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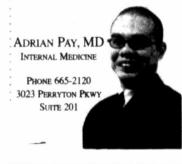


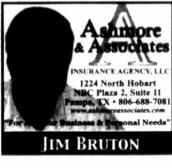


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The City of Pampa has decorated a tree which stands in the lobby of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Although not a part of the Pampa Fine Arts Association's Festival of Trees this weekend, it was one of the many trees displayed.

Christmas parade slated this weekend

By KERRI SMITH Managing Editor

The holiday season is upon us and many special events and activities have been scheduled in Pampa. On Saturday, numerous activities will be offered which should satisfy the holiday appetite of both young and old.

The events of the day kick off with Soup with Mrs. Claus, which is presented by the Altrusa Club from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the old Pampa Hardware Building across the street from Brandon's Flowers on Cuyler Street. Mrs. Claus, played by Mary McDaniel, will offer soup, corn dogs and a book for every child for \$6 at the door or \$5 in advance from the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. Photos with Mrs. Claus will also be available for \$3 each.

The signature event will happen at 2 p.m. when the Christmas Parade will begin from the M.K. Brown parking lot and proceed down Somerville St. and wind through downtown Pampa.

Immediately following the parade, the first of two Shop Pampa and Win

drawings will be held in front of Rheams Diamond Shop. The winner will be awarded \$600 in Pampa Bucks.

At 5 p.m. this same day, the second Shop Pampa and Win drawing will be held in Coronado Center in front of The Plaza III. This winner will also receive \$600 in Pampa Bucks.

From 5 - 8 p.m. Saturday, Girl Scout Troop 514 will host an old-fashioned Winter Carnival at Briarwood Church's Family Life Center, 1800 W. Harvester. This event is open for children in Pre-K through 5th grade and the kids must be accompanied by an adult. This carnival will offer game booths, face painting, a cake walk and toy walk, a snack bar and a country store, which will have various homemade items for sale.

Each of the events of the girl scout carnival will require a certain number of tickets to participate. For \$5, children will receive 10 tickets to use throughout the carnival. The girl scout troop is hosting this event as a fundraiser to raise money for a trip to Sea World in San Antonio this summer.

Local meat manager gets promotion to new store

KERRI SMITH Managing Editor

The meat department of United Supermarket in Pampa has been lead by Larry Williams for the past eight years, but at the end of this month he

transferring to a different store. Williams recently received a job offer from United management to transfer to Allen, Texas and be the meat manager at a new Market Street, which he quickly accepted.

"I am very excited to begin this new position in the new Market Street in Allen, which is just north of Dallas," Williams said. "I've worked for United Supermarkets since 1991 and I really enjoy what I do. I've worked in the meat industry since I was in high school so it's really exciting to move to such a large store that will offer more products to our customers.'

Williams said he started learning about meat and animals in the Agricultural Co-op in high school in Sweetwater, Texas. He then went on to Texas Tech where he majored in Agricultural Education with a specialty in meat science. He really began learning about butchering animals there at Tech when he started working in the meat lab.

"At the meat lab at Tech, animals were brought in alive and we followed the animal through the whole process of the kill floor, how to butcher them and then how to package the meat and get it out to customers," Williams said. "Lubbock was where I started working at United in 1991. I later moved to Amarillo and worked as the meat manager and then my family and I wanted to move to a smaller town so we chose to move to Pampa.

"My family and I have enjoyed living in Pampa for the past eight years because this has been a great community for us. We are very involved in

Deacon, we have enjoyed the city of Pampa softball league and I've enjoyed attending the Masonic Lodge here since I'm a mason. We want to live in a small community again, so instead of living in Allen, we are going to live in a small town nearby

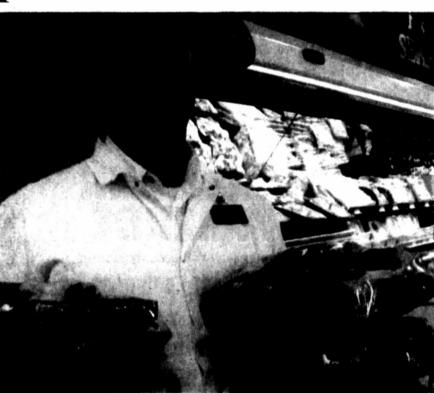
named Melissa." As a meat manager in Pampa, Williams was in charge of eight employees in the 41,000 square foot United store. His department is in charge of regular cuts of meat and stocking the lunch meat and cheese section of the store. At the

new Market Street, he will manage approximately 35 employees in the 71,000 square foot store. Along with the normal cuts of meat, Williams said his new job will also consist of providing specialty cuts of meat along with a large selection of seafood.

His last day at the Pampa store will be Dec. 26 since he has to check-in at the new store to help conduct mass interviews. Williams said the store managers will probably interview between 2,000-3,000 people before decided on the approximately 500 employees storewide. Opening day is scheduled for Feb. 29.

Williams, 37, is married and has two children. His wife Becky works for the law firm of Holt and Fields and his son Adam is a 7th grade student at Pampa Junior High School. His daughter, Alexa Silva, is attending the University of Alabama on a

full-ride academic scholarship. According to the Web site www.unitedtexas.com, United currently owns 39 stores, United Supermarket, Market Street and Amigo's, in 24 Texas communities. They have approximately 9,000 employees. The company was started in 1916 by H.D. Snell, when he opened up his first store in Sayre,



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Larry Williams is the meat manager at Pampa's United Supermarket. He and his family are moving to Allen where he will head the meat department at a new Market Street grocery.

U.S. manufacturing expanded

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. manufacturing expanded in November as new orders and production improved, but the pace of growth was a touch weaker than the prior month.

The Institute for Supply Management, a Tempe, Ariz.-based trade group, said Monday that its manufacturing index registered 50.8 last month, down from 50.9 in October. A reading above 50 indicates growth; below that spells contraction.

