

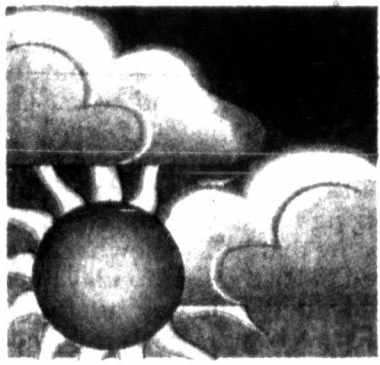
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**PAMPA** — R.L. Polk & Co.'s City Directory Division representatives soon will begin gathering information for the 1997 Pampa City Directory publication.

Door-to-door enumerators for Polk will visit all residential and business areas within the community. The canvass is expected to take about six weeks.

Enumerators will be working Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All enumerators will wear an identification badge supplied by Polk.

Residents will be asked to provide the information requested to assure the accuracy of listings. Residents who may not be home when the enumerator calls can contact the office at 120 W. Kingsmill, phone 665-7765.

R.L. Polk & Co. has been publishing directories throughout the United States since 1870.

**PAMPA** — A fund has been started at the National Bank of Commerce to cover funeral expenses for Savas Martinez Armendariz Jr., 21, of Pampa. Mr. Armendariz died Wednesday as the result of a shooting in Guymon, Okla.

Those wanting to donate to the fund should contact Rosa Ceniceros, assistant cashier at the bank.

**AUSTIN (AP)** — Karen Hadden, an outspoken environmentalist, was banned by Mayor Bruce Todd from speaking before the Austin City Council.

Now she's looking at a way in which they can't make her be quiet — running for the council. Ms. Hadden, 40, who works as a substitute teacher, filed for the council elections this week.

Last September, Todd agreed to settle the federal lawsuit filed against him by Ms. Hadden after she contended that her free speech rights were violated by the speaking ban. The mayor had said she was disruptive at an April 1995 council meeting.

The city paid \$3,600 on Todd's behalf to cover Ms. Hadden's legal fees. Also, Todd agreed to appoint a task force to recommend new ways for the council to hear from citizens.

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 17, 18, 20, 32, 34 and 39.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$25 million.

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## Lottery Commission faces questions about operations

AUSTIN (AP) — Nora Linares is gone as executive director, but questions about Texas Lottery operations remain.

The Lottery Commission fired the embattled executive director Tuesday after nearly two months of controversy over reports that close friend Mike Moeller got a contract with GTECH Corp., the lottery's main contractor.

GTECH paid Moeller \$30,000 for what the company called little, if any, work done in 1992 and 1993.

GTECH first was awarded its contract to run the lottery in March 1992. It has since seen the original five-year deal renewed for another five years.

Ms. Linares has said she didn't know about Moeller's contract until told by a news reporter last November. She said no one ever tried using the Moeller-GTECH relationship to gain favor with her office and said she never benefited from the contract.

Commissioners said they didn't fire Linares because of the

Moeller contract. They said they fired her in order to move the agency forward. With sales topping \$3 billion a year, the Texas Lottery is among the nation's largest.

"My view was that it was the right thing to do at this time," said Harriett Miers, chairwoman of the commission.

Zoann Attwood, who had been deputy executive director since 1992, was named acting executive director.

Commissioner John Hill, who was appointed last week, asked GTECH officials for more information about its relationship with Moeller and information about all of its contracts relating to business at the Texas lottery.

Ms. Miers has said commissioners want to know where GTECH's share of lottery revenues is going. The lottery paid GTECH more than \$132 million last year, records show.

"All of the issues have been the issues from the beginning. There's never been one focus or the other.

Effort was to explore anything that was brought up that needed to have investigation and that will continue," Miers said.

GTECH spokesman Robert Rendine on Wednesday said only, "We are not really going to have any further comment on the situation."

Another question deals with GTECH's contract with former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes. Barnes' original contract as a Texas lobbyist for GTECH gave him 4 percent of the company's gross revenues made in the state. That came before GTECH got the contract to run the lottery.

Since GTECH wouldn't have made any money in Texas without the contract, lottery officials have said they are concerned the arrangement could have violated state law that prohibits lobbying fees contingent on approval of legislation.

GTECH and Barnes say the contract was legal. The commission has asked for more information.

## Higher gas costs raise winter fuel bills

Energas customers, along with customers around the country, are receiving higher gas bills this month, due primarily to a dramatic increase in the price of natural gas, according to W.E. (Bill) Wade, district manager for Energas in Pampa.

Wade said there are two components of a customer's bill: the cost of service provided by Energas, which is the filed rate, and the cost of the natural gas commodity.

Energas Company passes decreases and increases in the cost of the commodity through to the customer, and the company does not make a profit on those costs, Wade said.

"We work very hard to get the best priced and most reliable supply of gas possible for our customers," he said. "Natural gas prices in Texas have been and continue to be cheaper than in many areas of the country because of its location near gas supplies."

But Energas gas supply contracts are tied to the market price of natural gas, he said. For the past several years, this mechanism has meant that customers benefited from low gas prices.

Recently, however, the market prices for natural gas have

topped \$4 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) because of increased demand for natural gas. The expectations of a colder than normal winter have caused natural gas prices to remain relatively high this winter, Wade explained.

Natural gas customers around the state, including Energas customers, have seen an increase in the price of natural gas reflected on their bills as a "gas cost amount."

Adjustments in gas cost amounts occur monthly, Wade said. This is not considered to be an increase in rates and does not increase the company's profit.

Rate changes occur only after filing a complete "rate case" and a very extensive proceeding before city councils, he said.

Energas completed a rate case, and an increase was granted by city officials in November 1996. The rate increase granted adds about \$2.13 per month to the average residential customer's bill. In a winter month, the rate increases add about \$3.75 per month.

By comparison, the gas cost in December increased \$1.25 per Mcf due to higher market prices for natural gas, Wade said. This gas cost increase will add about

\$25 to the average residential bill for December consumption. The gas cost increase is driving the higher bills, and the rate increase is having only a minor effect, he said.

"The continued cold weather throughout the country in December and January, and expectations of colder weather in February, are keeping gas prices high," Wade said. "We expect that gas prices will remain at these levels for January and February bills, unless there is a significant change in the weather."

Wade explained that weather affects gas consumption: if the weather is colder, then normal customers use more gas to heat their homes and businesses.

Customers can help reduce their gas consumption by using good conservation practices, such as weatherizing doors and windows, lowering thermostats five degrees, changing furnace filters regularly and keeping their equipment in good repair, he said.

Low-income customers who are having trouble paying their bills should contact the local office for information on agencies which can offer assistance, Wade said.



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Snow and ice cover the bottom of a ditch off South Barnes this morning after a winter storm left three inches of snow across Pampa on Wednesday.

## Winter keeps grip on most of Texas

LUBBOCK (AP) — The storm that produced the snow-covered panorama that sheathed much of Texas is being blamed for an accident involving a bus and a pickup truck that resulted in three deaths and 14 injuries.

The winter storm is also being blamed in at least one other fatal accident and scores of problems around the state.

(Pampa received 3 inches of snow, yielding 0.17 inch of moisture. Pampa public schools opened on time, but some area schools delayed opening until 9 a.m. because of bus runs.)

Officers said three were killed and 14 injured when a small pickup truck collided with a bus Wednesday night on Interstate 10 in Kimble County, about 30 miles northwest of Kerrville.

The bus was traveling in tandem with another from San Antonio to El Paso at the time of the accident on an icy bridge, authorities said.

DPS trooper Tom Mobley said Tiffany Lustig, 26, was driving a 1990 Toyota pickup that skidded while crossing an icy bridge.

Ms. Lustig was killed, along with 27-year-old David Albert Schouten and his 3-year-old daughter, whose name was not immediately available.

Fourteen people on the bus were injured, two critically,

authorities said. Several of those were taken to Kimble County Hospital in Junction, although hospital officials declined to say how many.

Snow, sleet and rain greeted travelers from the Permian Basin to East Texas, and freezing temperatures early this morning were expected to cause more trouble for drivers.

"One thing that causes a lot of problems is 'black ice,'" said Texas Department of Transportation spokesman Alan King. "Sometimes, precipitation collects on lows spots on roadways and then freezes, and it can be invisible, especially at night."

A 10-year-old girl died and two others were injured Wednesday night after a tractor trailer slammed into an ice-related pile-up 35 miles north of Amarillo on U.S. 87. Meanwhile, the collision of three rigs east of town shut down Interstate 40 westbound during the afternoon.

On the upside, thousands of Texas children got to enjoy the first legitimate snowfall of their young lives.

"Our public school is out, so you see children all over town, throwing snowballs and all," said Christine Sanders, owner of Sugar & Spice Day Care in Lamesa, halfway between Lubbock and Midland.

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## Pampan killed in shooting

The Texas Rangers and the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations are investigating the death of 21-year-old Savas Martinez Armendariz of Pampa and the shooting of 27-year-old Arnold Garcia of Borger at the Spa Bar in Guymon, Okla., on Wednesday morning.

According to Kim Koch, spokesperson for the OSBI, Martinez died from multiple gunshot wounds, and Garcia was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, where he is listed in critical condition.

According to a spokesman from the Texas County Sheriff's

Department, a 25-year-old Guymon man, Manuel Diaz, turned himself into authorities about 2:30 Wednesday morning. He remains in custody in the Texas County jail. Bond has not been set.

At this time investigators are still interviewing witnesses at the scene and trying to determine a motive for the shooting.

Diaz has been charged with one count of murder one, one count of shooting with intent and one count of carrying a weapon into a bar.

At this time all questions are being handled through the OSBI office.

## Family quilting project



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Aunts and nieces gather at Agnes Oliphant's home at 1044 S. Wells to quilt, something they do together at least twice a year. From left are Lorene Nichols of Haskell, Bennie Ammons of Pampa, Oleta Bowers of Haskell, Agnes Oliphant of Pampa and Sue Conner of Haskell, standing in front of a hexagon pattern quilt belonging to Sally Gavlik, a relative of Oleta Bowers. Other quilts in the making are a necktie quilt that Agnes Oliphant's son, Jerry Don Oliphant of Pampa, wanted made of neckties that belonged to his father. The women also are working on a flower basket pattern quilt and on an embroidery horse quilt to be auctioned off at the Oliphant-Ammons reunion.



# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**ARMENDARIZ, Savas Martinez Jr.** - Vigil services, 7 p.m., 525 S. Somerville, Pampa.

**SCOTT, Raymond M.** - 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Perryton.

**TERRY, Chester Hugh** - 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

## Obituaries

### JAMES ALEXANDER SR.

**PADUCAH** - James Alexander Sr., 84, father of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Paducah Church of Christ with Herman Cooper, minister of Sinclair Church of Christ in Henderson, officiating. Burial will be with military honors in Garden of Memories Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mr. Alexander was born at Llano. He married Irma Norris in 1967 at Guthrie. He had been a Paducah resident since 1955 and had worked at Paducah Independent School District until 1976. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. He was a member of North Side Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Irma; four daughters, Josie Warr of New Orleans, La., Sandra Tinsley of Vernon, Matilda Harris of Lawton, Okla., and La Veria Alexander of Los Angeles, Calif.; four sons, Paul Mosely Alexander of Vernon, Lester Mosley Alexander and Marshall Alexander, both of Paducah, and James Alexander Jr. of Pampa; a sister, Eunice Calhoun of Wichita Falls; and 14 grandchildren.

### SAVAS MARTINEZ ARMENDARIZ JR.

**Savas Martinez Armendariz Jr.**, 21, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1997, at Guyton, Okla. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at 525 S. Somerville. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Rosendo Herrera, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Armendariz was born July 11, 1975, at Borger. He had been a lifelong Pampa resident, graduating from Pampa High School in 1995. He had worked for D.E. Rice Construction for the past four months. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.



Survivors include his wife, Yesenia Armendariz, of the home; a son, Adrian Hernandez, of the home; his parents, Sabas and Celia Armendariz of Pampa; a sister, Anna Anguino of Pampa; two brothers, Ricardo Armendariz and Rene Armendariz, both of Pampa; and his grandfather, Gavino Armendariz of Houston.

The body will lie in state at the residence at 525 S. Somerville.

### CHARLES M. 'JEROME' McCORD

**GALLUP, N.M.** - Charles M. 'Jerome' McCord, 90, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997. Graveside services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. David Jones, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was to be under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors of Borger, Texas.

Mr. McCord was born at Frost, Texas. He had formerly been a longtime Borger resident and had owned McCord Brothers Grocery at Borger. He was a lifetime member of Kiwanis Club and was a charter member of Wesley United Methodist Church at Borger.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Paralee; and a son, Jack McCord.

Survivors include a brother, John McCord of Stunnett, Texas; three grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

### JAMES A. MURPHREE

**James A. Murphree**, 57, of Pampa, died Thursday, Jan. 9, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor, and the Rev. Dale Moreland, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Murphree was born Oct. 8, 1939, at Pampa and had been a lifelong Pampa resident. He married Donna Riegel on June 18, 1982, at Pampa. He was a welder. He was a member and former employee of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Donna, of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Johnnie and Paul Cadena of Green Bay, Wis., and Cindy and Gilbert Poe of Lexington, Okla.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Joe and Gail Murphree of Pampa and James H. Murphree of Green Bay, a sister and brother-in-law, Lynn and Larry Ray of Pampa; a sister and brother-in-law, Vi and Mike O'Brien of Oxnard, Calif.; six grandchildren, Lita S. Cadena, Amber Carroll, Jennifer Carroll, Samuel James Carroll, Travis Carroll and M.J. Carroll, two nieces, Kristie Hutto of Pampa and Terri Abbott of San Diego, Calif.; a nephew, Randy Ray of Nashville, Tenn.; two great-nieces, and two great-nephews.

The family will be at the Hughley House at 321 N. West and requests memorials be to First Baptist Church C.D.K. Department.

## Fires

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

### THURSDAY, Jan. 8

8:13 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to 1720 W. McCullough on a controlled burn.

9:38 a.m. - Three units and five personnel responded to an area northeast of Pampa for a controlled burn.

10:29 p.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to 816 Deane on a good intent call.

## Obituaries

### DAVID 'DAVE' RICHARDSON

**David 'Dave' Richardson**, 65, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1997. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Darrell Evans, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. in Edith Ford Cemetery at Canadian under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Richardson was born Sept. 5, 1931, at Amarillo. He had been a Pampa resident for over 45 years. He had been a longtime cowboy in the area. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean Conflict. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, Jim Richardson of Pampa and Joe Richardson of Groom; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church.

### RAYMOND M. SCOTT

**PERRYTON** - Raymond M. Scott, 74, father of a Canadian resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Ted Latham officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Scott was born at Goodlett. He married Ruby Stumpf in 1941 at Perryton. He had been a Perryton area resident for 60 years and worked as an equipment operator for Ochiltree County. He was a member of First Baptist Church and American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby; two daughters, Margaret McDonald of Perryton and Sharon Koch of Canadian; a son, Claburn Scott of Venus; two sisters, Yvonne Sparks of Wichita Falls and Doris Garner of Franklin, Wis.; a brother, Larry Scott of Mineral Wells; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and twelve great-great-grandchildren.

