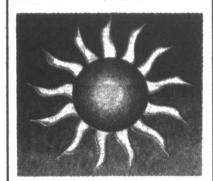
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Low tonight near 0, high tomorrow near 30. See Page 2 for weather details.

FRITCH — With memorial services planned Thursday for a father and his three sons who died in a boating accident Saturday, authorities at Lake Meredith continue searching for the missing two boys.

Joint services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church in Amarillo for Dr. Robert Britten and his three sons: Robert Philip Britten, 11; Patrick Carl Britten, 9; and Benjamin Paul Britten, 8.

Officiating will be Dr. Howard K. Batson, senior pastor. Private burial will be in Llano Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2820 Virginia Circle.

The father, and his sons were victims of high winds capsizing their boat about 100 yards from the shore while they were duck hunting on the waters of Lake Meredith late Saturday morning.

Searchers recovered the body of the 11-year-old son Saturday evening. The body of his tather was recovered Sunday morning. The bodies of the other two sons remain missing.

With an arctic front moving in Monday night, temperatures have been below freezing with sub-zero wind chill factors, hampering the continuing search efforts for boat patrols.

With the cold weather continuing today and parts of the lake icing over, authorities planned to continue the search by air until boat conditions improve, lake authorities said.

Lake Meredith National Recreation Area officials said the search will continue every day until the boys' bodies surface and they can be recovered.

PAMPA — Officers and employees of Gray County are hosting a Christmas open house and retirement reception honoring A.C. Malone, retiring county auditor, Monday from 3-5 p.m. in the second floor

courtroom in the courthouse. "This will be a come and go reception, open to everyone who wants to stop by to wish A.C. happiness on his retirement," said County Judge Richard Peet.

Malone is retiring after 28 years of service for Gray County officials

AUSTIN (AP) — Tougher parole measures for sex offenders have helped push down the number of sexual assaults in Texas by 17 percent since 1993, the executive director of the Criminal Justice Policy Council said.

More than 12 percent of sex offenders, 770 out of 6,262, were released on parole in 1991, compared to less than 1 percent, 98 out of 11,782, in 1995.

Meanwhile, 8,256 sexual assaults were reported to the Department of Public Safety in 1995, compared to 9,923 reported in 1993.

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After 11 years, Williams hopes for justice in mother's death

By CHIP CHANDLER **News Editor**

Mark Williams can remember every detail of the morning of Dec. 7, 1985.

That was the day his mother, IoAnn Williams, was shot in the back by his sister's estranged boyfriend, John L. Weaver.

In a quiet voice, Williams recently recounted his mother's death in the living room of his family's home, down to such specifics as which of his siblings were home and what his mother's last words were.

He spoke softly, but his anger was apparent. Anger toward Weaver, to be sure, but also anger toward a system he feels let his mother's killer free with little more than a slap on the wrist.

And now, Weaver may have killed again.

Weaver now stands accused of the stabbing death of ex-girlfriend Juanita Carmichael in Wichita Falls, 11 years and six days after JoAnn Williams' slay-

Mark Williams was told by a friend that Weaver is again being held in connection with a murder atter it was reported Dec. 5 in The Pampa News.

"How could that have happened again?" Williams remembered asking himself when he heard the news. "Almost 11 years to the day it happened again.

"If the Pampa justice system had done their job, it wouldn't have happened," Williams contended.

For evidence, Williams described – in perhaps not surmother and the eventual dispo-

Weaver was the estranged boyfriend of Williams' older sister Bridgett and the father of her two children. A newspaper account at the time reported that Weaver and Bridgett Williams had been arguing for some time and that Weaver was under indictment at the time for allegedly attacking her with an ice pick.

On Dec. 7, Weaver came to the Williams household in search of his children. He also came with a shotgun - to protect himself from JoAnn Williams, he testified in 1986.

Mark Williams said Weaver got the gun from his stepfather and set it on the side of the Williams' home when he arrived.

"Then he walked to the front door and asked to speak to Bridgett," Williams said. "Mom told him she wasn't here and that he needed to leave.

An enraged Weaver ripped the locked screen door open. He grabbed his then-unloaded gun, Williams' said, and pulled the trigger while aiming it toward the family.

Weaver loaded and cocked the gun and fired as she began to run. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

About two hours later, Weaver was arrested a few blocks from where the incident occurred.

Mark Williams at first felt his mother's killer would be appropriately punished. He said then-Assistant District Attorney David Hamilton prepared his family for the upcoming trial prising detail – the murder of his and generally helped them with the grieving process.

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An unidentified firefighter tries to douse the fire from a ladder as Equipment Operator Jerry Tomaschik soaks down a neighboring house to protect it. The fire destroyed the Tommy Smith home at 2722 Comanche. Also shown is Capt. Rusty Horton, approaching the ladder.

Fire destroys home on Comanche

By CHIP CHANDLER News Editor

A fund has been established at Trinity Fellowship Church to assist a Pampa family whose home was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon.

Weaver out of the door, but mending people donate cash home to the south. rather than clothing items so members of the Tommy Smith family "can make sure they get

what they need." Meanwhile, the fire marshal's office has determined the blaze at 2722 Comanche was started when a heat lamp in a dog house was toppled into a pile of cedar wood shavings.

The shavings apparently smoldered, catching the dog house on fire. The fire then spread from the dog house – which sat next to the house in the back yard through a vent and into the attic.

reported seeing smoke around 3:20 p.m.

Firefighters punched a hole in the ceiling shortly after they arrived and saw that the entire attic was engulfed in flames. The fire then began burning through Church member Carolyn the roof, jetting into the air and JoAnn Williams pushed Stroud said the church is recom- threatening the neighboring

> The roof could be seen buck ling as fire spread beneath it. Assistant Fire Marshal Gary

Stevens said the house is likely to be classified a total loss. "The house - especially the south half – is pretty well burned out where the ceiling fell

through. There's some fire damage in the rest of the house, mainly severe heat and smoke damage," Stevens said this morning. Fighting the fire was difficult,

Fire Chief Claudie Phillips said. "The fire was in the attic and it was hard to get ... the water in

A neighbor behind the home the right place fast enough," Phillips said.

Despite bitterly cold winds freezing water to the firefighters' helmets, Phillips said the weather didn't particularly hamper the battling of the fire.

About 14 firefighters fought the blaze, bringing it under control in about two hours.

Stevens indicated the fire was

"It's not a safe practice to put heat lamps or light bulbs of any time in dog houses. We've had a number of dog houses over the years burn down because of that. .. If people do (put lamps in dog houses), they should keep it away from other structures,'

Stroud said Trinity Fellowship housed the Smith family in a local motel Tuesday night and bought them a change of clothing. She added that the family seemed to be holding up well.

State highway officials discuss study for possible roadway improvements

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE **Staff Writer**

Phase II of the Lubbock to I-10/Amarillo North feasibility study got under way Tuesday night as representatives from Texas Department of Transportation, HDR Engineering, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper and city and county officials met to dis-

cuss the possibilities of highway improvements. "This study is being done as a long-range mobility feasibility study. This does not mean that I-10 is going to be extended through the area," said Pete Jacobs, representing the HDR Engineering Consultant firm which is working with Texas Department of Transportation.

"Not a penny has been set aside for extension or improvements. This just gives the department an idea of what the people need and want," Jacobs said at a hearing held Monday night at the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

"Phase II of the study is probably more important than Phase I," said Mark Tomlinson, district manager of the Amarillo region TxDOT.

"This project is being managed out of Austin because it covers five regions," he said. "But it is vastly important that our office have input from local citizens."

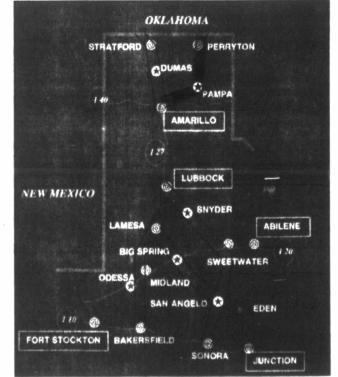
According to Jacobs, the project began in January 1995 when the Department of Transportation started the study to find corridors with the most potential for mobility improvements.

The department identified five 10-mile wide corridors, two north of Amarillo and four south of Lubbock. The corridors contain state highways, farm-to-market roads and other routes that might be considered for traffic flow improvements.

After studying a feasibility cost project, the department decided that the people of the Panhandle would best be served by adding improvements rather than extending an interstate. Phase II of this project looks at those needed

improvements. These improvements could be as much as making a two-lane road into a four-lane divided highway, down to as little as widening shoulders,"

Participants of Tuesday's meetings discussed the



The above map, provided by the Texas Department of Transportation, shows the corridors under discussion for possible highway improvements.

northwest corridor, running from Amarillo through Dumas and Stratford to the Oklahoma line, and the northeast corridor from Amarillo to Pampa, Perryton and then on to Oklahoma.

In May, three routes in each corridor will be chosen, then these routes will be prioritized. From these prioritized routes the best will be chosen and considered for improvements.

The Texas Department of Transportation asks that anyone with comments or information contact the TxDOT.

Citizens can call a route study hotline – 1-800-661-3234 – for updates or to leave a message. Written comments can be mailed to Design Division, 125 E. 11th St. Austin, TX 78701-2483, or contact their local Department of Transportation office.