The results were slightly stronger than the 50.1 expected by analysts polled by Thomson/IFR Markets.

"Manufacturing continued to grow during November, a trend that is now in its 10th month," Norbert Ore, chairman of the institute's business survey committee, said in a statement.

"While other segments of the economy are struggling, manufacturing continues to grow due to continuing strength in new orders, and a recovery in production from last month," he said. "Prices, driven higher by energy prices, are once again the major concern.'





Pampa Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade Join The Fun December 8th at 2:00pm

The 1st Drawing for the Shop Pampa & Win will follow at Rheams and at 5:00pm the 2nd drawing in front of Plaza III. Bring your tickets to the drawings ... MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday







Mostly sunny

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Wind chill values between 28 and 38 early. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. East wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 56. South wind 15 to 20 mph becoming northwest. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Obituaries

Wilbur Leroy Ferrell, 81

Wilbur Leroy Ferrell, 81, of Pampa, died Dec. 2, 2007, in Pampa. Services are pendwith Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ferrell was born Feb. 27, 1927, in Oak Grove, La. He married Nancy Lee Boylan on Nov. 15, 1953, in Borger. Wilbur was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. After the war, he returned to Borger and opened Ferrell Service Station which he ran for 20 years. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1965, working as an operator for Celanese, retiring in 1988, and then drove for Panhandle Transit for 6 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pampa member of the

Masonic Lodge in Borger. of 54 years, Nancy Ferrell of numerous

and was a former Ferrell

the home; 3 sons, Jerry Ferrell and Deborah, wife Tony Ferrell, and David Ferrell and wife Lynn, all of Pampa; one daughter-in-law, Cyndi Newell of Borger; one broth-

er, O. L. Ferrell of

Snyder; one sister,

A. Lee Ferrell of Dallas; eight grandchildren, Survivors include his wife one great-granddaughter and nieces

nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar & Bertie Ferrell; and two brothers, Oscar Ferrell, Jr., and Clifford Ferrell; and a son, Kyrle Ferrell.

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First **MEMORIALS:** Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621, or Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

-Sign the on-line register at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Larry Wayne Shaw, 57

Larry Wayne Shaw, 57, of Pampa, died Dec. 1, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Shaw was born May 14, 1950, in Merkel. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1968. Larry was a self-employed carpenter and

had been a resident of Thomas of Bowie, and Pampa since 1977.

by a daughter, Christina Denise Shaw.

Survivors include companion Sharon Mack of the home; three daughters, Marsha Ann Shaw of Dawn Misty Dalhart,

Ashley Meagan Shaw of He was preceded in death College Station; one son, Frank David Shaw of San Antonio; mother, Bina Grace Shaw of Pampa; father, Frank Shaw of Piedmont, Missouri; three sisters, Brenda Kay Clason of Lubbock, Martha Ann White

of Wolforth, and Teresa Joy Smith of Pampa; one brother, Michael Gene Shaw of Cedar Park; and one grand-

-Sign the on-line register at www.carmichaelwhatlev.com

Gerald Vaughn, 79

Gerald Vaughn, 79, of Pampa, died Dec. 2, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas. Services pending Aug. 5, 1949. in Dumas. Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Vaughn was born Feb. 10, 1928, in Eliasville, Texas, and graduated from Breckenridge High School.

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TOURNAMENTS ARE back! Bonapart's Retreat, 120 W. Foster.

Gerald had been a resident Chris, and Clessie Cates and of Pampa since 1954. He married Dorothy Murrell on

He worked for Cabot for 31 years, Celanese for two years and Panhandle Producing Company for 13 years. Gerald was a member of the Central Baptist Church and was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1946-1949.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Vaughn, of the home; four daughters, Jeri Gerald and husband City, Okla., Colin Howard of

husband Rick, all of Canyon, Reba Howard and husband Ben of Pampa, and Sharla Hare and husband Gus of San Antonio; one sister, Marjorie Vaught Eliasville; nine grandchildren, Heather Tankersley and husband Bryan, and Ryan Cates, all of Canyon, Clessie Moreno and husband Johnny of Dumas, Lyndsey Keeney and husband Jayland of Houston, Tyler Howard and wife Beth of Oklahoma

Pampa, and Prebble, Paige and Presley Hare, all of San Antonio; three great-grandchildren, Paitlyn and Jaxson Tankersley of Canyon, and Greysen Moreno of Dumas; a great-grandson is due to be born in February, and his name will be Gunner Gerald Moreno. MEMORIALS: Central

Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Emergency Services

reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Nov. 30 Eight traffic stops were

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Kentucky Avenue and Price Road, and the intersection of Kentucky and Sloan streets.



Dec. 3 22 shopping days to Christmas

Pampa Police Department reported in the 700 block of were received from the 2100 North Hobart.

Animal control officers Sumner and Nelson streets, the intersection of Dwight and Buckler streets, the 900 block of Brown, the 1900 block of North Wells, the 100 block of West 30th, the 500 block of North Wells, the 700 block of Bradley A vehicle accident was Drive, the 1500 block of Coffee, the 900 block of Schneider, the 300 block of Canadian, the 1000 block of Frederic,

> Highway 60. Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby and the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Recreation Park, 1600 E.

Lost property was reported in the police department

A runaway was reported at Pampa Junior High School,

2401 Charles. Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

Suspicious person calls

block of North Nelson, the 1000 block of Varnon Drivé, made stops concerning ani- the intersection of 19th and Zimmers streets, and the 2100 block of North Nelson.