### CHESTER HUGH TERRY

**MIAMI** - Chester Hugh Terry, 73, died Thursday, Jan. 9, 1997, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Elmer McLaughlin, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Terry was born May 9, 1923, at Miami. He married Madalene Burress on July 24, 1945, at Wheeler. He had been a Lefors resident for 24 years, moving to the family farm south of Miami in 1971. He was a Gray County employee, retiring in 1981 after 32 years of service in road maintenance. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Lefors.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Madalene, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Caron and Wayne Coleman of Miami; two sisters, Florene Wieneke of Euless and Noretta Morse of Pittsburg, Texas; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Leah and Jack Sennesy of Carrollton; and a great-grandson, Coleman Sennesy of Carrollton.

## Accidents

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

### WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8

A 1988 Ford F150 Pickup driven by Heather Diane Nunn, 20, 1517 Dogwood, and a 1988 Chevy Beretta driven by Brooke Elaine Broadus, 17, 1904 Dwight, collided in the 1500 block of Hobart when icy conditions sent the Chevy Beretta vehicle into the wrong lane of traffic. Nunn was cited for an expired registration.

A 1993 Ford F150 Pickup driven by John Dea Williams, 45, 1128 N. Rider, and a 1992 Toyota Tercel driven by Jackie Wayne Gindorf, 38, 2339 Cherokee, collided at the intersection of Kentucky and Price. No citations were issued.

A 1986 Chevy Caprice driven by William Arthur Rankin, 91, 1617 Charles, and a 1995 Ford Crown Victoria driven by James Edward Scott, 31, 2626 Seminole, collided in the 1800 block of North Hobart. No citations were issued.

A 1987 Plymouth Sundancer driven by Lori Rene Davis, 20, 1032 Dwight, and a 1986 Nissan Pickup driven by Don Lee Carter, 65, 1932 Lynn, collided at the intersection of West St. and Francis. Davis was cited for failure to control speed.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atteburgs Grain of Pampa			
Wheat	4.15	Chevron	67.3/8
Milo	3.88	Coca-Cola	54.1/8
Com	4.68	Columbia/HCA	41.1/8
		Enron	44
		Halliburton	66.7/8
		McDonald's	44.1/2
		Ingersoll Rand	44.5/8
		KNE	39.1/8
		Kerr McGee	73.1/8
		Limited	17
		Mapco	33.3/8
		Mobil	44.1/2
		Mobil	126.1/4
		New Atmos	23.1/2
		Parker & Parsley	36.7/8
		Phillips	44.1/2
		SLB	109.3/4
		SPS	35.1/8
		Tenneco	44.1/4
		Texasco	101.5/8
		Ultrapar	31.3/8
		Wal Mart	23.7/8
		New York Gold	356.35
		Silver	4.60
		West Texas Crude	26.35
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## Calendar of events

### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check and blood sugar tests offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

### AARP

The American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. Speaker will be Debbie Donnelly, who will discuss all aspects of the Meredith House. The public is invited. For more information, contact Betty Epperson at 665-0356.

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## Winter

Unfortunately, there wasn't enough snow in her playground to make the day care's traditional "snow ice cream," a concoction of snow, beaten eggs, sugar and vanilla.

"It was too dirty," she said. Many school districts across the state's northern tier either canceled classes or delayed the first bell to mid-morning. In Big Spring, five students and their bus driver suffered minor injuries when the vehicle skidded and overturned after hitting an icy patch on I-20.

"We had our transportation people out since before 5 a.m.," Superintendent Bill McQueary said. "We checked these roads and were in consultation earlier this morning (with workers in the field)."

About 25,000 TU Electric customers in the central Texas area were without power Wednesday night, mostly the result of frozen limbs falling onto lines - the "worst condition you can have to pull electric services down," spokesman Lindley Elliott said.

Some 16,000 city of Austin util-

ity customers also lost power early Tuesday and about 2,500 homes were waiting for the electricity to be restored Wednesday afternoon, officials said.

Officials decided to close Southern Methodist University in Dallas, then backtracked when the expected road hazards didn't pan out.

"The decision to close was made a little bit after 5 a.m. when at that time the weather reports were indicating below-freezing temperatures with severe icing and sleet," SMU spokeswoman Patti LaSalle said.

After seeing the road conditions, officials at the school decided to open at 10 a.m. Undergraduates are not in school, but law school began Wednesday and faculty members must still report.

The problems weren't limited to the ground. Commercial flights were delayed or canceled across the region Wednesday morning, and the Tostitos blimp made an unscheduled stopover in Midland en route to Las Vegas.

Any precipitation is good for crops this time of year, even if it's frozen. However, windblown snow drifts can be a dangerous

nuisance because cattle feeders must spend their time policing their yards to ensure the animals' safety.

"It really slows things down," said Lonna Hoagland, a secretary at the Bartlett II feedlot in Hereford, which received about 3 inches of snow. "It's not so bad unless it balls up in the corners, because the weaker (calves) can suffocate there or get trampled by the rest."

Lubbockites expecting little snow after watching Tuesday evening forecasts awoke to a white blanket covering the city, causing a handful of minor accidents.

Temperatures were expected to climb above freezing today across most of the state, but the slight warming trend won't last long.

A drier front this weekend should send readings far below freezing for most of the state.

Snow that had somewhat paralyzed El Paso since Monday melted away Wednesday afternoon, and travel had largely returned to normal, police spokesman Sgt. Bill Pfeil said Wednesday.

"I don't think it will be quite as perilous tomorrow (Thursday) as it was today," Pfeil said.

## Education board seeks more input on curriculum

**AUSTIN (AP)** - Texans will have more chances to voice their opinion on a massive overhaul of the classroom curriculum under action by the State Board of Education.

Board members voted Wednesday to allow public testimony about the curriculum on one additional day in February, April and May after the conservative Texas Eagle Forum said an earlier hearing schedule would bar "meaningful public input."

For example, the group said, a June public hearing on five core subject areas was scheduled after the board is to take an initial vote on those areas. They include math, English, science, social studies, and health.

That wouldn't have been the only opportunity for people to be heard under the earlier schedule. They can testify at board committee meetings about agenda items, and before the full board about topics not posted at

committee meetings.

But after concerns were raised, the board voted to take public testimony after their work sessions on the curriculum rewrite on Feb. 5, April 9 and May 7. They already were scheduled to take public testimony at their work session on March 4 because a board meeting isn't scheduled that month.

Stephanie Cecil of the Texas Eagle Forum said she was pleased with the decision to allow for more public testimony. Earlier, she had criticized the Texas Education Agency, saying, "The TEA does not care what the public thinks."

Board Chairman Jack Christie of Houston, however, said there is always "plenty of time" to hear from the public.

"This is the most open State Board of Education and Texas Education Agency in the history of this state," he said.

The Education Board last year

extended the deadline for commenting on the curriculum as it was being rewritten, after testimony that the public hadn't had enough time to review the draft document.

The 1,444-page document is Texas' first rewrite in more than a decade of its curriculum, which forms the basis for statewide tests and the adoption of instructional materials.

The Education Agency received thousands of comments on the draft document, which was finetuned and forwarded to the Education Board for consideration.

The board's work session this month is on mathematics. It will discuss science in February, social studies in March, English in April, and health and physical education in May.

An initial vote on this so-called foundation curriculum is scheduled May 8, and final adoption July 10.

## Ambulance

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

### WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8

8:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of East Campbell on a medical assist. No one was transported.

9:08 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility for a patient transfer to a doctor's office in Pampa.

10:32 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of West 30th for a patient transfer to a local nursing facility.

12:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the

intersection of Francis and West for a motor vehicle accident. No patient was transported.

5:41 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

### THURSDAY, Jan. 9

3:54 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a fall. No one was transported.

6:02 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of Purviance on a fall and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

## City briefs

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

**WANTED TO** buy feeders for large, round hay bales. Also other feeder trough. 665-2223. Adv.

**PANTHERS, GREENBAY,** Patriots, Jaguar hats/shirts, new shipment, RSVP: T-Shirts & More, 665-3036. Adv.

**LADIES NIGHT,** Thursday night! The Landmark Club, open 4 p.m.-12. Pat Darling DJ. Come check out the specials! 618 W. Foster, 665-4404. Adv.

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**AFC/NFC** Championship hats and shirts. RSVP yours now! T-Shirts & More, 665-3036. Adv.

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8

A 34-year-old male reported an assault by threat in the 100 block of East Harvester. Victim reported assailant threatened him with a hammer. A hit and run accident was reported at the intersection of Brown and Ballard.

A hit and run accident was reported at 1200 N. Hobart. A street sign valued at \$120 was damaged.

A theft of an 8 foot metal stock tank was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson.

## Sheriff's Office

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

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

Gray County deputies responded to the Randall County Sheriff's Office to assist with an aggravated assault.

### Arrests

Gary Don Pettit, 48, 2500 N. Hobart, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation. He paid a cash bond and was released.

Amy Beth Maul, 21, Pampa, had her probation revoked and was sentenced to TDCJ.

## Miss your paper?

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

## Weather focus

### LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight through Friday, continued cold with light winds and variable cloudiness. Low tonight near 12. Friday, high near 30. Friday night, low near 8 and a slight chance of snow. Saturday's high is expected to be 15 with a low Saturday night near 0. Wednesday's high was 26; the overnight low was 19. Pampa had 3 inches of snow Wednesday which yielded 0.17 inch of moisture.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, mostly clear and cold with lows from 10 to 20. Friday, partly to mostly cloudy and colder, with highs from mid 20s to near 30. Chance of light snow late. South Plains: Tonight, clear

Lows 15-20. Friday, partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the 30s.

North Texas - Tonight, mostly clear. Lows 25 to 30. Friday, partly cloudy, windy and turning colder. Highs 35 north to 52 southeast with near steady or slowly falling afternoon temperatures.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, clear and cold. Lows near 30 south central, 20s Hill Country. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs near 60, 50s Hill Country. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy and cold. Lows near 30 inland to mid 30s coast. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in mid 50s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, clear and cold. Lows in the mid 30s. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs low 60s coast to mid 60s inland. Friday night, partly cloudy.

Lows near 50 coast, upper 30s inland.

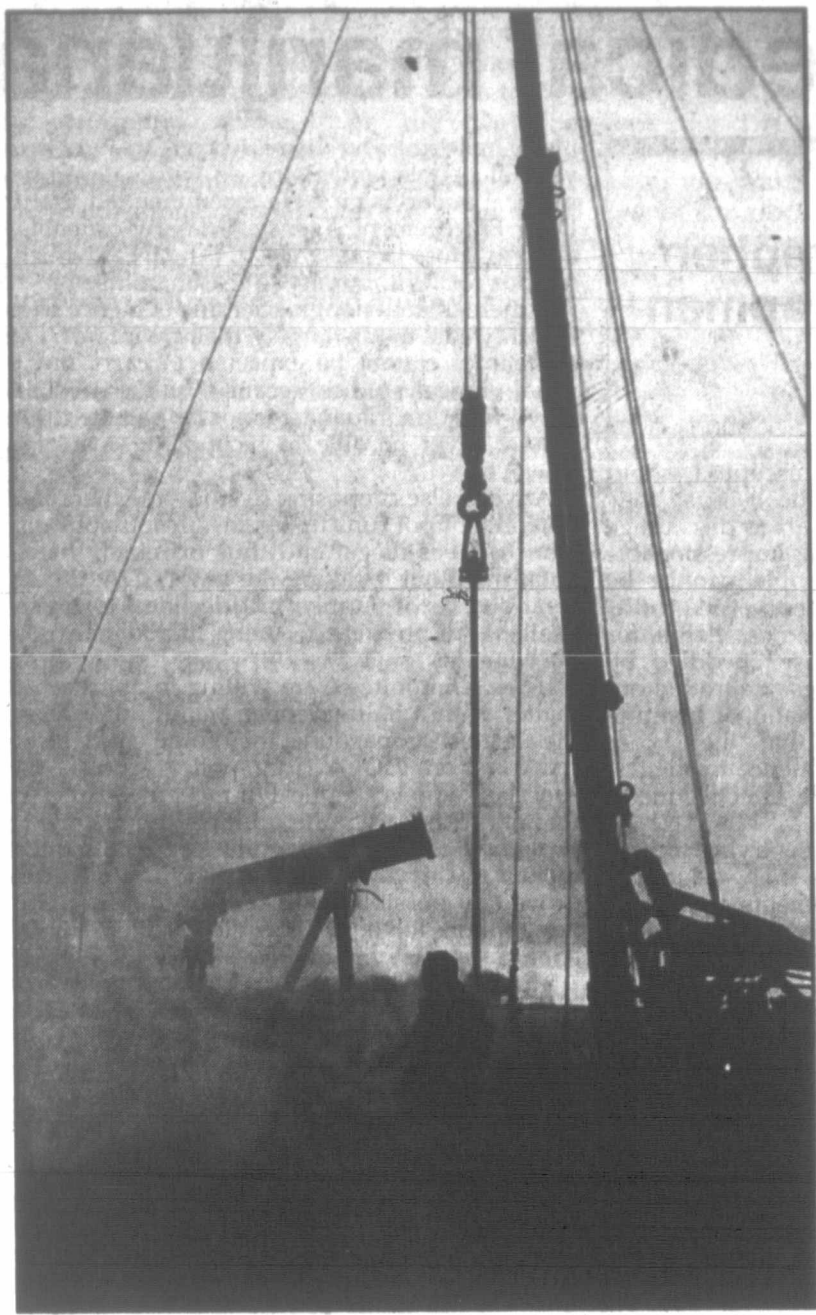
### BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, partly cloudy north. Fair skies south. Not quite as cold. Lows from near 5 below zero to around 20 mountains and north with mid teens to the 20s elsewhere. Friday, increasing clouds north with a few mountain snow flurries by afternoon or early evening. Fair to partly cloudy south. Highs upper 20s to around 40 mountains and north with 40s to low 50s lower elevations south.

Oklahoma - Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows from near 10 above northwest to low 20s Red River valley. Friday, partly cloudy and turning colder. Highs in mid 20s northwest to near 40 southeast.



## Steaming the rods



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Journey Mundell with Caldwell Production Co. was steaming the rods on an oil rig pulling unit earlier this week on the H.H. Merton Lease south of Pampa. Also helping were Cipriano Medina and Saul Medina. The pumps have to be changed out every six to seven months. When the rods are pulled, they have collected paraffin, which is removed by a steaming process.

# Conservative review finds ways to cut costs at twelve state agencies totaling \$730 million

AUSTIN (AP) — An analysis of twelve state agencies by a conservative think tank has identified more than \$730 million in potential savings over the next two-year state budget.

The Public Policy Foundation of San Antonio-based Texas Public Policy Foundation took particular aim at the Texas Department of Transportation, concluding that it wastes money by not privatizing more projects and has administrative costs above the national average.

"There is a different culture at the Texas Department of Transportation," Jeff Judson, president of the Public Policy Foundation, said Wednesday. "They really feel that they are different from other agencies and show a disregard for legislative mandates."

David Laney, chairman of the three-member Texas Transportation Commission, said he welcomed the scrutiny and would take a close look at the cost-cutting recommendations.

"An industrial strength dose of information like this is often times very healthy," Laney said.

Laney and William G. Burnett, executive director of the Department of Transportation, both, however, took exception with some of the findings by the Public Policy Foundation.

The analysis criticized the department for overbuying materials; using excessive office space; failing to privatize more engineering

work; delaying the awarding of engineering contracts; and extravagant use of chartered aircraft by one of the transportation commissioners.

According to the analysis, the Texas Department of Transportation administrative overhead for fiscal year 1995 was 10.9 percent of the \$3.6 billion highway construction and maintenance budget.

That was above the national average of 7.4 percent and the 4.4 percent at Florida's highway agency, which the Public Policy Foundation cited as a model of agency efficiency and efforts to privatize.

