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## KIDS COUNT rates county children

by Rachel Stennett  
 rstennett@thepampanews.com

The Center for Public Policy Priorities released a resource and data book yesterday that takes an in-depth analytical look into the well being of children in every Texas county, including Gray County.

The study concludes that the performance of economically challenged children in Gray County is slightly lower than in the rest of the state.

"The State of Texas Children: Texas KIDS COUNT" provides positive and negative research data reflecting Gray County, specifically in education and poverty areas. The book includes a special essay "Closing the Educational Gaps" which reveals community and statewide factors which play a role in a child's academic achievement.

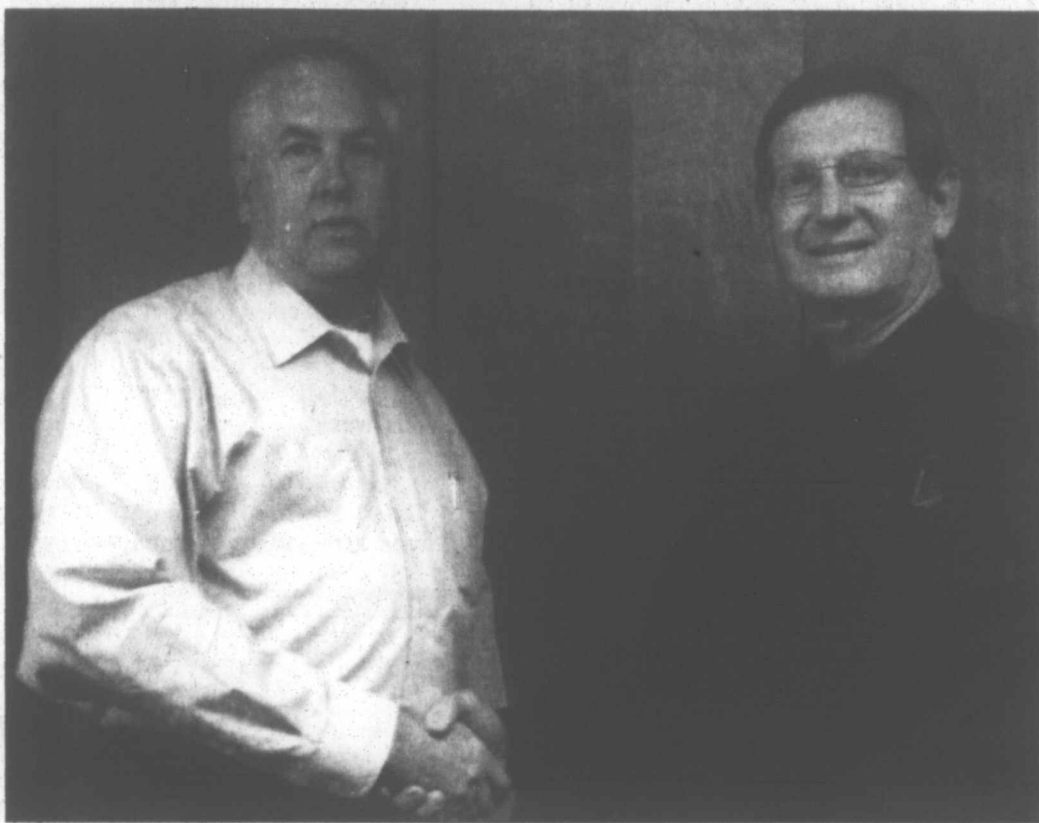
Compared to the State, economically disadvantaged children in Gray County are scoring slightly on lower TAKS reading tests with a 79.9 passing rate. The state norm is 80 percent. TAKS Math tests in Gray County reported a 62 percent passing rate, where the state had 68 percent.

The book compared passing rates among "non-disadvantaged peers", whom had passing rates of 93.2 in reading, and 80.6 percent in Math.

"In every grade, fewer economically disadvantaged kids succeed in school or graduate than their peers. This is not simply about poor kids from poor families. This is about the broader social and com-

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## SO LONG, TREVLYN



Outgoing City Manager Trevlyn Pitner and incoming Interim City Manager Richard Morris in City Hall Thursday.

City Manager Trevlyn Pitner was trying to pack up his office and finish up some business today, his official last day on the job. He did pause to give some parting thoughts to the citizens of Pampa. "This has been a great place to live and work and start our family. This city and its people are awesome. This is a place I could stay forever. The hardest part of leaving is how good the people here are.

"I would say to them to stay strong, economics may be a little rough right now, but that will come around - support their city and stick together. Richard (Interim City Manager Richard Morris) has both the skills and the mindset to keep things moving forward and he will do a great job."

staff photo by Rachel Stennett

## Distiller's grain can be valuable feed substitute

by David Bowser  
 staff reporter

AMARILLO — Thanks to Pampa's state representative, panhandle cattle feeders may have a better idea how to use an ethanol byproduct.

Out of each bushel of corn used for ethanol, about a third of it results in the alcohol fuel and a third goes into the atmosphere as carbon dioxide, but a third is left in what is known as distiller's grain.

This grain is high in nutrients and has been used successfully on the Northern Plains, primarily Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota, as feed for cattle.

"Most of that work that's been done, as far as feeding it to beef cattle," said Dr. Andy Cole with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service at Bushland, "has been done predominantly with dry rolled corn."

In the Texas Panhandle, most feedlots feed diets based on steam-flaked corn, he said.

"Also most of the research with wet distillers grains has been conducted with corn-based ethanol products," Cole said. "Very little work has been done with sorghum-based products."

Cole said that some of the new ethanol plants on the southern plains may

use sorghum and provide sorghum-based distillers grains as a co-product.

As the nation converts more corn into ethanol, the distillers grain, a co-product of the ethanol process, is becoming more plentiful and is being used more widely.

Ben Weinheimer with the Texas Cattle Feeders Association said that in feeding cattle, a multi-billion dollar industry in the Texas Panhandle, there are essentially two inputs — cattle to be fed and the corn or grain sorghum that makes up their diet.

With more corn being used for ethanol, the price of corn is now based on the price of oil, not feed grains. The distillers grain left over from the ethanol process, however, can be a valuable feed substitute, but the nutrients in the distillers grain are much more concentrated than those in the corn that is generally feed to cattle here.

Dr. John Sweeten, the resident director with the Texas AgriLife Extension Research Center in Amarillo, said that through the efforts of Pampa's state representative Warren Chisum and David Swinford, the state representative from Dumas, the Legislature set aside funds in their last

session for research to determine the most optimal way and amounts to feed distillers grains to cattle in the panhandle.

Through state funding, the Consortium for Cattle Feeding and Environmental Sciences was established about a year ago to look at the use of distiller's grains in panhandle feedyards and the environmental issues surrounding it.

"It was started as a state legislative initiative," Sweeten said of the consortium.

The state funding is for two years, but Sweeten said he hopes to get the funding renewed by the Legislature in their next session.

The consortium was organized by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, the Texas Corn Producers Board and the Texas Sorghum Board, groups that have not always worked well together.

"Who would have thought 10 years ago," Cole said, "that you would get the National Sorghum Producers, the Texas Corn Producers Board and the Texas Cattle Feeders Association to put together a research initiative. But they did. They came See Grain, Page 3

## County Commission meets Monday

In what is expected to be a brief meeting Monday morning, the Gray County Commissioners Court will consider bids on doors, resolutions for a grant application and an oil and gas contract.

The commission will consider bids to replace the west side exterior doors at the Lovett Building and a resolution supporting a victim's assistance grant when they meet at 9 a.m., Monday, in the county courtroom of the Gray County Courthouse.

They will also consider an oil and gas contract with O.J. Hubbard Jr. concerning Gray County School Lands in Gaines County. In October, the commission approved an oil and gas lease with David Logan on the county's school lands in Gaines County, southwest of Lubbock.

The money from these leases will go to the school districts in the county.

The commission will also consider replacing signatures on the Gray County Clerk's and District Clerk's fee accounts with the Treasurer's and Deputy Treasurer's signatures.

