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A trio of armored Suburbans carried Vice President Dick Cheney and his entourage back to Perry LeFors Airport Thursday for Cheney's trip back to Washington, D.C. Others in the motorcade included Texas Department of Public Safety troopers, an ambulance, and unmarked vehicles. Cheney left on a Gulfstream jet at about 3 p.m.

Cheney leaves Pampa after uneventful visit

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Tuesday's events were repeated in reverse Thursday afternoon as Vice President Dick Cheney left the Pampa area to return to Washington, D.C.

A temporary flight restriction was in effect from 2:05 to 3:15 p.m. Thursday at Perry LeFors Air Field. Cheney's caravan arrived at

the airport and his plane departed by 3 p.m.

Cheney arrived during the noon hour Tuesday and proceeded to a hunting lodge owned by T. Boone Pickens in southern Roberts County, where Cheney stayed during his visit here.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet and Sheriff

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Darlene Birkes, left, puts together a garland for her entry in this year's Festival of Trees, while Ruth Barrett hangs ornaments lettered with sentiments such as "Kindness," "Goodness," "Peace" and "Joy" on her tree, called the Fruit of the Spirit. Birkes' entry is called "Feliz Navidad from Costa Rica." Setup for the Festival of Trees was 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today. The event will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. A variety of themed trees will be set up for viewing, with some available for purchase. The festival is sponsored by Pampa Garden Club.



Pampa News photos by MARILYN POWERS

5 are arrested in Carroll case

CHILDRESS — Five arrests, four in Childress and one in Amarillo, were made Thursday in the flight of Thomas Wayne "Bubba" Carroll.

Carroll was on the lam in November trying to avoid capture after a string of crimes in Hall and Childress counties, including the assault of Dennis Irons of Memphis who was hospitalized.

Arrested were Toni Ingalls, 37; Louis Walker, 32; Jason Whitener, 30; Wesley Johnson, 44; and Stephanie L. Taylor, 32, all of Childress. Whitener was arrested in Amarillo and is being held in the Potter County jail.

All are charged with engaging in organized crim-

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Misunderstanding: no work being done on Tyng

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Pampa City Manager John Horst said there was apparently a misunderstanding. No work is being done to the surface of Tyng Street.

In response to a letter to the editor in the Nov. 23 issue of The Pampa News concerning work on Tyng Street between Starkweather and Cuyler, Horst said the state of the street, according to the city commission agenda, was only to be brought up during a planning session that followed the commission's regular meeting. Since the item was to be

discussed in a planning session, no action could be taken on repairs to Tyng Street or any other item discussed in the planning session.

The planning session, he said, was merely to alert commissioners of issues that might need to be addressed during the budget year. Items are added to the planning session agenda by city staff.

Tyng Street was to be discussed at the planning session following the commission's Nov. 8 meeting, but because of the length of the agenda that afternoon, the commission and city staff postponed a number of

items for discussion. The items were again postponed following the commission's Nov. 22 planning session because of a medical emergency involving one of the city's staff.

Horst said he had placed Tyng Street on the planning session agenda because of a call from an unidentified resident asking for a vehicle count on that portion of the street.

The city manager said that the section of Tyng in question is an older strip of concrete and that the city had torn it up several years ago to repair a water main. He said Richard Morris, Pampa's director of public

works, has been exploring ways to smooth the crumbling street.

Horst indicated that he was unaware that the Harvest House, an outreach ministry of Trinity Fellowship Church where Mayor Lonny Robbins is a minister, had a building on that stretch of Tyng.

The telephone book lists Harvest House Outreach at 726 S. Cuyler, although there is a warehouse -- the sign on the building reads "Warehouse" -- for Harvest House at 213 E. Tyng.

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Children benefit from firefighters' efforts

By DENNIS SPIES
Editor

Pampa Firefighters Association was able to raise nearly \$10,000 recently in their Fill The Boot Campaign for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and their Haunted House project.

Craig Harkcom, president of Local #3293, said the group raised \$5,094 for Jerry's Kids and \$4,543 that will help buy shoes, socks and Christmas presents for Pampa children.

"I would like to thank everyone who so generously donated to our annual Fill The Boot Campaign for MDA, and

those who attended our annual Haunted House," he said.

Harkcom said deciding which children will get shoes and socks is determined by a list provided by the school district.

"Nurses and teachers make the list from their observations," he said. "We then look at how many students there are and at how much money we have to spend."

The group affiliated with Payless Shoes last year but that store has since closed.

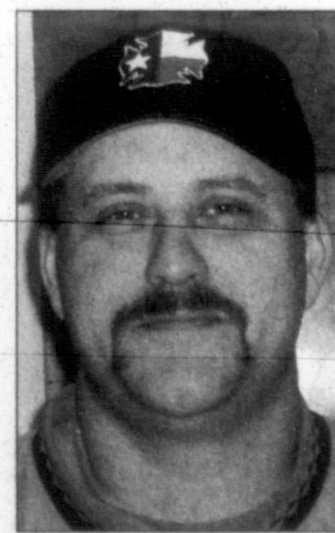
"We are trying to work out a system

with Wal Mart," Harkcom said. "We would use vouchers with a set amount when we determine how much we can spend on each child."

Harkcom said any money left over is spent on the Salvation Army's Angel Trees. If any is left after that, it is funneled back into the Haunted House project for the next year.

Harkcom emphasized that volunteers were the backbone of this project. "Without your help and support in these endeavors, we would not be able

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Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 74. Wind chill values between 25 and 30 early. Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. West-southwest wind around 15 mph becoming north-northwest.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 50. Wind chill values between 27 and 32 early. North-northeast wind around 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 28. East-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high

near 38. East-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 46. South wind around 15 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 37. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north-northeast.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 20.



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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Thursday, Dec. 1

Ten traffic stops were made.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 1000 block of Price Road and the 200 block of North Russell.

An animal complaint was received from the 2300 block of Dogwood.

Found property was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic. Checks, a wallet and a checkbook were found.

Welfare checks were made in the 100 block of South Sumner, the 100 block of North Sumner, and the 800 block of West Kingsmill.

Warrant service was attempted at four locations, resulting in one arrest.

One residential alarm was reported. A runaway was reported in the police department lobby.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets and the 700 block of North Russell.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1300 block of Hamilton.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1100 block of Mary Ellen and the 700 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1300 block of Terrace.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of Evergreen.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1300 block of Garland.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather, the intersection of Rham and Hobart streets, and the 700 block of East Frederic.

Drug paraphernalia was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic.

A subject with a weapon was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 800 block of West 23rd Avenue. Tail lights valued at \$130 were taken.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 800 block of North Wells. Jewelry of unknown value was taken.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of North Dwight.

Bryan Christopher Humphrey, 18,

1120 Seneca, was arrested in the 2200 block of Evergreen for criminal trespass.

David Wayne Siegler, 38, of Amarillo was arrested in the 700 block of East Frederic on a blue warrant for revocation of parole.

Friday, Dec. 2

A welfare concern was reported in the 1400 block of South Barnes.

Jamie Theresa Jackson, 29, 1125 Neel Road, was arrested in the 1000 block of Huff Road for resisting arrest and no valid driver's license.

Samuel Lawrence Bell, 23, 101 Sumner #101, was arrested at the intersection of 23rd and Hobart streets for displaying expired registration and two counts each of no insurance and failure to appear.

Fire

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

Thursday, Dec. 1

1 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the intersection of Price Road and Highway 152 on an odor investigation.

1:39 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of Malone on a medical assist.

Friday, Dec. 2

1:05 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of Malone on a carbon monoxide check.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Dec. 1

11:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of Malone and transported a patient to PRMC.

Friday, Dec. 2

1:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of East Francis. No transport.

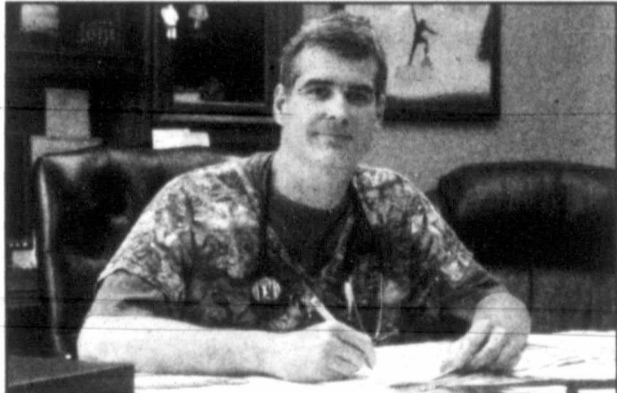
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Man arrested in triple killing

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Alabama and federal authorities have arrested a 23-year-old man accused of gunning down three people, including a Texas man, on Thanksgiving Day in a Birmingham hotel lobby.

A second suspect was still on the loose Friday.

Brandon Deon Mitchell was arrested late Thursday by U.S. marshals and Birmingham homicide detectives after trying to escape from a street corner in Fairfield, just west of Birmingham.

Police believe that Mitchell had at least one accomplice and that two guns were used in the shooting of an Airport Inn clerk and two guests on Nov. 24.

