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# The Pampa News

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## Good Evening!

### LOCAL

**PAMPA** — Music, comedy, those fabulous old cowboy movies and those chilling, thrilling science fiction epics combine to fill up four new cable television channels made available to Pampans this week.

Sammons Communication has added to its Tier 1 lineup in Pampa: The Sci-Fi Channel (49), Z Music (50), Nostalgia Channel (51) and Comedy Central (52), said Sheila Mosteller, director of marketing for the cable company.

That brings to 42 the number of channels offered on the Tier 1 cable lineup. The new channels went on-line Wednesday.

The Sci-Fi Channel features old science fiction movies. Z Music offers a wide variety of music, including Christmas, pop, rock, country and gospel.

The Nostalgia Channel features old western movies and old popular TV series such as *Marcus Welby, MD* and *Love Boat*. And Comedy Central features a variety of comedy shows and stand-up comics.

**PAMPA** - Two Wyoming men picked up in a vacant house on North Sumner Tuesday have been charged with criminal trespass, according to Pampa police Lt. Steve Chance.

Bond was set at \$4,000 on Michael Ward and \$2,000 on Chad Baluska, both of Rock Springs, Wyo., by Justice of the Peace Bob Muns. Both remain in Gray County jail in lieu of bond.

Police officials said Wednesday both men were being held on burglary charges from Rock Springs. A \$20,000 bond was set for Ward on burglary; however, no burglary charge was filed on Baluska, Chance said.

Police picked up Ward and Baluska about 2 p.m. Tuesday at 637 N. Sumner, where they went after learning from a local real estate agent the address of a vacant house belonging to Ward's grandmother.

Ward told officers he planned a surprise visit to the woman, whom officials learned actually lives in Amarillo, reports say.

The agent called police after following the men and a teenage girl to the house. They were asked to come to the police station, where the men were arrested.

**PAMPA** — A Pampa man is free on bond accused of making terroristic threats after his wife told police officials he threatened to harm himself and their children.

Brent Bradford, 31, was arrested at his South Christy home about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday after Kathy Bradford alleged he threatened to harm himself and two preschool daughters.

Eight officers were called into make the arrest, said police Lt. Steve Chance.

"We believed we had a situation requiring other than normal procedures," he said.

A command post was set up in a business parking lot on Texas 60 while officers watched the house at 1004 S. Christy. When Bradford's father drove up to the house, the man walked onto the porch and officers arrested him, Chance explained.

No injuries were reported.

Bond was set at \$2,000 by Justice of the Peace Bob Muns. Making terroristic threats is a Class B misdemeanor.

### STATE

**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 jackpot was worth \$10 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were 17, 21, 22, 33, 46 and 47.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$18 million.

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## Clinton putting \$25 billion in military

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER  
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today pledged to seek a \$25 billion increase in military spending over the next six years to improve troop readiness and quality of life.

Flanked by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Clinton said he also would seek approval of an emergency increase in this year's defense budget to pay for unanticipated military deployments.

"I have pledged that throughout the life of this administration our military will remain the best trained, best equipped, the best fighting force on earth," Clinton said at a White House announcement. "We ask much of our military and we owe much to them."

Clinton disputed a suggestion that his request for additional Pentagon spending was an acknowledgement that he had cut too much last year. He said the request was because of unanticipated deployments to the Persian Gulf, Haiti and elsewhere.

"We have seen the military having to deal with an amazing variety of challenges," Clinton said.

Clinton did not say how much extra money he would request for the Pentagon this year. Without it, he said, the Pentagon would have to curtail training and find cuts elsewhere.

The \$25 billion in additional spending beginning next year is designed to cover a projected \$40 billion shortfall over five years that had been created by a congressionally required pay raise, and by inflation.

Congressional Republicans have criticized Clinton for defense cuts they say have eroded military readiness, and the House GOP's agenda proposes a \$60 billion increase in defense spending. Clinton's announcement today was an effort to answer the GOP criticism and counter the Republican budget proposal.

The president also seemed determined to answer GOP Sen. Jesse Helms' recent suggestion that Clinton was not fit to be commander in chief.

In announcing his new spending initiative, Clinton rattled off a list of military actions he has ordered as president, including use of troops to help restore Haiti's democracy and deployment of U.S. forces to Kuwait to counter an Iraqi troop buildup

along the Iraq-Kuwait border. "Saddam Hussein got the message," Clinton said.

And in a holiday season reassurance to U.S. troops, Clinton guaranteed they will receive the 2 percent-a-year pay increase approved by Congress. The administration could have attempted to trim that increase.

Clinton said the increased spending next year and beyond would provide other "quality of life" improvements for U.S. forces and their families, including better housing, child care and family support services.

Clinton's announcement came just two weeks after the Army announced that three of its 12 divisions had fallen below peak readiness levels because money that would have gone to training exercises had been diverted to pay for operations in Rwanda, Haiti and elsewhere.

"This means that there will be more flying hours for pilots, more steaming hours for ships," which helps the force remain ready to conduct combat operations at a moment's notice, a Pentagon official said in advance of Clinton's announcement.

Clinton said nothing about potential weapons program cuts being pondered by

Deputy Defense Secretary John Deutch. Deutch has been looking at the potential for cancelling, stretching out or cutting back 10 major weapons programs, including such things as the Air Force's F-22 fighter jet, the Army's Comanche helicopter, the TSSAM Tri-service Standoff Attack Missile and the Marine's AAV Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicle.

This year, the administration's Pentagon's fiscal 1995 budget amounted to \$264 billion.

The Army is proposing a major reorganization of its fighting units that would pare 18,000 soldiers, two armored divisions and three combat brigades from its ranks.

The proposal is being discussed with members of Congress, and a final decision could come in a matter of days, Pentagon officials said Wednesday.

The reorganization does not involve closing any bases, but it would deactivate the headquarters of the historic 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan. — and the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colo.

One combat brigade each in Hawaii, Alaska and Kentucky would also be eliminated, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

## Report claims other inmates investigated in Dahmer's slaying

By ARTHUR L. SRB  
Associated Press Writer

PORTAGE, Wis. (AP) — Authorities are investigating whether more than one inmate was involved in the bludgeoning death of serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer and a second murderer, according to a published report.

The *Milwaukee Journal* today quoted an unidentified prison official as saying that "surprising" facts have yet to be disclosed and that the killer did not act alone. He did not elaborate, the paper said.

Dahmer, who admitted to killing 17 young men and boys, died Monday after being found in a pool of blood in a gymnasium bathroom at the Columbia Correctional Institution. He was assigned to clean the bathroom while on a work detail. Another inmate, Jesse Anderson, died Wednesday of injuries he sustained the same morning.

Corrections Secretary Michael Sullivan said he didn't know if the *Journal's* report was accurate.

"We're not making the investigation," he said. "I know nothing."

Sullivan had previously said that the only suspect in the slayings is Christopher Scarver, 25, who is serving a life term for murder.

The *Journal* quoted the source as saying that a conspiracy isn't thought to involve prison employees. Rather, other inmates are being investigated, including two brought to the gym for a recreation period when the bodies were discovered, the source said.

Columbia County Sheriff James D. Smith said Wednesday that eight people were in the prison's recreation area around the time of the attacks, including two guards, a recreation director and other inmates, and he hadn't yet narrowed the list of suspects.

"I got two victims and I got three inmates and that's where I'm going to leave it," Smith said. Smith wasn't available this morning for further comment, a secretary in his office said.

Dahmer died within minutes of receiving two major blows to the head, a coroner said Wednesday. Dahmer probably was hit a total of four or five times in all, Columbia County Coroner C. Keith Epps said.

## Reports: Michael trying to end marriage to Lisa

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jackson is trying to end his 5-month-old marriage to Lisa Marie Presley, tabloids in New York and London reported today.

The pop superstar's manager called the reports "an outrageous, 100 percent, total lie!"

The *New York Daily News* blamed the alleged breakup on the strain of a bi-coastal relationship, saying Jackson was angered by Presley's refusal to leave California and live with him in New York.

"Michael told me they're splitting," the *Daily News* quoted an unidentified close associate of Jackson as saying. "He doesn't want to live in California. He said it's bad vibes, bad luck for him there."

That contradicted a report in *London's Daily Mirror*, which claimed Jackson wanted more space and didn't want his wife tagging along with him to New York, where he keeps an apartment in the luxurious Trump Tower.

Jackson spokesman Lee Solters denied the couple were going separate ways, but acknowledged that he hadn't spoken with Jackson recently, the *News* said. Solters did not return a call to The Associated Press early today.

Jackson's manager, Bob Jones, heatedly denied talk of a split.

"This is an outrageous, 100 percent, total lie! People just don't want to give these kids a chance. You have my word that this is simply somebody's sick fantasy," Jones said in today's *New York Newsday*.



Betty Cochran works on various crafts for her booth as she prepares for the annual Festival of Christmas Trees and Gift Boutiques which opens Friday evening at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center. Cochran is among 50 exhibitors who will be at the Gift Boutique in the Heritage Room of the auditorium. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

## Festival, parade, ballet among events to open Pampa's Christmas season

The official opening of the Christmas season in Pampa gets under way this weekend with a full slate of activities.