## RR Commission awarded national archives grant

AUSTIN — Texas Railroad Commission records that document the emergence of the Texas oil and gas industry in the East Texas oil field region will be preserved and published as national historical records as part of a \$146,861 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

The Railroad Commission—which is the state's top energy regulator—will match the federal grant. The award places the state agency records in the company of other national historical documents also awarded grants this year by the NHPRC, such as the papers of Ben Franklin, George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.


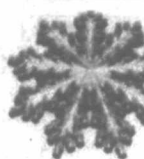

The federal grant and state matching funds from the Commission will digitize records of national historical significance from regulatory hearings involving fields in the East Texas region beginning in 1932 through 1972—the peak year of oil production in Texas.

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**NEXT DAY FORECAST**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>
		
<b>Sunny</b>	<b>Cloudy</b>	<b>Partly sunny</b>

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 17 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 36 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40.

Sunday: Scattered snow showers between noon and 5 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a temperature falling to around 24 by 5 p.m. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy and blustery, with a low around 16.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 20. Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 12.

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# Obituaries

## Services tomorrow

**GIDEON, Willie Lee "Tincy" — 11 a.m., Heald Methodist Church, Heald.**

### Willie Lee 'Tincy' Gideon

McLEAN, Texas — Willie Lee "Tincy" Gideon, 98, died Dec. 11, 2008, in McLean. Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, at Heald Methodist Church with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating.

Burial will be in

Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Willie Lee "Tincy" Bailey was born March 25, 1910, in Wheeler County, to Thomas and Sarah Bailey.

She married Winston

"Wink" Gideon on Jan. 9, 1943, in Weatherford, Texas. They were married for 50 years until his death in 1993.

Mrs. Gideon was a homemaker, and she also worked for Marie Foundation until it closed.

She loved to make

peanut brittle, and she loved to laugh and make others laugh!

Survivors include many nieces and nephews who loved her very much.

MEMORIALS: Heald Methodist Church, P.O. Box 584, McLean, TX 79057.

## Emergency Services

### Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office recorded the following arrests this week.

#### Monday, Dec. 8

Antonio Garcia Galaviz, 46, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa

PD for displaying expired registration and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 9

Jeanette Ann Young, 48, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for two counts of failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection and no seat belt for passenger under 16.

Curtis Andrew Camp, 35, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Edward Harry Miller, 44, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for resisting arrest and simple assault.

Marvin Monroe Finney III, 33, of Lefors was arrested by GCSO for assault on a public servant, escape from custody, two counts of no driver's license, one count failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility and on bond surrenders for criminal trespass, criminal mischief, no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, second or more offense, and expired motor vehicle

registration.

#### Wednesday, Dec. 10

Joshua Kade Seymour, 21, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for evading arrest and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Terry Glen Honeycutt, 40, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for tampering with ID numbers.

Xavier Carlos Mendez, 42, of Kaufman was arrested by Pampa PD for failure to appear for child support and a probation violation for possession of a controlled substance.

Mark Douglas Hinkle, 50, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for aggravated assault of a public servant.

Jaime Garcia, 18, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for two counts of no valid driver's license, once count failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Jordan Dell Smith, 27, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for failure to appear for assault causing bodily injury out of Llano County.

Darren Deshone

Willis, 21, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for burglary of a habitation and on a probation violation for possession of a controlled substance out of Ector County.

### Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls between 7 a.m. Dec. 10 and 8 a.m. Dec. 11.

#### Wednesday, Dec. 10

6:03 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident one mile west of Price Road on Highway 60. Minor injuries were reported.

9:36 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a call for lifting assistance in the 100 block of North Sumner.

12:10 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident one-half mile west on Highway 60. No injuries were reported.

1:08 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a carbon monoxide investigation in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive. Levels of carbon monoxide were found. One occupant was treated at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

6:44 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to a fire alarm in the 100 block of East 18th.

7:38 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a call for lifting assistance in the 1900 block of Evergreen.

## Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer for the close of the last open market day.

Wheat.....	4.29
Milo.....	4.30
Corn.....	6.09

## CITY BRIEFS

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**BABY'S 1ST** Christmas (in the Christmas Eve edition of the Pampa News), deadline is Dec. 15th, 5pm. \$25. Photos should be of baby only, please. No emailed photos will be accepted.

**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL:** Gray County dvd/video \$10, History book \$60, other books under \$15. White Deer Land Museum on Cuyler.

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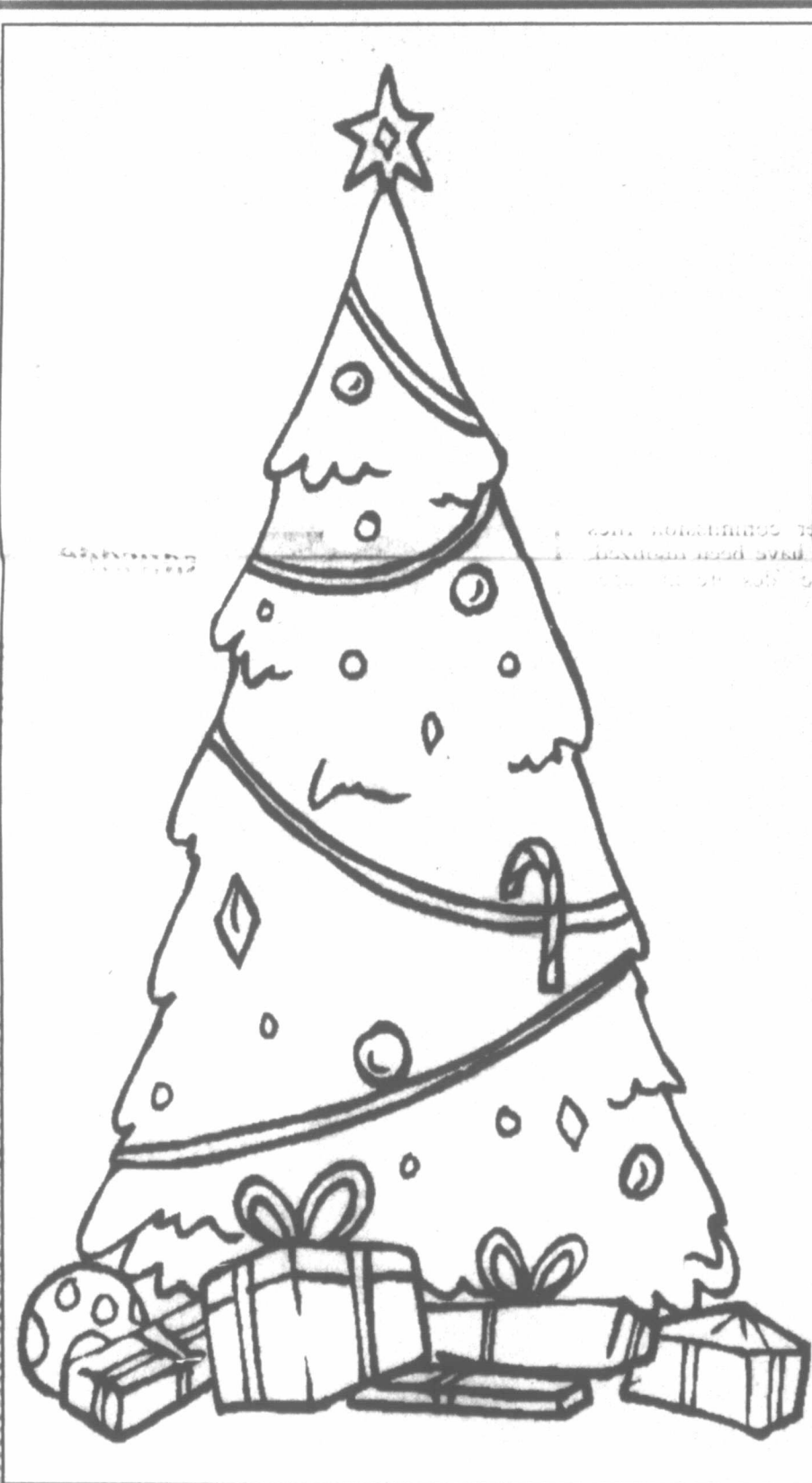
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*We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas from the downtown Business Association!*



# PAMPA EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

• **Tralee Crisis Center of Pampa** launched its annual Tree of Blessing program this month to benefit victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Client families are screened and submit "wish lists." Paper ornaments are made for each item requested and hung on the tree. Families are kept confidential. Persons interested in picking up an ornament and purchasing the item listed may contact Tralee. The deadline to return all items unwrapped to the office is Dec. 19. All ornaments must be returned even if an item is not provided so that organizers can purchase what was not purchased. For more information, contact Tralee Crisis Center at 669-1131.

