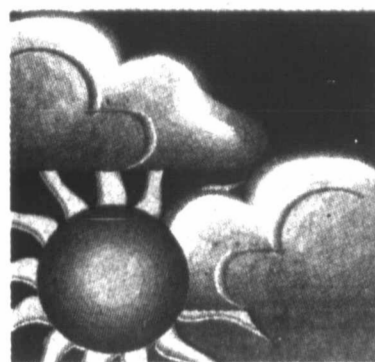


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Low tonight in upper 30s, high tomorrow near 50. See Page 2 for weather details.

PAMPA — When firefighters arrived at the scene of a house fire Thursday afternoon, they found their job pretty much done for them.

A small blaze in Drusilla Rodecape's home at 1905 N. Duncan caused moderate to heavy smoke, water and fire damage, but the fire essentially contained itself.

"It melted some water lines, and the water put out the fire," said Capt. James Schaub. "The house was full of water, but when they arrived there was no fire."

Water lines were spraying the ceiling and in cabinets, Schaub said.

Damage is estimated at \$20,000. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

PAMPA — In Monday's regular session of the Gray County commissioners, Jerry Rains will make a presentation concerning the current airport project plans and discuss a further review of the sheriff's department phone system.

Other items for consideration are the purchasing of a copy machine for use by the county veteran's office and a request by District Clerk Yvonne Moler to add Jo Mays' signature to her office accounts held at Boatmen's First Pampa Banking Center.

Commissioners will meet in the second floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse at 9 a.m. Monday. The meeting is open to the public.

PAMPA — Five partial rolls of lottery tickets were stolen sometime during the night at Oney's Discount Store at the intersection of Price and Kentucky.

The store manager found the front window smashed today when she arrived for work around 7:30 a.m., according to the police report. The tickets and some plastic holders were later found missing.

The rolls were at least half full, the manager said.

Detectives are investigating the case.

PAMPA — The Gray County Juvenile Probation Board will meet in regular session Tuesday at 8 a.m. in the second floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse.

Items on the agenda include consideration of purchasing a video surveillance camera, the dismissal of Cor-Plan as boot camp developer and submitting time incurred regarding Texas Youth Commission parolees.

Meetings are open to the public.

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Clinton choses commerce, U.N. post nominees

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton has chosen Democratic activist Bill Daley of Chicago to be secretary of commerce and Rep. Bill Richardson to serve as United Nations ambassador, The Associated Press has learned. Janet Reno will remain attorney general.

With his economic team taking shape, Clinton also selected Gene Sperling to chair the National Economic Council, the AP learned.

Administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Daley, Richardson and Sperling were among the second-term personnel selections Clinton planned to unveil at a news conference today. Daley is the brother of Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley.

In a long night of personnel deliberations, Clinton met Thursday with Reno to ask her to remain in his Cabinet and she accepted, an administration official confirmed today. After keeping her status in limbo for weeks, Clinton was expected to announce the decision today.

Working late into the night, Clinton also indicated to aides that:

— Having Daley replace Mickey Kantor at Commerce makes Federal Highway Administrator Rodney Slater the likely choice for transportation secretary, replacing Federico Pena. An Arkansan with long ties to Clinton, Slater is black; Clinton is trying to diversify his Cabinet.

— Former Federal Reserve Vice Chairman Alan Blinder, a Princeton economist, emerged as the front-runner to replace Joseph Stiglitz as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors. But there is a big hitch: Blinder was demanding certain conditions before accepting the job.

Clinton had considered dividing the NEC chairmanship between Sperling and another

NEC deputy, Daniel Turullo. Though questions were raised about whether Sperling had the stature for the chairmanship, Clinton decided that the tireless worker and loyal aide could handle the job.

Sperling, known for his ability to blend politics and economics, will head a panel designed by Clinton to be his clearing-house of economic advice.

With today's development, the CEA and Labor secretary are the only empty spots on Clinton's economic team. The White House has said Robert Rubin will continue as treasury secretary and would appear at today's news conference. Charlene Barshefsky, his choice for trade representative, is overseas.

Clinton still has five Cabinet vacancies to fill: the departments of Commerce, Transportation, Energy, Labor and Housing — in addition to the two economic panels, the U.N. post and several White House positions.

Aides only expected Clinton to fill Commerce, the U.N. post and the NEC positions today.

Richardson, 49, an eight-term New Mexico Democrat, has been playing unofficial American ambassador to rogue states since December 1994 when he negotiated the release of a U.S. airman whose Army helicopter went down in North Korea. He has since also helped captured Americans get out of Iraq and Bangladesh.

He holds a graduate degree in diplomacy from Tufts University and has a long Washington career, including stints at the State Department's congressional relations office and on the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations committee.

A senior member of the House Intelligence Committee and of Congress' Hispanic caucus, he made Clinton's short list for interior secretary in 1992.

Health officials say pesticide poses danger in households

WASHINGTON (AP) — An agricultural pesticide is being increasingly used illegally to kill household insects, posing serious and growing health concerns, officials said.

The Environmental Protection Agency and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry warned about misuse of the pesticide methyl parathion after it was found last month to have been sprayed illegally in scores of homes in Mississippi.

"EPA will not tolerate the danger to public health caused by such flagrant and illegal use of pesticide," said EPA Administrator Carol Browner on Thursday.

The two agencies said there are signs of "an emerging national pattern of illegal misuse" of the pesticide which is supposed to be used outdoors for agricultural purposes.

Known as "cotton poison" because it often is used to kill pests in cotton fields, it is so

toxic that farmers can't return to the fields for two days after use.

The EPA said increasingly it is being used to kill roaches and other insects in homes, creating a hazard for humans and pets.

Exposure to methyl parathion indoors can cause dizziness, confusion, headaches, breathing difficulties and blurred vision. Prolonged exposure can lead to muscle spasms, chest pains, vomiting and even death, the agencies said.

Last month, two unlicensed exterminators used the pesticide to kill roaches in 154 homes in Jackson County, Miss., causing 629 people to be relocated and the closing of eight day care centers, a restaurant and two hotels, the EPA said.

"We are working with the state of Mississippi to take all actions necessary to make sure that affected people and properties are helped and that no other communities ever suffer from misuse of this pesticide," said Browner.

Bush calls in Texas Rangers to protect state lottery records

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Rangers have been called in to help safeguard state lottery records after questions were raised about documents subpoenaed by a federal grand jury.

Lottery Commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers said Thursday she was concerned "about the integrity and security of documents and files" at the lottery.

She said lottery executive director Nora Linares was questioning the authenticity of records sought by the grand jury.

Some of those documents showed that former GTECH consultant Mike Moeller

was listed as a lottery headquarters visitor a dozen times in 1992.

Moeller's friendship with Ms. Linares has raised questions about his \$30,000 contract with GTECH, the lottery operator and its largest contractor. His name appeared on several of the more than 2,500 pages of the lottery's visitor logs.

Gov. George W. Bush, describing himself as "deeply concerned" about the lottery, told The Associated Press: "We must have full disclosure of all the facts."

"I think the public feels like I feel. They

just want to know the truth. What are the facts?"

The Lottery Commission is investigating how Moeller, now serving time in a federal prison on an unrelated charge, received a \$30,000 consulting contract with GTECH Corp., the Rhode Island-based company that operates the lottery's on-line games.

Commissioners are trying to determine whether Ms. Linares has given preferential treatment to GTECH or other vendors.

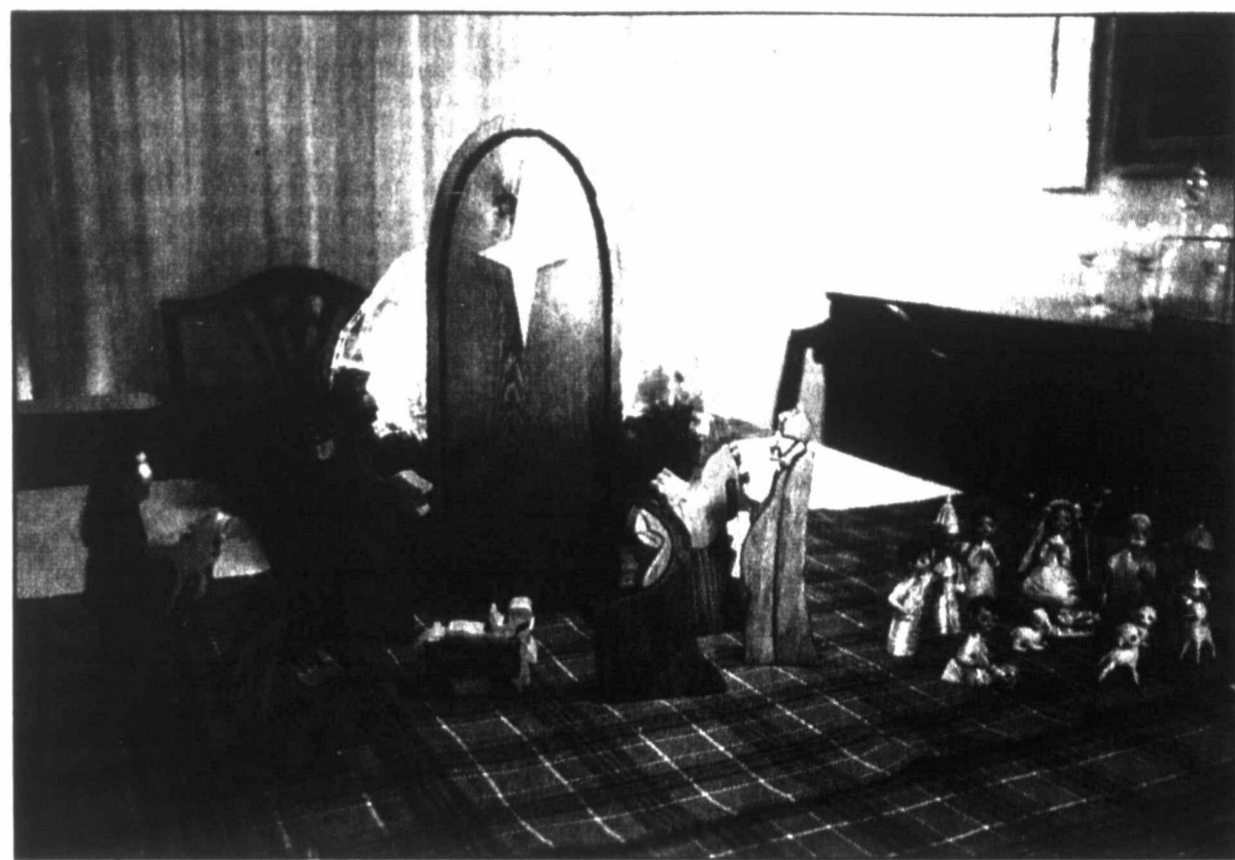
Bush said he had faith that Ms. Miers, a

Dallas lawyer, would get to the bottom of the questions.

"I've called upon Harriet Miers to do whatever it takes to lay out the truth. I've got full confidence in Harriet. She's honest, she's smart and she's tough," Bush said.

"She is deeply concerned about conflicts of interest and potential improprieties. I said ... to whatever it takes to make full disclosure."

Ms. Miers said the Rangers and Department of Public Safety document experts were needed to protect lottery records.



Hand sculpted Nativity scenes will be exhibited in the Pampa Garden Club Christmas show, compliments of Dr. Jerry Lane. Each of the two pieces of art were special "gifts of love" to him, he said.

Pampa Garden Club's Christmas show to highlight spirit and beauty of season

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

The Pampa Garden Club is sponsoring its Christmas show, "The Spirit and Beauty of Christmas," in Lovett Memorial Library this weekend.

The show is free and will be open to the public on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

According to Thelma Bray, exhibits are welcomed from anyone interested in participating in the show. To enter, please call her at 665-1180 or Ruth Barrett at 665-5050.

The show includes a variety of decorated trees, Christmas decorations and an exhibit of religious art which will include Nativity scenes, stitchery, ceramics, decoupage, fabrics, paper and sculptures.

A piece of sculpture by Pampa artist Gerald Sanders, titled "The Greatest Gift," will be featured in the show.

Among several other pieces of holiday and religious art, others displaying their unique collections include Sandy Williams and Jerry Lane.

A hand-sculpted exhibit is a Della Robbia style fruit wreath, made of lye soap and crayon wax in the early 1950s, created by Mrs. E.F. Sansom, deceased mother of Williams.

The table piece is of mixed miniature fruits, including bananas, plums, apples, grapes, strawberries, pears, nuts and berries, worked with wires twisted into chicken wire frame.

"The entire wreath took my mother more than a year to complete, since each individual fruit piece is hand carved out of the soap, then dipped in the wax coloring. Some of the pieces actually have seeds, stems or parts of the original fruits, even though they are all miniature pieces," Williams said, pointing to the leaves accenting the wreath.

The art creation was learned by her mother when she took a special class, and over several years, she produced only three.



A unique fruit wreath made of lye soap and crayon wax, owned by Sandy Williams, will be exhibited at the Pampa Garden Club Christmas Show Saturday and Sunday.

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Services tomorrow

BEESENGER, Violet Irene — 10 a.m., Keeney and Basford Funeral Home Etchison Memorial Chapel, Frederick, Mo.
THOMPSON, Tommy Lou — 2 p.m., Church of Christ, Wellington.

Obituaries

MARTHA E. RODEN

Martha E. Roden, 66, of Pampa, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Roden was born Aug. 3, 1930, at Shamrock. She had been a Pampa resident since the 1940s. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Fern Roden, on April 10, 1921; and three brothers, Billy Joe Roden on Feb. 8, 1992; Finis Roden on March 18, 1941; and Alfred Roden on Dec. 10, 1919.

Survivors include a sister, Heloise Fagan of Seal Beach, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Drama Roden of Pampa; three nephews, Joey Roden of Pampa, Jerry Wright of Mesa, Ariz., and Mike Fagan of Downey, Calif.; a niece, Sanda Nickels of Beverly Hills, Calif.; two great-nieces; and three great-nephews.

TOMMY LOU THOMPSON

WELLINGTON — Tommy Lou Thompson, 78, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Church of Christ with Terry Hightower, minister, and Durward Weatherford, of the Church of Christ in Erick, Okla., officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home.

Mrs. Thompson was born at Lutie. She attended school at Aberdeen, Samnorwood and Shamrock, graduating from Shamrock High School in 1936. She worked in the Collingsworth County office of Panhandle Community Action from 1970 until retiring in 1987. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a son, Mike Glenn, in 1962.

Survivors include two daughters, Judy Glenn and Mary Sue Thompson, both of Amarillo; a son, Pat Glenn of Wellington; and a grandson.

The family requests memorials be to the Wellington Cemetery Association or to the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center.

M. JOY TURNER

M. Joy Turner, 67, of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 13, 1996. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Turner was born June 20, 1929, at Erick, Okla. She married Eugene Turner on Aug. 17, 1947, at Pampa; he died Nov. 14, 1987. She had been a Pampa resident since 1931. She was involved in real estate sales and was a member of the Pampa Board of Realtors. She was a homemaker and a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Allen Turner, in 1969.

Survivors include two daughters, Amy Alexander of Pampa and Donna Hood of Temple; a son, Burt Turner of Pampa; a brother, John T. Hutchens of New Orleans, La.; a sister-in-law, Beula Cox of Pampa; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family will be at 1109 Starkweather.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB

Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamison at 669-2945.

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

MOBILE MEALS

Southside Senior Citizens Center mobile meals menu for Saturday, Dec. 14, is stew and cornbread, cake.

PAMPA RETIRED TEACHERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Pampa Retired Teachers Association will have its Christmas Party at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at Lovett Memorial Library. Members are asked to bring wrapped "white elephants." Hostesses will be the association officers.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pampa Masonic Hall, 420 W. Kingsmill, for a stated meeting. The Chapter will be draped in memory of Mrs. Billie Macdonald and Mrs. Norma McBee. Everyone is asked to bring food for the Christmas baskets. A celebration of Christmas will be held following the meeting; bring your favorite dish and an exchange gift not to exceed \$5 in value. For information or transportation to the meeting, call 665-2665.

Fires

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

THURSDAY, Dec. 12

12:58 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to 1905 N. Duncan on a structure fire. Damage was estimated at \$20,000.

1:01 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to White Deer on an out-of-control controlled burn. They were turned back before arrival.