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

PYBURN, Kenneth Wayne — 1 p.m., Pompeii Mountain Church, Duren.

Kenneth Wayne Pyburn, 54

Kenneth Wayne Pyburn, 54, died in a tragic accident in Wheeler, Texas, on Nov. 29, 2005. He left the loving arms of his wife Karla to be with his father, Gail. Services will be held Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005, at 1 p.m. in the Pompeii Mountain Church in Duren, Texas. Burial will follow at the Duren Cemetery. Family visitation will be Saturday morning beginning at 9 a.m. at the Pompeii Mountain Church.

Kenneth was born Aug. 1, 1951, in Brownwood, Texas. He graduated from Early High School in 1971 and joined the Armed Forces the following year. He was honorably discharged in 1974 with the rank of Private First Class. He held a variety of different jobs during his short life. His present occupation was as a derrickman for Patterson Drilling UTI.

The happiest years of Kenneth's life were

spent with his wife, Karla. They had a very close and special relationship. He was always willing to open his heart and give of himself to every person he met. Kenneth was a very rare and special man and his gentle nature and sweet loving ways will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gail Pyburn. He was survived by his mother Laverne Pyburn of Dallas; his wife Karla and stepson Jesse of Pampa; his stepdaughter Katherine Wester of Fort Worth; his son, Chris Brown and spouse Melissa of Granbury; grandson Clayton Brown of Granbury; sister Darlene Pyburn of Dallas; brothers Larry Pyburn of Garland, and Darrell Pyburn and spouse Nicki of Pampa, Texas; and many other loving family and friends.

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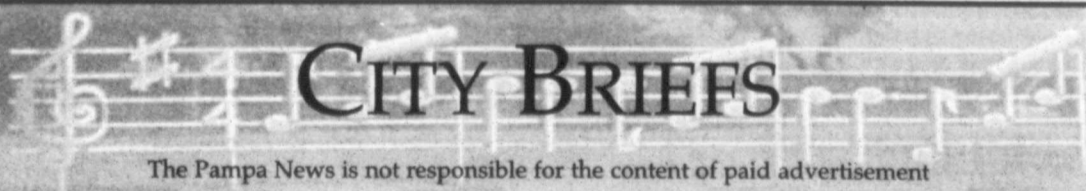
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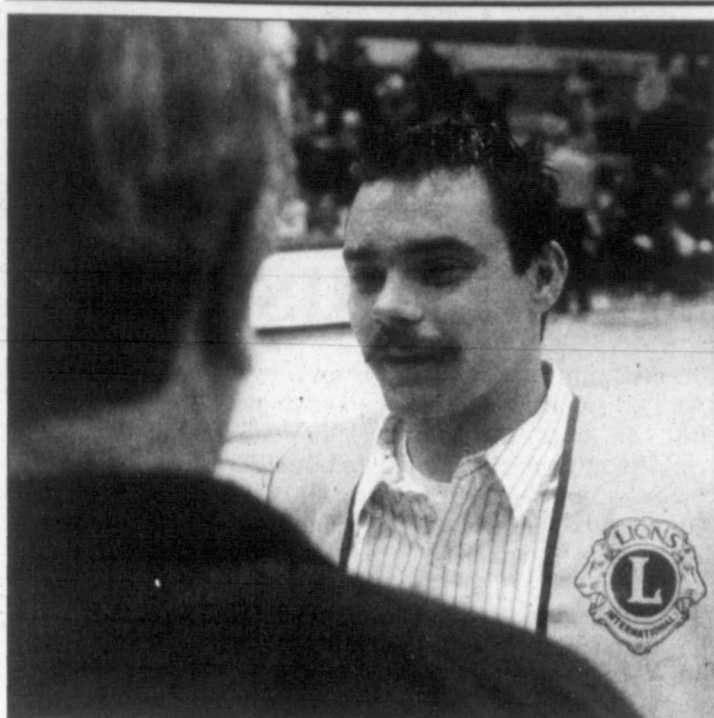
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Brad Pingel, president of the the Pampa Lions Club and responsible for last weekend's basketball tournament, visits with Walt Miller, the father of Pampa High School basketball coach Dustin Miller at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Greenspan warns of 'painful adjustments'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan expressed concerns Friday that America's failure to deal with its exploding budget deficit and worldwide efforts to erect trade barriers could disrupt the global economy.

Speaking at an economic conference in London, Greenspan said so far the United States has had no problem financing its current account trade deficit, which last year hit a record \$668 billion, because of the flexibility of the American economy.

He said such flexibility would be threatened by rising protectionism, which would increase barriers to the flow of goods and investments across the U.S. border. He also worried about the harm that could be done if the United States and other

nations do not get their budget deficits under control.

"If ... the pernicious drift toward fiscal instability in the United States and elsewhere is not arrested and is compounded by a protectionist reversal of globalization, the adjustment process could be quite painful for the world economy," Greenspan said in his prepared remarks, which were released in Washington.

The London speech represented the second warning Greenspan delivered Friday on the threats posed by rising budget deficits. In an earlier speech, he had said that there could be severe consequences for the U.S. economy if policy-makers do not attack a federal budget deficit that is projected to soar with baby boomer retirements.

DeLay plan diluted minority voting strength

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Department lawyers objected to a Texas redistricting plan orchestrated by former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, but top agency officials brushed aside concerns about diluting minority voting strength

and approved the plan anyway, according to an agency memo released today.

The plan, designed to boost election chances of Republican candidates for the U.S. House, was approved by the Justice Department and the new dis-

tricts were used in the 2002 elections.

Of the state's 32 House seats, Republicans held 15 before the 2002 elections. Under the DeLay-backed plan, Republicans were elected to 22 of the state's seats in the House.

The redistricting plan has been challenged in court by Democrats and minority voting groups claiming it was unconstitutional and that district boundaries had been illegally manipulated to give one party an unfair advantage. The Supreme Court is expected to announce soon whether it will consider the case.

"The Supreme Court is our last hope for rectifying this gross injustice. We couldn't count on the (lower) court. We couldn't count on the state, and we obviously couldn't count on the politically corrupt Justice Department," said Gerry Hebert, an attorney representing the challengers.

The plan was approved by the Republican-controlled state Legislature in special sessions after Democratic lawmakers fled the state capital in an effort to block votes on the new congressional boundaries.

An effort by DeLay to use federal resources to help track down missing Texas lawmakers led to a rebuke by the House ethics committee.

Because of historic discrimination against minority voters, Texas is required under provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to get Justice Department approval for any voting changes it makes to ensure the changes don't undercut minority voting.

Cheney

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Don Copeland were invited to the lodge Thursday morning to meet Cheney before he left the area.

"We went out there, waited two hours, shook his hand and had our picture made with him, and that was about it," said Copeland.

"We drove out with the highway patrol, and rode in (to the airport) with the motorcade," Peet said.

"He was very cordial and personable," Peet said. "It was nice just to get to shake hands. That in itself to me was an honor."

"He did ask Don, 'I hope we haven't put you through a lot of difficulties,'" he said.

There were between 15 and 20 Secret Service agents at the Pickens lodge at the time of the visit, Peet said.

"We got to meet with all the different Secret Service people and learn the jobs

they do," he said.

Cheney and Pickens hunted quail all day Wednesday on Pickens' land, Peet said.

Prints of the photos taken of Peet and Copeland with Cheney will be mailed to the Gray County officials, but it may take a couple of months, both said.

The two Blackhawk helicopters which patrolled Pampa skies in advance of Cheney's arrival Tuesday remained on the ground Thursday. They left at mid-morning today.

A single helicopter took to the air to reconnoiter the area during the temporary flight restriction, which restricts flights in a designated area to certain aircraft, according to Paul Loyd, airport board president.

Tight security was again evident Thursday afternoon around the time of the vice president's departure. Media representatives and others were restricted to an area even further away from the airport entrance than had been used on Tuesday. Other traffic on the motor-

cade route was shut down during Cheney's journey from Pickens' lodge to the airport. No observers were allowed at the airport Thursday afternoon until after Cheney left.

A Gulfstream 3 with a blue stripe and "The United States of America" across its midsection was one of two which arrived at the airport Tuesday and left Thursday. The other jet, a Gulfstream 5, actually carried the vice president to and from Pampa, according to observers.

The three armored vehicles which carried Cheney to and from the airport and Pickens' land were flown in from Washington, D.C., and driven from Amarillo to Pampa, where they were stored in a hangar when not in use. Each had Washington, D.C., license plates.

A telephone number provided by a Secret Service agent for information about Cheney's visit to the Pampa area was not answered on each of several tries Thursday afternoon and before press time today.

Arrests

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inal activity, a first degree felony.

"This crime holds a punishment range of 5 to 99 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine if convicted," said Texas Ranger Jay Foster of the Texas Department of Public

Safety in Childress.

"This case just goes to show you that helping someone flee from justice can have serious consequences," Foster said. "If you aid a person who has committed a crime in any way before, during, or after the crime you can be arrested and charged with a crime yourself for assisting that person."

Tyng

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Following Monday's special meeting of the Pampa City Commission to deal with applications to the new economic development

corporation, Mayor Robbins made only a brief comment with regard to the letter to the editor.