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(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Sarah Carmichael's fifth grade class at Austin Elementary School collected 23 coats, seven blankets and \$33 to be donated to Good Samaritan Christian Services. Representing Carmichael's class are Aaron Simon, Stephanie Willoughby, Anna Johnson and Dustin Everson.

Officials offer cold weather tips for people, pets, plants

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE **Staff Writer**

Residents awoke Tuesday to find cars covered with snow and a knife-like wind causing a wind chill factor of 30 degrees below zero. Forecasters are predicting that temperatures will not rise above freezing before Friday.

Due to the extreme weather conditions, experts and officials alike issued warnings and precautions to residents on everything from human safety to household warnings.

People are advised to bundle up when venturing outdoors and to keep extremities covered.

Pediatricians say that children with asthma should wear scarves around their nose and mouth so that the air they breathe is somewhat warmed before entering the lungs.

Icy sidewalks are a major concern and everyone should take extra care when walking.

Drivers need to allow themselves extra time, said a spokesperson for the Department of Public Safety.

"The second day of a storm is often worse than the first," said the spokesperson. "Often there is a sheet of ice under the packed snow, due to the snow melting then refreezing."

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The Wichita Falls newspaper

reported that local police said

Weaver "had been bothering

Carmichael, who had broken off

their relationship a few months

neighbor Weaver was her attack-

Fighting the fire

Carmichael filed a complaint

that Carmichael was able to tell a Williams said.

Wichita County Jail on a \$100,000 from her apartment.

against Weaver for battering her try to go on with your life and

in October, and the Times Record forget about it. (But) this brings it

News reported that neighbors all back up ... how your mom

said the couple was known to was taken from you and then her

The newspaper also reported like she didn't mean nothing,"

er before she died and that other and it's got to be miles away ...

neighbors saw Weaver running just to get sleep at night."

His mother's death once again

"We never have been able to

fresh in his mind, Mark Williams

now hopes for justice from a

get over it. We hope that miles

family) will have justice. ... You

death was thrown to the dogs ...

"We've (had) to wait 11 years,

away, maybe they (Carmichael's

Wichita County judge.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

PRICE, Nina Richmond — 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

NINA RICHMOND PRICE

SAN ANTONIO - Nina Richmond Price, 80, a former Pampa resident, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 1996. Services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Jacob Clemmens, rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Price was born Oct. 11, 1916, at Edenton, N.C. She married George Frederick Richmond on Nov. 22, 1939, at Roanoke, Va.; he died in 1978. She later married Orbie Lee "Joe" Price in 1983; he died in 1988. She moved from Amarillo to Pampa in 1945. She was a longtime employee of Pampa Office Supply and Fugate Printing and Office Supply in Pampa. She was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa and Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club.

Survivors include four daughters, June Johnson of Tucumcari, N.M., Peggy Waldrop of Fort Worth, Alice Buske of San Antonio and Paula Foelker of Corpus Christi; two sons, George Richmond of Rockport and Phil Richmond of Briscoe; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM E. 'EBB' RILEY

William E. "Ebb" Riley, 79, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1996. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Darrell Monday, pastor, and the Rev. Bill Austin, retired Baptist missionary from Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Riley was born April 22, 1917, at Garza, Texas. He had been a Pampa resident since 1950. He married Vera Inez Hawkins on July 2, 1938, at Pampa; she died Feb. 11, 1992. He worked at Ford's Body Shop as office manager for over 10 years following his retirement from Hoechst Celanese after 35 years of service. He was a member and deacon of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Debby Dancel of Pampa, Charlotte Fleming of Amarillo and LaNell Thornton of Dallas; two sisters, Oleta Robertson of Denton and Elaine Fuller of Lubbock; a brother, Herbert Riley of San Angelo; two brothers-in-law, Joe Hawkins of Pampa and Harris Hawkins of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church Building Fund.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are			63 1/4	NC.
provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.		Coca Cola		up 3/8
		Columbia/HCA	39 3/4	up 3/8
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Edward D. Jones	& Co of Pampa	Wal Mart	23 1/8	up 1/8
Amoco	79 3/4 up 2 1/4	New York Gold		369.20
Arco		Silver		4 79
Cabot		West Texas Crud		25.60
Cabot O&G	17 7/8 up 1/4			

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.

TUESDAY, Dec. 17 Simple assault was reported in McLean.

Arrests

Clarence Reed Jr., 20, 1144 Huff Rd., was arrested by Pampa police officers on a charge of evading arrest or detention as well as a Seward County, Kan., charge of violation of probation. He remained in custody on a \$1,500 bond for the local charge

Denyse Sells, 24, Pampa, was arrested on charges of issuance of bad checks in Lipscomb County and Gray County. She was released to pay later.

Emergency numbers

Energas	665-5777
SPS	669-7432
Water	

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

TUESDAY, Dec. 17

8:54 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to 2545 Perryton Parkway on an alarm malfunction.

1:50 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 724 N. Dwight on a carbon monoxide

3:22 p.m. - Five units and 14 personnel responded to 2722 Comanche on a structure fire. The house, owned by Tommy Smith, is consid-

9:01 p.m. - Three units and four personnel responded to 2722 Comanche on a small rekindle of a structure fire.

10:56 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 1230 E. Francis on a medical assist.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrest in the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Dec. 16 Arrests

Jerry Hicks, 31, 1109 Varnon Dr., was arrested in the 500 block of South Reid on a charge of public intoxication. He was released on municipal court order.

TUESDAY, Dec. 17 Theft of Christmas decorations valued at \$100

was reported at 525 Hazel. Aggravated assault with deadly weapon (family violence) was reported in the 1800 block of

Theft was reported at Coronado Inn, 1101 N. Hobart. Stolen was a tip jar with \$60 to \$100 cash.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. TUESDAY, Dec. 17

3:27 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2700 block of Comanche on a fire assist.

4:02 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of North Dwight on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical

9:12 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2700 block of Comanche on a fire assist.

10:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of East Francis on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

Calendar of events

TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING

Tralee Crisis Center, 119 N. Frost, is to offer group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Kleinpeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131. Space is limited. Call ahead.

VFW FOOD DRIVE

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657 is now collecting canned food items for its yearly Christmas baskets for the needy. The food items can be dropped off at the VFW Post building, 105 S. Cuyler, or at the Veterans Service Office, 123 W. Foster. If anyone knows of a needy veteran family, please let the post have that information as well.

LAKE McCLELLAN IMPROVEMENT

Lake McClellan Improvement Inc. will hold its monthly membership and board meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, in the Gray County Courthouse, second floor courtroom. The public is invited to the meeting. For more information, call Marilyn Lewis at 669-7290.

PAMPA SHRINE CLUB

The Pampa Shrine Club will have its Christmas dinner and meeting at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at the Sportsman's Club. For more information, call President James H. Lewis at 669-8056.

Accidents

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

TUESDAY, Dec. 17

2:37 p.m. - A 1991 Cadillac Seville driven by Jack Willis White, 72, 2364 Aspen, was in collision with a 1993 Ford Cougar driven by Linda Riley Duncan, 43, 2332 Evergreen, at the intersection of Duncan and 23rd. White was cited for failure to control speed.

1 a.m. - An unknown vehicle was in collision with a wooden fence owned by Ida Mae Boland, 2242 Evergreen.

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Cold

the only concerns during winter house, will keep more pipes open weather. Social services agencies and lessen the chance of bursting, are also hard hit during this he said. unusually cold weather.

a day," said Bill Ragadale, direc nearly impossible to keep pipes during the cold, wet weather. tor of Good Samaritan Christian from freezing in this kind of Services: "In weather like this weather," he said. most of the families ask for heavier clothing, blankets or both."

clothing and blankets will be distributed to those who need them. Houses, plants, pets and cars. Flowers and Greenhouses need special care during this

weather according to experts. below 55 degrees. Of course, said.

leave faucets running slightly to keep them from bursting.

Interior faucets, farther away Streets and sidewalks are not from the pipe entrance to the

We normally help 15 families needs to be sealed, otherwise it is extra care of pets ears and feet

fer from extreme temperature been outside. Remember, if you're He said donations of warm changes and should be offered as cold, so is your pet. ... Even with much protection as possible, said their fur coats, the wind chill can Debbie Cantrell of Freeman's

"Delicate saplings which have not yet developed resistance to place to get in out of the cold and Larry Baker, owner of Baker the cold should be wrapped in Plumbing, Heating and Air plantic and 2 to 3 inches of bark Conditioning, advises, "The main mulch around the trunk will thing is not to turn the heat down help keep the plants warm," she er, pets can become dehydrat-

Moving indoor plants away from drafts and out of north windows will help prevent cold damaged leaves and small amounts of warm water help keep the plants at a constant temperature. Dr. Ron Easley, veterinarian,

The foundation of the house said pet owners need to take

"Pet owners should just do some common sense things. Dry Indoor and outdoor plants suf- off your pets' feet after they've be fatal for pets once they get wet and are left in the cold."

> Easley said pets should have a should always have access to

plenty of fresh water. "Even during this cold weath-

Williams

But Hamilton was fired before Weaver went to trial.

Then-District Attorney Guy Hardin fired his assistant citing "philosophical differences," but speculation at the time held that Hamilton was fired for subpoenaing his boss to testify in another murder case.

Hardin could not be reached for comment.