A suspicious vehicle call received Recreation Park. A prowler was reported in

the 1700 block of Beech.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of Sloan and the 400 block of East Frederic.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1700 block of Chestnut, the 1100 block of Alcock and at Pampa Junior High School.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1900 block of North Banks and the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart and the 900 block of Jordan. Burglary was reported in

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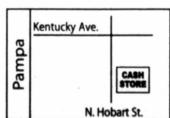


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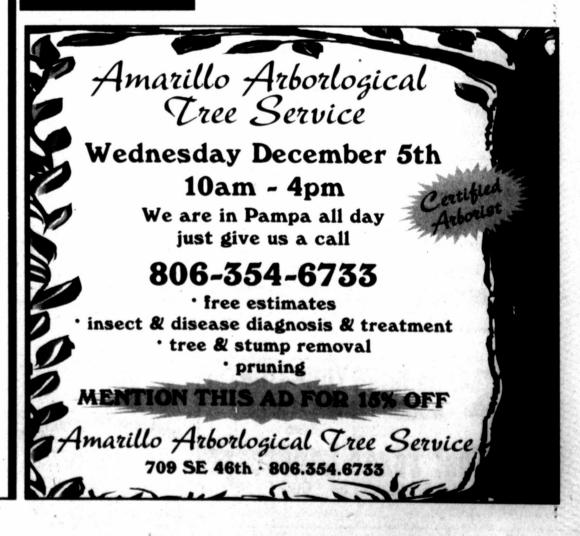
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the 800 block of Brunow. Saturday, Dec. 1

Twelve traffic stops were made.

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Motorist assistance was rendered in the 100 block of South Starkweather, the intersection of Varnon and McCullough streets, and the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky streets.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 700 block of Lefors.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 700 block of Bradley Drive, the 400 block of Elm and the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

An unattended death was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Farley and McCullough streets and an unreported location.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 100 block of North Russell and the 1200 block of North

A prowler was reported in the 1100 block of Neel Road. A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 2100 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner, the 1700 block of Aspen, the 200 block of Miami, the 2100 block of Beech, the intersection of 17th and Aspen streets, the 2200 block of Dogwood and the 1700 block of Holly.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of Brunow, the 100 block of North Nelson and the 400 block of South Barnes.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 400 block of Lefors and the 500 block of North Frost, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of East Frederic. A gas drive-off was reported in the 600 block of

East Frederic. Burglary was reported on Loop 171 and the 1800 block of North Hobart.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 200 block of East Atchison.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2800 block of Charles. Sunday, Dec. 2

Twenty traffic stops were made. Traffic stops in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive and the 800 block of West Foster resulted in arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the 700 block of Lefors, the 600 block of North Hobart and the 800 block of East Browning.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1400 block of North Zimmers and the 1000 block of Huff Road.

A welfare check was made in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

Found property was reported in the 1300 block of Mary Ellen.

A civil matter was reported in the 1000 block of

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Starkweather and Foster streets, the intersection of Varnon and Crawford streets, the 600 block of West Crawford and the intersection of Neel Crawford streets.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 900 block of Varnon Drive.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of North Nelson, the 400 block of Warren, the 800 block of East Frederic and the 1000 block of North Sumner. Arrests were made in connection with the incidents on East Frederic and North Sumner streets.

Harassment was reported in the 1900 block of North Banks.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1000 block of Farley, the 400 block of South Ballard, the 1800 block of North Banks and the 1100 block of Sirroco

One building check was made.

One open door was checked.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of Mary Ellen.

Monday, Dec. 3

Two traffic stops were made. One stop at the intersection of Gwendolen and Banks streets resulted in at least one arrest.

An abandoned vehicle. was reported at the intersection of Browning and Powell

Animal control officers made a stop concerning an animal in the 500 block of Red Deer.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Francis and West

A prowler was reported in the 1300 block of East Francis.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Sunday, Dec. 2

Austin McCarthy, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of North Sumner Pampa Police Department for public intoxication and disorderly conduct/language.

Adrian Diaz, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of North Sumner by PPD for public intoxication and disorderly conduct/language.

Mary Lennington, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of North Sumner by PPD for public intoxica-

tion and disorderly conduct/language.

Arron Hink, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of North Sumner by PPD for disorderly conduct/language.

Kevin Kirkham, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of North Sumner by PPD for disorderly conduct/language.

Gerald Matthews, 42, of Amarillo was arrested by PPD for public intoxication.

Enrique Perez, 27, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive by PPD for no valid driver's license and capias pro fines for speeding and no valid driver's license.

Benito Lopez, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of North Sumner by PPD on capias pro fines for no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Monday, Dec. 3

Amber Loree Caviness, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of Gwendolen by PPD for possession of less than two ounces of mar-

Kala Dawn Seymour, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of Gwendolen by PPD for possession of less than two ounces of marijua-

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 1

9:24 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 100 block of East Randy Matson on a trash fire.

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11:28 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to McLean for city cover-

11:05 p.m. — One unit and five personnel responded to the 500 block of North Nelson on a first responded

Sunday, Dec. 2

5:46 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Louisiana and Mary Ellen on a vehicle

9:11 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Barnes and Albert on a good intent

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 1

7:11 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Coffee. No transport.

1:56 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:03 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Nelson. No transport.

Sunday, Dec. 2

12:39 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

2:24 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of County Rd. I and transported one patient to PRMC.

9:05 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Lowry and transported one patient to PRMC.

10:41 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one patient to NWTH in Amarillo.





Viewpoints

Big oil not source of world's problems

Alex

Mills

Columnist

To many politicians in Washington today, oil is the enemy. They would like to see the use of oil prohibited around the world. They use the argument that money from the sale of oil finances terrorism. Global warming is another argument for eradicating oil. And, others see oil companies as polluters without any redeeming social value.

Politically, a majority of the people in the oil and gas business are conservative tusiness people. They tend to vote Republican. Democrats, who happen to have a majority in the U.S. House and Senate, see this as an opportunity to pass energy legislation that will punish their political adversaries.