1:27 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the alley of the 500 block of Doucette on a dumpster and grass fire.

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11

Theft of a tool box and miscellaneous tools valued at \$350 was reported at 713 N. Wells. A runaway was reported in the 100 block of South Wells.

Criminal mischief was reported at 100 W. Randy Matson. Damage of \$250 to a hatchback lock and plastic cover, \$100 damage to drivers door and paint and \$100 damage to the drivers rearview mirror and glass was reported.

A 27-year-old female reported being assaulted by two other females at 1012 Neel Rd. at 4:15 p.m. No injuries were reported.

Officer Anthony Wooley reported an assault by threat at 1100 Huff Rd. at 4:15 p.m.

A 21-year-old female reported official oppression in the 600 block of East Fredric.

Domestic violence - assault by contact was reported in the 600 block of North Wells. No injuries were reported.

Arrests

Clarence Billingsley, 75, McLean, was arrested at the police department on a charge of jumping bond. He paid his fine and was released.

Tamara Lanika Johnson, 20, 404 N. Nelson, was arrested at 1100 Huff Rd. on a charge of assault by threat. She remained in custody on \$400 bond.

Dazarie Marie Cobb, 20, 508 E. Foster, was arrested in the 300 block of Roberta on warrant for disorderly conduct by noise. She remained in custody on \$400 bond.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Dec. 12

10 a.m. — A 1984 Ford pickup driven by Dee Ann Lee, 19, 208 Tignor, was in collision with a legally parked 1981 Chevrolet pickup owned John Foster, Amarillo, which was in turn in collision with a 1986 Cadillac Sedan owned by Nona Gray, 828 N. Nelson, in the 300 block of West Atchison. Lee was cited for failure to control speed.

2 p.m. — A 1993 Ford Taurus driven by Alicia Rahna Caviness, 18, 825 N. Dwight, was in collision with a 1992 Buick Park Avenue driven by Patricia Dalton Bolton, 55, 1901 N. Zimmers, at the intersection of Somerville and Kingsmill. Caviness was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

8:45 p.m. — A 1992 Chevy pickup driven by Marc Stuart Covalt, 16, Pampa, was in collision with a 1989 GMC pickup driven by Fernando Anguano, 17, 600 Sloan, at the traffic signal at 1500 N. Hobart. Covalt was cited for following too closely.

Ambulance

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

THURSDAY, Dec. 12

12:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Varnon Drive on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

1:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of North Duncan on a fire assist. No patient was transported.

3:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

4:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

6:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to a local nursing facility.

6:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a medical assist. No patient was transported.

Sheriff's Office

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

THURSDAY, Dec. 12

Deputies responded to a reported burglary at Moody Farms, Texas 152 and FM 1474.

Arrests

Denyse D. Sells, 24, 528 Magnolia, was arrested on charges of issuance of worthless checks and a Wheeler County charge of theft by check. She remained in custody awaiting bond.

James D. Sells, 26, 528 Magnolia, was arrested on charges of issuance of worthless checks and theft by check in Gray County and a Wheeler County charge of theft by check. He remained in custody awaiting bond.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa		
Wheat	4 1/2	dn 1/2
Milo	4.00	dn 1/4
Corn	4.77	dn 1/4
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion		
Occidental	21 3/4	dn 1/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion		
Magellan	80 3/4	dn 1/4
Puritan	17 21	dn 1/4
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa		
Amoco	75 1/2	dn 1/8
Arco	130 5/8	dn 1 1/4
Cabot	25 3/8	dn 1/4
Cabot O&G	17 7/8	up 3/8
Chevron	61	dn 1/4
Coca Cola	47 3/8	dn 1/2
Columbia/HCA	39 3/8	dn 3/8
Enron	42 7/8	up 1 1/2
Halliburton	56 3/4	dn 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	44 7/8	dn 1/8
KMI	49 1/2	dn 1/2
Kerr McGee	69	dn 3/8
Limited	18 3/8	dn 1/4
Mapco	33 1/2	dn 1/8
McDonald's	45 3/8	dn 1/4
Mobil	118 7/8	up 1/8
New Atmos	23 5/8	up 1/8
Parker & Parsley	33 1/8	dn 1/8
Pennyc's	50	up 1/4
Phillips	41 1/4	dn 1/4
SLB	97 1/4	dn 3/8
SPS	34 7/8	dn 1/4
Tenneco	45 1/4	dn 1/4
Texasco	97 1/8	dn 1/8
Ultramar	NA	NA
Wal-Mart	23 7/8	dn 1/4
New York Gold	369.30	NA
Silver	4.77	NA
West Texas Crude	23.52	NA

All-Area Choir members



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Seven Pampa High School students were named to the All-Area Choir Dec. 7 and will travel to Odessa Jan. 11 for the final step in making the All-State Choir. All-Area students include (front) Tish Hadley, first alternate, second soprano; Faustine Curry, second chair, second alto; and Beverly Schiffman, first chair, second alto; and (back) Hugh Craddock, second chair, first bass; Thann Scoggin, first chair, first bass; and Brad Allen, fourth chair, second tenor. Not pictured is Rose Frugé, first alternate, first soprano. A total of 12 PHS students auditioned for All-Area.

Jury convicts 15 in 'common-law court' case

TROY, Mo. (AP) — Jurors swayed by anti-government arguments convicted 15 people of judicial tampering for their involvement in a "common-law court."

Jurors Thursday recommended two years in prison for 13 defendants and seven-year sentences for two others depicted as the group's leaders, Clifford K. Hobbs and Dennis Logan.

The members also face fines of up to \$5,000. No sentencing date has been set.

The 13 men and two women were part of a common-law court group that filed a \$10.8 million claim in Lincoln County Circuit Court against Associate Circuit Judge Patrick Flynn. Prosecutors called it an attempt to harass Flynn, who was scheduled to preside over a traffic charge against another member of the movement.

"The only issue is punishment — guilt is clear," prosecutor Ted Bruce said. "It is time that they be

held responsible. The common-law court is silly. It was just made up."

Common-law courts advocates often consider themselves immune from state and federal courts based on their belief that the government has abandoned the U.S. Constitution. While they share some beliefs with the Freeman who staged an 11-week standoff in Montana this spring, the defendants deny they have any links with that group.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy tonight with a low near 38 and southwest winds 5-15 mph. Saturday, breezy and cooler with a high near 50 and north winds 10-20 mph. Sunday, fair with a high near 58. Thursday's high was 63; the overnight low was 38.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy with lows from around 30 to mid 30s. Saturday, mostly cloudy and cooler with highs from around 50 to upper 50s. Saturday night, cloudy, colder and windy. Slight chance of rain, perhaps changing to sleet or light snow. Lows from around 20 to around 30. South Plains: Tonight, fair. Lows from low 30s northwest to low 40s southeast. Saturday, mostly

sunny, turning colder late. Highs in the 60s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows 25-35.

North Texas — Tonight, mostly clear with increasing clouds south central and east by morning. Lows 46 to 54. Saturday, morning low clouds south central and east, otherwise partly cloudy. Highs 64 to 68.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy and foggy. Lows in the 40s Hill Country, 50s to near 60 south central. Saturday, cloudy and foggy with occasional light rain or drizzle in the morning becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in the 70s. Upper Coast: Tonight through Saturday, night and morning clouds and dense fog. Partly cloudy afternoons. Lows in the 50s to near 60 inland and in the

60s coast. Highs in the 70s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight through Saturday, night and morning clouds and dense fog. Otherwise partly cloudy. Lows in the 50s to near 60 inland and in the 60s coast. Highs in the 70s to near 80.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, fair to partly cloudy skies. Lows from near 10 to near 30 mountains and north with upper 20s to 30s lower elevations south. Saturday, fair to partly cloudy. Turning breezy and a little colder north. A slight chance of snow showers late over the northern mountains. Highs mid 30s to mid 50s mountains and north with upper 50s to low 70s lower elevations south.

Oklahoma — Tonight, clear. Lows in 30s. Saturday, sunny. Highs 55 to 65.

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

GOLF SALE - All merchandise mark down for Christmas. Great selections. David's Golf Shop at Hidden Hills. Gift certificates available. Adv.

FRESH SHELLED Pecans \$6 lb., will deliver. Boy Scout Troop 404, 669-6917. Adv.

DR. CHARLES Ashby has retired as of 11-30-96. If you have any questions regarding medical records, please contact the Medical and Surgical Clinic, 1701 N. Hobart, Pampa, Tx. or call 806-665-8471. Adv.

KNIGHTS OF Columbus Deep Fried and Smoked Turkeys for the Christmas Holidays. To order call Jay Zimmer, 665-0750 or Neal Hoelting, 669-9514. Adv.

A GREAT Gift Idea - Call Suntrul 3M Auto Tint, complete auto glass repair and replacement. 703 W. Brown, 665-0615. Adv.

ROLANDA'S HAS good scents! Adv.

HOLIDAY SPECIAL - 12 in. Cheese Tray \$10.95. Easy's Pop Shop. 665-1719. Adv.

SANTA IS Here and wants to see you at Coronado Center - Copper Kitchen. Monday-Friday, 2 p.m.-7 p.m. Saturday 12 noon-4 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Pictures \$5. Adv.

FASHION NAILS - Holiday Special, Coronado Center, 665-7855, Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Full set \$26, re-fills \$16, manicure \$12, pedicure \$22. Adv.

FREEMAN'S PAMPA Store - 5 bloom Poinsettia, basket with bow \$14.95 now thru December 21st. Delivery available. 410 E. Foster, 669-3334. Adv.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS, decorations, etc. All finished items. Sale - Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mary's Ceramics, 945 E. Malone, 665-4317. Adv.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 9-5 p.m., 112 N. Court, downtown, across from City Hall, Lefors-Community Craft, Antique and Garage Sale, featuring handmade unique gift items, live music. Other crafters welcome. Adv.

CHIROPRACTOR; Robert R. Loerwald D.C. Back Pain, Neck Pain, Non Force Treatment. 669-7676, 1716 N. Hobart. Adv.

VISIT FROM Santa. 10 years experience. Call 665-2141. Adv.

HOLIDAY SALE - 10% discount all items - Bottle Shop, 714 E. Frederic, 669-6410. Adv.

HOME DELIVERY. All carriers are independent contractors and The Pampa News is not responsible for advance payments of two or more months made to the carrier. Please pay directly to the News Office any payment that exceeds the current collection period.

WOOL SOCKS by Wigwam. Union suits, Thermal underwear and head gear, get ready for winter now. Free gift wrap. Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler. Adv.

NEED A break to go shopping? Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan, will offer Christmas Shopping Day care, starts Saturday, November 30th, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Lots of fun and games, lunch served. Come join us at a safe place while your parents shop. \$5 minimum per child or donations accepted. Details - call Meredith Phennig 665-6322. Adv.

HAVE A Mary Kay Christmas! Open House, December 14, 9-4 p.m. December 15, 1-5 p.m. 624 Powell Str. Adv.

DANCE - McLEAN Country Club, Saturday 14th, 8-12. Music by Plain Country. Members and guests welcome. Adv.

GRANNY HAD One, Open Saturday 10-5:30. Antiques and Collectibles. We appreciate your business. Adv.

HEIRLOOM QUALITY Christmas Tree Skirts - Creature Comforts, 115 N. West. Adv.

ESTATE SALE Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 413 Rider. Collectibles, furniture, miscellaneous. Adv.

HOME INTERIORS Annual Clearance Sale. Saturday 12-14-96, 9-1 p.m., 2117 N. Christy. Displayer Valerie Miller. Adv.

MERLE NORMAN Going Out of Business Sale - 1/2 Off, Saturday, December 14th 2218 N. Hobart. Adv.

SKI WEEKEND for 4. Taos. Will throw in skis, \$1200. 669-6927. Adv.

RED BARN Christmas Sale. Barbie, baby dolls, trucks, lots of toys, decorations, dishes, pots and pans. 10 a.m. Saturday, 1414 S. Barnes, South on Hwy. 273. Adv.

NEW SHIPMENT of poinsettias arriving today at Watson's Feed & Garden. We deliver. 665-4189. Adv.

OLD FASHIONED ribbon candy, fresh roasted peanuts, flavored coffee, cocoa honey, sorghum molasses and lots of other stocking stuffers and gift ideas at Celebrations and Watson's Feed & Garden, Hwy. 60 East. Adv.

Miss your paper?

Dial 669-2525 before 7 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. Sundays



(Pampa News photo by Shyla Bryant)

Cameron Dishner, 5, and his sister Cara, 3, stand in front of the machine their mother, Trish Dishner, won in a Coca-Cola contest in conjunction with the summer Olympics.

Pampa woman wins Coke vending machine as prize

Sure, Coca-Cola is the best-selling and probably most popular soft drink, but most people don't keep a vending machine at home for their Cokes.

Well, now the Darrell and Trish Dishner family does.

Earlier this year, Trish Dishner had purchased a 12-pack of Cokes and found a coupon on it for a discount on shoes. She also found an entry form for a chance to win a prize in Coca-Cola's Red Hot Olympic Summer Games. She sent in two entry forms.

Thursday, she had a Coke machine sitting out in her front yard by the house, waiting for it to be loaded on a moving van.

"It got here just in time," Mrs. Dishner said, noting that her family will be moving from Pampa to Paducah, Ky., this weekend.

In November she received a letter notifying her she was a potential winner of a vending machine in the Red Hot Olympic Summer Games. She had to fill out and return an affidavit of eligibility.

Along with the vending machine, she received 260 coupons for 12-packs of Coca-Cola, supposedly a year's worth of the soft drink.

"That's more than we'll drink in a year," Mr. Dishner said. The couple said some of their family and friends may be receiving coupons for Coke in their Christmas cards this year.

The machine itself is worth about \$3,500, but increasing its value are the autographs of five

Congress launches inquiry into \$3.2 million grant

WASHINGTON (AP) — Both Congress and the Commerce Department are investigating a \$3.2 million grant that went to a Democratic fund-raiser's company after a political appointee overruled the selection of another firm that won the initial bidding.

The grant, the largest ever from Commerce to run a minority business assistance center in Los Angeles known as MEGA, was awarded to Cordoba Corp. even after government auditors twice warned that the company did not appear to be financially fit, documents show.

Cordoba is run by California businessman George Pla, who for two decades has raised money for Democrats and was a member of President Clinton's 1992 campaign finance board. Pla also served on the Democratic Party's 1992 convention site selection committee and has donated \$39,350 to Democratic causes.

The 1994 grant is being investigated by the House Commerce Committee as part of its inquiry into whether the Commerce

Department has been used to reward Democratic donors.

The department says its own internal review, spurred by stories in the *Los Angeles Times*, uncovered several allegations that are being further investigated by its inspector general.

The *Times* in today's editions reported that the Commerce inspector general has concluded in a draft report that Cordoba improperly claimed more than \$700,000 in government payments while failing to fulfill the MEGA contract.

The auditors said Cordoba improperly claimed about \$716,000 in costs while running the MEGA center and received nearly \$286,000 in unearned disbursements from the federal government, the *Times* said.

The findings were reported to Pla by Commerce officials on Monday, the *Times* said. He told the newspaper "I have enormous problems with this report."

In an interview with the AP, Pla said he had not asked anyone for favoritism regarding the

award of the MEGA contract, although he had been friends with then-Commerce Secretary Ron Brown. Brown attended a meeting at Cordoba about a month after the award.

In addition to the grant, Cordoba spent more than \$500,000 of its own money on the center, designed to help minority businesses compete for government contracts and financing. But after a year of operation and extensive criticism by Commerce auditors, Cordoba closed the center.

"For those who would read and write about benefiting personally or steering contracts, it is nonsense," Pla said. "The project cost me a half-million dollars. And I did it because I thought I could help minority businesses."

In recent weeks, several career government officials have told a Commerce review that Clinton appointee Gilbert Colon intervened to redirect the federal money to Cordoba after another firm, Grant Thornton, had already won the procurement competition and was being processed for the grant, according to department documents.

State nursing home board suspected of breaking rules

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas might be violating federal Medicaid regulations because the state board regulating nursing home administrators is two-thirds made up of industry members, according to a published report.

The *Austin American-Statesman* reported today that the state apparently is in violation of a Medicaid rule that prohibits a majority of the board from working in or representing one profession or institution.

The Texas Board of Nursing Facility Administrators includes three public representatives and six nursing home administrators.