City workers have been busy setting up the Community Christmas Tree on Hobart for its lighting on Friday evening prior to the opening of the 11th Annual Festival of Christmas Trees and Gift Boutique at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

Hours for the festival, featuring a wide variety of crafts, arts and holiday gift selections booths, will be from 6-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

Entertainment will be furnished by Pampa and area youth groups throughout the three-day event in the auditorium foyer where illuminated and decorated Christmas trees will be displayed.

The Gift Boutique will be in the Heritage Room, where approximately 50 exhibitors from the Panhandle area will display arts and crafts. A food booth will also be located in the Heritage Room and will be under the direction of the festival committee and volunteers. Profits raised will be donated to the Sheltered Workshop.

After the Festival of Trees concludes, the trees, donated by volunteer individuals, groups and businesses, will be given to area families to enable them to better enjoy the holidays.

Saturday activities begin with a Christmas parade at 10 a.m.

Saturday from the parking lot of Alco Discount Store in the Coronado Center. Leading the procession will be the National Guard Color Guard. Bringing up the rear will be Santa Claus, riding in a 1959-vintage fire truck.

Serving as grand parade marshal will be Pam Story, the current Mrs. Pampa. Honorary parade marshal will be Mrs. Jack Back.

When the parade leaves the Alco lot, it will travel down Somerville, across Hobart and continue on Somerville to Francis Avenue, where it will turn eastward to Cuyler Street. On Cuyler, the parade will travel south to Foster, west on Foster to Russell, then south on Russell to Frost. It will end at the corner of Frost and Atchison.

There will be three designated areas for handicap and senior citizen parking along the route, in the downtown area. Those parking areas, which will require either a handicap sticker or a person older than 60 in the car, are at Citizen's Bank & Trust Co., the north side of the Gray County Courthouse and the First National Bank motor bank.

More than 30 entries had signed up for the parade earlier this week.

Also on the schedule for Saturday is the annual Taste of Pampa at the Pampa Mall, sponsored by the Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., after the parade, residents are invited to sample various foods by local

restaurants and food preparers.

Participants include Mr. Gatti's Pizza, Chicken Express, McCarty Hull, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Culligan Water Conditioning, Dyer's Bar-B-Que, Danny's Market, Jay's Drive Inn, Daylight Donuts, Albertson's, Long John Silvers, Dairy Queen, Dos Caballeros, Lowe's, Country General, Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, Sirloin Stockade, McDonald's, Hoagies, D.J. Taco, Allsup's and Kevin's Catering.

There will be a small charge for the all-you-can-eat samples, with children under 2 eating free.

Concluding the Saturday activities will be the Pampa Civic Ballet's performance of *The Nutcracker* under the direction of Jeanne Willingham, at 7:30 p.m. at the M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center with guests artists Dmitri Korobeinikov and Elosia Narvaez.

Korobeinikov and Narvaez, a husband and wife team from the Alabama Ballet, are returning to Pampa again this year for another performance with the ballet.

*The Nutcracker* is a story set in music about a young girl named Clara and her Christmas dreams and will include local dancers in addition to Korobeinikov and Narvaez.

Tickets to the ballet may be purchased at Beaux Arts Dance Studio, Kids Stuff, from dancers in the show, Civic Ballet Board members and also at the door.

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

ASH, Steve — 10:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, Canadian.

## Obituaries

### DORLAIN I. LADD

Dorlain I. Ladd, 74, of Pampa, died Thursday, Dec. 1, 1994. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Sunnyside Cemetery at Vici, Okla., with the Rev. John Andrews, pastor of First Baptist Church of Vici, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Ladd was born Sept. 18, 1920, in Holly, Okla. She had lived in Spearman for 38 years before moving to Pampa in 1989. She married Donald Howard Ladd on July 10, 1938 at Woodward, Okla. He died in 1989.

Survivors include a daughter, Joy Rex of Pampa; a son, C. Alan Ladd of Pampa; three sisters, Gwen Cathey of Chadron, S.D., Dolletta Leckenby of Greeley, Colo., and Ardell Gann of Woodward; two brothers, Wendell Nicholson of Fort Worth and Jack Nicholson of Dumas; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

### FLORA VINCENT

AMARILLO — Flora Vincent, 88, of Amarillo, a former Pampa resident, died Saturday, Nov. 26, 1994. Services were Monday in Amarillo and burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Bell Avenue Chapel of Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Vincent was born in Lefors and graduated from Pampa High School. She attended College of the Industrial Arts and Texas Christian University. She was a homemaker and had lived in Amarillo 69 years. She married Jack R.C. Vincent in 1925 at Amarillo. He died in 1982. She was a member of the Amarillo Garden Club and Central Church of Christ of Amarillo.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary J. Vincent of Albuquerque, N.M.; a son, Jack R. Vincent of Amarillo; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Central Church of Christ in Amarillo or the High Plains Children's Home, 1501 W. 58th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79110.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.

Wheat	3.55
Milo	3.66
Corn	4.09

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:

NOVSCO	13 3/4	NC
Occidental	19 3/8	dn1/4

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	65.87
Puritan	15.04

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amoco	40 5/8	dn1/4
Arco	103 3/8	dn1/8
Cabot	26 1/4	up1/8
Cabot Oil & Gas	16 3/4	NC

## Fires

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

### WEDNESDAY, Nov. 30

12:51 p.m. — Three units and eight personnel responded to a structure fire at 1713 N. Duncan. Cause of the fire was an electrical malfunction. Moderate damage was reported.

## Police report

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

### WEDNESDAY, Nov. 30

Kathy Bradford, 1128 N. Starkweather, reported terroristic threats at 1004 S. Christy.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive.

Bill Shouse, 1318 W. Kentucky, reported found property at Harvester and Magnolia.

### Arrests

### WEDNESDAY, Nov. 30

Brent J. Bradford, 31, 1004 S. Christy, was arrested on a charge of terroristic threats. He was transferred to Gray County jail where he was released on bond.

### THURSDAY, Dec. 1

Arthur R. Short, 33, 1008 Crane, was arrested at Hobart and Sumner on a charge of public intoxication.

## Sheriff's Office

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

### WEDNESDAY, Nov. 30

Allsup's, Price Road and Texas 152, reported theft \$20-\$500.

## Hospital

<b>CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions Pampa</b>	Canadian, a boy.
Claudia Deaton	Dismissals Pampa
Myrtle Denham	Cindy Frith and baby boy
Devin Henderson	Joe Montgomery
James Wylie (extended care)	Leslie Rush
Alice Thompson	James Wylie (to extended care)
<b>Canadian</b>	<b>Groom</b>
Tari Reames	Ruby Latta
<b>Lefors</b>	Lefors
Leona Hill (extended care)	Leona Hill (to extended care)
<b>McLean HOSPITAL Admissions Miami</b>	<b>SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions Shamrock</b>
Trayce Polk	Cleo Davis
<b>Wheeler</b>	McLean
Kimberly Winter	Charles Jasper
<b>Birth</b>	Dismissals Amarillo
To Mr. and Mrs. Dusten Reames of	Delfina Villarreal

## Calendar of events

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK**  
A blood pressure check is offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. Blood sugar tests are offered the first Friday of each month. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

### FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES AND GIFT BOUTIQUE

The Festival of Christmas Trees and Gift Boutique will be held from 6-9 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The festival will feature decorated Christmas trees which will be donated by local businesses to needy families, plus various exhibitors, entertainment and a food booth. The Pampa Sheltered Workshop will be the recipient of this year's donations.

## Emergency numbers

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

# Survey finds many students doubt interest of teachers and parents

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — One in three American students believes teachers seldom give them personal attention and nearly half of those who have been victims of violence think adults don't understand their problems, according to a nationwide study on violence in public schools.

"Students who have been victims of violence or have been physically hurt while in or around school universally believe that teachers sometimes treat them like numbers," says the survey conducted by Louis Harris and Associates Inc.

The results were released today at a forum cosponsored by MetLife, which commissioned the survey, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Center for Workforce Preparation.

"The survey suggests to me the need to stamp out the first sign of violence before they become commonplace, to have zero tolerance for violent behavior and to do whatever more is necessary to keep weapons out of school," said Humphrey Taylor, chairman and chief executive officer of Louis Harris and Associates.

"It's easy for me to stand here and say these things, but very tough to achieve them," he said.

Harry P. Kamen, his counterpart at MetLife, stressed more parental involvement. Parents, he said, think they show more interest in what hap-

pens in their child's school than the students think they do.

"Fifty-eight percent of all students believe their parents never exchange notes with a teacher or school official," he said. "Two-in-five students who have been victims of violence say their parents never talk to the school staff, not even by telephone."

More than 1,000 parents and 2,500 students were interviewed by telephone in a one-month period beginning in April.

"A majority of students have never been victims of violence and have never been physically hurt while in or around school," the survey report said. But, it said, a substantial number have.

"In the past month, a sizable proportion of public school students have had personal experiences with angry scenes or confrontations (44 percent), and physical fights (24 percent)," the report said.

"Students who do not achieve in school and those who have been victims of violent incidents at some time in their school life, are more frequently involved in all types of confrontational behavior."

In that month, 5 percent of all students surveyed said they had been threatened at least once with a gun and 7 percent with a knife. Among students with mostly A's and B's, 4 percent had been threatened with a gun and 3 percent with a knife.