Some members of Congress actually believe that if we could take oil out of the equation, their political, terrorism and global warming problems would be solved.

Consumers, rightly or wrongly, see the oil industry as one giant ExxonMobil that controls the price of oil without consideration of anything except for profits, profits and more

All of this has culminated in a campaign of fear developed by the political enemies of the oil industry in an effort take power away

from political allies.

The campaign of fear is directed at consumers and the people who represent them. They use such buzz words as "energy independence" and "renewable energy" and 'global warming" and "energy terrorism" to scare the public into accepting their bogus assumptions.

The term "energy independence" for the United States just isn't going to happen. We will always need to import energy from somewhere. Whether it's crude oil from Mexico, natural gas from Canada or refined petroleum products

from the Bahamas, the United States will have to import petroleum products.

Also, the United States imported more than 13 million barrels of oil per day from dozens of countries. The largest importers are Canada (2.7 million b/d), Mexico (1.5 million b/d), Saudi Arabia (1.5 million b/d) and Venezuela (1.4 million b/d). The United States consumes about 21 million b/d. So, imports account for about 62 percent of our

daily consumption.

"Renewable energy" is another myth. Energy is not renewable. Wind, solar and biomass are not renewable, and they are not free. They may have other advantages, but renewable and free are not part of them.

Is the Earth warming? A report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

> (IPCC) at the United Nations issued a report in February that states from 1996 to 2005 the Earth's average temperature increased 0.7-degrees Celsius, and that 10 of the hottest years occurred after 1995. In August, however,

some errors were detected and the temperature numbers were revised downward by 0.15-degrees Celsius to 0.55-degrees Celsius for the past 100 years. And, after the revisions three (not 10) of the hottest years occurred since 1995, and four of the hottest years happened in the 1930s.

Certainly, no one wants to financially support terrorism or contribute to destruction of

But energy policy should be based on sound science. If politicians want to subsidize and mandate usage of various sources of energy, there should be obvious environmental gain to offset the economic pain.

There are vast supplies of crude oil and natural gas remaining to be discovered and produced in the U.S. New technology has made production economical in unconventional areas such as the Barnett Shale play in the Fort Worth Basin.

Politicians who perceive the oil industry as its enemy have enacted punitive legislation against the industry for 30-plus years. Oil companies can continue to provide a safe, reliable and affordable product to consumers. Oil is not the enemy. Oil is part of the solution.

-Mills is president of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers, which represents more than 3,000 members in 27 states. The opinions expressed are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent the opinions or policies of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers.

No Child Left Behind not a smart policy

One of the things the next president should do is ax the No Child Left Behind law. It is based on a false premise.

Essentially it mandates that by a certain time, students should perform the same in academic skills. That is as stupid and unscientific as decreeing that every child must run the 100-yard dash in the same time.

The only way such a goal can be achieved is by fraud, by dumbing down both the curricula and the tests. And don't think for a minute that the massive public-educabureaucracy won't stoop that low. They've already dumbed down the curricula in many schools.

We live in an Orwellian,

Galileo to prison for the sin of speaking the truth. The Earth does indeed, as Galileo said, revolve around the sun, and human beings are indeed biologically different.

There have been so many conferences about the gaps in test scores, all professing ignorance as to the cause, that it's become laughable. There are gaps in test scores because there are gaps in intelligence. Decades of studies and tests prove this. It's only in recent years that political-correctness police has decreed that no one dare mention it upon pain of banishment.

To head off racist demagogues who might want to all born as individuals, and politically correct world not paint me as a white supremathere are differences. Some

unlike the world that sent cist, every one of these studies shows that the average IQ of East Asians is higher than that of whites. If anyone has a scien-

Charley

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Columnist

tific basis for claiming racial superiority, it's the East Asians, not white us folks.

Part of the problem is that people always want to inject judgments about superiority and inferiority. That is the wrong trail to follow. All we're talking about are differences. The human race is not mass manufactured in some cosmic factory. We are

are tall, some are short; some are of one color, some are of another. With all the differences we can see, how can

anybody suppose only that our brains are exactly the same? No one

e v e r accused me

of being an Einstein. English and history were snap courses for me, but I had to sweat like a Florida roofer to get through chemistry and algebra. I can read music because I was forced as a child to take piano lessons, but I'm not remotely a musician. In the Army, I set a post record for low score on the

mechanical aptitude test. I defy all the determinists in the world to make me into a master carpenter.

It is wrong to set low expectations, but it is infinitely crueler to burden children with high expectations beyond their ability to achieve. Every child should be encouraged to achieve the maximum of his or her potential, but no child should be blamed or looked down on simply because his or her test scores are not as high as someone else's.

More importantly, teachers given a classroom full of individuals with individual differences and backgrounds should not be blamed for failing to achieve politically decreed uniform results. That will never happen, FL 32802.

except by fraud.

It's odd that a society that purports to claim tolerance and diversity as its highest values is also desperate to deny that differences exist. We are not the same, and we are not equal in a physiological sense. We never have been, and we never will be.

Furthermore, the worth of a human being is not measured by IQ. It's measured by character. Some of the worst people in the world have very high IQs, but they are despicable snakes nevertheless. IQ is not an indicator of either superiority or inferiority. It is an indicator only of difference in the computing capacity of the brain.

-Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando,

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Dec. 3, the 337th day of 2007. There are 28 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 3, 1967, surgeons in Cape Town, South Africa, led by Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansky, who lived 18 days with the new heart.

On this date:

In 1818, Illinois was admitted as the 21st state. In 1828, Andrew Jackson was elected president of the

United States by the Electoral College.

In 1857, English novelist Joseph Conrad was born in Berdychiv, Poland.

In 1925, "Concerto in F," by George Gershwin, had its world premiere at New York's Carnegie Hall, with Gershwin himself at the piano.