Williams said the word on the street was that Hamilton was told he was "prosecuting cases that shouldn't be prosecuted." To Williams, that includes his mother's murder.

Williams said the prevailing attitude about JoAnn Williams' death was "it's only two niggers killing each other anyway."

Over a year after JoAnn Williams' death – and just 19 days after Hamilton's dismissal -Hardin agreed to reduce Weaver's charges to a combination involuntary manslaughterburglary plea bargain that netted Weaver only a concurrent sentence of 15 years in jail. Weaver was actually given only 10 years for killing Williams and 15 years for entering the home unlawfully.

But Weaver was released after four years and returned to the Pampa area, where he was arrested in 1992 for selling crack cocaine and sentenced to eight years. He was again released, this time after three years behind

He settled in Wichita Falls, where he now stands accused of stabbing his ex-girlfriend Juanita Carmichael to death in her Wichita Falls apartment. According to the Wichita Falls Times Record News, Carmichael was stabbed several times across her upper body and died at Wichita General Hospital.

Weaver was charged with murder Dec. 3 and is being held at the

Candy recall issued

AZUSA, Calif. (AP) — A candy manufacturer is recalling chocolates that contain peanut protein not declared on packing labels.

Eating the chocolates could be dangerous for people with peanut allergies, Morris National Inc. said in a statement Tuesday.

The peanut protein is an ingredient in the company's 24 Day Count Christmas Calendars.

The candy, which is being recalled, is sold in 2.6 ounce packages.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

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REGIONAL FORECAST

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North Texas - Tonight, clear and continued very cold. Lows 5 to 15. Thursday, sunny and cold.

Clear and cold tonight with a Highs 31 to 37. South Texas - Hill Country a high near 30 and west to south-teens, near 8 degrees Hill west winds 5-15 mph. Tuesday's Country. Thursday, sunny. Highs high was 21; the overnight low near 40, mid 30s Hill Country. Upper Coast: Hard freeze warn-West Texas - Panhandle: with record cold. Lows in mid Tonight, mostly clear and very cold teens inland to upper 20s coast. west winds 5-10 mph. Thursday, Coastal Bend and Rio Grande south. mostly sunny and still cold, with Plains: Hard freeze warning for highs in low 20s north to near 30 tonight. Tonight, clear and very clear and cold. Lows zero to 10 south. South Plains: Tonight, clear. cold. Lows in low 20s coast to above. Thursday, mostly sunny Lows 5 below to 5 above. near 20 inland. Thursday, sunny.

Highs near 40.

BORDER STATES

(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

New Mexico - Tonight, continued bitterly cold, with record low temperatures possible many locations. Generally clear. Lows west winds 5-10 mph. Thursday, and South Central: Tonight, clear from near 20 below zero to near sunny and slightly warmer with and very cold. Lows in mid 5 above zero mountains and northern half and mostly between zero and 10 above zero lower elevations southern half. Thursday, not quite as cold, with ing for tonight. Tonight, clear increasing high cloudiness northwest and mostly sunny elsewhere. Highs low 20s to near with lows from 10 below north to Timrsday, sunny. Highs in upper 40 mountains and north with 30s around zero south. West to north- 30s inland to near 40 coast. to low 40s lower elevations

> Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly and continued cold. Highs mid 20s to mid 30s.

City briefs

Thursday, sunny. Highs 30-35.

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Equipment Operator Jerry Tomaschik sprays water through

the window of a bedroom at the lommy Smith home at

2722 Comanche. Capt. Rusty Horton and Fire Chief

Claudie Phillips watch and discuss where the firefighters

should concentrate their efforts. See related story, Page 1.

DR. CHARLES Ashby has the Medical and Surgical Clinic, tile with glue. Adv. 1701 N. Hobart, Pampa, Tx. or call 806-665-8471. Adv.

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HOLIDAY SPECIAL - 12 in. nights until Christmas for your Pain, Non Force Treatment. 669shopping convenience. Free gift wrap. 669-1091. Adv. RHEAMS DIAMOND Shop -

DANCE TO the music of Jerry

Sparks, Saturday 21st, 8:30-1 a.m. Members and guests. FOR HOLIDAY Spirits-

First Bank SouthWest in the 60 East. Adv. lobby from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Adv. EARLY **ADVERTISING** Deadline for the Pampa News, for December 24 and 26th. Questions-669-2525

CHANEY'S CAFE - Wedneschicken, Spaghetti and meat- Adv. balls, Chicken fried steak. Adv.

GOOD SELECTION of teachdowntown open until 8 p.m. er gifts, tins, angel and western until ornaments. Orzek loney bears. Polonaise Glass Crnaments. Watson's & Celebrations. Hwy 60 East. Adv.

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CHIROPRACTOR; Robert R. Open until 8 p.m. Thursday Loerwald D.C. Back Pain, Neck 7676, 1716 N. Hobart. Adv.

ROGER COOPER & Silver Creek Band Saturday 21st, \$5 Open late til 8 p.m. Monday thru person; \$9 couple, 9-1 a.m. Landmark Club. Adv.

LASTING GIFT - "Gray County Adventure" Video at Gift Box, Hastings-\$20. Adv.

HUNGRY BIRDS? Bird Seed and Feeders. Competitive. Refreshments being served at Watson's Feed & Garden. Hwy

FOR SALE - Practically new Full Set of Drums. Bought \$1500, will take \$1,000. 669-1244, after 6 p.m. 669-1216. Adv.

BIRTHSTONE CROSSES and Crystal Angel Charms at day 5-8 p.m. Meat loaf, Fried All Its Charm, 109 W. Francis.

MIAMI DOLPHINS Youth Jackets. Just arrived. T-shirts &

More. 665-3036. Adv. DON JONAS Calligraphy, Scripture-mated and framed. Booth 820 Cottage Collection.

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LIMA, Peru (AP) - Armed guerrillas who sneaked into a glittering diplomatic reception by carrying bottles of champagne and posing as waiters held at least 200 people hostage today. One rebel threatened to start killing them unless the government freed their jailed comrades.

The rebels from the Tupac Amaru movement attacked the Japanese ambassador's house as the party began Tuesday night, setting off explosions and exchanging gunfire with police for almost an hour. Two hostages and a rebel were reported wounded.

In the hours after the assault, the rebels released about 170 hostages, most of them women. Reports differed on how many were left, but at least 200 remained inside the compound, which covers an entire block and sits behind a 15-foot-high concrete wall topped by a 10-foot electrical fence.

Among the hostages were the ambassadors of Japan, Canada, Brazil, Bolivia, Cuba, South Korea, Germany, Austria and Venezuela. Peru's foreign and agriculture ministers, six legislators, the president of the Supreme Court and more than 40 Japanese business people also were inside.

Some Americans were among those held, said Peruvian congressman Javier Diez Canseco, a hostage who spoke to a Lima television station by telephone. U.S. Ambassador Dennis Jett did not attend the reception.

Twenty-three rebels, including three women, entered the compound at the start of the reception honoring Japanese Emperor Akihito's birthday.

Police said they slipped through security by posing as waiters, driving in with cham-

pagne and hors d'oeuvres.
"I heard a loud explosion, then gunfire," said Mieko Torii, who AUSTIN (AP) - The state The agency was placed in conwere told to get down and not move. There was a lot of yelling.

correspondent Sally Bowen said in a report soon after her release that she had been eating and drinking in an elegant marquee on the lawn when the

explosions occurred. had us all flat out on the ground," she said. "The guerrillas stalked around the residence grounds threatening us: 'Don't lift your heads up or you will be shot."

Japan's foreign minister insisted lax security was not to blame. Safety measures included blockades in front of Ambassador Morihisa Aoki's compound and security guards, Yukihiko Ikeda told reporters in Tokyo.

In the initial attack, police captured five suspected guerrillas before being forced out of the residential compound in Lima's upscale San Isidro district.

The shootout lasted nearly an hour, and witnesses said one rebel was wounded in the leg. The Japanese ambassador said two hostages were also wound-



Pampa High School DECA student Tanisha Wilbon shows a Pampa Harvester cup to Lamar Elementary School kindergarten student Marque Johnson during a gift selling session Monday at the Vocational Building at the high school.

DECA students help children 'buy' special Christmas gifts

shopping this week.

The shopping excursion was Christmas shopping. the result of a project by juniors distributive education and marketing students.

DECA advisor Donna Crow two special people in their lives. came up with the idea for the shopping spree, and DECA stu-check the gift items available to dents added their ideas, selecting make their choice and then take one school for the project this them to be gift wrapped.

Under the plan, kindergarten students at Lamar could earn punch by DECA. "money" for their purchases by their work and not behaving.)

In the meantime, DECA students went out and obtained money, this time. donations of gifts throughout the community and money to pur- dents are already excited about chase other gifts.

"sold" to the kindergarten stu- Christmas season project.

