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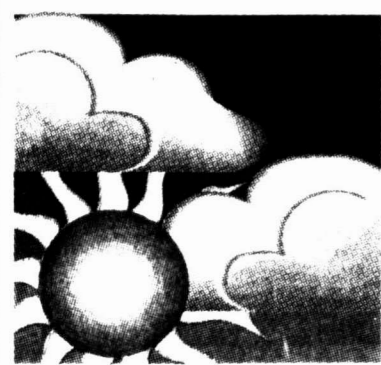
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WHITE DEER — The White Deer High School Band will have its Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school auditorium.

The Buck Concert Band will perform music featuring clarinet and trombone sections as well as music celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, said Pat Daniel, White Deer band director.

The opening selection, he said, is entitled "A Family Christmas" and features "I'll Be Home for Christmas" using an arrangement by Jim Swearingen.

The second selection, "The Christmas Song," was written by Robert Wells and Mel Torme in the summer of 1945 during one of the hottest days that year in Sun Valley, Calif., Daniel said. It took them 45 minutes to write it, and it has been recorded more than 1800 times by a variety of artists including Nat King Cole.

"The kids do a very nice job with it," Daniel said.

The trombone section will be featured in a Dixieland-styled selection of "Trombones on the Housatop" arranged by Mark Wells.

The concert will conclude with "Clarinet Christmas" arranged by Robert W. Smith and featuring the clarinet section in a medley which includes "The Little Drummer Boy," "Up on the Housetop" and "Jingle Bells."

PAMPA - Gray County commissioners are to meet at 9 a.m. Friday in the second floor courtroom at the Gray County Courthouse to consider:

- A proposal for mental commitments to Coronado Hospital.
- A proposal from Dr. Neil Adelman on possible ways to save the county money on indigent health care.
- An interlocal agreement with Potter County.
- Replacement of a member on the Panhandle Mental Health Board.
- Appointment of Iris Ragsdale and Michael Trimble to the White Deer Land Museum Board.
- A request from Commissioner James Hefley to replace an employee.

CANADIAN — The Panhandle Region Bird Club will host Bird Fair '96 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 8, 1996, at the Holiday Inn in Amarillo.

The conference will be in the Exchange Room of the motel.

For more information on the conference or the club, call Barbara West at (806) 323-5722.

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Genesis House faces loss of state funding

State officials said today it was possible that a Pampa adolescent drug and alcohol treatment facility could receive developmental funds to improve its program despite word earlier this week that funding would be eliminated.

Nicol de Silva with the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA) said Tuesday that funding for Genesis House, an adolescent residential drug and alcohol treatment facility in Pampa, would be eliminated.

"They will not be funded," de Silva said.

She was not able to cite specific reasons for the elimination in funding for the Pampa program. A news report from Austin indicated that a new selection criteria system was approved Monday by TCADA and that funding for many of the drug and alcohol abuse programs in the Panhandle was being cut.

"I know their score was below 14," de Silva said of the proposal submitted by Genesis House.

Olivia Solis, a spokesman for TCADA, said today that proposals from contract facilities across the state such as Genesis House were sent out of state for peer review. Based on those reviews, she said, each proposal was scored one through 20. Those below 14 were not immediately funded.

Solis said the proposals were

ranked based on need, approach, organization, experience, staff, qualifications, community support and coordination, and communication. She said that Genesis House scored a 10.24 in the rankings.

Because the method left some geographic areas without programs, Solis said, some programs that scored between 12 and 14 were being considered for funding if steps could be agreed upon to correct noted deficiencies and developmental funding may be made available to facilities that scored near 12 in areas without other programs.

But she warned that such a process was time consuming for the staff and would take a while.

TCADA funding for Genesis House is scheduled to end Jan. 1. "The only funding we will have after that is what we can generate from other sources," Sharon Braddock, administrator of Genesis House, said today.

Solis said the peer review forms would be sent to the facilities so each facility could see what deficiencies were noted.

Despite TCADA's public pronouncements, Genesis House officials said the agency has not notified the Pampa facility that funding would be eliminated. TCADA provides about 75 percent of the \$400,000 budget for Genesis House, local officials said.

"We still haven't heard anything," Braddock said today.

Braddock said Tuesday that the field representative for the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA) in Lubbock through which she works with the agency was not in Tuesday morning. The TCADA contract specialist, a TCADA employee assigned to work with contract facilities like Genesis House, told her Tuesday morning that he did not know of any cut in funding. He asked Braddock to fax a copy of the news report to his office in Austin so he could research the situation.

"He didn't know anything about it," Braddock said of the Austin TCADA representative.

Genesis House is a treatment center in Pampa for adolescents with both residential and outpatient programs. The center, which has nine full-time employees and two part-time employees, has treated local youth for about the last 25 years and in fiscal year 1995 was named the Texas Youth Commission's Program of the Year.

The facility has a capacity of 16, Braddock said. Today, they had six persons in treatment and two more scheduled to begin Friday.

"I'm not sure how we'll continue to stay open with that kind of loss," Braddock said.



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Gold Wing Road Riders Association members Marlene Shaw, left, Brenden Carpenter, 5, and his brother Mark, 10, and father Steve, watch as Genesis House residents open up the presents the club members bought at a Christmas party held Tuesday night in the activity center at the home.

Gold Wing Road Riders club gives Genesis House an early Christmas party

By MELINDA MARTINEZ
Lifestyles Editor

Christmas came early for the residents of Genesis House when the Gold Wing Road Riders Association threw a Christmas party for them Tuesday evening.

"We were just tossing around the idea of who we could help," said Patti Carpenter, secretary of GWRRA.

That is when Sharon Braddock, administrator of Genesis House, a home for troubled teens, and also a member of GWRRA, told the group that most of the residents of the home usually don't have family members who visit them for Christmas.

So, GWRRA decided to give the residents a Christmas party and buy each of them three gifts. The residents were also treated to a dinner and live entertainment in the form of cowboy poet Dan Schneck.

The six current residents of the home were given cards on which they wrote what they would like for Christmas, and then the women of GWRRA shopped for the gifts.

Towards the end of the evening, the residents opened their gifts. Clothing is what most of these youngsters appeared to ask for as they took sweatshirts, hats and even boxer shorts out of the wrapped packages.

"This is our way of being part

of the community," said Steve Carpenter, assistant director of GWRRA.

"It's something we can do as a group," he said. "We are a group of people and we can do more than just an individual."

The group of motorcycle riders likes to get involved in the community and help in any way they can, said Steve and Patti.

GWRRA helped raise money for the Red Cross Tornado Disaster Relief Fund after June 8, 1995, tornado came through town. For last year's Christmas, GWRRA adopted a family. This year, in addition to the Christmas party, the group participated in the Christmas parade and during Halloween passed out candy at the Pampa Mall, said Marlene Shaw, who along with her husband Jackie are the activity coordinators for GWRRA.

Steve said GWRRA meets once a week to go on dinner rides to different parts of the Panhandle to have dinner in a different town. He continued by saying that the group likes to have some kind of function particularly in the summer.

The group is a non-profit organization and the money the group raises goes to help those less fortunate. The family-oriented group welcomes all motorcycle types to join for fun and friendship. He stressed that it doesn't matter what kind of motorcycle is ridden.

Jury hears more testimony in woman's estate dispute

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

When court ended Tuesday, the man claiming to be the common law husband of a deceased woman was on the stand describing for the jury the relationship he had with her despite a 1987 Arizona divorce.

Merle Fraser, 75, is asserting his claim in District Court that he is the common law husband of the late Nancy Fraser, who died intestate at age 56. Ms. Fraser died June 15, 1994.

It is for a six-man, six-woman jury to decide whether Mr. Fraser is Ms. Fraser's husband or whether the claim of Ms. Fraser's

sister, Shirley Lehnick, that no marriage existed is correct. At issue is administration of Ms. Fraser's community and separate property estimated at \$150,000.

Mr. Fraser told the jury that he and Ms. Fraser were married Dec. 20, 1980 and were divorced in Arizona in 1987 because of her fear that Mr. Fraser's financial difficulties might affect her ownership in gas wells and Pampa property.

However, he said, they did not separate and Ms. Fraser promised that despite a divorce there would be no change in their relationship and no one would know about the divorce.

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Cat wants to return home for holidays

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

Reny wants to go home for the holidays.

That's what her temporary caretaker, Sandy Burns, Pampa animal control director, says.

Reny is a four-year-old, "very affectionate" cat who appeared in Burns' night drop cage at the pound Nov. 30.

With her was a carrier, toys, a blanket and a heartfelt one page letter from her anonymous owner.

"This is Reny (Re-Knee) my beloved child," the letter began. It went on to say that the cat has all her shots and was declawed and spayed.

But, "[Reny] is sick. She began wetting all over the house about [four] days ago," the letter continued. "I thought she was mad because the kids were gone over Thanksgiving. Tonight I saw her wetting and when I wiped it up I noticed it was full of blood."

"I don't know if you can help her or not, but if you can please do then adopt her out. If not please put her to sleep. If at all possible could someone please hold her as she goes," it continued.

"I love the cat dearly, she is like a child to me. I regret that I am financially at this time unable to take her to the vet and help her or to put her to sleep. I would if there was a way but it just isn't in my reach right now. Please do all that you feel is necessary."

"Save her if you can please. If not please let her go gently. Thank You for your time, your kindness

and your understanding. This letter was written with a broken heart and tons of tears. I hope you can read it," it concluded.

The letter was signed simply "Reny's Mom." Something about the letter touched Burns, who decided to take Reny to the veterinarian.

"It was just one of those situations we don't come across very often ... Someone needed help and we helped," she said.

"She's [Reny's owner] just having some hard times, and she didn't want her baby to suffer. As badly as it hurt her, she did what she thought was right," she continued.

So Burns took Reny to Dr. Kenneth Royse, who serves as the city's vet.

Reny's plight affected Royse as well, and he agreed to treat the cat free of charge.

"I offered to pay, but he wouldn't let me," Burns said.

Reny was diagnosed with a severe urinary bladder infection, but Tuesday was given a clean bill of health.

"Her health has been restored and she wants to go home for Christmas ... before I get too attached," Burns said, only half joking.

Reny is very affectionate and loving, Burns said. "You can tell someone's given that cat a lot of attention," she said.

Burns is now hoping that person will learn that her beloved cat is once again healthy and comes to reclaim Reny.

Reny's mom should call Burns' office, 669-5775, to describe and claim her cat.

Lefors ISD looks at improving scores

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

LEFORS — The Lefors Independent School District board of trustees will be looking at ways to improve the district's marks after going over the Academic Excellence Indicator System report at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

"It can be done," said Superintendent Norman Baxter. "We have the quality of people here to do it."

Baxter said that the reading portion of the indicator drops in seventh and eighth grades then picks back up in the 10th grade. He said the math portion indicators were not as strong as reading, but steps were being taken to address the problems.

He said changes that were being tried in the math area of instruction included a change to the Saxon method of math, which integrates various aspects

of math into one system. The writing section of the Academic Excellence Indicator System also showed a need for improvement, Baxter said.

"We need to work at all levels," he said.

Baxter said the system ties in with the goals in the campus improvement plan.

"The goal of Lefors ISD," Baxter said, quoting from the plan, "is to provide well rounded students."

Along with the rating systems, the district is required to send a school report card to students' parents, Baxter said. He said the school report card would go home with the student in January with the students' report cards.

Of concern to Baxter was the number of tardies among elementary students. He said as many as nine of 30 students in grades kindergarten through second were as much as an hour and a half late for school on a regular basis.

"At the elementary level," he said, "it's not the child that's late. It's the parent."

Trustees approved a policy that would give the student one unexcused absence for being more than 20 minutes late three times. Students could also get one unexcused absence for being less than 20 minutes late five times.

The policy is scheduled to go into effect immediately after Christmas.

In other business, the board approved an investment policy that would limit the district's money to certificates of deposit, certain mutual funds and investment pools.

Baxter reported on the status of 331 delinquent school tax accounts worth \$102,784.81.

The board will meet Dec. 19 to receive the annual audit of the district, discuss personnel matters for staffing next year and review Update 50, a rewriting of the state education code.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HARKINS, J.A. "Red" — 2:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Higgins.
WALLACE, Margaret Mae — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
WITHERS, Henry — 1 p.m., Cochran Funeral Home Chapel, Livingston.

Obituaries

ONA LEA BIDWELL

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Ona Lea Bidwell, a former Pampa, Texas, resident, died Sunday, Dec. 10, 1995, in Albuquerque. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday MST at an Albuquerque funeral home.

Mrs. Bidwell lived for over 20 years in Pampa, where she worked for the Singer Co. After moving to Albuquerque, she worked for a furniture store before retiring.

She was preceded in death by a daughter. Survivors include four sisters, Lorena Traylor of Lone Star, Texas, Opal Glycherr of Wichita, Kan., and Mae Plummer and Tonia Porche, both of Pampa; and a son-in-law, Fred Young of Albuquerque.

J.A. 'RED' HARKINS

HIGGINS - J.A. "Red" Harkins, 72, brother of a McLean resident, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1995, at Perryton. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church at Higgins with the Rev. Harold Hook, pastor; the Rev. Philip Hilton, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Sunray; and the Rev. Bobby Roger, pastor of the Southside Baptist Church at Perryton, officiating. Burial will be in Higgins Cemetery under the direction of Stickle-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Harkins was born April 30, 1923, in Carter County, Okla. He lived in Shamrock from 1925-1968. He married Zora Isaacs on Nov. 2, 1949, at Erick, Okla. The couple moved to Higgins in 1968. He worked for Lipscomb and Ochiltree counties as a heavy equipment operator. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He was a Baptist and a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Zora Harkins, of Higgins; a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Linda Harkins of Fort Worth; a daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Bob Newberry of Perryton; a sister, Vivian Lax of Lela; two brothers, Marion Harkins of McLean and Raymond Harkins of Amarillo; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

MARGARET MAE WALLACE

Margaret Mae Wallace, 80, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1995. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Dr. R.L. Kirk, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. The body has been donated to medical science; therefore, the body will not be available for viewing.

Miss Wallace was born July 26, 1915, at Mena, Ark. She was a longtime Pampa resident. She was a nurse, receiving her nurse's training at Parkland Hospital at Dallas. She worked many years with local physicians and at the Pampa Clinic.

Survivors include a sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Coyle Ford of Pampa; two nieces, Carolyn Ford Taylor of Santa Fe, N.M., and Barbara Allison of Moody; four nephews, Jerry Ford of Dallas, Bob Wallace of Fort Worth, Sam Wallace of Shreveport, La., and Chuck Wallace of Triangle, Va.; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

HENRY WITHERS

LIVINGSTON - Henry Withers, 65, father of a Lefors resident, died Monday, Dec. 11, 1995. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Frank Woolf officiating. Burial will be in Peebles Cemetery with military honors courtesy of VFW Post 8568.

Mr. Withers retired from the Cabot Corporation in 1993 after 38 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Blanche Mae Withers of Livingston; a daughter and son-in-law, Diana Lynn and Russell Jackson of Lefors; four sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce Clayton and Ruth Ann Withers of Beaver, Okla., Jerry Glenn and Kathy Withers of Huntington, Henry Micheal and Tammy Withers of Livingston, and Rickey Darrell and Lisa Withers of Hawaii; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Mattie Jean and Johnnie Kolojacko of Goodrich, Dorothy Mae Mahaffy of Pasadena, and Doris Marie and Sam Thomas of Rosharon, Texas; two brothers and sisters-in-law, H.O. "Skeet" and Marie Withers of Livingston and Andrew William and Betty Withers of Vidalia, La.; 18 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Calendar of events

TRAVIS CHRISTMAS CONCERT
 The Travis Elementary School Fifth Grade Choir will present its Christmas Choir Concert at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at the school.

MADLINE GRAVES CHRISTMAS DANCE RECITAL
 The Madeline Graves Dance & Gymnastics Center will be presenting its Christmas dance recital, "Celebrate the Music," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
 The Texas Department of Health Immunization Clinic will be offering vaccines that give protection against polio, diphtheria, tetanus (lock jaw), pertussis (whooping cough), measles, rubella and mumps. The clinic is located in the Texas Department of Health office, 600 W. Kentucky, and will be open Thursday, Dec. 14, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. The fee is based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrest in the 24-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Dec. 11

Criminal mischief to a 1990 Chevrolet pickup was reported in the 900 block of South Wells.

TUESDAY, Dec. 12

Burglary of a 1986 Nissan pickup was reported in the 2600 block of Evergreen. Stolen were stereo equipment, compact discs and a radar detector with an estimated loss of \$2,112. The theft occurred between 3:45 p.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday.

A 15-year-old girl was reported truant after she left the alternative education program at Pampa High school at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Burglary of a 1981 Chevrolet pickup was reported in the 1800 block of Grape which occurred between 8:30 p.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday. Entry was through the side vent window. Taken was \$635 in stereo equipment and compact discs.

Failure to stop and render aid was reported to have occurred in the 800 block of North Hobart between 9:30 and 10 a.m. Monday.

Sirloin Stockade reported theft of \$25 cash, a check and certified letter on Monday.

A landlord reported theft of electricity in the 400 block of North Russell which occurred earlier in December.

Cassette tapes, blanket and teddy bear were reported stolen in the 1100 block of Prairie between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday. Total loss is \$40.