In 1947, the Tennessee Williams play "A Streetcar Named Desire" opened on Broadway.

In 1953, the musical "Kismet" opened on Broadway.

In 1960, the musical "Camelot" opened on Broadway.

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around the nation:

n Nov. 24 The Paducah (Ky.) Sun, on the U.S. Supreme Court and the handgun ban:

The U.S. Supreme Court has been given an opportunity to decide whether the words of the Constitution mean what they say.

... The current court is more inclined than any in recent history to think it matters what the founders meant in penning the words of the document that forms the foundation of our law, and uphold the plain meaning of the text.

That is why we expect the court to uphold a federal appeals court ruling that the handgun ban in the nation's capital is unconstitutional. The court has agreed to hear the case in 2008. ...

Gun control advocates ignore the evidence, holding doggedly to their belief that the mere presence of guns increases the likelihood of crime. The result of the D.C. law is to turn lawabiding citizens into sitting ducks for criminals to whom the ban means noth-

The founders understood this. That's why the right to bear arms is second in the Bill of Rights, behind only the First Amendment with its free speech guar-

antees. ...

Ask a simple question: If an armed thug has a choice between breaking into a house where the homeowner is known to possess weapons or one where the homeowner is known to be unarmed, which will he choose? The answer is too easy.

But note, one part of the scenario above doesn't change: Regardless of the law, the thug is always armed.

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Ready to rebound



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Junior Matt Smith stands between two Plainview players ready to pull down a rebound after teammate Alex Clendening takes a shot at the basket Friday at the Gene Messer Tournament of Champions. The Pampa boys won the consolation championship Saturday against Borger, 53-49.



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Pampa's Ashley Brown, Carlyn Teichmann and Amber Brown wait to pull down an offensive rebound during Friday's game against Panhandle at the Gene Messer Tournament of Champions. The Lady Harvesters were defeated in their third game Saturday against El Paso Hanks 51-30.

Left out of BCS, Missouri will play Arkansas in Cotton Bowl

after losing the Big 12 championship game and its No. 1 ranking, Missouri is going to the Cotton Bowl for only the second time.

The seventh-ranked Tigers (11-2) will play No. 25 Arkansas (8-4, 4-4 SEC) in Dallas on New Year's Day. Missouri's only other Cotton Bowl appearance was in 1946, while the Razorbacks will be there for the 11th time.

Missouri missed a chance to play for its first national championship with a 38-17 loss to Oklahoma in the Big 12 championship game Saturday night. That guaranteed the Sooners a spot in the Bowl Championship

While the Tigers play on New Year's Day for the first time since 1970, an accomplishment in itself, Illinois and Kansas — two teams that Missouri beat this season and finished higher than in the final BCS standings released Sunday — will play in BCS bowls.

Missouri was sixth in the final BCS standings, two spots ahead of Kansas and seven

DALLAS (AP) — Left out of the BCS above Illinois. The Tigers are the only team in the top 10 of the BCS standings not going to one of the five biggest games.

"I don't think this is the time to evaluate the BCS and what went on there," Missouri coach Gary Pinkel said Sunday night. "We're excited about going to the Cotton Bowl. Our players are excited about. Certainly, it's an honor for us to be there."

Kansas (11-1), which finished as the Big 12 North runner-up after losing its regular season finale to Missouri, will play Virginia Tech (11-2) in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3. Illinois (9-3) faces Southern California (10-2) in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

Oklahoma (11-2) is playing West Virginia (10-2) in the in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 2.

Pinkel admirably masked his team's disappointment about missing out on the BCS. This is their third straight bowl, and fourth in five years.

"This is a very prestigious bowl with a rich tradition," Pinkel said. "Our players and staff are excited about being a part of it."

No. 8 Texas upsets No. 2 UCLA 63-61, sends Bruins to first loss

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Damion James dunked with 8 seconds remaining to help No. 8 Texas upset secondranked UCLA 63-61 after the Longhorns blew all of a 16-point, first-half lead Sunday in the Big 12/Pac-10 Hardwood Series.

James and D.J. Augustin finished with 19 points each, and the Longhorns (7-0) survived their closest game yet after winning their first six by at least 15 points. James also had 10 rebounds.

UCLA's first loss of the season ended the Bruins' 25game home winning streak. Luc Richard Mbah a Moute had 14 points, and Darren Collison added 12 in his first start for the Bruins (7-1).

Mbah a Moute missed a 3pointer in front of UCLA's bench at the buzzer.

UCLA became the highest-ranked opponent Texas has beaten in a true road game in school history. Their previous best win came over No. 4 Memphis in January 2006.

With the score tied at 61, Mbah a Moute was fouled by Connor Atchley. The UCLA player's first attempt spun out of the basket, setting up the Longhorns' final posses-

Josh Shipp and freshman Kevin Love added 11 points each for the Bruins, who outscored Texas 36-26 in the second half.

UCLA opened the second half on a 16-3 run that produced its first lead since early in the game. Mbah a Moute had six points and Russell Westbrook five, including a basket off Love outlet pass and a 3-pointer that beat the shot clock. Shipp followed with a 3 pointer to make it 41-40.

From there, the teams traded baskets, with neither leading by more than four

Bucks' season comes to an end at Sundown

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

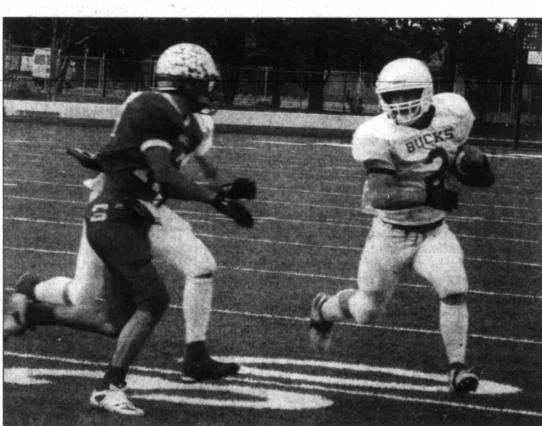
The White Deer Bucks ran a very successful football program this year, ending their regular season with a 9-1 record overall, and making it to the third round in the Class 1A Division II play-

That season came to an end Saturday when the Bucks were defeated by Sunray at Bulldog Stadium in Plainview.