State and federal officials are trying to determine whether the state must designate a new board. Board members are appointed by the governor.

"It's up in the air right now," said Susan Steeg, general counsel for the Texas Department of

Health, which provides staff support to the board.

"There is some inconsistency in what's in that (federal) regulation and what we're doing ... Whether that constitutes some violation, I'm not sure."

If Texas is found to be noncompliant with the law, state officials would have to change the board, said Mitchell Chunn, a health insurance specialist for the federal Health Care Financing Administration.

"They would be given time to fix the problem," Chunn said.

Steeg said Congress has voted to repeal some federal rules governing state licensure of nursing homes, and authorities are trying to determine if the rule on board membership has been affected.

The Texas board's majority of nursing home administrators was established by a 1993 state law sponsored by Sen. Mike

Moncrief, D-Fort Worth. He said no one informed him of the federal regulation until this week.

Moncrief is sponsoring a bill to abolish the board and transfer its work to the Texas Department of Human Services, which regulates Texas' 1,100 nursing homes.

"The reason we are seeking to abolish the board is because they haven't done anything," Moncrief said.

The apparent conflict with federal regulation "just strengthens my resolve that we're heading in

the right direction," Moncrief said.

The board is now under fire for failing to discipline any administrators since 1993 despite numerous safety and health problems.

Advocates for nursing home residents say the industry majority on the board hampers aggressive regulation.

"Obviously, we know there's a conflict of interest on the board," said Candice Carter, legislative director of the American Association of Retired Persons' Texas office.

Theft fails to quail spirit of Christmas

HOUSTON (AP) — Just like the infamous Grinch, thieves who stole boxes full of Christmas presents from a children's home in Rio Grande were unable to halt the Christmas spirit.

Since word of last week's burglary at the Rio Grande Children's Home made the news, residents have donated almost \$2,500 in cash, teddy bears, wrapped gifts and food to make sure the 77 children who live there have a Christmas celebration.

Cassandra Trevio, a six-year-old from neighboring San Juan, donated her allowance to help replace the toys. And Marcos de la Garza, a first-grader at a day school that is part of the children's home, donated a \$50 gift certificate he won in a class raffle.

"There has just absolutely been an outpouring of generosity and love from our community, from the whole Valley," said vocational teacher Lou Shamblin, whom the students call "Aunt Lou."

"Because of their good hearts, the children are going to have absolutely the best Christmas they've ever had in their lives."



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Texas Editorials

The Midland Reporter-Telegram on Gov. Bush's reading initiative:

Gov. George W. Bush is obviously not afraid of a challenge. He wasn't in 1994 when he ran against — and defeated — the highly popular Ann Richards.

Now he has undertaken the daunting challenge to have every Texas school student reading at their grade level by third grade, and thereafter throughout their educational career.

At a his latest in a series of "reading summits" in Midland last week, Bush has told educators, businessmen and women and others that it "is inexcusable in our state to have so many children who cannot read. The best juvenile justice program is to teach a child to read. The best welfare program is to teach them to read. That's the mission."

We agree wholeheartedly with Bush's contention and with the observation, used in educational promotions in years past, that "reading is fundamental." Yes, it is! It is the building block on which all later education is based.

So it's entirely understandable that Gov. Bush finds it appalling that 90,000 Texas students in the third and fourth grades have failed the reading section of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) exam. Every Texan who cares about the futures of those young people — and this state — should be seriously concerned.

Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Moses, who also attended the Midland summit last week, noted that teaching students to read is not our only priority in public education.

"But," added Moses. "it is our first priority." That's as it should be.

Bush and Moses are on target with their reading initiative. Now every Texas parent should commit to ensuring that their child learns to read.

The Dallas Morning News on need to revamp state liability laws:

Let's say you own a store in a neighborhood where crime sometimes strikes. Would you keep the store there if lawsuits started to arise because crimes were committed against people standing outside your door?

The problem is not so far-fetched. Texas law contends that someone who owns a store or apartment complex, for example, can be held responsible for another person's criminal act on their property. That's possible even if the building's owner had nothing to do with the crime. The owner can be held liable if a jury determines he or she could have "foreseen" the problem but failed to prevent it.

Admittedly, some store owners fail to keep their premises safe. But how does an owner develop a fail-safe measure against crimes on his or her premises?

Unfortunately, one way is to just not invest at all in deteriorating neighborhoods, where crime sometimes occurs. Consider the case of Dallas-based Kwik Wash coin laundries. A jury held the company responsible for a crime committed against a woman in one of their washeterias. Afterward, the company closed several dozen stores in "marginal" areas. It was too expensive to hire security guards.

Of course, poor neighborhoods lost a valuable service. And some workers lost jobs at those laundries. "Why operate in an area where you think someone may get hurt?" Kwik Wash President Richard Enthoven notes as he laments the harmful effect of the Texas liability law. Businesses won't invest in high-crime neighborhoods if they are responsible for crimes because the acts were supposedly "foreseeable."

The Kwik Wash case is not unique. That's why Texas legislators should change the situation next year with some liability reforms. Specifically, they could hold owners of a premise liable only if the owner consciously fails to protect or warn someone on his property of a known danger.

They could also reinstate the "assumption of risk" rule, which Texas courts outlawed several years ago. It excuses a landowner from liability if a visitor knows of an apparent risk. For example, landowners could be exempted from liability if a person is hurt walking across a construction site at night, knowing full well that a large project is being constructed.

These changes could bring greater evenness to Texas liability laws. They could also eliminate harmful, unintended consequences.

Boycott Chinese this Christmas

In two of my recent speaking engagements, my gracious hosts gave me clocks as thank-you gifts. My first instinct was to refuse them. Not because I didn't appreciate the generosity of my hosts or because I have enough timepieces in my personal collection, but because they were made in China.

I remain convinced that China is not a friend of the United States. As such, I will not provide the communists in Beijing with any of my hard earned American dollars.

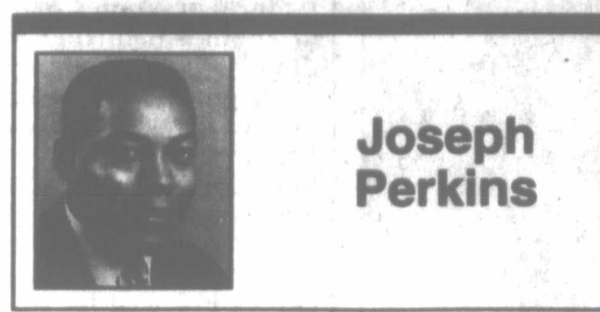
And I encourage other Americans to join this boycott. As the nation kicks off the holiday shopping season, during which the average American consumer is expected to spend \$764 on gifts, let conscientious Americans refuse to buy Chinese-made toys and shoes and clothing and, yes, clocks.

Of course, our leaders in Washington will take issue with such a boycott. They don't want to hurt the feelings of the totalitarian regime in Beijing. Especially after Bill Clinton just completed a 90-minute face-to-face in Manila with Chinese President Jiang Zemin and the two men have agreed to a home-and-away series of official "state visits."

But Clinton and Jiang could have talked until they were both red in the face and it wouldn't change the reality of Sino-American relations. And that is: For all our efforts to cultivate amicable relations with the communists, they continue to pursue policies that are inimical to America's best interests.

Indeed, on the eve of Clinton's friendly chat with Jiang, the *Washington Times* broke a story revealing that China has in recent months sold missile technology, advanced radar components and nearly 400 metric tons of chemicals (used to produce nerve agents) to our sworn enemies in Iran.

The *Times* gleaned this unsettling information from a top-secret Oct. 2 report, produced by the



Joseph Perkins

Central Intelligence Agency, titled "Arms Transfers to State Sponsors of Terrorism."

And this is only the latest of Beijing's brazen violations of arms control accords. Previous U.S. intelligence reports revealed that China has sold missile technology to Syria and both missile and nuclear technology to Pakistan.

No less ominous, the Jiang government has been trying to acquire intercontinental missile technology from Russia and Ukraine, the only purpose of which can be to develop an arsenal of ICBMs that can deliver a nuclear payload to the United States.

So how is China, a dirt poor nation, where the per capita income is \$360 a year, paying for its military build-up? By aggressively pursuing a mercantilist trade policy with the United States.

Indeed, while the United States imposes virtually no trade barriers to Chinese-made goods, China slaps a 30% tariff on U.S. imports. In addition to these draconian tariffs, Beijing imposes other trade barriers against American companies, including trade quotas, local content restrictions and licensing requirements.

As a result of its patently unfair trade practices, China is expected to post a record \$40 billion trade surplus with the United States this year, topping its record \$34 billion surplus last year.

At the rate things are going, China will soon

replace Japan as the source of this nation's largest trade deficit (even though America's overall trade volume with Japan is nearly four times larger than overall trade with China.)

The most absurd thing about U.S.-China trade relations is that Beijing actually accuses the United States of unfair trade practices. In fact, just prior to Secretary of State Warren Christopher's visit China, China's Foreign Trade Ministry announced that it intends to ban American textiles, agricultural products, fruit and alcoholic beverages.

This was China's retaliation for the paltry \$19 million fine the United States imposed against China back in September for its blatantly illegal transshipment (through a third country) of Chinese-made apparel and textiles. This slap on the wrist by the United States was prompted by China's clear violation of a bilateral textile agreement between the nations.

Finally, there is Beijing's miserable human rights record. Just a week before Clinton sat down with his new pal Jiang, a Chinese appeals court upheld an eleven year prison sentence for Wang Dan, one of the leaders of the 1989 Tiananmen Square pro-democracy demonstrations.

Wang previously spent four years in prison, before his release in 1993 after world appeals. Now he has been reimprisoned on charges of subversion against Jiang's government.

The dissident no doubt will end up in one of China's thousand or so prison labor camps, where he'll be forced to make shoes or toys or maybe even clocks. And many, if not most, of those products will end up in the United States.

Which is yet another reason why American shoppers should boycott Chinese-made products this holiday season. When you buy Chinese, you are only rewarding Beijing for its aggressive military posture, its unfair trade practices and its callous disregard for human rights.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 13, the 348th day of 1996. There are 18 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 13, 1835, Phillips Brooks, the American Episcopal bishop who wrote the words to "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was born in Boston.

On this date:

In 1577, Sir Francis Drake of England set out with five ships on a nearly 3-year journey that would take him around the world.

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

In 1769, Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, received its charter.

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

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.

In 1928, George Gershwin's musical work "An American in Paris" had its premiere at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

In 1944, during World War II, the U.S. cruiser Nashville was badly damaged in a Japanese "kamikaze" suicide attack that claimed 138 lives.

In 1978, the Philadelphia Mint began stamping the Susan B. Anthony dollar, which went into circulation the following July.

In 1981, authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement.

(Major provisions of the decree were lifted a year later; martial law formally ended in 1983.)

In 1994, an American Eagle commuter plane carrying 20 people crashed short of Raleigh-Durham International Airport in North Carolina, killing 15.

Ten years ago: President Ronald Reagan, in his weekly radio address, warned Congress against tampering with the recently signed tax overhaul bill.

Five years ago: Five Central Asian republics of the Soviet Union agreed to join the new Commonwealth of Independent States being organized by Russian President Boris Yeltsin. North Korea and South Korea signed a non-aggression agreement aimed at eventual reconciliation.

One year ago: As President Clinton flew to Paris to attend the signing of the Bosnian peace accord,

Congress gave him partial backing for his Bosnia policy. China's most influential democracy activist, Wei Jingsheng, who already had spent 16 years in prison, was sentenced to 14 more years.

Today's Birthdays: Former Secretary of State George P. Shultz is 76. Actor-comedian Dick Van Dyke is 71. Actor Robert Prosky is 66. Country singer Buck White is 66. Movie producer Richard Zanuck is 62. Singer John Davidson is 55. Singer Ted Nugent is 48. Rock musician Jeff "Skunk" Baxter (The Doobie Brothers; Steely Dan) is 48. Country musician Ron Getman (The Tractors) is 48. Country singer-musician Randy Owen is 47. Country singer John Anderson is 42. Actor Johnny Whitaker (*Family Affair*) is 37.

Media prepares welfare sob stories

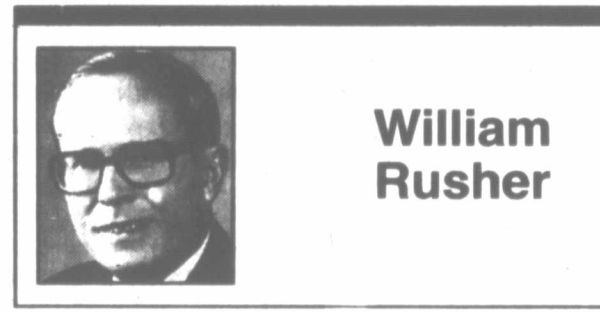
"If you have tears, prepare to shed them now." So said Antony to the Roman crowd, in Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, as he showed them the stab-wounds in Caesar's corpse.

The words would be equally appropriate coming from our liberal media, as they prepare to cover the welfare arrangements of the 50 states. Beginning Jan. 1, under the welfare reform act passed by the Republican Congress and signed by President Clinton, the states will assume responsibility for all welfare payments. The federal government will continue to provide the money, in the form of grants to the states, but each state will be authorized, and indeed required, to decide who gets welfare payments, and on what conditions, and how big the payments will be.

Every state has its own ideas on this subject — and rightly so, since each state is different, and local conditions may well call for different solutions. In addition, the hope is that the techniques invented and used in certain states will prove more successful than others, and be capable of wider application.

But there are bound to be shortcomings, especially in the beginning: states that fail to meet reasonable standards, or in which innovative ideas simply don't work as planned. It is there that the liberal media will be prowling, as the Great Experiment unfolds in 1997.

You can expect that your TV screen and your local liberal newspaper will be full of grim stories about helpless single mothers and their sad-eyed



William Rusher

children, all of whom face immediate starvation because the State of Mississippi isn't doing its job.

In fact, the media are puckering up already. "WELFARE CUTS CALLED DEVASTATING," shrieked the biggest headline on Page 1 of the *San Francisco Examiner* on Nov. 30. "Recipients fear they won't be able to cover the basics," added the subhead. And the lead paragraph maintained the pace:

"When her welfare benefits are slashed in January, Tina Bolden doesn't know how she'll pay the bills that stack up each month for her and her three children. Bolden's family is one of 2.7 million in California whose benefits will be reduced starting Jan. 1. The reductions stem from the state's plan to implement federal legislation governing welfare payments ... 'I'm going to barely be able to afford a roof over my head,' said Bolden, who lives at the Hamilton Family Shelter ..."

"The latest cuts will mean a single parent in San Francisco with two children who now receives \$594 a month in Aid to Families with Dependent Children will get \$565 in January ... To offset the reductions, food stamp allotments will be increased. For every \$3 cut in welfare, recipients will receive an extra \$1 in food stamps ..." or, in other words, an extra nine or ten dollars in food stamps. A recipient's overall payment will thus be "slashed" about \$20, or slightly more than three percent. That's on top of her regular food stamp allotment, housing subsidy, etc.

States that have already instituted welfare reforms report that one immediate result is a drop in the number of people on the welfare rolls. Evidently a good many recipients quickly make other arrangements when the welfare spigot starts to go dry.

For Mrs. Bolden, that may or may not be an option. If not, however, she may soon receive a visit from the first lady. Mrs. Clinton has announced that she plans an active role in monitoring the implementation of the welfare reform: act by the states, and we can expect to see (and hear) her showing up in inner cities around the country, to be photographed with selected hard cases.

Gov. Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin has already made it clear that the last thing his state needs, as it sets out to implement welfare reform, is kibitzing by Mrs. Clinton. But, like the rest of us, he'll just have to grin and bear it.

Government commissions often fail



**Walter Mears
AP Special Correspondent**

When the issues get tough, the politicians often look for shelter by turning them over to commissions. That seldom settles the hard questions but it can spread the blame.

But even commissions disagree and deadlock, as is happening now in the panel assigned to look to the future financing of Social Security. And when they do agree, such as in changing the way the government measures inflation, advisory panels can only suggest, they can't commit anyone to anything. Ultimately, that has to be done by the president and by Congress.

The cycle is familiar. It is being replayed on Social Security and also over the Consumer Price Index, the arcane formula used to determine cost of living adjustments in federal benefits and tax brackets.

Neither of those commissions is dealing in new business. They both are on routes that have been traveled before, to what proved to be at least temporary dead ends.