• **Lovett Memorial Library** will host a free centerpiece/wreath-making class at 10 a.m. Dec. 13 at the library. For more information, contact the library at 669-5780.

• **Memory Gardens Cemetery and Mausoleum of Pampa** will host its Sixth Annual Christmas Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. Dec. 15 in the Chapel of Peace Mausoleum on the west side of the cemetery.

The service is dedicated to those who are no longer living. For more information, call 665-8921.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Dec. 17, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa. For more information, call 665-4752.

• **Red Hat Dollies Society of Pampa** will meet at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 18 at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center for luncheon and gift exchange. Guests are welcome. For more information, call 669-9297, 669-9916 or 669-3580.

• **The 26th Annual Benefit Bridal Show** will be

staged from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Jan. 11 in the HeritaPampa events and opportunities Ball Room of Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo by Bride's World. The event will include 100 merchants, continuous modeling of bridal wear, a silent auction and a grand prize giveaway. Tickets will be \$6 at the door or may be purchased in advance at [www.bridesworld.com](http://www.bridesworld.com) on the Internet.

• **Fawn Lake Press** is offering free "Proud to be an American" flag decals to anyone sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Fawn Lake Press, 54 Fawn Lake Rd., Durango, CO 81301. Active servicemen and women need not send a SASE to receive the free 2x3-inch color decals. Fawn Lake will pay their postage.

• **Manhattanville My Soldier** is seeking volunteers to "adopt" a deployed United States Serviceperson. To find out more, visit [www.mysoldier.com](http://www.mysoldier.com) on-line or write to: Manhattanville College My Soldier Department, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY 10577.

## Book

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munity problems that hold kids back, such as access to quality prenatal care, exposure to more environmental hazards, hunger, and lack of affordable housing. In combination, these factors can have a powerful affect on a student's ability to learn," Texas KIDS COUNT Director Frances Deviney said.

According to the book, the state as a whole reported higher levels of children living in poverty, 24.7 percent, compared to the national average of 18.5 percent. Gray

County has 944 children living at poverty level, 19.4 percent, which is lower than the state average, but still higher than national averages.

Statewide, 1.5 million Texas children are living at the federal poverty level, with an income less than \$17,600 for a family of 3 in 2008.

Texas did not compare well to national averages in terms of uninsured children as well. Texas reported the worst uninsured rate nine out of the last 10 years, with 21 percent of children under 17 uninsured in 2006. Gray County reported 850 children, or 17.7 percent, without health insurance.

"Children without regular health care are more

likely to contract illnesses that will keep them out of school," KIDS COUNT reported. "They are more likely to have poorer oral health, vision, and hearing. They are likely to suffer from asthma, which keeps them up at night, arriving at school drowsy and less attentive."

The last category that the book overviews is child nutrition.

Malnutrition can cause children to not engage in learning, can cause failing, and students to be held back because they "are less likely to be in school or attentive when they are." Malnutrition usually effects students living in low income families. The U.S.

Department of Agriculture said that 15.9 percent of Texas households were reported as "food insecure" which places Texas 48th in the nation. In Gray County, 1089 people, or 20.7 percent of families are receiving food stamps.

The book reports these numbers as an advocate for change within Texas and nationwide.

"Both school-based and socio-economic reforms are essential. Unless we target the broader social and community problems that keep students back in addition to continuing to improve the quality of our school systems, the achievement gaps will remain," Deviney said.

## Grain

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together, realizing that this was a very important topic because we had these distillers grains moving into our area, and we needed to learn how to feed these."

Members of the consortium include West Texas A&M University, Texas

AgriLife Research, Texas AgriLife Extension, the Texas Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, USDA ARS, Texas Tech University and New Mexico State University. Cole said the consortium has coalesced into a good team.

"It's a multi-talented, multi-discipline team," he said.

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The East Texas oil field region was the site of the most prolific oil boom in the state's history. Included in this region is the East Texas Oil Field, which encompasses five counties, and was instrumental in helping the United States and its Allies win World War II by providing a large, and reliable domestic source of fuel for the war effort. By 1931, the field produced more than one million barrels of oil per day, which far exceeded demand and led the Commission to establish prorated production levels.

Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams said, "I appreciate the National Historical Publications and Records Commission assistance in preserving a rich part of our state and nation's history. This grant enables four decades of Commission hearing files for the East Texas field to be archived as documents of nationally historical significance.

These files document the emergence of the oil and gas industry in Texas—the nation's largest oil and gas producer. In addition to illustrating the foundation of the nation's energy industry, these records also provide a unique case study for the evolving field of environmental history and regulatory law."

Commissioner Victor G. Carrillo said, "These files capture the legal and technical history of how the oil and gas industry has been regulated in Texas. Along with archiving the records as national historical documents, the grant will also allow us to provide the public with free access to these papers. Additionally, we will be publicizing the availability of these records on our website as well as notifying academics and historians about the files, which are an unexplored historical resource."

Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones

added, "It has been said that the allies floated to victory in World War II on a sea of American oil. East Texas oil gave us the strategic advantage over Hitler and his brutal regime. In keeping with the recent 67th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, it is appropriate that the importance of these historical documents, which include seismic, geological data, well logs, plats, maps and more, is recognized, not only for their potential commercial use in maximizing future recovery with advanced technology, but also as a reminder of Texas' contribution to our national security. Production of our country's energy resources is as critical to a strong America today as it was then."

From Jan. 1, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2010, the Railroad Commission will contract with Neubus—an Austin-

based company that is currently contracting with the Commission for other digitization services—to digitize the East Texas region hearing files. Hearings are conducted at the commission when operators request exceptions to rules or contest enforcement actions. Neubus is one of the leading providers of digital imaging and document management solutions to state, local and municipal government agencies, school districts, universities and public corporations.

The grant also will enable the commission to provide the historical files as searchable on search engines such as Google and Yahoo and on Texas Heritage Online. Additionally, the Commission will develop an enhanced electronic finding aid that will allow users to locate hearings files by county,

railroad commission district, field name or hearing date. The aid also will include a descriptive narrative detailing the hearings files' purpose.

The files to be archived under the grant represent about three percent of the commission's hearings file collection. Unlike other commission files that have been digitized, these files are in paper format only and have no backup for preservation in case of disaster. These files have not yet been archived as they are materials that are used daily to support the Commission's ongoing regulatory role. Once digitized, the commission will transfer the documents to the Texas State Archives for proper storage.



Medical Fund established for Jose (Joe) Romero of Pampa who suffers from Lukemia/Graft versus Host disease at Happy State Bank—Your donations can be made out to: the account of **Amanda Smith for the Benefit of Jose (Joe) Romero.**



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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 12, the 347th day of 2008. There are 19 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 12, 2000, George W. Bush was transformed into the president-elect as a divided U.S. Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election.

On this date:

In 1787, Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1870, Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina became the first black lawmaker sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1897, "The Katzenjammer Kids," the pioneering comic strip created by Rudolph Dirks, made its debut in the New York Journal.

In 1917, Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Neb.

In 1925, the first motel — the Motel Inn — opened in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

In 1985, 248 American soldiers and eight crew members were killed when an Arrow Air charter crashed after takeoff from Gander,

*'I have never known a man who died from overwork, but many who died from doubt.'*

— Charles Horace Mayo  
American surgeon and co-founder of the Mayo Clinic

Newfoundland.

In 1988, 35 people were killed in a triple train collision during morning rush-hour in south London.

