lee 49-27.

For Midland Lee, the leading scorer was L. Hinsley with 18 points.

Tara Jordan and Jaelyn Spearman had 6 points each for Pampa.

In first-round action, Tascosa defeated Pampa 58-48.

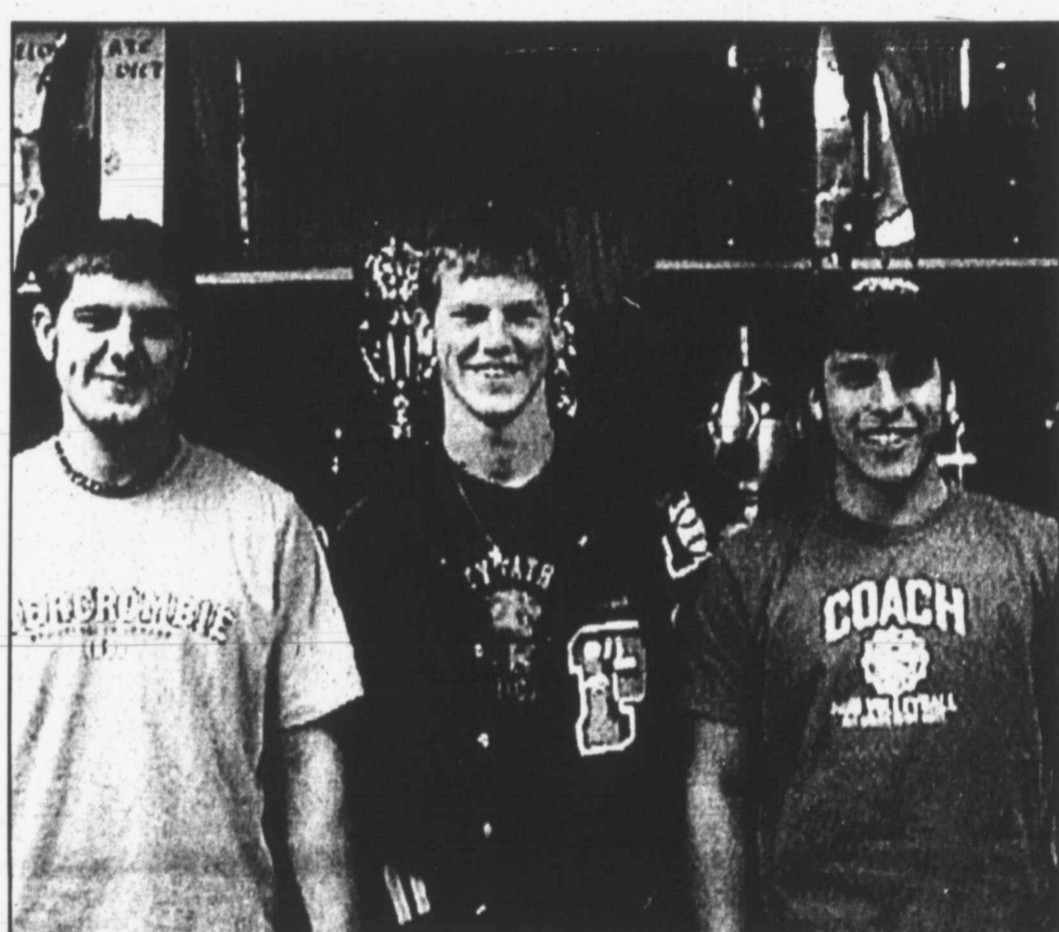
Leading Tascosa scorer was Aaren McWilliams with 16 points.

Valerie Velez was Pampa's high scorer with 16 points. Abbi Covalt followed with 7.

Both Pampa boys' and girls' teams host Perryton tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Harvesters are entered in The Gene Messer Tournament of Champions later this week in Canyon. Pampa's first-round opponent is Burkburnett at 2 p.m. Thursday at Canyon High.

Players of the week



The Pampa coaching staff selected (from left) Jordan Klaus, offense; Jered Snelgrooes, defense; and Dannie Meza, special teams, as players of the week in the 58-0 win over Caprock in the regular-season finale.