A chance to take a halftime lead was blown for White Deer, and Sundown brought the heat in the second half to win the game, 32-

Sundown snagged the first touchdown of the game battling a strong headwind coming in from the south with less than four minutes remaining in the first quarter, and made the extra point to take a 7-0 lead.

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White Deer running back Audie Gaines brings the ball around the outside as a Sundown defender advances on him late in the second quarter of Saturday's game at Bulldog Stadium in Plainview.

Bayless leads Arizona to victory over Texas A&M

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) -Early on, No. 9 Texas A&M was hammering Arizona when Wildcats coach Kevin O'Neill pulled Jerryd Bayless aside.

"About seven minutes into the game I said, 'Jerryd, you have to get more aggressive,' O'Neill said. "And he said, 'OK.' And he did."

Bayless, a freshman guard, responded with a season-high 26 points, and Arizona rallied from a 20point first-half deficit to defeat Texas A&M 78-67 on Sunday, handing the Aggies their first loss.

Arizona trailed 32-12 with 6:25 to play in the first half when Bayless asserted him-

First he hit a 15-foot jumper. On the Wildcats' next possession, he knocked down a 3-pointer, then made a pair of foul shots.

points Those seven sparked a 16-6 run and cut the Aggies' lead to 40-28 at halftime. Bayless scored the first four points after intermission on a pair of free throws and a fallaway jumper as the McKale Center began to rock.

"He carried us down the stretch and really hit some big shots," teammate Jordan Hill said.

Bayless, a Phoenix product, has led Arizona in scoring in four of his first seven college games. He also had six assists and one turnover in 37 minutes.

Bayless burned the Aggies from the perimeter — he hit 2-of-4 shots from beyond the arc — and beat them off the dribble.

"Once some of my early shots started falling, I knew it was going to be a good day," Bayless said. Chase Budinger added 19

points and Jordan Hill had 13 for the Wildcats (5-2), who won for only the second time in their last eight home games against major-conference opponents.

"We finally got that big win that we have been needing," Budinger said.

Trailing 60-59 with 6 minutes to play, the Wildcats scored 12 of the next 16

points to take command. The Aggies scored one basket in the final 4:10.

"Nothing went our way in the second half, and Arizona had a lot to do with it," Texas A&M coach Mark Turgeon said. "The first 15 minutes we were pretty good. The last 25, it was like our offense was nonexistent."

Josh Carter scored 17 points and Joseph Jones had 13 for Texas A&M (7-1).

Turgeon said the game will be a good learning experience for his team.

"We had some young guys," Turgeon said. "When the crowd got into it, we were not tough enough. We will be, we just were not tonight."



LSU earns spot opposite Ohio State in BCS title game

By RALPH D. RUSSO AP College Football Writer

Ohio State flopped as the favorite last season, so the Buckeyes plan to enjoy life as the slighted in this season's BCS championship game.

A date with LSU at the Superdome awaits the Buckeyes, who are hoping to find redemption in New Orleans on Jan. 7 after struggling in last season's national title game against Florida.

"In all likelihood we will be the underdog because pretty much everyone on earth hates us," offensive tackle Kirk Barton said Sunday night. "That's cool. We're going to be playing in Louisiana against LSU and SEC Nation. So, it's just one of those things we'll probably end up being the underdog, but that's fine with us. It'll be a lot of fun."

It can't get any worse than last

season's championship game, when Florida blitzed Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith and the Buckeyes 41-14 in Glendale, Ariz.

It's been quite a ride for No. 1 Ohio State (11-1), LSU and all of college football in this crazy, unpredictable season.

A month ago, the Buckeyes and Tigers appeared to be headed toward a showdown in the Big Easy. Then both lost as No. 1 and it seemed their national title hopes were gone.

"We always talk to our guys about the fact you better win all your games," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said. "We didn't do that but we still have an opportunity in a crazy football season."

By the time the rest of the contenders fell by the wayside, Missouri and West Virginia were the final two to fall on Saturday,

top of the BCS standings again. Plenty of other teams could also make a case to play in the biggest BCS game, but the Tigers and Buckeyes got the nod.

The Tigers (11-2), ranked second in the latest Associated Press poll, will be the first team to play in the BCS title game with two losses.

"It is something a lot of guys never thought we would have the opportunity to have after we lost to Arkansas, but the guys just kept on fighting and controlled the things they could control and now we are going on to play in the championship," LSU safety Craig Steltz said.

November began with the Buckeyes ranked first, but they surrendered that with a 28-21 loss to Illinois that only added fuel to those who said they weren't deserving. But the Big Ten champi-Ohio State and LSU were back on ons backed into the BCS title game

without even playing after beating Michigan on Nov. 17.

LSU seemed to be on the verge of losing its coach Saturday.

Just a few hours before the Tigers played Tennessee for the SEC championship, Miles held an angry news conference and said reports he would be leaving the Bayou for Michigan were false. In fact, he said, he had agreed to a new contract to stay in Baton Rouge.

Then, the Tigers went out and won. Later, they sat calmly and watched chaos reign for the rest of the day. On Sunday, they learned they were in the championship game for the second time in five

Why did LSU, which was seventh in the BCS standings heading into the final weekend, make the jump to No. 2, while Oklahoma, Southern California, Georgia and

Virginia Tech were left behind?