West Texas Ford, 701 W. Brown, reported theft of a security lockout device from a computer. Estimated loss ranges from \$3,000 to \$7,500.

Arrest

TUESDAY, Dec. 12

Marty Leon Gibson, 33, 1905 Williston, was arrested at 1112 Sierra on a warrant alleging burglary of a habitation.

Ambulance

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

TUESDAY, Dec. 12

7:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home for a patient transfer to Coronado Hospital.

1:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of North Sumner on a medical assist and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

5:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Jorden on a lifting assistance. No patient was transported.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13

12:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of North Nelson on a fire standby. No patient was transported.

Fires

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

TUESDAY, Dec. 12

9:42 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to Braum's, 901 N. Hobart, on a fuel spill.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13

12:50 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to a structure fire at 2215 N. Nelson. Three off-duty personnel also responded. Heavy damage was reported in the dining room, northwest outside corner and the attic. Smoke damage was spread throughout the house. Damage to the home, owned by Elmer Holder, was estimated at \$20,000 by fire officials; Holder estimates the damage at \$50,000. The fire is being investigated by Fire Marshal Tom Adams.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests in the 24-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

Arrests

TUESDAY, Dec. 12

Brent J. Bradford, 32, 444 Hughes, was arrested on grand jury indictments alleging driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense; false report and bond surrender. His bonds total \$2,500 on the false report and bond surrender.

Department of Public Safety

TUESDAY, Dec. 12

Larry Dean Morgan, 43, Elk City, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

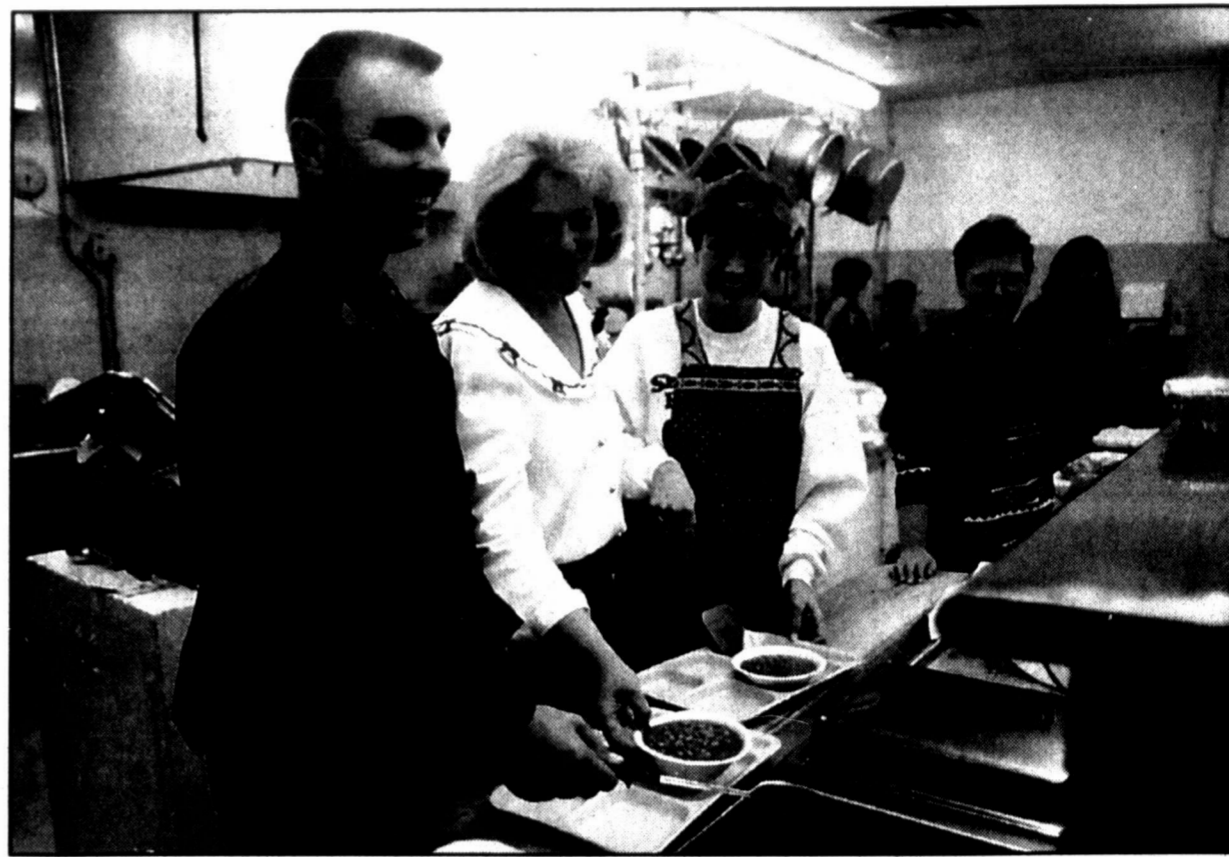
Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.		
Wheat	4.87	
Milo	5.64	
Corn	6.17	
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:		
Nowsco	13	up 47/64
Occidental	21 1/4	dn 1/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		
Magellan	91.42	
Puritan	16.85	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
Amoco	70 7/8	dn 3/8
Aroco	113 3/4	up 1/4
Cabot	49 1/4	NC
Cabot O&G	15	NC
Chevron	52 5/8	dn 1/8
Coca-Cola	80 1/4	up 1/8
Columbia/HCA	51 1/2	up 1/8
Diamond Sham	25 3/8	up 1/4
Enron	39 1/8	NC
Halliburton	47 1/4	NC
Ingersoll Rand	37	up 1/4
KNE	29 1/4	up 1/4
Kerr-McGee	59 7/8	dn 3/4
Limited	17 1/2	dn 1/8
Mapco	53 5/8	NC
McDonald's	46 1/4	up 1/8
Mobil	114 1/2	dn 1/4
New Atmos	22	dn 1/8
Parker & Parsley	20 3/8	up 1/8
Phillips	47 3/8	dn 1/8
SLB	69 3/8	NC
SPS	32 1/4	up 1/4
Tenneco	48 1/8	dn 1/4
Texaco	78 7/8	dn 1/4
Wal-Mart	23 1/2	dn 1/4
New York Gold	387.50	
Silver	5.13	
West Texas Crude	18.73	

Emergency numbers

Energas.....665-5777
 SPS.....669-7432
 Water.....669-5830

Skellytown Bean Supper



Chris Rapstine, left, Linda Cook and Kelly Nusser dish up beans and corn bread for Skellytown school's Bean Supper Tuesday night. The supper, along with the school's Christmas program, was to raise funds for the playground fund.

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Estate

Mr. Fraser testified they continued to live together, own cars together and do business together.

Laverne Devoll told the jury she and Ms. Fraser were "best friends" who talked by telephone nearly every day. Devoll said she knew of the 1987 divorce but believed the Frasers acted like a married couple. "I guess if there's common law, that's what they were," Devoll said. She agreed, however, she did not know the legal definition of common law marriage and believed it was predicated on length of time a couple lived together. She testified Ms. Fraser did not

get along with Lehnick and at one point said she did not want her sister to have "so much as one hair out of her horses' tails" should she die.

Devoll said Lehnick made Ms. Fraser's funeral arrangements and at the graveside service, Mr. Fraser stood outside the tent because there was no place for him to sit.

"What's on the gravestone?" asked Mr. Fraser's attorney John Warner.

"Keahey (Fraser's maiden name). In all due respect I think she'd roll over in her grave if she knew that," responded Devoll.

Devoll, under questioning by Lehnick's attorney, Harold Comer, denied other men slept at Ms. Fraser's Frederic Street

home after 1987.

Devoll agreed she knew some of the four men Comer asked about spending the night with Ms. Fraser.

"If it is shown in open court that Nancy Fraser, after the divorce, made remarks that she didn't care for Merle and wanted him out of her life, wanted him to go to Arizona to stay, would that surprise you?" Comer asked.

"Yeah, it would," said Devoll. Also testifying was Pat Helton, Allison, who bought three horses from the Frasers.

He said he did not know about the Arizona divorce "til this deal came up."

"I didn't know they was common married, just married," Helton said.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Cloudy tonight with a low near 42. Southwest winds 5-15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy with a windy change to cooler and a high near 65. Northwest winds 15-25 mph and gusty, diminishing later in the afternoon. Tuesday's high was 67; the overnight low was 39.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, western two-thirds and southeast section, mostly cloudy. Turning cooler northwest sections late. Lows from mid 30s to low 40s. Thursday, partly cloudy and cooler. Highs from 55 to 60 northwest to between 60 and 65 southeast. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 40-50. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs mid 60s to around 70. North Texas — Tonight, vari-

able cloudiness. Lows 54 to 60. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Windy west and central. Highs 72 west to 80 southeast.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, fair skies with increasing clouds toward morning. Lows from 40s Hill Country to 50s south central. Thursday, cloudy in the morning. Partly cloudy and warm in the afternoon. Highs in the 70s to near 80. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows from 50s inland to 60s coast. Thursday, partly cloudy and windy and warm. Highs from 80s inland to 70s coast. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy early, then patchy fog and low clouds developing. Lows in low 60s to around 60 inland, mid 60s at the coast. Thursday, morning cloudiness, becoming partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Highs in upper 70s to low 80s.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, considerable cloudiness northwest third with a chance of showers and high elevation snow showers. Partly cloudy elsewhere. Turning colder most sections by morning. Lows upper teens to mid 30s mountains and northwest with 30s to mid 40s elsewhere. Thursday, much cooler. A slight chance of morning showers and mountain snow showers north, then decreasing cloudiness during the afternoon. Partly sunny south. Highs upper 30s to upper 50s mountains and north with 60s to mid 70s lower elevations south.

Oklahoma — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows from mid 30s northwest to upper 40s southeast. Thursday, a slight chance of showers southeast. Partly cloudy elsewhere. Highs from mid 50s to mid 60s.

City briefs

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Wayne, left, and Bertie Couch pause for a moment at the counter of their cafe in Skellytown as the early morning shift of coffee drinkers changes to the mid-morning shift.

Skellytown cafe owners ready to retire — again

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

SKELLYTOWN — Wayne and Bertie Couch want to retire — again.

"My husband retired from Cabot in '87," Bertie said. "I retired from Arco in '85."

After taking a couple of years off to travel, they opened Couch's Cafe Aug. 1, 1989, on Main Street in Skellytown.

"Originally, we opened it for kind of a hobby," she said. "At first, it was just a coffee shop, but it got to be a pretty big business."

It's not hard to tell when it's lunch time in Skellytown. The street in front of Couch's is lined with trucks and cars. The tables with red and white checkered table cloths are filled with people ordering hamburgers or lining up at the buffet, which usually features such West Texas staples as chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and cream gravy. A desert is included, but when Lahoma Paul brings homemade fudge and peanut brittle, the cake sometimes gets overlooked.

Each table has its own bottle of Louisiana Hot Sauce. Lahoma Paul glides from table to table refreshing iced tea glasses and cups of coffee.

Soft drinks are available but not from the soda fountain behind the counter with its revolving stools.

"This used to be a drug store," said Paul.

"We're going to give it up and rest a while," she said. "I've been working 28 years."

Skellytown to name new gym after former coach and teacher

SKELLYTOWN — Twenty years after the new gymnasium was built at the Skellytown school, it is getting a name.

"We have two gyms here," said Kay May, principal of the Skellytown school. "We've just always referred to them as the new gym and the old gym."

The old gym was built in the 1930s. The new gym was added in the 1970s.

"We've just called it the new gym all these years," May said. "After 20 years, we're going to name it. We're going to name it for Tommie Thornburg who worked in our district 27 years."

Thornburg was a coach and junior high teacher. Even after he

The fountain isn't hooked up anymore. Wayne Couch comes down about 5:30 a.m. every day to start the coffee.

"He can't wait to get up and get down here each morning," Bertie said. "There's one man in town who comes down here to get a cup of coffee every morning on his way to work in Pampa."

They're normally open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"There's nobody stirring at 5:30 in the morning except him and one other man," she said of her husband.

The place has been a cafe for close to 15 years. The Couches have had it for almost half that time, but they're fixing to move to Pampa. The cafe will most likely be sold.

"The town people, the working people, have been real good to us," she said. "This is one little town where everybody sticks together. I'll miss 'em, but I'll come back and visit."

Bertie moved to Pampa in 1955. Wayne moved to Pampa in 1949.

"I was working out of Borger," she said. "He was working out of Pampa. We moved here so we could split the drive."

But after a half dozen years of a second career, both are ready to take it easy.

"We're going to give it up and rest a while," she said. "I've been working 28 years."

retired, he continued to work part time with the students in Skellytown.

"This is the first year that he hasn't been here working," May said.

May said they had decided to name the gym after him because of his impact on the students who have gone through the school and on the community itself.

"We feel that he was a positive influence on many people who still live here," the principal said. Scheduled for Jan. 15, the school is planning a ceremony to name the gym for Thornburg.

"We're inviting all his friends and ex-students to attend," May said.

Safety advocates fear NAFTA highways

AUSTIN (AP) — Truck safety advocates, including an accident victim, say the state's highways will turn increasingly deadly unless more steps are taken to make sure Mexican trucks meet Texas standards.

Mexican truckers gain complete access to Texas highways on Dec. 18 in the latest step toward full implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"If the state becomes a NAFTA super-highway corridor, Texans can look forward to an epidemic of deadly truck crashes, loss of loved ones and the deterioration of our roads," Karen Clancy said Tuesday. She was seriously injured in a crash involving an American truck driver two years ago that killed her husband and father-in-law.

"I don't want other families to suffer what I and my family have suffered," she said.

Ms. Clancy spoke on behalf of Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways (CRASH), which joined consumer groups and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in calling for President Clinton to delay the Dec. 18 start date and in urging Gov. George W. Bush to hold public hearings on the matter.

A bipartisan delegation of 35 U.S. House members, many of whom are vocal opponents of NAFTA, are sending a letter to Clinton this week also urging a delay.

They want comprehensive highway safety and enforcement programs in place before the borders to Texas and other southwestern states are opened to Mexican truck traffic.

"In our view, the safety of Americans in our Mexican border states is about to be seriously compromised," the lawmakers wrote.

Currently, Mexican trucks can enter a 17-mile border strip. Beyond that point, they must leave their trailers behind for pickup by U.S. trucks.

Beginning Dec. 18, trucks from Mexico can travel throughout Texas.

Even though the Mexican trucks will have to meet federal and state safety standards, critics of the expanded access fear a host of problems and worry that adequate enforcement resources are lacking to weed out unsafe trucks and drivers.

They suggest that Mexican trucks that are overweight or lack good brakes will venture onto U.S. roads, handled by drivers who lack adequate training and insurance, and don't have to be specially licensed to haul hazardous materials.

"Gov. Bush believes that any trucks — whether they be Mexican or American — should adhere to Texas safety and weight standards," said Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan. "The Department of Public Safety has additional license and weight

troopers to enforce those standards." Sullivan added that no further public hearings would be called. He said the Department of Transportation already has conducted several hearings.

Sherri Deatherage Green, a DPS spokeswoman, said 109 troopers over the next two years will be phased into the license and weight division of the agency to enforce truck safety laws. Of those, 85 will focus on the increased truck traffic anticipated as a result of NAFTA; 70 will be stationed near the border, Ms. Green said.

"The new troopers will help us quite a bit," said Sgt. Mauricio Cantu, of the DPS license and weight division. "The Mexican trucking companies have known they will have to meet our standards since 1989. So it's not like NAFTA and Department of Transportation regulations just jumped up and said, 'Here we are.'"

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, who has campaigned against the increased access, said that less than 5 percent of Mexican trucks inspected in Texas have adequate brakes and other equipment needed to operate safely.

More than 70 percent of the trade between the United States and Mexico passes through Texas, three-fourths of which is moved by truck.

Woman dies more than ten years after fiery plane crash

EDOM, Texas (AP) — More than 10 years after the fiery crash of Delta Airlines Flight 191 at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, Kathy Christy McGee Ford is dead.

Mrs. Ford, 46, died Monday after experiencing breathing difficulties. She suffered massive brain damage and severe burns in the Aug. 2, 1985, crash of the L-1011 that was trying to land in a thunderstorm.

The crash killed 137 people, including one person on the ground, and injured 27 others.

At the time of the crash, Mrs. Ford was returning from a business trip to Florida. She had been paralyzed and unable to talk in the 10 years since the crash.

Mrs. Ford, a Fort Worth computer software saleswoman and the mother of two teenagers, was described Tuesday by longtime family friend Debi Moore of Fort Worth as "a very gorgeous, intelligent person, really positive, crazy about her kids, involved in her job."

Carol Christy of Fort Worth, who last saw her older sister in September, said Mrs. Ford will be remembered as "a great sister."

"It's a terrible loss, but she's in a better place," said Ms. Christy, 45. "And she's got a brand-new body. And she's got a smile on her face. I know she's better off

than the condition she was in. It was horrible."

After the crash, in which she also was burned severely, Mrs. Ford spent seven months at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas and 3 1/2 years at a rehabilitation center.

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Opinion

Gun law represents hassle and red tape

Many rejoiced when Gov. George W. Bush signed a bill authorizing Texans to carry concealed handguns if they first secure the proper license. It was seen as an assertion of Second Amendment rights to keep and bear arms.