Buffaloes eager for second chance against Oklahoma

HOUSTON (AP) — Colorado made too many mistakes to beat Oklahoma the first time the two teams played this season. They've been eager for a second chance and they'll get it Saturday in the Big 12 championship game.

Colorado stumbled at the start of its game on Nov. 2 against the Sooners and lost 27-11. In the first half, the Buffaloes lost two fumbles, had a pass intercepted, muffed a pooch kick and had a field goal blocked.

They've wondered since then, what might have happened if they had eliminated those mistakes at the start of the game.

"We didn't give ourselves much of a chance, you can't play a team like Oklahoma and expect to win when you turn the ball over," Colorado coach Gary Barnett said Monday. "We never threatened to win the game, we just

got a little respect.

Another Sooner interception helped Oklahoma take a 27-3 lead early in the third quarter. After that, Colorado kept the score respectable.

"That was important but we just didn't get it," Barnett said. "We got snuffed out in the red zone. We made a good show, but that's all it was, a show."

Oklahoma quarterback Nate Hybl knows the Sooners did enough to win the game.

"I'm not one to read what people said, but the feeling I got was they left some plays on the field and we didn't finish the game like they were expecting us to," Hybl said. "We made enough plays and we did get a little conservative. I don't know how they reacted but we deserve a lot of credit."

Colorado (9-3) had its toughest times early in the season when the Buffaloes lost its opener to Colorado State

and to Southern California 40-3 in the third game of the season before putting together a five-game winning streak that ended with their loss to Oklahoma.

The Sooners (10-2) saved their downers for late in the season with losses to Texas A&M on Nov. 9 and Saturday when they lost to Oklahoma State for the second straight year, 38-28.

"This championship is won through the year," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "That's why the conference games count. They are sitting here with a great record and one loss (in Big 12) and they've beaten some awfully good teams. We were fortunate to beat them."

Hybl threw three touchdown passes against Colorado in drives that covered just 39, 24 and 9 yards.

"They feel they still have a lot to prove to us and we wel-

come that challenge," Hybl said. "It was a cold and rainy day so I look forward to a perfect setting. Defensively, they present a lot of different things. They'll bring a lot of people into the box and try to stop our running game."

Colorado enters the game with a three-game winning streak. They beat Nebraska

28-13 on Friday.

"(The Sooners) are a great football team and they played a great game against us at home," Colorado lineman Wayne Lucier said. "Now we have an opportunity to come back and play better and not turn the ball over and give them so many opportunities in our end of the field."

Raiders defeat Jets, 26-20

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Tim Brown and Jerry Rice took turns rewriting the NFL record book, and Rich Gannon even joined in the fun.

When they were done, the Oakland Raiders had a big win over the New York Jets.

Brown became the third player with 1,000 receptions and the third with 14,000 yards receiving, for once upstaging Rice — who caught the go-ahead TD pass and added to two of his NFL receiving records.

Gannon, meanwhile, tied an NFL record with his ninth 300-

yard passing game of the season as the Raiders (8-4) won 26-20 to stay tied with San Diego for first in the AFC West. Oakland has won four straight.

The Jets (6-6), who had their four-game winning streak snapped, fell a game behind Miami and New England in the AFC East.

Brown joined Rice and Miami's Cris Carter as the only members of the 1,000-catch club on a 6-yard pass over the middle early in the third quarter.

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	7	5	0	.583	287	228
New England	7	5	0	.583	303	251
Buffalo	6	6	0	.500	315	338
N.Y. Jets	6	6	0	.500	255	269

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	8	4	0	.667	257	206
Tennessee	7	5	0	.583	275	287
Jacksonville	5	7	0	.417	256	231
Houston	3	9	0	.250	157	288

North

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	4	1	.625	303	269
Baltimore	6	6	0	.500	224	250
Cleveland	6	6	0	.500	262	243
Cincinnati	1	11	0	.083	204	335

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	8	4	0	.667	354	258
San Diego	8	4	0	.667	263	265
Denver	7	5	0	.583	295	266
Kansas City	6	6	0	.500	370	312

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	3	0	.750	320	187
N.Y. Giants	6	6	0	.500	202	217