But the finding of a Senate Finance Committee advisory panel that the CPI inflation gauge is itself inflated, at a cost of billions in benefit increases and lost taxes, may actually prompt action this time.

It was no breakthrough but it could ease the route to the balanced budgets both President Clinton and the Republican Congress have promised.

As Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said, there has been broad agreement that the CPI is imperfect and has overstated inflation.

The commission of five economists put a specific number to it, reporting that the current formula has been 1.1 percentage points a year higher than the actu-

al increase in living costs. Changing the system to lower the rate that much could mean \$1 trillion in savings and higher revenues over the next twelve years.

The budget impact is the political plus. The political peril would be in curbing future cost of living increases for Social Security and other benefit programs.

This panel isn't the first to suggest the move. A 1994 presidential commission on entitlement reform couldn't agree on proposals for long term financing of Social Security and other programs, but its leaders urged some of the steps now being suggested by other panels, including changes in the cost of living formula to make it more accurate — and save nearly \$70 billion over five years.

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress early last year that the CPI was one point to 1.5 points higher than the real rate of increase. So did the Congressional Budget Office.

Nothing was done about it. The similar, more specific findings of the latest commission have put the topic back on the agenda, and at an opportune point, just after an election, just before a budget.

That lowers the political risk of change, and makes the budget impact the more inviting — although both congressional and administration officials say it is a matter of accuracy in government statistics, not politics.

Saying that doesn't make it so. And the Republicans are determined to have Clinton act first if there is to be a change in the formula.

"We're just not going to walk out there by ourselves," Rep. John Kasich, chairman of the House Budget Committee, said on NBC. The change would be impossible unless the president takes the leadership, said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., the Senate budget chairman.

While administration spokesmen sounded willing, Rubin said it will take time to see whether the economic debate leads to a broad based agreement to change the formula. Franklin D. Raines, Clinton's new budget director, said the administration and Congress should move in tandem.

At the same time, a Social Security advisory council, set up by the administration two years ago to look at long term financing of the system, couldn't agree on one answer and will offer three options instead, including private retirement funds to supplement reduced benefits. The earlier entitlements commission weighed the same kind of alternatives and couldn't agree either.

Sen. Trent Lott, the majority leader, said there would be a carefully chosen bipartisan commission for yet another attempt to deal with the future of the system.

The administration also wants a bipartisan commission to look at the long term financing of the Medicare system. Republicans are more inclined to leave that problem with Clinton, since he made it a campaign issue against them.

"A commission is a good idea," Rubin said in a recent TV interview. "Well, a commission is an idea."

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'Messiah' rehearsals



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

From left, Joe Martinez, tenor, practices a solo number for the upcoming *Messiah* sing-along while Lorelee Cooley plays the piano and director Billy Talley oversees rehearsals earlier this week. Talley, a former Pampa choir director, is currently at Tascosa High School in Amarillo. The community sing-along, with featured solo performances, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd.

Area briefs

PAMPA — The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1657 is selling bricks for the Gray County Veterans Walkway of Honor.

The bricks may be purchased to honor any veteran; they do not have to be residents of Gray County.

There are currently veterans with bricks on the walkway from as far away as New York, Florida, California and Oklahoma, just to mention a few states, according to VFW member and Veterans Service Officer John Triplehorn.

Family groupings of veterans are also something that has found favor with local families, Triplehorn noted. One family, in particular, has 12 to 14 veterans grouped in one line, he said.

"There's in excess of 1,400 bricks out there now," Triplehorn said.

At this time there is approximately room for 300 additional bricks. Unless there is a change of plan, that will be the termination of this project due to a lack of space, he said.

To purchase a brick for the walkway, contact John Triple-

horn, 123 W. Foster, or applications can be obtained at Freedom Museum USA.

"They make an excellent Christmas present for that special veteran," Triplehorn said.

Cost is still \$50 a brick, the price they have always been, he added.

AMARILLO — The Lone Star Ballet will sponsor the 27th annual presentation of the *Nutcracker* today at 8 p.m. at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

The Ballet will present other *Nutcracker* performances on Saturday at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. and two special performances on Sunday at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

This year's presentation features special new sets and scenery painted by master stage designer Jim Finger of Dallas.

Jane Woods and Jeffery Rogers, dancers from Ballet West in Salt Lake City, Utah, are the special guest dancers.

The show is made possible by a generous gift from Mrs. Donald D. Harrington and the talents of the Lone Star Dance Troupe.

For ticket information or reservations, call the Amarillo Civic Center Box Office at (806) 378-3096 or the Lone Star Ballet Office at (806) 372-2463.

AMARILLO — Trader, trapper, teacher of Indian lore, author and poet Hody Porterfield, aka Long Bow by his Native American brethren, will be featured at the Cowboy Poets Breakfast at the Big Texan Steak Ranch, 1-40 East in Amarillo, on Saturday morning.

Porterfield will present works on Western heritage through the eyes of the Plains Indians, perform efforts such as "The Buffalo Is Gone" and demonstrate a handmade flute.

Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m., with entertainment starting at 9 a.m. The breakfast (\$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for children) includes the Cowboy Poets session, with The Melody Makers as music intermission and opening music provided by yodeler/musician Rusty Nichols of Borger.

For more information, call Pat Henry at (806) 381-2572.

World briefs

Tanks stationed in downtown Rangoon

RANGOON, Burma (AP) — After a week of student protests, the government opened a main road in northern Rangoon today, but kept schools and universities closed to discourage further demonstrations.

Pyay Road, a main thoroughfare used by commuters, was opened along with intersections where students demonstrated just days earlier in the most serious show of civil dissent since the nationwide democracy uprising of 1988, which also was sparked by student protests.

One student told the Associated Press that 82 students were arrested after protests and were being held in the Insein prison, and that others who had gone to their rural homes were being interrogated by police and the military. The government did not confirm the report.

He added that students had staged several on-campus demonstrations that reporters couldn't see because of the road closures.

on the emigration of women from Latin America to Europe, Asia and other richer regions — and the complicity of the governments on both ends of the trade.

In the Dominican Republic, where the conference was held, between 50,000 and 100,000 women have emigrated to work in Europe, where most are subject to sexual exploitation, according to Irma Nicasio, head of the Dominican government's Office for the Promotion of Women.

Many work in "slave-like conditions," held virtual prisoners because the people who arrange their trips confiscate their immigration papers, said Yamile Azize Vargas, a consultant to the Netherlands-based Foundation Against Trafficking in Women.

Metropolitan West African city embraces mall age

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — Here in this hot and haughty city, you might not expect a shopping mall to elicit much excitement.

After all, this is the self-proclaimed Paris of Africa, a relative oasis of sophistication and style that shames its shabby neighbors with fine French cuisine, gleaming skyscrapers and a seaside Club Med.

But since the doors to L'Espace Latrille opened just in time for the Christmas shopping season — giving Abidjan its first genuine American-style mall — commerce has been hard to find amid the air-conditioned aisles, fake Christmas trees, sprawling parking lot and fast-food court.

"It's a universe of pleasure and escapism!" burble the ads promoting L'Espace, 10,000 square meters of blinding white mall surrounded by a 600-space parking lot manned by attendants who guide patrons into spaces and shield them from the rain with huge umbrellas.

Not even cellular telephones and Internet providers, both new arrivals in Abidjan, have created such a sensation in this cosmopolitan city of two million.

Conference: Governments accomplices in sex trafficking

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Some governments act as accomplices in taking women from poor countries to provide sex and cheap labor in richer nations, activists at a U.N.-sponsored conference said.

The two-day conference, which ended Thursday, focused

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Judge orders murder defendants to pay victim's family

AMARILLO (AP) — Even after Billy Dean Bratcher's wife and two other relatives went to prison last year for killing him in an insurance scheme, his parents wanted to make sure the guilty never profited.

Now that Bill and Gayle Bratcher have won a \$50.4 million civil judgment, they feel more comfortable that the trio responsible for their son's death can't sell their story and use the money to buy their way out of federal prison.

"We don't quite trust the whole system," she told The Associated Press on Thursday. "We could see these people making millions off of our son's death ... and what kind of a life could they buy themselves in prison with it?"

Mrs. Bratcher said she and her husband also pursued the multi-million-dollar judgment in the hope it will inspire other parents whose children have been violated to do everything possible to seek justice.

"How many parents don't pursue it?" she said. "And trust me, we don't have lots of money, either."

The victim's wife, Chyann Michelle Bratcher, and her mother, Brenda Fine, are serving life sentences without parole for murder and conspiracy to com-

mit murder in Billy Bratcher's April 1994 drowning.

Thomas Fine Jr., Chyann's brother, received a 30-year sentence for conspiracy to commit murder in exchange for his confession.

He and the two women recently were found liable in a wrongful death suit brought by the Bratchers, who are raising Billy and Chyann's two young children.

Mrs. Bratcher said her son's 6-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son will receive the \$500,000 in life insurance money from a policy the guilty women took out on

Billy Bratcher three months before his death.

State District Judge Pat Pirtle also ordered the trio to turn over whatever little money and property they might have to the Bratchers, said Susan Burnette, another attorney representing the parents.

"We have not yet conducted post-judgment discovery," Ms. Burnette said. "Obviously, our three defendants are in federal custody ... but we don't know of any substantial assets they might have."

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National Christmas Tree



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With the White House in the background, the National Christmas Tree sits aglow in Washington, D.C. President Clinton, along with Washington area children, officially lit the tree during the 1996 Pageant of Peace on Dec. 5.

Nation briefs

Government takes taxes, wants you to give organs, too

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government, with your permission, wants you to give up some of your organs.

The 70 million Americans who receive tax refund checks next year will be getting information on how to become organ and tissue donors upon their death. The taxpayers will also receive donor cards.

Legislation signed by President Clinton in August, making health insurance portable from job to job, included a section directing the secretary of the treasury to include the information with refund checks mailed between Feb. 1 and June 30.

"This new effort will expand the pool of donors, increase the likelihood that families will authorize donation upon the death of a loved one and reduce the number of people who die while waiting for organ transplants," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., the provision's sponsor. "This year, more than 3,000 of the nearly 50,000 people waiting for a transplant will die before they receive one," he said.

The donor cards allow individuals to notify their families and authorities of their wish to donate all or part of their bodies.

Ronald Reagan's only brother dies

SAN DIEGO (AP) — John Neil Reagan, the only sibling of former President Reagan, has died at age 88.

Reagan, who died Wednesday, had been a program director at

radio station WOC in Davenport, Iowa, and a radio announcer at KFWB-AM in Los Angeles.

He also directed his younger brother in the TV show *Death Valley Days*, and worked at CBS and then at the McCann-Erickson Advertising Agency until his retirement in 1973.

Friends and family called him "Moon," a nickname taken from the comic strip character "Moon Mullins."

Police seek source of abortion pamphlets

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Pamphlets with graphic depictions of late-term abortions have appeared inside cereal boxes and

other groceries bought at stores in northern New Jersey.

Ramsey police have received reports of seven anti-abortion pamphlets over the past three months, in cereal, pretzels, cake mix, toilet paper and free newspapers from the town's ShopRite, Police Director Joseph J. Delaney said Thursday.

"It's almost like Cracker Jack politics. Putting something in a box and not even knowing who might be looking at it," Delaney said.

A seven-year-old child opened a cereal box late last month and found a two-page leaflet that included five illustrations of a late-term abortion, including a depiction of a limp fetus.

Car owners lose confidence in air bags

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal agency is being besieged by hundreds of frightened car owners who want to disconnect their air bags immediately, officials said. Most are being told no.

In the last several months, officials received 780 letters asking the agency to assure them they will not be prosecuted if a mechanic disconnects an air bag for them. It is illegal for anyone other than the car's owner to disconnect an air bag, but few people know how to do it safely.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has granted 80 waivers, all to people who cited medical problems, the officials said Thursday.

The rest are being sent letters saying they will be allowed to make their own decision sometime next year. That's because the agency is expected this month to make a formal proposal allowing mechanics to disconnect air bags.

"One of the purposes of the proposal is to eliminate the need for people to petition their government for this permission," said Phil Recht, NHTSA's deputy administrator.

Another is to provide clear legal authority to the dealers to disconnect air bags and a safe process for doing it, Recht said.

The NHTSA proposal will include literature a consumer must read before an air bag is disconnected, a consent form to sign and labels placed inside the car warning passengers an air bag has been disconnected.

Air bags that deploy at up to 200 mph have saved more than 1,600 lives, officials say, but also have been blamed for the deaths of 32 children and infants and 20 adults — mostly smaller women. Publicity about the deaths has heightened public concern about air bags and frightened some people.

Last month, NHTSA officials said they would issue a proposal soon for less forceful air bags.

For years, the government has said the devices should be used with seat belts and in recent months it has waged a public information campaign stressing that children under 13 should sit in back seats.

Government health officials on Thursday endorsed that advice.

"They're always safer in the back. Nobody wants to risk a terrible injury or death just for the sake of comfort and convenience," said Julie Bolen of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

Parks field director visiting Lake Meredith

FRITCH — Intermountain Field Director John E. Cook of the National Park Service will visit Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument today and Saturday.

At 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Cook will meet with members of the press and the public at the LAMR/ALFL headquarters building, 419 East Broadway in Fritch.

During his visit to Lake Meredith and the flint quarries area, Cook will inspect park operations and the improved facilities at Harbor Bay, Fritch Fort, Cedar Canyon and the Sanford-Yake area. He will also inspect the improvements made being made to the Lake Meredith Marina by concessionaire Forever Resorts.

Cook will review current plans for a new headquarters and visitors' center, and visit the site chosen for the facility to be built in the town of Fritch.

This is Cook's first visit to the parks since the completion of a major road, parking lot and ramp improvement project in 1995. The \$3 million project was completed during the past summer in time for the record breaking influx of visitors, said John C. Benjamin, superintendent for the lake recreation park and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, the only national monument in Texas.

According to Benjamin, the Intermountain Field area stretch-

es from Glacier National Park on the Canadian border to Big Bend National Park, Amistad National Recreation Area and Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site on the Mexican border, and from Big Thicket National Preserve in East Texas to Zion National Park in southwestern Utah.

There are 77 national park service areas, including Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, as well as the small area of Pipe Springs National Monument.

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Prosecutors, detectives in Illinois under investigation

WHEATON, Ill. (AP) — The evidence that sent two men to death row was fabricated, and information that could have freed them was concealed, according to an indictment against three former prosecutors and four sheriff's investigators.

The indictments by a special grand jury, announced Thursday, charged all seven with conspiring to railroad men accused in the 1983 rape and killing of ten-year-old Jeanine Nicarico. The two men were later cleared when one of the sheriff's investigators changed his testimony.

"In a free society governed by the rule of law and a treasured constitution, there must always be a line between vigorous prosecution and official misconduct, between advocacy and unfairness," special prosecutor William Kunkle said. "This indictment charges that line was crossed by seven people in one case."

The rare charges against prosecutors for their conduct in an investigation are the latest chapter in a legal battle that has cast a shadow for more than a decade on police and prosecutors in DuPage County outside Chicago.

The indictment charges that a so-called "vision statement" — in which Rolando Cruz allegedly said he dreamed about the killing and gave police details that hadn't been made public — was a complete fabrication.

The indictment also charges that prosecutors and the sheriff's department concealed records of a 1985 conversation in which a defense lawyer said that his client claimed to have killed the girl by himself.

Jeanine was recuperating from the flu on Feb. 25, 1983, when she was abducted by someone who kicked in the front door of her home in Naperville, about 35 miles southwest of Chicago. Hikers found her body two days later. She had been raped, bludgeoned and dumped in the weeds of a nature preserve.

Three young men were arrested a year later. Two of them, Cruz and Alejandro Hernandez, were convicted in 1985 and sentenced to death. Jurors reached no verdict on Stephen Buckley and charges against him eventually were dropped.

The case began unraveling last year during Cruz's third trial following appeals when one of the indicted investigators, Lt. James Montesano, changed his testimony about the "vision statement."

Cruz was acquitted and charges against Hernandez were dropped.

The collapse of the case prompted DuPage County officials to form the special grand jury.

Among those charged were three former DuPage County assistant state's attorneys: Robert Kilander, now a county judge; Thomas Knight, now in private practice; and Patrick King, now an assistant U.S. attorney. Also charged were four current members of the DuPage County Sheriff's Department: Montesano, Lt. Robert Winkler and Detectives Dennis Kurzawa and Thomas Vosburgh.