More than half of all students who had been victims of violence — rang-

ing from verbal insults to threats with a gun or knife — said their experiences cause them to distrust other students. And one-third said they are less respectful of others.

"When asked why they do not talk about their problems in school or disagreements with other students," the report said, "those who have been victims of violence are more likely to believe their parents cannot help (29 percent), that adults do not understand their problems (47 percent), that they will get into trouble (22 percent) and that their parents are not interested or are too busy to help them (17 percent)."

There were marked differences in the responses of parents and students on the quality of life in public school. The report said "clearly, students, parents and teachers can learn from one another how best to curb disorder. ... But to engage in this learning, they must first improve their communications."

Other survey findings:  
— Thirty-one percent of students believe they have received personal attention from a teacher only a few times or hardly ever, and those most at risk of becoming victims of violence are more likely to feel that way.

— Parents are more likely to think students receive personal attention from teachers.

— Students who have experienced violence are more often critical of their schools and of relations with teachers and other students.

## Hospice's 'Tree of Love' taking donations

While most trees lie dormant in winter, there is one tree that reaches full bloom in December — Hospice of the Panhandle's "Tree of Love."

This tree's "blossoms" are determined by the number of donations made in honor or memory of special persons and its fruits are the funds that will help Hospice of the Panhandle care for its needy patients during the year to come.

For a \$10 donation, a light is placed on Hospice's Trees of Love which can be seen at 120 W. Kingsmill in Pampa and at 300 S. McGee in Borger. By "lighting up a life," donors not only honor special persons in their lives, they also help provide hospice care to the terminally ill and their families in the nine

counties of the Hospice of the Panhandle's service area.

In addition, the honorees' names are written on ornaments used to decorate trees located in the Pampa Post Office and the Borger Post Office.

These lights can be donated in celebration of the birth of a child, in loving memory of a friend or relative, or in honor of someone special who lives.

Hospice of the Panhandle is dedicated to the care and support of the terminally ill and their families without regard to whether or not the organization will receive any form of reimbursement. Hospice never bills patients or family members for its service.

Donors to Hospice can be assured that they know where their money is going and how it will be spent, says Sherry McCavit, executive director. Money donated to Hospice goes toward medicines, personal care, medical equipment and support for indigent patients and their families.

A gift to Hospice of the Panhandle does not end when the Tree of Love lights are put up at the end of the holiday season, McCavit adds, but continues to help patients and families throughout the year.

To "Light Up a Life" on Hospice's Tree of Love, send donations to Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2782, Pampa, TX 79066. Each gift will be acknowledged to both the donor and those who are honored.

## Nation's Christmas tree delivered to White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Christmas arrived at the White House today.

A towering blue spruce — appropriately from Clinton County, Mo. — was carted up the White House drive to adorn the Blue Room at about the same time this year's White House Christmas card made its formal debut.

First Elf Hillary Rodham Clinton, wearing a bright red suit with a gold Christmas tree pin, presided over the driveway ceremonies as two Belgian

horses plodded up the lane ferrying this year's tree.

"We've always loved Christmas in our family," she cooed. "We'll keep our traditions plus have the excitement of our second Christmas at the White House."

This year's card features a bright reproduction of artist Thomas McKnight's "White House Christmas" depiction of the Red Room bedecked in holiday finery with stockings arrayed on

the fireplace mantle.

Mrs. Clinton explained that the White House will be closed for a few days while the main tree and others are decorated by staff and dozens of helpers who are "like Christmas elves."

The White House may soon be ready for Christmas, but the first lady says she has a way to go on her own shopping.

"I have some done, but not near enough," she said.

## Weather focus

### LOCAL FORECAST

Increasing cloudiness tonight with a low of about 40 and southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Mostly cloudy Friday with a high in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Wind warnings in effect on area lakes. Wednesday's high was 62; the overnight low was 36.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, increasing clouds. Lows near 40. Friday, mostly cloudy and breezy. Highs in upper 60s. Friday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in mid or upper 30s. South Plains: Tonight, increasing clouds. Lows near 40. Friday, mostly cloudy. High near 70. Friday night, mostly cloudy. Lows near 40.

North Texas — Tonight, partly

cloudy with lows 39 to 47. Friday, mostly cloudy with highs 67 to 69.

Friday night, cloudy with a slight chance of showers south and west. Lows 51 to 56.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Widely scattered areas of rain western sections. Lows in the 50s. Friday, cloudy with widely scattered to scattered areas of rain.

Highs upper 60s to low 70s. Friday night, cloudy with scattered areas of rain. Lows in the 50s to near 60. Coastal Bend: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows 50s inland to 60s coast. Friday, cloudy with scattered areas of rain. Highs in the 70s. Friday night, cloudy with scattered areas of rain. Lows in the 60s.

Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, cloudy with scat-

tered areas of rain. Lows in the 60s.

Friday, cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the 70s. Friday night, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s.

### BORDER STATES

Oklahoma — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in upper 30s to low 40s. Friday, partly cloudy to mostly cloudy. Highs in 60s.

New Mexico — Tonight, partly cloudy southern half, fair skies north. Lows upper teens to low 30s mountains and northwest with mid 20s to near 40 lower elevations east and south. Friday, partly sunny southeast half. Mostly sunny northwest. Highs mid 40s to low 60s mountains and northwest with upper 50s to low 70s lower elevations east and south.

## Christopher yielding to allies on Bosnia

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Secretary of State Warren Christopher is telling the NATO allies the Clinton administration has swung to their view that diplomacy, not force, is the best way to deal with the war in Bosnia.

It is the first time in the post-World War II history of the alliance that the Europeans led by France prevailed over the United States in formulating a major policy.

It is a difficult assignment for Christopher, putting him in the awkward position of shifting gears even while denying U.S. policy on the war has changed or that there is a trans-Atlantic rift.

Trying to patch over the embarrassing dispute, Christopher pronounced the alliance strong and he charted a plan for growth through absorption of East European countries. A ceremony was scheduled to establish links to Russia, for decades the direct target of NATO's massive

military preparedness program.

The plan was adopted. Over the next 12 months, bureaucrats will study the financial, structural and nuclear implications of taking in Eastern and Central European countries — despite Russia's reservations.

Christopher told the allies in a speech that "the tragedy of the war and bloodshed in Bosnia does not diminish our responsibility to build a comprehensive European security architecture."

"America's interests in Europe have not changed," he said. "Neither have the basic principles guiding our engagement." And at the top of the list, Christopher said today, was that "the United States has enduring political, military, economic and cultural links to Europe that must and will be preserved."

Earlier, at breakfast with Douglas Hurd, the British foreign secretary, Christopher reviewed the warning U.N. Secretary-General Boutros

Boutros-Ghali delivered Wednesday that unless warring Serbs and Muslims cooperate with the U.N. mission the peacekeepers might be withdrawn.

Christopher and Hurd said they may go to Belgrade, the Yugoslav capital, this weekend to preach reconciliation. "We will redouble our efforts to find a diplomatic solution," Christopher said.

However, his aides spread the word a trip by Christopher to Belgrade was unlikely.

Asked if the troops would be withdrawn, Hurd replied grimly: "We certainly hope not."

By chance, it was the United States' turn to preside over a meeting today of the North Atlantic Council, NATO's policy-making arm. This puts Christopher under an even brighter spotlight, and he was responding both with a brief speech opening the session and a detailed one outlining U.S. plans for NATO's expansion.

## 88-year sentence given in sexual assault

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — A convicted rapist and child fonder who twice pleaded guilty to the same 1983 sexual assault received an 88-year prison sentence this morning.

George Prince, whose record of sex crimes spans three states and 24 years, faced up to life in prison.

Prince, 52, was sentenced to 50 years in prison the first time he reached a plea bargain for raping a woman at an Abilene nightclub.

But the plea bargain was broken when Illinois prosecuted him for a 1979 rape, in violation of the agreement Prince made with Taylor County prosecutors.

On Wednesday, he pleaded guilty again in the Abilene case — 11 years after his first plea bargain.

Prince told jurors Wednesday "I'm basically a good person" and

said he "can't see why" the victim would still be afraid of him.

"I'm a victim as much as she is," Prince testified. "I feel like I have lived with the consequences. ... I just want a shot at life."

But jurors also heard from Prince's two grown daughters, one of whom appeared repulsed and testified he had a reputation for extreme violence.

And the victim testified the attack has left her fearful and a "pitiful" prisoner in her own home.

"I'm very afraid of him," she said.

Authorities said Prince had been convicted in 1970 for fondling a child and, at the time he was accused of raping a 16-year-old Illinois girl in 1979, was a fugitive on charges of raping a 15-year-old girl in Oregon.

## GCAD board to meet today

Board members of Gray County Appraisal District are to meet at 5 p.m. today in the GCAD conference room, 815 N. Sumner.

On the agenda for consideration are network and hardware proposals for computer equipment and costs of conversion and installation of date and software.

The board will consider the appointment of two members to the appraisal review board and hear a report from the chief appraiser.

Members of the board of directors are Samuel A. Haynes, chairman; Neil Quattlebaum, secretary; Wallace Birkes, John Spearman and Dr. Keith Teague. W. Pat Bagley is chief appraiser.