The 174 poll voters and handful of computer nerds whose calculations make up the BCS rankings probably all have their own reasons. Among the best is LSU was rewarded for winning the Southeastern Conference, which is traditionally viewed as one of the toughest leagues in the nation.

There's also the argument coach Les Miles and athletic director Skip Bertman offered up Saturday night: The Tigers went undefeated in regulation — their two losses both coming in triple overtime.

Paper-thin as that line of reasoning may sound, it's as good as any in this topsy-turvy season during which the top-ranked team lost four times, the second-ranked team lost seven times and Nos. 1 and 2 lost on the same week three times in the last two months.

Bucks

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the first quarter, quarterback Parker Petty launched a 30-yard pass to tight end Cameron Armstrong for the Bucks' first touchdown.

Another pass to to running back Brice Bennett was completed for the twopoint conversion, giving White Deer an 8-7 advantage going into the second quarter, where the Bucks would exchange their strong tailwind for a headwind.

Just over a minute into quarter, another Sundown touchdown was under way as quarterback Jason Durham threw a 50yard pass to receiver Tommy Serna.

Sundown took a shot at a two-point conversion to strengthen their lead, but the attempt was unsuccessful as they settled for a 13-8 advantage.

Halfway through the quarter, the Bucks were working on a successful drive from deep in their own field when they found themselves at 4th and 3 from their own 46-yard

Thinking they had the first down, a penalty was placed on the Bucks for using an ineligible receiver, costing them an extra five yards on fourth down.

The ball was turned over to Sundown, but they found themselves at 4th and 8 on White Deer's 36 just three plays later.

White Deer sacked Sundown's quarterback for an 11-yard loss on fourth down, and found themselves in a slightly better field position than they were in prior to their own turnover.



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Attempting to gain some yards by running the ball himself, White Deer quarterback Parker Petty is taken down by a Sundown defender during Saturday's game at Bulldog Stadium in Plainview.

The next drive was nearly successful as the Bucks worked their way down to within Sundown's 30-yard line with very little time remaining.

At 4th and 1 with two seconds remaining on Sundown's 26-yard line, Petty threw a pass to a receiver waiting in the endzone, but the pass was picked off by Sundown's Ryan Waygood, and run all the way back in for a touchdown, ending the first half. Another two-point conversion attempt was failed as Sundown took a 19-8

lead going into halftime. Scoreless in the second quarter, the Bucks also remained scoreless through the third quarter, as did

Sundown. White Deer got the ball rolling in the fourth quarter with a 1-yard run by Petty, and the Bucks ran in another two-point conversion to of 10-2.

make their way back at Sundown, making the score 16-19.

The comeback proved to be too little too late as Sundown's John Heffley ran in another pair of touchdowns to secure their win.

Sundown won the game, 32-16, and will advance another week into the play-

The Bucks end their season with an overall record

To honor slain Taylor, Redskins use 10 men on 1st defensive play

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — They came, as always, wearing burgundy or white, but this time they made sure to choose jerseys bearing the number "21" and the name

They came, as always, hours before kickoff, but this time they carried red flowers and leather footballs and tiny teddy bears for a makeshift memorial.

Thousands upon thousands of fans came, as always, to hail their Washington Redskins on Sunday, and they also came, unlike any other time, to mourn a slain star.

And when those Redskins lined up to play defense for the first time in their first game since Pro Bowl safety Sean Taylor was shot and killed, the team sent 10 players out onto the field instead of 11.

"We were going to let him ride with us," assistant coach Gregg Williams said, "one more time."

So as the Buffalo Bills prepared to run their first play on offense, the man who replaced Taylor in Washington's lineup, Reed Doughty, stood on the sideline. The defensive players and coaches came up with the idea Saturday night and kept it secret; even head coach Joe Gibbs wasn't aware.

"It was important for the team to know that Sean was with us that one last time on the field," Doughty said. "He'll always be with us, but that was special."

After Bills running back Fred Jackson gained 22 yards on that play, Doughty entered for the next one — and he wound up making the tackle.

The 24-year-old Taylor died Tuesday, a day after being shot at his home in Florida during a burglary. The shock has yet to dissipate for Taylor's teammates and the Redskins' fans, and the grieving process continued on game day, from the cloudy, chilly hours before the kickoff until the rainsoaked end of a 17-16 comeback victory for the Bills.

Buffalo's final points came on Rian Lindell's 36-yard field goal with 4 seconds left, after Gibbs drew a 15-yard penalty for calling consecutive timeouts in an attempt to freeze the

The result made an already tough day at the end of an unimaginable week even more bitter.

"It makes your heart drop all the way to your feet," quarterback Jason Campbell said. "We wanted to come out here and win one for Sean."

Cornerback Fred Smoot felt tears welling in his eyes when he glanced over to where Taylor usually plays and didn't see his running mate on the field.

"I didn't show up to play this game," Smoot said. "I showed up for a tribute for my friend, to send him out right — and we found a way to mess it up.'

Taylor was remembered in many ways, on the field of play and off, including the uniform patches worn by the Redskins and the helmet stickers worn by both teams.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Dec. You will head toward success this year if

you listen to your sixth sense and follow through on what you know to be factual. In some context, you might push someone too hard, more often than you think. Evaluate and consider alternatives to this type of interaction where people are more responsive. Your sense of humor often comes through when there is confusion. If you are single, you wonder what is going on with people. A vagueness penetrates your relationships. If you are attached, you see life from different perspectives. Instead of disagreeing, mobilize your differences and gain. LIBRA cheers you on to the finish line!