The measure, which becomes effective Jan. 1, will probably not significantly affect the number of guns on the street. Criminals won't suddenly be motivated to pay for mandated training and licenses, and most law-abiding residents will probably not be any more inclined to pack weapons in public. And others who want handgun permits may prefer not to spend the required \$140 for the two-year license - plus the cost of the prerequisite training classes.

In addition, many libertarians, who are among the most ardent supporters of Second Amendment rights, balk at the notion that they must pay to register themselves as gun owners. They see the law as just another means by which the government can build a database to keep track of citizens, compromising their privacy.

Right-to-carry proponents contend the licenses are purchased voluntarily, and will only be issued after background test and training sessions have been conducted. But that doesn't quell the concerns of those who say a few hours of classes and target practice aren't adequate preparation for any confrontation in which someone feels the need to use a weapon against another person.

Those concerns have led to widespread enactment of yet more regulations, as government agencies and private entities enact firearms prohibitions in their buildings, buses and other places.

McAllen city commissioners on Monday voted to outlaw weapons in city buildings, and other cities and counties across the state have passed similar bans. The state Transportation Department on Thursday is also expected to consider prohibiting firearms at all buildings and property under its control.

Gun bans are a logical reaction to the fear that more Texans will carry weapons once the new law takes effect. Even if that fear doesn't prove true, local officials who have to deal with gun-related injuries and deaths - particularly among the state's youth - would rather not take any chances.

McAllen probably won't be the last city in the Rio Grande Valley to pass a weapons ban in its buildings.

The proliferation of new rules prohibiting firearms in public places takes some punch out of the new law before it even takes effect. Those who fought so hard for the concealed weapons legislation may be disappointed that local restrictions will counteract the rights implicit in those permits.

They are left with the question of whether their increasingly restricted right to carry weapons was worth the fight.

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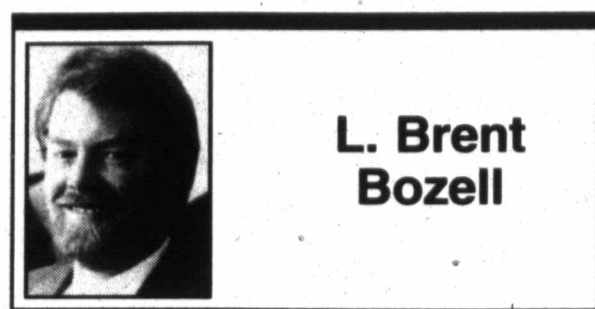
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Cronkite's old-fashioned liberalism

As America heads into a very incremental conservative direction - containing the growth of government to a few points ahead of the rate of inflation - our media decry an age of shrieking extremes. But, in reality, they only see one extreme. Take the following from the nation's most trusted ex-news anchor, Walter Cronkite, as a case study in the other "shrieking extreme."

In a recent discussion on Tim Russert's CNBC talk show, Cronkite suggested extremists - i.e., conservatives - threaten the future of the Republican Party: "I've thought all along that the Republican challenge that they face is to get through a convention that does not turn into a 1964 imbroglio between conservatives and moderates, driving the moderates out of the party as they did in '64, to their own destruction in the next elections. I still think that danger hangs out there for them. It could even be that they now presumably, mostly conservative candidate - for instance, Dole - if he wins that nomination, could go to the convention determined not to get so far to the right that he can't be elected and displeasing the extreme right to the point that the convention begins to fall apart on an attempt for an extremely right platform."

OK, that's the boring (and incorrect) everyday analysis we've become accustomed to from the chattering heads on the network news. But it got interesting when Cronkite proceeded to insult conservatives and, just for fun, everyone living outside the Eastern seaboard as less than enlightened on race: "We may be a little bit blinded here in the East by ... what the conservatives have always said is our Eastern establishment liberalism. I'm sure that it's true because I've traveled the country that in a



L. Brent Bozell

lot of other sections of the country there is not as much willingness to accept a black as I think there is around these areas. But I have a feeling that a Powell, a man of his dignity, of his decorum, of his approach to issues, I think could do it."

Now, kissing Powell's ring is a very establishment thing to do, but what would Cronkite do about black America's struggle with poverty and dependency? Cronkite sounds like a 1964 Democrat: "It seems to me that it is so clear what it takes to bring us together is some intelligent investment in the black communities to give them a shot at life with housing, with health care, with education, primarily child care. These things we've got to spend some money on. We're letting them fester there to the degree that we're citing hatred on their part, and we are permitting among uninformed whites a distaste for them because they think they are no good, uninterested in work and their families and so forth. That's not so, that's not so."

Is this man serious? Is Cronkite seriously suggesting that we haven't been "Spending some money" to solve our social problems for thirty years

now? That we've been "letting them fester" by not spending more than a few trillion on Great Society programs? And are supporters of welfare reform nothing more than (racist) "uniformed whites"?

Keeping with his finely fermented version of liberalism, Cronkite uncorked on Russert that the fault for black poverty is properly assigned to society, not individuals: "You put anybody in that kind of an economic crunch that those people are in, without any escape, and you're going to get the kind of deterioration in society that is happening. It's our problem, not theirs - not ours alone, they've got to do a lot themselves, but they can't lift themselves by their own bootstraps. That idea of, you know, turn them loose and they'll somehow or other make it work if they've got anything in them. That's a bunch of rubbish."

Russert then asked: "What message do you think they're hearing out of Washington right now?" Cronkite replied: "I think they're hearing the worst possible message out of Washington right now. I think they're hearing a message of harshness far beyond any rationality that they can see in the figures and the numbers that are coming out of there and the intentions that are coming out of there."

Cronkite is right: What we're hearing out of Washington right now is devoid of rationality. Heck, it's devoid of mathematics. "Drastic reductions in social programs"? Where are these people's calculators? Either Cronkite is ignorant - which he's not - or he's being disingenuous.

At the peak of his career, Walter Cronkite strode the world of television news like a colossus, admired and trusted by millions of Americans. It's too bad that all Cronkite has to offer the public in his retirement is the back of his hand in contempt.



Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Dec. 13, the 347th day of 1995. There are 18 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 13, 1944, during World War II, the U.S. cruiser Nashville, the flagship of an invasion fleet headed for Mindoro Island in the Philippines, was badly damaged in a Japanese "kamikaze" suicide attack which claimed 138 lives.

On this date:
In 1577, Sir Francis Drake of England set out with five ships on a nearly three-year journey that would take him around the world.

In 1642, Dutch navigator Abel Tasman arrived in present-day New Zealand.

In 1835, Phillips Brooks, the American Episcopal bishop who wrote the words to "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was born in Boston.

In 1862, Union forces suffered a major defeat at the hands of the Confederates at the Battle of Fredericksburg.

In 1918, President Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit a European country while in office.

Just who does it belong to, anyway?

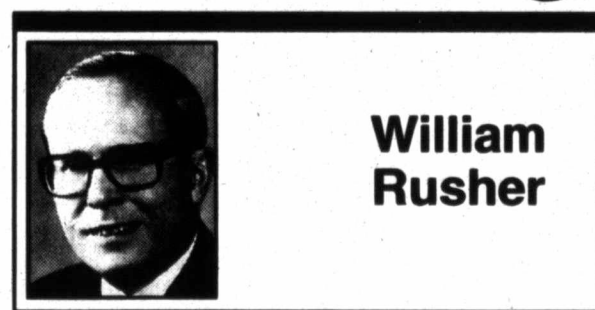
Every once in a while one of the disputants in Washington's incessant policy wars blunders and says something that is unintentionally revealing. That happened to *The New Republic* in its Dec. 4 issue, in the course of an editorial attacking the Republican proposal to cut taxes by \$245 billion.

The New Republic complains crossly that "The \$500-per-child credit that represents roughly two-thirds of the tax cut is essentially a thank-you present to the Christian right, an expensive nod to family values."

A little further on, this interesting argument appears: "... if anyone wanted further evidence that the tax credit is based on political influence rather than need, just look at who won't get it. The credit is non-refundable. You write it off your taxes. If, however, you are too poor to pay taxes (the condition, for instance, of a two-child family earning \$20,000 and receiving the Earned Income Tax Credit), you don't get any money."

Now, look closely at those last five words: "... you don't get any money." It sounds obscurely unfair, doesn't it? Money is being ladled out, but the poor don't get any.

Yet consider a moment: Where did this money come from that is being ladled out to the relatively prosperous? It came out of their own pockets. It is money that they earned, but which the federal government has hitherto been taking from them in taxes. What the Republican bill would do is



William Rusher

allow them to subtract \$500 from those taxes for each child they have. Since the poor don't pay any taxes, they have no tax payment to omit or reduce - and hence they "don't get any money."

What *The New Republic's* complaint reveals, inadvertently, is how liberals really think the economy operates, or at least ought to operate. Wealth is not the legitimate property of the people who create - i.e. earn - it, to be taxed and taken from them only to the extent necessary for proper governmental purposes.

On the contrary, in the view of liberals like the one who wrote that unsigned editorial in *The New Republic*, the whole gross national product belongs by rights to the federal government. Some of it will be used for such noncontroversial governmental purposes as defense, etc. Another chunk of it will be parceled out as the government sees fit, to those

it considers deserving. What's left over can then revert to those who earned it in the first place.

In this liberal view, it is only fair that both those who pay taxes and those who don't should "get money" when money previously destined to be extracted solely from taxpayers is left, instead, in their pockets.

An essentially similar shell game underlies the familiar complaint that, under this or that tax-reduction proposal, a person earning \$30,000 a year would benefit to the tune of "only" (say) \$87, while someone making \$300,000 a year would see his taxes reduced by \$10,000, or whatever. No one pauses to point out that the former individual paid in the first place only a tiny fraction of the taxes paid by the high earner - perhaps a few hundred dollars, compared to the latter's \$75,000 or \$100,000.

It would be far more honest if the liberals would just say openly what they secretly believe; that unequal personal incomes are inherently unfair, and that the highest purpose of taxes is not to cover legitimate governmental costs but to redistribute income more equally.

The reason they don't say this openly is that they know the great majority of the American people disagree with them. Wealth, it cannot be said too often, is not something Uncle Sam finds under his pillow and that he ought, by rights, to distribute equally to all his children. It is the product of individual human effort.

'Money Train' betrays Hollywood's greed

In the just-released movie *The Money Train*, two criminals squirt a flammable liquid into a token booth in a New York subway station and then set the booth ablaze with the clerk inside. Two days after the film was released, two thugs did exactly the same thing in Brooklyn. In the movie, the clerk escapes the burning booth. In reality, things turned out differently. The booth didn't just burn, it exploded in flame, and Henry Kaufman, the 50-year-old clerk who was inside the booth when it was attacked, is now in intensive care, with third-degree burns covering 80% of his body. He may not survive, and even if he does, he is suffering, and he will continue to suffer terribly.

Sen. Bob Dole has called for the film to be recalled. In 1993, the Disney studio recalled and re-cut its movie *The Program* after a copycat incident. In the film, high school football players tested their mettle by lying down in the center of highways - a particularly suicidal game of Russian roulette. When several actual high-schoolers imitated the characters in the film, one at the cost of his life, Disney hastened to recall the movie.

But in the wake of the horrific copycat crime attributable to *The Money Train*, Columbia Pictures has refused comment except to express dismay at the crime. Meanwhile, all of the usual suspects, Jack Valenti of the Motion Picture Association, Ed Asner, former president of the Screen Actors Guild, and others, have come forward to denounce - guess who? Sen. Dole for "intimidating" the film industry!

These people have raised free expression to the level of a fetish, blocking out everything else - good



Mona Charen

citizenship, responsibility, simple compassion - in its name. They worship free expression as a god, which is another way of saying that they worship themselves and their own selfish interests.

If any other corporate executive had peddled something on the market that turned out to be harmful - a faulty car, an impure food, a polluting substance in the rivers - Hollywood liberals would be unstinting in their moral condemnation. Indeed, they have been, ad nauseam. But when they themselves market a dangerous product, they not only fail to apologize or correct the problem, but they accuse their critics of undermining the U.S. Constitution. And they have the chutzpah to claim that the law of the marketplace - the fact that ugly and degrading films make money - somehow exonerates them from moral culpability. Ed Asner said a dozen times on *Crossfire* that he blames the American people for watching the stuff.

Liberals are supposed to pride themselves on their compassion for the little guy. But the

wealthy, insulated filmmakers of Hollywood show remarkably little compassion for Henry Kaufman or others like him. *Natural Born Killers*, the Oliver Stone celebration of mindless violence, spawned several copycat crimes around the nation, as have other Hollywood offerings. "You can't blame the writers or directors," Mark Johnson, producer of *X*, told the *Los Angeles Times*. "Those guys who committed the tollbooth crime weren't law-abiding citizens who would have been home doing their homework had they not seen the film." (Johnson did acknowledge however that filmmakers have to "think long and hard" about what they put into their movies.)

Jack Valenti has been extremely well-paid for 30 years for saying basically one thing: If you don't like it, you can turn it off. It's the parents' responsibility to monitor their children's viewing.

Well, that only takes you so far. We are, after all, a community. And while millions of parents do take the time to supervise what their kids are watching, they are right to worry about what their kids' friends are seeing.

The Hollywood apologists are right that films alone don't turn law-abiding people into arsonists. But they fail to make the simple deduction that follows. Since there are so many borderline people in our troubled society, doesn't Hollywood have an obligation not to throw a match on the kindling? Why do we need movies that glorify violence and cruelty at all? For all its vainglory, it turns out that Hollywood's conscience cannot compete with its wallet.

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Lovett Library staff picks

The Cousins by Rona Jaffe

A wise, wonderful novel of family loyalties and disloyalties, of secrets, choices, and compromises, from the bestselling author of *Class Reunion*. Twice-divorced Olivia who, after a difficult past, wants security and serenity most of all, is faced with a choice that may separate her from her family — and so from her very self.

Justice by Faye Kellerman

Summoned to investigate the murder of a high school prom queen, LAPD detective Sergeant Peter Decker is immersed in a ruthless world where young lives are punctuated by mindless sex, illicit drugs and tenuous links to reality. When a prime suspect is identified, Decker has the feeling that the case has not been exhaustively covered — certain facts just don't add up.

Mr. Ives' Christmas by Oscar Hijuelos

From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author comes a moving, insightful story of one man's struggle with loss of faith. Mr. Ives is pursuing the typical American dream, with a successful career in advertising, a wife and two children, when his perfect life is shattered by the senseless Christmas murder of his son, Robert, who is studying for the priesthood. Consumed by grief, Mr. Ives begins to question the very foundations of his life and embarks on a painful quest in search of spiritual peace, to put his world back into perspective.

The Trickster by Muriel Gray

A bizarre killer is on the loose in the Canadian Rockies. A

young police officer is found murdered and mutilated, a truck driver is found frozen in his truck, doors and windows closed, with snowdrifts inside the cab. For Sam Hunt, who turned his back on his Indian roots, the terror is especially strong: he's been having black-outs, waking up miles away from where he started, with no memory of what he has done. *The Trickster* is a terrifying suspense novel, with the kind of writing that drives millions to the books of Stephen King and Dean Koontz.

The Moral Compass by William Bennett

The author of the enormously successful *The Book of Virtues* and the conservative point man for traditional values presents a companion volume to his earlier collection. Designed for the whole family, a compendium of classic stories, poems and essays demonstrates the value of good morals, character and mental balance at any age. The selections, organized according to the stages on life's way — from Going into the World to Life's Closing — are drawn from cultures around the world, bringing together the finest minds of any generation.

Amazing Grace by Jonathan Kozol

The personal stories of five impoverished American children is a testament to the extreme conditions under which they are forced to survive. Revealing the impact of violence, disease, drug abuse and other social problems, the account also considers how the dedication of community leaders and the love of their fam-

ilies have provided these five with the ability to dream. Finally, the author speculates on the ultimate price that our nation pays by supporting — and neglecting — such children.

My American Journey by Colin Powell

A heartfelt personal memoir by Colin Powell, a four-star general and the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, describes his childhood in the South Bronx; Army achievements in Vietnam; experiences as a presidential advisor; efforts in Desert Storm and the invasion of Panama; and relationships with presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton. He additionally offers his own personal views on the political landscape of America.

Other New Fiction Books:

Waller — *Puerto Vallarta Squeeze*
Adams — *A Southern Exposure*
Tan — *The Hundred Secret Senses*
Michener — *Miracle in Seville*
Lescroart — *A Certain Justice*
Juarez — *Call No Man Master*
Golding — *The Double Tongue*
Perretti — *The Oath*
Boyle — *The Tortilla Curtain*
Rossi — *Split Skirt*

Other New Non-Fiction Books...

Canfield — *A 2nd Helping of Chicken Soup*
Smith — *Beyond All Reason*
Lafayette — *Why Don't You Have Kids?*
Roberts — *John Wayne, American*
Anderson — *My Life in High Heels*
DeGeneres — *My Point & I Do Have One*
Penick — *For All Who Love the Game*

Saint Vincent's Honor roll

St. Vincent De Paul school recently announced its honor rolls for the second six weeks grading period of the 1995-1996 school year.