Burnett says the figures his agency reports to the federal government include contributions to employee-retirement plans and other costs that aren't all necessarily administrative.

He says that if all states used the same methodology, Texas would be a leader, with administration costs accounting for about four percent.

"We show that our administrative costs for 1996 in this department were 4.2 percent and we've been in the four percent range over the last decade," Burnett said.

The analysis said that while the transportation department reduced its workforce by 159 between 1993-95, office space grew by 151,173 square feet.

Laney said most of the department's build-

ings were constructed 20 to 30 years ago, when there were more employees.

"We have shrunk the size of the agency over that period of time," Laney said. "You end up with buildings that were built to house more people. But you don't go in and tear out part of the building to conform to the square footage."

The analysis criticized transportation commissioner David Bernsen for chartering eight flights — at a cost to taxpayers of \$14,551 — for travel from his home in Beaumont to Austin for state business.

Transportation commissioner Anne Wynne defended Bernsen's use of private charter flights.

"We looked at the different costs between using state aircraft and chartering private planes from Beaumont, and it turned out to be cheaper for the state to charter a plane from Beaumont than to have a state airplane make two trips," said Ms. Wynne, who added that Bernsen drove many times.

The Public Policy Foundation's report looks at twelve of the 21 state agencies undergoing "sunset" review by the Legislature during the 1997 session, which begins next week.

Under sunset review, lawmakers look for ways to improve state agencies. Every agency must be examined at least every twelve years.

## ER nurses file suit against university hospital

GALVESTON (AP) — Two former emergency room nurses have sued University of Texas Medical Branch claiming the hospital retaliated against them after they reported that unnecessary procedures were performed on patients.

Stephanie Hohman and Lisa Lippert — both of whom resigned from UTMB in November — filed the whistleblower lawsuit this week in Galveston County, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Wednesday.

The suit states the nurses "observed a pattern and practice of actions by UTMB management staff in the emergency room in which employees were expected to and did force patients to undergo invasive medical procedures which they, or their law-

fully recognized guardian in the case of children, refused and resisted."

Some emergency room patients were "subjected to humiliating conditions which were preventable and unacceptable according to standard medical procedures," the lawsuit said.

UTMB spokeswoman Jill Scoggins declined comment on the suit. A call Wednesday to Ms. Scoggins was not immediately returned to The Associated Press.

Several weeks ago, the *Houston Chronicle*, quoting several current and former employees, reported that trauma teams practiced expensive, unnecessary and often painful medical procedures without patient consent.

UTMB officials denied patients'

rights were violated. Two teams of nurses and physicians conducted interviews and looked at 664 patient charts last month and found that trauma team doctors had conducted unnecessary procedures on a "small number" of patients.

They admitted that at least one patient, and as many as ten, received treatment without giving legal consent in recent months.

On Monday, the teaching hospital's director of trauma services returned after a leave of absence. Dr. Bill Mileski took over as head of trauma services at UTMB about a year ago.

The two nurses' attorney, Joyce Keating of Houston, said Ms. Hohman, who lives in Webster,

and Ms. Lippert, of Santa Fe, have both obtained new employment in the nursing field.

Messages left at the homes of both plaintiffs were not immediately returned Wednesday to The Associated Press.

The whistle-blower lawsuit does not name any supervisor or doctor but says supervisors and administrators in general retaliated against them for their reports.

Besides getting oral reprimands and admonishments, the nurses said, they were "accused of not being team players."

Retaliation against them, they said, included threats or notices of suspension, reprimands, poor performance reviews inconsistent with performance and denied promotions.

## Girl Scouts to launch their annual cookie sale Friday

Pampa Girl Scouts will be out taking orders for the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale which will be launched on Friday, Jan. 10, at 4 p.m.

Theme for this year's sale is "Blaze Your Own Trail," because the Girl Scout Cookie Sale embodies the resourcefulness and creativity Girl Scouting encourages in girls, according to Texas Plains Girl Scout Council officials.

Girls build self-confidence through the cookie sale as they develop skills in setting goals, meeting the public, handling money and following through on a commitment, said Paula Goff, council membership specialist.

This year the scouts will offer two new cookies — Five Worlds Cinnamon Sugar and Reduced Fat Iced Ginger Daisies — along

with the longtime favorites Thin Mints, Caramel Delites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread and the Peanut Butter Sandwich.

Cookies are still \$2.50 per box, and girls will take orders through Jan. 27.

Cookies will be delivered between Feb. 18 and March 6.

All proceeds from the Girl Scout Cookie Sale stay in the Panhandle area and are used to help fund troop activities, council programs, camps, volunteer training and materials.

Individual girls also earn "Cookie Currency," which they may spend on troop activities, council programs, camp fees, uniforms, national registration fee, handbooks and other items from the council shop.

For more information, call Paula Goff at 439-4475.

## Mexican authorities arrest fellow police officers at wedding

MEXICO CITY (AP) — When 300 soldiers and police descended on the wedding of the sister of Mexico's No. 1 drug lord, their main target had vanished. Twelve of the 25 people they arrested were fellow police.

On Wednesday, authorities released 19 of the detainees, including twelve local policemen who were guarding the wedding at drug lord Amado Carrillo Fuentes' ranch in the northwestern state of Sinaloa on Friday night.

But drug experts say the raid sent a signal to Mexico's drug lords — and to Washington.

"It shows basically that the

new (Mexican drug officials) are doing their jobs, so that looks good to the Americans," said Peter Lupsha, a U.S. analyst of anti-narcotics efforts. "It's a sign of political good will."

Officials on both sides of the border have been working together to crack down on Mexico's increasingly powerful drug cartels, which smuggle an estimated \$30 billion a year in drugs into the United States each year.

The raid at the wedding of Aurora Carrillo Fuentes was to have been a trap for the man known as the "Lord of the

Skies," for his use of old passenger jets to bring Colombian cocaine into Mexico.

Thirteen of those arrested remain under investigation, prosecutor Martin Ortiz Lerma told the official news agency Notimex.

Police are also investigating the mayor, municipal police chief and federal police commander of Carrillo's hometown of Navoleta, where the ranch is located, Notimex reported.

It was not known if Carrillo — leader of the powerful Juarez drug cartel — attended the wedding, but about 3,000 police and

federal troops were combing the mountains of the Sierra Madre looking for him, Mexico City newspapers reported.

Officials' failure to capture Carrillo — compounded by the announcement Tuesday of another top drug suspect's acquittal on drug charges — shows the difficulty of cracking down on a growing businesses.

But the wedding raid — and a request to reinstate the charges dismissed Tuesday — shows aggressiveness by newly appointed federal Attorney General Jorge Madrazo Cuellar, Lupsha said.

## Deregulation will occur but not rapidly, utility commission says

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas shouldn't rush into competition in the electricity business, according to the Public Utility Commission.

Texans appear destined to eventually get a choice in who provides electricity to their homes and businesses — a move backers say would bring lower prices, cleaner energy and better technology.

But in a draft report to the Legislature, the PUC on Wednesday said competition should not come before the year 2000.

The commission, which regulates the electricity and telephone industries, is urging lawmakers to adopt goals and principles leading toward competition in the retail electricity market.

"The commission would recommend that there be a transition period before broad changes are introduced," the report said. The commission said delaying

competition for a few years would allow customers to figure out the options they will have available and allow time to make clear the rules for electricity companies.

"We agree that we can't implement competition overnight, but we should adopt the goals," said Stephanie Kroger, general counsel for the Texas Coalition for Competitive Electricity.

That group of businesses and consumers, which is pushing for competition, proposes giving small businesses and residential customers a choice of electricity providers by 1999 and industrial

and commercial customers a choice by 2000.

"We're not too far from the commission," Ms. Kroger said.

While urging no action from the Legislature this year, commissioners said competition should start sooner rather than later.

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**INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

The Amarillo District of the Texas Department of Transportation will be hosting an informational meeting to present the proposed project concerning the frontage roads of I.H. 40 at McLean and Alanreed. This meeting is intended to seek the input of all interested parties who wish to comment about the project.

The meeting will be Thursday, January 23, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. It will be located in the Cafeteria of the McLean Elementary School, 600 N. Main Street, McLean, Texas.

The Pampa Area office is working on the preliminary project plans. If anyone has a concern before the meeting in regard to the project, they may contact the Area Engineer, Jerry Raines at 806.665.2374.

If anyone interested in attending the meeting has special communication or accommodation needs, please contact Cheryl Luther, the District Environmental Coordinator at 806.356.3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

You may submit verbal or written comments regarding this project at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may also be submitted to the District office at 5715 Canyon Drive (P.O. Box 2708), Amarillo, Texas 79105. Comments must be received no later than ten (10) days after the meeting.



Viewpoints

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Opinion

Permitting organ donor transactions

The United Network for Organ Sharing, a private group of transplant experts overseen by the federal government's Department of Health and Human Services, has changed the rules for deciding which dying patients will get liver transplants.

People who suffer a sudden, unexpected illness that disables their livers - mushroom poisoning or a rampant viral infection - will now jump ahead of people with chronic liver problems like cirrhosis (usually caused by years of alcoholism) or hepatitis B or C.

There is no moral judgment involved here, says Dr. William Payne, director of the liver transplant program at the University of Minnesota. It's just that there's a chronic shortage of livers available for transplanting and patients who suffer liver failure because of a sudden illness seem to do better with transplants than do those with chronic liver problems.

Given the shortage, the decision is defensible. Unfortunately, the government, whose actions caused the shortage, seems unlikely to do the single thing that is most likely to alleviate transplant shortages: allowing them to be bought and sold openly.

While the liver shortage might be the most acute, there is a larger demand than supply for almost every human organ that can be transplanted. There are now 49,000 people on waiting lists, compared to 16,000 a few years ago. About 15,000 people died last year who could have been donors but weren't.

The most obvious solution to this shortage is to repeal a federal law, sponsored proudly by then-Sen. Al Gore, that makes it illegal to buy or sell human organs in the United States.

To be sure, the idea of buying and selling human organs with somebody profiting from human misery and death - is distasteful to many people and is deeply offensive to some. But allowing organs to be bought and sold is not the same as requiring commercial transactions. Those who are uncomfortable with the idea of money changing hands as organs move from one body to another could work within the well established organizations for voluntary donations of organs, as they do now.

But there is little question that permitting money into the transaction would increase the supply of organs available for transplant. Appealing to humanitarian instincts is laudable, but some people might be more motivated by the prospect of being able to leave a little more money to their heirs.

It's not as if filthy lucre were completely absent from the transplant process. Transplant operations can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars - paid by someone, usually an insurance company or the taxpayers - as can maintenance for people waiting for a transplant. To forbid money to change hands in exchange for the single item most necessary to the process the organ itself - is arbitrary to the point of being ludicrous.

Some member of Congress should introduce a bill to repeal Gore's ban on the sale of organs to jump-start debate on this vital issue.

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Drug warriors vs. medical marijuana

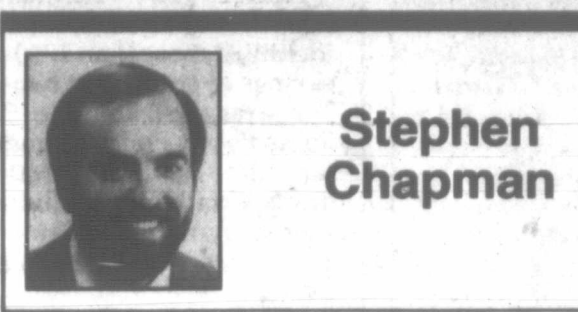
Federal drug czar Barry McCaffrey appeared at a news conference to proclaim his "absolute trust in the judgment of the American people." He did this in the middle of a tantrum over two ballot initiatives approved by the people of California and Arizona, who last time I checked, were still Americans. The drug czar may trust the American people, but he'll be horsewhipped before he'll let them have their way on this issue.

For a drug whose dangers are far less than those of such legal drugs as alcohol and tobacco, marijuana has a peculiar capacity to infuriate supposedly sober drug policy officials in the federal government. At the news conference, a parade of administration heavyweights appeared to denounce the initiatives and issue dire threats of retribution against any citizen or doctor foolish enough to act on them.

Law enforcement officials and politicians have been trumpeting the alleged hazards of cannabis for some 30 years now, but voters in California and Arizona were nonetheless persuaded that it may have therapeutic properties as well. Unlike the Clinton administration and its predecessors, they see no contradiction between rejecting recreational use of the drug and allowing medical use of it.

They see no contradiction because there is no contradiction: Most pills and potions available at your local pharmacy can be abused, but that doesn't mean we ban them from any beneficial use. Even though cocaine and methamphetamines are much more dangerous than pot, both can be prescribed by physicians.

The news conference consisted mostly of important people standing around with their eyes closed and their fingers in their ears, shrieking, "No! No! No! No!" They refuse to acknowledge



Stephen Chapman

what is widely known and accepted about cannabis' apparent medical value because they fear it will compromise their effort to discourage illicit drug use, especially among impressionable youngsters. The American people cannot be vouchsafed an honest representation of the truth.

McCaffrey tried to portray medical claims for marijuana as crackpot "nonsense" peddled by charlatans trying to legalize drugs. He trotted out Alan Leshner, the head of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), to insist that "there is not an existing body of scientific evidence to suggest that smoked marijuana is a viable, effective medicine."

But it's the administration that is trying to pass off unlearned ideology as science. The claim that marijuana can relieve some ailments is no idle invention. Some 44 percent of cancer specialists responding to a Harvard survey said they had recommended cannabis to patients suffering from severe nausea as a result of chemotherapy. The federal government itself provides marijuana to a handful of patients for medical purposes.

In 1988, federal administrative law judge Francis Young reviewed the available data and ruled that "marijuana has been accepted as capa-

ble of relieving the distress of great numbers of very ill people, and doing so with safety under medical supervision." He recommended that the Drug Enforcement Agency reclassify cannabis to allow doctors to prescribe it. (The DEA, which is famous for its immunity to reason, refused.)

If there is not enough scientific evidence to satisfy the feds, that is largely their own fault. Drug companies cannot be expected to carry out the usual clinical studies because, unlike medicines they invent, marijuana cannot be patented. They would never be able to recoup the cost of the research.

Anyone else proposing to study the therapeutic potential of pot runs up against the obvious problem that it is illegal and thus extremely hard to obtain without breaking the law. NIDA, the only legal source of supply, has declined to make it available to physicians testing marijuana's possible benefits.

If the Clintonites were willing to approach the matter with a halfway open mind, putting aside the alarmist propaganda, they could easily resolve the question. UCLA drug policy scholar Mark Kleiman, who is skeptical of most medical claims for marijuana, says the administration ought to provide the National Institutes of Health with the money to carry out the research to prove or disprove any possibly valid uses of the drug. For a few million dollars, NIH could establish the facts about cannabis once and for all.

That approach is exactly what the drug warriors should want, since it has the potential to expose medical marijuana as the hoax they say it is. But judging from their reaction to the state initiatives, they have no interest in any such venture. Apparently the last thing they want to know is the truth.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 1997. There are 356 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 9, 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, Calif.