"People need to get their facts straight," Robbins said.

He refused further comment.

Efforts

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to help these families in their time of need."

Harkcom also singled out employees from the Jordan and Baten prison units and their families, high school students and others who helped run the Haunted House this year.

"Without these helpers,

we would not have been able to have the success we have had the last two years," he said.

Businesses Harkcom cited include Frank's True Value, Frank's Thriftway, Hall Auto Sound, Bartlett's Lumber, Rent-A-Center and B&C Portable Toilets.

Harkcom said the Firefighters Association has 100 percent participation from rank and file firefighters.

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Viewpoints

A phone conversation with the White House ...

"The White House," responded the voice on the other end of my telephone. "The office of the Vice President, please?" I asked. "To whom do you wish to speak?" seconded the voice. "Wow, I thought, good use of the English language. "That's my conundrum; I really don't know, for I've never attempted a call such as this in my life before Wednesday. I'm wanting to speak to someone in Vice President Cheney's office about perhaps having an

impromptu town meeting while he is here in the Texas Panhandle," I replied. "I'm not authorized to discuss the Vice President's whereabouts!" the voice added quickly. "Why, he's here in the Panhandle hunting with T. Boone," I replied. "I'll transfer you to the scheduling office," the voice offered. "Scheduling Office, Elisha speaking. How may I help you?" "Is your name with an A

or an E?" I inquired. "E. To whom am I speaking?" asked Elisha. "Good English again, I mused. "My name is Dennis Palmitier. I'm calling from Pampa, Texas, where Vice President Cheney's plane is parked. I'm attempting an impromptu town meeting

with the Vice President before he leaves our little town," I continued. "Mr. Mateer, I'm not authorized to discuss the Vice President's whereabouts," Elisha pointed out. "That's Palmitier, one word, Dennis is my first name. Mr. Cheney is hunting just a few clicks north of Pampa. It's

been common knowledge Vice President Cheney would be here the past week. I'm attempting to see if he can work in a little time to come into Pampa and meet some citizens," I offered. "I'm not authorized to divulge Mr. Cheney's whereabouts. Let me transfer you to the Press Shop," offered Elisha. "Thank you," I said as I thought about tape recorders and caller IDs. The impact of talking to the White

House was beginning to unnerve me. "Press Shop, is this Mr. Palmitier?" asked the male voice. "Hmm, I didn't give him my name, I thought as my mind pictured the conversation with this person in the White House with my now complete bio in front of him. I repeated my offer of inviting Mr. Cheney to an impromptu town meeting in Pampa, at The Coffee Shop,



Dennis Palmitier
Columnist

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 2, the 336th day of 2005. There are 29 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 2, 1954, the Senate voted to condemn Wisconsin Republican Joseph R. McCarthy for "conduct that tends to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."

On this date:
In 1804, Napoleon was crowned emperor of France.
In 1823, President Monroe outlined his doctrine opposing European expansion in the Western Hemisphere.
In 1859, militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harper's Ferry the previous October.

In 1939, New York's La Guardia Airport began operations as an airliner from Chicago landed at one minute past midnight.

In 1942, a self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time, at the University of Chicago.

In 1970, the Environmental Protection Agency began operating under director William Ruckelshaus.

In 1980, four American churchwomen were raped, murdered and buried outside San Salvador. (Five Salvadoran guardsmen were convicted in the killings.)

In 1982, in the first operation of its kind, doctors at the University of Utah Medical Center implanted a permanent artificial heart in the chest of retired dentist Dr. Barney Clark, who lived 112 days with the device.

In 1993, Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar was shot to death by security forces in Medellin.

In 2001, in one of the largest corporate bankruptcies in U.S. history, Enron filed for Chapter 11 protection.

Ten years ago: In Baumholder, Germany, President Clinton told 4,000 American troops who were on their way to Bosnia-Herzegovina for peacekeeping duty to strike "immediately and with decisive force" if threatened. NASA launched a U.S.-European observatory on a \$1 billion mission to study the sun.

Five years ago: Al Gore sought a recount in South Florida, while George W. Bush flatly asserted, "I'm soon to be the president" and met with GOP congressional leaders.

One year ago: President Bush chose former New York police commissioner Bernard Kerik to run the Department of Homeland Security. (However, Kerik withdrew his name days later, citing immigration problems with a former nanny.) President Bush announced that Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns was his choice as the next agriculture secretary, replacing Ann Veneman. U.N. ambassador John Danforth resigned after five months representing the U.S. at the world body. Dame Alicia Markova, one of the 20th century's greatest ballerinas, died in Bath, England, at age 94.

Pulitzer-winning poet Mona Van Duyn, the nation's first female poet laureate, died in University City, Mo., at age 83.

Today's Birthdays: Character actor Bill Erwin is 91. Former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig is 81. Actress Julie Harris is 80. Former Attorney General Edwin Meese III is 74.

'Misery loves company, but company does not reciprocate.'

— Addison Mizner
American architect
(1872-1933)

THE CHAOS THEORY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION

CONDENSED VERSION

A BUTTERFLY FLAPS ITS WINGS AT AN ENERGY CONFERENCE IN HAWAII...

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War: We owe our troops serious debate

As any professional debater will tell you, framing the terms of the debate is more than half the battle. We saw a good example of that in the Republican reaction to Democratic Rep. John Murtha's call for withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq. If the choice is between "cutting and running," which connotes cowardice and weakness, or "staying the course," which connotes strength and manliness, then of course we will stay the course. Trouble is, that is not the choice offered by Murtha's suggested resolution. Murtha, a battle-scarred ex-Marine, argues that the American military has done all it can be expected to do. It defeated Saddam's army and

toppled his government. By hanging around as an occupation force, it has now become a target, not only for jihadists but for nationalistic Iraqis. A recent poll of Iraqis showed that 80 percent want us out, and about 45 percent believe it is acceptable to attack and kill Americans. Murtha advocates an orderly redeployment, which he estimates could be done safely in about six months. He advocates keeping a Marine force close enough that it could come back in if the new Iraqi government needs its help. In other words, Murtha's pro-

posal is a new strategy for the situation. He wants hearings and an intelligent debate. The political stunt the Republicans pulled was designed to make sure there would be no debate. They voted to suspend the rules and force a vote after one hour's debate on a cut-and-run resolution, yes or no. The idea was to sandbag the Democrats, but they voted virtually unanimously to stay. And they were right to condemn the tactic as a cheap political trick. The Republican strategy is to stay until the insurgency is defeated. Trouble is, we don't

have enough troops in Iraq to defeat it. It is costing us about \$1 billion a week; it costs the insurgency practically nothing. Iraq was one large, open-air ammunition dump after the war, and we stood around watching the country being looted — and a lot of the loot was ammunition, weapons and high explosives. Iraqi society consists of large, extended families intertwined with various tribes. These ties are very meaningful to the Iraqis, and the concept of vengeance is a powerful factor. Thus, every time we kill an insurgent, we automatically recruit more. You might remember a boy who lost his arms, as well as his family, to American bombing. The military made

Charley Reese
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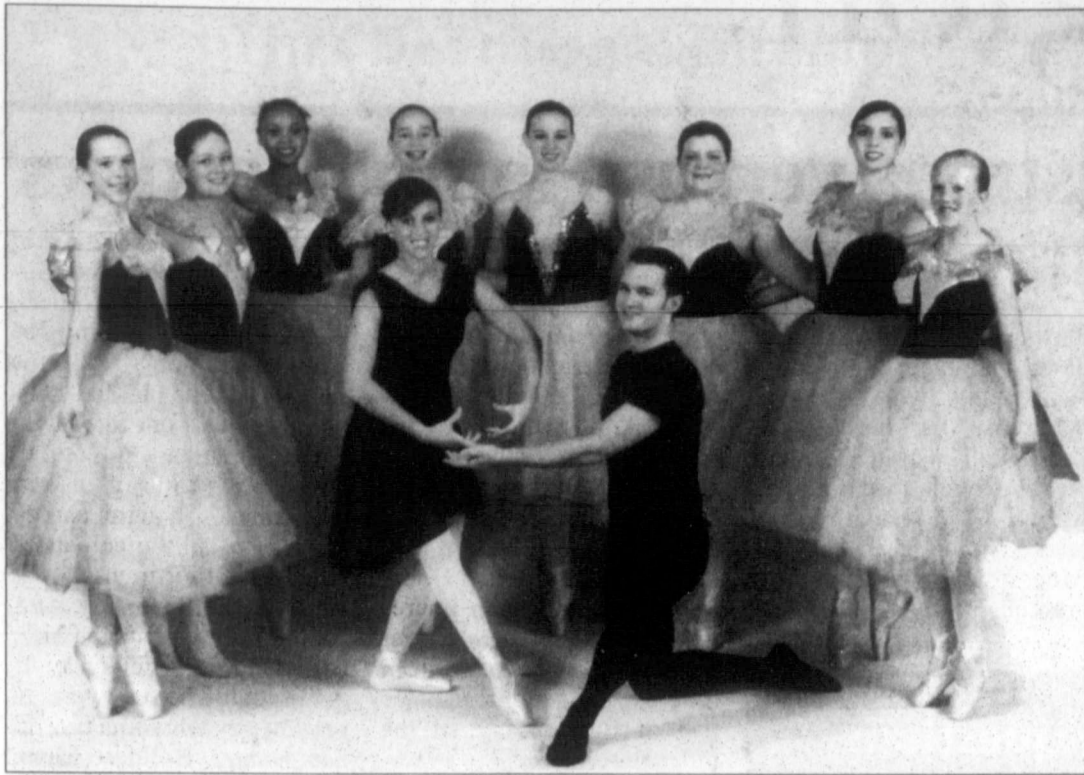
By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:
■ Nov. 18
Odessa American on the Patriot Act: The House of Representatives has been considering a version of the controversial Patriot Act, which expanded the governments powers of surveillance and investigation into the private lives of Americans after the terrorist attacks of 9/11. Unless the version reported out by a conference committee designed to resolve differences between versions passed by the House and Senate is changed, House members should vote against it. Some of the most controversial aspects of the original act, including "sneak and peek" warrants (where the subject of an investigation doesn't have to be notified his house or business has been searched) and a provision forbid-