A Honor Roll

Jordan Albracht, Nicole Bowles, Bliss Davis, Celine Engelmann, Sebastien Engelmann, Jay Gerber,

Monica Johnson, Jamie Juan, Stephanie McVay, Angela Mechelay, Taylor Meyer, Samantha Pereira, Zed Richards, Brittany Tomaschik, Gregory Wariner and Ashley Zimmer.

A-B Honor Roll

Sara Albracht, Ross Andreen, Wendy Arreola, Kevin Brown,

Nick Burklow, Isabell Chavez, Jesse Chavez, Noah Davis, Jacquelyn Garrison, Jackie Gerber, Rob Hutchison, Katie Kirkpatrick, Kaleigh Lucas, Natalie McVay, Eddie Palma, Ben Ponce, Kirk Velasquez, Angela Watson, Abby Weaver and Grant Zimmer.

BIG NATE'S SECRET SANTA by Lincoln Peirce



Wilson Elementary Honor Roll

Woodrow Wilson Elementary School recently announced their honor roll for the second six weeks grading period of the 1995-96 school year.

Second grade

Chelsea Anderson, Alicia Anguiano, Elizabeth Brooks, Cooper Crow, Adeena Dallas, Jordan Douglas, Karli Douglas, Zack Estep, Robert Goodin, Dylan Henley, Kayla Hernandez, Brandi Holden, Jon McCoy, Richard Middleton, Julie Pilkington, Vanessa Resendez,

Third grade

Kristen Boyd, Brandi Carpenter, Tad Coombes, Alicia Dallas, Trey Davis, Bridget Drinnon, Lyndsey Dyer, Shanna Horton, Natasha Martinez, Ashley McLean, Wendi Miller, Stephanie Nidiffer, Amanda Rasmussen, Misty Reed, Shayla Smith, Nicole Sonier, Philip Staab and Lance Valdez.

Fourth grade

Cody Atwood, Brad Britton, Christina Cortez, Colt Cox,

Heather Hall, Melissa Land, Haley Levick, Lauren Peercy, Michael Peralta, Cara Pryor, Teri Rollins, Luis Silva, Joshua Tabor, Ashley Winton and Zack Woodruff.

Fifth grade

Joshua Cook, Michael Crain, Alexander Davila, Brad Holden, Jordan Klaus, Casey Lee, Lori Lockridge, Lisa Mayhugh, Zack McCoy, Dusti Miller, Rebecca Moore, Levi Quackenbush, Jon Scott, Christina Silva, Carlos Solis, Bridget Stephenson, Reece Watson and Liz West.

Bingo halls want Lottery Commission's permission to install video slot machines

AUSTIN (AP) — Bingo halls want to use video slot machines similar to those now in use at video arcades and criticized as a child's gateway to gambling, the *Austin American-Statesman* reports.

Slot machines bearing names like "Double Diamonds" and "Wild Cherry" — identical except for the prizes to those found in Las Vegas casinos — have been in use for more than a year in Texas arcades.

They are legal under the "Fuzzy Animal Bill," a 1993 law that said the slot machines are allowed as long as winnings are limited to trinkets.

"My 10-year-old daughter gambles when she goes to the pizza parlor because she gets ... tickets that she can exchange for a doll, a comb or a brush," said state Sen. Frank Madla, D-San Antonio, member of a special Senate committee investigating bingo.

"But I'm going to tell my mother, who is 83 years old, that she can't go to a bingo hall and put 50 cents in a machine and get a ticket she can redeem? Does that make sense?"

The *American-Statesman* said in an article published Tuesday that the presence of slot machines in arcades is offered as precedent by bingo industry officials who want the Texas Lottery Commission to approve what could become the

most casino-like gambling devices used in Texas.

The Tigua Indians, operating under federal law, have 150 of the casino-like "pull-tab" machines at the gaming hall on their reservation near El Paso.

At issue is a pending decision concerning dispensers that can legally sell pull-tabs at bingo parlors. Pull-tabs are similar to scratch-off lottery tickets and have been legal in Texas bingo halls since 1984.

Until this year, pull-tabs could only be sold person-to-person. The Legislature's rewrite of the state bingo law this year cleared the way for "electronic or mechanical" dispensers, pending adoption of guidelines by the Lottery Commission.

The dispensers range from simple devices likened to stamp dispensers to machines festooned with video displays similar to casino machines.

Under state law, the maximum prize offered on pull-tabs is \$500. No more than five machines are allowed in one hall.

"These attract people who haven't necessarily been in a bingo hall," said Steven Hieronymus of Austin, managing partner of Trend Gaming Systems, a distributor for a slot machine-like pull-tab dispenser. "For them, this is something new. It's graphical. It's exciting. It says, 'Play me.'"

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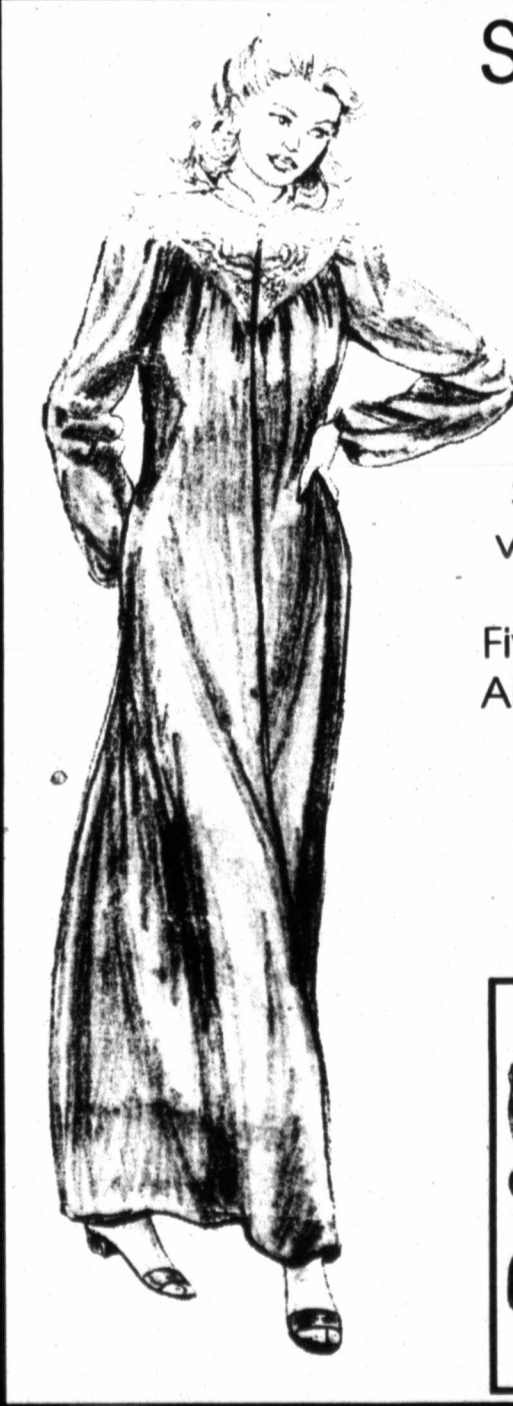
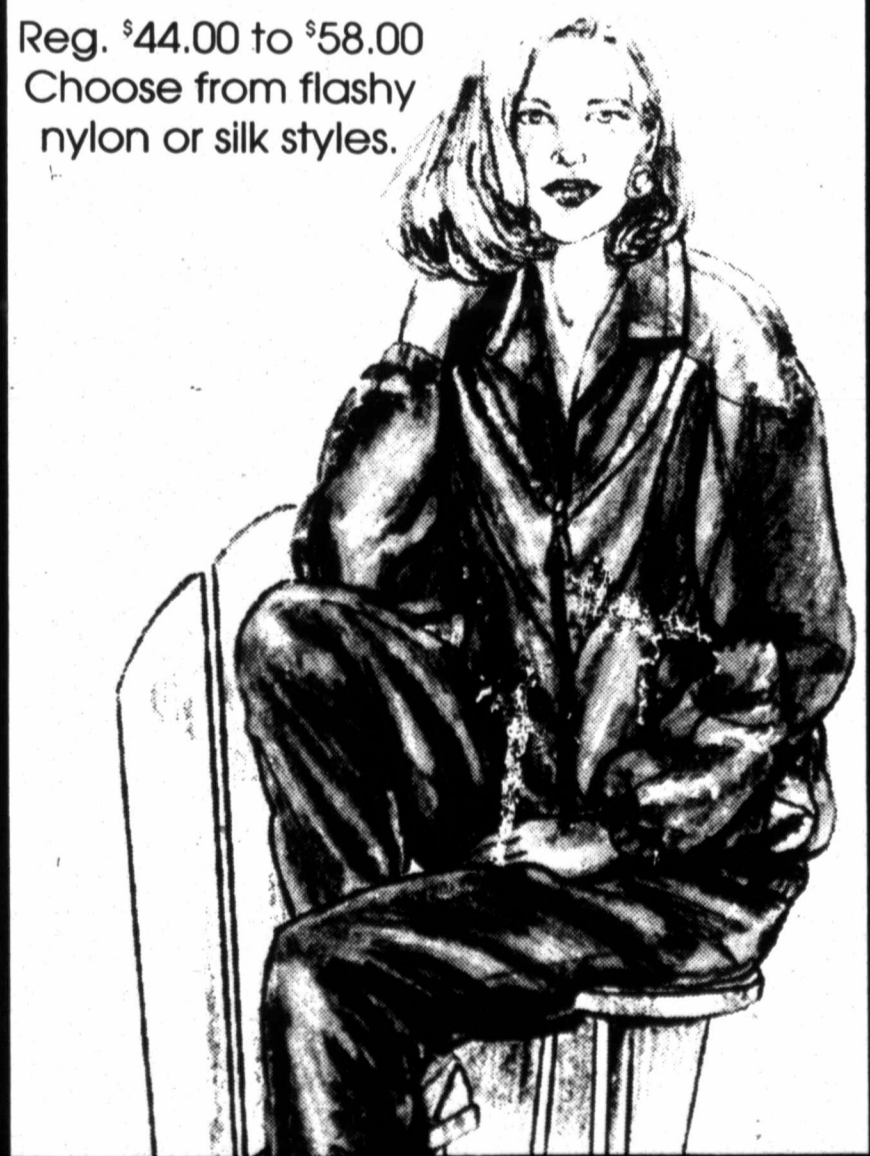


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Massachusetts textile mill complex explodes, fire rages throughout night injuring thirty-three people

By ROBERT W. TROTT
Associated Press Writer

METHUEN, Mass. (AP) — An explosion of fire that raged through the night at a textile mill complex was declared under control Tuesday after injuring 33 people, eight critically. Hundreds of workers faced loss of their jobs.

The initial explosion, possibly in a boiler, was so powerful that it blew out the sprinkler system of the Malden Mills complex, leading to the destruction of four of the five buildings in the complex. Tuesday, remnants of brick walls stood amid smoking piles of twisted metal and rubble.

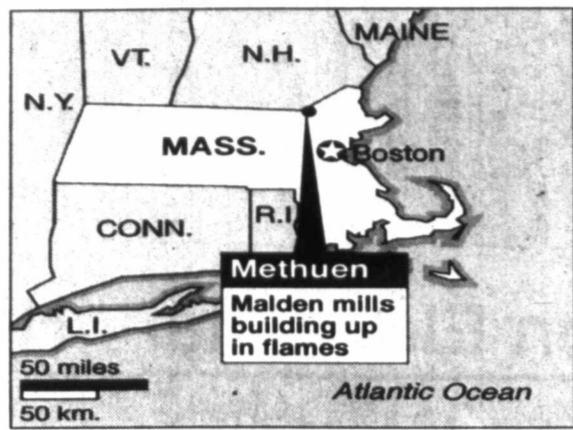
"There was an explosion and the roof went up," said Roland Brouillard, who lives near the mill.

As chunks of burning debris flew into the frigid air, evacuated employees watched their livelihoods go up as well.

"I hate to see our jobs go," said Dave Arlitt, a mill foreman. "It looks like it'll be a while before we go back."

Some 600-700 people were at work Monday night. Some workers said that their supervisors told them the fire had been contained in the first building, and they should shut off their machines but remain inside. Then smoke began to fill their building.

More than 1,400 people worked at the mills; the company employs 3,100 people. "All of those jobs are in jeopardy," Methuen



Coan was unable to confirm initial reports that an 8 p.m. boiler explosion started the fire, which quickly engulfed the first building. Little more than an hour later, the fire spread to a second building. The third and fourth mill buildings went up before midnight.

"Malden Mills is a mill building. It has all the hazards of a mill building — lint and chemicals and hazardous materials of that nature," said Methuen Fire Chief Ken Bourassa.

Bourassa said "the initial explosion was so intense that it blew out the sprinkler system."

Icy winds of 45 mph, and a water shortage caused by building walls collapsing on fire lines, hampered firefighters' efforts to control the blaze.

Cinders from burning wood rained down on nearby businesses and homes, causing at least one other fire.

Malden Mills' four buildings and a warehouse are located in an industrial area on the north side of the Merrimack River, near the Lawrence border, about 26 miles north of Boston.

Thick black smoke spread across Methuen, Lawrence and North Andover, and the sound of sirens filled the air for miles around, as firefighters and ambulances from at least 30 cities and towns in New Hampshire and Massachusetts came to help fight the blaze, authorities reported.

Mayor Dennis DiZoglio said.

Company officials said Tuesday that they would rebuild.

Malden Mills, which makes everything from upholstery fabrics to fleece for clothing, was the area's biggest employer, providing jobs that paid \$10-\$12 per hour for blue-collar workers and doing about \$500 million in sales each year.

The company, which filed for bankruptcy protection in the 1980s, made a turnaround with its development of Polartec, a synthetic warming material used by products sold by many of the most popular outdoors stores.

State Fire Marshal Stephen Coan said his office and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were investigating what he called "a very major fire."

Family, investigators ask for clues in body snatching

DALLAS (AP) — Relatives of a Texas Tech University honors student whose body was snatched from her grave a year ago are asking for help in solving the case.

"Please come forward and confess," mother Patsy Lee pleaded Tuesday. "I know that's asking a lot of someone. But we would really appreciate it."

Investigators and the family of 20-year-old Melinda Ann Lee appeared at a Dallas news conference Tuesday, hoping to generate clues in the case. No arrests have been made.

Miss Lee died Dec. 7, 1994, from injuries suffered in an Oct. 14 traffic accident involving a drunken driver in Lubbock.

Authorities say three days after her funeral, someone bored through a concrete vault and cut a hole in her coffin at Restland Memorial Park, between north Dallas and Richardson. A newspaper carrier found her nude corpse beside a rural road in far south Dallas three days later.

Authorities remain baffled. They have taken the case to FBI behavioral science experts in Quantico, Va., although Dallas

County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Danny Chandler would not reveal what their study revealed.

"The offender might still be in this area ... he may have discussed this case with someone. There may be someone that's close to this case that may come forward," Chandler said. "We hope to flush out a lead, a clue, that will lead us to this offender."

Investigators have questioned Texas Tech students in search of clues. They have tried to track down students from class lists, fraternity rosters and Miss Lee's diary.

Army plans internal probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The killing of a black couple last week in North Carolina, allegedly by two white soldiers, is prompting the Army to launch a service-wide investigation of troop connections with extremist and racist groups.

In announcing the investigation Tuesday, Army Secretary Togo West said he wanted a fresh examination of "the climate throughout the Army among America's soldiers" with regard to extremism, including white supremacist views.

A task force headed by Maj. Gen. Larry Jordan, the Army's deputy inspector general, is to report its findings and recommendations by March 1, 1996.

Army regulations explicitly prohibit soldiers from active involvement in extremist groups, including those espousing white supremacist views or advocating violence. But there is no prohibition on mere membership in such groups, as long as the soldier is not involved in public rallies, distribution of literature, raising funds, recruiting members or attending meetings.