On this date:  
In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

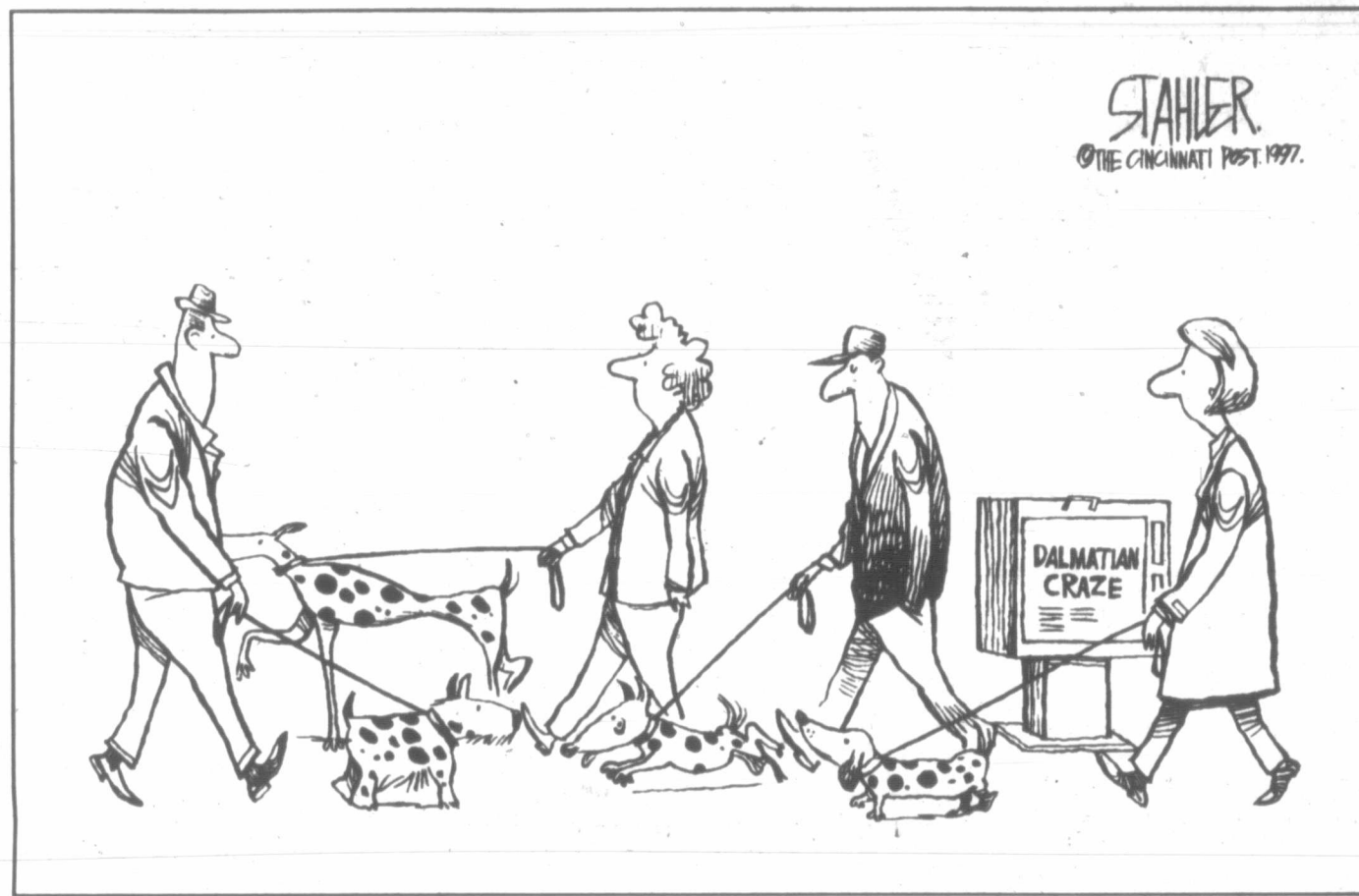
In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew between Philadelphia and Woodbury, N.J.

In 1861, Mississippi seceded from the Union.

In 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing at Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines.

In 1957, Anthony Eden resigned as British prime minister, citing health reasons.

In 1964, anti-U.S. rioting broke out in the Panama Canal Zone, resulting in the deaths of 21 Panamanians and three U.S. soldiers.



Annual statement of editorial intent

Charley Reese

At the beginning of each year, it's my habit to give my readers a conflict of interest statement. We journalists make a big to-do about conflicts of interests, among public officials, so I think we ought to play by the same rules.

All of my income is derived from the newspaper I work for and from the sale of my column in syndication. I quit accepting fees for speeches several years ago. I have no investments other than a company retirement plan.

I'm registered as a Democrat, though I am a Jefferson Davis Democrat and completely out of sync with the majority of the Democrats in public office. Their only virtue is that they tend to be less hypocritical than Republicans.

I belong to only four organizations: The National Rifle Association, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Southern League and, don't laugh, the New York Academy of Sciences. I hold no offices in any of them and never speak for any of them. In some cases, I like the folks, and in others I like the publications.

My political philosophy is the same as George Washington's, whatever you wish to call it. For a good summary of it, read his farewell address. There is not one word in it to which I do not heartily subscribe.

I believe in a constitutional republic of sov-

eign states. I think there should be a strict division of powers, not only between the three branches of government, but between the federal and state governments. I figure there are about 3,000 out of 262 million Americans who share that conviction with me, but that's OK. There's one thing you can't do by majority vote and that is decide what is true and what is right.

I'm not, by the way, anti-government. I'm just against bad government. Some simple minded folks seem to have difficulty making that distinction. Government is necessary, and anyone who thinks anarchy is preferable can get their wishes by moving to Somalia.

I believe strongly that all people are equal in the eyes of God and should be equal in the eyes of the law. I don't, however, believe in egalitarianism. Anyone who thinks all humans are equally endowed has only to ask me to do their financial planning to find out right quick that's not so.

My religion, since some have asked, is Christianity, though I am in that category of folks who have a powerful hope that God is whole lot

more merciful than he is just. I respect and admire people of faith, whatever their faith is.

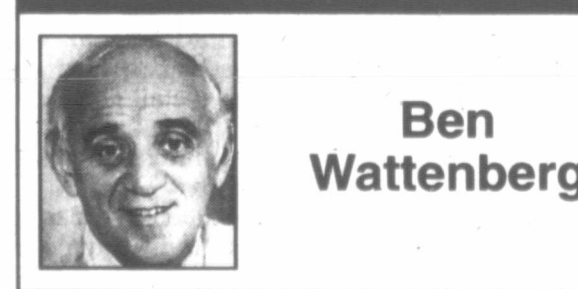
Well, that's about it. I'm sorry I don't have more interesting conflicts, but the truth is I am a plain person who lives a rather plain life. My purpose in writing a column - aside from keeping grits in the pantry - is to amuse you occasionally and to provoke you to think about what I consider important subjects. The only taboo I have is to avoid writing about trivial topics because that would be an insult to you.

I believe what I write is true, though I don't claim to be infallible, and on rare occasions demonstrate that fact. It's not necessary for you to agree with me. It doesn't offend me if you don't. I was married to and loved a girl for a long time who almost never agreed with anything I wrote. I don't carry water for any political party or group or organization.

In fact, that's why I do this annual column. Readers deserve to know where their columnists are coming from, so they can better spot any biases they may have. I despise secret agendas and water carriers who claim to be disinterested observers.

If my column ever disappears, the best bets are that I ticked off the editor, croaked or won the lottery.

President's politics of Zorro ... again?



Ben Wattenberg

It would be nice to simply salute President Clinton for generally good appointments for his second term team, particularly those for the White House staff. Instead, the question arises: Are we back to the zigzag politics of right-left-right-left - the very same Z-shaped politics of Zorro that stigmatized President Clinton's first term?

Recall: President Clinton has been elected twice on the grounds that he is a New Democrat - a responsibility touting, nonconservative, nonliberal candidate whose best line was "No More Something for Nothing." But President Zorro didn't govern that way in 1993 to 1994. He was seen as a cheerleader for the political philosophy espoused by the then-majority liberal Democratic Congress. Zorro and the Democrats paid a big price for that zig: a majority Republican Congress, and a president regarded as having few base-line beliefs.

In 1995 to 1996, the President Zag reversed course, making a powerful case that he was really a New Democrat. He hung tough on welfare reform, was tough on crime, made the rules easier on school prayer, and favored school uniforms and teenage curfews.

Comes now. Is it President Zig or President Zag?

Until very recently, it seemed as if Clinton the New Democrat was finally in the saddle, at least in the White House itself. Personnel is policy. The personnel of the second administration is not only older and smarter than the first crew, but far more centrist.

Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles is a New Democrat. The new director of the domestic policy council is Bruce Reed, a New Democrat first class. On Vice President Zorro's staff, New

Democrat Elaine Kamarck is increasingly influential. Liberals Harold Ickes and zpin-meister George Stephanopoulos have retired. Among those moving up on the food chain are Don Baer, Rahm Emanuel, and Doug Sosnik, all coming from more centrist spots on the political spectrum than Harold and George.

The Cabinet appointments are in a somewhat more moderate zone than during the first term, although there are plenty of liberals around to give balance to a Democratic administration. A moderate and progressive agenda seemed to be forming.

And then: Zag! The White House announced that it would put the weight of the federal government behind the challenge to Proposition 209, the California civil rights initiative (the essence of No More Something for Nothing.) The Zesident pointed out that he had campaigned against 209 and was pleased that his Justice Department would help the fight to declare it unconstitutional.

That sounds logical. It is not logical. It is one thing for Clinton to oppose 209 and to campaign against it. Fair enough; Clinton's stand on affirmative action was "mend it, don't end it." He

claims that 209 would end it. (Proponents believe it will end preference, not affirmative action.) But it is quite another thing to say that even if a majority of California voters cast their ballots for 209, the federal government, in all its majesty, will seek to cancel it. Would Clinton have dared to campaign that way in California?

Proposition 209 is a direct descendant of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the 14th Amendment. In fact, all it says is that the state of California shall not discriminate. To declare it unconstitutional puts the United States government in a strange posture. It will have stated that reverse discrimination is legal and that no discrimination is illegal. This is precisely the sort of process that engenders all the talk about "judicial tyranny." Clinton's real slogan should have been, "Mend it, don't end it, or I will rend it."

If there is sanity in the U.S. appellate courts, Proposition 209 will be allowed to stand. It is hard to believe that President Zorro and his Justice Department do not know this.

So why did he do it? Cynics might say that it is a symbolic pay-off to black civil rights activists, as a token of appreciation for support from the black community in the election. Cynics might say that Zorro will need all his liberal die hard supporters when the independent counsels start raining on the parade. Even some realists might say that.

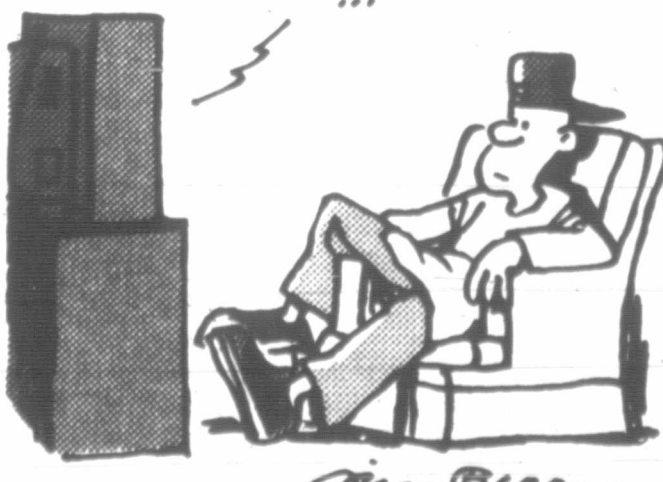
Meanwhile the country will go through a highly politicized and tortured appeals process, made more intense by the president's intervention. Too bad.

All the while the White House will complain that the press isn't being fair to the president. He's no flip-flopper, they will say. He really does stand for something, they will say.

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# Court reluctant to decide suicide issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court's awesome power is most evident when it jumps ahead of Congress and the states to make profound changes in the way Americans live. But the court likely won't take the lead in determining how Americans die.

If the intriguing give-and-take that took place Wednesday offers accurate insights, the court will let states continue to prohibit doctors from giving life-ending drugs to terminally ill patients who no longer want to live.

And doctor-assisted suicide, for better or worse, will not join such legacies as racial desegregation and legalized abortion in Supreme Court lore.

The justices must decide whether assisted-suicide bans in New York and Washington state, similar to those in most states, violate the constitutional "right to die." It's a relatively young right, first recognized by the nation's highest court in 1990 — and limited so far to terminally ill patients who do not want life-sustaining treatment.

During two hours of arguments Wednesday, lawyers for the two states and the Clinton administration told the court there's a big difference between doctors let-

ting patients die and helping them kill themselves.

There's "a common-sense distinction" between the two, said Acting Solicitor General Walter Dellinger, the Clinton administration's top-ranking courtroom lawyer.

Lawyers for doctors in both states disagreed, and said assisted suicide is needed for some to assure death with dignity. They say doctors nationwide already hasten death as they relieve the pain of dying, but do so secretly because they fear criminal prosecution.

Manslaughter or mercy? The justices showed no appetite to take on such a thorny question, and most of them clearly were concerned about the difficulties of trying to confine any judicially created expansion in the right to die.

"Where should we draw the line?" Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said. "Is this ever a proper question for courts as opposed to legislators?"

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor worried aloud about the fallout of drawing any line. "It would result in a flow of cases through the court system for heaven knows how long," she said.

Justice Antonin Scalia, who repeatedly has denied the existence of any right to die, said the Constitution simply does not deal with the issue.

On one level, he clearly is correct — the document does not mention any such right.

But neither does it mention any right to travel freely from one state to another, or to associate with whom one pleases, or even to marry and have children. And the court previously has ruled that such rights are bedrock to American life.

In the absence of amendment by Congress or the states, the Constitution after all is what the Supreme Court says it is.

The court's ruling, expected by July, will have an enormous impact on the continuing national debate over assisted suicide. But whatever the justices say won't be the last word.

Even if the court rules that no such constitutional right exists, states might be free to enact measures allowing doctor-assisted suicide. Oregon voters did just that, but the 1992 referendum vote is tied up in litigation.

It has the makings of another Supreme Court showdown.

# Teens accused of plotting mother's death

KENNER, La. (AP) — Two teenagers tried to poison their mother by lining the family's coffee maker with what they thought was a lethal potion, police said, arresting the girls on attempted murder charges.

The kitchen with a "white paste" in the coffee machine and discovered letters they wrote detailing their plans, police said.

The mother was not hurt. Police said the paste was made of pills and a liquid, but wouldn't identify them.

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# Scientists look for clues among disease free group

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frustrated by failure to reverse the ravages of Alzheimer's disease, scientists are searching furiously for ways to delay the killer's attack — and they're culling information from clusters of people who appear less likely to get the devastating brain disease.

From Oklahoma's Cherokee Indians to Indiana's Amish and the Cree Indians in Canada, certain populations appear far less susceptible to Alzheimer's. And small but intriguing studies suggest a gene may protect them.

"These studies give us tremendous opportunity, open new vistas for developing drugs," said Dr. Zaven Khachaturian, director of the Alzheimer's Association's Reagan Research Institute. "This is very exciting."

If doctors could locate a protective gene and synthesize the protein it produces, they might one day create a drug to

delay Alzheimer's onset.

"Everybody's been concentrating on the genes that cause Alzheimer's," explained Dr. Roger Rosenberg of the University of Texas Southwestern, who provides the strongest clue yet to a possible protective gene with his Cherokee study, although he admits it was too small — 52 people — to be definitive.

"We predict this is the next wave of Alzheimer's research," Rosenberg said.

Four million Americans have Alzheimer's, which destroys its victims' minds and kills 100,000 people a year.