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## Ernesto Zedillo takes over as president of Mexico today

By JOHN RICE  
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Ernesto Zedillo becomes president today, promising profound political and legal reforms to match the free market opening that resulted in the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The mild-mannered, 42-year-old economist caps an unlikely journey when he assumes the red, green and white presidential sash to start a six-year term as leader of this country of 90 million.

The former Mexicali shoeshine boy achieved a Yale doctorate in economics. Bypassed once for his party's presidential nomination, he was thrust into the campaign by the March assassination of Luis Donaldo Colosio, first choice of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI.

He won the presidency Aug. 21 in the most credible elections ever held in Mexico.

Zedillo has pledged to use the near-absolute powers of Mexico's presidency to weaken his own office.

He says he will give greater independence to the congress, the courts and local governments as well as the PRI itself. He says he will end the practice of having the president handpick all top PRI candidates.

Zedillo, former budget and planning minister under President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, is sure to continue his predecessor's free-market economic policies — a commitment underlined by the Cabinet choices announced Wednesday.

Leading negotiators of NAFTA — the trade pact with the United States and Canada — were named heads of treasury, trade and foreign policy. Seven other free-market economists also were named to the 25-person cabinet.

Vice President Al Gore, one of 63 foreign dignitaries attending the inauguration, said 1994 was a year of "unprecedented progress in the bilateral relationship between the United States and Mexico ... and we look forward to even greater improvement in the year ahead."

Among others who arrived for the inauguration was President Fidel Castro of Cuba.

Zedillo also showed signs of a political opening with the appointment of a conservative opposition party member, Antonio Lozano, as attorney general. The post is crucial for Zedillo, who made fighting government corruption a major part of his campaign.

Last week, a deputy attorney general investigating the Sept. 28 assassination of his own brother, a top PRI official, resigned angrily, charging that top government and party officials were involved in a cover-up.

Lozano's appointment marks the first time a Cabinet post has been given to an opposition party member, and it "opens the possibility of an important change," said Carlos Castillo Pedraza, the president of the National Action Party.

On Tuesday, Zedillo reached out to the left as well, meeting with leaders of the Democratic Revolutionary Party and promising reforms to help make Mexico more democratic.

## Salvation Army preparing for Christmas projects

The Salvation Army is gearing up for its annual Christmas projects to benefit the needy, from its annual kettle fund-raising drive, to the Angel Tree and toys for children and the Christmas dinner gift baskets.

Lt. Tony Housley, commanding officer of the Pampa Salvation office, said two Angel Trees are set up in Pampa, one at Wal-Mart Discount City and the other at First National Bank.

"The purpose of the Angel Tree is to provide Pampa children with clothing at Christmas," he said.

The trees contain "angels" which list the clothing sizes for various boys and girls registered through The Salvation Army's office. Individuals or groups are invited to pick the "angels" from the trees, buy articles of clothing and then drop them off at The Salvation Army Corps Community Center, 701 S. Cuyler.

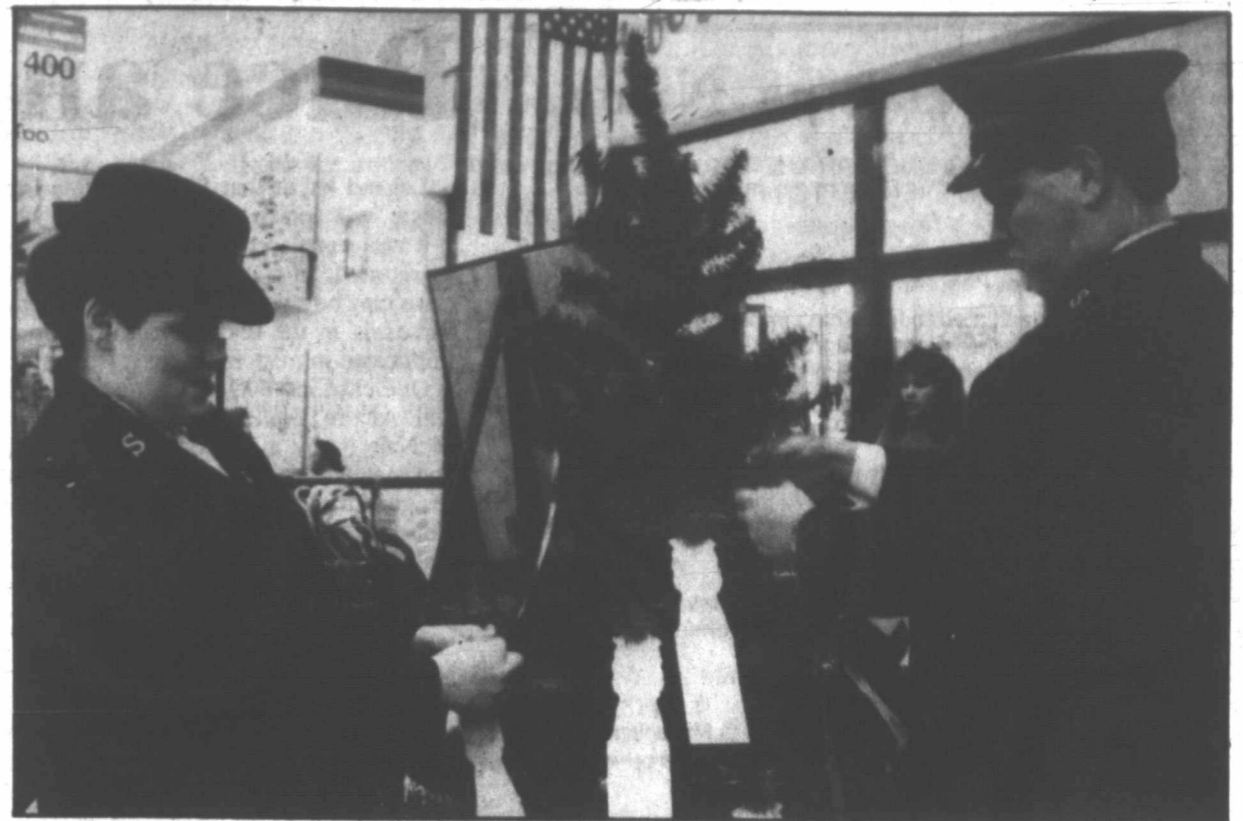
The clothing gifts will be distributed after the Christmas Assistance Center opens on Dec. 21.

Parents meeting qualifying guidelines can still register their children for the Angel Tree through Dec. 9 at the Corps office. Lt. Housley said about 200 family applications are expected, adding that some applications will be for two or more children in a family.

"The number of children for the Angel Trees has increased dramatically this year," he said.

Volunteers are still needed to help man the Christmas kettles to collect donations to provide funds for the Christmas assistance projects. Individuals or groups can volunteer by contacting Nadine Moore, volunteer coordinator, at 665-7233.

Ms. Moore said there are some indoor locations available, such as



Mrs. Lt. Robbye Housley and Lt. Tony Housley put 'angels' on the Angel Tree at Wal-Mart Discount City. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Wal-Mart or the Pampa Post Office, for those senior citizens who might want to volunteer but do not want to be outside in cold weather.

"We're still needing lots of volunteers for the kettles," she said, adding that someone giving even a couple of hours can help.

Volunteers are also needed to help with preparing the items for distribution on Dec. 19-20 and for helping with the actual distribution on Dec. 21-23 at the Christmas Assistance Center, Lt. Tony Housley said.

"Volunteers will benefit from the

giving of their time to help prepare the food baskets, toys and clothing for distribution," he said.

The preparation on Dec. 19-20 will involve the Toy Shop, Angel Tree packages and preparation of the food baskets. Toys will be separated by age categories, with each child registered for the project receiving two toys. Angel Tree clothing packages will be wrapped, if needed, and assigned to the specific individuals. Food baskets for a Christmas dinner will be packed.

On Dec. 21, at 8:30 a.m., a ribbon

cutting will be held for the Christmas Assistance Center, located at the Corps Community Center, with the distribution beginning at 9 a.m.

Distribution will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 21, 22 and 23. Volunteers are needed to help guide the children and families to select the toys, pick up the Angel Tree packages and receive their food baskets.

Those wishing to volunteer for the Christmas Assistance Center projects can contact Mrs. Lt. Robbye Housley at the Corps building, 665-7233.

## Clinton close to securing GATT victory

By DAVE SKIDMORE  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under a furious lobbying barrage from the Clinton administration and a small army of corporate executives, the Senate stood on the verge today of ratifying a sweeping expansion of global free trade.

The climatic vote will not occur until tonight after a second full day of debate, but supporters were claiming they now had an ample number of votes for the agreement itself and, more importantly, a small cushion for the three-fifths majority they need on a budget waiver.

"By the time the vote is actually taken tonight, we expect GATT will pass," said presidential press secretary Dee Dee Myers.

While administration officials and Senate supporters said their vote counts showed victory in their grasp, they did not let up in their lobbying efforts.

President Clinton met at the White House with a group of mostly undecided senators in an attempt to build the victory margin.

Opponents, while conceding that the momentum was not going their way, did not let up in their efforts, either. A group of two-dozen protesters, one dressed as a lame-duck, chanted outside the White House as senators arrived for breakfast with Clinton.