Ten years ago: The House Judiciary Committee approved a fourth and final article of impeachment, this one accusing President Bill Clinton of abuse of power. President Clinton began a three-day visit to the Middle East aimed at rescuing the Wye River peace accords.

Five years ago: Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger was knighted by Britain. Keiko, the killer whale made famous by the "Free Willy" movies, died in the Norwegian fjord that he'd made his home.

One year ago: Republican presidential rivals gathered in Johnston, Iowa, called for deep cuts in federal spending in a debate remarkably free of acrimony. President George W. Bush vetoed a second bill that would have expanded government-provided health insurance for children.

Today's Birthdays: TV host Bob Barker is 85. Former New York City Mayor Edward Koch is 84. Singer Connie Francis is 70. Singer Dionne Warwick is 68. Actor Bill Nighy is 59. Actor Duane Chase (Film: "The Sound of Music") is 58. Country singer LaCosta is 58. Gymnast-turned-actress Cathy Rigby is 56. Author Lorna Landvik is 54. Singer-musician Sheila E. is 51. Pop singer Daniel O'Donnell is 47. Rock musician Eric Schenkman (Spin Doctors) is 45. Actress Jennifer Connelly is 38. Actress Madchen Amick is 38. Country singer Hank Williams III is 36. Model Bridget Hall is 31.

## A crime or just politics - where's the line?

By NANCY BENAC

WASHINGTON (AP) — Politicians make deals every day. They do favors and ask them in return. They kowtow to campaign contributors.

It may be unsavory, but it's often perfectly legal.

The prosecutors who arrested Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich say his conduct went far beyond politics-as-usual into a shocking pattern of corruption. But where's the line?

There's a vast gray area in which political dealmaking flourishes.

President-elect Barack Obama acknowledged as much Thursday, speaking of wheelers and dealers who ask "what's in it for me?"

The charges against Blagojevich represent "the far end of the spectrum of that business mentality of politics," Obama said. "But there are more subtle examples of it, right, that are within the lines of legality but still don't fulfill the spirit of service."

Joseph diGenova, a former prosecutor now in private practice, said political corruption can be a bit like obscenity, "hard to describe, but 'you know it when you see it.'"

He said it's especially hard to prove criminal behavior involving campaign contributions, as opposed to personal enrichment.

"It's not like, 'Gimme \$50,000 in a black bag and I'll give you the nomination,'" diGenova said.

"People give campaign contributions and expect things in exchange," he said. "It's all perfectly legal."

So it's a given that politicians sometimes indulge in a form of give-and-take.

"Deals are made all the time in

politics," said Daniel Lowenstein, a professor at UCLA Law School. "Our system couldn't operate without it."

Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald, announcing the criminal complaint against Blagojevich, said he wasn't "trying to criminalize people making political horse trades on policies or that sort of thing. But it is criminal when people are doing it for their personal enrichment."

The line is crossed, diGenova said, when an official act is paid for with money or something else of value. Some of the proposed dealmaking discussed by Blagojevich in his taped conversations might make people gasp, he said, but isn't necessarily criminal.

Some others agree.

"A lot of these issues do fall into a gray area, where it may be hard to distinguish between politics as usual, practices that go on in statehouses all over the country, and criminal conduct," said defense attorney Ross Garber, who was counsel to Connecticut Gov. John G. Rowland during an FBI investigation. "There's an ambiguous area between this political horse trading and improper conduct."

Rowland pleaded guilty to a federal corruption charge and served 10 months in prison. He admitted trading access to his office for more than \$100,000 in vacations, charter airline trips and home repairs. Taking money in exchange for official government action is clearly illegal. But it may be just savvy politics when a governor names his political rival a state judge so she won't oppose him next election.

What about when Hillary Rodham Clinton endorses Barack

Obama, who helps pay off her campaign debt and then names her secretary of state? No allegations of a crime there.

The Blagojevich case offers a lot to look at.

"I want to make money," Blagojevich said in a taped conversation, according to prosecutors.

If it's proven that Blagojevich tried to sell a Senate seat for personal gain, that's clearly illegal.

But offering to appoint Obama's favored candidate to the seat in exchange for a Cabinet position sounds more like the kind of deal that happens all the time.

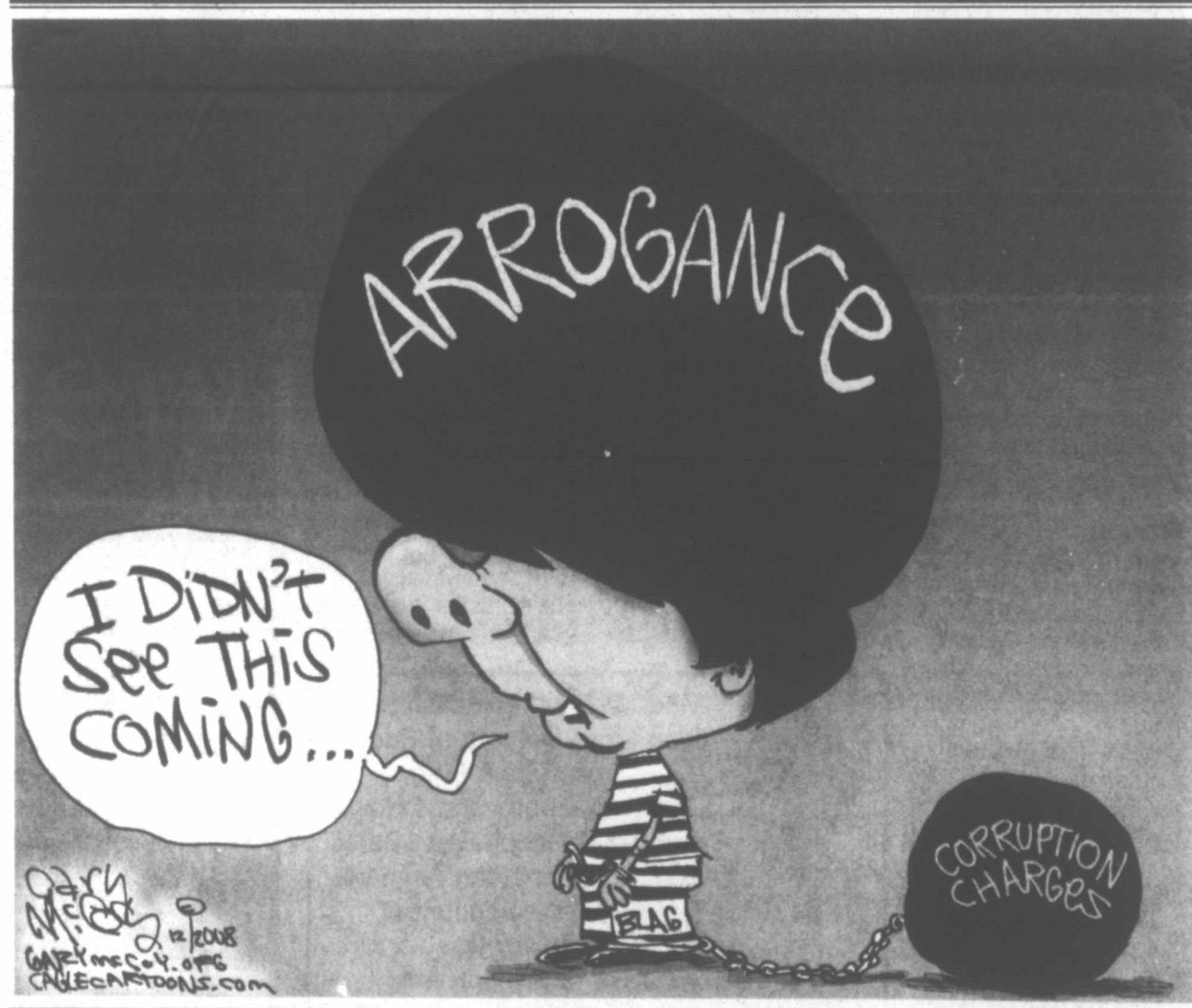
"When a governor says that a political appointment is valuable, well, that's true," Garber said. "A political appointment is valuable. But in this case, prosecutors say the governor was talking about monetary value and that's the problem."