ding businesses, libraries and others even to talk about the fact that one of their patrons had his or her records searched, were scheduled to "sunset" or expire this year. To keep those powers in place Congress has to pass legislation affirming those provisions. The Senate version of the bill included some procedural safeguards for targets of investigations and a new "sunset" of three years, meaning Congress would have to look at the issues afresh in three years. The House version essentially rubberstamped the previous version and included a "sunset" of 10 years. But the House last week passed a voice-vote resolution saying it preferred a sunset of four years. The best bet for the preservation of liberty in America would be for neither version to pass and the extraordinary new government powers approved in the wake of the ter-

rorist attacks to expire. But the Senate version is marginally less objectionable, reflecting increasing citizen concern over concentrated government power. News stories last week suggested the conference was leaning toward the Senate version. As the American Civil Liberties Union on the left, and Patriots to Restore Checks and Balances (headed by former Republican Rep. Bob Barr of Georgia) agree, however, the version passed out this week was much closer to the House version. Many of the differences are technical, but one is simple and straightforward. The conference committee includes a "sunset" of seven years, after this president and the next leave office. The House should insist on a four-year sunset and reject the conference committee report if it is not changed.

'The Nutcracker'



Pampa Civic Ballet, under the direction of Jeanne Willingham, will present its annual production of "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Above: (front) Claire Boyd, Joshua Gibston; (from left) Kayla Ware, Bailey Read, Danielle Wall, Kayla Cox, Erin Buck, Jessica Baggerman, Kaitlin Winegeart, and Robin Fernuik. Not pictured: Samantha Kelly.



Guest performers at this year's "Nutcracker" will be Cornel Crabtree and Tara Mora who will portray the Snow King and Queen, respectively. Kassidy Winegeart will perform the part of Clara and Tanner Davis the part of the Nutcracker Prince. Above: Tanner Davis, Jessica Baggerman, Evan Read, Jesse Downs, Reuben Turner, Dustin Whinery; Jace Ware, Kami Ware, McKenna Henderson, Kennedi Phillips, Natalie Winborne, Bailey Joyce, Kalen White, Meredith Pooley, Hannah Grange, Shelby Langley, Ashlyn Organ, Adeline Little, Kaleigh Harrison, and Jodi Pingel.

Cheney

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if Mr. Cheney could work Pampa into his schedule.

"As you must know, Mr. Palmitier, Vice President Cheney's schedule is set well in advance. In fact, a fax requesting the impromptu meeting should have been sent three months prior to his trip," Mr. Press Shop exclaimed.

The Press Shop obviously can discuss Vice President Cheney's whereabouts, I thought.

"We didn't know three months ago Vice President Cheney would be here. Why, we just learned of his hunt with T. Boone only last week," I pointed out.

"Logistically, it would be impossible to schedule your request at this late hour," Mr. Press Shop indicated.

"This is the Texas Panhandle - Pampa. There's nothing logistical about my request. You can throw a rock from our airport to where I would like the impromptu town meeting set forth.

There's what, three traffic lights from where Mr. Cheney will need to be! Why, Pampa is part of a heavily voting Republican region - the Panhandle is the only part of Texas LBJ did not carry in 1964!" I implored.

"Who?" Mr. Press Shop asked.

I was somewhat taken aback and distracted from my mission at hand by Mr. Press Shop's question in re the 36th President.

"You know, The Great Society, Him and Her, gall bladder surgery scar, dead voters. His picture is hanging somewhere in the White House," I coachingly reminded him.

My conversation with the White House indeed took place Nov. 30. Optimist that I am, I had no qualms asking for Vice President Cheney's time be given to Pampa.

I was, however, truly deflated by Mr. Press Shop's ignorance involving dead presidents of the United States and by his action only solidified my viewpoint of the dumbing of America and the loss of our history.

Reese

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heroic efforts to save his life, and the boy became a big media attraction. Eventually, he was transferred to England and fitted with the finest prosthetic limbs available. At his first press conference, he said he hoped the Americans who had killed his family would all be burned to death. You can't make friends by treating the wounds you inflict.

The facts of a failed policy are on the ground for all to see. After two years, there are more attacks, not fewer; more American casualties, not fewer; and there is no security. Americans have to fort up, and they venture out only in heavily armed convoys. Electrical generation, clean water and oil production are still woefully inadequate. That is doubly our fault. We have failed to repair the facilities in a timely manner, and we were the ones who destroyed them in the first place.

The problem is that here in America, far away from the blood and death in Iraq, the war has become a political debate. Rather than trying to find solutions to real problems over there, people here on both sides are only interested in scoring points in the political debate. But the debate here is not the war over there. By playing word games here instead of seeking real solutions over there, we are betraying the troops in the most profound way.

This isn't George Bush's war. We the people collectively put those troops in harm's way. They can't speak for themselves, nor can they set policy. We owe them a serious debate and the wisest possible policy. You don't stay the course if the course is the wrong one. So far, the Bush administration has refused all discussion and has simply replied with slogans, stunts and talking points.

The troops deserve better than that. Over there, it is not a political gotcha game. It is daily a matter of life and death. They will leave Iraq eventually. The question is, how many will die and be maimed before the departure date?

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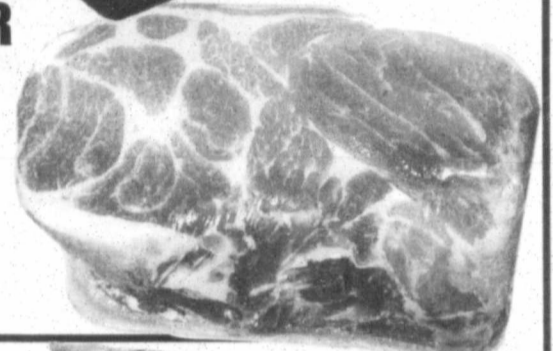
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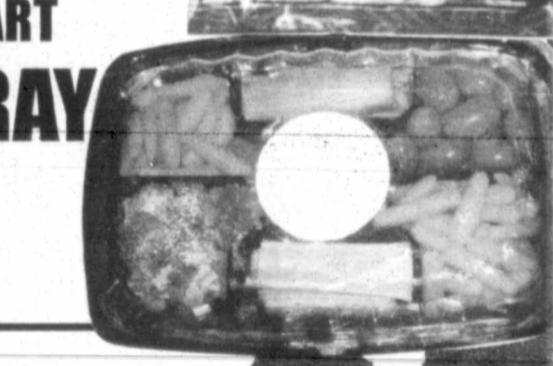


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Religion

Minister's Musing: Merry Christmas versus Happy Holidays

So why are so many Christians so upset over the removal of Merry Christmas from most retail stores and many people's vocabulary? Isn't it okay to say Happy Holidays?

Of course, it is, but many people aren't "choosing" to say Happy Holidays. They are being ordered to say Happy Holidays. And why? Because of the almighty

buck. Stores don't want to offend any potential buyers, and they don't want the legal hassle and expenses from potential lawsuits, so in very plain, simple terms, it is because of money (a.k.a. Mammon).

Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian



In the Bible, Zephaniah was written during a time of great revival under the leadership of king Josiah. So wouldn't you think that the message of Zephaniah would be very positive? Well, that would be wrong! Even though Josiah made many great changes concerning the idolatry problem in Judah, the wor-

ship of idols had so infiltrated God's people that judgment was required.

You see Judah had sold out to Assyria and then later to Babylon concerning idolatry. And why? Money. Commerce. Trade. They allowed their palatability to the foreign nations to become more important than their relationship with God — more important than honoring Him. They chose rather to remove His name from their lives and put in its place that of Baal or one of the other false gods.

God never forgot the removal of His name. And He never forgot who allowed it to happen. The wicked kings may have issued the orders, but the people went along with it. God's name was largely removed from His own people's lives.

So what does that have to do with the Merry Christmas versus Happy Holidays issue of today? God will not forget the removal of His holy son's

name in this most blessed of nations. And He will not forget who issued the orders. And He will not forget those who went along with the removal of His blessed son's name. He will not forget.