Links between soldiers and extremist groups "is not wide-

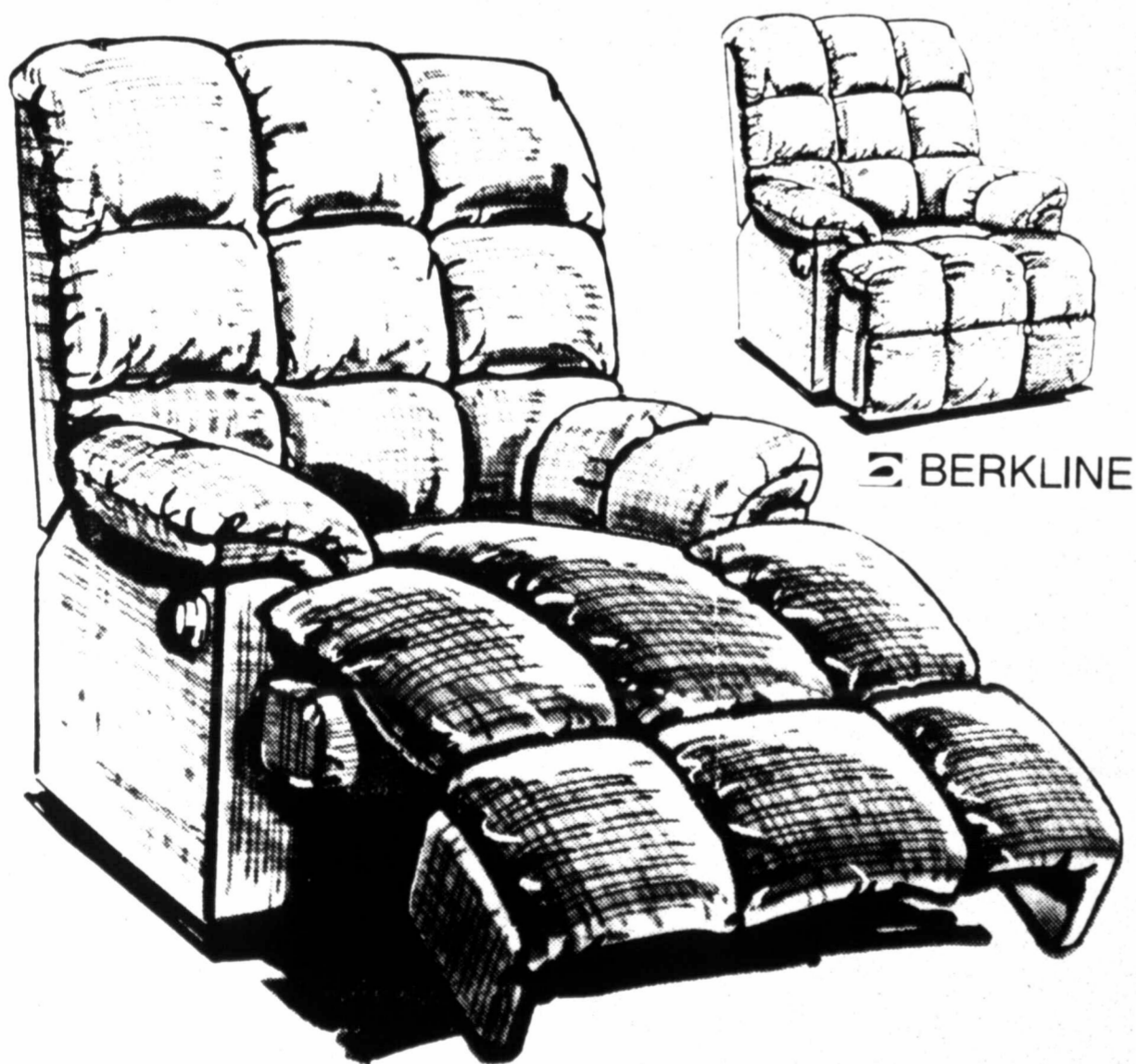
spread. This is not an army that is beset by these kinds of extremist memberships," West said this morning on NBC. "What we would like to do is to make sure that we are as comfortable with our knowledge as we think we are."

West expressed sympathy for the families of the couple killed on a street in Fayetteville, N.C., outside Fort Bragg, which is home to several elite Army units, including the 82nd Airborne Division and the 18th Airborne Corps.

"I am personally saddened that any American would commit an act of such senseless violence, and it is especially painful to me that the acts are alleged to have been committed by United States soldiers," West told a Pentagon news conference.

Police say James Norman Burmeister II, 20, and Malcolm Wright, 21, both privates based at Fort Bragg, confronted a black couple, Michael James, 36, and Jackie Burden, 27, as they walked on a downtown street Dec. 7. Police say Burmeister and Wright shot both of them in the head. The men were charged initially with murder; authorities on Tuesday added charges of conspiracy to commit murder.

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World briefs

China sentences dissident to 14 years in prison
BEIJING (AP) — China's bold-est advocate of democracy and human rights, Wei Jingsheng, was convicted today of trying to overthrow the government and sentenced to 14 years in prison.

Wei, 45, already has spent 16 years in detention for his pro-democracy activities. A guilty verdict was almost a foregone conclusion because most criminal trials in China result in convictions.

In the first details of the government's case against Wei, the nationally televised evening news said he bought newspaper companies, tried to set up companies to support the democratic movement and strategized with dissidents overseas to overthrow the government.

"It's all rubbish," said Wei's sister, Shanshan. "The Chinese government is shameless. They operate like an organized crime group that pays no attention to the law."

Best seller scrutinized for similarities to 1973 book

ROME (AP) — Susanna Tamaro has reigned on Italy's best seller list for 89 weeks with a slim, simple tale about an ailing grandmother's search for truth and peace of mind.

The book, which its publisher says has sold 2 million copies in Italy, has created a sensation in a country where best sellers usually don't top several hundred thousand.

Now the novel, *Vi' dove ti porta il cuore* (Go Where Your Heart Leads You), is making a different kind of splash: Milan daily *Corriere della Sera*, based on a free-lancer's research, wrote last week that the book bears many similarities to a 1973 work of the same title by a French Benedictine monk.

Dechanet's book contains several literary images similar to Tamaro's, such as references to the "lymph fluid," or sap, of trees when talking about life and death, *Corriere della Sera* said. In both books, the narrator talks to trees and can't stand the sound of bells, the newspaper said.

Community Calendar

December

1-25 — **TOYS FOR TOTS TIME.** Helping children to have a brighter Christmas. People may take toys to the following places: Central Fire Station, 203 W. Foster; Rural/Metro office, 120 N. Gray; or to 203 E. Tuke. For more information, call Tony Davis at 665-3442.

7-18 — **WHEELER CARE CENTER** and rehab residents are sponsoring a **COAT DRIVE** in conjunction with the Pampa Salvation Army. Wheeler Care Center will pick up the coats during the third week of December, or coats may be taken to the center or Pampa Salvation Army. For more information, contact Rebecca Wheeler at (806) 826-3505 or Salvation Army at (806) 665-7233.

14 — **PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT**, First Christian Church, 7:30 p.m. Free admission.

17 — **LIVE NATIVITY**, First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. A children's program begins at 5 p.m., with refreshments afterwards. Nativity scene begins around 6:30 p.m.

17-18 — **THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE**, 7 p.m., First Baptist Church, 203 N. West. Admission is free, but tickets are required. Call 669-1155 for information.

17-18 — **HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**, 1301 N. Banks [north of Albertson's], is presenting its Christmas Cantata, performed by the Adult Choir. Sunday's performance is at 10:55 a.m.; Monday's performance is at 7 p.m. Open to the public, free admission. For more information, call 669-6509.

18 — **BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS BOARD MEETING**, Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 7 p.m.

19 — **TOASTMASTER INTERNATIONAL CLUB** regular meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Coronado Inn dining room. For more information, contact Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Vernell Houska at 669-7402.

19 — **JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE** will hold its Christmas party meeting at 7 p.m. at 2135 Charles. Please RSVP at 665-7027.

21 — **PAMPA CANCER AREA SUPPORT GROUP** regular meeting, 7-8 p.m., Coronado Hospital Medical Building (NOT the hospital). For more information, call Kathy Gist at 665-4742 or Emily Washington at 669-7619.

23 — **CHRISTIAN COWBOYS** to host supper at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. Bring desserts only. For more information, contact John or Carolyn Stokes at 665-7896 or Jim or Cathleen Greene at 665-8097.

25 — **MARY ELLEN AND HARVESTER CHURCH OF CHRIST** to host a "Christmas Dinner" at Fellowship Hall, 1342 Mary Ellen, across from Pampa High School. Everyone is invited.

29 — **THE AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR** appearing in concert at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The internationally acclaimed choir is a group of children, ages 5-12, who perform endearing messages of hope and joy around the world. They were honored at the 1992 Grammy Awards. For more information, contact Calvary Baptist Church at 665-0842.

30 — **BETA SIGMA PHI** to host a Holiday Dance with a live band at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium, 8 p.m. to midnight, with band Cracker Jack. All proceeds go towards scholarships funds. Advance tickets are \$20 per couple and \$10 a single. Tickets at the door are \$25 per couple and \$15 a single. Tickets are available at National Bank of Commerce and Billie's Boutique. For more information, contact Billie at 669-9429.

Amarillo Model Railroad Assn. planning 'Magic of Christmas Past' train display

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Model Railroad Association will present the third annual "Magic of Christmas Past" model train display in Western Plaza Mall Dec. 16-24. The display will be located in the old Inter-Faith book store building next to Service Merchandise.

Operating hours will be Saturday, Dec. 16, through Saturday, Dec. 23, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 24, from noon to 4 p.m. Admission to the show will be \$1.50 with children under 8 only 50 cents. Proceeds from the show will benefit the Amarillo Model Railroad Museum.

Christmas is a time of tradition and seems to revive memories of years gone by when life as a child was simple and carefree. One such recollection that many people seem to share is that of an

electric train operating around the Christmas tree or waking up on Christmas morning to find that Santa Clause had left you your very own electric train operating on the floor.

Christmas memories are created yearly, however, and for this reason the AMRA is excited to be part of creating memories for children and adults alike by bringing the tradition of operating electric trains to Christmas.

This year's display will be larger than ever with never before scenes and many that people enjoy seeing yearly. Realistic trains will rock along through sleepy snow covered Christmas villages and across towering mountain bridges that disappear into rock covered tunnels.

The Amarillo Model Railroad Association's display will feature

over five scale miles of operating mainline and encompasses a 40 foot by 70 foot area, with such exhibits as high speed passenger trains racing to deliver their passengers to their holiday destinations along with meandering freight trains from both steam and diesel eras snaking their way through the rugged country side.

Many talented individuals; (many have been recognized nationally for their modeling abilities) have worked hard to insure that the Amarillo Model Railroad Association's display is one of the best such displays in the nation.

The Amarillo Model Railroad Association meets every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in Western Plaza Mall. Persons interested in this type of hobby are invited to visit the club meeting at any time for a personal tour.

Immigration officials on lookout for former Mexican leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's an official list usually reserved for alien criminals and other undesirable the U.S. government does not want on American soil.

Normally, friendly former heads of state do not appear on it, so it was something of a surprise when the list started carrying the

name of former Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

A U.S. Customs attache in Mexico City placed Salinas' name on the "lookout list" last week, but officials in Washington said Tuesday the attache's motives were unclear.

They speculated it was nothing more than curiosity about Salinas, given the personal turmoil and the allegations of secret bank accounts that have dogged him since he left office a year ago. He fled Mexico earlier this year and has not been seen in public for months.

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Letters to Santa

To: Santa Clause
North Pole 85921
Truck & clothes is what I want for Christmas.
Brenner Badia

Dear St. Nick - for christmas I want a lego set. A remoet cotrol rase car.
Love Robert [Ellis]

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want the movie White Fang 2, a Glowatch, and a drain football. and Bad city. A corevette race car that goes not have a cord on it to cont the car to the remoet-cotrol.
Love,
Randy Ellis

Dear Santa,
My name is Justin Lane and my sisters name is Krysta. We have been very good this year. I would like a creepy crawler over - the super one; creepy crawler molds, Terminator 2, and Michael Jordan stuff. My sister Krysta would like an easy bake oven, a doll, and a double doll stroller.
Love,
Justin Lane
Krysta

Dear Santa,
My name is Chase Harris I am 6 years old.
I would like a sega-CD, a pool table, Dr. Dreadful Brain Lab, and new roller blades, because my dog ate my old ones. And I would like a computer wize, and Santa would you bring my Sissy a red Nike shirt, and please bring Mickey my dog some Kibbles and Bits and a new collar.
Love you
Santa,
Chase Harris
First grade Lamar

Dear Santa
I want a bike and a Clifford
Love Kayla Chavez

Dear Santa,
Santa, what are your elf's names? Santa, Stephenea is 18 months old and my name is Amber. I'm 3 1/2 years old. I want for Christmas a doll, two dolls. My sissy wants a baby stroller. I would want one, too. Santa presents to wrap and Santa's Band too. I have been good and my sissy is good. What is your reindeers names? A game with a dolly with a slide. A great big car, like Mommy's and Daddy's and my Amarillo Daddy's, a sleigh with dollys with Santa and his mother. I'm too little to write so my Mommy is writing this for me and my sissy of what I tell her to write.
My sissy and me
Love you
Santa
Amber Mullins
Stephenea Marshall

Dear Santa
My name Brian Brown. I would like to have a pair of Blue Cowboy Boot, & a Hulk Hogan doll. I am 4 yrs. old I live at 129 S. Faulkner.
Thank you
Brian Brown

Dear Santa
I thot I'd write a short note to

teall you I have been good this year. The First thing I want is a guitar. Then I would like some new clothes and Shoes. My little brother wants Wood from the Toy Story. My big brother would like a truck and some clothes. They have been good to.
Love,
Michael Grajeda

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm new this year, so I hope that you'll remember me. All I want is whatever you want to bring me. We will leave a good snack for you by the fireplace.
I love you,
Taci Wilson

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been pretty good this year. I hope you think so too, because I would like to have a Peanut Panic Game, a bicycle, skates, and a train set with one box car.
I love you,
Zaca Wilson

Der Santa
I wot a truc and a pussl.
I lov yo
Joshua Humphrey

Dear Santa
My name is Brandon Brown. I want a Bow-Arrow and gun from Power Rangers White Ranger Thangs. I'm 5.
Thank you
Brandon Brown

Dear Santa
Please may I have a Big Key Bord and Please may I have a LEGO table with Rescue Legos. Please can I have a city like that. Look [accompanied by catalog photo of electronic play center city service].
Love
Adam Lee Livin
PS I Love You

Dear Santa,
My name is Amelia Cook and I am 1 1/2 years old. There are only 2 things I really want for Christmas.
First I would like my Daddy to get transferred to Pampa so we can be together for the holidays. Hopefully you can pull some strings with his boss.
Second is for you to put a special something in the Stockings of the following: Grandma & Grandpa, PaPa, Grandma Cook, Aunt Nora & Uncle Tim, Grandma Ida, Lorrie & Eric, Kim & Danielle, Strate Family, Silva Family, & Dr. Walsh.
Thank you!
Amelia

Dear Santa Clause
My name is Curry Lynne Pendleton. I am 1 almost 2 and I don't know much about Christmas but I like the part about getting lots of toys. I think that's pretty neat along with the lights and the trees with balls on them. We don't have a tree yet but Mommy & Daddy said we'll get ours real soon. Aunt Lequeta gots one and I like pulling off the balls. They get mad but I can't help it.
Well, this is what I would like for Christmas:
A choo-choo train
Lots of trucks
Balls

A My Buddy Doll and whatever you want to give me. I like everything.
Love,
Curry

Dear Santa Clause
I love you. My name is Tahasha Lynne Pendleton. I live at 1120 S. Dwight. I have been good all year. My mom is writing this letter for me because I am only 4 yrs. old and can't write yet.

What I would like to have for Christmas:
2 pretty dolls, lipstick, doll dishes
2 Barbies, a game, color books, earrings
Clown doll, skates, a Pocohantas toy
Dress up set, microphone
I can't wait till you visit me on Christmas.
Love,
Tahasha

Dear Santa Clause
My name is Anthony Pendleton. I've been as good as a boy can be this year. I am 8 yrs old. I'm in the first grade so my mom is helping me write this.

What I would like for Christmas is:
A remote control car or truck, race track, a big one
a radio with tapes
Football
Motor cycle remote or Battery control
A My Buddy Doll or Boy Doll Watch (Power Ranger that talks)
Picture of you signed by you army guys with army truck jeans, shirt, cowboy hat skateboard, super city dump truck, roller blades
Santa Clause is coming to town tape
Back to the Future Part Two tape
Merry Christmas Santa.
Love,
Anthony Pendleton

Der: Santa
I would like
A Gymnastics-Mat
A Robe
A whole Bote Saite
a big Bear - whith clothes
Sum slipper
Bundle of baby
Love
Angela Mechelay

Dear Santa,
Pad. Cat. Tev. Yobe. Bake-a-cake. Sweater & pants. Desk. Roller skates. Back pack.
Diana Mechelay

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a Teacher Barbie and a sleeping baby doll. Please bring my brother some toys & my cousins, Tommy and Ashlynn, some toys. I will leave you some milk & cookies.
Love,
Chelsie Kyle - 5 yrs old

Dear Santa,
I'm 2 1/2 yrs. old and my mama says I've been a pretty good boy this year. I would like a fire truck, big boat, and a big truck. Please bring my sister and my cousins, Tommy & Ashlynn, some toys.
Love,
Dillon Kyle - 2 1/2 yrs. old

'Toy Story' No. 1 for third straight week

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - For the third consecutive weekend, *Toy Story* was the nation's most popular film, fending off the only new movie in wide release, *Father of the Bride Part II*.

Toy Story had made \$83 million and was expected to pass the \$100 million mark by next week.

The *Father of the Bride* sequel finished second, and *Goldeneye* was third. *Casino* and *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls* continued to play well in fourth and fifth places.

John Travolta's *White Man's Burden* and Jeff Bridges' *Wild Bill* both fell sharply in their second weekends. In limited release in three locations, *Georgia* was strong but not overly impressive.

The Top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. *Toy Story*, Disney, \$13.9 million, 2,476 locations, \$5,606 per location, \$83.1 million, three weeks.
2. *Father of the Bride Part II*, Disney, \$11.1 million, 1,949 locations, \$5,713 per location, \$11.1 million, one week.
3. *Goldeneye*, MGM, \$5.4 million, 2,667 locations, \$2,033 per location, \$78 million, four weeks.
4. *Casino*, Universal, \$3.8 million, 1,631 locations, \$2,330 per location, \$29.4 million, three weeks.