Pampa High School's DECA dents in a shopping excursion students helped some kinder- held Monday at the PHS garten students at Lamar Ele- Vocational Building, where the mentary School with Christmas Lamar students were bused for the opportunity to 'do some

Using the "money" they had and seniors in DECA, a club for earned, the kindergarteners got to purchase two gifts: one each for their mom and dad, or for

The students were able to

The kindergarten students also were treated to cookies and

In addition, the DECA studoing all their work and being on dents, who all have jobs through good behavior. (Some students, the school vocational program, however, had to pay back some all drew names of students in the of the "money" for not doing Lamar kindergarten classes and bought the young students a gift with their own money - real

Mrs. Crow said the DECA stunext year and are discussing The collected gifts were then ways to improve the special

Alcohol, drug abuse agency approved by legislative panel

was among those released. "We agency that administers pro- servatorship in 1995, after legisgrams to combat alcohol and lators found financial mismandrug abuse - rocked by investigations into millions of dollars in misspending two years ago - has been given a stamp of approval by a panel of lawmakers.

The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse was given authorization to operate Moments later, heavy gunfire for the next twelve years by the Sunset Advisory Texas Commission, a panel of Texas House and Senate members that reviews the performance of state agencies.

The Sunset Commission's unanimous recommendation on Tuesday, called "a milestone" by TCADA officials, now goes to the 1997 Legislature for considera-

"I think over the past two years TCADA has been working hard to correct the problems that it had, especially in the area of financial accounting and auditing," said TCADA board chairman James C. Oberwetter of Dallas.

"We've got programs now in place to deal with those issues. So we've made some progress. There's still more to do.

agement in many local treatment centers that receive state funding

to operate TCADA programs. A joint House-Senate committee said officials of at least 20 local alcohol and drug abuse programs funded by the commission may have committed felonies related to some \$20.5 million in alleged misspending.

Lt. Charlie Brune of the Texas Rangers, who helped lead the probe into TCADA's mismanagement, said, "There have been some indictments and there have been some convictions."

Brune said he was unable to elaborate because he was working on another case and couldn't immediately refer to the records related to the TCADA case.

The questionable costs, which occurred mostly in 1994 and part of 1995, could have reached as high as \$50 million, Oberwetter said Tuesday.

The budgets for the agency in those years was \$160 million in fiscal year 1994 and \$175 million in fiscal year 1995.

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State rep questions tax debate

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas won't avert a looming school funding crisis unless the property tax reduce the public school system's reliance on local debate focuses on rising education costs instead of tax relief, says House Public Education Committee Chairman Paul Sadler.

If officials hope to put in place adequate and reliable school funding, they should review Texas' entire tax system and perhaps consider creating a state tax dedicated to education, Sadler, D-Henderson, said in an interview with The

Associated Press "Everyone, I think, will admit that our education costs have continually gone up and we haven't been able to keep pace with that cost. If all we're doing in this debate is looking for a way to cut taxes, then we're not solving the underlying system fairer," Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan said problem," Sadler said.

He cited such expenses as school facilities, a need for more teachers and a need to increase teacher pay; state and federal requirements for about the focus of the debate. local school districts; and technology needs.

"If all we do is make a down payment on property tax relief, then all we've done is declare victory at the end of the (1997 legislative) session," Sadler said. "But two years from now, we're still staring at the same crisis - where do we get the money to educate our children?"

Gov. George W. Bush has promised an effort to property taxes. During the last school year, the state share of school spending was \$8.1 billion, while the local share was \$9.1 billion.

A tax committee appointed by the governor found the property tax is too high but didn't find agreement on a tax to replace it.

As a beginning, Bush has said \$1 billion generated from higher-than-expected state revenues and lower-than-expected spending should go to school property tax relief over the next two years.

"Governor Bush agrees that the school funding issue is important. Property tax relief will increase the state share of education funding and make the in response to Sadler's comments.

While saying Bush is on the right track in looking at high property taxes, Sadler voiced concern

The debate has shifted from what is necessary to pay for the education of our children to who's going to get a tax break, and who's going to get hit with more taxes. That's unfortunate," Sadler said.

"If all you're doing is shifting from one tax to another, all you're doing is shifting the crisis from one taxpayer to another, if you're not careful."

Governor seeks to free charities from state barriers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) – Gov. George W. Bush, citing recommendations from his "faith-based" task force, is urging the Texas Legislature and help the needy." to eliminate some state regulations that hinder charitable work.

Bush has signed an executive order encouraging state agencies to let welfare recipients choose between state or private assistance, as provided for in the federal welfare reform bill.

"Government does not have a monopoly on compassion," the governor said. "Who better to help those who need help than

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Thomas W. Currie III of that offer child care and other pro-Kerrville, the task force chair- grams to be accredited and reguman, presented the panel's find-

ings to Bush on Tuesday after the governor toured the religious programs that treat Christian Assistance Ministry. alcohol and chemical dependen-

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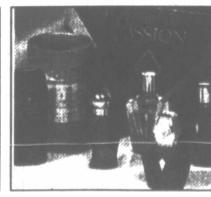
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Opinion

Freedom founder set high standards

In late November, the 118th anniversary of the birth of a person very important to The Panipa News passed.

On Nov. 24, 1878, R.C. Hoiles, founder of the Freedom Newspapers group (now called Freedom Communications Inc.), was born. We think it appropriate at this time - and all the time. for that matter, since his philosophy still guides Freedom - to share some excerpts from Mr. Hoiles' personal newspaper columns that dealt with his philosophy of newspapering:

"What this country needs as much as anything else are newspapers that believe in moral principles and have enough courage to express these principles and point out practices and beliefs that violate moral principles. A newspaper that only tries to run editorials and columnists and news items that are popular is of

mighty little value to its readers.

A newspaper that does this is not worth its salt. The reason this kind of newspaper is of little value is that it encourages errors. It is not a clearing house for opinions. It neglects to do its duty for fear it might lose subscribers and profits. A newspaper that can be intimidated in its editorial policy can also be intimidated in its news columns. And what good is a newspaper that is afraid to offend some well-intending person or some person who is temporarily benefited by acts that are out of harmony with moral principles, such as the Commandments, the Golden Rule and Declaration of Independence?"

"A newspaper should be a place where local, state and national and international questions can be thoroughly discussed. They

are not thoroughly discussed elsewhere."

"A newspaper that carries controversial editorials and will permit its readers to challenge its policies not only benefits the editor and the publisher, but it benefits those who do the challenging. It whets their mental faculties. It tends to cause them to reason closely. It tends to eliminate their contradictions. It also helps the readers gain understanding.

Most of our trouble comes from people blindly following editors, politicians, lawyers or preachers who will not permit their statements to be tested by questions. In other words, too many people have confidence in people who do not know enough about what they are talking about to be able to defend it against all comers or cannot find anyone who can."

"So whether controversial editorials are good or bad depends upon whether the editor will give the opposition, who will answer questions without evasion, space to present another

"There were more crusading newspapers in years gone by than there are today (remember that this was written prior to 1970, the year Hoiles died.) Today too many newspapers are afraid of offending somebody and losing a dollar by taking an unpopular position. The result is that they cease to develop, cease to be of much use in getting people to better understand human relations that will promote goodwill, peace and prosperity.

"Too many editors seem to have forgotten the admonition of Jesus when he said: '... men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.'

"I believe it was Ben Franklin who said he always wanted something in his newspaper that was useful to his readers or entertaining. And it is hard to think of anything more useful to the readers than to get them to be able to recognize a contradiction and think in harmony with eternal principles.

"The kind of a newspaper a man reads has a lot to do with the kind of a man he becomes - whether he becomes a man who respects human initiative of everyone or whether he advocates special privileges for some to the detriment of others.

There is no instrument that could do as much to get the American people to reverse their trend away from the ideologies set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Commandments and return to these ideologies as American

"A newspaper has a responsibility because it is the most economical method of exchanging ideas. A newspaper that is afraid to discuss things that are 'sacred cows' to the majority will be afraid to handle news stories that might cost it advertising or subscriptions. A newspaper that hides behind its columns and will not answer any or all questions about what it is advocating is not a real newspaper and is of little value to its readers."

The Pampa News - a member of the Freedom group - does its best to uphold the high standards set by R.C. Hoiles. More information about him and his libertarian philosophy that still guides us is available upon request.

Your questions and your comments always are welcome.

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Liberation from social inse

Gosh - as people in the early '60's were capable of exclaiming - he was vexed! From every \$1.25-an hour paycheck he received, his summer employer, a bank, pared off a chunk, passing it along to an entity called the Social Security Administration.

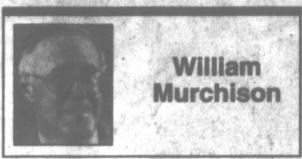
Social Security sent him a little card with a number on it. He got really vexed! He forced down the urge to shout, "Danke, danke, mein fuehrers!!!"

The amount of the deduction - exiguous by the standards of the '90's - wasn't responsible for his agitation. It was the principle of the thing. By forcibly enrolling him in Social Security, what was his government saying to him? That it trusted neither his common sense nor his diligence. His government was calling him a jackass incapable of caring for himself. Or so, in his liberty loving innocence, he believed.

A little time, a little thought took care of this false perception. It became plain to him that these thing's couldn't be taken personally. The government had no opinion whatever regarding his capacities. All it sought from him was a loan.

This was because in time past the government had taken out loans from other Americans, in the form of Social Security taxes. These loans the government couldn't pay back as benefits without "borrowing" from the currently employed - i.e., by dragging them, kicking and screaming often as not, into the Social Security system.

Leave liberty out of it - that free choice for which Americans bled at Lexington, Concord and Valley Forge. The government's manner of



theoretical questions, like how to pay back the people from whom the government was borrowing to pay back the people from whom it had borrowed originally. Always the answer was the same - borrow some more.