"All I know is that I didn't do anything wrong," Kilander said. "I inherited a difficult case and I took my duty as a prosecutor very seriously."

FBI blocks sale of shirt

CHESTERTOWN, Md. (AP) — The FBI is blocking the sale of a tattered buckskin shirt — once thought to have belonged to Crazy Horse — that Sotheby's auctioned for \$211,000 for a small college.

Washington College will not be paid until officials determine whether the sale violated the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

The 1990 law prohibits trafficking in Indian remains and certain artifacts and allows for fines of up to \$100,000 and a year in jail.

A spokesman for the New York auction house said the shirt, which was sold to an unknown collector in May, is being held until experts and tribal leaders can examine the beaded garment, which is decorated with buffalo strips and quill-wrapped human hair.

Hugh G. "Sam" Ball, an archaeologist with the National Park Service, said the shirt must also be checked to see if the hair came from human scalps, a violation of the protection and repatriation act.

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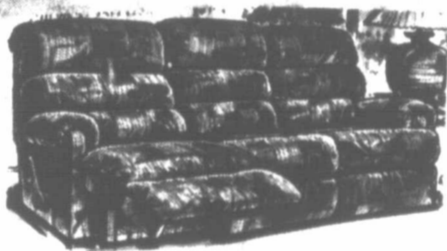
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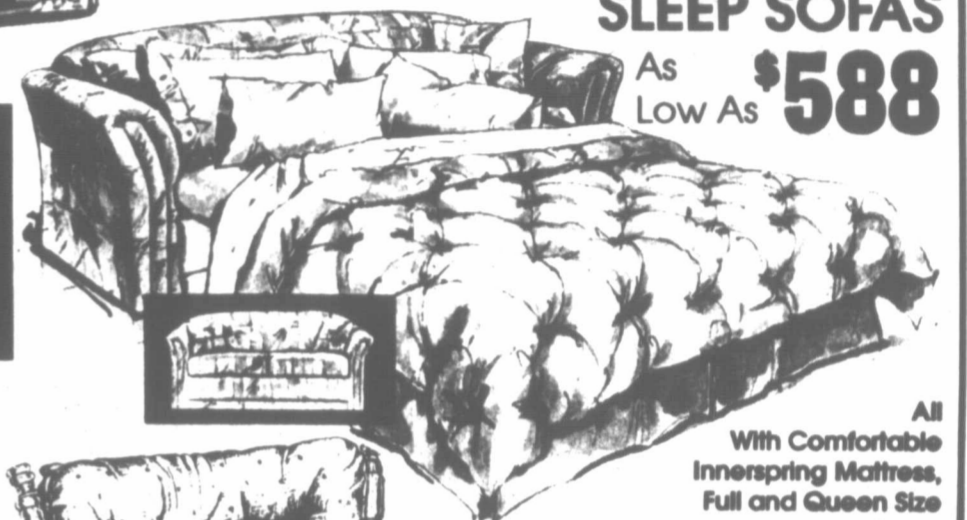
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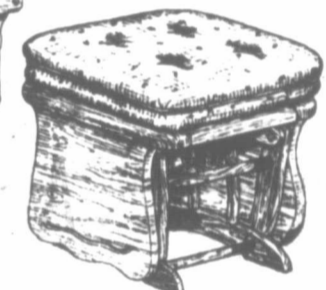
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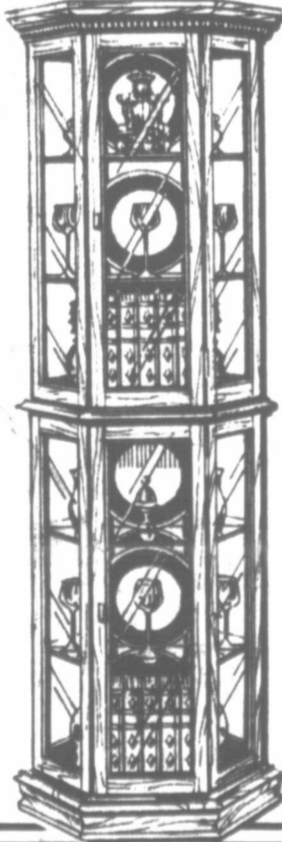
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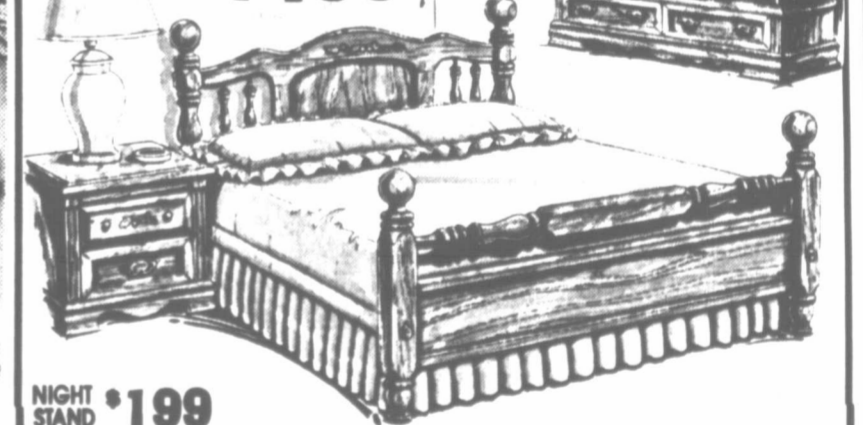
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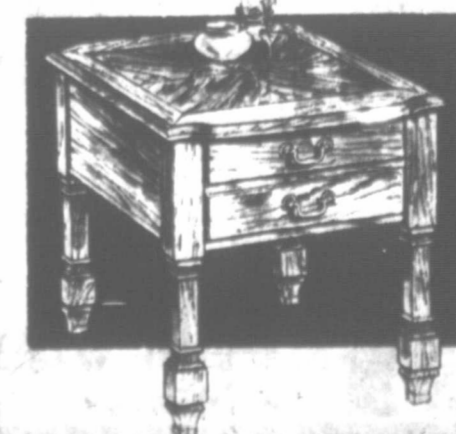
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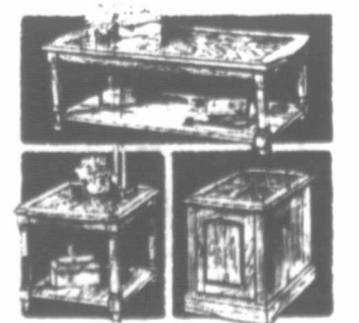
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Religion

Researchers: 'Consumer mentality' hurts church giving

By RACHEL ZOLL
Associated Press Writer

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — For centuries, repentant sinners gave to churches hoping their generosity would get them to heaven. Today's Christian givers are more earthly, a study has found.

In return for a dollar in the collection plate, churchgoers want new chapel drapes, day care for their children, a better choir and a renovated plumbing system. Demands for a tangible return on giving is hurting churches, the study's authors say.

"People have a fee-for-use attitude about donating," said Sylvia Ronsvalle, who with her husband, John, spent three years speaking to congregants in 500 churches from 19 Christian denominations. Their study became the book "Behind the Stained Glass Windows: Money Dynamics in the Church."

"Instead of people being generous and giving because they love God or are thankful, they give to get a nursery school program, or to fix the building. It's a consumer mentality," Mrs. Ronsvalle said.

Church giving as a percentage of family income has decreased about 20 percent since 1968, according to the Ronsvalles, founders of the nonprofit religious research group empty tomb

in Champaign, Ill. They undertook the study to determine why. Before World War II, churches based their solicitations on comforting those in need, the study found. And many churches did not change their approach for donations after the war, when Americans had more money to give.

By the mid-1980s, church leaders facing dwindling congregations started using market researchers to learn what would attract people. By advertising new-and-improved programs as a reason to join a church, congregations started a trend of people shopping for parishes like they were seeking bargains in department stores, the study found.

"One pastor asked if a visiting couple would be interested in exploring membership," Mrs. Ronsvalle wrote in the book. "They explained, 'We plan to attend your church for communion, but we like the music program across town and we send the kids to a third church because of its dynamic youth activities.'"

The approach is a sign of spiritual trouble in many congregations, said Dan Conway, a development secretary with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis and a board member of the Washington-based National Catholic Stewardship Council.

"People used to say, 'I believe in what the organization does, and I care about our brothers and sisters because they need help.' People don't do that as much anymore," he said. "Now, it's a purchase agreement."

The Rev. Elliott Osborne, of the Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church in San Francisco, said he sensed the attitude among his parishioners, and took steps to change it.

"I said, 'Don't just give me a check and hope that I do right by it. Go to the food program and give it to them there, and if you want it to go to kids to help a school, go to the school and give it to them,'" Osborne said. "I found donations increased because people felt more involved with the programs they were giving to."

The financial manager for Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Ore., said new programming and outreach was the way he increased giving in his church by 90 percent in the last five years.

"People are here for extremely mixed motives. They're here to have a spiritual focus, to educate their kids and themselves, to try to find out how to serve God," Robin Haglund said.

"Things were just going along before. People would give infla-

tionary increases. There's no question in my mind in order to attract people you certainly have to have programs that are lively and meaningful to them."

Jim Sullivan, financial officer for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence, said his experience differs from what the Ronsvalles describe. In a year-long, \$40 million fund-raising campaign for the diocese that ended this year, he found parishioners had concerns about accountability.

After the campaign started last year, he received a letter with a receipt from a Westerly woman who 30 years ago gave about \$100 for a Catholic school. She did not plan to give this time around, citing the failure to build the school.

Others asked Sullivan if donations would be used to defend priests accused of sexual misconduct.

"People were worried," Sullivan said. "They made it clear that funds collected in this campaign should only be used for the items we listed."

To convince the skeptics, officials created a corporation outside the diocese to distribute the funds, and pledged every penny collected would go to services. The drive attracted nearly \$9 million above the goal.

Live Nativity Scene



(Pampa News photo)

The First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, will be presenting a Live Nativity Scene in the front yard of the church from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. The scene will include live animals gathered at the stable. The public is invited to drop by and view the scene Sunday night. In addition, the church will take its senior citizens on a tour of the holiday lights around the city that night.

Religion briefs

Lefors plans live nativity

LEFORS — First Baptist church plans to present a live nativity scene and choir from 7 to 9 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 17, and Wednesday, Dec. 18, in front of the church at 315 East 4th Street.

According to Debbie Smith, program organizer, a variety of age groups provide the Christmas music during the event. Following the performance, hot chocolate, coffee and cookies will be served. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, contact Beth Miller at 665-1863, extension 331, or at her home at 835-2804.

Plaque for Rose Kennedy dedicated at North End church

BOSTON (AP) — Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy was baptized at St. Stephen's Church in the North End. When she died more than a century later, hundreds of mourners paid tribute to her at that same church.

Now, a plaque on the church facade honors her memory.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and about 40 other family members, parishioners and admirers dedicated the bronze plaque.

"Of all the many honors and recognition my mother has received, I think that none would please her more than this simple, eloquent plaque," Kennedy said. "It symbolizes both her deep religious faith and her lifelong love for this church and this community where she was born and raised."

Mrs. Kennedy was baptized at the church in the city's North End in 1890. Her family remembered her there after her death nearly two years ago at age 104.

"This community meant the world to mother," Kennedy said. "It is here that she made her dearest friends and became interested in the history and the life of this great city."

State Supreme Court upholds decision revoking minister's pension

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A court was within its rights when it ruled on the case of a minister whose pension was revoked when he admitted adultery, South Carolina's Supreme Court has determined.

Courts can get involved in church matters that deal with neutral contractual disputes, Justice Jean Toal wrote in the unanimous decision.

A Circuit Court judge had ruled that the Rev. Frank C. Pearson was entitled to his pension from the Church of God. The state Court of Appeals reversed that, saying courts had no right to get involved in a church matter.

The Supreme Court said courts can get involved in church disputes that do not involve religious law or issues.

Pearson had sued for breach of an implied contract. He accused the church of wrongfully discontinuing his pension after revoking Pearson's license and ministry in 1989. Pearson had confessed to and apologized for committing adultery.

Zoning board approves controversial Mormon temple

BELMONT, Mass. (AP) — Construction of a \$30 million Mormon temple featuring six spires, 76 to 139 feet tall, will begin as soon as a building permits are obtained, a church official said.

"We're absolutely elated," Grant Bennett, the Mormon bishop for the Belmont congregation, said after a local zoning appeals board approved the plans. All six spires will be above the limit of 72 feet set by town bylaws.

The 4-1 vote to grant a special permit to construct the building, which will be the 51st Mormon temple worldwide, came after a series of eight public hearings that began last July and drew hundreds of people.

Holiday radio show presents Bible story through eyes of children

By MADELINE BARO
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — It's the Christmas story from the Bible, but probably not the way you remember it.

In this version, three girls — daughters of the Wise Men — want to reach the stable where Jesus is born. They want to warn their dads about King Herod's plot to kill the baby Jesus.

Along the way, they bump into other kids who help them on their quest, including the son of a centurion, a shepherd boy, and the children of an innkeeper.

In the end, the girls get word to their fathers and foil Herod's evil plan.

That plot is from "A Way to the Manger," a holiday radio program for kids and the first installment of "Ancient Heroes Christmas Chronicles."

"It's like an old-time radio program," said Terry Brown, owner of Youth Life Creations, the company that developed Ancient Heroes — a line of trading cards, coloring books and, now, radio programs featuring Bible heroes and villains. "At the holiday season families can sit around the radio and listen to the programs together. I think it's a good positive alternative to turning on the television."

For the project, Youth Life Creations teamed up with the Dallas-based USA Radio Network, which is distributing the show to its affiliates.

"It's not exactly The Grinch Who Stole Christmas," but it is definitely an opportunity for children to get involved in the real story of Christmas," said Mike Sala, national director of sales and marketing for the USA Radio Network.

About 180 radio stations have signed up to air the program, which comes in two half-hour installments, Sala said. The USA Radio Network serves more than 1,300 stations, Sala said.

KBBW-AM in Waco plans to air "Christmas Chronicles" in December. Bill Thrasher, operations manager for the Christian talk station, said he hadn't heard the program yet, but liked the concept.

"We're just really looking forward to it and I think it holds great promise for our listeners," Thrasher said. "It had a good spirit about it."

Thrasher, who has children of his own, said with all the messages young people receive through media outlets, it's important to have some spiritual messages, like the one sent out by the radio show.

"It's important from a moral and spiritual point of view that young people can have some spiritual grounding," he said.

Rick Eldridge, the show's North Carolina-based principal writer, thinks having children as the main characters will help kids relate.

"The adults are just props," Eldridge said. The underlying theme of the story is that cooperation and trust help the kids reach their goal.

"I think more than anything it just gives a chance for kids to have the message put in front of them in a medium that catches people every day in their car," Sala said.

And, despite the name, the programs won't end when the Christmas season is over. Sala and Brown say there are plans to put together chronicles for Easter and other holidays.

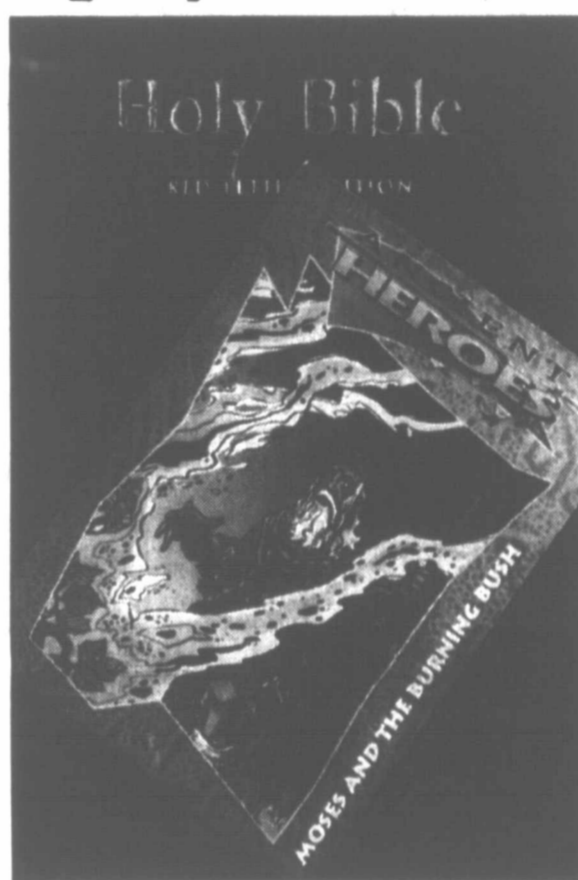
The Ancient Heroes line of products began in 1993 when Brown, a mother of three and retired registered nurse from Muncie, Ind., came up with the idea. Her sons asked her to buy them superhero trading cards, but when she saw them, she didn't like them.