Sen. Fritz Hollings, D-S.C., said that the new trade agreement was a bad deal that, by lowering trade barriers, would subject American workers to even more unfair competition from low-wage countries, further weakening the country's economic standing.

"The reality is that we are in decline. Everybody knows that," said Hollings, whose home-state textile industry will be one of the biggest losers in the deal. "Wake up, Washington."

However, GATT supporters said that the Senate's choice on the last day of the 103rd Congress was between continuing to hold a position of economic leadership in the global economy or retreating behind protectionist barriers.

The House endorsed the accord, negotiated under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, by a 288-146 vote on Tuesday.

Thirty-three other countries already have ratified the 124-nation accord and supporters said other countries are poised to act before Jan. 1 if the Senate follows the House.

According to an Associated Press survey, GATT proponents appeared on the verge of victory, when counting those who were leaning in favor but not firmly committed.

The AP head count had 60 senators for or leaning for waiving budget rules, 26 against or leaning against and 14 undecided.

Opponents' only hope was to change enough senators' minds to muster 41 votes in favor of the procedural hurdle imposed by Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va. Under Senate rules, the implementing bill must offset all of the projected \$43 billion in lost tariff revenues over the first decade of the accord.

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**Opinion**

**Nice idea, but who's going to pay for it?**

The 96,000-member Texas State Teachers Association wants the Texas Legislature to provide home computers to every second- and eighth-grader in the state and their teachers.

The TSTA contends, rightly, that too many Texas students are being left out of the information revolution because they cannot afford personal computers. Making PC's available at school, like textbooks, is a necessity if the education system is going to meet the needs of an increasingly technological world.

Of course, as long as we're thinking wishfully, why limit the kids to computers? Why not include modems and software to make it possible for them to plug into information networks such as the Internet, Prodigy and so forth. How about multi-media? Wouldn't it enhance the education process if every kid could turn on a computer and hear and see the information as well as read it?

Of course, it costs nothing to talk about proposals such as this, and that is the point: Who is going to pay for this well-intended but impractical proposal?

Texas is still struggling to find adequate and equitable education funding. Some school districts don't have the money to buy up-to-date textbooks, much less computers.

Then there's the matter of ever-advancing technology. Computers are obsolete almost as soon as they hit the shelves. Even if PCs could be checked in and out each year like textbooks and reused in succeeding years, it wouldn't be long until students were pecking along on hopelessly outdated machines.

The TSTA's recommendation has merit, but no money, and thus no chance of approval by a Legislature already struggling to make ends meet. It's pie-in-the-sky — akin to dreaming about the day you're going to hit the lottery, except in this case the numbers will never come up. A far better approach, for example, is an idea that has been kicked around by the Ector County Independent School District. To bring technology to students in families without the resources to buy a computer, the district is contemplating study centers to be located in lower-income neighborhoods.

Because the business community has a stake in the education system, maybe these centers could be equipped through the private sector. It's a fiscally responsible concept and one that the TSTA and other proponents of unfunded government mandates would do well to consider.

There's no doubt that computers are gaining ever more importance in nearly all phases of business and industry, for letter-writing, record keeping, inventories, design, accounting, publishing — the list is endless. Businesses who say they want skilled workers coming from the schools should be willing to invest to help those students become skilled workers.

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**Race and the Heisman Trophy**

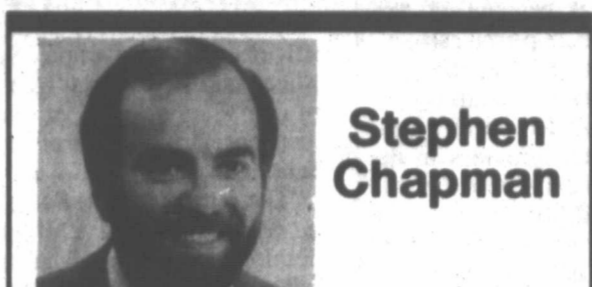
Legend has it that Sigmund Freud, puffing on a stogie, was approached by a woman who asked him if it was some sort of phallic symbol. "Sometimes," he retorted, "a cigar is just a cigar." Racial antagonism may be a persistent factor in American life, just as sex is in the unconscious. But sometimes it is implicated in matters where it is utterly irrelevant.

One case involves black quarterbacks in general and Alcorn State's Steve McNair in particular. McNair is, by all accounts, an exceptional passer and a sure bet to go early in the National Football League draft. But he's only a long shot for the Heisman Trophy, given each year to the best collegiate player in the country.

Why? The simple explanation is that McNair plays in the minor leagues of college football — Division I-AA, a tier down from the Nebraskas and Notre Dames. No Division I-AA player has ever won, because the judges (sports writers, broadcasters and past winners) apparently think you cannot be considered the best unless you have tested yourself against the best. McNair may look awesome facing Troy State or Prairie View A&M, but who knows how he would do against Penn State or Texas A&M?

The simple explanation, however, doesn't satisfy *New York Times* columnist William Rhoden, who recently compared the treatment of McNair to the old color bar in major league baseball — even though black players and quarterbacks are common in major league football.

"Unfortunately, Heisman voting is a beauty contest, and black has not always been considered beautiful," Rhoden continues, noting that no African-American won until 1961. But of the last 20 Heisman Trophy winners, 16 were black. Last year, it went to a black quarterback, Florida State's Charlie Ward.



**Stephen Chapman**

But Ward is Exhibit B for the proposition that prejudice works against black signal callers. Even though he won the Heisman, there were complaints when he was passed over in the NFL draft. (Never mind Andre Ware, who won the 1989 award and was a first-round pick.) The simple explanation is that Ward didn't look like a pro-style quarterback and no team wanted to waste a draft choice on a player who might opt for the NBA — as he ultimately did.

A league whose rosters are 65 percent black shouldn't have to deal with affirmative-action complaints, particularly one this flimsy. Plenty of coaches have been fired for losing with a white quarterback. How many have gotten dumped for winning with a black one? If white coaches prefer their own kind regardless of talent, how do we explain the extinction of the white comeback?

This indictment is no less plausible than the one drawn in the Susan Smith case — in which a white woman first said a black man had kidnapped her kids, only to confess later that she had killed them. Black leaders and commentators leaped to the conclusion that her phony charge, and the fact that it was believed for a while, was disgraceful proof of the enduring power of racial stereotypes.

Jesse Jackson said that this episode, like the

Rodney King case, dramatized the crisis in race relations. "Susan Smith was in tune with the racism in society," declared Harvard professor Alvin Poussaint. Memories were invoked of lynchings in the old South.

This reads far too much into a single bizarre incident. A lie told by a homicidal nut proves nothing about what whites think of blacks — any more than it proves something about what women think of men. "In tune with the racism of society"? Whites undoubtedly think they have more to fear from blacks than whites — not because most blacks are criminals, which they aren't, but because blacks commit a disproportionate share of crimes. Even Jesse Jackson says that on the street, he fears black males more than white ones. Does that make him a racist?

What would racially enlightened police have said when Smith related her account? "Sorry, ma'am, anybody who accuses a black man of a crime has got to be lying." Let's not be ridiculous. They had a duty to pursue every lead — just as police did after Tawana Brawley reported being raped by a gang of whites. When her story unraveled, I don't remember white men demanding an apology for racial stereotyping.

It would be a mistake to think racism plays no part in the problems of African-Americans. But the impulse to blame racism for every black setback, besides being groundless, is fundamentally destructive. It invites blacks to give up trying to succeed by implying their path will always be blocked. It invites whites to ignore genuine discrimination by making the whole idea of racism seem fraudulent.

Instead of fostering greater understanding and progress, charges like these provoke despair and cynicism. Finding bigotry everywhere is as dangerous as finding it nowhere.

**Today in history**

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 1, the 335th day of 1994. There are 30 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 1, 1955, a milestone of the civil rights movement took place aboard a city bus in Montgomery, Ala., as Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white man. Mrs. Parks was arrested, sparking a year-long boycott of the buses by blacks.