Two medications, Cognex and Aricept, slightly ease symptoms by inhibiting the breakdown of a vital brain chemical but can't stop Alzheimer's relentless progression. The two experimental drugs most rapidly approaching the market, Sandoz's Exelon and Bayer's metrifonate, work similarly.

Doctors frustrated by this limit-

ed impact are hunting options to delay Alzheimer's, arguing that buying disease-free time beats treating damaged brains. Already under study:

—Estrogen, after several small studies indicated indicate postmenopausal women who take estrogen may halve their Alzheimer's risk and that those stricken may get it later in life. Confirmatory research is under way.

—The steroid prednisone, being taken by 120 people to see if it can reduce brain inflammation thought to increase Alzheimer's risk.

—Vitamin E and the Parkinson's drug selegiline, suspected of helping delay Alzheimer's by fighting brain damage from molecules called free radicals. A pivotal study of the chemicals was just finished and has been submitted to a medical journal.

But scientists increasingly are turning to genetics, because of tantalizing studies that have

uncovered populations with dramatically lower rates of Alzheimer's, from Japanese and Nigerians to Canadian Crees.

Intrigued by anecdotal evidence that Cherokees have a lower incidence of Alzheimer's than the general population, Rosenberg studied the Cherokee Nation, which keeps an extensive ancestry registry.

Specifically, he studied 52 elderly Cherokees, half of whom had Alzheimer's and half who were healthy "controls" with similar characteristics, to test his theory that the higher the Cherokee ancestry, the less likely Alzheimer's would be to strike.

He found that among those who were less than half Cherokee, the incidence of Alzheimer's was 65 percent, versus just 34 percent for those with more than 50 percent Cherokee ancestry.

With each ten percent decrease in Cherokee ancestry, the odds of developing Alzheimer's increased nine times.

# Book offers information on obtaining vital records

Vital records are just that ... vital. People need access to them.

In this age of bureaucratic documentation, everyone has need of copies of records of birth, death, marriage or divorce. An application for benefits from the Veterans Administration or Social Security, a passport or marriage license requires not only the information in the records but usually copies of the records themselves.

All these records are stored permanently by municipalities, counties, states and the federal government.

"We all know this, but where each document is kept is frequently unknown," said Robert L. Berko, executive director, Consumer Education Research Center, in Maplewood, N.J.

The Consumer Education Research Center (CERC), a national non-profit consumer group, found there was little uniformity on where the records were available and the costs. In some states, birth records are

kept by the city and in others by the county or state.

To further complicate matters, Berko noted, often older records are held in different places than current ones. In addition, the addresses where the records are kept are changed quiet often.

The consumer group found many people had difficulty in locating the records they needed. Often, it was necessary to make expensive long distance calls just to find out where to write, what information was required and how much money to send.

For that reason, CERC has been publishing a book entitled *Where to Write Worldwide for Vital Records*, which contains a state-by-state listing of the addresses and telephone numbers of the archive where each record can be found, the cost of a copy of the document and sample form letters containing all the information needed to get these and other vital documents.

For those needing information

from foreign countries, the book contains a list of government offices where people can get help in locating vital records kept in almost every country. Even U.S. citizens born overseas, on a ship or aircraft can locate the place where their records are kept, Berko said.

CERC found that many people have used previous editions to locate their family trees or roots. For those, the book includes information on the Family History Library of the Mormon Church. This library contains over 200,000 volumes of family history records and a list of almost a quarter-million people who are willing to share information to help people find their family roots.

CERC has just released an updated 1996 edition. To get a copy of this useful book, send \$8.97 (Plus \$2 shipping and handling) to Consumer Center-Records, 1980 Springfield Ave, Maplewood, NJ 07040, or call 1-800-872-0121 with credit

card. More information can be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.planet.net/cerc>

Berko said that originally the book was published to satisfy the needs of persons applying for various benefits, but many others have found it useful.

He has received letters from libraries, coroners, law enforcement, social agencies, credit grantors, collection agencies, stock ownership tracers, lawyers, persons searching for missing heirs, adoptees and those interested in searching their family roots. All these and others have found use for a book that helps them locate and prove the status of individuals.

Many times documents can be used to prove things other than what they record. For instance, one woman wrote to the group telling them that a birth certificate for her child proved her residence at that time in the United States and helped her become eligible for legal residence and citizenship.

# TNRCC schedules meetings on air quality standards

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission will conduct a series of eight public meetings across the state next week to discuss and gather input on proposed changes to the national ozone and particulate air quality standards.

"The new standards that EPA has proposed can have a very serious effect on several areas of our state, which until now have complied with air quality standards," said TNRCC Chairman Barry McBee. "It is vitally important that all Texans understand the potential impact of these changes."

"We need to hear from as many people, businesses and governmental entities as we can about how these new standards will affect them," said TNRCC Commissioner Ralph Marquez. "We need to know both the costs anticipated by those who will be affected by the new standards and an assessment of their impact on public health. These comments will help us shape our response to EPA."

The Panhandle-South Plains area meeting will be in Lubbock on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1-3 p.m., at the South Plains Association of

Governments Board Room, 1323 58th Street.

Other meetings also will be held next week in Corpus Christi, Beaumont, Houston, Longview, Farmers Branch, El Paso and San Antonio.

Currently, Dallas/Fort Worth, the Houston/Galveston area, El Paso and the Beaumont/Port Arthur area do not meet federal air quality standards for ozone. Under the EPA's proposed standards, Austin, San Antonio, the Longview/Tyler/Marshall area, Corpus Christi and Victoria also would not meet the ozone standard.

The effect of EPA's proposed particulate standard has not been determined. Current standards regulate particulates such as dust or soot. The proposed standards would regulate much smaller, microscopic particulates, such as those found in aerosol sprays or cigarette smoke.

Very little information has been gathered on microscopic particulate matter, TNRCC officials said. However, El Paso in 1990 was designated as non-attainment for particulate matter under the current standard, and

Lubbock also registered one exceedance of the current particulate standard. That exceedance occurred during a dust storm, which is a naturally-occurring event.

Because of the gravity of EPA's proposed changes, at least one of the TNRCC's three commissioners will be present at each of the public meetings. TNRCC staff will brief participants on the proposed changes and the impact these changes may have on Texas.

The public will then be invited to provide oral comments on the proposed standards. These comments will then be evaluated by the TNRCC and included, where appropriate, in the agency's official comments to EPA.

Anyone who wants to comment on EPA's proposed standards but is unable to attend one of the public meetings may submit their comments in writing. Written comment may be addressed to: Chuck Mueller MC-205, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087.

All comments must be received by Jan. 17 for consideration by TNRCC in its comment development process.

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## Invitation To Dinner May Be Your Signal To Leave

**DEAR ABBY:** I don't recall having seen this problem addressed in your column.

You're visiting the home of a friend you haven't seen in several years. Just before you leave, she invites you to stay for dinner, but she doesn't tell you what she's serving. It would be rude to say, "It depends on what you're having."

A thoughtful host should say, "Mary, we're having liver for dinner tonight; would you care to join us?" Hating liver, Mary could graciously decline by saying, "Oh, thank you, but I have dinner waiting at home. May I have a rain check?"

This way everyone saves face. What do you think?  
GRACIOUS GUEST IN BOSTON

**DEAR GRACIOUS GUEST:** In the first place, if "just before you leave" the hostess invites you to stay for dinner, it means you stayed too long.

Mary should not lie and ask her friend for a rain check. Her friend may then assume that Mary likes liver and invite her another time for a liver dinner. Instead she should thank the hostess and say she's sorry, but she can't stay for dinner.

**DEAR ABBY:** I would like to address these comments to "Annoyed in New Mexico." This incident happened here in Atlanta, and it involves the use of the Spanish

**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

language.

My uncle and aunt — both blue-eyed and blond — were fresh from Panama. She's a public health nurse and he's in charge of mosquito control.

While they were attending a baseball game, two Spanish-speaking fans seated behind them gave a running discourse on everything that was wrong with the United States, Atlanta, the ball players and their acquaintances.

When the game was over, Aunt Erma and Uncle Ray stood up, turned to their critics and in fluent Spanish, suggested that if they didn't like the benefits our country had to offer, they should return to their point of origin.

My advice: Be careful whom you speak Spanish in front of. Sign me...  
HABLO ESPANOL IN GEORGIA

**DEAR HABLO:** As one who speaks enough Spanish to make myself understood, may I add my two cents worth? Es verdad!

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a question about elevator etiquette. Why do people waiting for an elevator charge in before the passengers can exit?

They crowd in as if the elevator was the last one to heaven — or wherever they expect their destination to be.

I recently tried to exit an elevator in a hospital as three teen-aged girls barged in and almost knocked me over. One remarked that I was at fault for being in her way.

Patience, good people. If you miss this car, there will be another one along in just a minute.  
J.B. ROBERTS, GADSDEN, ALA.

**DEAR J.B.:** We all have our ups and downs. You're right. Good manners and common sense dictate that one allows the occupants to exit before barging in.

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## Horoscope



Your Birthday

Friday, Jan. 10, 1997

In the year ahead, you will have ample opportunity for material and intellectual growth. Make sure you take full advantage of every new experience.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You will be exceptionally generous with your resources and possessions today. This will be good, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. 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.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** The leadership qualities you possess will be discernible to others today. Do not hesitate to take charge of situations you know you can handle well.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** This could be an uneventful day for you because you will resist getting involved. Make sure you don't ignore something that could benefit you personally.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Loud or domineering people could seem to be more abrasive than usual today, so try to select companions who are more low-key. You will be happier if you do.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You should be able to accomplish what you set out to do today, even though you're likely to feel uncertain about your abilities.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You will make the right decision if you take ample time to review all of the pros and cons. Do not let associates pressure you into making a snap judgment.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You might not be up-to-par today in your business deals, so try to do business with people

who you know from past experience are reputable.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Kindness and consideration will be essential today in all of your relationships. If you try to be too assertive, you might make some enemies.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Good things could happen to you today through people with whom you work shoulder to shoulder. Make sure to reciprocate if they go out of their way to help you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Your concern for the well-being and security of people you like won't go unnoticed today. It will serve to reinforce and strengthen existing bonds.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Today you should try to focus on family affairs. Your time will be well spent. Make sure that your loved ones know how much you appreciate them.

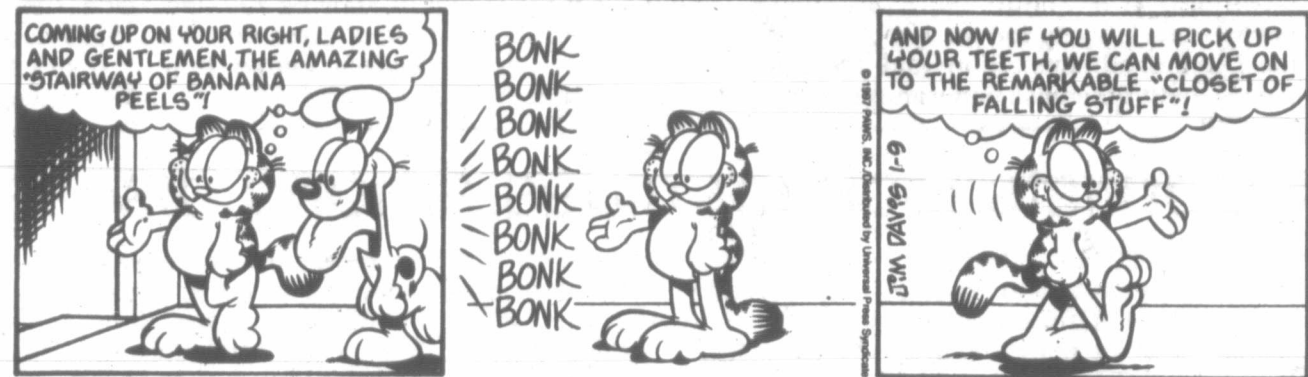
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Do not let your emotions override your sense of logic. The latter will further your interests; the former will impede your progress.  
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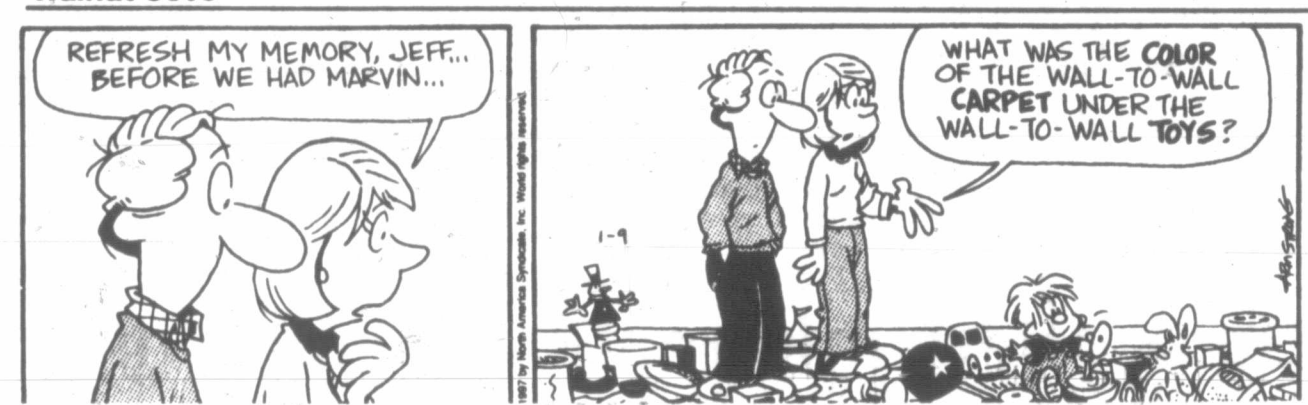
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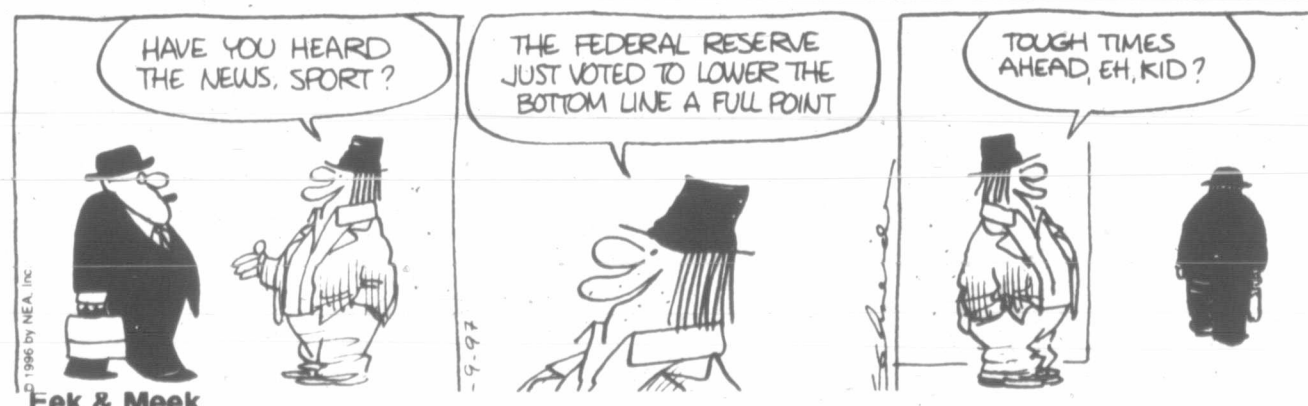
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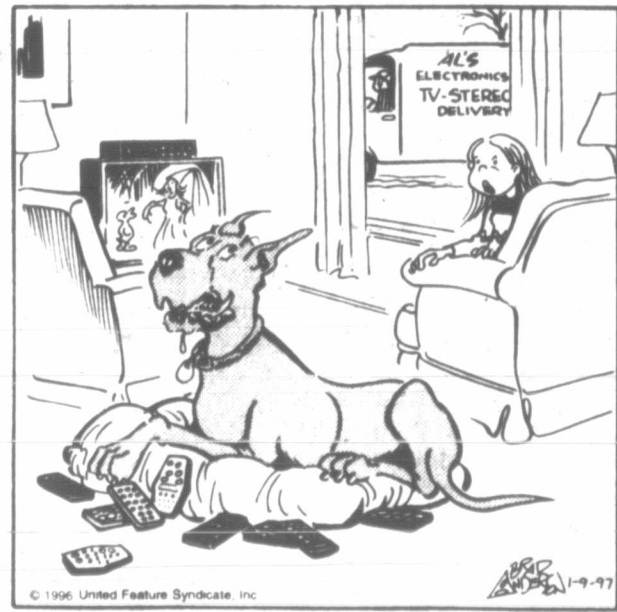
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"When PJ feeds himself, sometimes he forgets where his mouth is."