"They were violent-looking and I think a little bit demeaning toward women," she said. She asked the salesman in the trading card store if there were any alternatives.

"Don't you have any Bible heroes?" Brown asked. "You know, cool ones?"

The answer was no. After searching, the only thing Brown could find that came close was a deck of cards featuring Bible characters. They weren't very exciting, in Brown's opinion, so she decided to make her own.

There are 50 cards in the current set and they feature some typical heroes and villains — Moses, David, Goliath, but also include some possibly less-familiar characters like Miriam, Moses' sister, and Amenhotep II, the



(AP Photo by Eric Gay)

An Ancient Heroes trading card is shown on a Holy Bible recently in Dallas. Youth Life Creations is a company that produces trading cards, coloring books and now, radio programs featuring Bible heroes and villains.

pharaoh of the Passover story.

On the back of each card is a little summary of the life of each character or event, followed by questions whose answers kids can look up in the Bible.

Brown said a new set of cards, featuring characters from the New Testament, is planned and the company is going to keep branching out, with a new line of products that will include children's Bibles and Valentine's Day cards.

Mariner's chalice found after 149 years returned to duty

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — A chalice used to minister to sailors along the rough-hewn New York waterfront 149 years ago has been returned to duty at a Florida seaport ministry, decades after it was stored in a cabinet and forgotten.

The Seafarer's House at Port Everglades is the new home of the chalice, once used at a floating church for sailors anchored in the Hudson River.

The Floating Chapel of the Holy Comforter was established in 1843 as a mission to save sailors' souls. The early mission often fed, clothed and weaned

the mariners off alcohol.

The maritime church disbanded in 1900, and all its accouterments were sent back to New York's Trinity Episcopal Parish.

Six years later, Trinity was asked for help furnishing the new St. John's Episcopal Church in Dania, and St. John's inherited the chalice.

When the church moved to Hollywood, the chalice was stashed in a cabinet. The Rev. Hobart Gary of St. John's discovered it while taking an inventory several months ago. He traced the chalice's history to the floating chapel.

"I'd like to think that my great-grandfather had seen this very same chalice," he said, noting his relative was a sailor converted at the floating chapel.

Gary figured the proper home for the flare-mouthed chalice was the Seafarer's House, a descendant of the New York seamen's church. In a special ceremony recently, Gary gave the chalice to the Rev. David Mesenbring, executive director of Seafarer's House.

The 7-year-old refuge is a non-denominational center that serves about 7,000 mariners a month from vessels of all nations.

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Friends Don't Let Their Friends Destroy Themselves With Drugs

DEAR ABBY: I have just returned from burying my firstborn cherished child, who died from a drug overdose. The "Just Say No" campaign has been a great failure in our country. Perhaps a better theme would be, "Tell someone if you suspect that a friend has a substance-abuse problem."

I know we have all been raised not to tattle, but if just one of the young people who were so devastated at my child's funeral had anonymously telephoned a member of the clergy, a school counselor, a neighbor or family member and said, "This is what I know or suspect my friend is doing; please help him (or her)," the outcome would have been different.

My clever, well-educated, beautiful child was also a master of deceit. For the past few years, the trust that we had in our child had been misplaced. There was a self-destructive urge that was stronger than anything that had ever existed in our world. The heartbroken friends that we saw today were all part of the great conspiracy of silence: "Don't tattle on your friends. They can get themselves straightened out." Well, they can't and they didn't — and now some of them are dead!

Had an anonymous message been relayed to us, maybe there wouldn't have been a funeral today, but a continuation of a beautiful, productive life. I know now that whenever I hear something that troubles me, I'll pass that informa-

Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

tion to someone who can check it out. The pain of losing this child will be with me forever. Perhaps if some good can come of this, one life will not have been wasted, and someone else will be spared immeasurable heartache.

God bless you, Abby.
SOMEONE IN GEORGIA

DEAR SOMEONE: Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your child. I'm printing your letter with the hope that it will encourage younger readers to speak up when they know a friend is in trouble.

DEAR ABBY: A former co-worker was recently divorced from her husband of 2 1/2 years. I have known this couple for approximately 18 months. She used to confide in me about all the problems they were going through. She felt she had made a huge mistake in marrying him. They both finally decided

to call it quits and proceeded with the divorce.

I have not talked to this woman in about eight months. She no longer works for the same company and has moved to a different city. I know she is seeing someone new.

A few months ago I received a call from her ex-husband, who asked if I would have dinner with him. I agreed, and now we have fallen in love. I have kept the fact that we are dating a secret at work because some of my co-workers knew about all of his previous marital problems.

Our relationship seems to be going in a serious direction. Should I reveal this to my co-workers, and if so, when would be a good time? Would it be better to keep our relationship confidential for the time being? And last but not least, is it wrong to date a former friend's ex?

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IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR SECRET LOVE: I see nothing wrong with dating your former friend's ex, since you had nothing to do with the breakup of the marriage. And because the relationship is getting serious, the time to take it out of the closet is now.

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Horoscope

Your Birthday
Sunday, Dec. 15, 1996

In the year ahead, you might form an important confidential alliance that could benefit your career. It may turn out to be the most constructive arrangement you've made in a long time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you are realistic today, it will help you to minimize your frustrations. Do not insist that everything is OK when it isn't. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences

that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make an effort to think through every aspect of an important undertaking today. Otherwise you will run the risk of painting yourself into a corner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not let your friends pressure you into doing something today if you feel you really can't afford it. It is your money, not theirs.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will not accomplish your objectives today if you get too involved with people who are totally self-absorbed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Usually, your hunches are reasonably accurate, but this might not be true today. Do not let your instincts overrule your logic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Use caution today, especially in business matters. If you work with a new associate, let this person prove himself before you trust him

with an assignment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Unless there is a clear-cut understanding of who is responsible for what, a partnership arrangement might collapse today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A misunderstanding with a co-worker should be clarified as quickly as possible today. This rift could widen if it is ignored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You should avoid risky situations today. Your luck might run out just when you need it most, so try not to take chances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not let associates make decisions for you today if you should make them for yourself. You might be penalized if you lose control of a project.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your powers of observation will be above-average today, but you might misuse this gift to focus on the negative aspects of life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Even though your instincts may urge you to do otherwise, you might still be too extravagant for your own good today.

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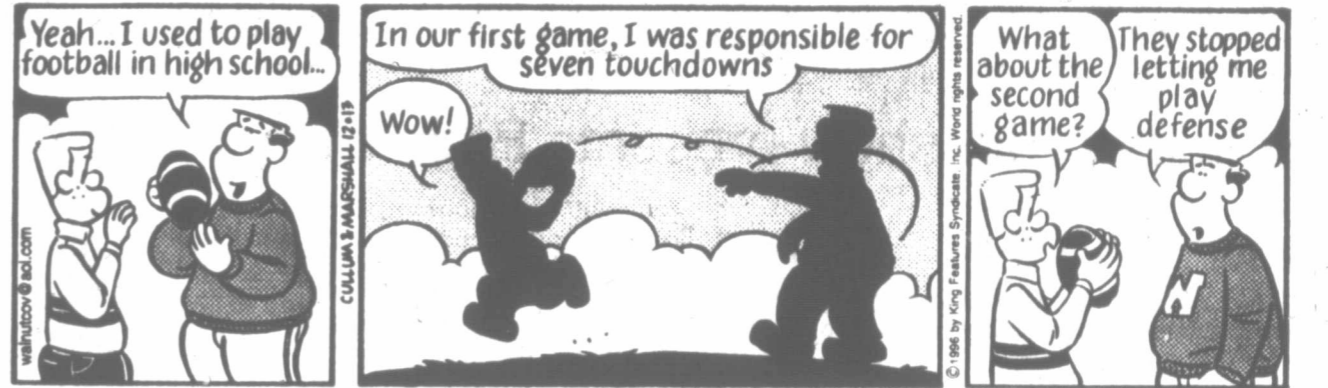
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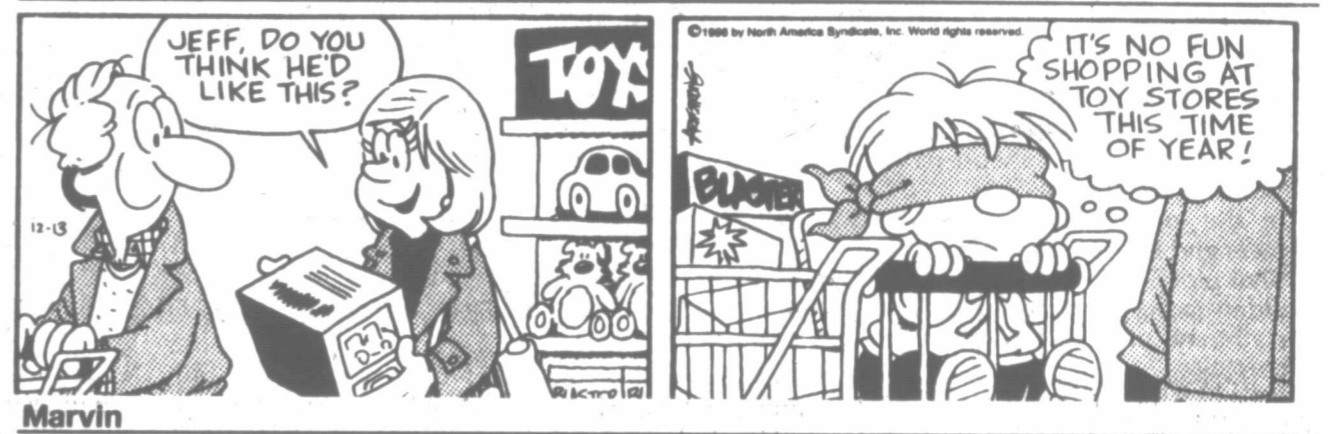
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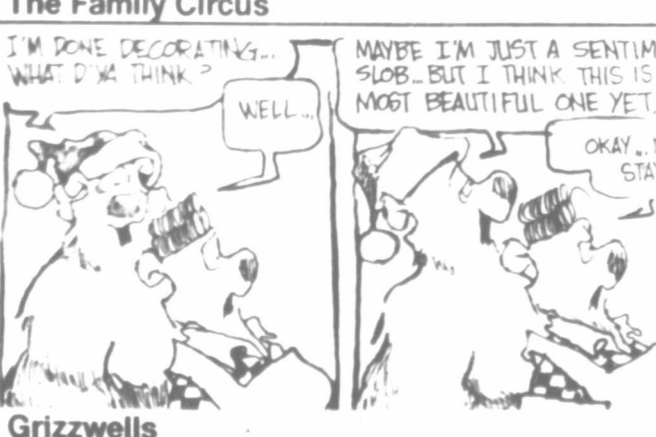
Mallard Filmore



"If I had my own bottle of water, too, Mommy, we wouldn't hafta be stopping at drinking fountains."



"Ignore him...he practically lives under the mistletoe."



The Family Circus



Marmaduke



Grizzwells



Alley Oop



Peanuts

Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa's Lady Harvesters host Amarillo Caprock at 7:30 tonight in a District 1-4A girls' game.

The Lady Harvesters are 6-5 for the season and 0-1 in district play. Caprock is 7-7 and 0-1.

The Pampa-Caprock junior varsity game tips off at 6 p.m.

CANYON — The West Texas A&M University women's basketball team leap-frogged Abilene Christian to take the top spot in the NCAA Division II South Central Regional poll released Wednesday morning.

WTAMU, 5-0 on the season and ranked fourth in the USA Today Women's Basketball Coaches Association top 25 poll, meets ACU, 6-0 and third in the USA Today WBCA poll, this Saturday at 8 p.m. in Abilene as both teams square off in Long Star Conference season openers.

Last season, both teams won their regular-season home games against each other, but the Wildcats handed the Lady Buffs losses in Canyon during the LSC Tournament championship and at Abilene during the NCAA Division II South Central Regional finals, or Sweet 16.

The Lady Buffs have already defeated Emporia State University, 6-1 overall and third in the region, and California-Davis, who is ranked eighth nationally with a 5-1 record, this season. ACU defeated Pittsburg State in an early season tournament.

The WTAMU and ACU women's game can be heard live on KTNZ 1010 AM on the radio dial at 8 p.m., or immediately following the men's contest, which starts at 6 p.m.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Clemens ended his 13-year career with the Red Sox, agreeing today to a \$24.75 million, three-year contract with the Toronto Blue Jays.

The three-time Cy Young Award winner agreed to a deal whose \$8.25 million average annual value becomes the highest ever for a pitcher, topping the \$7.75 million under John Smoltz's \$31 million, four-year contract with Atlanta.

Toronto has an option for 2000 that could make the package worth \$31.1 million over four seasons. The fourth year would become guaranteed if Clemens pitches regularly.

FOOTBALL

GRAMBLING, La. (AP) — Gov. Mike Foster and the board that oversees all of Louisiana's public universities have thrown their influence behind giving Eddie Robinson one more year as football coach at Grambling.

Grambling president Raymond Hicks scheduled a news conference this afternoon to talk about Robinson, 77, who has been Grambling's head coach for 56 years.

After his first consecutive losing seasons, there was support for firing the man who has won more games (405) than any football coach, either in college or the pros. Robinson, who has experienced four of his seven losing seasons during the past decade, has pleaded for one more chance to leave Grambling after a winning season.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The good news about Texas Tech playing in the Alamo Bowl instead of the Aloha Bowl is more Red Raiders fans get to travel to the postseason game.

The bad news is there's a tough Iowa team ready to do battle.

"I hope we can muster up enough to make it a good game," said Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes. "They're a bigger, stronger team than we're used to playing."

The Red Raiders face the Hawkeyes Dec. 29 in the Alamodome. Dykes hopes unranked Texas Tech (7-4) can hold its own against No. 21 Iowa (8-3).

Iowa coach Hayden Fry expects this year's Alamo Bowl experience to be a little better than his last one.

Fry is heading to San Antonio with a stronger team than the one clothed by California in the Alamo Bowl four years ago.

Cowboys vs. Patriots: An unusual matchup

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

PRO PICKS

The Patriots and Cowboys aren't exactly one of the NFL's traditional matchups. They've met only six times, the last time in 1987, and Dallas has won all six.

But Sunday's game at Texas Stadium has all the makings of a classic.

Each team can clinch its division with a win; the Patriots already have a wild-card playoff berth. The Patriots have scored the most points in the NFL, the Cowboys have allowed the third fewest.

The spread demonstrates why Dallas is called America's Team.

The Cowboys are favored by 5 1/2 against a team that's won 10 of 12 since an 0-2 start and has scored more than 30 points in each of its last five games. Dallas is without the suspended Leon Lett on defense and stumbled to a 10-6

win in Arizona last week.

"We set a high standard here and we haven't played up to that standard," says Troy Aikman. "It's a little frustrating. We've been banged up and had some people missing, but we just have to play through it."

Bill Parcells has a high standard, too — despite his team's success, he's been having sleepless nights.

If anything tilts the scale, Parcells may be it. He and Barry Switzer are a mismatch — in the Patriots' favor.

PATRIOTS, 23-19

San Francisco (minus 2) at Pittsburgh

The incentive is with the 49ers — Pittsburgh clinched its division last week. But San Francisco has to contain itself after 15 penalties for 121 yards last week against Carolina.

Pittsburgh will contain the 49ers. **STEELERS, 20-17**

Indianapolis (plus 6 1/2) at Kansas City

The Chiefs tend to bounce back well, particularly at home.

CHIEFS, 20-16

Buffalo (plus 1) at Miami (Monday night)

Can Jimmy lift his team after two dismal performances? At least he's not guaranteeing anything this week.

BILLS, 20-10

Green Bay (minus 7 1/2) at Detroit

The Wayne Watch is all but over. Green Bay's drive for home-field advantage in the playoffs isn't.

PACKERS, 31-20

Baltimore (minus 8) at Carolina

There's no reason to think that Carolina won't remain unbeaten at home.