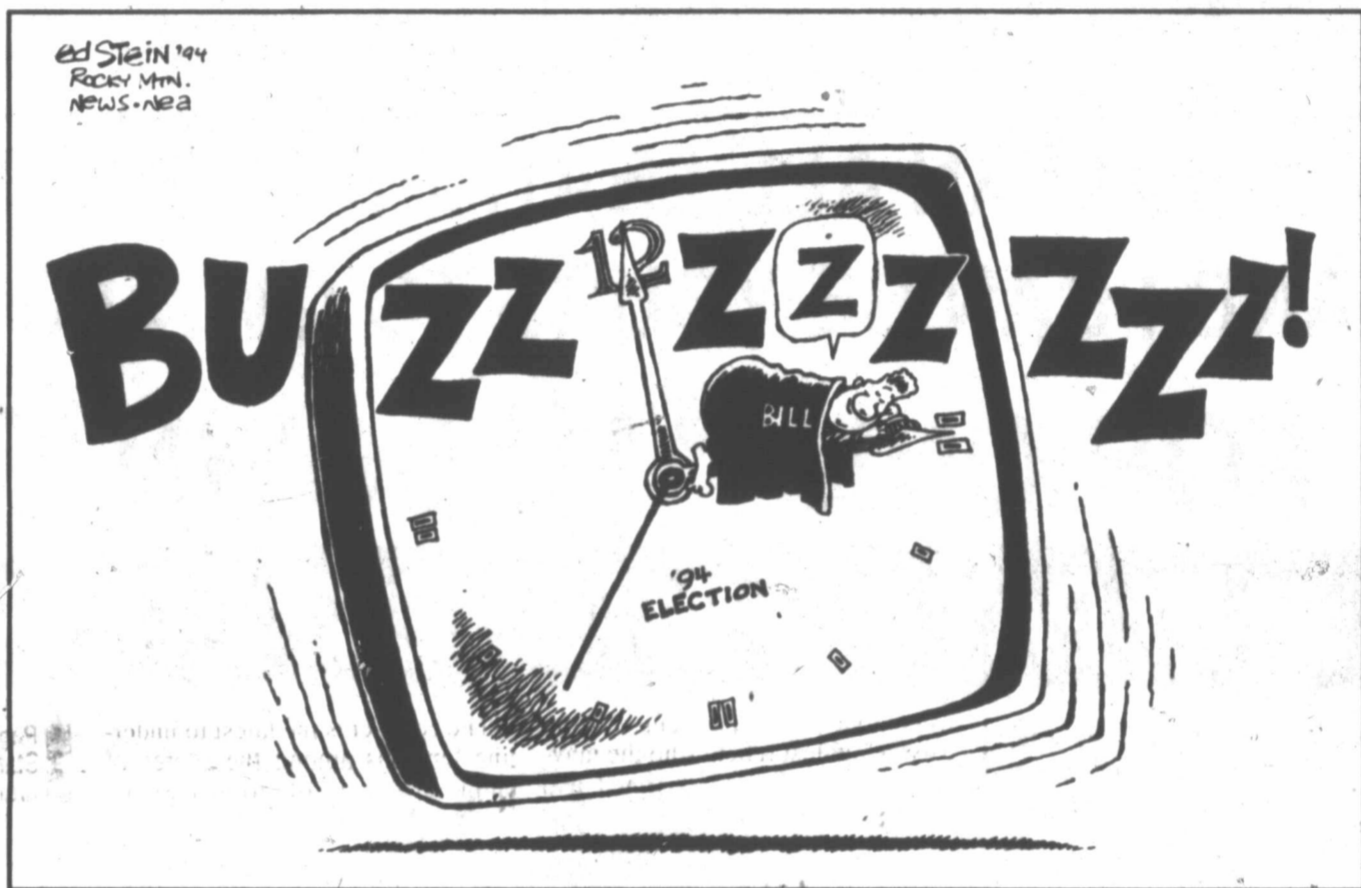
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In 1913, the first drive-in automobile service station opened, in Pittsburgh.

In 1919, Lady Astor was sworn in as the first female member of the British Parliament.

In 1934, Sergei M. Kirov, a collaborator of Josef Stalin, was assassinated in Leningrad, resulting in a massive purge.

In 1942, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States.



**Taking the minimum wage test**

**Charley Reese**

What with the book *The Bell Curve* and all its controversy, there's a lot of talk about tests these days. I've invented two of my own. One is the split pants test and the other is the minimum wage test.

Split pants tests are for those people who take themselves very seriously. The minimum wage test is for those people who think people who are poor, are poor because they are stupid.

To take the split pants test, you first arrange to deliver a speech (on a serious topic, of course) to a group of strangers in an expensive hotel ballroom. Then in the parking lot, you split the seat of your trousers. (Please wear underwear.) Now, the test is, Can you go into the fancy ballroom, deliver your speech and, at the same time, take yourself as seriously as you are in the habit of doing? If you can, I'm afraid you're hopelessly pompous.

I discovered this test because it happened to me. I'm not into clothes and so I keep suits and shoes until they fall apart. One particular 12-year-old suit decided one day to fall apart in the rear just as I arrived at a fancy hotel to deliver a speech to a national convention.

I thought it was funny, but I wasn't sure about the audience, so I did clever things: I pulled up my trousers as high as they would go to hide most of split underwear my jacket; I stuck close to the wall; and I sidled up to the podium in a modified crab walk. Everything went well, and no one but myself was aware that the

breeze was kissing my cheeks, fore and aft. Still, it reminded me of how ridiculous we humans really are. Life is often funny if you relax and enjoy it.

To take the minimum wage test, sit down at your personal computer, call up your spreadsheet program and work out a family budget based on the minimum wage. Heck, be generous. Work one out based on \$5 an hour.

Now, don't cheat. Deduct taxes, Social Security, Medicare, etc., and arrive at a monthly net income. Try to determine what you can afford in the way of housing, and then take a few hours to go out into your community and find out what kind of housing is available — if any — at that price. You will discover that, in most areas, housing costs will be crippling.

Take the food budget and try living on that for one week. If you do it all honestly, you will discover how difficult life is for people who are working on the low end of the wage scales in today's environment. You will find out that many areas do not have public transportation and that it will be necessary to have a car — and it probably won't be a very good car, at that — and pay mandatory insurance, just so you can work for \$5 an hour.

Most importantly, you will discover that no matter how smart you are and how carefully you budget, you will end up with absolutely no economic safety margin. By that I mean no savings, so that even one, relatively modest unexpected need for funds will cause your budget to collapse.

The great dividing line today, between material success and hard struggle, is at that point where you begin to take in more than you have to put out for necessities. It's only at that point that you can begin to save, to build up a cushion for those unexpected expenses and, eventually, perhaps, to invest.

Many corporations some years ago began to require college degrees as a ticket to enter. One consequence of this is that corporations tend to be filled with people who are, for the most part, from upper middle-class families. They have no personal experience with poverty. It's all theory.

This, in turn, often produces other consequences. One is that these corporate employees cannot very well evaluate programs which purport to do something about poverty. To them, poverty is just theory, so proposed solutions are also theory. Another consequence is that they tend to underestimate the impact that such things as regressive taxes or increased inflation have on people struggling at low wages. The worst consequence is the assumption that poverty is always a result of moral or mental deficiency. Take my test.

**Voters have had it with loose spending**

**Sarah Overstreet**

It is election eye and I am sitting at my computer terminal in the editorial department putting in the last letter-to-editor before Missouri voters go to the polls.

Just over my shoulder is a stack of letters as high as my nose which will never see the light of day, although we've been printing letters on the same subject for months. They are the repository of a passion I've never seen in my 15 years of reporting, all on "Hancock II," a tax-limitation amendment which is one of several around the country seeking voter approval this election.

It is a complicated amendment in its construction, so complex that legal minds all over the state and country disagree on exactly what it says and what it would do. Yet many of the writers of the letters looking over my shoulder say they can do what these legal minds cannot, which is to understand it perfectly. It will, they say, put back into the hands of voters the power to control how much of their money is taken for taxes and what is done with that money.

Others say they can't understand it completely, but they know enough about it to believe it will at least wreak havoc with programs approved in some cases by voters and in others by legislators. They have written letters warning of the dire consequences of the curtailment of this program or that program, many of them spurred on by the possibility of their own jobs being axed.



Therein the fight became personal, and therein we had a chance to view a major philosophical agreement which will be driving tax reform for some time.

Many writers in favor of Hancock II were incensed that the other side dare tell THEM they didn't have the right of cutting programs that have done such good things for so many.

The argument went as far back as the founding fathers: One side believed our forebears meant for us to have absolute control of how much we are taxed and how that money is spent, as a relief from the tyranny imposed on us by the English monarchy. The other believes the founders meant for us to elect representatives to vote on tax measures in our stead. To do otherwise is to so bog the wheels of government that we'll be forever mired in the minutiae of getting voter approval that we'll never get anything done. The philosophical argument stretches to the stew-

ardship of tax money since the inception of Great Society, and we add another side to the mix at this point. That side believes we have gone about doing good with all that tax money collected, so why is everyone so worked up?

The first side is disgusted at what it believes is an "entitlement-oriented" culture which has bred dependency almost into our DNA. Yet another side believes we need some sort of brakes on taxes and spending, but would like to see an understandable measure which won't cut vital services before we have a chance for more gradual and studied reform.

The basic underpinning of much of this emotion is the belief that our legislators don't hold themselves to the same standard to which we must hold ourselves personally: If we have to balance our private budgets, why doesn't the country? Programs costing a lot may be beneficial, but just how valuable are they when weighing against the national debt?

To put it simply, a membership to the Y may be good for the family, but if you're way over budget and losing ground to credit-card interest, it's time to cancel the membership to all the fancy equipment and get your exercise by walking down the road and doing push-ups in the living room.

By the time you read this, Hancock II and the other state tax-limitation measures will be either law or history. But if legislators don't hear them as a wake-up call that their electorate is looking for them to tighten up spending habits, they are comatose.

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## Groundbreaking held for Bush Presidential Library

By MICHAEL GRACZYK  
Associated Press Writer

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Former President George Bush, acknowledging he's passed the family's political torch to his sons George W. and Jeb, can't wait to begin a new career in academia. Even before the ceremonial first shovels of dirt were turned Wednesday at Texas A&M University for the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum Center, Bush announced he'll bring to Texas A&M next fall some of the top figures who shared the world stage with him during his four years in office.

"The conference will be in the form of oral history about the dramatic events of that period and their impact on the future — what does all of that mean," he said.

Already committed to talk about the end of the cold war are former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev and Margaret Thatcher, the former British prime minister, along with Brian Mulroney, the ex-Canadian prime minister, Bush said.