Vexed as he was in 1962, on discovering himself chained to Social Security without a by-your-leave from anyone, the summer bank worker, graduated from check-filling and statement-stuffing, has seen his vexations multiply. So have others. In the '90's, everybody knows Social Security can't go on the way it's going. Not with an unfunded liability of \$7.3 trillion, it can't.

What to do? The former statement-stuffer - still, painfully, a Social Security "contributor" - begs for something other than the usual approaches, namely, raising taxes and cutting benefits. Yes, I do so beg. What we have to admit is that Social Security rests on false premises.

False Premise No. 1: The federal government procuring forced loans raises practical as well as knows best what the average citizen needs -

hence unified, ball-and-chain retirement False Premise No. 2: The federal taxing power substitutes effectively for common sense. The policy of run-a-deficit-raise-taxes loses appeal when Social Security taxes soar (15.3 percent) presently) in tandem with the deficit.

Ah, could we but go back in time! ... we'd find we can never go back in time. The great majority of Americans, rightly or wrongly, have accus-tomed themselves to the idea of a federally directed retirement system. But the ball and chain can be loosened.

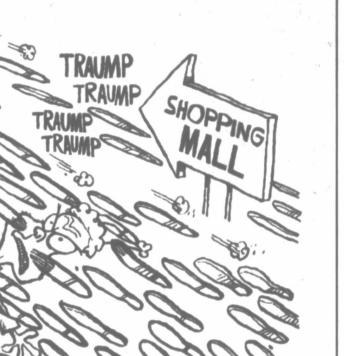
Let's privatize Social Security (a different thing from the impossible dream of abolishing it). Whatever the citizen is chunking involuntarily into the system, we should let him invest, if he likes, in a personal retirement account.

Sound Premise No. 1: The average citizen knows what he needs - and has the intelligence to go after it.

Sound Premise No. 2: When left relatively free, the marketplace serve human needs more fairly and efficiently than any government could.

Too bad we haven't lately given these premises much thought.

Yet a poll last summer by the Cato Institute said two-thirds of Americans favor converting Social Security into a privatized mandatory savings program. Good for us! The quondam bank-statement stuffer, as resistant as ever to "mandatory," concedes that in real life you take what you can get. If what we can get in the '90's is a partially privatized Social Security system - then danke, danke!



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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 18, the 353rd day of 1996. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 18, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect.

On this date:

In 1737, the most renowned violin-maker in history, Antonio Stradivari, died in Cremona, Italy. In 1787, New Jersey became the

third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1813, the British took Fort Niagara in the War of 1812.

In 1915, President Wilson, widowed the year before, married Edith Bolling Galt at her Washington home.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler signed a secret directive ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. (Operation Barbarossa was launched the following June.)

Is homosexuality a hereditary trait?

There is a gay gene, and conservatives should learn to capitalize on it. So announces Chandler Burr in The Weekly Standard.

His argument proceeds as follows: Clinical research has discovered the existence of a gene that makes people gay, so conservatives should stop arguing that homosexuality is a chosen behavior or they will look silly. Moreover, the discovery of the gene is not entirely bad news.

Burr knows that liberals like the idea of a gay gene because it bolsters the argument that homosexuality is a condition, like skin color, rather than a choice. Thus, just as we have ruled discrimination on grounds of race to be invidious in all circumstances, so should we treat discrimination based upon sexual orientation as mere unreasoning prejudice.

But there are reasons for conservatives to embrace the gay gene as well, Burr argues. In the first place, it will make liberals squirm to consider that if homosexuality is genetically determined, like cystic fibrosis, then it is but a short step to testing for it in utero. Babies who carry the "gay gene" could, in theory, be aborted. How would that bit of eugenics strike homosexual activists and other liberals? Would they suddenly see the logic of the pro-life position?

Moreover, Burr argues, if genes cause homosexuality, then, in time, gene therapy can cure it. A shot of re-engineered genes in the arm and, presto, a heterosexual.

Burr's argument is interesting, but conservatives should pause before climbing onto the gay

tled that there is a gay gene, or even a cluster of genetic component is met with outraged protests morality.

In the first place, it is far from scientifically set-

Scientists with axes to grind are busy looking

genes that "cause" homosexuality. "You have to be extremely cautious when you talk about genes causing complex human behaviors like sexual orientation," explains Dr. Harvey Stern, a geneticist at the Genetics and IVF Institute in Virginia. "That's a severe oversimplification." Most human traits, but particularly behavioral ones, Stern continues, are caused by a multiplicity of factors. There may be some genetic component to homosexuality, but there is "no one gene," and genetic

factors combine with environmental factors. This is often the case in genetic. It is scientifically settled, for example, that there is a genetic component to schizophrenia. But genetics doesn't tell the whole story. Two identical twins will share a genetic predisposition to schizophrenia, but one will get the disease and the other won't. The individual's experience – in other words, the environment - plays a key role as well.

for genetic keys to behaviors like alcoholism, aggression, risk taking, even happiness. (Though the suggestion that intelligence has a strong

from the same people who will assure us that alcoholism is all in the genes. Find the gene, goes the reasoning, and eliminate personal responsibil-"We are just in the infancy of understanding

what role genes play in determining behavior," Stern warns. "It is dangerous to assume that you can deduce cause and effect." Chandler Burr notwithstanding, the discovery

of a genetic component to human traits like homosexuality is actually quite irrelevant to political and social arguments about their status. There are prudential reasons to resist the legitimization of homosexuality - disease, instability of homosexual unions, and the slippery slope (how do you forbid polygamy?) to name just three.

Moreover, to say genetics plays a role proves less than it seems to. It is widely accepted that we are also genetically predisposed to be promiscuous (especially the men among us.) Yet we are expected to resist our natural (genetic) inclinations. Some scientists claim to have found a gene for criminality. Shall we repeal the penal code for individuals who carry it?

Nor is homosexuality a firm and immutable trait. Many people change from homosexual to heterosexual, or vice versa. Some are bisexual. Some men behave as homosexuals while in prison or on board a ship at sea, but revert to heterosexuality when women are available. In the final analysis, scientific discoveries

about genetic predispositions to this or that behavior will always be interesting, but they do not affect our judgment about whether a trait is good or bad. That is determined by religion and

Bob Dole's constant campaign concern

One of the abiding mysteries of the recent presidential campaign was Sen. Dole's reluctance to use the "character issue" against President Clinton. Here was a president who had, all too clearly, betrayed his wife repeatedly while governor of Arkansas - and not just occasionally or episodically, but by conducting affairs with other women over periods of years. And if such sexual escapades were to be

deemed irrelevant to Clinton's conduct as president, there were the various scandals that have rocked the Clinton White House, from Travelgate mysterious reappearance of Mrs. Clinton's subpoenaed billing records.

It all added up to a mountain of sleaze for which Clinton was ultimately, and in some cases personally, responsible. Why on earth didn't Sen. ently successfully, that the matter had no direct Dole pound the point home? Aside from a few relevance to the campaign and ought not to be remarks late in the campaign, he let the "character" publicized. issue" get away from him. Why?

In one of those Now It Can Be Told stories that sometimes surface when a campaign is over, we ready tose it if the president was seriously may have the answer to that question. Various journalists have reported (and in this case, for a to be prepared for the topic to pop up, without change, the basic facts do not seem to be in doubt) warning, on any interview program he consented that a quarter of a century ago, when Sen. Dole to participate in. was still married to his first wife, he had a protracted affair with another woman.

This became known to certain Washington



William Rusher

and Filegate to Indogate, and not forgetting the acknowledged the affair, but was appalled at the prospect of being dragged into public view during a presidential campaign.) The Dole forces promptly went to the top people in e organizations that had theinformation and argued, appar-

> But, of course, we must assume that the Clinton campaign had the information too, and were attacked on the "character issue." Also, Dole had

Imagine the torment Dole must have felt: being urged, on all sides, to go after Clinton on the "character issue," while knowing that to do so reporters. (The woman in question, incidentally, would bring down on his head the deadly rebut- before hurling that first rock.

tal that people who live in glass houses shouldn't

Instead, Sen. Dole never raised the Clinton sex scandals at all, confined himself tooa few relatively harmless complaints about FBI files and Asian donors to the Democratic Party, and gave the who "character issue" a pass. The Democrats (and perhaps the media as well) responded by not raising the subject of Dole's own past - probably because they calculated, rightly, that he was going to lose anyway. As a final precaution, Sen. Dole refused almost all invitations to engage in one-on-one interviews during the campaign.

It is hard to see what else Dole could have done, given the circumstances. At the same time, it would be absurd to argue that, if he had felt free to raise character issue, the outcome of the election would have been different. Sen. Dole's defeat was caused by a combination of factors - a relatively good economy, the absence of any major foreign danger, Clinton's embrace of many conservative Republican positions, and Dole's own saturnine personality. AMerican voters were simply not rady to turn the White House over to him, character issue or no character issue. Besides, they

were leaving the Congress in Repblican hands. So the story of Dole's Dark Secret seems likely to remain a footnote to the history of the campaign. But it has a lesson for would be presidential candidates: Take a good look around you

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Christmas food baskets

(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Members of Trinity Fellowship Church were busy this week getting materials together to prepare Christmas food baskets for 150 families, targeting the elderly and single-parent homes, as part of its Christmas Outreach program. Sorting out potatoes, beans and rice on Monday are, from left, Sherry King, Rose Gipson, Cyndi Austin, Maxine Cox, June Robbins, Bill King (pouring out some potatoes for sorting) and Michelle Cardinale. Funded by the church, the baskets are due to be delivered Friday. This is the fifth year for the church's food basket project.