So Christians, go out of your way to say Merry Christmas. Saying Happy Holidays isn't just about which greeting to use. It is about a well-planned attack on the holy Christ, the only begotten Son of Jehovah.

Go out of your way to send Merry Christmas cards, not Happy Holiday cards. Don't settle for wearing Happy Holidays clothing. Make sure it is Merry Christmas clothing.

Make sure that your home celebrates a Merry Christmas and doesn't settle for a Happy Holiday.

Make sure that during this Christmas season you "fill" it with Christ.

After all, it is a holiday celebrating His birth.

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Religion news

Jewish university announces new center to shape future of "modern Orthodoxy"

NEW YORK (AP) — Yeshiva University, which leads the Jewish movement known as "modern Orthodoxy," announced the formation of a Center for the Jewish Future for research, strategy and the shaping of future rabbinical and lay leaders.

President Richard Joel said the university will combine various agencies to "mold and influence the Jewish future for generations to come." The center's first dean is Rabbi Kenneth Brander, a graduate of Yeshiva's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

The center plans to tap resources of Yeshiva's undergraduate and graduate programs, including its schools of law, medicine and social work.

The center's departments will focus on training of rabbis, continuing education for mid-career rabbis, resources for community development, training of future lay leaders, supporting day schools and research on problems facing Judaism.

Nigeria Anglicans form pact with two outside groups

PITTSBURGH (AP) — During a rally of U.S. conservatives, the head of the Anglican Church of Nigeria announced formation of a "covenant union" with the Reformed Episcopal Church and Anglican Province of America, two small conservative denominations that broke from the Episcopal Church.

It was the latest instance of conservative Anglicans overseas forming ties with former Episcopalians within the United States.

Nigeria's Archbishop Peter Akinola is head of the second-largest branch of the international Anglican Communion but the two denominations it allied with are not recognized by the Anglican spiritual leader, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams.



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Myra," and I have been married more than 50 years, and all she does is watch soap operas every afternoon. I have invited her to lunch and other outings only to be told, "OK, but I gotta be home by noon to watch my shows." If the mailman or UPS arrives with a package between noon and 4 and I'm not there, Myra ignores the bell. We have three adult children. If any of them call during that time, she'll refuse to talk to them even if it's an emergency. Once, it was our older daughter calling to say our son had been taken to the hospital with a major heart attack. Myra's sister died of a stroke one afternoon two years ago. My wife didn't learn about it until the following morning. On weekends, Myra is always in a bad mood because she says, "My soaps aren't on today." (The housecleaning doesn't get done then, either, unless I do it.) What's wrong with people like her? It's not the housework, Abby. I just wish my wife would realize there's more to life than soap operas. Can you think of a way to convince her to get a life, so to speak? — **BORED HUSBAND IN AKRON, OHIO**

DEAR HUSBAND: I'll try, but you have to realize that you are dealing with someone who is severely addicted. Your wife gets a "rush" from watching her "soaps," and as her behavior on weekends shows, she goes into withdrawal if she doesn't get her "fix." There may be a solution to this problem. Cable television companies now offer cable boxes that allow viewers to record their favorite television shows on a hard drive for later viewing. I recommend you look into it. If it's not available in your area, visit an electronics store and see what recording devices it has in stock. However, as to convincing your spouse "to get a life" and start living it with you, it may already be too late for that. So make sure you have a life of your own by inviting others to join you for lunch and other outings. That might be what it takes to sober her up.

DEAR ABBY: My sister "Peggy's" daughter was married recently. She is 54, and it was her third marriage. Her invitation stated, "No gifts, please." My son and nephew gave the couple a card. Peggy promptly called them both and informed them that when a wedding invitation states, "No gifts, please," it means that the couple doesn't need household items, that they should be given money instead. I am aghast that Peggy would take it upon herself to reprimand my son and nephew and solicit money from them. What do you think of this? Incidentally, my nephew was married two years ago. My niece was invited and never sent a gift to them. — **BLOWN AWAY IN BEND, ORE.**

Where do I begin? For openers, no mention of gifts should have been on the invitation -- and that includes "No gifts, please." Where your sister got the crazy idea that the phrase means "give money instead" I will never know. And for her to chastise your son and nephew for not giving her thrice-married daughter money was off the charts. Christmas is coming, and I have the perfect gift suggestion for her -- a book on etiquette.

DEAR ABBY: Is it proper for people to throw themselves a housewarming party? My husband and I are looking into buying our first home, and I'd love to have one. What, exactly, are the rules? Do you have to be newlyweds? I have never been to one or know anyone who has ever had one. Is it still done? — **CURIOUS IN THE SOUTHWEST**

DEAR CURIOUS: It is customary for new homeowners, after getting settled in, to invite friends and family over for a housewarming. You don't have to be newlyweds -- just new homeowners. Generally, the host and hostess send invitations to prospective guests and provide the food and beverages. And the guests bring gifts for the house. That's all there is to it! Good luck with yours.

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Garfield



Beetle Bailey



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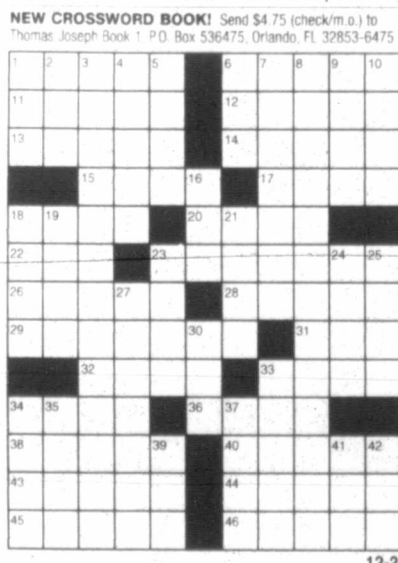


Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bridge wordy
 - 6 Casual deck
 - 11 Duck
 - 12 Topic for Dino
 - 13 Risk
 - 14 Sad song
 - 15 Panner's find
 - 17 VCR button
 - 18 Sir's counterpart
 - 20 Caesar's question
 - 22 Will Smith film
 - 23 Intensity
 - 26 Rival of McEnroe
 - 28 Consummate
 - 29 Breathes out
 - 31 Towel word
 - 32 River to the Caspian
 - 33 Sahara sight
 - 34 Tony Shalhoub series
 - 36 Mitten material
 - 38 Pot starters
 - 40 Subsequently
 - 43 Setting
 - 44 Last letter
- DOWN**
- 1 Agent, for short
 - 2 Mother of 24
 - 3 Smart shopper
 - 4 Trans-lator's challenge
 - 5 Secluded spot
 - 6 Heel
 - 7 Spielberg film
 - 8 Gold digger
 - 9 Thus
 - 10 Ooze
 - 16 Cub's cave
 - 18 Like bucks
 - 19 "Taxi" character
 - 21 The one here
 - 23 First name in jazz
 - 24 First killer
 - 25 Choice word
 - 27 Obfus-cates
 - 30 English cathedral city
 - 33 O'Neill creation
 - 34 Sail's staff
 - 35 As soon as
 - 37 Tons
 - 39 Take in
 - 41 Freud topic
 - 42 Squealer

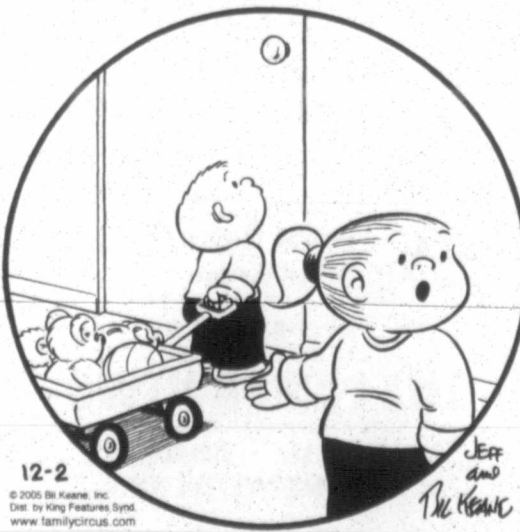


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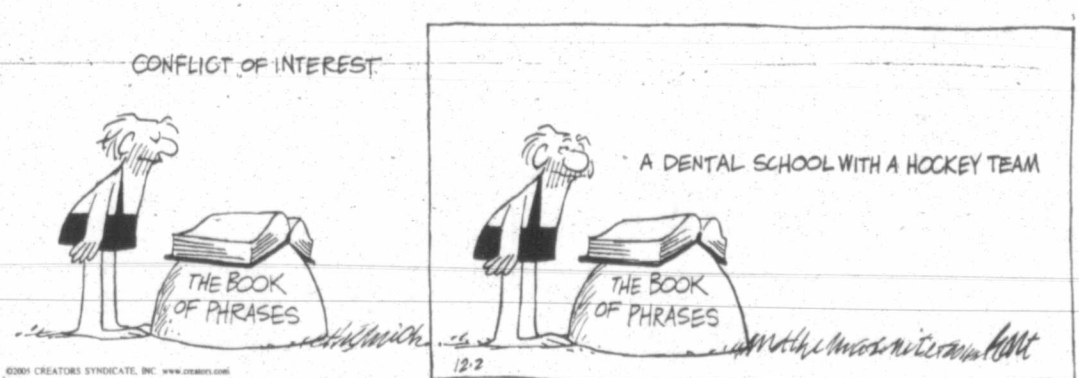


The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane



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Peanuts



Flo & Friends



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Sports Day

Spurs 92, Mavericks 90

DALLAS (AP) — San Antonio and Dallas had the same plan, and both did a good job stopping the other team's top player.