Construction of the \$82 million library and school of government, not expected to be complete until early 1997, officially got under way Wednesday when Bush and wife Barbara grabbed gleaming silver shovels and dug up several scoops of what A&M President Roy Bowen called "fighting Aggie dirt."

"We hope in some small way this library and school will give something back to help prepare our children and the generations to come for the exciting challenges that lie ahead," Bush said. "Our children, our country, our future. I can't think of a more worthwhile cause."

About 1,000 people, most of the Bush family and numerous former cabinet members among them, attended the ceremonies under a large white tent on the 90-acre site just west of the main A&M campus, some 90 miles northwest of Houston.

The former president and his wife invited their children, including Texas Gov.-elect George W. Bush, sons Jeb and Neil and their families, to grab other shovels and participate as well.

"This is a very exciting day for my father and mother," George W. Bush said afterward. "They truly hope for this to be a home away from home."

The \$82 million for the project must be privately raised, although the facility will be turned over to the federal government. School officials said Wednesday about \$71 million of the money has been raised.

The library will house 40,000 objects, 36 million pages of documents and some 1 million photographs from Bush's public career.

Texas A&M won the library in May 1991 when Bush selected the College Station site over competing proposals from the University of Houston and Rice University.

While the library is being built, a team of about a dozen researchers is organizing and cataloging all the material, which is stored in an old College Station bowling alley.

The Bush Library will be the 10th presidential library operated by the National Archives. An 11th library, the Richard Nixon Library in California, is privately run.

The Bush Library, however, will join the Lyndon Johnson Library in Austin and the Jimmy

Carter Library in Atlanta as only the third presidential library to have academic programs attached to it.

"This is a proud occasion, not simply for personal reasons," Bush said. "I have high hopes for what will be achieved here. It will look back at things we tried to do and offer opportunity for citizens to examine American leadership and policymaking during a time of unprecedented global transformation."

"But much more important to me, however, is how it will look to the future. And that's what this school of government and public service is all about."

Bush's remarks hinted briefly at disappointment with his re-election loss in 1992 to Bill Clinton.

"There was so much more we wanted to do," he said. "But Congress — I had some difficulties there and they chose to fight our initiatives."

He noted, however, the recent midterm elections that ousted the Democrats from power in Congress showed "the kind of common sense responsible change that apparently the American people were looking for."

Bush also touted the political futures of his sons, George W. in Texas, and Jeb, who lost a close governor's race in Florida earlier this month but was described by his father as "a rising star in Florida."

"With the exception of the faith in these guys, I don't miss politics one damn bit," Bush said as the crowd laughed.

He also brought laughter when he thanked his cabinet and referred to them as "half the (presidential) field for 1996."



Former President George Bush and first lady Barbara Bush lift their shovels during a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday for the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum at Texas A&M University in College Station. (AP photo)

## Laos agrees to MIA search

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — U.S. officials said Laos has agreed for the first time to let in former North Vietnamese soldiers to help locate possible burial sites of missing American servicemen.

The agreement marks a breakthrough in efforts to resolve the fates of some of the 505 Americans listed as missing in Laos.

"This is something the United States has wanted to do for a long time, getting Vietnamese witnesses into Laos," Navy Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Adams said today.

Adams works at the Hawaii headquarters of the unit responsible for MIA investigations.

Four Vietnamese who claim to have witnessed the burials of several Americans in neighboring Laos during the war will join searches for their remains over the next few weeks, said James Wold, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of defense for POW-MIA affairs.

Wold led an American delegation that met with Laotian and Vietnamese officials today in Hanoi. He said the three sides agreed on allowing additional visits by Vietnamese witnesses in other investigations.

President Clinton has said Vietnam must show more coopera-

tion in such efforts with Laos before the United States will establish full diplomatic relations with Hanoi.

Wold said Laotian and Vietnamese officials both expressed a willingness to help, but he spoke with particular praise about Vietnam's efforts. "I would characterize their cooperation in working jointly with the U.S. and Laos as excellent," Wold said.

U.S. officials have said Laos generally has lagged behind Vietnam in helping to settle cases of the 2,214 Americans unaccounted for from the war.

Communist Vietnamese troops occupied large sections of Laos during the conflict.

Investigators plan to take one Vietnamese witness this month to help look for evidence of 11 Americans missing at Phou Pha Thi mountain in northern Houaphan province, said Air Force Maj. Roger Overturf of the MIA investigation task force. Communist troops overran a secret U.S. aircraft navigation base there in 1968.

Another three Vietnamese veterans will travel to central Savannakhat province in January to search for signs of eight airmen shot down while flying in an AC-47 aircraft in 1966, Overturf said.

## Ultimatum expires; Chechen civilians head for countryside

By CHRIS BIRD  
Associated Press Writer

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — A Russian ultimatum demanding an end to Chechnya's civil war expired today amid signs that Moscow was preparing to send troops into the breakaway southern republic.

A trickle of heavily loaded cars and trucks left the capital this morning as civilians headed for the countryside, fearing an attack by Russian soldiers.

Central Grozny was virtually empty following another nerve-jangling night of intermittent gunfire from jumpy fighters around the city. A military jet roared over the capital as the Russian deadline passed. Later, heavy machine-gun fire rang out from the city center.

The fighting in this republic of 1.2 million people pits forces loyal to Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev, who has declared Chechnya independent from Russia, against rebels who the maverick general says are armed and led by Moscow.

President Boris Yeltsin ordered warring Chechens to lay down their arms and release all prisoners by

this morning or face Russian military intervention. Dudayev and his forces defied the ultimatum.

In Freedom Square outside the presidential building, several hundred volunteer fighters cradling Kalashnikov rifles and grenade launchers gathered to hear speeches while a tank maneuvered into position.

Chechen elders in tall fur hats, tunics and high leather boots danced in a circle, chanting, "Freedom or death!"

Russian media reported troop movements around the borders of Chechnya, in the Caucasus Mountains region 650 miles southeast of Moscow.

The Interfax and ITAR-Tass news agencies said Russian army units would support Interior Ministry forces to "ensure stability in the region, safety of the population and avert the spread of the conflict."

The conflict is the latest to underline tensions among the scores of ethnic groups in the former Soviet Union. The Caucasus region has been especially fractious, with fighting in the Ossetian and Abkhazian regions of Georgia and

the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan.

For Moscow, which governs dozens of republics and regions in the Russian Federation, Chechnya has become a test of whether it is willing to use military might to hold the country together. No other region has gone as far as Chechnya and declared independence.

Moscow openly supports Dudayev's opponents politically, but denies offering military assistance. After Dudayev's forces captured Russian fighters Saturday, Moscow said mercenaries were fighting on both sides.

In Moscow, Yeltsin spokesman Vyacheslav Kostikov said Moscow had begun "a series of measures" to resolve the crisis.

"All necessary measures are

being taken to save the Russian soldiers," he said, referring to those captured Saturday. He did not elaborate.

Grozny's central bazaar, which once thronged with thousands of people, was nearly empty today. A few elderly women trudged around in search of bread.

Although the Chechens are fighting among themselves, many agreed that they have one thing in common: distrust of Russia.

Wrapped in an old leather coat and a scarf, 60-year-old Tamara Ofsayeva walked among the bazaar's empty stalls and said Russia would have a tough time overrunning Chechnya.

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## Lone Star tree



Workers install ornaments, made by Austin schoolchildren, and strings of lights Wednesday evening as they prepare a Christmas tree near the State Capitol. The tree is sponsored by a downtown Austin property owners' association. (AP photo by Harry Cabluck)

## 10 immigrant journalists killed in U.S. since 1981

By KIM I. MILLS  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Ten immigrant journalists have been murdered in the United States since 1981 for covering news that disturbed political factions from their native countries, according to a report released Wednesday by a private group.

The deaths noted by the Committee to Protect Journalists: five Vietnamese newspaper and magazine journalists; three Haitian radio hosts who supported President Jean-Bertrand Aristide; a Chinese-American reporter in California; and a Cuban-American publisher in New York.

Of those cases, only two have been solved, mostly because of pressure from the ethnic communities where they worked, according to the report, "Silenced: The Unsolved Murders of Immigrant Journalists in the United States."

"The purpose of this report here is not to consider these unresolved cases closed but to underline that they remain open," William Orme, the committee's executive director, said at a news conference.

He released a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno asking her to create a national task force, led by the FBI, to try to solve the murders. The letter, signed by more than 25 human rights and journalism groups, asks the FBI to coordinate efforts with local and state authorities where the murders occurred.

## Israeli Supreme Court ruling recognizes same-sex couples

By DAN PERRY  
Associated Press Writer

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) - The Supreme Court handed Israel's gay community a major victory Wednesday in a landmark ruling recognizing same-sex couples.

The 50-page decision forces the national airline El Al to grant the boyfriend of flight attendant Jonathan Danielevitz the annual free tickets and other benefits due heterosexual partners of its workers.

The case had wound its way up Israel's court system for five years, reaching the Supreme Court after El Al appealed a regional labor court ruling in favor of Danielevitz.

El Al spokesman Nachman Kleiman said the company would "honor and abide by the decision in its entirety." He said there was no precedent for El Al extending the rights to unmarried couples.