BOX OFFICE Top weekend movies

Weekend of December 8-10, 1995		
All dollar figures in millions		
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross	
1. <i>Toy Story</i> \$83.1, three weeks, 2,476 screens	\$13.9	
2. <i>Father of the Bride Part II</i> \$11.1, one week, 1,949 screens	\$11.1	
3. <i>Goldeneye</i> \$78, four weeks, 2,667 screens	\$5.4	
4. <i>Casino</i> \$29.4, three weeks, 1,631 screens	\$3.8	
5. <i>Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls</i> \$98.5, five weeks, 2,702 screens	\$3.5	
6. <i>Money Train</i> \$29.2, three weeks, 2,450 screens	\$3.4	
7. <i>The American President</i> \$38, four weeks, 1,508 screens	\$3	
8. <i>Get Shorty</i> \$66, eight weeks, 1,147 screens	\$1.1	
9. <i>It Takes Two</i> \$16.4, four weeks, 1,545 screens	\$926	
10. <i>Nick of Time</i> \$7.4, three weeks, 1,709 screens	\$907	

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

5. *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls*, Warner Bros., \$3.5 million, 2,702 locations, \$1,297 per location, \$98.5 million, five weeks.
6. *Money Train*, Columbia, \$3.4 million, 2,450 locations, \$1,390 per location, \$29.2 million, three weeks.
7. *The American President*, Columbia, \$3 million, 1,508 locations, \$2,001 per location, \$38 million, four weeks.
8. *Get Shorty*, MGM, \$1.1 million, 1,147 locations, \$922 per location, \$66 million, eight weeks.
9. *It Takes Two*, Warner Bros., \$926,000, 1,545 locations, \$599 per location, \$16.4 million, four weeks.
10. *Nick of Time*, Paramount, \$907,000, 1,709 locations, \$531 per location, \$7.4 million, three weeks.
11. *White Man's Burden*, Savoy, \$840,000, 948 locations, \$886 per location, \$3.1 million, two weeks.
12. *Home for the Holidays*, Paramount, \$643,000, 989 locations, \$650 per location, \$16.7 million, six weeks.
13. *Wild Bill*, MGM, \$453,000, 775 locations, \$585 per location, \$1.8 million, two weeks.
14. *Copycat*, Warner Bros., \$452,000, 567 locations, \$798 per location, \$27.8 million, seven weeks.
15. *Powder*, Disney, \$402,000, 764 locations, \$526 per location, \$28.3 million, seven weeks.
16. *Dangerous Minds*, Disney, \$282,000, 441 locations, \$640 per location, \$83.3 million, 18 weeks.
17. *Seven*, New Line, \$271,000, 474 locations, \$572 per location, \$86.5 million, 12 weeks.
18. *Carrington*, Gramercy, \$250,000, 127 locations, \$1,966 per location, \$2.1 million, five weeks.
19. *Mighty Aphrodite*, Miramax, \$185,000, 187 locations, \$987 per location, \$4.6 million, seven weeks.
20. *Leaving Las Vegas*, MGM, \$181,000, 64 locations, \$2,828 per location, \$1.6 million, seven weeks.

Grand jury drops case against Dallas nurse

DALLAS (AP) - A grand jury has decided against prosecuting a Dallas nurse who removed her father's oxygen mask as he lay in an El Paso hospital bed, dying from complications of diabetes.

The district attorney's office arrested Martha Thiele, 53, in September on murder charges after the death of Efrain Tellez, 88, in Columbia Medical Center-West.

But after a daylong hearing Tuesday, an El Paso County grand jury declined to indict her. The panel also declined to indict Paul Knell, a hospital nurse who was also in the room when Tellez died. He had not been charged with murder but was being investigated by the grand jury.

The prosecution presented the case as a mercy killing, saying Ms. Thiele removed the oxygen mask to hasten his death. Her attorney, Jim Darnell,

disagreed. He said she removed the mask to wipe his face and make him comfortable.

"This is not a mercy killing," Darnell said. "This is not an euthanasia case. This man was dying and all she did was comfort him as he was dying. She removed some restraints and put his head in her lap and comforted him as best she could while he died."

District Attorney Jaime Esparza said that the case was a difficult one and that he was neither surprised nor disappointed with the grand jury's decision.

"It's hard to say whether or not they thought she did the act and there were mitigating circumstances, or they thought she didn't intentionally kill her dad. ... I know they heard evidence on both sides," Esparza said.

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90th birthday celebrated



(Special photo)

Ethel Willson, showing her cake above, was given a surprise party for her birthday on Nov. 18, 90 years after her birth in 1905. Attending the party at her home of her daughter-in-law, Mary Willson, south of Pampa, were Nadine Lockhart, Amarillo; James and Shirley Willson, Bettie and Robert Craig, and Alfred and Gloria Willson, all of Pampa. Also present was her son-in-law, Robert Duggan of Stamford, as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Coastal storms leave five dead, millions minus power

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A furious storm that lashed the West Coast with winds of more than 100 mph let up today after knocking out power to 1.8 million residents and blowing over trees that killed at least five people.

The frightening winds overturned trucks, made skyscrapers creak and churned the ocean.

"It was terrifying," said Castaways Motel manager Linda Berte as she watched the sea in Port Orford, Ore., where waves crashed 20 feet high against the jetty. "It was the most horrifying sight I've ever seen."

About 1.3 million people remained without electricity early today in California, Washington and Oregon. Rain continued to fall in Oregon and Washington, but the worst part of the storm — the damaging winds — had subsided.

The skies cleared and winds fell in Northern California, and only intermittent rain was expected through Thursday, the National Weather Service said.

Rod McAlavey was driving across the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge on Tuesday when the winds caused his truck to jack-knife, leaving it teetering on the edge.

"The guardrail saved me," McAlavey said. "I was looking out over into the water."

Other trucks overturned on highways and bridges in Northern California and Oregon.

In San Francisco's St. Francis Woods neighborhood, Michael Church spent two hours trapped under a tree that destroyed his home.

"I thought no one knew. I didn't know if it was visible from the street," said Church, who was not seriously injured.

Wind gusting to 83 mph through downtown San Francisco on Tuesday rocked the 52-story Bank of America building, smashed a revolving glass door and snapped the trunk of the building's Christmas tree.

Golden Gate Park was closed because fallen trees blocked roads and power failures meant the *San Francisco Examiner* was only able to print about half its usual weekday circulation of 115,000.

Heavy rain added to the misery. More than 7 inches fell at Kentfield, flooding intersections in the well-to-do Marin County town. On Monday, an expensive house in San Francisco's exclusive Sea Cliff section fell into a huge sinkhole created when a previous storm broke a century-old sewer line.

City crews planned to stabilize the home today and let the owners recover their valuables before it is razed.

Nation briefs

Jackson gives frenzied fans a smile as he exits hospital

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jackson smiled and flashed a peace sign at screaming fans as he walked out of the hospital six days after collapsing while rehearsing for an HBO special.

With all of the drama befitting one of his music videos, the self-proclaimed King of Pop stepped out of Beth Israel Hospital-North Division on Tuesday and was greeted by a horde of reporters and frenzied fans.

The 37-year-old singer was whisked away in a white van. His publicist wouldn't say where he was going. The *New York Post* reported today that he was taken to the Four Seasons Hotel.

Doctors believe a virus was to blame for diarrhea and severe dehydration that dangerously quickened the pop star's heartbeat and lowered his blood pressure.

NBC spends \$2.3 billion for more Olympics games

NEW YORK (AP) — In four months, NBC spent nearly \$4 billion for five Olympics and major league baseball. That was enough to get the attention of NBA commissioner David Stern.

NBC and the International Olympic Committee announced their latest multi-Olympic deal on Tuesday. NBC will pay \$2.3 billion for U.S. broadcast and cable TV rights to the 2004 and 2008 Summer Games and the 2006 Winter Games, none of which even have host cities yet.

In August, NBC announced that it had purchased rights to the 2000 Summer Olympics in

Sydney, Australia, and the 2002 Winter Games at Salt Lake City for a total \$1.25 billion.

Add \$400 million that NBC paid for major league baseball last month, and the total sports check that NBC's parent company, General Electric, has picked up since August is about \$3.95 billion.

Molester may have played Santa to lure victims

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Searching the home of a convicted child molester suspected of assaulting more children, police found Santa costumes, toys and fliers that they say he may have used to lure youngsters.

John Pratt, a 48-year-old chiropractic assistant, was charged with molesting three boys, ages 13, 12 and 9. Two younger boys were being interviewed about possible abuse, police Cmdr. Gwen Elliott said Tuesday.

There was no indication Pratt had played Santa to lure the three boys he is charged with molesting, but investigators said one of the victims may have worked with him as an elf, police said. Elves' costumes and photos of Pratt with children were also found in the home.

"Christmas is right around the corner, and Santa can come to your home when you want him to," the flier read. He charged from \$15 for 15 minutes and cookies with Santa, to \$100 for a two-hour party with him.

"Santa can come by himself or he can bring one of his elves," the flier read. "Either way, it will be a party that your son or daughter will never forget."

White House maintains executive privilege.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Harkening back to court cases in the Watergate scandal and the Iran-Contra affair, the White House says some Whitewater notes are covered by executive privilege and should be kept off limits from Senate investigators.

In a two-prong approach to protect the confidentiality of notes by former associate White House counsel William Kennedy, the White House argued Tuesday that they are covered by attorney-client privilege, and then raised for the first time executive privilege as an additional argument.

Because of President Clinton and his wife are invoking attorney-client privilege, Kennedy refused to comply with a Senate subpoena for his notes of the Nov. 5, 1993, two-hour-plus session in the office of David Kendall. Kendall was the Clintons' newly hired personal lawyer.

White House lawyers told the Senate Whitewater Committee in a 21-page submission that the meeting "revealed confidences of the Clintons" that they had made to their private attorneys about Whitewater.

Defiance of the Senate subpoena — sure to be a topic at today's committee hearing — moves the matter one step closer to a court battle. The Whitewater committee, and then the full Senate, would have to consider enforcing the subpoena. The next stop after that would be a federal court.

The Clintons' position is "extraordinary and troublesome," said committee chairman Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y. "I think it will ultimately be damaging to the president and first lady."

Kendall said the Republican-led committee was "plainly attempting to manufacture a controversy so that it can allege — finally — a failure of cooperation by the Clintons."

The White House submission never says Clinton is formally invoking executive privilege, but the White House says the notes are clearly covered by it.

The White House called the committee Republicans' demand "an illegitimate exercise of congressional investigative power that should not be sanctioned by the full Senate."

Injecting executive privilege into the battle with the Senate, the White House said "the Constitution gives the president the right to protect the confidentiality of material the disclosure of which would significantly impair the performance of the president's lawful duties."

"Executive privilege clearly would protect notes of the Nov. 5 meeting," the White House added.

The submission referred to the criminal case of Iran-Contra fig-

ure John Poindexter and his efforts to get the testimony and diary of former President Reagan. And it referred to a pair of cases involving President Nixon in the Watergate scandal. While Nixon and Reagan both were compelled to provide evidence, courts made strong statements supportive of executive privilege.

The White House noted that even though Kennedy's notes are in his custody, "the president can by assertion of executive privilege prevent the disclosure of information in the hands of third parties."

Senate Republicans say the attorney-client privilege is invalid because four White House lawyers attended the session. Three of the four presidential aides were from the White House counsel's office, which represents the president in his official capacity.

Clean Pampa offers tips to avoid wasteful holiday

Did you know that if every Pampans throws away just one bite of turkey with gravy this holiday season, six hundred pounds of food is wasted? Across the country, more than eight million pounds of food will be wasted.

Clean Pampa Inc., an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful Inc., says that choosing your food portions wisely is one way to reduce waste throughout the holidays and at anytime of the year.

Clean Pampa is part of a national campaign called "Use Less Stuff" that promotes simple ways individuals can reduce waste at home and in the neighborhood. The campaign, which brings together environmental, governmental and academic groups, began Nov. 16 with the first annual "Use Less Stuff" day.

"Between Thanksgiving and New Year's, Pampans are expected to generate more than 2,000 tons of trash," said Pamela Green, executive coordinator of Clean Pampa Inc.

"Across America, more than 25 million tons of trash will be generated during that period. That amounts to about one million extra tons per week during this period versus the rest of the year."

"This campaign supports a vital option in integrated solid waste management," said Keep America Beautiful President Roger W. Powers. "Use Less Stuff, or source reduction, deserves just as much attention from the consuming public as it has from industry."

Clean Pampa offers several ways to reduce waste during the holiday season:

- Purchase products in bulk.
- Get a tree that can be planted or mulched or buy an artificial one.
- Make gifts out of items you already have around the house.
- Compost leftover fruits, vegetables and peels.
- Buy rechargeable batteries for toys and

other items that are used frequently.

- Reuse packaging cartons and shipping materials. Old newspapers make for excellent packing material.

- Send guests home with leftovers.
- Cut off the front of cards you receive and reuse them as postcards, or ornaments.

Make it your principle New Year's Resolution to USE LESS STUFF throughout the year.

Clean Pampa Inc. is a local nonprofit public education organization dedicated to preserving the natural beauty and environment of Pampa and improving the waste handling practices at the community level.

Through its affiliation with Keep America Beautiful and Keep Texas Beautiful, Clean Pampa gains expertise in building partnerships with volunteer organizations, government agencies and the private sector to improve the quality of life through education.

Belgian museum places long-hidden African treasures on display

TERVUREN, Belgium (AP) — They are hidden no more.

Some of the world's finest African art had been locked away for the better part of a century, guarded like a state secret in the back rooms, cellars and attics of the Royal Museum of Central Africa.

But new managers breezed in to blow the dust off the stodgy institution, known informally as the Tervuren Museum. They took 250 of its best artifacts and put them on display for the first time

in what has proved a blockbuster exhibit, "Hidden Treasures of the Tervuren Museum."

A constant stream of visitors has prompted a two-month extension of the show up to mid-January, and specialists elsewhere have been so impressed that the exhibit will travel for the next 2 1/2 years.

"How many museums the world over can lay claim to so many (pieces)?" asked Alain Nicolas, director of the Museum of African, Australian and

Amerindian Art in Marseille, France. "We must savor the chance of having these magnificent objects before us."

The show has brought the museum international recognition at last. It is expected to travel to the Smithsonian in Washington, the New York Museum of African Art and other museums in the United States and Europe.

"It was really necessary to show these unknown masterpieces," said Gustaaf Verswijver,

head of the museum's ethnography department.

He said the museum had been slipping slowly into public insignificance because of its overwhelming emphasis on scientific work and neglect of its exhibition space.

The museum's scientists, who have made careers studying tribal rites or analyzing African earth samples, had no eye for art and no qualms about keeping the quarter-million artifacts out of view.

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Child's Allergic Reaction Can Be Matter Of Life And Death

DEAR ABBY: Some time ago, you printed a terribly sad letter from an allergist regarding a little boy who was severely allergic to peanuts and died because one of the ladies at a party insisted he try a peanut butter cookie.

Since we have two grandchildren (our son's 4-year-old and our daughter's 2-year-old) who are fatally allergic to peanuts, would you please print the letter again? And would you stress to your readers that they never give a young child anything to eat without first checking with the parent?

Also, obstetricians and pediatricians should warn mothers-to-be to avoid peanut products while pregnant or nursing.

Thank you, Abby, for making the public aware of the seriousness of allergies.

MARIE AND JIM MITCHELL

DEAR MARIE AND JIM: I'm happy to reprint the letter — and thank you for your important warning to adults who serve food to children. Some foods can be fatal, as illustrated in the following letter:

DEAR ABBY: As a practicing allergist, I would like to make parents and hosts and hostesses for holiday and birthday parties aware that they should be extremely careful with children who are allergic to various foods.

I once had a young boy as a



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

patient who was severely allergic to peanuts. He and his mother regarded this with extreme caution, but once, while attending a birthday party, his allergy proved fatal.

His mother had informed the hostess about "Billy's" allergy and strictly ordered that he not eat anything containing peanuts. The hostess agreed not to feed Billy any such food. Unfortunately, other ladies were helping with the party. One handed out homemade peanut butter cookies and insisted Billy sample one. He tried to refuse, but she insisted. Less than 30 minutes later, Billy was dead.

I want to use this horribly sad incident to warn anyone who is helping with children's activities to please be cautious with your own children as well as others'. Anyone who hands out treats to children, please be aware of the dangers involved. Make certain that the children you serve are not allergic to any foods, so they don't end up like Billy.

CLAUDE A FRAZIER, M.D., ASHEVILLE, N.C.

DEAR DR. FRAZIER: Thank you for a warning that applies all year around. I'm printing your letter in the hope that once alerted, other parents can prevent a similar tragedy.

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Concerned Citizen," regarding her father-in-law's fear of cataract surgery, I would like to say that it is nothing short of miraculous.

Before I went for my first cataract surgery, I couldn't see two fingers in front of my eye. The next day, when the bandage was removed, I had 20/20 vision!

Five years later, I experienced the same result when my second cataract was removed. Today, 11 years after the second surgery, I am blessed with clear vision and I need only reading glasses.

To anyone fearful of cataract surgery: The thought of surgery is frightening. But be assured that the results are wonderful.