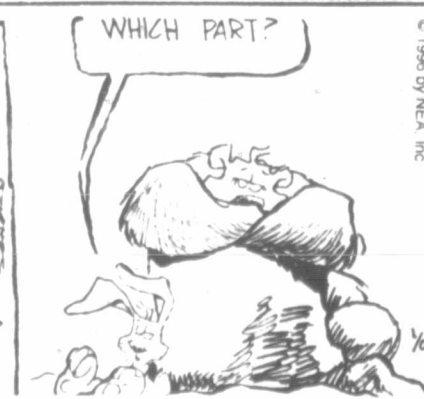


"Where did you get all those remote controls?"

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Sports

# Battle lifts Texas Tech past Oklahoma State

By The Associated Press

Tony Battie proved to be everything Oklahoma State thought he would be, and that was way too much for the Cowboys.

Battie, Texas Tech's junior center, had 25 points, seven rebounds and three blocks in leading the 20th-ranked Red Raiders to a 73-64 victory Wednesday night.

In other Big 12 games, Baylor defeated Texas A&M 69-66 and Nebraska beat Creighton 71-52. The 6-foot-11 Battie scored 16 points in the first half when the Red Raiders (10-2, 2-0 Big 12) overcame a slow start to twice take 12-point leads. Then he carried his team after Oklahoma State pulled within four early in the second half.

"We think he's the best center in the Big 12 and he puts so

much pressure on your defense," Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton said.

Cory Carr had 16 points for the Red Raiders, Gionet Cooper grabbed 10 rebounds and Rayford Young came off the bench to score 13 points.

"We got a good education tonight on several things," Texas Tech coach James Dickey said. "One is how physical this league is going to be. The second thing is what it's going to be like on the road — to play above the crowd, play above the pressure, play above the officials."

The Red Raiders handed Oklahoma State (7-5, 0-2) only its eighth home loss in Sutton's six-plus years as coach. The crowd of 5,603 was 700 short of a sellout, due partly to snowy weather and school still being out.

In Waco, Baylor capitalized on a mental error by a Texas A&M player and Patrick Hunter's three free throws in the final 1.9 seconds.

With the score tied at 66 and his team out of time outs, Texas A&M guard Tracey Anderson was called for a technical foul when he called for time.

Hunter made both free throws and added another with 0.8 on the clock.

Brian Skinner scored 18 points and Doug Brandt 17 for Baylor (12-2, 1-1 Big 12). Anderson led the Aggies (6-6, 0-2) with 19 points.

Anderson had made a three-pointer to tie the game with 13 seconds remaining, then grabbed the rebound of Skinner's shot with time about to expire. He drew the technical when he called for time as he was falling to the floor.

Baylor led virtually all of the first half, leading 33-28 at intermission.

The Aggies committed a season-high 28 turnovers. In Lincoln, Neb., Mikki Moore and Cookie Belcher each scored 15 points as Nebraska used scoring spurts to open each half to cruise past Creighton.

Nebraska (8-5) jumped out to a 14-2 lead in the first six minutes, but the Huskers scored just 14 more points in the next 12 minutes. Creighton (5-8) battled back to cut the lead to 28-26 on Rodney Buford's free throws with 53 seconds left before halftime.

But Tyrone Lue hit a 3-pointer and Belcher followed that with a basket to put Nebraska up 33-28 at intermission.

The Huskers continued the run as the second half opened, outscoring the Bluejays 9-1 to

take a 42-29 lead on Moore's dunk with just over 15 minutes left. Creighton never got closer than 11.

Buford led Creighton with 17 points. Rodney Crutcher added 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Bluejays.

**TEXAS TECH 73, OKLAHOMA ST. 64**

**TEXAS TECH (10-2)**  
Carr 6-13, 1-2 16, Cooper 3-6 2-2 8, Battie 8-11 7-25, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Bonewitz 4-9 0-0 11, Young 4-5 4-5 13, Owens 0-0 0-0 0, Myers 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 25-45 14-17 73.

**OKLAHOMA ST. (7-5)**  
Robinson 3-8 1-4 7, Mason 1-4 0-0 2, Robisch 5-10 0-0 10, Peterson 8-16 0-0 19, Roberts 3-5 4-7 10, Dorsey 1-2 0-0 2, Alexander 1-2 0-1 3, Adkins 0-0 0-0 0, Skar 3-5 3-9, Webber 1-4 0-0 2, Totals 26-58 8-15 64.

Half-time—Texas Tech 42, Oklahoma St. 32. 3-Point goals—Texas Tech 9-15 (Bonewitz 3-5, Carr 3-7, Battie 2-2, Young 1-1), Oklahoma St. 4-13 (Peterson 3-9, Alexander 1-2, Skar 0-1, Mason 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Texas Tech 30 (Cooper 10), Oklahoma St. 30 (Robinson 7). Assists—Texas Tech 19 (Bonewitz 8), Oklahoma St. 17 (Roberts 6). Total fouls—Texas Tech 14, Oklahoma St. 16. A—5,603.

## Notebook

### BASKETBALL

**PAMPA** — Pampa defeated Canyon, 71-69, in overtime Tuesday night in a junior varsity girls' basketball game.

Lisa Dwight led Pampa with 20 points. Lisa Kirkpatrick had 18 points and Jennifer Ross 16.

Pampa JV's have a 12-3 overall record and are 5-1 in district play. Pampa and Dumas junior varsity teams play Friday at McNeely Fieldhouse.

### HORSE RACING

**GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (AP)** — Lone Star Park has scheduled 27 stakes races during its inaugural live thoroughbred racing season beginning April 17.

Those races will be worth an estimated total \$2,725,000. Opening-day festivities will center around the \$50,000 Premier Stakes for older Texas-breds which could be the first race run on the track.

Highlights for the first season will be the \$250,000 Lone Star Derby for 3-year-olds April 20, the \$200,000 Lone Star Park Handicap for older horses July 4 and the \$200,000 Mid South Futurity for regionally bred 2-year-olds July 26.

The stakes schedule is expected to be officially announced Wednesday.

A dozen Lone Star races will be worth \$100,000 or more. General manager Corey Johnsen said he hopes those purses can attract top racers from other states.

The park has chosen to spread the wealth over a number of races, rather than hold fewer races with purses of \$500,000 or more.

### HOCKEY

**DALLAS (AP)** — The Detroit Red Wings are still the team to beat in the Central Division. The Dallas Stars might be the team to do it.

"If we're going to go anywhere, we've got to beat Detroit," said Dave Reid, who had three goals and an assist Wednesday night in Dallas' 6-3 victory over Detroit. "I'm sure we'll see them again in the playoffs. This game is big for our confidence."

Bob Bassen, Joe Nieuwendyk and Todd Harvey also scored for the Stars, who are 3-1-0 against the Red Wings this season. Detroit was 10-0-1 against Dallas over the previous two seasons.

### BASEBALL

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Prospective bidders ranging from media mogul Rupert Murdoch to attorney Robert Shapiro are lining up for a shot at buying the Los Angeles Dodgers, a team that could fetch more than \$300 million.

While analysts say it's difficult to predict who will end up with the team, no one doubts that the price will be much more than the present high of \$173 million paid by Peter Angelos' group for the Baltimore Orioles in 1993.

Jerry Buss, the owner of the Los Angeles Lakers, said Wednesday that he, too, would like to have a piece of the now-family-owned Dodgers. Buss has owned the NBA team and the Forum since 1979, and also owned the NHL's Los Angeles Kings from 1979 through early 1988.

"I'm the biggest Dodgers fan in Los Angeles," Buss told the Los Angeles Times through a spokesman. "I'd like to be part of a group that buys them."

The Buss family is believed to own all but 10 percent of the Lakers. The remainder is owned by Magic Johnson and TV executive Bill Daniels.

While Peter O'Malley looks for a buyer, the Dodgers are working to retain key players.

First baseman Eric Karros, eligible for free agency after the 1997 season, agreed Wednesday to a \$20 million, four-year contract. Third baseman John Wehner agreed to a \$350,000, one-year contract.

And outfielder Brett Butler has decided to go ahead with his attempt to play this season.

## Pampa Pacers pick up victory No. 16

**PAMPA** — The Pampa Academy Pacers defeated McLean, 91-55, Tuesday night.

Brooks Ferguson led the Pampa scoring with 35 points. Avery Taylor followed with 19 points while Jeff Sublett had 18, Andy Edmondson 10, Steve Terry 5 and Trevor Muniz 3.

Ferguson also led in rebounding with 12, Taylor and Sublett had 7 each, Edmondson and Muniz 5 each, Terry 3 and Aaron Wagner 2. Edmondson led in assists with 14 while Sublett had 4, Ferguson 3, Taylor and Muniz 2 each, and Terry 1. Edmondson also led in steals with 10 while Ferguson had 7, Sublett 5, Taylor 4, Muniz and Terry 2 each, Tyler Hudson and Wagner 1 each. Taylor had 4 blocked shots and Ferguson 1.

Ike Hanes scored 15 points to lead McLean in scoring.

The Pacers' record is now 16-4 and they play Miami JV Friday in Miami.

**WHITE DEER** — White Deer girls tipped off the District 2-2A season Tuesday night with a 49-35 win over Memphis.

Rhonda McClendon was high scorer for White Deer with 16 points, followed by Susan Day

### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

with 11.

The win gave the Does an 11-7 record for the season.

Memphis was led in scoring by Sharla Odhams with 14 points. White Deer fell to Memphis, 66-60, in the boys' district opener.

Randall Johnson led the way for Memphis with 14 points.

Clinton Grange had 18 points and Ryan Smith 17 for White Deer.

**BRISCOE** — Fort Elliott split a pair of non-district games with Samnorwood on Tuesday night.

Amber Estes and Amanda Shields scored 11 points each as the Fort Elliott girls defeated Samnorwood, 48-30.

Kayla Coleman also had 11 points to lead Samnorwood. Samnorwood won the boys' game, 58-47.

Travis Thompson was high scorer for Samnorwood with 15 points, followed by Nick Simpson with 10.

Donnie Barr led Fort Elliott with 18 points. Tanner Smith and Curt Smith added 9 points each.

## McCloud sparks Mavs' win

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — George McCloud took to the Dallas Mavericks' new lineup in a big way.

McCloud, who had been starting, came off the bench to score 23 points, including 16 in the second quarter, and sparked the Mavericks to a 111-93 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night.

The loss was Philadelphia's seventh straight and 17th in 18 games.

"It's a new lineup, but my job is still to score," said McCloud, who hit eight of 12 shots, including four of seven from 3-point range.

"My job is to try to lift the team with my scoring," he said.

## Brunell's development key to Jags' success

By DOUG FERGUSON  
AP Sports Writer

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)** — A year ago, Mark Brunell was known as a potential Steve Young. Now, perhaps Steve Young is an old Mark Brunell.

Brunell could be the best young quarterback in the NFL after taking Jacksonville to the AFC championship game, but don't count the Green Bay Packers among those who might be surprised by his rapid development.

For two years, Brunell was known simply as an understudy to Brett Favre. Most of his experience came during preseason games, when he competed with Ty Detmer for the backup job.

Because of free agency and the salary cap, the Packers traded him to Jacksonville on the eve of the 1995 draft for a third- and a fifth-round draft pick. Green Bay got starting fullback William Henderson and special teams star Travis Jervey.

The Jaguars got a quarterback on which to build a franchise.

"We all knew Mark had the talent," Favre said. "Unfortunately for him and for a lot of quarterbacks around the league, only one guy can play and that's the reality of it. He's gone on to Jacksonville and he's done a great job. And I'm not surprised one bit."

The only thing surprising to the Jaguars is how quickly he

has gone from being an untested quarterback to the NFL leader in passing yards and on the brink of a Super Bowl berth for the 2-year-old team.

Sunday's AFC championship game features two of the best young quarterbacks in the league, whose careers both began in the Pacific Northwest: Brunell, who led Washington to the Rose Bowl three times, was once the host on a recruiting trip for Drew Bledsoe, who wound up going to Washington State.

"We're not real close, but I consider Drew a friend," Brunell said. "I respect the way he handles himself on the field and off the field. His physical gifts are incredible. He's got it all."

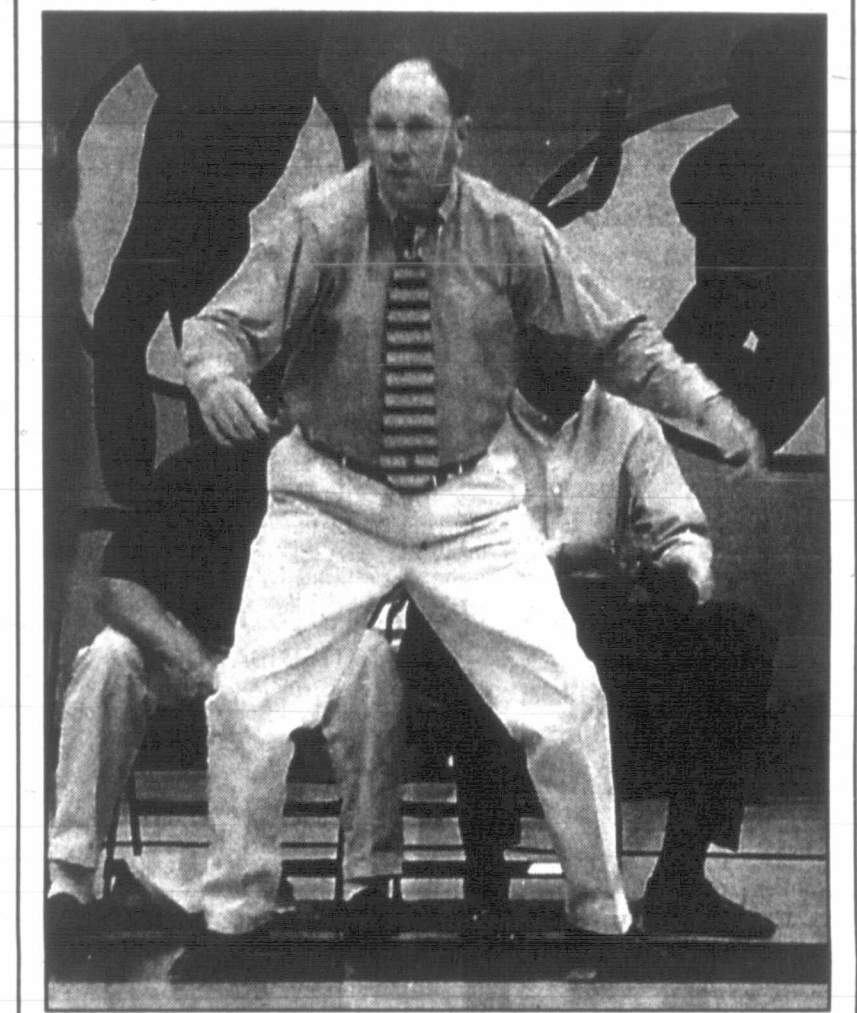
So does Brunell, even though he is just now showing it.