With Tim Duncan and Dirk Nowitzki neutralized by both having some of their lowest-scoring games of the season, Tony Parker scored a season-high 30 points — including the go-ahead layup with 35 seconds left — in the Spurs' 92-90 victory Thursday night.

Nowitzki's shooting woes continued, going just 3-of-13 to match a season low with 14 points. His potential tying shot for the Mavericks was partially blocked by Bruce Bowen to end the game.

"We just wanted to make his shots tough and limit his catches and shot opportunities," said Michael Finley, who had 15 points with three key free throws in the final 23 seconds against his former team. "For the most part, we did that. Fortunately for us, it just wasn't his night."

While Duncan finished with 14 rebounds, he was 5-of-12 shooting and his 13 points were only two above his season low.

Seven of the game's 26 lead changes came in the final 2:48, the last 87-86 on Parker's driving layup only seconds after his turnover. Finley then was fouled rebounding a Dallas miss and made two free throws.

Parker added two free throws with 12 seconds left to make it 92-88, but that almost wasn't enough for the Spurs (12-3) to remain alone atop the

Western Conference.

Marquis Daniels, who had a season-high 24 points, got the long rebound of his own miss and threw a wild shot toward the basket, drawing a foul from Brent Barry to get three free throws with 6.1 seconds left. After Daniels made the first two shots, he missed the third.

Duncan got the rebound in a crowd, but was called for traveling along the baseline with 3.5 seconds remaining. Nowitzki's last shot came off the inbound pass.

"I had a good look at it. Give Bruce credit," said Nowitzki, who is 20-of-64 shooting his last three games. "Every time I touched it, a big guy ran at me. Both teams made an effort not to let the other team's main guy beat them."

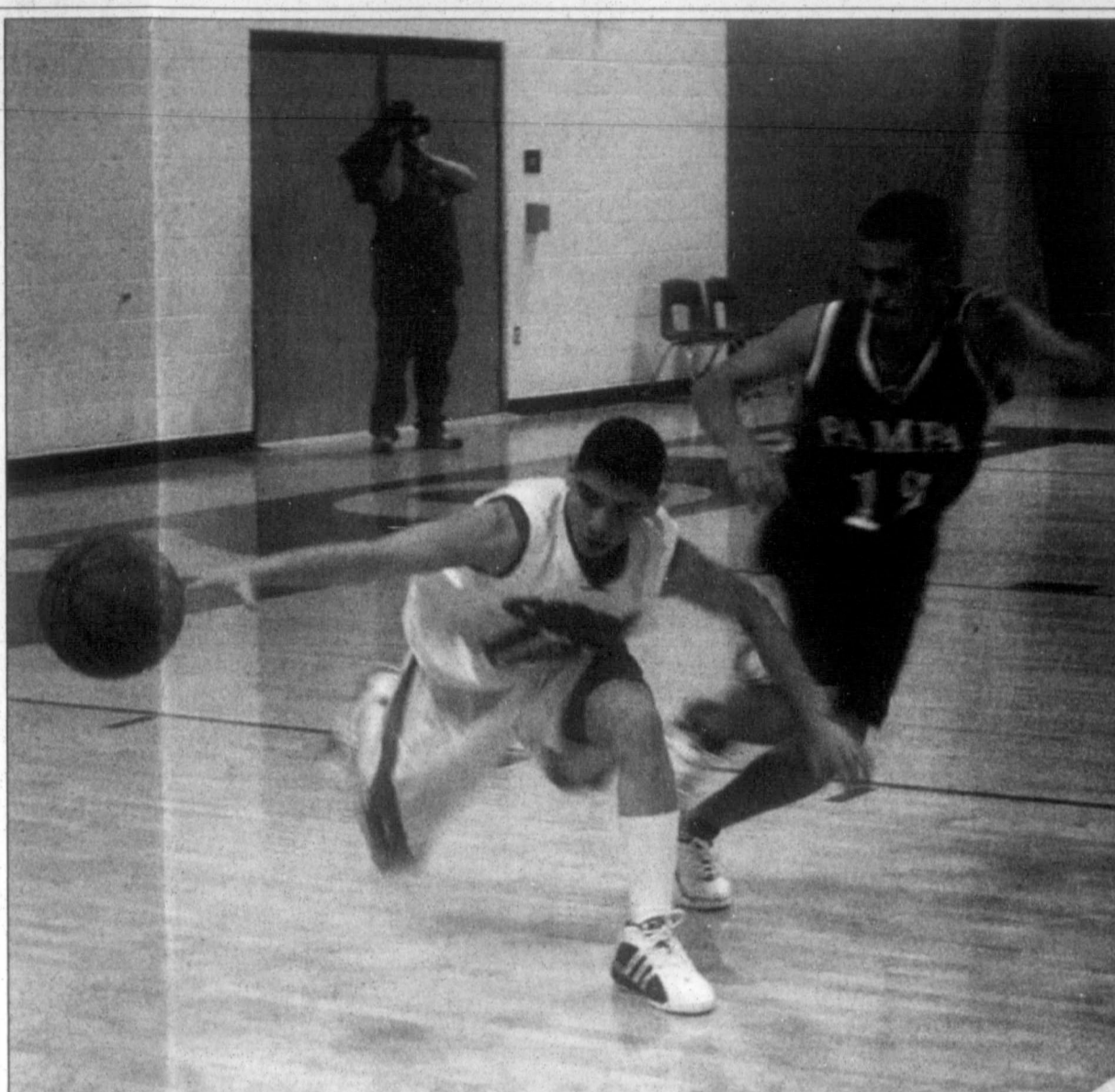
In the only other NBA game, the Los Angeles Lakers edged Utah 105-101 in overtime.

The Mavericks lost for the third time in four games, and missed a chance to match San Antonio for the conference's best record because of consecutive losses under Avery Johnson for the first time.

"I really wanted to prove a point that when Dirk doesn't shoot well, that we'll still have a chance to win," Johnson said. "It's not just his poor shooting. Everybody was struggling."

Meanwhile, Finley looked a lot more comfortable in a Spurs uniform than the first time he played against Dallas.

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Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Braydon Barker (12) hustles after an Abilene Cooper player as he tries to gain control of the ball in Thursday's opening round meeting between Barker's Pampa Harvesters and the Cougars.

CLEAN SKATE SLATE

Man who whacked Kerrigan on knee wants record cleared; judge says no

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A judge refused to clear the record of the man who whacked Olympic skater Nancy Kerrigan on the knee in 1994, likely ending his hopes to become a Navy SEAL.

Multnomah County Circuit Judge Julie Frantz told Shane Stant at a Thursday hearing that the law does not allow an assault conviction to be expunged.

Kerrigan had opposed the request, saying in a letter that to grant it "would send a message to others that such a crime can ultimately be swept under the rug."

Stant, 34, said he made the request because the Navy's special warfare unit will not accept anyone with a felony conviction.

Stant served 14 months in prison for the conspiracy involving skater Tonya Harding and her ex-husband when Harding was seeking the U.S. figure skating title and a spot on the 1994 Winter Olympics team.

The plot was aimed at disabling Kerrigan, Harding's chief competitor.

Stant struck Kerrigan with a police baton as she prepared to compete in the U.S. championships in Detroit, leaving Kerrigan crumpled on the floor, grabbing her knee and crying out, "Why? Why?" Kerrigan recovered from the injury and won the silver medal in the Olympics.

Stant, Harding's ex-husband Jeff Gillooly and two other men went to prison; Harding served probation.

This summer, his lawyer filed court papers asking for Stant's conviction to be set aside, saying Stant had lived a law-abiding life since leaving prison and needed a break to achieve his dream of joining the SEALs.

In court Thursday, Stant asked for the expungement so that "my case doesn't overshadow who I am as a person."

Prosecutors objected and presented a Nov. 25 letter from Kerrigan, who also opposed the request, saying she is still asked about the attack.

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Pampa 7-1 after 'ugly' loss to Cougars in game one of Gene Messer Tournament

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The unbeaten streak ended at seven as Pampa fell to Abilene Cooper in the first game of the 2005 Kid's Inc. Gene Messer Tournament of Champions in Canyon Thursday afternoon, 47-44.

The Harvesters, who had their way with Perryton just two nights earlier, appeared tight, never relaxed during Thursday's meeting with the Cougars. Pampa (7-1) committed uncharacteristic mistakes and allowed Abilene Cooper (5-2) to stick around. The Cougars held a 21-20 advantage going into the locker room at the half.