Plan would use test scores to evaluate teachers

DALLAS (AP) - The state education commissioner has proposed that teachers be evaluated, well their students do on the state's basic skills test.

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er Mike Moses drafted the promote teamwork among teachteacher appraisal system, to take ers to improve achievement at effect Sept. 1.

"No teacher will have a contract not renewed on the basis of test scores alone," Moses said. "My how the school is doing in readdesire is not to develop a system ing," he said, adding that the conthat is punitive or hurtful, but one cept parallels what already has that is challenging and helps teachers to grow and develop."

plan as a bad idea and an inappropriate use of the test.

Texas Assessment of Academic teacher evaluation, Moses said. Skills each year. It measures

Under the commissioner's plan, the state's 250,000 public school teachers, regardless of the subject they teach, would have their school's overall TAAS score considered as

whether to renew a teacher's employment contract or to recfor the first time, partly by how ommend additional training for a teacher.

Using overall-school scores to Texas Education Commission- help evaluate teachers would their school, Moses said.

"We would hope that an art teacher would be concerned about become common in the private sector. "It would be unfair to hold Teacher groups described the accountable only those teachers who teach reading and math."

At the same time, test scores will Students in grades 3-9 take the be only a small part of the total

Teachers' annual evaluations math, reading and writing skills, would still include a 45-minute and high school students must classroom visit by an observer to pass it to get a diploma. classroom visit by an observer to appraise such skills as interaction with students and control of the

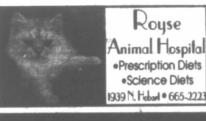
The commissioner also noted that the state teacher appraisal system is not mandatory for

Evaluations are used to decide op their own local evaluation plan, although most districts are expected to use the state system.

The president of the state's largest teacher organization said his group strenuously opposes any use of TAAS scores in evaluating teachers.

"It is an inappropriate use of this test," said Texas State Teachers Association president Richard Kouri. "It was not designed for this. There are circumstances outside the control of teachers that impact test scores."

Another teacher leader noted that while a 1995 school reform law mandated that teacher evaluations include a student performance measure for the first time, it does not have to be the TAAS.



STEELE, N.D. (AP) - Snowbound guests of the Lone Steer Motel whiled away the hours playing pool, taking in a sauna and watching a truck disappear in the wind-whipped snow that has obliterated the Plains for two days

Motel manager Susie White was trying to get fresh towels in the rooms Tuesday, happy she had plenty of food on hand.

"We'd have to go into about a five-day blizzard before we'd have to worry," White said of provisions at the motel 40 miles east of Bismarck.

Her horoscope told her to expect "pleasant variances" in her daily routine.

"This is heaven," White said. "As long as no one dies on the interstate, I love storms. I could take this

Winds of more than 50 mph struck Monday, turning a half-foot of snow that blanketed the Plains Sunday into a rush of blinding white. Schools were closed across the region because of dangerous road conditions. Forecasters predicted the big blow would die down to 15-25 mph gusts by this after-

In Oklahoma, the unusually frigid temperatures turned roads into deadly ice slicks. Six people were killed Tuesday in accidents.

In Minnesota, truckers lost a day or more of traveling time waiting out the blizzard in motels. Drivers in the northwest part of the state said they

were unable to see more than a few feet. Wyoming shut down major highways Tuesday morning for about twelve hours. Plows gave up trying to fight snow drifts. By the afternoon, the

east-moving winds had subsided. High school basketball games were postponed across northern Nebraska on Tuesday night, while

most of the state was under a wind chill advisory. In North Dakota, snow-sheathed, hungry livestock huddled in wind chill temperatures of up to 50 below as farmers fretted about hay feed hidden by shell-hard snow drifts.

"This is where the romance of western living and reality meet," said Dan Stewart of his cattle farm in southwestern North Dakota.

Winds hit 50 mph or more in North Dakota, creating whiteouts that shut down miles of highway. All 215 miles of Interstate 29, the state's major north-south highway from South Dakota to Canada, were closed Tuesday.

Also blocked off was a nearly 100-mile stretch of Interstate 94 from the Minnesota border at Fargo west to Jamestown.

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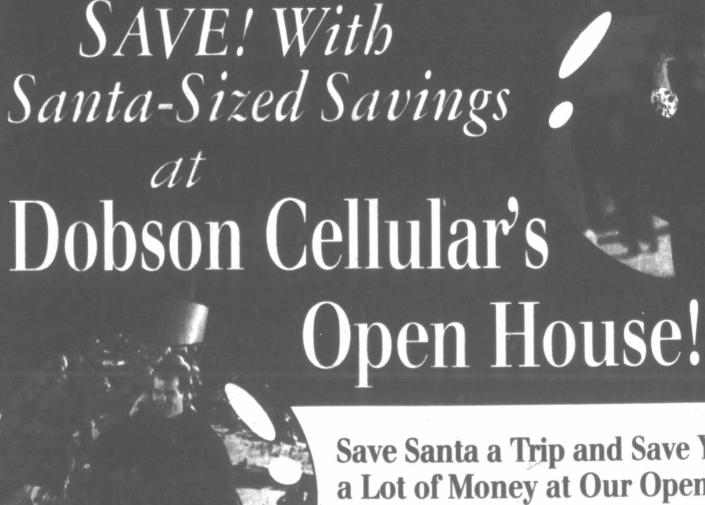
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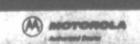
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THE PAMPA NEWS

Wednesday December 18

Candidates Of Conviction Should Vote For Themselves

printed a letter from a woman who was having a heated discussion with her husband about whether a person should vote for him (or her) self. I responded in part: "I'd be interested in hearing from those who have run for public office and how they cast their ballots." Yesterday, I printed letters from candidates who did not vote for themselves. Today we'll hear from some who did:

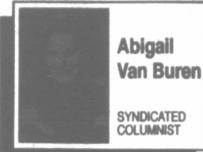
DEAR ABBY: During a political campaign, a candidate spends a great deal of time and effort working to convince voters that he or she is the best person seeking that office. By election day, the winning candidate will earn the confidence of the electorate only if he first has the courage of his convictions. To vote for one's opponent would be, in a sense, a breach of faith with the candidate's constituents.

I have had the honor of representing part of Fairfax County in the Virginia House of Delegates for three terms. Every time I enter the voting booth and see my name listed as a candidate, I am humbled by the experience. However, I am confident in my ability to serve, and always vote accordingly.

JAY O'BRIEN,

R-FAIRFAX COUNTY

DEAR ABBY: Of course I voted for myself! How could I tell voters



COLUMNIST I'm their best choice and then vote

much for my integrity.
ALEX MUNTER, MEMBER, OTTAWA-CARLETON REGIONAL COUNCIL, ONTARIO, CANADA

for someone else? It wouldn't say

DEAR ABBY: I have run for public office 10 times and have been fortunate to win each time. I would have trouble voting for my opponent when I really felt I was best suited for the position. You can sign me ... H.D.P., KANSAS

DEAR ABBY: The letter from the woman who believed candidates would not vote for themselves out of humility and old-fashioned manners" struck me as humorous for two reasons: First, in evaluating the current political landscape, from all appearances it seems that humility and old-fashioned manners are nowhere to be found.

The second and more compelling reason comes from my experience in a November 1992 local election. Although I currently serve as vice

mayor of my community, in that election I lost my initial bid for office by only one vote out of over 11,000 cast. I can only imagine how I might have felt if I had lost the election and not voted for myself!

Of course politicians vote for themselves, and why shouldn't they? If they are trying to convince the electorate that they are the best candidate, then they must believe it also. A vote is too precious to waste frivolously. I know.

L. STEPHEN GIZZI, VICE MAYOR, BENICIA, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: In 1949, I ran for county supervisor in Sangamon County, Ill. I campaigned vigorously, calling on hundreds of voters, as I was aware that my opponent, a socially prominent lady of wealth, had held the office for many years and would be hard to beat.

On election day, my common Midwestern horse sense overcame my chivalry, and I voted for myself.

Next morning the Springfield newspapers carried the startling news that I had won by a margin of a single vote -6,334 to her 6,333.