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Others seem to have the cards stacked in their favor. You might find that it's best to go with the swing of things. You will be happier, as will others. In fact, you might see someone in a new light if you do. Tonight: Say yes. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Your easy, slow pace could make a difference. Your ability to understand a boss and his or her ideas comes through. You are able to draw concrete results from an abstract idea. Tonight: Easy does

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** You are so playful and lively that you see events and people from a very different perspective. If you want to

try something different or be more

upbeat, now is the time. Others delight in your intellect and humor. Tonight: Fun CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You understand the importance of building on strong foundations. Right now is no different from other times. Don't skip a step, even if a partner or associate thinks it might not be important. Listen to your sixth sense. Tonight: LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Speak your mind, and you'll come up with solutions. Creativity meets your mental acumen. You know what you need and you understand where you are coming from. Others have a lot to share, as you will see. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Juggling your budget doesn't appeal to you. More than most signs, you like solid, stable finances. You could find a situation intolerable when you get paid or see that revenue is not clear. Be willing to nix what doesn't work. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** You tingle with excitement, no matter which sphere of life is your concern. Creativity and magnetism help you establish much more of your desires. Listen to what is being shared, and you'll gain as a result. Know that you are in command of your ship. Tonight: Go for the bull's-eye

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Knowing when to back off makes a difference. How you feel about a situation and the direction you go in might make a big difference — but only when you have the complete picture! Tonight:

Think, research and ask SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Intrinsically you make the right move at the right time. You cannot ask for much more than that! Though odd, a hunch or a sense of knowing could lead you down a whole new path. Tonight: In the swing of things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ Continue to maintain a low profile. Ultimately you will be happier, as will others. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with a boss or higher-up. Just don't allow this person to see you giggling! Tonight: Get as much sleep as you can. You are going to need it!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb., 18) **** You might inspire someone much more than you realize. Lighten up about a situation and don't be so uptight. How you see it develop might surprise you but also open up your mind. Learn from this experience. Tonight: Take in a

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Your instincts tell you what to

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New Year's for Tech, **Holiday for Texas**

By The Associated Press

Texas Tech will play on New Year's Day, Texas is going back to the Holiday Bowl, Texas A&M won't have to go far to play its first game without coach Dennis Franchione and fittingly, two instate teams will play in the Texas Bowl.

The Red Raiders (8-4) accepted a bid Sunday to play in the Gator Bowl on Jan. 1 in Jacksonville, Fla., against No. 21 Virginia (9-3). It is Texas Tech's eighth straight bowl appearance, and their fourth trip to the Gator Bowl

For the 17th-ranked Longhorns (9-3), they are in a bowl for the school-record 10th straight season. This will be the fourth trip to the Holiday Bowl in San Diego during that span, this time to play Arizona State (10-2) on Dec. 27

Texas A&M (7-5) will face Penn State (8-4) at the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 28 in San Antonio, a rematch of the 1999 postseason game there.

The Alamo Bowl will be the 500th game for Penn State coach Joe Paterno. The Aggies will have interim coach Gary Darnell since new coach Mike Sherman is finishing the NFL season in his current job as assistant head coach for the Houston Texans.

At the Texans' home, Reliant Stadium, Houston (8-4) will play TCU (7-5) in the Texas Bowl on Dec. 28. It will be the 25th time the two teams have met, but the first time in a bowl game. Cougars assistant Chris Thurmond will be the interim coach following Art Briles' departure to Baylor last week.

The other three bowl games played in Texas will all have outof-state teams: Armed Forces Bowl in Fort Worth (California vs. Air Force) and the Sun Bowl in El Paso (South Florida vs. Oregon) on Dec. 31; and the Cotton Bowl in Dallas (Missouri vs. Arkansas) on New Year's

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DEAR SECOND BANANA: Clear the air with your daughter and ask her to block out some quality time with you and your husband during her visits. You're not being neglected; you are being taken for granted and probably treated the way she has always treated you. Try this: The next time she calls to say she's coming in for a visit, tell her it isn't convenient because you have already made other plans. If you're not quite as available, Mara may wake up to the fact that you and her dad won't be around forever.

DEAR ABBY: My parents moved to Florida 10 years ago. The rest of my family lives more than four hours away. We are not close to my husband's family, but we do have my friends whom we talk to often. The holidays are approaching, and I dread them because we have nowhere to go. I have tried asking people what they're doing and mentioning that we aren't doing any

thing, but they don't get the hint that we'd like to be invited to their home. I would be happy to bring a dish or two -- or even cook the whole meal if it meant we wouldn't have to be alone. What can I do? For me, the holidays are so depressing. Please help. I can't face another lonely holiday. --LONELY IN CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

DEAR LONELY: How about hosting a holiday feast at your own home? Invite your friends and ask them to bring a potluck dish. And by the way, the surest cure for the holiday blues is to do something for someone else. This year that might include stopping by a rest home and delivering a batch of holiday cookies, or helping out at a shelter. I guarantee that if you do, you'll be too busy to be lonely, and by the time you leave, you'll be counting your blessings.

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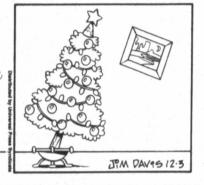




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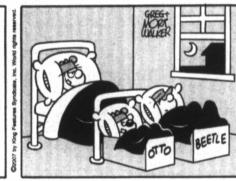
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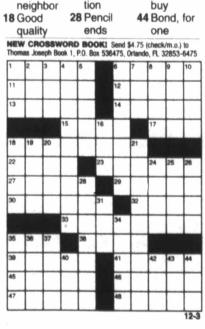
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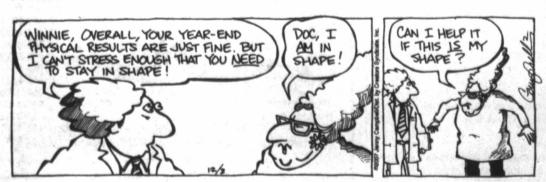








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