Said Pampa head coach Dustin Miller, "I think we were frustrated with the pace of the game but that is the way teams are going to try to beat us." Abilene Cooper slowed the pace of the game as often as it could by holding the ball at the perimeter and with plenty of passing. This prevented Pampa from finding its running legs and rhythm.

Pampa did manage to pull out to a six point

lead late in the game, at which point Coach Miller hoped his team could simply take care of the ball and force the Cougars to send his team to the charity stripe. "We had three turnovers in the last two minutes when we are trying to run the clock and take fouls to shoot free throws the rest of the way," said Miller. The last Harvester turnover came with just seconds left while Pampa was moving the ball down court with the game tied 44-44. Abilene Cooper took the ball on the inbound pass and Cougar guard Jonathon Nieves nailed a 3-pointer with just under six seconds left in the game, giving Abilene Cooper the 47-44 win, and handing Pampa its first loss of the season.

When asked to use only one word to describe the game, Miller replied, "Ugly."

Jarett Kotara and Sharod Wells each ended the game with 13 points.

El Paso Parkland's 45-20 loss to Canyon sets up a 3 p.m. consolation game between Pampa and the Matadors today at the WT Events Center.

Mac Millican among top teams again

Senior 4-Man Scramble
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Golf Course
Nov. 30, 2005

1st Place (63)
Tom Lindsey
O.K. Lee
Billie Mac Millican
Wayne Jones
2nd Place (64)
Jim Brashears
Oscar Sargent

Joe Stinger
James Richardson
3rd Place (64)
Jim Bridges
Gerry McCabe
Marion Allison
Bob Brandon
4th Place (64)
Jim Cantrell
James Lee
Nathan Lancaster
Charlie Terrell
Carl Johnson

Closest to the Pin
James Richardson (#18)

Nov. 23 results
1st Place (60)
Harley Knutson
Bill Howard
Billie Mac Millican
Callens George
2nd Place (61)
Howard Wells
Buddy Epperson
Walson Haynes

Bob Young
3rd Place (64)
Jimmy Cantrell
O.K. Lee
Carol Pettit
James Gray
4th Place (64)
Buster Kelly
Gary Herr
Charles Terrell
Calvin Lacy
Closest to the Pin
Buddy Epperson (#6)

Tomahawk Classic

Miami Tomahawk Classic
Opening Round
Thursday, Dec. 1

Boys
White Deer 82, Lefors 25
Lefors- Ray 30, White Deer- Petty 17
Adrian 59, McLean 35
Adrian- Fernandez 28, McLean- Alexander 10
Wellington 61, Channing 45
Channing- Davis 28, Wellington- Martin 13
Booker 54, Miami 42
Miami- Carr 14, Booker- Reagan 21
Canadian 69, Pampa JV 62
Canadian- Brock 21, Pampa JV- Young 55
Shamrock 36, Ft. Elliott 35
Ft. Elliott- Newman 20, Shamrock- Cogburn 12
Spearman 57, Follett 53
Spearman- Huddleston 24, Follett- Woods 35
Wheeler 70, Samnorwood 29
Samnorwood- Blackshear 8, Wheeler- Moore 13

Girls
White Deer 58, Lefors 25
Lefors- Stubbs 12, White Deer- Rapstine 18
Adrian 62, McLean 45
Adrian- Garcia 24, McLean- Menefield 19
Wellington 45, Channing 29
Channing- McLain 16, Thomas-12
Miami 53, Booker 34
Miami- Adcock 22, Booker- Simpson 12
Canadian 60, Pampa JV 33
Canadian- Culvo 20, Pampa JV- Moore 12
Ft. Elliott 46, Shamrock 31
Ft. Elliott- Reis 15, Shamrock- Oldham 13
Spearman 40, Follett 38
Spearman- Short 8, Follett- Blau 22
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Samnorwood- Kincannon 12, Wheeler- Taylor 12

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Anticipation



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Pampa takes two in Canyon

The 8th Grade Boys basketball teams traveled to the Canyon Tournament Thursday night for a first round match up with Borger, with both the Green team and Gold team advancing to the winner's bracket.

Green Team

The Green Team won its third straight game of the season, thanks to an early 20-11 lead over Borger. Pampa would go on to a 62-42 win from there.

Alex Clendenning quickly put up 11 of his game high 23 points in the first quarter to provide a comfortable cushion for Pampa. Guards Ryan Jimenez and Uriel Diaz poured in 12 points, hitting from the perimeter of the Bulldog's zone defense.

Travis Hagerman added eight points in the paint, including three offensive put-backs. Zach Shaw and Braden Hunt would chip in three points each to round out the scoring for the Green Team. Pampa will face the Canyon-Hereford winner at 12:45 Saturday morning. The Green Team has a win over each team so far this season. The finals are scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday.

Gold Team

The Pampa 8th grade Gold Team got its first taste of victory Thursday night with a 42-26 win over Borger. The Bulldogs were simply unable to answer the inside play of Jessie Jimenez who scored 20 points and pulled down 15 rebounds.

A.J. Rodriguez was also big on the boards with 13 rebounds. He added four points in the paint as well.

Rylan Clark scored nine points and Mitchell Killgo had eight as both guards led a fast break attack Borger couldn't keep up with. Pampa Gold jumped to an early 10-2 lead in the first quarter, but let the Borger get close at the half, 20-16. Midway through the third quarter the Gold began to pull away, tightening up on defense and causing the Dawgs to turn the ball. With Jimenez and Rodriguez controlling the boards, the Pampa guards were able to get the ball up the floor, scoring fast break points or drawing fouls along the way.

Pampa Gold will play Canyon at 12:45 p.m. Saturday.

Knee

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◀ Pampa's Tyler Hall sends a free throw toward the basket during Thursday's game against Abilene Cooper. The two teams opened the 2005 Kids Inc. Gene Messer Tournament of Champions in Canyon. Pampa fell to the Cougars, 47-44, and will face El Paso Parkland today at 3. That game is scheduled to be played at the WT Event Center in Canyon.

"To allow Mr. Stant to have this act removed from his record would be an insult not only to me but to the thousands of athletes that strive to live by the Olympic credo," she wrote. "At the same time, I believe that granting Mr. Stant's motion would send a message to others that such a crime can ultimately be swept under the rug."

Stant now lives in Southern California and said Thursday that he works in marketing, although he declined to give details.

It was unsung Oksana Baiul of Ukraine who collected the gold medal in 1994, edging out Kerrigan. Harding was eighth.

NBA

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"The first game, I had a few butterflies," said Finley, a two-time All-Star in 8 1/2 seasons with the Mavericks before being waived in August in a cost-saving move. "It was a lot more exciting to come back and play in Dallas."

Making his first start for the Spurs with Manu Ginobili out because of a jammed right foot, Finley made his first shot. Plus, he made the free throws down the stretch.

"He was a lot more confident with the system," coach Gregg Popovich said.

Finley badly missed his first shot against Dallas on Nov. 5, when he finished with only two points on 1-of-6 shooting in 27 minutes of the Spurs' 103-84 loss.

"Starting helped me get out the jitters early and just go play," Finley said. "Getting that first shot helped. ... We just wanted to win because they are one of the better teams."

Ginobili will have an

MRI exam on his jammed right foot Friday. He was hurt in the Spurs' 90-84 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday night, when he scored 22 points.

Lakers 105, Jazz 101, OT At Salt Lake City, Kobe Bryant made two free throws after a disputed foul with 0.4 seconds left in regulation, and Sasha Vujacic made a 3-pointer with 20 seconds remaining in overtime to lead Los Angeles over Utah.

The Lakers blew a 14-point lead in the second half, then had to win without Bryant after he fouled out with more than 2 minutes left in overtime.

Bryant finished with 30 points and Vujacic scored 11 — hitting his clutch 3-pointer with the Lakers trailing 101-100. Lamar Odom added a free throw and a defensive rebound, one of his 13 boards.

Deron Williams led Utah with 20 points and seven assists and drew Bryant's sixth foul in the overtime, but Utah didn't score again after the rookie's pullup jumper with 1:11 left.

Mr. Versatile gets another chance for CU

DENVER (AP) — He was too fast to call a fullback, yet too good a blocker to hand the ball to on every down.

That's why Colorado ended up naming a new position for Lawrence Vickers. The Buffs call him the "V-back," and the V stands for versatile — or Vickers — a tribute to a player who is willing to do anything for his team and usually does.

"It's a great feeling to have a position made based on your capabilities and the things you can do," Vickers said. "It's an honor, really."

It has been players like Vickers, a senior with 614 career yards rushing and 12 touchdowns, who have been the glue for the Buffs over the past three or four tumultuous, yet still successful years at CU.

On the field, he's dependable. Off the field, devoted to the team.

"A guy who loves to play the game," coach Gary Barnett calls him. "And more than anything else, he brings that kind of spirit and energy to practice and that rubs off."

He loves playing, no matter what the situation. While human nature might dictate that a guy like Vickers, who ran for 4,610 yards at Houston's Forest Brook High School, wouldn't take to his role, he has.

'It's a great feeling to have a position made based on your capabilities and the things you can do.'