Eric Dezenhall, a crisis management specialist who advises corporations and high-profile people who get in hot water, said the problem with Blagojevich, based upon initial reports, is that "his behavior appears to be a nakedly self-aggrandizing cash proposition."

Dezenhall said. "People understand politicians being politicians; they don't understand politicians mugging old ladies for a loaf of marble rye."

Or, as in Blagojevich's case, allegedly threatening to withhold government money for a children's hospital because its CEO hadn't coughed up enough campaign contributions.

Prosecutors called Blagojevich's conduct "appalling," a characterization that drew little argument. Next comes the challenge of proving it illegal.



## Editorial Thoughts

By The Associated Press

Excerpts from recent editorials in newspapers in the United States and abroad:

*The Blade, Toledo, Ohio, on President Bush:*

In an attempt to shape how history will view him, President Bush is giving interviews to the media as he prepares to exit the White House. ...

To hear it from Mr. Bush, one would think that his Oval Office service was a string of unbroken successes: He and his team did not miss the warning signs of the 9/11 attack (which took place early in his first term, but on his watch), nor did he abandon the generally meritorious war in Afghanistan to attack faux enemy Iraq under false premises. ...

Similarly, letting New Orleans founder after the hurricanes, having put incompetent people in charge of the emergency response capacity of his government, didn't happen that way. Finally, the train

wreck that the American economy suffered, resulting in no small part from his having let the foxes guard the henhouse, had nothing to do with him.

So, either Mr. Bush has been asleep at the switch for the past eight years, or he is able to fool himself and try to fool the American public that it was a great two terms in spite of a preponderance of evidence to the contrary. ...

*Times Herald-Record, Middletown, N.Y., on Clinton:*

So when that 3 a.m. phone call comes in to the White House next year, Hillary Clinton may wind up on one end of the conversation after all. It just won't be on the receiving end. Rather, the senator from New York may well be calling in her new capacity as secretary of state, to tell her commander in chief, President Barack Obama, of a crisis breaking out in some corner of the world. Irony is beautiful, isn't it? ...

The nomination of Clinton to the top foreign policy position in the next administration provides substance to Obama's repeated campaign promise to look beyond political differences and search for a new way of governing that includes a variety of viewpoints. But as he went about selecting his own version of Lincoln's "team of rivals" as a Cabinet, the president-elect made sure to remind everyone that, when all the competing views were expressed, the ultimate policy decisions still would reside with him. ...

As for Clinton, her new position as premier foreign policy adviser to the president and the face and voice of America to the rest of the world may not be the one to which she aspired when the presidential campaign began two years ago, but it is a vital one at a time when this nation needs intelligent, strong, creative leadership to fight the threat of terrorism and to heal diplomatic wounds. ...

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# Survivors staircase given permanent home at ground zero

NEW YORK (AP) — The “survivors’ staircase” that served as an escape route for people fleeing the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, found a permanent home at ground zero Thursday.

The 57-ton staircase was moved by crane across the trade center site to the future entrance of a museum commemorating the 2001 terrorist attacks.

The stairs were moved from their original spot at the trade center site in March — after construction crews chipped away at the concrete founda-

tion and replaced it with metal supports. Another leg of the journey was completed in July.

The 37 stairs had stood for years as the last remaining above-ground remnant of the original trade center complex.

Preservationists — and survivors who used the staircase to get quickly from the trade center complex to the street below on Sept. 11 — had battled to see it preserved in some way. One group put it on a list of the nation’s most endangered historic places.

Eventually, the stairs will be part of the entrance pavilion to the below-ground museum, expected to open in 2012. Visitors won’t be able to use the stairs but will see them as they descend a parallel stairway from street level into the museum.

A battle for their preservation was touched off after state officials announced in 2006 that all but one or two slabs of the staircase would be demolished to make way for the new tower being built on the site. Planners changed

their minds a year later, finding a spot for the stairs at the entrance pavilion to the below-ground memorial museum.

The staircase weighed 175 tons at the time, too heavy to drive across bridges into storage; officials couldn’t find space for it in a nearby park. Preservationists had initially hoped it would stay in the same place, but it stood in the footprint of one of five planned office towers.

# Frigid weather a reminder that some residents need help

## Adult Protective Services starts blanket and heater drive for elderly/disabled

It took awhile to get here, but the frigid weather has finally arrived in the Panhandle/High Plains area, bringing with it a special danger for the area’s elderly and disabled population. To help protect those elderly and disabled folks, the Department of Family and Protective Services is asking everyone in the region to donate their extra blankets and space heaters to make sure we all make it through the winter healthy and warm.

“I know people have a lot going on this time of year, but we’re hoping they can pause for a minute during the holiday rush to help out some good folks who really need it,” said Susan Hammett, supervisor for Adult Protective Services. “If they could add a warm blanket or a

space heater to their baskets while they’re shopping, it could literally mean the difference between life and death for one of our elderly clients.”

This winter, hundreds of elderly and disabled people in the Panhandle and South Plains will struggle against the cold, and without help, some may not survive. The area is home to more than 166,000 elderly or disabled people. Older folks and those with disabilities are especially prone to injury from the cold, due to limited incomes, disease and even medications required to treat those diseases.

In recognition of this problem, APS is kicking off its third annual blanket and heater drive to stock up on goods that could be literal lifesavers

over the coming months.

“We know times are tight this year with the economy being what it is and prices rising,” said Greg Cunningham, DFPS spokesman. “We’re all affected by it, but imagine what it is doing to those elderly folks who were on already tight fixed incomes. We’re seeing clients who have to choose between paying their heating bills and buying groceries or paying for medications. Those folks desperately need a hand.”

Anyone who has a warm blanket to spare or a space heater should consider dropping it by one of the DFPS offices in the area. The blankets and heaters will be distributed to APS clients who are struggling to make it through the winter.

# Officer wounds Texas man

ALTON, Texas (AP) — A South Texas man shot by a police officer as the man allegedly charged toward him is facing charges after a two-hour incident that started because he was angry at his wife for not cooking dinner, officials said.

Mauricio Conrado Dominguez, 33, of Alton was treated and released from McAllen Medical Center after Wednesday’s shooting.

Police initially responded to the dispute Wednesday evening after an 11-year-old boy ran away from the house to call 911 from a neighbor’s home, Alton police Sgt. Mike Luna said.

When the responding officer arrived, he learned that Dominguez, who police later said reeked of alcohol, had become upset that his wife hadn’t prepared dinner.

Officers learned the incident had turned violent when Dominguez allegedly kicked in the glass of an oven before grabbing an ax and taking a swing at his wife while she carried a baby.

When police arrived, Dominguez disappeared into a nearby orchard. Dominguez reappeared and threatened the officer with a gun he claimed he was carrying, Luna said.

He ignored the officer’s verbal command to stop and the officer drew his weapon and fired, Luna said.

He was arraigned Thursday on one count of attempted capital murder of a peace officer and two counts of aggravated assault.

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# Special saddles stolen

KATY, Texas (AP) — Saddles designed for use by the disabled and other special needs riders have been stolen from a Houston-area stable, which features miniature horses.

Maria Pinzon with Halter Inc. in Katy, says thieves broke some locks on the property and took more than \$20,000 worth of equipment, including 16 saddles.

Some of those saddles are designed for disabled youngsters.

The Harris County Sheriff’s Office is investigating the theft, which was discovered Tuesday.

Halter Inc., on its Web site, is described as a non-profit group dedicated to helping special needs children, teens and adults through pet therapy.

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By Bil Keane



"How come these are all exactly the same?"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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  - 34 Merkel of movies
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  - 36 Bank deals
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# Praise & Worship

## RELIGION PAGE

### Christmas story



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Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, is gearing up to present its annual Christmas program, "Christmas at Calvary," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus were played by Kella, Luis and Claire Salazar at a previous Christmas at Calvary performance. Ronnie Holmes is pictured kneeling in the foreground while Rachel Bartel hovers as an angel in white.