BOB GUYMON SACRAMENTO, CALIF

Abby shares more of her favorite, egsy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope



Thursday, Dec. 19, 1996

In the year ahead, you could be luckier than usual in glamorous enterprises or endeavors. Search for outlets for your creative talent

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might find yourself in an awkward position today if you have to defend a friend's opinion, but you don't agree with his point and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspa- will count for nothing today, because in

per, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will be ambitious today, but you might not have as much self-confidence as you should have. To achieve important objectives you will have to be bold.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not let it affect you if not everyone agrees with LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not be jealous your ideas and positions today. The right people will support you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Financial trends could be a mixed bag for you show today. In some situations you'll gain a little, in others you may lose a little, but you will finish slightly ahead.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try to be compassionate today when making decisions that affect others; but by the same token, don't let your emotions or feelings cloud your judgment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A losing situation can be readjusted and turned alert because something you think is nuity and imagination you can muster. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Promises today's events.

around today, but it will take all the inge- under your control might not be too

the final analysis, only the deeds will matter. Fortunately, you'll be one of the

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Feelings could be hurt today if you weigh your loved one's achievements against those of another person you admire. Their experiences might not be similar.

today if a friend gets more attention than you do at a social gathering. The next time around, you could be the star of the

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try to be selective today in regard to your generosity. Do not reward the undeserving while ignoring the worthy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Two special friends may play separate roles in your affairs today. One could prove quite helpful, the other might cause complications. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Remain secure. Unusual influences could affect

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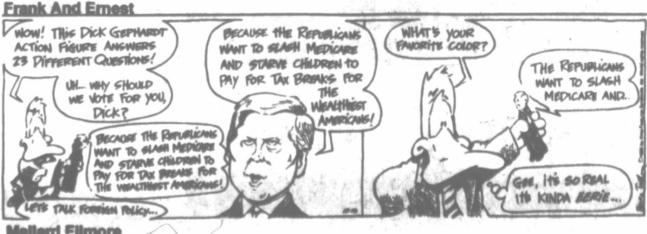
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Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA - The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring men's and women's basketball leagues for ages 16 and up.

Entry deadline will be Jan. 22 at 5 p.m. and the season will begin on Jan. 29.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$200 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of 10 players.

Roster forms, fact sheets and league bylaws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart.

For more information, please contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. CANYON — Pampa and Canyon middle school girls basketball results are as fol-

7th grade Canyon A 52, Pampa A 31 P - Misti Northcutt 6, Cali Covalt 6, Ashley Berrington 6. Pampa B 26, Canyon B 13 P - Samantha Ford 9

8th grade Canyon A 77, Pampa A 13 P - Kandi Odom 4 Canyon B 56, Pampa B 12 P - Shanna Buck 6

The next games will be played Jan. 9 against Hereford at home.

FOOTBALL

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DALLAS (AP) — East Tennessee head football coach Mike Cavan was scheduled to interview today for the Southern Methodist University

William & Mary head coach Jimmye Laycock was in Dallas on Tuesday to meet with SMU athletic director Jim Copeland about the job.

The Mustangs have been without a head coach since the firing of Tom Rossley on Nov.

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Going into the Orange Bowl against Virginia Tech, the Nebraska Cornhuskers are once again getting unwelcome notice for activities off the football field.

For the third time this year, a player has been suspended after alleged drunken driving. In November, defensive leader Terrell Farley, 21, was kicked off the team after his second DUI arrest. He faces a trial on

numerous charges in February. Nebraska lost a second starter this week when coach Tom Osborne suspended senior wingback Jon Vedral, 22, because of a DUI arrest Sunday morning. Vedral will not play in the Orange Bowl. It would have been his final game as a Husker.

Vedral's expected replacement, Lance Brown, was himself suspended for the team's spring scrimmage and the season opener because of a drunken driving incident last

Brown, a sophomore, played in every game last year as a red-shirt freshman.

While it might seem that an number excessive Cornhuskers are getting in trouble for drinking and driving, a University of Nebraska psychology professor said it is difficult to say if football players have a higher ratio of drinking offenses than the rest of the male university popula-

One thing they do have is more of a feeling that they are invincible, Clay Rivers said.

"The risk taking, the pushing the limits, the invulnerability of youth says 'I can get away with this," Rivers said. "I think that when you're young, the risks that you take are unbelievable.

All-America defensive end Jared Tomich said everyone makes mistakes sooner or later, and Vedral made his

"It's just one of those things that happens," Tomich said.

Osborne said Vedral was with some people Saturday night who had alcohol, and he made a bad decision.

"People expect athletes to behave the same way they did 20 or 25 years ago," Osborne said Tuesday. But the world has changed and athletes today are involved with more problems than they were a generation ago, he said.

Fox Sports to televise 5A, 4A football finals

DALLAS (AP) — Fox Sports Once that was agreed to Tuesday, Southwest will televise the Class 5A the network dropped the Oral the cable network has been pushing change for years.

last year's final.

with both games being at Texas Stadium, the network already will

have its cameras and crew in place. The hangup was getting the 4A prime-time NBA telecast.

once again in the district race.

The Harvesters hit 50 percent

attempts the first half on the way to a 66-53 win over Borger

Tuesday night. For the game,

Pampa was 48.1 percent (26 of

Pampa coach Robert Hale said

"If we had made our free

problem the Harvesters had as Bridges 1.

it was a good win for the

Harvesters, who raised their

trailed the Bulldogs.

overall record to 6-8.

them out," Hale said.

16. That's not very good."

and 4A Division II football champi- Roberts-LSU men's basketball onship games Saturday, offering a game it had planned for Texas sample of the "single site" format viewers and announced the

"We just feel it's good for the The first game will be at noon, sport and it's a good platform for featuring 12-3 Abilene Cooper us to highlight what we are doing against undefeated Austin with high school football," said Fox Westlake. At 4 p.m., defending 4A Sports Southwest general manager champion La Marque (13-2) will Jon Heidtke, whose network also Jon Heidtke, whose network also play Denison (14-1) in a rematch of has a weekly, hourlong program devoted to high school football.

Fox Sports Southwest already "There are certainly people planned to carry the 5A game. It around the state who would enjoy went after the 4A game because, seeing the 4A game as well. At this level, it's very good program-

A similar arrangement almost was made for last weekend's schools to move up their kickoff Division I games, both of which from 5 p.m., as previously sched- were played at Floyd Casey uled. The network needed the extra Stadium in Waco. It fell through hour to avoid conflicting with a because of a problem splitting up

Pampa's August Larson led

Pampa 66, Borger 53

Pampa: August Larson 23,

10, Lynn Brown 6, Kaleb Meek

Shannon Reed 1, Jared Knipp 1;

Three-point goals: Young 3, Larson 3, Brown 1.

Borger: Reggie Briggs 14,

Bryan Davis 5, Steven Bridges 4,

Thompson 3, Wes Mitchell 3;

JaMarious Osborne 4,

Pampa rips Borger

BORGER — If the District 1- they led by as many as 19 points

quarter.

4A opener is any indication, the first half. The lead was 21

Pampa will be the team to beat (51-30) going into the fourth

54) from the floor and never Shawn Young 16, Devin Lemons

throws, we would have worn Colby Yeary 11, Jason Gage 9,

"I think at one time we were 6 of Travis Williams 4, Michael

Foul shooting was the only Three-point goals: Gage 1,

(14 of 28) of their field goal all scorers with 23 points.

in district opener

The gate-splitting wasn't as much of a problem for this Saturday as In 1993, HSI was a concern over facilities, specifically locker rooms.

Texas Stadium has four, but one belongs exclusively to the Dallas Cowboys, forcing one of the afternoon teams to dress elsewhere. La Marque solved that problem by volunteering to suit up at its hotel.

Coincidentally, La Marque also got in uniform at its Houston hotel last year before playing Denison in San Marcos.

"As long as we've got 45 minutes to warm up and a place to meet. we're accommodating," coach Alan Weddell said, adding that his team often deals with such arrangements because they often are part of double- and tripleheaders at the Astrodome.

This will be the second state championship doubleheader for the network, which used to be Prime Sports and, before that, Home Sports haven't given up.

In 1993, HSE showed Lewisville beat Aldine MacArthur 43-37 for the 5A Division II title, followed by Stephenville's 26-13 victory over La

That telecast was the first time the network was able to show the benefits of a single site, an idea it still firmly believes can work.

We think it would be a great day of television showcasing the top programs and the importance of high school football in the state," Heidtke said.

The legislative council of the University Interscholastic League disagreed when presented with the single-site proposal several years ago. It rejected the notion because schools feared a predetermined championship site could end up being inconvenient for both schools playing in the game and their fans.

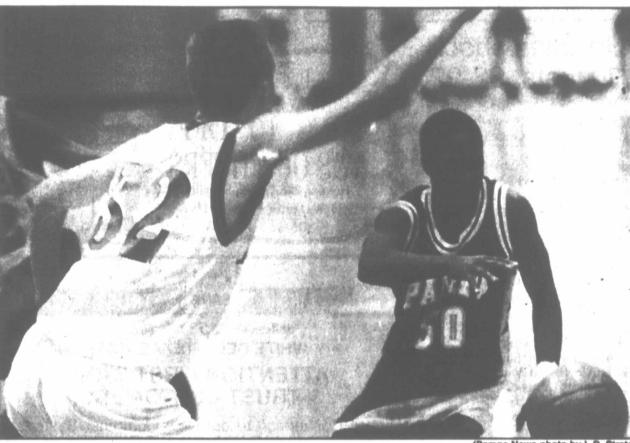
Nonetheless, Heidtke and crew

onship game a year, tried for two when possible, and have pieced together a game plan they hope will convince people to at least give the

single-site idea a try.
"I think if it is positioned right, and the right elements are in place, it would make a lot of sense for a lot of schools," Heidtke said. "It would improve the experience for all schools and their fans, and it could also enhance the revenue of all schools involved."

A big step was taken last November when the network joined with corporate marketing specialist USA Inc. and the UIL to give championship games the more-promotable name of the "Texas Bowl."