— Lawrence Vickers
V-Back, University of Colorado

Sure, he could have been the guy who got all the carries for the Buffs, racking up the yardage, scoring all the touchdowns. Instead, he often found himself blocking for Bobby Purify and Hugh Charles, relegated to a few carries a game and maybe a pass or two thrown his way.

He accepted it, embraced it and realized his role was bigger than merely carrying the ball.

"There's just something about the competition that I love," he said going into Saturday's Big 12 Conference title game against No. 2 Texas in his hometown.

Despite his willingness to take a lower profile, maybe his best game came Nov. 5 in a 41-12 win over Missouri, when Charles, suffering with an ankle injury, decided he couldn't go.

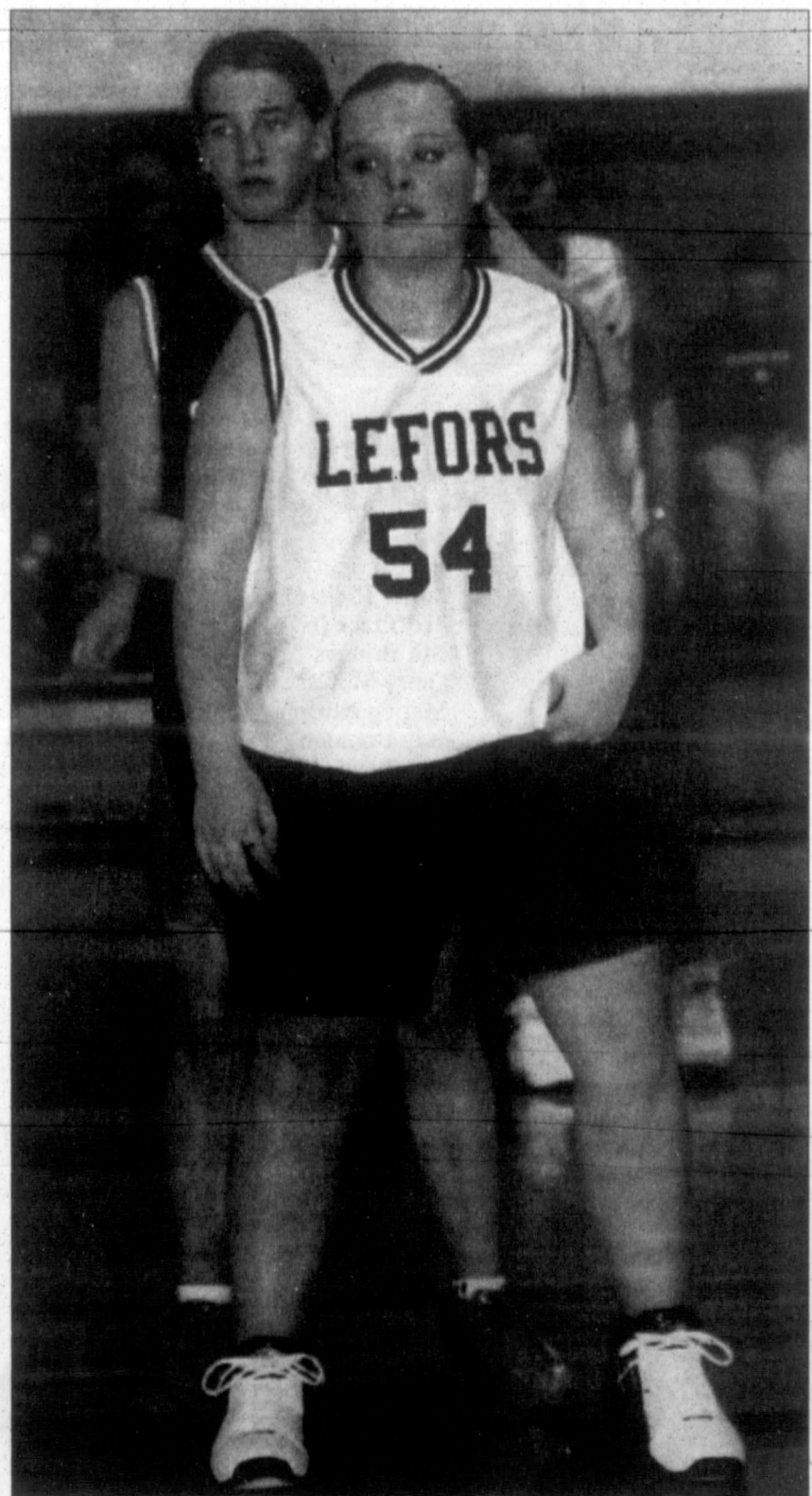
Despite not getting the reps during practice over the week, Vickers took over at tailback and ran for a career-high 85 yards and four touchdowns. Barnett tried to give him the day off on special teams, but Vickers insisted on playing.

"He wanted to be in the game every snap and you love an attitude like that," Barnett said.

The coach said he tries to get Vickers involved in every game plan, but sometimes formations dictate that the senior sit out.

Still, the coach acknowledges, and doesn't disagree with what many casual observers see: "It seems every time he's involved, we win, and every time we lose, he's not involved."

Lady Bandit



Courtesy photo

Lady Bandit Ahsley Shepard posts up against her Follett counterpart Monday when the two teams met in Lefors. The Lady Bandits moved to 3-1 with a 30-27 win. Shepard scored five points in the contest.

No. 2 Tennessee 102, No. 16 Texas 61

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Shanna Zolman scored 23 points and Candace Parker added 17 points and 14 rebounds to help second-ranked Tennessee beat No. 16 Texas 102-61 Thursday night.

The Lady Vols (6-0) snapped a four-game losing streak to Texas (3-2), winning for the first time since Dec. 22, 2000 — and in dramatic fashion.

It was their second blowout of a ranked team this season. They beat then-No. 9 Michigan State 83-55 a week ago in the Paradise Jam in the Virgin Islands.

The Lady Vols increased their lead at the beginning of the second half to 23 by outscoring Texas 15-6. Zolman hit back-to-back 3-pointers in the span. And Tennessee kept pouring it on.

Lindsey Moss came off the bench and hit her first basket, a 3-pointer, with 8:57 left that put the Lady Vols up 79-49.

Sidney Spencer scored 12 points and Alexis Hornbuckle and Sa'de Wiley-Gatewood each added 11 for Tennessee, which outrebounded Texas 45-25.

Tennessee coach Pat Summitt improved to 16-11 over Texas and longtime rival Jody Conradt. The two are the winningest coaches in women's basketball. Summitt leads all men's and women's coaches in the NCAA with 888 wins, while Conradt is fourth at 872.

Conradt has seven freshmen, who made up what was considered the nation's top recruiting class. The Lady Vols have one freshman, Moss, and Parker and Alex Fuller, who redshirted last year to recover from knee injuries.

Tennessee ran out to a 17-0 lead in the first 5 1/2 minutes and were ahead by as many as 22 points twice in the first half.

The closest the Longhorns got before halftime was 37-24 after Earnesia Williams hit a jumper and Nina Norman had a 3, but Tennessee answered with Zolman's 3.

Norman and Tiffany Jackson each scored 13 points to lead Texas, and Carla Cortijo added 12.

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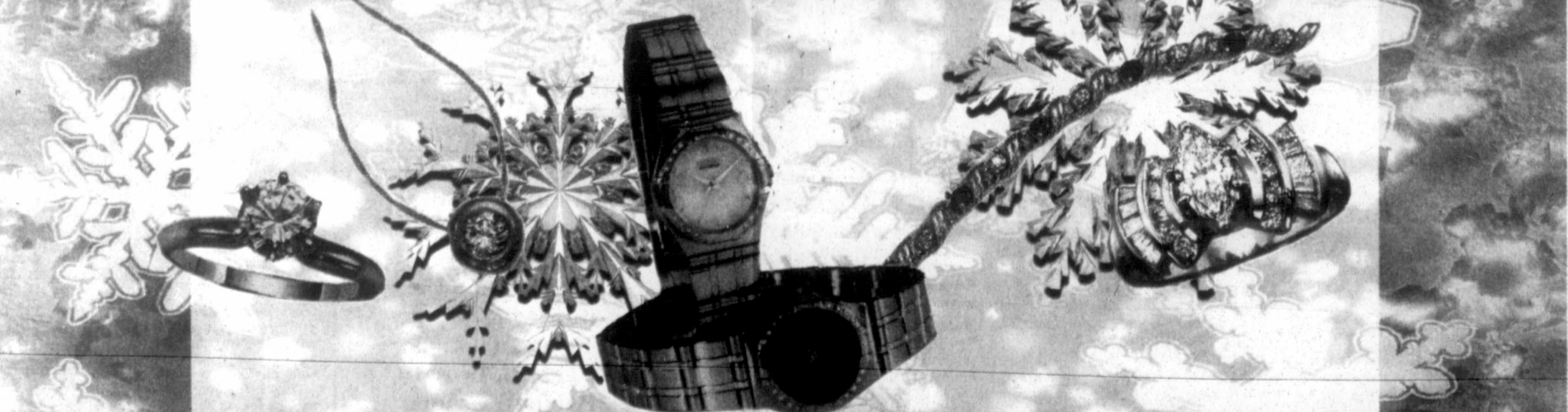
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