### CHURCH BRIEFS

**WAKA — Rushing Wind Center.**  
Emmaus will meet for a potluck meal and sponsor training at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at Waka Christian Center. A praise and worship service will follow the meal and training. A nursery will be provided.



submitted photo  
Betty Williams recently worked attaching greenery to Hi-Land Christian Church's Christmas Parade float.

### Online children's contest seeking participants

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND —** Children's International Arts Festival is sponsoring a Christmas contest for children. In an online festival, children ages 5-12 answer Bible questions and create original art to illustrate their answers.

The winner will win a week for their whole family with real horses on a dude ranch.

Art is an international language, and the festival organizers are hoping even kids with no English skills will still enter by drawing art to illustrate a particular question.

Art festival instructions, entry forms and questions can be downloaded at [www.KidsTalkAboutGod.org](http://www.KidsTalkAboutGod.org). There is no entry fee. Although entries will be accepted through March 31, 2009, festival organizer Carey Kinsolving urges immediate action. He plans to announce some of the eight winners before the March deadline.

Kinsolving plans to publish the best children's writing and art in an online storybook Bible patterned after the popular Kids Color Me Bible, which is available for free download

at [www.KidsTalkAboutGod.org](http://www.KidsTalkAboutGod.org).

"This past summer, four children won dude ranch vacations for their families," said Kinsolving. "Eight more vacations will be awarded for 2009."

The winners and their families will get to be cowboys and cowgirls in some of the most pristine landscapes the great American West has to offer." To view videos and photos of winners and their families at dude ranches, visit [www.KidsTalkAboutGod.org/winners](http://www.KidsTalkAboutGod.org/winners).

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# Sports

## Lady Raiders beat Pampa 44-28

by **Andres Arriola**  
special to The Pampa News

The struggling Pampa Lady Harvesters met up with the Randall Lady Raiders Thursday night, in what turned out to be much like the meeting the two teams had last week.

The girls came out of the gates slow putting up only three points in the first quarter to Randall's nine. The ladies were able to pick things up in the second quarter, ending the half 12-19.

Pampa fell behind with a lenient man-to-man defense that left opposing players open. The girls got lucky though, due to easy shot misses by the Lady Raiders.

Pampa's speed just didn't match up well to what Randall had to offer.

On offense the girl's seemed unwilling to shoot the ball, getting few shots off and throwing one to many passes that resulted in turnovers.

The second half they tightened up their defense and took more chances shooting.

Jessica Miner continued to impress showing excellent prowess getting to the ball on both sides of the court, helping the Lady Harvesters outscore the Lady Raiders 13-9 in the third quarter.

Entering the 4th quarter only down three, 25-28, the Lady Harvesters appeared to lose the drive that carried them the previous quarter.

The lack of speed on defense forced many unnecessary fouls, that led to passive scores from Randall.

Unable to recover, even after showing much promise in the third, the Lady Harvesters lost 44-28.

Randall leading scorer's were Jade Cordova with 12, Kelsey Murgal with 11 and Erica Hernandez with 10.

The Lady Harvester's scorers included: Kailyn Troxell with 7, Sammie Pearson and Taryn Eubanks with 5, Ashley Facio with 4, Jessica Miner with 3 and Carlyn Teichmann and Shelbie Watson with 2.

## Yankees and Mets winners at meetings

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Two teams from New York took over the town at baseball's winter meetings.

It helps to arrive in Vegas carrying plenty of cash.

As baseball's annual swap session broke up Thursday, the boys from the Big Apple went home big winners. Highlighting a hectic week, the Yankees landed pitching prize CC Sabathia while the Mets solidified their bullpen with All-Star relievers Francisco Rodriguez and J.J. Putz.

"The New York teams, we have I guess the flexibility and the ability to do things — sometimes financially," Mets general manager Omar Minaya said.

"But look, it's not that other clubs, I mean, there's a lot of financial parity out there right now. There might be 10 teams or more that are over \$100 million in the game. So it's not that teams don't have money now. It's just the desire to make some moves."

While teams and agents cleared out quickly following the Rule 5 draft of minor leaguers, San Diego GM Kevin Towers said the Chicago Cubs had pulled out of the Jake Peavy sweepstakes.

Several small-market clubs struck quiet deals, however.

Kansas City and reliever Kyle Farnsworth reached a preliminary agreement on a \$9.25 million, two-year contract. The deal was pending a physical, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the agreement had not been finalized.

The Royals also agreed to one-year contracts with pitchers Horacio Ramirez (\$1.8 million) and Doug Waechter (\$640,000).

Minnesota retained versatile infielder Nick Punto with an \$8.5 million, two-year deal.

And the Arizona Diamondbacks reached a preliminary agreement with infielder Felipe Lopez on a \$3.5 million, one-year contract. The deal was pending a physical, a person with knowledge of the negotiations said, speaking on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made.

Outside of New York, it seemed almost everyone was being cautious in a slow-moving market. With clubs concerned about the national recession and determined to keep inexpensive young talent, the winter meetings included a string of minor deals — but few big ones.

"It's active. It's busy. The phone rings a lot," new Seattle general manager Jack Zduriencik said.

Speculation had the Boston Red Sox as front-runners for free-agent slugger Mark Teixeira, thought to have received offers of about \$150 million or more. Manny Ramirez was still available, too.

"Most of it's just a big, old dance. You get some things done but not a lot," said manager Joe Maddon of the AL champion Tampa Bay Rays. "It's kind of an interesting event."

After the Yankees and Sabathia agreed Wednesday to the framework of a \$161 million, seven-year contract, A.J. Burnett and Derek Lowe are the top free-agent starters still searching for work.

Guess what? The Yankees are ready to keep paying hefty prices for more pitching.

"If you try to compete through monetary means, you're not going to do it," Maddon said, adding that the free spending by New York clubs doesn't surprise or bother him. "You've got to figure out another way to get it done and for us that's through execution."



Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell (6) directs his receivers during the second half of an NCAA college football game against Kansas in Lawrence, Kan. Harrell entered this season a known quantity, having been at or near the top in passing nationally for two years. He has inked near the NCAA record for career touchdowns and busted plenty of conference passing marks.

## Texas Tech QB Harrell to receive Golden Arm Award

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award will be given to Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell.

The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation gives the award to the best senior college quarterback. Harrell will be announced as the 2008 winner Friday night during an awards ceremony in Baltimore.

Harrell is the first quarterback from Texas Tech since

1953 to win All-America honors. He set school records for touchdown passes and ranks second among NCAA quarterbacks for passing yards.

Foundation President John Unitas Jr. says Harrell carries the ideals of football forward into the community and his relationships with others.

The award also recognizes Harrell for character, leadership and academic success.

## Thursday's Sports In Brief

By The Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Tim Tebow won the Maxwell Award for the second year, edging Texas' Colt McCoy and Texas Tech's Graham Harrell for the honor given to college football's best all-around player.

The Florida star joined Notre Dame quarterback Johnny Lattner as the only two-time winners of the award. Lattner won in 1952-53.

Tebow was the first sophomore to win the Heisman last year and, on Saturday in New York, could become the second player to win it twice.

Tebow is fifth in the nation in passer rating (176.7) with 28 touchdown passes and only two interceptions. He hasn't been asked to run as much this season, but still has 564 yards rushing and 12 touchdowns.

Fellow Heisman finalists Bradford and McCoy also were big winners.

Bradford beat out Harrell and McCoy for the Davey O'Brien Award, given to the nation's best quarterback. Bradford directed the highest-scoring team in major college football history and led the nation in passer rating (186.3) and TD passes (48) while throwing for 4,464 yards.

McCoy was the Walter Camp Player of the Year, leading the All-America team.

CLEVELAND (AP) — Kerry Wood took a physical and the Cleveland Indians are awaiting the test results before completing a contract with the free-agent right-hander, who has a long history of arm and elbow problems.

The Indians reached a preliminary agreement on a two-year deal worth a reported \$20 million with Wood during the winter meetings in Las Vegas. The contract includes a third-year option.