Coach Tom Coughlin spent part of the 1994 preseason at the Packers' training camp, where he had got his first good look at the quarterback many people compare to Young because he's left-handed, has great scrambling skills and wears No. 8.

"I liked everything about him," Coughlin said. "He was an athlete, he could move, he had courage, he had a strong arm, he could bring the ball over the perimeter — all the things I thought would be critical."

Still, Coughlin had not seen him perform in game conditions. Before coming to

### PSHOF honoree



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa boys' basketball coach Robert Hale, directing the Harvesters from the sideline at a recent game, will be honored during the annual Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame ceremony Feb. 2 at Amarillo College's Ordway Auditorium. Hale led the Harvesters to the Class 4A state championship last season. A Lubbock native, Hale has guided the Harvesters to eight straight district championships and three state tournament berths in 10 seasons at Pampa. After reaching the state semifinals in 1991 and 1992, the Harvesters went over the top in 1996. Pampa sizzled in the finals, rolling past Dallas Madison, 82-68, to complete a 33-3 season. The win against Madison was Hale's 45th career victory. It was Pampa's fifth state championship, the first since 1959.

Jacksonville, Brunell had played in just two games with the Packers in the 1994 season.

"I knew we had a good athlete and a great young man," offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride said. "We saw everything, but it was all preseason. Who knows how a guy is going to perform under fire? He was very much a babe in the woods trying to learn how to be a quarterback."

In his first year as a full-time starter, Brunell led the NFL in yards passing with 4,367. A good chunk of that came early in the season, when the Jaguars trailed in nearly every game and had to throw the ball to catch up.

But during their seven-game winning streak, Brunell developed into the quarterback the Jaguars thought they might be getting.

"The team is very poised because of the leadership here, and the leadership all starts with Mark Brunell on offense," said center Dave Widell, a nine-year veteran. "I have seen it in his eyes. He is going to be one of the next great superstar quarterbacks in this league."

Few would have imagined that earlier this season, when Brunell was leading the league in interceptions. In the Jaguars' most devastating loss of the year, 17-14 at St. Louis, he was picked off five times inside the Rams' 15-yard line.

"I think I'm more patient,"

Brunell said. "The more game experience you get, the more confident you get and you become more patient. I can be more patient in the pocket. I don't have to make the throws that are tight."

"A lot can be said that when you believe in yourself and think you can get it done, you're probably going to get it done," he said. "And that's what we have got going for us now."

It all comes back to Brunell. He finished the season by going four games without an interception. He used his mobility wisely, knowing when to wait in the pocket for plays to unfold and when to scramble.

"You can sense it. You can feel he's in control," Gilbride said. "Part of it is his individual skill, but the thing I always appreciate is his field generalship, the way he gets the best possible call so we've got a chance. It's just unbelievable how far he's come."

The Jaguars' first priority in the offseason will be to negotiate a new contract for Brunell, whose current one has one year left. Brunell's top priority is to get the Jaguars to the Super Bowl, a destination unthinkable just two months ago.

"It's pretty incredible from where we were in the middle of the season," Brunell said.

Almost as incredible as how quickly Brunell has blossomed.

## Cowgirls stun Tech

**LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)** — Oklahoma State coach Dick Halterman's unceasing quest for respect might have pricked a few ears Wednesday night.

Renee Roberts scored 19 points and the Cowgirls held No. 7 Texas Tech's three starting guards to one field goal each in a 78-56 wire-to-wire romp on one of the nation's toughest home courts.

"I don't know if you guys are as shocked as I am tonight," Halterman said after Oklahoma State (9-3, 1-1 Big 12) beat the Lady Raiders in every facet. "I never thought we could come in here and open up a 30-point lead."

Actually, Oklahoma State led by 31 with 13:53 left in the game after taking a 23-point lead into halftime.

"Your guess is as good as mine as to what made that happen," said Tech coach Marsha Sharp, who watched helplessly as the Lady Raiders endured their worst home loss since falling 89-56 to Texas in 1988.

Dismal shooting and lackluster defense, particularly in the first half, doomed the Lady Raiders to their second home loss, the first time that has happened since the 1990-91 season.

Halterman said even this victory might not be enough to gain the recognition he believes is due a program which has been to the NCAA tournament seven times in eight years.

"I said before the season I thought we were better than everybody thinks we are," he said. "I thought we showed how good we can be."

The unranked Cowgirls did everything right after opening the game with a 12-2 run.

Alicia Thompson led Tech with 25 points, including 15 in a row during a physical and sometimes testy second half that saw body after body crash to the floor even though the game was essentially over early in the period.

Tech finished the game shooting just 29 percent.

Tech had won 35 straight home games until falling to ninth-ranked Tennessee last month.

## 9th graders down Canyon

**PAMPA** — Pampa freshmen posted a 58-43 victory over Canyon last Monday night to boost their record to 11-1 for the season. In district, Pampa is 5-0.

Jesse Francis led Pampa in scoring with 21 points, followed by Russell Robben with 11, Jeremy Silva 9 and Kevin Osborne 6.

"These guys really responded when they had to. They were down 11-2 at one time, but they came back the second half and really took matters in their own hands," said Pampa coach Troy Bell.

Canyon won the B team game, 39-29.

Dennis Boyd had 14 points, John Shephard 7 and Jacob Campos 4 to lead Pampa scorers.

"We got off to a great start, but we let it get away," Bell said. "We just need to work harder on the little things to be successful."

The Pampa B team is 4-5 overall and 1-3 in district.

Pampa's next games are Saturday at Dumas. Tipoff times are 10 a.m. (B game) and 11:30 a.m. (A game).



# Scoreboard

## FOOTBALL

### NFL Playoffs

#### At A Glance

By The Associated Press

#### Wild Cards

Jacksonville 30, Buffalo 27

Dallas 40, Minnesota 15

#### Sunday, Dec. 29

Pittsburgh 42, Indianapolis 14

San Francisco 14, Philadelphia 0

#### Divisional Playoffs

Saturday's Games

Green Bay 35, San Francisco 14

Jacksonville 30, Denver 27

#### Sunday's Games

New-England 28, Pittsburgh 3

Carolina 26, Dallas 17

#### Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 12

Carolina at Green Bay, 12:30 p.m. (FOX)

Jacksonville at New England, 4 p.m. (NBC)

#### Super Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 26

At New Orleans

Carolina-Green Bay winner vs. Jacksonville-New England winner, 6:18 p.m. (FOX)

#### Pro Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 2

At Honolulu

AFC vs. NFC, 8 p.m. (ABC)

## BOWLING

### HARVESTER LANES — PAMPA

#### Harvester Couples League

#### Week's High Scores

#### Men

High game: Jim Logan 237. High series: Ray Romack 633. High handicap game: Jim Logan 257. High handicap series: Ray Romack 687.

#### Women

High game: Peggy Smith 212. High series: Peggy Smith 566. High handicap game: Angela Winkleback 240. High handicap series: Peggy Smith 647.

#### Lone Star Women's League

#### Week's High Scores

High game: Bonnie Clemens 215. High series: Carrie Duroy 594. High handicap game: Bonnie Clemens 251. High handicap series: Bonnie Clemens 638.

## FISHING REPORT

### ARROWHEAD: Water clear, low, crappie are

fair to good on minnows and jigs fished over deep brush, catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with minnows and shrimp; very few fishermen out.

KEMP: Water fairly clear to stained; lake level 1139.63; black bass are slow to fair on spinners, Slugs and worms; striped bass are good on live bait and plugs; catfish are fair on trotlines baited with cut and prepared bait.

OAK CREEK: Water clear; 53 degrees; black bass are fair on jerk baits and crank baits, white bass are slow; crappie are fair on minnows fished over deep water brush piles; catfish are slow.

O.H.I.V.E.: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries; lake level 1541.53 degrees; black bass and smallmouth are fair on plastic worms fished on the main lake, crappie are fair on minnows fished in 15 to 30 feet of water in the creeks, coves and ridges; channel & blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with cut bait fished over baited holes; yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; lake level 998.51; black bass are good on Flying Lures, small crank baits and Beetle Spins fished in 5 to 12 feet of water; striped and white bass are fair to good on live bait fished on the main lake; crappie are good on minnows fished around the docks; catfish are good on rod and reels baited with cut bait and on trotlines baited with live perch over baited holes.

SPENCE: Water clear; very low; black bass are fair on spinners and charrtrause jigs; striped bass are good on shad fished on the main lake; blue and channel catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with shad and prepared bait; yellow catfish are slow to fair on live perch.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear; low; crappie are fair on minnows; channel catfish are good on rod and reels baited with shrimp and cheese bait.

ATHENS: Water fairly clear; 55 degrees; black bass to 6.2 pounds are good on black and pumpkin worms; crappie are fair on minnows fished at night; catfish are slow.

BOB SANDLIN: Water clear; feet low; lake level 337.44; 55 degrees; black bass to 8 pounds are good on spinners, wacky worms, and Rat L Traps; catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and shad.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water fairly clear; low; 55 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are fair on spinners and worms; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished over brush piles in 5 to 12 feet of water; catfish are good on nightcrawlers and shrimp; 54 degrees; black bass to 8 1/2 pounds are good on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished around the marinas; catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with nightcrawlers and Magic Bait.

PURTIS CREEK: Water stained; low; 55 degrees; very few fishermen out.

RAY HUBBARD: Water clear; lake level 435.53; 52 degrees; black bass to 5.2 pounds are fair on worms and crank baits; crappie are slow to fair on minnows and jigs fished over brush and around the marinas; catfish are good on prepared baits and soap.

TAWAKONI: Water clear; lake level 632.57; 56 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are good on minnows and worms; crappie are good on small minnows; catfish are good on rod and reels baited with minnows and prepared baits.

RICHLAND CHAMBERS: Water fairly clear; lake level 309.45; 57 degrees; black bass are to 4.2 pounds good on worms and spinners; white bass are slow; crappie are fair on minnows fished in the backs of creeks; catfish are good on shrimp and shad.

TEXOMA: Water fairly clear; lake level 116.05; 53 degrees; black bass to 8 pounds are good on spinners and shad-colored Slugs; fish are early and late; striped bass are good on slabs and live bait; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 12 to 30 feet of water; catfish are good on shrimp, stink bait, frozen shad and live minnows.

## National Basketball Association

### At A Glance

By The Associated Press

#### All Times EST

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

#### Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	25	9	.735	—
New York	24	9	.727	1/2
Washington	17	15	.531	7
Orlando	12	17	.414	10 1/2
New Jersey	9	21	.300	14
Boston	8	23	.258	15 1/2
Philadelphia	8	25	.242	16 1/2

#### Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	29	4	.879	—
Detroit	24	8	.750	4 1/2
Cleveland	21	12	.636	8
Atlanta	19	11	.633	8 1/2
Charlotte	18	15	.545	11
Memphis	17	16	.515	12
Indiana	15	16	.484	13
Toronto	10	22	.313	18 1/2

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

#### Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	26	8	.766	—
Utah	23	10	.697	2 1/2
Minnesota	14	19	.424	11 1/2
Dallas	11	20	.355	13 1/2
San Antonio	9	23	.281	16
Denver	9	24	.273	16 1/2
Vancouver	7	27	.206	19

#### Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	26	10	.722	—
Seattle	25	11	.694	1
Portland	19	16	.543	6 1/2
L.A. Clippers	19	19	.424	10 1/2
Sacramento	14	21	.400	11 1/2
Golden State	12	20	.375	12
Phoenix	10	24	.294	15

#### Tuesday's Games

L.A. Clippers 87, Toronto 80

Washington 115, Phoenix 113, OT

Houston 81, Cleveland 76

Seattle 109, Denver 99

Milwaukee 119, Utah 112, OT

Miami 85, Portland 81

L.A. Lakers 101, Charlotte 97

Vancouver 109, Golden State 95

Thursday's Games

Utah at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Minnesota at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.

Golden State at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games

New York at Boston, 7 p.m.

Houston at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

San Antonio at Detroit, 8 p.m.

Chicago at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

Indiana at Denver, 9 p.m.

Charlotte at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Miami at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

## Transactions

### Wednesday's Sports Transactions

By The Associated Press

#### BASEBALL

#### American League

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Dan Micieli on a one-year contract.

#### National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Named Ruben Amaro coach. Stan Kyles pitching coach. Moe Hill hitting coach and Jim O'Reilly trainer for Rockford of the Midwest League.

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with LHP Pete Schourek on a one-year contract.

COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Andrew Barber, RHP Mark Fuller, RHP John Hope, LHP Mark Lee, INF Tom Quinlan and OF Jeff Barry on minor-league contracts.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with 1B Eric Karros on a four-year contract and 3B John Wether on a one-year contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Released 1B Jason Thompson.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with RHP Doug Henry on a one-year contract.

#### BASKETBALL

#### National Basketball Association

DALLAS MAVERICKS—Activated F Fred Roberts from the injured list. Placed F Samaki Walker on the injured list.

MIAMI HEAT—Signed G-F Willie Anderson to a 10-day contract. Placed G-F Dan Marjerie on the injured list.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Signed F Devin Gray to a 10-day contract.

VANCOUVER GRIZZLIES—Activated F Chris Robinson from the injured list.

#### FOOTBALL

#### National Football League

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Named Earl Leggett defensive line coach.

#### HOCKEY

#### National Hockey League

ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Recalled C Sean Pronger from Baltimore of the AHL.

EDMONTON OILERS—Assigned D Nick Stajchar from Hamilton of the AHL to Pensacola of the ECHL.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Assigned C Sergei Brylin to Albany of the AHL. Recalled C Petr Sykora from Albany.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Sent LW Daniel Gouea to Binghamton of the AHL.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled G Parra Duffus from Las Vegas of the IHL. Placed G Darcy Wakaluk on the injured list.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Returned F Brandon Convery and F Kelly Fairchild to St. John's of the AHL and D Jeff Ware to Oshawa of the OHL. Recalled RW Zdenek Nedved from St. John's of the AHL.

## Game wardens making inroads against poachers

By BOB HOOD  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The call came over the radio in game warden Rick Medford's pickup truck at 3 a.m. It wasn't the first report of a person with a spotlight being watched by a team of wardens working in the dark from the air and ground.

What made this call different was that, finally, six hours into a long night of patrolling and surveillance in a five-county area last week, spotlights had been caught.

The voice on the radio was that of game warden Pat Canan.

"I've got them shut down," Canan said. "There are three of them, all 20-year-olds. Two males and one female."

The three Wichita Falls residents were detained and ticketed for a Class C misdemeanor for hunting from a public road with the aid of a vehicle. They were released, minus one gun.

J.N. Dunlap Jr., Jack County justice of the peace, fined each \$332 and said he will return the firearm when the fines are paid.

This time, the hours of air and ground search resulted in only one group of spotlights being nabbed near Archer City early Sunday morning, but the night's activity serves as an example of the commitment game wardens make to curb poaching.

"I have some of the most aggressive wardens in the state working in my district," said Medford, district law enforcement supervisor from Wichita Falls. "And that's what it takes to catch some of these people."