Dallas

Dallas	5	7	0	.417	166	214
Washington	5	7	0	.417	219	280

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	9	3	0	.750	267	149
Atlanta	8	3	1	.708	316	211
New Orleans	8	4	0	.667	345	301
Carolina	4	8	0	.333	158	221

North

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Green Bay	9	3	0	.750	325	250
Chicago	3	9	0	.250	238	300
Detroit	3	9	0	.250	215	331
Minnesota	3	9	0	.250	278	332

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	8	4	0	.667	285	259
St. Louis	5	7	0	.417	235	242
Arizona	4	8	0	.333	190	313
Seattle	4	8	0	.333	244	280

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Thursday's Games	
New England 20, Detroit 12	
Dallas 27, Washington 20	

Sunday's Games

Buffalo 38, Miami 21	
Green Bay 30, Chicago 20	
Tennessee 32, N.Y. Giants 29, OT	
Kansas City 49, Arizona 0	

Baltimore 27, Cincinnati 23

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Pittsburgh 25, Jacksonville 23

Atlanta 30, Minnesota 24, OT

Indianapolis 19, Houston 3

San Diego 30, Denver 27, QT

Philadelphia 10, St. Louis 3

San Francisco 31, Seattle 24

New Orleans 23, Tampa Bay 20

Monday's Game

Oakland 26, N.Y. Jets 20

Sunday, Dec. 8

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Buffalo at New England, 1 p.m.

St. Louis at Kansas City, 1 p.m.

Indianapolis at Tennessee, 1 p.m.

Cincinnati at Carolina, 1 p.m.

Cleveland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.

Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.

Detroit at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.

Philadelphia at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.

New Orleans at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m.

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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002:
Count on this year being significant. A solar eclipse today spells a change in how you express yourself professionally. You will be encouraged to be more authentic. What occurs will help you mold your lifestyle to your explicit needs. You will be given the gifts of detachment and understanding to help you wade through any clouds on the horizon. Many will decide to go back to school for more training in their fields, adding to job possibilities. Know that because of your strong personality and unusual insight, you'll gain. If you are single, you will meet someone who really could have a stunning impact on your life and your perspective. Be open to possibilities. If you are attached, your relationship will develop if you share more of your internal conflicts. Don't let a rift become a huge crevice. SAGITTARIUS could be unpredictable.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

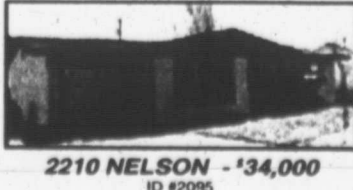
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** A strange happening might stop you in your tracks. Someone you count on could reveal a completely different side in the next few weeks. Use your creativity to fill in the gaps, where some information might be obscure. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** You might count on a partner or associate way too much, as the next few weeks could reveal. You have the know-how and energy to get through a problem. Start by listing your emotional and professional assets. See how much you have to offer! Tonight: Accept a fun invitation.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Clearly, others reveal a lot about who they are and where they are coming from. You might need and/or want to step back to get a clearer view of the big picture. Reach out to others. Refuse to stand on ceremony. Tonight: Go along with others' plans.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Don't count on funds that might not have arrived just yet. Meanwhile, a work-related project could be up for some changes. Understand that ultimately, your success will be ensured by the tightening up of plans. Tonight: Chat and relax.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** You could be a little off, as Jupiter goes retrograde in your sign today. Relax and see what comes up. Perhaps something you didn't anticipate will come forward. Even if it seems like a problem, it could ultimately prevent a bigger problem. Use your creativity. Tonight: Be imaginative.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** You might sense a change in the wind. You could be most uncomfortable with developments. Just relax and remain secure. You have much more talent and ability than you might be aware of. Speak directly with family or a roommate. Tonight: You don't have to go far.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Your efforts do count, as you shall see. Friends seek you out. One person who might have been very secure suddenly seems less steady. Be sensitive to this person's request. Could you perhaps have been callous or taken someone for granted? Take amends.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Financial matters shift in the next few weeks. You gain a different perspective, as a result. You might want to put in some overtime as protection. Discussions revolving around funds shed light on other ideas. Don't take what is