Wood saved 34 games in 2008, his first season clos-

ing for the Chicago Cubs. Wood's deal is contingent on him passing the medical examination and it may be a few days before the Indians announce Wood's signing.

Wood went 5-4 with a 3.26 ERA last season with the Cubs, who converted him from a starter to a reliever in 2007. He has been healthy since moving to the bullpen after several seasons that included trips to the disabled list and the operating room.

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Matt Cassel returned to practice with the New England Patriots after missing Wednesday's workouts following his father's death.

Cassel took part in stretching and throwing drills during the portion of practice open to reporters at San Jose State, where the Patriots are training between road games in Seattle and Oakland. He briefly left the club after his father, Greg, died Monday night in the Los Angeles area.

Although the Patriots made no announcement, Cassel seems likely to start on Sunday against the Raiders. New England (8-5) is in a three-way tie with Miami and the New York Jets atop the AFC East.

STARKVILLE, Miss. (AP) — Florida offensive coordinator Dan Mullen was introduced as the new football coach at Mississippi State to the cheers of dozens of fans on campus.

Mullen takes the job five days after he helped guide top-ranked Florida to the Southeastern Conference championship and a berth in the BCS national title game.

Mullen replaces Sylvester Croom, who resigned last month after going 21-38 in five seasons.

The 36-year-old Mullen is the fourth youngest coach in the Bowl Subdivision, following 33-year-old Tennessee coach Lane Kiffin, Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald and Washington coach Steve Sarkisian, both 34.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

**DEAR ABBY:** A little over a year ago, my sons -- ages 10 and 11 -- met a 10-year-old boy named "Adam" and have played with him often since. During this time, Adam's mother and I have cultivated a warm friendship that I don't want to lose. The problem? My sons don't like to play with Adam anymore. They say he cries and storms out when he doesn't get his way. I have observed this behavior myself. His mom has commented on it to me, but doesn't know what to do about it. How can I tell my good friend that my kids don't want to play with her son anymore? CAN I tell her? My sons have "sucked it up" several times now so I could visit with her, but

I don't think it's fair to keep asking them to do that. My boys get along nicely with their other friends and would rather play with them. Is there any way to solve this? -- **BAFFLED IN CHARLOTTE**

**DEAR BAFFLED:** It would be a kindness to tell Adam's mother that it's time to do something she should have done years ago -- better late than never: explain to her son the effect his behavior has on other kids, and that if it continues he will have no friends to play with. The boy is old enough to understand plain English, and also cause and effect. If there is a father anywhere in the picture, he should also talk to his son. Adam should also be warned

by his mother that if he pulls that nonsense again with your boys, he won't be invited back. Then he should be given one more chance to participate at an appropriate age level and not a 2-year-old's.

**DEAR ABBY:** My older sister, "Iris," has suffered from depression for years, partly due to the success I have achieved in my life. I have traveled internationally, received scholarships, and now at 26, have a well-paying job and a loving husband. Iris dropped out of college twice, works a minimum-wage job and has never had a boyfriend. I never brag about any of my achievements, but we talk on the phone often and she knows

everything that's going on in my life. My sister has never openly displayed any jealousy or resentment, but our mother has confided to me that Iris has been taking antidepressants for years and feels that she has never accomplished anything "great." I have now learned that I'm expecting my first child. I'm afraid that when Iris finds out, she may be devastated. How can I tell her without sending her into a deeper depression, and how can I enjoy the good things that happen to me without feeling guilty about my sister? -- **GUILTY ACHIEVER IN CANADA**

**DEAR GUILTY ACHIEVER:** A step in the right direction would be for you to do some

reading about chronic depression, so you can understand that your achievements did not cause your sister's problem. She is taking antidepressants to help her regulate a chemical imbalance in her brain that, apparently, she has been trying to cope with for many years -- which would explain why she had difficulty with personal relationships and her studies. If she's not already receiving it, psychotherapy -- in addition to her medications -- could help her. The time has come to stop feeling guilty for your blessings. Tell your sister about the baby and let her share your happiness until she's well enough to find it on her own. It could help with her healing.



**1 Public Notice**

PAMPA ISD is seeking engineers for the planning and design of a synthetic sports surface. RFP packets can be obtained from the Purchasing Department of Pampa ISD, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, TX 79065, 806-669-4700. Completed qualifications should be received by January 6, 2009. C-2 Dec. 12, 14, 2008

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Pampa Independent School District will receive sealed proposals for the following insurance policies until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas: Property and Contents, General Liability, Personal Injury, Liability, Employee Benefits, Professional Liability, Vehicle, Crime, Boiler and Machinery, Band and Choir Equipment, Contractors Equipment.

Proposals, specifications and additional information may be obtained from Carol Fields, Executive Director of Business and Finance, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065, phone (806)669-4700, or [carol.fields@pampaisd.net](mailto:carol.fields@pampaisd.net). Proposals may be delivered or mailed to 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065-Attention: Carol Fields, Executive Director of Business and Finance. Sealed envelopes should be plainly marked "INSURANCE PROPOSALS". The school district reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted and to waive informalities and technicalities. The Board of Education will consider proposals for award at the scheduled meeting in February, 2009. C-3 Dec. 12, 14, 2008

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**12-12 CRYPTOQUOTE**

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**Daily Horoscope**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008:

This year, you might choose to rely on one person much more than in the past. This person seems to understand you and give you the type of feedback you need. If this tie is professional, you both might be amazed at the possibilities that could come up, helping the two of you. Should the bond be personal, you will grow more and more together while still holding different ideas. You seem to have a sixth sense that kicks in more often than not. You sometimes simply know things. Make communication as clear as possible. **CANCER** understands you, as different as the two of you are.