Spotlighting deer, which can draw fines of \$25 to \$500, is one of the more common violations Texas game wardens encounter this time of year. The offense is one of many examples of illegal hunting and fishing activities, which go on year-round in virtually every county of the state.

Other common poaching activities include hunting from public roads, possession of untaged deer, hunting deer with dogs, using electronic equipment to shock fish, exceeding bag limits, selling game fish or game animals, and using traps and nets to catch fish.

Medford said people who hunt and fish illegally have various motivations. Some do it for fun. For others, it is a cat-and-mouse game they like to play with law enforcement. For still others, it's a way to make a few bucks by selling deer, fish and other game.

"You don't have many people who kill a deer illegally so they can feed their family," Medford said. "Some of them will tell you

that ... but when you see them driving around in a new pickup truck, I find that reason difficult to believe."

Many poachers are what regional law enforcement supervisor Gary Tarpley of Fort Worth calls "opportunists," those who aren't actively hunting from a road but who shoot a deer when an opportunity arises. Other poachers are well-organized and clever, hunting and fishing illegally on a regular basis.

"Those are the ones we really like to get," Tarpley said.

No matter the reason, the illegal activities are all too common.

"I have had some instances where I used to catch some family members on a fairly regular basis, and now I am catching their grandsons," Medford said.

Illegal fishing is the biggest problem facing Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement officials in the North Texas area, Tarpley said.

"We have our biggest problems with persons catching and selling fish, especially below the Lake Texoma dam," Tarpley said. "The fish are caught on rod and reel, in cast nets, and some of them are snagged. Then the fish are sold to markets in the Fort Worth-Dallas area."

Calls to the Operation Game Thief hot line, a toll-free telephone number informants may call to report game or fish violations, are credited with putting the clamps on many fishing violators. In fact, the biggest bust made on illegal-freshwater fishing activity in Texas history occurred at Lake Texoma a few years ago after a tip from an anonymous caller, Tarpley said.

Illegal fishermen at Texoma were selling fish to restaurants and markets in the Fort Worth-Dallas area, he said.

After receiving the tip, the department set up a sting operation involving a "fish house" where illegal fishermen could sell their catches. The bust resulted in the arrests and convictions of numerous individuals who were charged with selling striped bass and other game fish they had caught from below the Lake Texoma dam.

Texas laws prohibit the selling or buying of game fish taken from public waters, but hybrid striped bass and some other species may be sold if they are raised by a commercial fish pond owner who operates under a permit issued by the department. Also, some fish sold at restaurants and markets are imported from out of state, where they were raised by commercial facilities operating under a similar permit system.

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## Legislators fear some can't hear locomotives

WESTFORD, Mass. (AP) — Anne Forbes used to stop her conversations in mid-sentence while the fierce-throated beauties would pass by her home.

"It's horrendous," Ms. Forbes said Tuesday of train whistles. "It's the kind of noise that goes directly in your ear. ... For people who live right next to the tracks, I feel there's a real possibility of hearing loss."

Train whistles, which inspired poets and pierced the American landscape for more than 150 years, have been silenced at more than 1,400 U.S. crossings to settle the nerves of people like Ms. Forbes. The robust roar was banned two years ago in her hometown of Acton, about 25 miles west of Boston.

But the quiet hasn't sat well with federal lawmakers, who worry that more people are killed by trains if they can't hear them. A 1992 study by the Federal Railroad Administration revealed fewer accidents at crossings with whistle warnings.

"We recognize train whistles are loud — they're supposed to be," said David Bolger, a spokesman for the Federal Railroad Administration.

As part of its 1994 Swift Rail Development Act, Congress required train whistle soundings at all 168,000 public crossings by November 1996. The whistles must produce a minimum sound level of 96 decibels at 100 feet — the equivalent of someone using a revving chain saw.

But the FRA has delayed implementing the new law until it can resolve opposition from local communities, which argue that the whistles are unnecessary safety additions to automatic gate crossings and people's good sense to look both ways.

"This whole issue is total government overkill," said Nancy Tavernier, an Acton selectwoman. "We have demonstrated far beyond anyone's imagination that our crossings are safe."

Bolger said the agency is most concerned about grade crossings that lack electric safety gates and lights. At those crossings, the whistle provides the only hint a train is on the horizon.

## Safe driving award



Ronnie Duvall, center, of Pampa, receives a \$5,000 cash reward for reaching the million mile safe driving status for J.B. Hunt Transport Inc. of Lowell, Ark. Making the presentation are Betsy Biehl, left, fleet manager, and Jeff Franco, senior vice president of operations. Duvall has been a driver with J.B. Hunt for eight years and has received numerous awards during his tenure with the transport company. The million mile safe driving awards are part of Hunt's commitment to driver safety. Duvall and 21 other drivers were honored out of the Oklahoma City terminal, with over 300 drivers in total presented the cash awards for their driving records throughout the company in its safe driving campaign. Hunt was established in the early 1960s and today is the largest publicly held truckload carrier in the nation.

## Arkansas performs triple execution

VARNER, Ark. (AP) — Strapped to a gurney with needles in his arms, condemned killer Kirt Wainwright read a poem he wrote committing his soul to God, then chuckled as lethal chemicals began pumping into his body.

Wainwright, the last of three men put to death Wednesday night, had the needles in his arms for 40 minutes while the U.S. Supreme Court considered whether to halt his execution.

The triple execution was the second in the nation since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976. The first also occurred in Arkansas, in 1994. In both cases, prison officials said three were put to death on the same night to reduce overtime costs and stress on prison employees.

Besides the 30-year-old Wainwright, who was condemned for the 1988 slaying of a small-town convenience store worker, the state also executed

two other men convicted of the 1977 murders of a town marshal and park ranger.

After the high court rejected his appeal, Wainwright recited a two-minute poem he had written and memorized.

"If need be, I'm ready to die. Because with me, death, I know one thing, another life it must bring," he said. "And as sure as the sun hangs high in the sky, to a higher place my soul must fly ... now send me to my God."

Neither Earl Van Denton nor Paul Ruiz offered any final words.

Denton, 47, went first because his prisoner identification number was the lowest, and was pronounced dead at 7:09 p.m. Ruiz, 49, was pronounced dead 51 minutes later. Wainwright died at 9:50 p.m.

Wainwright's execution was delayed while Supreme Court justices considered an appeal claiming that Gov. Mike

Huckabee shouldn't have decided his plea for clemency because the governor knew Wainwright's victims.

Huckabee knew Barbara Smith, a Prescott convenience store clerk killed during a robbery, for whose death Wainwright was executed, and store clerk Karen Ross, who Wainwright was sentenced to life in prison for killing.

A federal judge ruled Tuesday that Wainwright had no right to an unbiased decision maker on his clemency request. The Supreme Court agreed.

"We should have won this case. ... The system failed," Wainwright's attorney, Craig Lambert, said after his client was executed.

Denton and Ruiz had been on Arkansas' death row longer than any other inmates — since 1976.

## Yeltsin in hospital with pneumonia; opponents pounce

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin has contracted pneumonia and is being treated with antibiotics, the Kremlin said today, while critics questioned whether the 65-year-old president is still fit to actively govern Russia.

Doctors "are carrying out treatment for the pneumonia ... with modern antibiotics," read a brief Kremlin statement.

It said the president's temperature was normal, but gave no additional details about his health.

Yeltsin, who resumed full-time work in the Kremlin only two weeks ago, returned Wednesday night to the Central Clinical Hospital, where he recuperated following his Nov. 5 heart bypass operation.

The president's heart surgeon, Dr. Renat Akchurin, said today that Yeltsin's condition was "perfectly satisfactory" and that his illness was unrelated to his heart surgery.

Dr. Michael DeBakey, the American heart surgeon whom Russian doctors consulted during Yeltsin's bypass surgery, said Yeltsin should be better within three to five days with bed rest and antibiotics.

But the president's political rivals were not so optimistic.

Ousted security chief Alexander Lebed, the country's most popular politician in recent polls, called Yeltsin an "old, sick man" who should quit for the good of the country.

"Boris Yeltsin has been seriously ill and unable to duly fulfill his duties," Viktor Ilyukhin, a prominent Communist lawmaker, said on Echo Moscow radio. "There are no grounds to pretend he

effectively governs the country." The *Komsomolskaya Pravda* daily, in a front-page report today, accused the Kremlin of being overly optimistic in its statements about the president's health and questioned whether Yeltsin had returned to work too soon.

By all accounts and appearances, Yeltsin had been recovering well from his quintuple heart bypass operation.

Since pronouncing himself "ready for battle" when he returned to full-time duty Dec. 23, he has chaired high-level meetings, issued a flurry of decrees, and met with Chinese Premier Li Peng and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl. Moving slowly, he nonetheless looked thinner and healthier than during his six-month absence due to heart problems.

But Yeltsin cut short his schedule Monday and returned to his country home outside Moscow to rest, suffering from what his aides described as a severe cold or the flu — something his family and many other Muscovites also are enduring during a harsh winter.

Yeltsin spent much of the past three days in bed, receiving regular visits from his doctor, Sergei Mironov. But Wednesday evening, doctors detected the first signs of pneumonia and decided to hospitalize the president.

Pneumonia is an inflammation of the lungs caused by bacteria or viruses. It can be life-threatening if not detected and treated early.

Akchurin said it was best for heart bypass patients to avoid any illness in the months following surgery.

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## Middle school art show winners named

The results of the Pampa Middle School Fall Art Show held on Dec. 12, 1996, have been released. The show was judged by members of Pampa Fine Arts Association.

First place winners in all categories will be on display at the White Deer Museum Jan. 14-31.

Following are a list of winners:

**Tessellations:** 1. Carl Holder, 2. Angie Williams, 3. Tommy Janaway, 4. Max Simon.

**Pointillism:** 1. Rashid Boyd, 2. Natasha Kramer, 3. Tanner Dyer, 4. David Sigala.

**Plaster Masks:** 1. Rebecca Fatheree, 2. Keenan Davis, 3. Michelle Lee, 4. Dolly Anderson.

**O'Keeffe:** 1. Natasha Kramer, 2. Erik Keller, 3. Zach Mitchell, 4. Desiree Hillman.

**Masterpieces:** 1. The Cry (The Scream), 2. Inquisition, 3. Gypsy Woman.

**Weaving:** 1. Christy Farnum, 2. Lauren Walters, 3. April Taylor, 4. Josh Smith.

**Calligraphy:** 1. Heather Lee, 2. John Knipp, 3. Natasha Kramer, 4. Dustin Johnson.

**Mona Lisa:** 1. Christy Shook, 2. Amber Bowers, 3. Jake Mulanax, 4. Josh Smith.

**Renoir:** 1. Hayden Wade, 2. Ross Buzzard, 3. Grisselle Kamirez, 4. Lauren Walters.

**Color Wheel:** 1. Priti Patel, 2. Brandy Reynolds, 3. Ashley Everson, 4. Erik Keller.

**Contour Drawings:** 1. Tristan Brown, 2. Tommy Janaway, 3. Derrick Williams, 4. Meredith Fleming.

**Linoleum Prints:** 1. Ty Elledge, 2. Kyle Frances, 3. B.J. Avent, 4. Charity Nachtigall.

**Pen and Ink:** 1. Ty Elledge, 2. Armando Aggiano, 3. Marcie Bennett, 4. Matt McConas.

**Still Life:** 1. Grisselle Ramirez, 2. Jennifer Bentley, 3. Melissa Vasquez, 4. Kristi Farnum.

**Cubistic:** 1. Erik Brown, 2. Lawrence Henderson, 3. Ashley Everson, 4. Heather Lee.

**Papermasks:** 1. Meredith Fleming, 2. Jordan Spearman, 3. Derrick Williams, 4. Cameron Cargill.

**Shaded Pencil:** 1. Priti Patel, 2. Justin Waggoner, 3. Dolly Madison, 4. Michelle Lee.

**Ceramic Tile:** 1. Heather Ponce, 2. Erik Keller, 3. Corey Rendle, 4. Robert Allsup.

**Grid Pencil:** 1. Ty Elledge, 2. Jon Brooks, 3. Miguel Villegas, 4. Kyle Francis.

**Shaded Still Life:** 1. John Schlewitz, 2. Dori Edens, 3. Reed DeFever, 4. Victor Brooks.

**Ink Crosshatch:** 1. Anna Giuteriz, 2. (No Name), 3. Breck Hoggatt, 4. Rikki Van Houten.

**One-Point Perspective:** 1. Ashley Broadbent, 2. John Fowler, 3. Angela Murray, 4. Ryan Hill.

**Monoprint:** 1. Price Hall, 2. J.T. Edwards, 3. Tommy Silva, 4. Jered Snelgroes.

**Two-Point Perspective:** 1. Casey Meharg, 2. Brian Sealman, 3. Dori Edens, 4. Matt Stripling.

**Clay Projects:** 1. Adam Wright, 2. Star Lane, 3. Will Vise.

**Original Cartoons:** 1. Ross Buzzard, 2. Chase Babcock, 3. Zach Turner, 4. Michael McCormick.

**Gridded Cartoon:** 1. Tara Coffee, 2. Jason Hillman, 3.

Matt Jameson, 4. Garrett Rhine.

**Wood Sculpture:** 1. David Sanchez, 2. Corey Fowler, 3. Christy Davis, 4. (No Name).

**Creative Lines:** 1. Lindsey Meyer, 2. Lizann Garcia, 3. Brodi Hall, 4. Will Vise.

**Glass Jewelry:** 1. Mandy Poole, 2. Joseph Huffman, 3. Eric Wade, 4. Macial Garcia.

**Nature Pastels:** 1. Stephanie Blanship, 2. Angela Murray, 3. Brian Sealman, 4. Charity Nachtigall.

**One-point murals:** 1. Priti Patel, 2. Brandy Reynolds, 3. Erik Brown, 4. Sara Mitchell.

**Watercolor:** 1. Desiree Hillman, 2. Adam Jones, 3. Ashlei Jordan, 4. Armando Anguiano.

**Western Art:** 1. Tara Coffee, 2. Tommy Abernathy, 3. Jessica Knipp, 4. Lindsey Meyer.

**Caricature:** 1. Lizann Garcia, 2. Lauren Cortez, 3. Matt Jameson, 4. Landon Baker.

**Watercolor:** 1. Jeremy Mitchell, 2. (No Name), 3. Tamra Henthorn, 4. Brodi Hall.

**Nature Scenes:** 1. Corey Fowler, 2. Lucas Olivia, 3. Dori Edens, 4. David Sanchez.

**Surrealism:** 1. Shawn Strate, 2. Justin Leos, 3. Lindsey Hampton, 4. Josh Larkin.

**Collage (cubicle):** 1. Will Vise, 2. Cody Fedric, 3. Ryan Zemanek, 4. Jake Crain.

**Shoe:** 1. Josh Larkin, 2. Will Vise, 3. Cory Fowler, 4. Marcelo Lopez.

**Prehistoric/Future:** 1. Schanta Platt, 2. Reed DeFever, 3. Breck Hoggatt, 4. Anite Hacker.

**Baby Contest (Life Management Classes):** 1. Michael Stripling "ET", 2. Brooke Chronister "Tiffany Lee", 3. Johanna Coker "Justin Tyler."

## \$1 million stolen

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — A man impersonating a bank employee stole \$1 million that had been shipped from New York City to an airport freight terminal, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

The theft happened Sunday at Nairobi's international airport. The man claimed he had been sent by a Citibank branch for the money, the *Daily Nation* reported.

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