That moniker allows for promotions such as "follow the road to the Texas Bowl," which they hope would eventually include the name of a city and stadium.



Pampa junior Shannon Reed (50) attempts to get control of the basketball in second-half action Tuesday night against Borger.

Agreement reached to avoid Super Bowl blackout

By FARRELL KRAMER **AP Business Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — Time Warner and Rupert Murdoch's Fox television have set aside their smolmillion anxious cable subscribers see the Super Bowl next month.

The deal, announced today by both companies, ends a dispute that threatened to pull Fox stations in Austin, Texas; Tampa, Fla.; Kansas City, Mo.; Milwaukee; and Detroit off the air at Super Bowl time. Exactly which company made what concessions remains unclear.

"Time Warner Cable is pleased that Fox has dropped its threat to force several of our cable systems to remove Fox network programs Todd Baker, a University of Texas from their channel line-ups on January 1," Time Warner said in statement.

Jim Platt, a spokesman for Fox parent News Corp., said: "There is an agreement and we will have a statement shortly." Fox has denied it threatened to remove the stations, saying instead that it was Time Warner that dangled the possibility of pulling the broadcasts.

Time Warner Inc.'s decision not to carry the fledgling Fox News airing MSNBC instead.

Fox sued Time Warner, arguing it dering feud and agreed to let 1.5 broke an agreement to carry the Fox News Channel. channel. Time Warner denies that. Time Warner vice chairman Ted Turner returned fire verbally, comparing Murdoch to Adolf Hitler and honor contracts allowing it to air the calling him a "disgrace to journal-

Caught in the middle were football fans in the five cities hit with the possibility of having to pull out the old "rabbit ears" antennae, subscribe to a satellite TV service or go elsewhere to watch the game.

"I'll be hacked at both of them," student and football fan, said Tuesday as the blackout threat loomed. "It looks bad. Especially because it's two big companies. There has to be a way to work it

Fox brought more public attention to the dispute Monday and Tuesday, running newspaper ads saying that Time Warner was forcing it to pull the local stations off Feuding between the two enter- Time Warner cable systems on Jan. 1

going on for some time, dating to renegotiate contracts to carry the applies to the five local stations in agreements," it continued.

For its part, Time Warner said it Channel on its cable systems. It is was Fox that was threatening to cut off the signals, a retaliation for Time Warner's decision not to carry the

> Time Warner, the nation's secondlargest cable company had filed a lawsuit in Florida to force Fox to contracts give Time Warner Cable stations through 1999. One of the signals from the stations they are contracts, Time Warner spokesman purchasing from New World," the Michael Luftman said Tuesday, company said. states the company will have access

least though 1999. Time Warner says that contract Fox over our retransmission consent scribers.

question because Fox has agreed to buy them from New World Communication Group. The deal is expected to close early next year.

In its statement today, Time Warner discussed the lawsuit:

"We are confident the court will agree with us that our existing Fox the right to continue carrying Fox

rights to network-owned stations at this first step will lead to a solution their signals, but not local stations

Fox, however, has disputed Time Warner's take on the situation. Fox says it should be somehow compensated for allowing Time Warner to air the station's signals, particularly since the five stations will be new additions to Fox's networkowned holdings

While Fox isn't necessarily looking for channel space for the Fox News Channel or cash payments, the company says it wants to negotiate a "fair deal." Time Warner "It remains to be seen whether compensates cable networks for of our fundamental differences with seen for free by non-cable sub-

Novacek might be back for playoffs

could happen to the struggling, ranks 18th in passing. 24th-ranked Dallas Cowboys offense?

Answer: Getting tight end Jay Novacek back.

It's a long shot, but it could feeling better.

owner Jerry Jones said Tuesday that quarterback Troy Aikman's he's ready." second-most-favorite receiver is

tainment powerhouses has been because the cable operator wouldn't the regular season because of a best it has felt in a long time and yards (3,576).

IRVING, Texas (AP) — What bad back, is the missing link in a is optimistic that he may play in would be the best thing that sputtering Dallas offense that the playoffs," Switzer said. "That would be a tremendous lift for Coach Barry Switzer and our team. I'll just wait for Jay to come to me and tell me when

Since Novacek came to Dallas six years ago, no tight end has "He told some of our assistant caught more passes (339) and Novacek, who hasn't played in coaches that his back has felt the only two had more receiving

PHS girls boost league mark to 2-1

BORGER — Pampa's Lady Harvesters used the free throw line to dispose of Borger, 44-39, Tuesday night in District 1-4A girls' action.

The Lady Harvesters hit 15 of 20 free throw attempts the sec-final stanza. ond half, including nine in a row Jones — in the fourth quarter to hold off Borger.

"We hit our free throws at the end. That was the difference in the game," said Pampa coach Mike Jones

Pampa upped its record to 2-1 in district and 8-5 for the season. Borger is 1-1 and 5-13.

Jones led Pampa in scoring with 13 points while Chandra Nachtigall and Kristi Carpenter had 11 each. Holly Forrester led Borger with 15 points.

Pampa led by two, 18-16, at Page 1. halftime and by five, 29-24, going into the final quarter. The Lady Harvesters never led the first half until Nachtigall hit a 3-point goal The score was tied four times in points and pulled down 11 Jan. 7.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

the fourth quarter until Pampa's foul shots starting making a difference. Borger missed all four of its free throw attempts in the Pampa hosts Palo Duro at 6 district.

seven of those by Jennifer Thursday night in a non-district

Pampa 44, Borger 39

Pampa: Jennifer Jones 13, Chandra Nachtigall 11, Kristi Carpenter 11, Yvette Brown 4, Tina Dwight 2, Heather Petty 2, Faustine Curry 1; Three-point goals: Nachtigall 3.

Borger: Holly Forrester 14, Lynae Lee 6, Kelli Mitchell 5, Brandi Page 5, Shea Fraley 4, Amy Smith 3, Beth Franco 2; Three-point goals: Forrester 1,

Pampa won the junior varsity near the end of the second quar- contest against Borger, 50-44, last ter to give Pampa its first lead. night as Lisa Dwight scored 18

rebounds for the Lady Harvester Lisa Kirkpatrick had 10 points.

while Jennifer Ross had 8 points and 8 rebounds for Pampa.

Pampa JV has a 9-2 record for the season and a 3-0 record in

BRISCOE — Amanda Shields scored 21 points as Fort Elliott defeated Lefors, 60-15, Tuesday night in a girls' basketball game. Amber Estes followed with 9

points for the Lady Cougars, who lifted their record to 7-5.

Summers had 7 points to lead

Fort Elliott hosts a tournament for both boys and girls teams Jan. 2-4 in Briscoe. Among the teams Fort Elliott will host include Higgins, Wheeler Christian Academy, Samnorwood, Shamrock, Wheeler, McLean, Pampa Christian boys and Fort

Elliott junior varsity girls. Lefors plays next at Hedley



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Borger's Holly Forrester tries to get past Pampa's Jennifer Jones (left) in the first half of play. .

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Grizzlies shock Rockets, 93-92

St. Louis

VANCOUVER. **British** Columbia (AP) — Any win for the lowly Vancouver Grizzlies is considered a big one. This, however, might have been the biggest in the young franchise's history.

Going into the game with the NBA's worst record, the Grizzlies used a late 17-6 run to topple the Houston Rockets 93-92.

"I don't know if it's the biggest, but it's certainly one of them," said coach Brian Winters, whose team improved to 5-20 for the season. "We (beat) Seattle last year, and that was a big one for us. Tonight's a satisfying win."

Added rookie Shareef Abdur-Rahim, who led Vancouver with 22 points, "This is the biggest win since I've been in the NBA."

Down by 10 points with five minutes remaining, the Grizzlies rallied. With Houston clinging to a 92-91 lead, Bryant Reeves hit a 14foot jumper to give the Grizzlies the lead with 6.9 seconds left.

Hakeem Olajuwon then tried a desperation 18-footer that missed at the buzzer

"It's not a wake-up call, it's something else," said Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich, who saw his team lose for only the third time this season. 'It's worse than a wake-up call.'

Olajuwon, who played with five fouls in the final three minutes, led the Rockets with 23 points and 14 rebounds.

'There was a lot of miscommunication, bad turnovers, and (Vancouver) played very well," Olajuwon said. "If they played like this every night, they would be much better than their record."

The Rockets, minus Charles Barkley because of an ankle sprain, struggled from the open-

After missing their first eight shots, the Rockets were 2-for-14, committed nine turnovers and found themselves behind 25-10

after the first quarter. The Rockets got in sync at the start of the second half. Keyed by Matt Maloney's three consecutive 3-pointers, Houston used a 19-5 run to take its first lead of the game, and maintained it until Reeves' game-winner.

"We've got to put the game away," Houston veteran Clyde Drexler said. "Usually we'd win games in this situation, but tonight we didn't. Give the Grizzlies a lot of credit."



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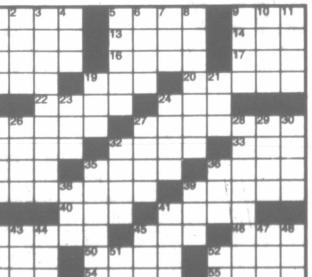
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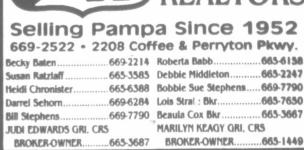


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