happening personally. Tonight: Pay bills.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** You might be off-kilter. Recognize this change rather than making assumptions. Your creativity and ability to detach help you through any problem. Curb your fiery intensity rather than jumping into the middle of a fire, so to speak. Tonight: Visit with a favorite person.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Don't take a partnership for granted. You might find someone close to be a bit touchy or unpredictable in the near future. You could discover that a friend or loved one needs extra care. Think through how you spend your time. Tonight: Do something for yourself.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Though many might not be able to handle unpredictability, it is certainly your specialty. Friends could reverse their tracks, forging a new trail. Understand that someone might suddenly realize what he or she has done. Tonight: Whatever would make you happy.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** A boss could become difficult. Step out in a new direction. Decide what you need in order to make you feel good. If you have too much work dropping in your lap, say so. Others need to hear more about your needs. Listen to what someone says, but know that you don't have to accept what you hear. Tonight: A must appearance.
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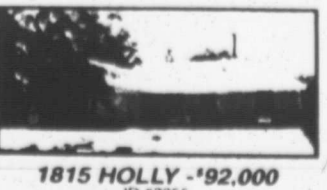
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Business Review

Family is the main focus at Pampa Nursing Center

Family is the main focus at Pampa Nursing Center. "The residents become your parents and grandparents when you work here," states Admission Coordinator, Terri Adams. "The staff and the residents become one big family with all its love and some flaws, but the care and love is always there."

Janice Carter, a long time resident at Pampa Nursing Center says, "It's the next best place that I know to my own home. I am well pleased with the help and the food. I have no complaints. No place replaces your home, but this comes real close."



Several therapies are provided at Pampa Nursing Center. New Rehab Director, Diane Wells, C.O.T.A., along with new Physical Therapy Assistant, Deborah Elliott, work closely with physicians and staff to ensure the best plan of therapy for each individual resident.

have dance partners, too. "Just because you are in a wheelchair, doesn't mean the joys in life are over," stated Fuller. "Our activities are designed for everyone."

Family events are important, too at Pampa Nursing Center. A Thanksgiving dinner for all the resident families was held recently. "The dining room was full of family and friends enjoying the food and fun," stated Fuller. "It was just like in anyone's home where a Thanksgiving dinner is held, lot's of laughing and love going on."

Other family events that are held at the center include a family council night, open house, a back to school barbecue, holiday events and National Nursing Home Week. The Pampa Independent School System also helps by bringing students to celebrate holidays. For example, on Cinco de Mayo the Fiesta Dancers came to entertain the residents.

Several therapies are among the services provided at Pampa Nursing Center. New Rehab Director, Diane Wells, C.O.T.A., along with new Physical Therapy Assistant, Deborah Elliott, work closely with physicians



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)
(Standing) Kristie Fuller, Activities Director at Pampa Nursing Center (PNC), Mitzi Devoll, Director of Nursing, and Melinda Hillman, Medicare Coordinator, with residents Avis Smith, Bonnie Burgess, and Fannie West.

and staff to ensure the best plan of therapy for each individual resident.

Respite Care is also an important service that PNC provides. Families who need to go out of town or just need a short break from caring for a loved one can use the respite care service without the guilt.

Pampa Nursing Center's most used service is long term care. Placing a loved one in a nursing home is a difficult decision. The staff encourages anyone who is considering placing a loved one in a nursing home to ask questions and take a tour of the facility and talk to the other families and the residents. Lucille

Smith, a resident of PNC says, "It's just a wonderful and it's a beautiful home. I'd always heard nursing homes were awful, but whoever said that has never been to this one."

Virginia Flaherty, wife of longtime resident George Flaherty, said, "The C.N.A.'s work real hard and make the patients feel good. The administrator, Vickie Hutton, is so caring and nice and the charge nurses are concerned and caring when it comes to the residents."

"I am so thankful that PNC take such good care of my mother and my aunt," stated Chrys Smith. "My aunt has been at PNC for many years and has always been well taken care of."

(Courtesy photo)
Chrys Smith enjoys a chat with her mother, Eloise Brister, at Pampa Nursing Center.

Mrs. Carter along with the other residents at the Pampa Nursing Center enjoys all the activities that are planned by Kristie Fuller, the Certified Activity Director. Recently, the staff and residents sang and danced the two-step and the waltz. No one is excluded; residents with wheelchairs and walkers always

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