BETTY BELLUS, BROOKLYN, N.Y.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Thursday, Dec. 14, 1995

You may become more ambitious in the year ahead. It will be fine to drive yourself to get what you want, but still, take time to smell the roses.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Count to 10 today before responding angrily to an authority figure. He or she might be wrong, but this individual is still the person with the most clout. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The out-

come of today's events will be strongly influenced by the way you envision them. If you consistently picture yourself as a loser, don't expect a trophy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Others might try to impose themselves on you today. Keep your guard up, even with a close pal who is usually reluctant to request favors.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You may not achieve your objectives today if you and your mate aren't in complete harmony. Make sure to be tuned in to the same station.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This could be the wrong day to work on a complicated endeavor if you lack expertise. Bent nails and a hot temper might be all you will produce.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you are too generous today, and loan something that isn't yours to someone else without consulting the owner, you'll be held accountable for the damages.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make sure today that you and your mate have equal

input regarding family decisions. His or her thoughts could correct flaws you've overlooked and vice versa.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Avoid asking associates to do things you wouldn't volunteer to do if the roles were reversed. Put yourself in their shoes.

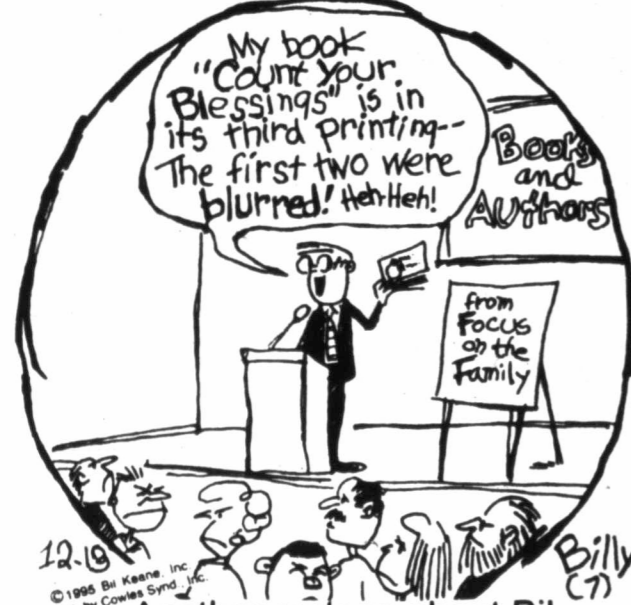
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Subdue the temptation to take unnecessary financial risks today. If you head for the lottery machine or bingo parlor, don't carry too much cash.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Employees might find your directions difficult to comprehend today in situations where you are in a position of authority.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) While conversing with a friend today, you may see a perfect opening to repeat something told to you in confidence by another friend. Do not betray the trust.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Have fun and enjoy yourself today, but avoid depleting your bank account. You may have trouble replacing funds earmarked for other purposes.

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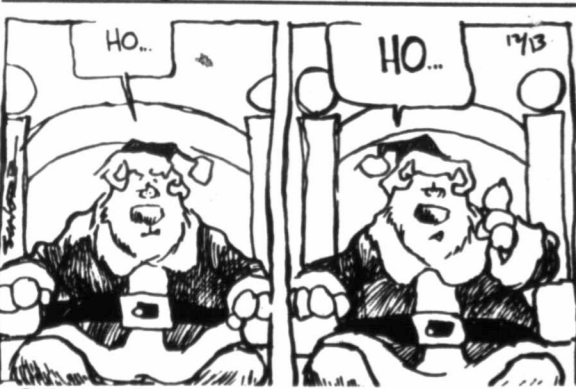
Another cartoon about Bill Keane's book tour. "He's more of a SIT-DOWN comedian," says Billy.



"When he's good, he's very, very good. Of course, Christmas is next week."

The Family Circus

Marmaduke



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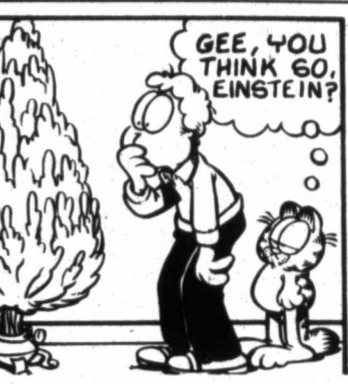
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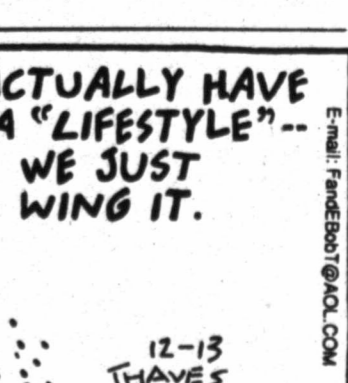
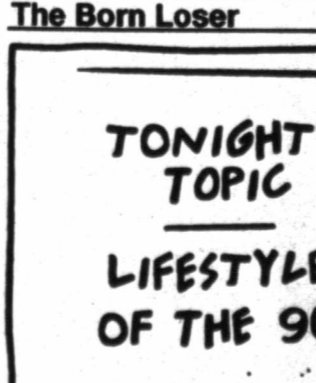
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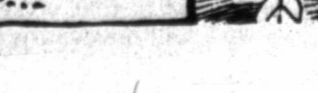
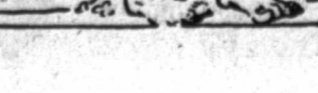
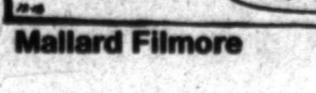
The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore



Sports

Notebook

BASKETBALL

WHITE DEER — Clarendon defeated White Deer, 68-59, in high school basketball action Tuesday night.

Roy Williams and Lorenzo Moore paced Clarendon in scoring with 14 points each.

Torey Craig and Stephen Sugar had 13 points each to lead the Bucks.

Clarendon won the girls' game by a score of 53-38.

Kasi Ashcraft was Clarendon's top scorer with 16 points.

Crissy Kone had 11 points and Shannon Poland 8 to lead White Deer scorers.

DALLAS (AP) — Reserve Tony Dumas scored a career-high 35 points, including 16 in the fourth quarter and overtime, and the Dallas Mavericks rallied from a 17-point, third-quarter deficit for a 112-101 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics Tuesday night.

Hersey Hawkins scored 24 points for the SuperSonics, who had won four straight and seven of eight overall and eight in a row over the Mavericks.

George McCloud, who finished with 30 points, got Dallas started in the overtime with a 3-pointer for a 95-92 lead. Dumas' 3-pointer with 1:40 left pushed Dallas' advantage to 102-96. Then McCloud's basket and 3-pointer, the latter with 29 seconds to play, gave Dallas a 108-99 advantage.

Dumas' 35 points tied the Dallas club mark for points by a reserve. Jason Kidd had a career-high 18 assists to tie Derek Harper's Dallas club record.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun knows big things will happen if his team does the little things right.

And the eighth-ranked Huskies did almost everything like one of the nation's best teams Tuesday night when they buried Florida State 79-61 in one of those games where the score was the closest thing about it.

"We took care of the small things," Calhoun said. "We executed impeccably."

Florida State shot the ball like it was trying to miss. The starters made just eight field goals in the game and were 2-for-24 in the first half.

"They beat us every which way you can get beat," Florida State coach Pat Kennedy said. "I just can't remember us playing that horribly. We had a bunch of individuals show up and the team went somewhere else."

In other games involving ranked teams Tuesday night it was No. 3 Massachusetts 77, N.C.-Wilmington 51, and No. 22 Santa Clara 66, Fresno State 58.

The Huskies (7-1) opened a 29-point lead early in the second half before Calhoun turned the game over to his reserves.

"They faced us on all cylinders," Calhoun said. "We're pretty good right now."

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — The 1995 Optimist Club Tiger League football season ended with Bill Allison's Cowboys finishing as tri-champs in league play.

Team members included Larry Wilson Jr., Corey Gardner, Zach Woodruff, Billie Jeanne Ramirez, Tony Bybee, Alex Couch Jr., Bruce Ellwanger, Orlando Brown, Carlos Solis Jr., Adam Parks, Kevin Parks, Harley Ellwanger, Andy Keeton, Dane Ward, David Deatherage, Kyle Jerome, Christopher Lewis, Mike McCormick, Cody Gardner, Justin Lemons, John Knipper, Brian Watts and Cliff Spencer. Mando Ramirez, Dick Henley and Chance Henley coached the team.

Eleven players from the team made up the Pampa Blue All-Stars which won the consolation trophy at Harvester Field with a record of 2-1.

The Cowboys came in second in the City Tournament with a record of 2-1, losing to the Packers in the championship game, 22-16.



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa sophomore Lynn Brown gets away a pass as two Tascosa defenders close in during first-half action Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Kansas City kicker won't get the boot from head coach

By DOUG TUCKER
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — As hard as it may be for Chiefs' fans to swallow, Lin Elliott's job is safe for at least one more week.

Kansas City coach Marty Schottenheimer believes he's discovered what made the troubled placekicker miss an extra point and a field goal in Monday night's loss to Miami and two extra points the week before at Oakland.

"Like a golfer who 'looks up,' Elliott is pulling off the ball.

"I looked at the video coming back on the plane. It's very clear. It's a technical thing,"

Schottenheimer said Tuesday. "You've got to stay over the ball. He's coming off the ball on those two kicks he missed, one to the right and one to the left."

Elliott's slump surfaced two weeks ago when he missed consecutive extra points in the Chiefs' 29-23 victory at Oakland. In a 13-6 loss to the Dolphins Monday night, he failed on a 44-yard field goal attempt in the first half and then bounced an extra point kick off the left crossbar after the slumping offense finally scored late in the fourth quarter.

Schottenheimer said he had no plans to work out any possible replacements this week.

"Right now, Lin's our kicker,"

he said. "He's got to step up to the task and make it. I'm comfortable he can do that. There's nobody (available) as good as Lin Elliott."

The Chiefs (11-3) are hoping to lock up home field advantage throughout the playoffs by winning their last two home games, starting this week against Denver. But repairing their kicker's self confidence may be as important as straightening out his mechanics.

"It could be. But what we're going to do is talk about the technical aspects of it and concentrate on those things and not worry about the results," Schottenheimer said. "It's either going through or it's not going through. The best chance of hav-

ing it go through is not to sit there and wonder, 'Am I going to make it?'"

If his slump continues, the Chiefs will no doubt be shopping for a kicker.

"We're going to put him out there. He's got to make them," Schottenheimer said. "But whether you're a coach or a player, this is a performance business."

Elliott's dismal performance at Miami was matched by an offense that committed three turnovers in the first quarter and came up short three times on fourth-and-1. Quarterback Steve Bono hit 15 of 37 for 180 yards, with most of that coming in the second half.

Although the Chiefs still own

the NFL's best record, their passing offense is 25th. Six times in the past seven games, the Chiefs have passed for fewer than 200 yards.

In contrast, the running game has remained strong, producing more than 150 yards six times in the last eight games.

"We had five dropped balls, missed a couple of throws and had a couple of penalties that brought back gaining plays," Schottenheimer said. "Frankly, I don't have any specific answers. We just need to be more consistent in what we're doing."

"At times, it's (pass protection), at other times it's a throw. At other times it's a route or a drop. It's not one thing to put your finger on."

NBC spends \$3.2 million for three more Olympics

By JOHN NELSON
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — In four months, NBC spent nearly \$4 billion for five Olympics and baseball. That was enough to get NBA commissioner David Stern's attention.

NBC and the International Olympic Committee announced their latest multi-Olympic deal on Tuesday. NBC will pay \$2.3 billion for U.S. broadcast and cable TV rights to the 2004 and 2008 Summer Games and the 2006 Winter Games, none of which even have host cities yet.

That prompted the question: Is the check book now empty?

"Sitting here in the second row is commissioner Stern from the NBA to make sure we have some money left," NBC Sports president Dick Ebersol said at a news conference.

Stern, whose league is in the third year of a four-year, \$750 million deal with NBC, hollered out: "Save some money."

Last Aug. 7, NBC announced it had purchased rights to the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, and the 2002 Winter Games at Salt Lake City for a total \$1.25 billion.

Add \$400 million that NBC paid for major league baseball last month, and the total sports check that NBC's parent company, General Electric, has picked up since August is about \$3.95 billion.

"The Olympic Games clearly are the most significant sports events in the world," NBC president and CEO Bob Wright said.

"This is important to our affiliates, important to our vision for the future and adds a great deal of value to our network."

"Having the Olympics through 2008 forms the cornerstone of our vision for NBC going into the next millennium," Wright said.

The IOC's TV negotiator, Dick Pound, said it "demonstrated the value of the Olympic brand name" that NBC would even consider a deal of this length and magnitude, especially since considering past history, none of the Olympics was likely to be in the United States.

"There will be four presidential elections during this deal. You really have to have some trust to make a deal this far into the future," Pound said.

At the same time, Pound said some Olympic sponsors "are nibbling at my ear" to extend the deal even farther into the future, "through another full Olympiad."

For the 2004 Games, Pound said NBC will pay \$793 million, a figure reached by inflating the \$705 million bid on Sydney by 3 percent per year for four years. The \$894 million fee for the 2008 Summer Games was reached by adding another four years of 3 percent inflation.

Starting with the \$545 million NBC will pay for Salt Lake City and using the same formula, the NBC and IOC arrived at a \$613 million price tag for the 2006 Winter Olympics.

Once rights fees and production costs have been recovered through ad revenue, NBC and the IOC will split profits equally.



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa's Faustine Curry drives to the basket against a Tascosa player.

With whistles blowing, regular refs return

By The Associated Press

Before the game, NBA players and coaches greeted referees, returning after being locked out for almost 2 1/2 months, liked long-lost relatives.

Once the games began, though, it was back to business.

Just 15 seconds into the Lakers' game at Madison Square Garden Tuesday night, Los Angeles assistant Michael Cooper let veteran ref Lee Jones have it.

"That's illegal (defense), Lee! C'mon!" he yelled.

"The honeymoon's over,"

Lakers coach Del Harris said seconds later, lamenting a no-call.

If the referees weren't getting any breaks, they weren't giving any, either.

Their first night back on the job saw Miami coach Pat Riley ejected at Golden State and New Jersey Nets guard Chris Childs tossed.

"The regular refs are more dominating," Orlando star Anfernee Hardaway said. "They have a presence. They are not going to stand for any talking back."

Tuesday night, with 11 NBA

games, marked the season's first action for the regular refs, who were locked out for 5 1/2 weeks in a contract dispute with the league. During their absence, players and coaches complained loud and long about the replacements.

"You can tell the difference," Knicks guard Derek Harper said. "They control the game better and demand more respect."

The NBA discourages referees from commenting after games, and Tuesday night the league would not allow pool reporters to interview the officials.

Cowboys' owner stays in Switzer's corner

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — Jerry and Barry are still on the same page.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones says he and coach Barry Switzer are still thinking alike.

Jones wants all of Switzer's critics to understand that the old Oklahoma coach will be back on the sidelines next year for his third NFL season in Dallas.

Jones said the calls that backfired in the Philadelphia game on Sunday were "not something you step in front of those flying cabs in New York over."

Speaking by telephone from Little Rock, Ark., Jones said

Tuesday he liked Switzer's decision to go for fourth-and-1 twice from his own 29-yard line with two minutes play. The gambles failed and Philadelphia kicked the game-winning field goal in the 20-17 win.

"I felt we could make it," Jones said. "I haven't lost any faith in Barry's ability to coach. I'm not going to invoke any changes in the coaching staff. I agreed with the call. I support it."

Jones said he heard ridicule about his coaching staff when he bought the team in 1989.

He said if he had reacted to public criticism of coaching calls in those days "Jimmy Johnson wouldn't have been around."

"It reminds me of 1989 and 1990 when Jimmy Johnson was getting it from a lot of the same (media) people who ridiculed us because we had a coach out of college and they said he didn't know what he was doing," Jones said. "I stayed the course and we had some Super Bowls pan out."

Jones said if the call costs the Cowboys the home field advantage so be it.

"It's important if you're the team with it," Jones said. "We got there without it (the home field advantage) in our first Super Bowl."

Dallas has a 10-4 record and is tied for the NFC lead with San Francisco.

PHS swimmers have personal best records at Dallas meet

DALLAS — Five Pampa swimmers had personal bests, including one school record, during a Pre-TISCA meet held in Dallas.

There were 70 teams and over 1,200 athletes competing in the meet, which was held last weekend.

"This was a huge meet and everybody did a good job for us," said Pampa head coach David Pink.

Dakota Tefertiller was clocked at 1:02.96 in the 100 breaststroke to set a new PHS record. It was the third time this season Tefertiller has set a school record in the event.

Tefertiller also had a personal best in the 200 IM with a time of 2:10.58. Other Pampa swimmers

with personal bests were Chris Podzemny, 57.04, 100 freestyle; Shannon Schakel, 6:10, 500 freestyle and Bobby Venal, 58.00, 100 butterfly.

Two Pampa swimmers — Venal and Tefertiller — placed in the event. Venal was 12th in the 100 butterfly and 15th in the 200 IM. Tefertiller was fourth in the 100 breaststroke and 16th in the 200 IM.

PHS swimmers Stacy Huddleston, Jill Nelson and Peggy Williams participated in the meet and came close to their personal bests.

The Pampa team has a dual meet Jan. 5 in Lubbock against Del Valle of El Paso.

Rebels edge Pampa

PAMPA — When Pampa and Tascosa met for the first time a week ago, the Harvesters came away with a 55-49 overtime win.

When the two teams played Tuesday night, it looked like another overtime contest was in the making.