PANTHERS, 27-10

Oakland (minus 6) at Denver

The Broncos wait another week

to get their momentum back.

RAIDERS, 21-17

Philadelphia (minus 7) at New York Jets (Saturday)

The Eagles are playing like they did at the end of Rich Kotite's final season. Kotite's Jets are playing even worse.

EAGLES, 24-20

Cincinnati (plus 3 1/2) at Houston

Go with the two-five combo. The Bengals are 5-2 since Bruce Coslet took over; the Oilers are 2-5 at "home," 2-5 on the road.

BENGALS 22-20

Washington (minus 3) at Arizona

The Redskins are in free fall.

CARDINALS, 27-24

Tampa Bay (plus 6) at Minnesota

The Bucs started their rebound by beating the Vikings in Tampa.

Close, but ...

VIKINGS, 21-19

San Diego (plus 3) at Chicago (Saturday)

The Chargers get Stan

Humphries back. But does it matter?

BEARS, 19-13

Seattle (plus 4) at Jacksonville

Do the Jaguars want to be left out of the playoffs when Carolina is in?

JAGUARS, 27-20

New Orleans (plus 6) at New York Giants

Even if the Giants revert to form and play badly after playing well, they won't lose this one.

GIANTS, 24-6

St. Louis (plus 5) at Atlanta

The Rams scored 59 points in the first meeting, almost a quarter of their output all season. Let's return the favor.

FALCONS, 59-49

Last Week: 9-6 (spread); 7-8 (straight up).

Season: 107-102-1 (spread) 139-71 (straight up).

EP Austin downs Pampa in tournament opener

BIG SPRING — El Paso Austin defeated Pampa, 52-45, in Thursday's opening round of the Big Spring Tournament.

The Harvesters are scheduled to play again at 5:30 today.

Pampa led El Paso, 13-12, at the end of the first quarter, but fell behind, 21-18, at halftime. The Harvesters stayed close most of the second half, but could never regain the lead.

George Vargas led El Paso in scoring with 20 points while Eddie Duran added 10.

August Larson led Pampa with 15 points, including 7 of 7 from

the foul line. Other Pampa scorers were Shawn Young with 8 points, Lynn Brown 7, Kaleb Meek 6, Gabe Wilbon 4, Tyson Alexander 3 and Jamarious Osborne 2.

With 1:07 left to play, Larson hit three consecutive foul shots after being fouled on a 3-point attempt to put the Harvesters just four down (47-43) after trailing by as many as 10 points earlier in the fourth quarter.

EP Austin is now 7-7 for the season while Pampa is 2-8.

The Harvesters open District 1-4A play at 7:30 Tuesday night at Borger.

Bryant award goes to Arizona State's Snyder

HOUSTON (AP) — Arizona State coach Bruce Snyder is recognized as a brilliant coach this year, but he says the real work came long before his team was an undefeated contender for the national title.

"Some of the best coaching that goes on isn't during the times when you are winning," Snyder said Thursday after winning the Bear Bryant award as coach of the year.

"A lot of good coaching goes on when you're trying to build and you're struggling."

Snyder coached the No. 2 Sun Devils to their first undefeated regular season since 1975 and only their second Rose Bowl berth this year.

The team that posted a 6-5 record a year ago and won only three games in 1994 is now 11-0 as it heads to New Year's Day and a shot at the national championship.

"It's been a magical ride," Snyder said. "This season began some time ago. All the hard work that you put in ... the wins come last as I see it. If you build a program, the wins will come last. You just hope it comes soon enough."

The Sun Devils emerged as a national force early this season by beating two-time defending national champion Nebraska, snapping the Cornhuskers' 38-game regular-season winning streak.

The Football Writers Association of America picked Snyder over five other coaches for the award, which is named for the late Alabama coach who died of a heart attack in 1983.

The other finalists were Bob Sutton of Army, Joe Tiller of Wyoming, John Cooper of Ohio State, Steve Spurrier of Florida and Mack Brown of North

Carolina.

Snyder, in his fifth season at Arizona State, and Cooper, who coached the Sun Devils in their last Rose Bowl game, will face off in the Rose Bowl.

"Most of our team this year were highly under-recruited players," Snyder said. "We took a lot of — I don't know if they would be called gambles or just low-profile players — but we saw something in them."

"And to see that happen, to see a bunch of guys that were turned down by the traditional powers, in our region anyway, and then have them come together as a team and to play so well as a team — that's been a significant part of our success."

When Snyder took over at Arizona State in 1992, a new coach had come every four years for 12 years. In 1994, the Sun Devils had their worst season since 1946.

Snyder, who previously coached at Utah State and California, turned things around toward the end of the 1995 season when Arizona State won four consecutive games.

His record is 32-23 at Arizona State, 100-84-5 overall.

Snyder, who also coached running backs for the Los Angeles Rams in the 1980s, says the most nerve-racking part of coaching is getting to the field.

"The only time I ever feel like throwing up is on the bus ride to the stadium," he said. "A lot of times those are long bus rides for me, but once the ball is on the tee, I can't remember being nervous, even in double overtime against S.C."

"I thought we might play for another four-five hours," he joked. "But if the bus ride had been a half-mile longer, I may not have made it."

Bell re-signs with Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Right-fielder Derek Bell, who drove in 100 runs for the Astros last season for the first time in his career, signed a three-year contract worth \$13 million Thursday.

Terms of the contract also include an optional fourth year that would pay Bell another \$4 million.

He has been with Houston for two years.

"He's one of the few players who has the ability to put together a monster season," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said.

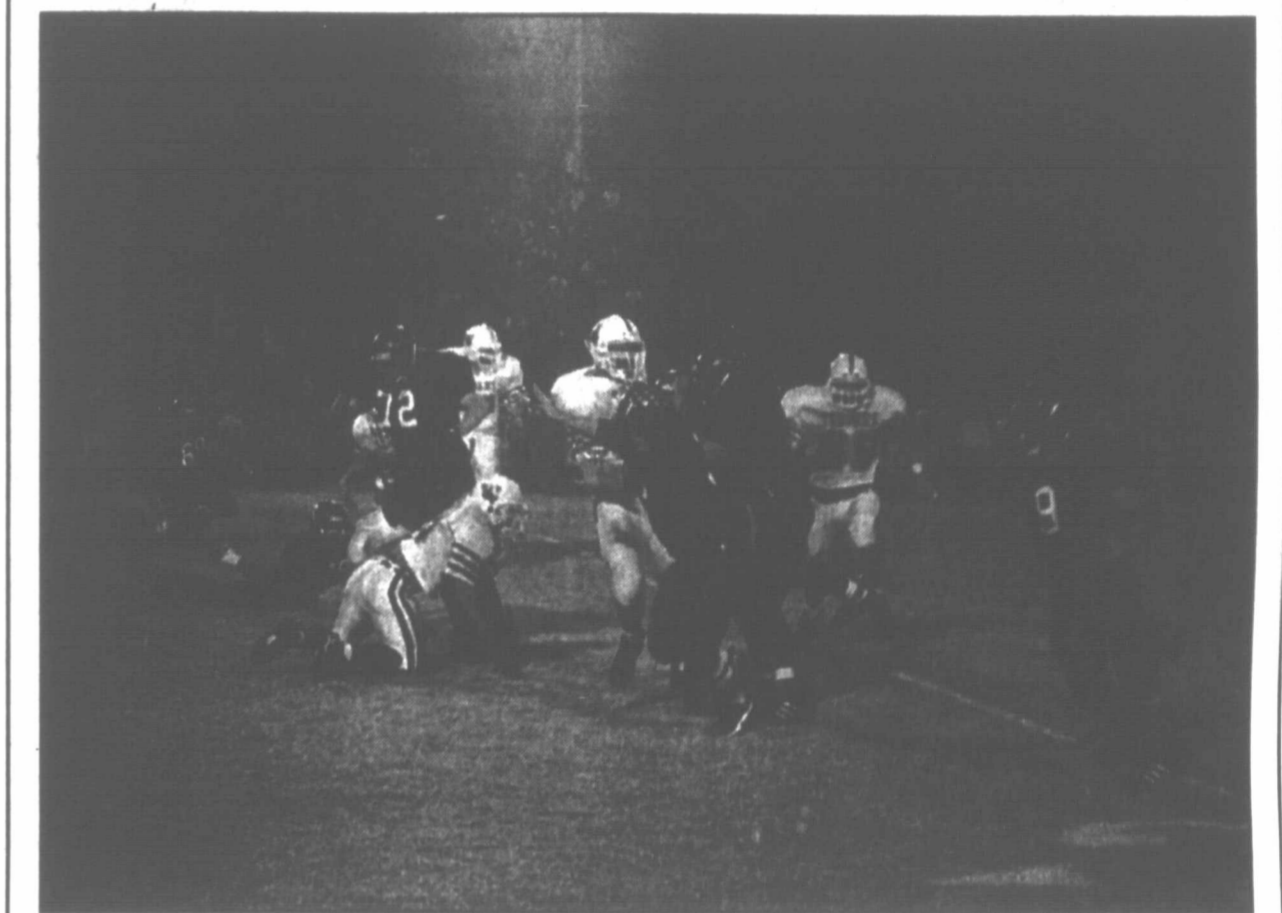
Bell played 158 games for the Astros in right field last year. He hit 263, drove in 113 runs and hit 17 homers.

Over four full seasons in the majors, Bell has averaged 148 hits per season and is a .283 lifetime hitter.

"My first year here I tried to hit for average," Bell said. "Last year, I told them I would go for power. Next year, I'm trying to put it all together and help us get into the playoffs."

Astros manager Larry Dierker said he was pleased to keep a player with all of Bell's talents.

"When you can tie up a guy like that for a few years, that's what you want to do," Dierker said. "We already have (Jeff Bagwell and Craig Biggio and now we've got Derek."



(Pampa News photo)

Wheeler quarterback Travis Stevens (9) runs a keeper against Windthorst in the Class 1A semifinals.

Wheeler's Stevens named 1-1A's most valuable player

Wheeler landed seven players on the 1996 First-Team All-District 1-1A Football Team.

Travis Stevens, who quarterbacked Wheeler to the district championship, a 10-4 record, and into the state semifinals, was named the district's most valuable player.

Stevens, a senior, rushed for 667 yards and passed for 593 yards during the regular season. He was second-team all-district at quarterback a year ago.

Booker's Ron Pinckard was named the district's coach of the year.

Joining Stevens on the first-team offense from Wheeler were Bryan Judd at running back, Jason Porton at receiver and Ben Britt at lineman. Stevens was named to the first-team offense at both quarterback and kicker and first team defense at kick returner.

Wheeler linebackers Aaron Dunnam and Jeremy Davis were named to the first-team defense as was Shane Sparlin at lineman.

Named to the second-team offense were Jeremy Davis at running back, Dunnam at tight end, Bruce Copeland at line-

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

man, Josh Lee at center and Dusty Case at punter for Wheeler.

Named to the second-team defense were Lee at lineman, Case at linebacker, Porton and Ramon Meraz in the secondary. Meraz was also named to the second team at kick returner.

Running back Chris Flores and linebacker Derek Glass of McLean were named the First-Team All-District 2-1A Six-Man Team on offense and defense, respectively.

McLean's Jason Hooper was named the second-team offense at end and the second-team defense at safety. Other McLean players who earned all-district honors were quarterback Ike Hanes (second-team offense), lineman Charlie Carter (second-team defense) and linebacker Aaron Rice (second-team defense).

Harris picks for this week-end's slate of high school play-

off games are as follows:

- Class 5A**
- Division I State Finals**
- Lewisville (14-0) over Converse Judson (13-1), by 6
- Division II State Semifinals**
- Lake Highlands (13-1) over Abilene Cooper (11-3), by 2
- Westlake (14-0) over Aldine (13-1), by 2
- Class 4A**
- Division I State Finals**
- Grapevine (14-0) over Hays (13-0), by 7
- Division II State Semifinals**
- Denison (13-1) over Highland Park (13-1), by 5
- La Marque (12-2) over C.C. Calallen (14-0), by 1
- Class 3A**
- State Semifinals**
- Tatum (10-4) over Friona (13-1), by 3
- Sealy (13-1) over Coldspring (13-1), by 8
- Class 2A**
- State Semifinals**
- Iraan (14-0) over Holliday (12-1-1), by 2
- Groveton (14-0) over Ganado (14-0), by 8
- Class A**
- State Finals**
- Windthorst (14-0) over Tenaha (14-0), by 8

Ohl shoots for calf-roping world title

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Cody Ohl knows exactly what he has to do to win the calf-roping world title at the National Finals Rodeo. He has to finish first in each of the last three go-rounds.

That feat may not be too far-fetched, considering on Thursday night at the Thomas & Mack Center Ohl set an NFR arena record of 7.3 seconds for his third straight go-round victory.

Ohl entered the \$3.2 million NFR in second place behind two-time world champion Fred Whitfield, of Hockley, Texas.

A first-round 24.4-second time and runs of more than 19 seconds in the third and fourth rounds slowed him down, but he's been going strong ever since.

Ohl won the fifth go-round with a 7.5-second run and followed that with a 7.4 run to win the sixth go-round on Wednesday.

"I think I can go 7.2," Ohl said. "Tonight, I got out as good as possibly could, but then I jerked the calf off his feet, which I didn't really want to do."

Ohl trails Whitfield by \$9,386 with three go-rounds left. Whitfield, however, is third in the NFR average, which carries with it a \$19,070 prize, while Ohl is 12th. Friday is the rodeo's last day.

"I'm down in the average, but I may be able to pick up a little bit and get into sixth or seventh," Ohl said. "That extra \$2,000 to \$3,000 could make the difference."

Brad Goodrich, of Everett, Wash., was second at 8 seconds

and Blair Burk, of Durant, Okla., was third at 8.7 seconds.

In bull riding, Aaron Semas, of Auburn, Calif., scored an 89 to win the round. Michael Gaffney, of Lubbock, Texas, was second at 85 and David Fournier, of Poolville, Texas, and Mark Cain, of Atoka, Okla., tied for third at 84.

In bareback riding, Rocky Steagall, of Sanger, Calif., had an 82 to win the round. Denny McClanahan, of Canadian, Texas, was second at 80 and four other cowboys scored 79s to split third: Clint Corey, of Kennewick, Wash.; Mark Garrett, of Spearfish, S.D.; Ken Lensegraw, of Piedmont, S.D.; and Larry Sandvick, of Kayser, Wyo.

PRO BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Miami	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	14	6	.700	2
Orlando	9	8	.529	5 1/2
Washington	8	11	.421	7 1/2
Philadelphia	7	13	.350	9
New Jersey	5	11	.313	9
Boston	5	14	.263	10 1/2

Central Division

Chicago	18	3	.857	
Detroit	16	4	.800	1 1/2
Atlanta	12	8	.600	5 1/2
Cleveland	12	8	.600	5 1/2
Charlotte	11	9	.556	6 1/2
Milwaukee	11	9	.556	6 1/2
Indiana	8	11	.421	9
Toronto	7	14	.333	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Houston	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	17	3	.850	1 1/2
Dallas	8	12	.400	10 1/2
Minnesota	7	14	.333	12
Denver	5	17	.227	14 1/2
San Antonio	3	17	.150	15 1/2
Vancouver	3	19	.136	16 1/2

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	17	7	.708	
Seattle	16	8	.667	1
Portland	13	9	.591	3
Golden State	8	14	.364	8
L.A. Clippers	8	14	.364	8
Sacramento	8	14	.364	8
Phoenix	8	14	.364	8

Wednesday's Games

Boston 115, Toronto 113, 3 OT
New Jersey 110, Seattle 101
Washington 106, Cleveland 95
Charlotte 101, Denver 97
Miami 84, Philadelphia 79
Chicago 103, Minnesota 86
L.A. Lakers 79, Indiana 76

Thursday's Games

New York 90, Golden State 79
Milwaukee 100, Seattle 97
Houston 115, Detroit 96
Phoenix 95, Utah 87
Portland 99, Vancouver 78
L.A. Clippers 87, San Antonio 94
Sacramento 83, Dallas 86

Friday's Games

Chicago at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Toronto at Miami, 1 p.m.
Denver at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Utah, 9 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Sacramento at L.A. Clippers 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Boston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.