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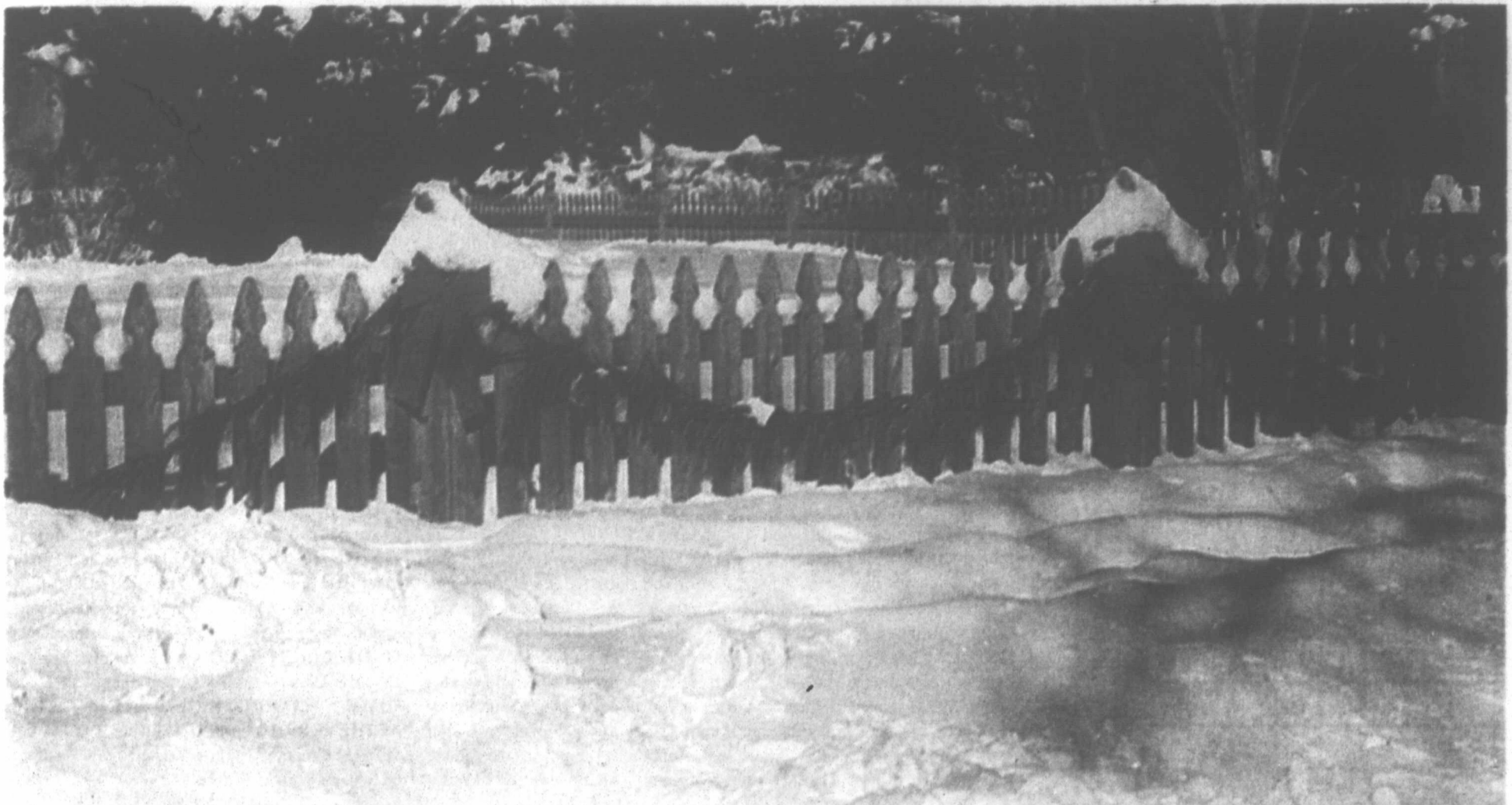
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**key people? Tonight: Put on a great piece of music. CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
**\*\*\*\*** Though generally you're a moody sign, you feel sustained and positive. Let yourself feel that good all day long, and don't internalize an argument or problem. Others are feeling the holiday tension. The smart Moon Child might bake cookies! Tonight: Relish the moment.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
**\*\*\*** Allow yourself to vanish and not be accountable. After all, you might want to do something special for a loved one or family member, which could take some planning. Someone who is inspirational touches you. Tonight: Under the mistletoe...  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
**\*\*\*\*** Find your friends and enjoy yourself to the max. It is special how all of you pitch in and help each other, be it ideas or actively, physically. What starts as a project could wind up as a party. Tonight: Just surround yourself with favorite people.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
**\*\*\*\*** Where others relax, you step up to the plate and assume responsibility. You could be taking on too much. Only time can tell if you'll feel resentful. Remember, there is nothing wrong with backing off. Tonight: Out and about.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
**\*\*\*\*\*** Reach out for others. Share holiday cheer and enjoy the moment. Some of you might be mailing gifts, others getting concert tickets. Yet still others might just put on the "Messiah." Tonight: Why not go caroling? Let music infiltrate your life.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

**\*\*\*\*** Your words echo the mood of the season. Honor a sense of what needs to happen rather than do the expected. A loved one or dear friend expects you to be focused on him or her only. You can do it and love what happens. Tonight: Continue the togetherness theme.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
**\*\*\*\*\*** Others come forward, though you might not be pleased to see every single person who pops in and out of your life in the next few days. Keep smiling and enjoy the people you are so fond of. Tonight: So many possibilities -- you choose!  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
**\*\*\*** Listen to news, but at the same time, clear out projects and errands. Invite a friend to join in. You might be confused by all the different messages people are giving. Don't read so much into each situation, line or laugh! Tonight: Don't push.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
**\*\*\*\*\*** Your creativity emerges when dealing with a child or a loved one. Whether considering holiday gifts or just brainstorming with these key people, your mind opens up. Friends offer a different type of companionship. Tonight: Romance might be knocking on your door.  
**BORN TODAY**  
 Former first lady Mary Todd Lincoln (1818), rock legend Ted Nugent (1948), comedian, actor Jamie Foxx (1967)

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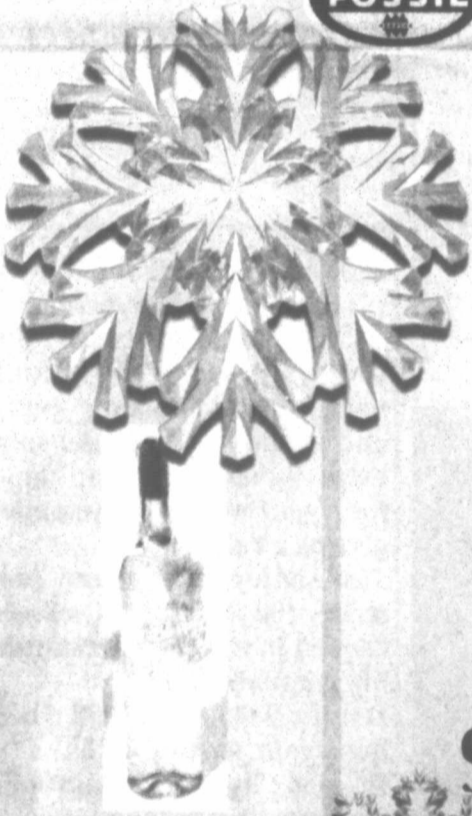
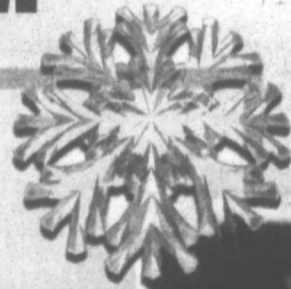
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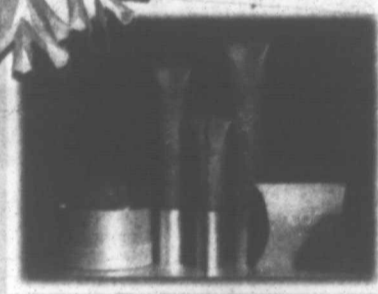


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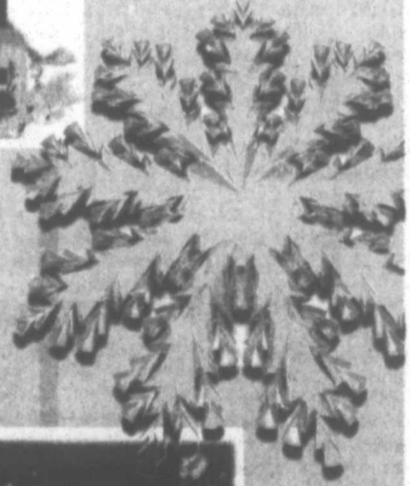
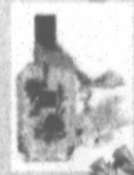


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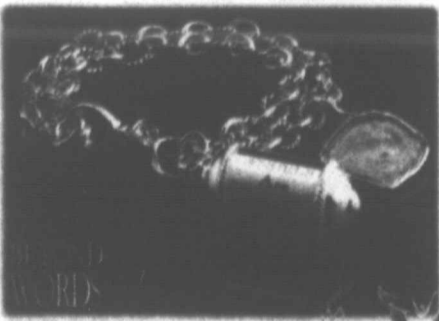
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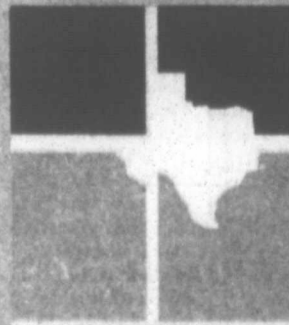
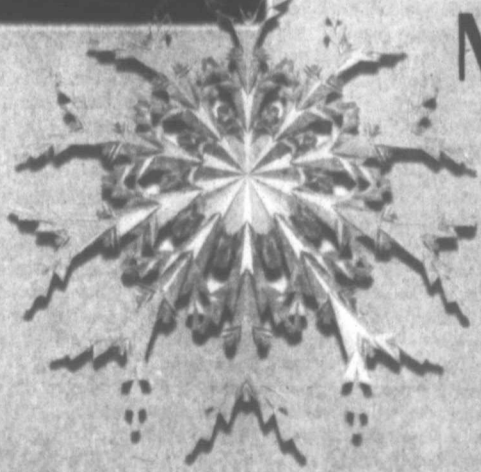
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