Unfortunately, for Pampa, Tascosa spoiled that scenario when Kevin Ogoke's put back a missed shot to give the Rebels a 57-55 win in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa is now 10-2 on the season while Tascosa improved to 9-6.

With the score tied at 55-all and the seconds ticking down, Tascosa's Kurt White lofted a pullup jumper from 10 feet away that rolled off the rim. However, Ogoke was there with the putback with one second left on the clock. Pampa wasn't able to get off a shot at the buzzer.

"They just outplayed us," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale. "We had a chance to put them away, but we just couldn't do it."

Rebounding turned out to be a key factor in the final period.

"They only outrebounded us by two, but they got some big ones in the fourth quarter," Hale added.

Scoring

Pampa — Coy Laury 21, Rayford Young 20, August Larson 5, J.J. Mathis 4, Chris Miller 3, Devin Lemons 2; 3-point goals — Young 2, Laury 1, Larson 1.

Tascosa — Kurt White 19, Paul Lewis 18, Kevin Ogoke 10, Jason Lockhart 3, Bryson Samuels 3, Will Durrett 2, Brandon Sanders 2; 3-point goals — White 1, Lockhart 1, Lewis 1.

Pampa summary

	F	FG	FT	R	TP
A. Larson	0	2	0-0	3	5
C. Laury	4	9	2-5	8	21
D. Lemons	1	1	0-0	4	2
J. Mathis	0	2	0-2	2	4
J. Weatherbee	3	0	0	0	0
C. Miller	1	1	1-4	2	3
G. Wilson	0	0	0	0	0
L. Brown	3	0	0	0	0
R. Young	3	5	8-9	5	20
Totals:	15	20	11-20	24	55

Scoreboard

BOWLING

Harvester Lanes—Pampa

HITS & MRS. COUPLES

Team	Won	Lost
Clemens Home Repair	31	12
Freaman's Flowers	31	17
The Rowdy Bunch	30	18
High Country Racing	25 1/2	22 1/2
Total Safety	23 1/2	24 1/2
Mistis	23	25
Making It Great	22	26
Sammy B's	23	25
The Weebles	20 1/2	27 1/2
The Four of Us	20	28
Precision Welding	17 1/2	26 1/2
Pizza Hut	12	36

Week's High Scores
Men
 High game: Noel Clemens 216; High series: Noel Clemens 635; High handicap game: Thomas Bryant 239; High handicap series: Noel Clemens 695.

CAPROCK LEAGUE

Team	Pins
B & B Solvent One	130
Chris Pro Shop	125
4R Supply	124
D & M Motorsports	123
Scotty's	121
Ogden & Son	119
Graham Furniture	119
B & B Solvent Two	118
Byrum Farm & Ranch	117

Week's High Scores
 High game: Carle Duray 267; High series: Lonnie Loter 706; High handicap game: Toddy Black 289; High handicap series: Toddy Black 725.

PRO FOOTBALL

National Football League
At A Glance

By The Associated Press
 All Times EST
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	9	5	0	.643	310	287
Indianapolis	8	6	0	.571	297	282
Miami	8	6	0	.571	337	287
New England	6	8	0	.429	260	326
N.Y. Jets	3	11	0	.214	227	349
Central						
x-Pittsburgh	10	4	0	.714	347	276
Cincinnati	6	8	0	.429	312	324
Houston	5	9	0	.357	297	301
Cleveland	4	10	0	.286	242	322
Jacksonville	3	11	0	.214	251	339
West						

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
y-Dallas	10	4	0	.714	377	258
Philadelphia	9	5	0	.643	283	298
N.Y. Giants	5	9	0	.357	253	292
Arizona	4	10	0	.286	242	364
Washington	4	10	0	.286	275	319
Central						
Green Bay	9	5	0	.643	346	272
Detroit	8	6	0	.571	355	326
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	358	321
Chicago	7	7	0	.500	341	336
Tampa Bay	7	7	0	.500	218	267
West						
San Francisco	10	4	0	.714	393	200
Atlanta	8	6	0	.571	317	301
St. Louis	7	7	0	.500	264	342
Carolina	6	8	0	.429	251	288
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	284	314

x-clinched division title; y-clinched playoff berth.

Saturday's Games
 Minnesota 27, Cleveland 11
 San Diego 28, Arizona 25

Sunday's Games
 Buffalo 45, St. Louis 27
 New England 31, New York Jets 28
 Indianapolis 41, Jacksonville 31
 Atlanta 19, New Orleans 14
 San Francisco 31, Carolina 10
 Philadelphia 20, Dallas 17
 Cincinnati 16, Chicago 10
 Detroit 24, Houston 17
 Seattle 31, Denver 27
 Pittsburgh 29, Oakland 10
 New York Giants 20, Washington 13
 Tampa Bay 13, Green Bay 10, OT

Monday's Game
 Miami 13, Kansas City 6

Saturday, Dec. 16
 New England at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.
 Green Bay at New Orleans, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 17
 Jacksonville at Detroit, 1 p.m.
 Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
 New York Jets at Houston, 1 p.m.
 Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
 Arizona at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
 Washington at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
 Denver at Kansas City, 4 p.m.
 San Diego at Indianapolis, 4 p.m.
 New York Giants at Dallas, 4 p.m.
 Oakland at Seattle, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 18

Minnesota at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

At A Glance

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All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Orlando	17	4	810	1
New York	16	5	762	1
Miami	12	7	632	4
Boston	9	10	474	7
New Jersey	9	10	474	7
Washington	9	10	474	7
Philadelphia	3	16	158	13

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Chicago	16	2	889	—
Indiana	9	9	500	7
Atlanta	10	11	476	7 1/2
Charlotte	10	12	454	8
Cleveland	9	11	450	8
Detroit	8	11	421	8 1/2
Milwaukee	6	12	333	10
Toronto	7	15	318	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	16	5	762	—
Utah	14	6	700	1 1/2
San Antonio	11	6	647	3
Denver	9	10	474	6
Dallas	7	12	368	8
Minnesota	6	12	333	8 1/2
Vancouver	2	18	100	13 1/2

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Sacramento	13	6	684	—
Seattle	13	7	650	1/2
Portland	10	9	526	3
L.A. Lakers	11	10	524	3
Phoenix	8	11	421	5
Golden State	7	13	350	6 1/2
L.A. Clippers	7	14	333	7

Monday's Games

Denver 104, Philadelphia 91
 Utah 110, Charlotte 100

Tuesday's Games

Boston 116, Toronto 96
 Orlando 101, New Jersey 97
 Washington 108, Milwaukee 102
 Minnesota 85, Atlanta 78
 Cleveland 97, L.A. Clippers 86
 Indiana 125, Denver 92
 New York 97, L.A. Lakers 82
 Dallas 112, Seattle 101, OT
 Charlotte 115, Phoenix 100
 Golden State 105, Miami 80
 Houston 133, Sacramento 93

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Seattle at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Houston at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Thursday's Games
 Indiana at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Denver at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Charlotte at Portland, 10 p.m.
 Miami at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

By The Associated Press

Texas High School Playoff Pairings

Class 5A, Division I
State Championship
 Odessa Permian (12-1-1) vs. Converse
 Judson (13-1), Noon Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Class 5A, Division II

State Semifinals
 Flower Mound Marcus (14-0) vs. Richardson
 Lake Highlands (13-0-1), 6 p.m. Saturday,
 Texas Stadium, Irving
 Humble (9-3-2) vs. San Antonio Roosevelt (14-0),
 4 p.m. Saturday, Alamo Stadium, San Antonio

Class 4A

State Semifinals
 Denison (14-0) vs. Mount Pleasant (10-3), 2
 p.m. Saturday, Cotton Bowl, Dallas
 La Marque (14-0) vs. Corpus Christi Calallen
 (14-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, Bobcat Stadium, San
 Marcos

Class 3A

State Semifinals
 Springtown (11-3) vs. Commerce (13-1), 8
 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium, Irving
 Sealy (14-0) vs. Guero (13-1), 7 p.m. Saturday,
 Astrodome, Houston

Class 2A

State Semifinals
 West Texas (13-1) vs. Celina (13-1), 8 p.m.
 Friday, Vernon
 Refugio (13-1) vs. Alto (14-0), 3:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

Class 1A

State Semifinals
 Sudan (9-4) vs. Roscoe (12-1), 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Andrews
 Thorndale (14-0) vs. Overton (13-1), 2 p.m.
 Saturday, Fairfield

Six-man

State Championship
 Amherst (14-0) vs. Milford (13-1), 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Sweetwater

Fiesta Bowl will be defender's nightmare

NEW YORK (AP) — The Fiesta Bowl is a defensive coordinator's nightmare.

Top-ranked Nebraska must figure out a way to contain Florida's "Fun 'N Gun" passing show, while No. 2 Florida must try to slow down Nebraska's relentless ground attack.

Whichever defense does the better job could determine who wins the national championship.

Neither team has seen an offense like the one they'll see in 2 in Tempe, Ariz., so Nebraska's Tom Osborne and Florida's Steve Spurrier will have to make some major adjustments.

"It's always difficult to prepare for a contrasting style of offense or defense because your scout team people aren't going to be very well equipped to do that," Osborne said Tuesday at a CBS forum with Spurrier and other bowl alliance coaches.

Both offenses were nearly unstoppable this season.

Nebraska led the nation in rushing (400 yards per game) and scoring (52-point average), while Florida was second in passing (361 yards per game) and third in scoring (44.5).

To prepare for Nebraska's option offense, Spurrier said he'll use a freshman defensive back, Dock Pollard, to imitate Huskers quarterback Tommie Frazier during practice. Pollard went to the

same high school as Frazier in Bradenton, Fla.

"He can run around," Spurrier said.

Spurrier said he doesn't think either defense will be able to shut down the other team's offense.

"They're such a good offensive team, you got to believe they're going to score some points," he said. "If we're going to be successful, we got to score."

While their high-scoring offenses get most of the publicity, the Huskers (11-0) and Gators (12-0) also play good defense.

Nebraska allowed only 13.6 points per game, fourth-best in Division I-A. Florida's foes averaged 16.8 points, but only 10.2 in the Gators' last four games.

"They gave up a few yards, but you get close to the end zone and they don't let you in," Osborne said.

Spurrier is impressed with Nebraska's swarming defense.

"They got their own style and personality," he said. "It's a little different than most of the teams we play in the Southeast. It will be a challenge to see if we can match up and move the ball."

That hasn't been a problem for Florida this year. Led by quarterback Danny Wuerffel, who set an NCAA record for passing efficiency, the Gators scored more than 50 points four times and averaged 534 yards per game.

Groom teams sweep Vega

GROOM — The Groom Tigarettes lifted their record to 12-1 Tuesday night with a 56-49 overtime win over Vega.

Vega held a 30-27 lead after three quarters and the score ended up tied at 45-all at the end of regulation.

Jessica Friemel was high scorer for Groom with 18 points, followed by Sandie Conrad with 15.

Rey had 18 points to lead Vega scorers.

In the boys' game, Groom evened its record at 6-6 with a 54-32 win over Vega.

Brad Sustaire led Groom's balanced scoring attack with 11 points, followed by Stanley Homer and Jeremy Chavado with 10 each.

Keith Borman had 10 points to lead Vega.

Rockets blast Kings

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37 Large antelope
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50 Lacking vitality
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Area briefs

DIMMITT — Carl L. King will retire as executive director of the Texas Corn Producers Board on Jan. 1.

Jerry Don Glover, a Lazbuddie corn grower and member of the Texas Corn Producers Board, will serve as interim executive director.

The 15-member board oversees the collection and distribution of the statewide half-cent per bushel corn checkoff used for corn research and market development.

King will remain president of the Texas Corn Growers Association, an organization spawned from the TCPB 15 years ago. He will also remain chairman of the board of the American Corn Growers Association.

King has farmed in Castro County since 1955 and helped form the grower association in 1971 and the TCPB in 1980.

Lois Wales of Dimmitt also resigned her post as assistant executive director but will remain one of 15 elected TCPB directors.

AMARILLO — A drip irrigation conference and trade show are scheduled for this month in Amarillo.

The Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association, Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District and High Plains Under-ground Water Conservation District are sponsoring a drip irrigation conference and trade show in Amarillo Dec. 20. Scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Amarillo Civic Center, the conference will feature the types and methods of drip irrigation and application to various crops.

A similar conference and trade show is planned for Dec. 19, at the University Center Ballroom at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

For more information, call the Panhandle Ground Water office at 883-2501.

FRITCH — Spring Canyon at Lake Meredith will open Dec. 16 for fishing from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., National Park Service officials said this week.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department stocked the area with trout Friday, Dec. 8, officials said.

Barricades will be set in areas where construction continues, according to Patrick C. McCrary, park superintendent.

The Lake Meredith National Recreation Area closed earlier this month when Congress and the president failed to reach an agreement on the country's budget. The area reopened after six days when Congress passed a continuing resolution to fund the government temporarily until a final budget can be reached.

McCrary said the park service is still awaiting a budget agreement between Congress and the president. If an agreement is not reached by Friday, Dec. 15, the park may have to shut down again, he said.

McLEAN — The McLean City Council will meet in regular session Thursday at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Items on the agenda include discussion of the following: a sewer line to the old Dairy Queen building, a resident's gas bill, the retired firemen's pension fund, laminating ID cards for emergency responders, painting the water tank and street signs.

PAMPA — The Pampa Economic Development Corporation board of directors will meet in regular session Thursday at 3 p.m. in the PEDC office, 301 N. Ballard.

Items on the agenda include the election of a board vice president, strategic planning/vision session follow-up, labor survey, prospect request, Internet worldwide web update, Crall Products report and executive director Jack Ippel's report.

Dr. Suresh Gopalan, coordinator of the labor survey, is expected to be present.

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Court reviews auto insurance rules

AUSTIN (AP) — An insurance industry lawyer asked the Texas Supreme Court Tuesday to throw out rules barring denial of auto insurance to people because they have only one car or another company canceled their coverage.

The court didn't immediately act in the case, which some consumer activists fear has the potential to curtail state regulators' power over insurance companies.

Dudley McCalla, representing the National Association of Independent Insurers, argued that regulators didn't follow proper procedures and lacked authority to adopt the rules.

"The Legislature has not passed a statute granting the (insurance) board the authority to, by rule and regulation, simply make insurance more available and more affordable," McCalla said.

The rules, which are separate from rate-making procedures, were adopted in 1993 by the state insurance board. The board since has been eliminated and its powers assumed by the insurance commissioner.

McCalla said the board in adopting the rules didn't have evidence to show insurance companies were engaging in unfair practices, but instead was interfering in "legitimate business decisions" by companies.

Assistant Attorney General John Hohengarten, representing the Texas Department of Insurance, said many agencies make rules to prevent wrongdoing, rather than waiting to respond to wrong actions.

He said it's a "very dangerous" legal theory to

argue against agencies' ability to take preventive action.

Hohengarten said the rule against denying auto coverage based on another company's denial, for example, was meant to ensure insurers did their own investigation of drivers.

The rule prevents companies from denying insurance either because a consumer has previously been canceled or has been insured with a high-cost county mutual company.

Hohengarten said people may have been denied insurance coverage for reasons unrelated to their driving risk, leading Justice Craig Enoch to suggest wryly, "and three speeding tickets may indicate I had three children being born."

Enoch and several other justices actively questioned the lawyers on points such as the reasons for and effect of the rules, regulators' authority and why insurers objected to the regulations.

Rob Schneider, senior staff attorney for Consumers Union's southwest regional office, said the lawsuit is "a critical case for Texas consumers."

"Not only are these rules important for ending unfair insurance discrimination, this is a case that could substantially curtail TDI's authority to regulate insurance companies," he said.

Insurance industry spokesman Jerry Johns said, "It is also a critical case for insurers." He said the case is about insurers' ability to charge a fair rate.

"From our perspective, it is a question of the rate," Johns said. "It would not necessarily be a question of refusal. It would be a question of rating that particular family."

DPS offers safety tips for driving over holiday

The Christmas holiday is the most traveled holiday of any other. The Texas Department of Public Safety is again asking all Texas motorists to drive with extra caution.

"Across the street or across the State of Texas, motorists need to plan ahead and exercise the best driving skills," said Trooper L.B. Snider, DPS information specialist.

"Last year, we experienced 26 deaths during the 78-hour Christmas holiday period," Snider said. "Of the 26 fatalities reported to the Department of Public Safety, seven were pedestrians. Of the nineteen vehicle occupants killed, six were not wearing seat belts and at least four of the reported traffic accidents involved alcohol."

When traveling, it is best for drivers to take frequent rest breaks.

"Take 10 to 15 minute breaks," Snider said. "Get out of your vehicle, walk, stretch, get a cup of coffee or a soft

drink to help keep you awake. If possible, change drivers. Take a rest break every two hours or every 100 miles of driving."

Snider suggested motorists should make plans. If not sure of roads, look at maps while at rest breaks, not while driving. When in strange towns or cities look for speed limits that might change from rural areas to urban areas. Constantly look all around you and use rear view mirror to scan traffic behind you. Don't forget pedestrians.

"Obey all speed limit laws at all times," he said. "Allow plenty of travel time. Do not rush. Be sure to buckle-up and be alert. The best Christmas present that you can give your family is to stay alive."

"And please don't drink and drive."

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