BOWLING

HARVESTER LANES - PAMPA HARVESTER WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Week's High Scores
High game: Ann O'Brien 230; High series: Ann O'Brien 580; High handicap game: Ann O'Brien 255; High handicap series: Rose Johnson 628.

LONE STAR LEAGUE

Week's High Scores
High game: Vickie Long 227; High series: Carrie Duroy 603; High handicap game: Vickie Long 255; High handicap series: Carrie Schifman 542.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday's Major Scores

By The Associated Press

EAST

Massachusetts 69, Drexel 48

SOUTH

Campbell 83, Tusculum 74
Citadel 86, Winthrop 82
Maryland 77, Georgia Tech 63
Radford 103, Concord 55

WEST

Kansas St. 84, Coppin St. 80, OT
S. Illinois 78, SE Missouri 68
Wis.-Milwaukee 55, NE Illinois 54

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Little Rock 85, Ark.-Pine Bluff 77
Texas Christian 81, Boston U. 80

FAIR WEST

Colorado 78, Colorado St. 69
Ohio U. 80, CS Northridge 73

EXHIBITION

Connecticut 85, Marathon 82

Detroit; xy-Terry Allen, Washington; Ricky Walters, Philadelphia.

Fullback - Larry Centers, Arizona.

Defense

Ends - x-Ruggia White, Green Bay; xy-Tony Tolbert, Dallas; William Fuller, Philadelphia.

Interior Linebacker - x-John Randle, Minnesota; xy-Bryant Young, San Francisco; Eric Swann, Arizona.

Outside Linebackers - x-Kevin Greene, Carolina; xy-Lamar Lathon, Carolina; Ken Harvey, Washington.

Inside Linebackers - x-Sam Mills, Carolina; Hardy Nickerson, Tampa Bay.

Cornerbacks - x-Daion Sanders, Dallas; x-Aness Williams, Arizona; Eric Davis, Carolina.

Safeties - x-LeRoy Butler, Green Bay; x-Merton Hanks, San Francisco; Darren Woodson, Dallas.

Specialists

Punter - y-Matt Turk, Washington.

Placekicker - y-John Kasay, Carolina.

Kick Return Specialist - y-Michael Bates, Carolina.

Special Teamer - y-Jim Schwantz, Dallas.

American Football Conference

Offense

Wide Receivers - x-Carl Pickens, Cincinnati; xy-Tony Martin, San Diego; Tim Brown, Oakland; y-Keenan McCardell, Jacksonville.

Tackles - x-Gary Zimmerman, Denver; x-Bruce Armstrong, New England; Richmond Webb, Miami.

Guards - x-Bruce Matthews, Houston; x-Will Shields, Kansas City; y-Ruben Brown, Buffalo.

Centers - x-Darmoniti Dawson, Pittsburgh; Mark Stepanski, Houston.

Tight Ends - x-Shannon Sharpe, Denver; Ben Coates, New England.

Quarterbacks - x-John Elway, Denver; Drew Bledsoe, New England; y-Vinny Testaverde, Baltimore.

Running Backs - xy-Terrell Davis, Denver; x-Jerome Bettis, Pittsburgh; Curtis Martin, New England.

Fullback - x-Kimble Anders, Kansas City.

Defense

Ends - x-Bruce Smith, Buffalo; xy-Alfred Williams, Denver; y-Michael Sinclair, Seattle.

Interior Linebacker - x-Cortez Kennedy, Seattle; x-Chester McGlockton, Oakland; Michael Dean Perry, Denver.

Outside Linebackers - x-Derrick Thomas, Kansas City; xy-Chad Brown, Pittsburgh; Bryce Paup, Buffalo.

Inside Linebackers - x-Junior Seau, San Diego; y-Levon Kirkland, Pittsburgh.

Cornerbacks - x-Dale Carter, Kansas City; xy-Ashley Ambrose, Cincinnati; Rod Woodson, Pittsburgh.

Safeties - x-Carnell Lake, Pittsburgh; x-Steve Atwater, Denver; Blaine Bishop, Houston.

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Tackles - x-Erik Williams, Dallas; x-William Roaf, New Orleans; Lomas Brown, Arizona.

Guards - x-Larry Allen, Dallas; x-Randall McDaniel, Minnesota; Nate Newton, Dallas.

Centers - x-Kevin Glover, Detroit; Ray Donaldson, Dallas.

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Clippers hold off Spurs down the stretch

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The stage was set for the Los Angeles Clippers to lose another game in the late going.

This time, though, Loy Vaught didn't allow it. Vaught capped a 16-point performance with the game's biggest shot Thursday night, and also grabbed 11 rebounds as the Clippers beat David Robinson and the San Antonio Spurs 97-94.

The Clippers appeared to be in great shape when Kevin Duckworth scored from close range with 3:15 remaining to give them a 93-85 lead.

But the Spurs responded, scoring the next seven points, capped by Robinson's three-point play with 42 seconds left to move within a point.

several fourth-quarter leads slip away lately, worked the ball around before Vaughn took a pass from Rodney Rogers and connected from 15 feet away with 27 seconds to play, making it 95-92.

Vernon Maxwell was then called for traveling, and Terry Dehere made a layup with 8.6 seconds left to extend the Los Angeles lead to five points.

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Bears pick Roberts

WACO, Texas (AP) - Baylor has hired Dave Roberts, offensive coordinator under Lou Holtz at Notre Dame, as the replacement for fired head coach Chuck Reed.

Roberts, who also was a candidate for head-coaching jobs at Minnesota and Division I-AA Western Carolina, worked at Notre Dame for the past three years.

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<p>NOTICE TO BIDDERS The Pampa Independent School District will receive sealed proposals for the following insurance policies until 3:00 p.m., February 4, 1997, at which time they will be opened and read publicly in the Board Room at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas. Property and Contents, General Liability, Personal Injury Liability, Employee Benefits Liability, Professional Liability, Automobile, Crime, Boiler and Machinery, Band and Choir Equipment, Contractors Equipment. Proposals, specifications, or additional information may be obtained from Mark McVay, Business Manager, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065, phone (806-669-4705). Proposals may be delivered or mailed to 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065. Attention: Mark McVay, Business Manager. Sealed envelope should be plainly marked "INSURANCE BID". The school district reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive informalities and technicalities. The Board of Education will consider proposals for a award at a scheduled meeting in February, 1997. C-65 Dec. 13, 15, 1996</p>	<p>Notice to Bidders The Commissioners Court of Gray County will accept bids for four (4) new full size, 4-door sedan, Police type vehicles at 10:00 a.m. on January 15, 1997. Bids should be presented on or before said time to the County Judge's office, Gray County Courthouse, Pampa, Texas 79065. A detailed bid specification may be obtained from the County Judge's office at the courthouse (806-669-8077) or from the Gray County Sheriff's office (806-669-8022). The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Richard Peet Gray County Judge C-61 Dec. 13, 1996, Jan. 3, 1997</p>	<p>Bullard Service Company Home Repairs, Free Estimates 665-6986/665-8603</p> <p>BUILDING, Remodeling and construction of all types. Deaver Construction, 665-0447.</p> <p>T. Neiman Construction Free Estimates: Cabinets, etc. 665-7102</p> <p>OVERHEAD Door Repair. 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An equal opportunity employer.</p>	<p>NEEDED A person with a DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK for full-time employment at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. Prior experience working with the elderly or in a health related field preferred. Please apply 2225 Perryton Parkway Must apply in person</p> <p>DO YOU HAVE NEWSPAPER TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE? The Pampa News would like to keep its files current with the names of available individuals living in this area who are interested in full or part-time employment and who have credentials in all areas of newspaper work including editing, reporting, photography, advertising, production, presswork and circulation. If you are a QUALIFIED newspaper professional, please send your resume, including salary requirements, IMMEDIATELY to: Wayland Thomas, Publisher The Pampa News P.O. Drawer 2198 Pampa, Tx. 79066-2198</p> <p>NEED babysitter in my home daily Monday-Friday. Must be patient, loving and energetic. 669-1354</p> <p>PART Time help wanted. Experience not necessary. Apply in person 9 - 12. Comet Cleaners, 726 N. Hobart.</p>	<p>White House Lumber Co. 101 S. Ballard 669-3291</p> <p>HOUSTON LUMBER CO. 420 W. Foster 669-6881</p> <p>TWO steel buildings, 40x32 was \$6561 will sell for \$3961, 50x60 was \$10,900 will sell for \$7800. New, never put up, can deliver. Call Dave, 1-800-292-0111.</p>	<p>#1 Senamed Oklahoma Oak Jerry Ledford, 848-2222</p> <p>ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.</p> <p>WATERLESS Cookware. Home demonstration kind \$595. Normally \$995-\$1195. 800-421-7267</p> <p>DENTURES Full Set \$350 1-800-688-3411</p> <p>CONSOLE Piano, Adjustable bed with built in massager. 1993 Olds 88. 669-3463</p> <p>WANTED McDonald's 101 Dalmations-Reward \$5 certificate for 1st of each toy turned in at Creature Comforts, 115 N. West</p>
<p>3 Personal</p> <p>MARY Kay Cosmetics and Skin Care. Facials, supplies, call Deb Stapleton, 665-2095.</p> <p>BEAUTICONTROL Cosmetics and Skin Care sales, service, and makeovers. Lynn Allison 1304 Christine - 669-3848</p> <p>MARY Kay Cosmetics. Free delivery, make-overs, career information. Sherry Diggs 669-9435.</p>	<p>5 Special Notices</p> <p>ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News, MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.</p> <p>PAMPA Lodge #966, we meet every Thursday 7:30 p.m. Stated business-3rd Thursday.</p> <p>BRANDT's Auto, 103 S. Hobart. Brakes, tune-ups, motors. We turn drums and rotors. Call Bob 665-7715</p> <p>TOP O Texas Lodge 1381-E.A. Degree, Tuesday night 7:30 p.m. Monday night study and practice.</p>	<p>14e Carpet Service</p> <p>NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost...It pays! No steam used. Bob Marx, owner-operator. 665-3541, or from out of town, 800-536-5341. Free estimates.</p> <p>BTS Carpet Cleaning & Restoration. Carpet/Upholstery. Free Estimates. Call 665-0276.</p>	<p>14y Furn. Repair/Uphol.</p> <p>FURNITURE Clinic. Furniture repair. Open by appointment, 665-8684.</p>	<p>19 Situations</p> <p>LOOKING for position of Caretaker for elderly woman. 669-2298</p> <p>NOTICE Readers are urged to fully investigate advertisements which require payment in advance for information, services or goods.</p> <p>McLEAN Car Center is now accepting applications for LVN's, CNA's and Housekeeping. 605 W. 7th, McLean. 779-2469</p> <p>CASTING-Movie Extras. Production Trainees. Film Studio. 806-767-0191.</p> <p>NANNY/Housekeeper. 5 days a week. 2 girls, ages 7 and 9. Occasional evenings. Must speak fluent English, have high school diploma and drive. References required, good pay. 665-5236.</p>	<p>30 Sewing Machines</p> <p>WE service all makes and models of sewing machines and vacuum cleaners. Sanders Sewing Center. 214 N. Cuyler, 665-2383.</p>	<p>68 Antiques</p> <p>WANTED: Antique furniture and anything western. Call Jewett 665-8415 or at 302 W. Foster.</p>	<p>69a Garage Sales</p> <p>SOME Tools, Christmas decorations, toys, clothes, CB radios, new (in box) track light fixtures and other building supplies. Also, garden supplies and good stuff! 1541 Williston, North side. Saturday Only 1 pm to 5 pm.</p> <p>INSIDE Sale - New Indian jewelry, entertainment center, storm door, storm windows. Saturday 9 - 3, Sunday 1 - 3. 820 E. Frederic.</p> <p>GARAGE Sale: Saturday, Sunday 8-5. Something for everyone. 1121 S. Nelson.</p> <p>GARAGE SALE. Saturday. Doll House and Toys. 1221 S. Sumner. 9 to ?</p> <p>FRIDAY, Saturday, Sunday 9-5 p.m. Inside. Lots of goodies, Christmas things, antiques. 217 N. Sumner</p> <p>INSIDE Sale Saturday, 8:22 Murphy, Furniture, baby things, dishes, silverware, cooking utensils, tools, Christmas decorations, collectables, hundreds of miscellaneous items. 665-2254.</p>
<p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of HERMAN L. WHITNEY, Deceased, were issued on the 3rd day of December, 1996, in Docket No. 8095 in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to Donald R. Whitney. The residence of</p>							

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104 Lots

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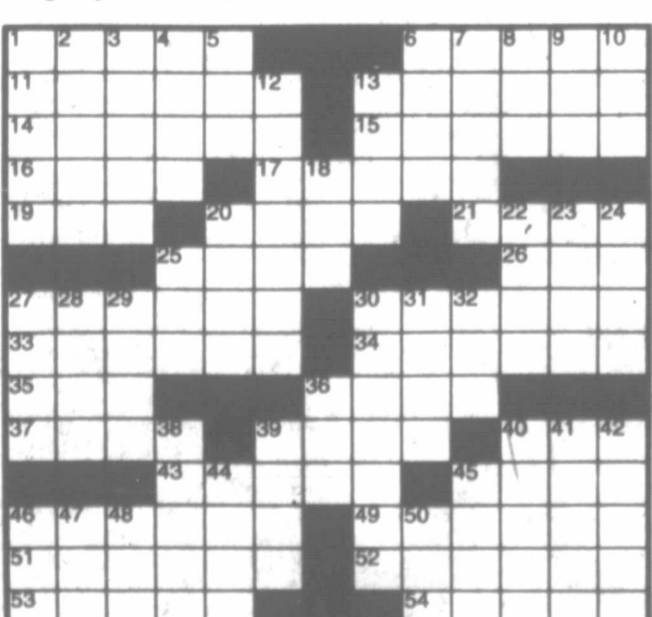
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS 40 Mao -tung 43 Call off (a space mission) 45 Shark movie 46 -down (shifted) 49 Leo's son 51 Incursion 52 - Stadium, New York 53 Rise 54 Hezes DOWN 1 Texas A&M student 2 Criminal 3 Goodnight gal 4 Does a marathon 5 Conclude 6 First-rate (2 wds.) 7 Became faint 8 Ear (comb. form) 9 Above (post.) 10 It's in the news agency 12 Pops 13 Actress - Rowlands 18 -to Joy 20 Brim 22 Gravel ridges 23 Electrical unit 24 Negatives 25 Goof 27 Computer acronym 28 Adam's grandson 29 Elf 30 Macabre 31 Urge 32 Norma - 36 Glass container 38 Tori's dad 39 Musician - Rundgren 40 Gasoline holders 41 Like honey 42 Colorado park 44 Necktie unit 45 Entertainer - Mitchell 46 US soldiers 47 Noun suffix 48 Football coach - Paraghiian 50 I think, therefore



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Table with columns: Data Control Codes, GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES, TRUST FUNDS, TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY), 1996, 1995. Rows include REVENUES: Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State; State Program Revenues; Federal Program Revenues; Excluding Revenues Funding Function 14; Revenues Collected for Funding Function 14; Total Revenues. EXPENDITURES: Instruction; Instructional Administration; Instructional Resources and Media Services; School Administration; Curriculum & Instruct. Staff Development; Communication and Dissemination; Guidance and Counseling Services; Attendance and Social Work Service; Health Services; Student Transportation; Co-curricular Activities; Food Services; General Administration; Debt Services; Plant Maintenance and Operations; Facilities Acquisition and Construction; Data Processing Services; Community Service; Expenditures Excluding Function 14; Instructional Services Between Districts; Total Expenditures; Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over Expenditures; Other Resources; Other (Uses); Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures & Other Uses; Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning); Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance; Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending).

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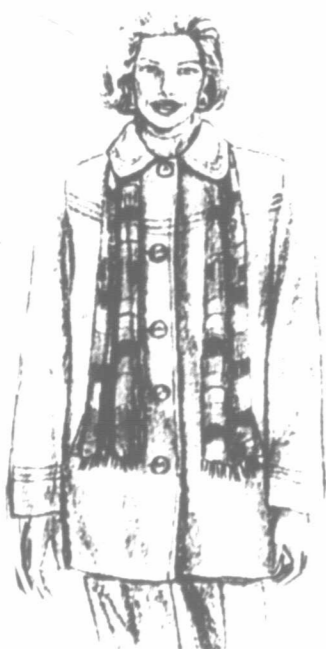
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