No reaction was available from Danielevitz. Press reports say he has lived with his unidentified partner for 15 years.

Gay rights activists said the ruling would have widespread significance in Israel, which remains a relatively conservative society on homosexuality.

"This will affect all walks of life. ... We will try to apply this decision to other areas," said Ilan Shenfeld, a leading gay rights activist.

Shenfeld said he has been unable to arrange a joint mortgage or dental insurance with his homosexual partner, whom he wed in a legal contract

The committee began investigating journalists' death in the United States after the killing in 1992 of Manuel de Dios Unanue, a freelance journalist and author and former editor in chief of *El Diario-La Prensa*, a New York-based Spanish-language daily.

De Dios, 48, was assassinated by a hitman allegedly hired by Colombia's Cali cocaine cartel to stop his reporting on the drug trade. The killer, Wilson Alejandro Mejia-Velez, was sentenced last March to life without parole.

Orme said that as a result of that case, the committee began receiving calls from reporters seeking background on other journalists killed in the United States. The committee compiles an annual report on attacks on the press abroad but had never done similar research in the United States, he said.

"It seemed that no one had ever actually gone through the work of compiling a detailed list" of journalists killed in the United States, he said.

Ana Arana, the committee's coordinator for the Americas, began the research and discovered 12 cases dating to 1976, including the murders of Americans Don Bolles of the *Arizona Republic* and Alan Berg, a Denver radio talk show host. All the other cases involved immigrant reporters working in languages other than English, Orme said.

"All of them bore the earmarks of domestic terrorism," he added.

not recognized as marriage by the state.

Shira Dunevich, Danielevitz's lawyer, said most Israeli homosexuals are still in the closet.

"But we know more and more gays are coming out ... and this will help them hold their heads high," she said.

One case that could be affected is that of Adir Steiner, who has unsuccessfully sought pension rights from the army after the death two years ago of his gay lover, army medical officer Col. Doron Meisel.

"There is no more reason in Israel to discriminate against homosexuals," Steiner told Israel Radio. He said he hoped Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin "will make a courageous decision and accept my request for rights."

Wednesday's ruling buoyed the gay community, shocked last month by the murder of Yeshayahu Demner, an AIDS-infected professor at the Technion college in Haifa.

Police said Demner spent the last year of his life trying to infect hundreds of partners and was likely killed by one of his victims.

Gay rights issues could adversely affect Rabin's efforts to widen his narrow parliament majority by alienating potential religious coalition partners.

Rabbi Moshe Maya, a legislator from the religious Shas Party, said the Supreme Court ruling gave official sanction to homosexuality and could encourage youth to adopt a gay lifestyle.

## Gephardt re-elected to lead House Democrats

By DAVID ESPO  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Cast into the minority for the first time in 40 years, House Democrats re-elected Rep. Richard Gephardt as their leader on Wednesday, brushing aside conservative pressure for a post-election shake-up.

"Our mission is to represent workers, middle-income families, the poor families of our country," Gephardt told reporters after he was installed by secret ballot at a party caucus. "I also look forward to winning the House back in 1996."

Gephardt, 53, easily turned back a challenge from Rep. Charlie Rose of North Carolina, 150-58, to keep the post he's held since 1989.

Rep. David Bonior of Michigan, seeking a new term as whip, the number two job in the party hierarchy, turned back a challenge from Texas conservative Rep. Charles Stenholm.

While the elections fixed the party's leadership for the next two years, they could also accelerate the defection of one or more conservatives to the Republican Party. Conservatives are "carefully moni-

toring where we go," said Rep. W.J. Tauzin of Louisiana, who met recently with Rep. Newt Gingrich, in line to become speaker in the Republican-controlled House next year.

Democrats insisted they could change their appeal to the voters without changing their leadership. "This is not a vote for the status quo," said Rep. Charles Schumer, a liberal from New York. "It was a vote for the people who can help us change."

Gephardt, who convened a series of private political discussions at a downtown hotel after the Democrats' Election Day debacle, is expected to announce changes in leadership organization designed to give conservatives a greater say.

Gephardt's triumph was marred by illness; he was forced to leave Bethesda Naval Hospital, where he had been admitted overnight for gall bladder pain, to attend the caucus. He returned to the hospital almost immediately to undergo surgery.

Gephardt has been second-in-command in the Democratic caucus since 1989. He told the caucus that "he should be held accountable" for the party's performance in the incoming Congress, according to one lawmaker,

speaking on condition of anonymity. Rose said he hoped the party "will now rather quickly let the American people know we've heard our message, that they want us to change."

A veteran of nine terms, Gephardt has traditionally enjoyed support in all wings of the caucus, and many lawmakers embraced his losing effort for the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination.

Despite being an opponent of the North American Free Trade Agreement, he has been a loyal supporter of much of President Clinton's legislative program. And he spent months last year in an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to enact the White House's plan for universal health care. Many Democrats blame Clinton for the magnitude of the party's election setbacks, however, and lawmakers are looking for a congressional strategy that is more independent of the White House.

He pledged "the most inclusive leadership we've ever had" and said that while he'd work with the White House, "we'll develop an agenda here."

In an open race for the post of caucus leader, Rep. Vic Fazio of

California defeated Rep. Kweisi Mfume, outgoing chairman of the black caucus.

Fazio chaired the party's campaign organization in the last election.

Though Democrats hope to regain the majority in the 1996 elections, Tauzin and a handful of other conservatives have been the center of speculation for weeks about party switches.

Rep. Ralph Hall of Texas ruled out making a move. "I have no thoughts of switching," he said.

But Rep. Mike Parker of Mississippi said, "The decision the caucus is going to make is going to determine whether they want to have conservatives in the Democratic Party." Several hours later, an aide said, "He's not switching today; tomorrow is a new day."

House Democrats met as Sen. Christopher Dodd worked to erase Sen. Tom Daschle's evident victory for the post of party leader in the Senate.

Sens. J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana and Sam Nunn of Georgia, believed to be the only uncommitted Democrats, met together with each of the candidates.

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Lifestyles

# PHS students get a glimpse at a working world

By MELINDA MARTINEZ  
Lifestyles Editor

*"Most students have no idea of what they want to do once they get out of high school," said Leona Willis, chair of this year's Career Clinic.*

Pampa High School students were afforded a window opportunity yesterday to see a range of possible career paths that they might want to take steps to pursue.

Approximately 100 careers were represented at the Career Clinic sponsored by Altrusa Inc., of Pampa. Careers ranging from criminal justice to florists, agriculture and the armed forces were each represented by consultants who talked with students about what their careers were like and the advantages of pursuing a career in their chosen fields.

"Most students have no idea of what they want to do once they get out of high school," said Leona Willis, chair of this year's Career Clinic. By bringing in consultants, Willis said it helps students get an idea of what kinds of jobs are out there and what kinds of careers could peek their interest. "We hope to help them decide on a career path."

The career field that the students appeared to have a high interest in was criminal justice followed by the highway patrol and medical fields.

Darwin Sanders, warden of the Jordon Unit, said he was surprised that there was such an interest in the criminal justice field and that this was a good opportunity to let the students know that it is a good occupation to get into.

Sherri Pollock, personnel lieutenant of the Jordon Unit, said it was also a chance to let the students know about jobs available in the area.

"Our industry is a growth industry," said Sanders, which he said is both good in that it offers jobs but also bad because of the criminal element that creates the jobs.

Willis said it appeared the students and the consultants were happy with each other.

"It appeared that they all enjoyed the classes," she said. "Everything went really great."

Altrusa has been sponsoring the Career Clinic for 26 years to all grade levels at the high schools but the clinic is only offered every other year. The Rotary Club of Pampa in turn has been providing free luncheons to all consultants of the clinic.



Capt. Doug Pollock, a correctional officer at the Jordon Unit, hands out information about careers in criminal justice. The field proved to be one of the more popular ones at the Career Clinic held yesterday at Pampa High School. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

## Your child's health

# Managing a child with colic

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To new parents, nothing seems as difficult as hearing their child cry; and when the cries are caused by colic, it often seems impossible to do anything that helps.

But knowing that the condition is generally benign and will eventually pass should ease parents' concerns.

Colic is caused by periods of spasms in the intestines that result in a physical discomfort in an infant's abdomen.

The syndrome of colic and the term "colicky" are two different conditions. Most newborns are fussy during their first few weeks of life and the term colicky is used to describe this behavior.

In most cases, fussiness is not caused by physical problems. These newborns can be calmed by parental contact such as rocking, feeding or offering some water.

Not so infants with the colic syndrome. This relatively common syndrome can appear in a range of severity. In the most intense cases, babies tend to cry inconsolably for two to four

hours, generally in the late or early evening.

Parents can take comfort in knowing that most pediatricians believe that colic-related crying is a reflex reaction that signals less pain than discomfort.

And contrary to popular belief, the colic syndrome has nothing to do with whether a baby is being fed by the breast or by bottle — or even by the type of formula being used.

The colic syndrome is caused by an exaggeration of the gastrocolic reflex, a stretching and churning of the stomach that occurs after an infant eats and which children outgrow sometime during the first few months of life.

It generally occurs in 2- to 4-week-olds, and disappears when he or she grows out of the gastrocolic reflex, at about 12 weeks of age.

The gastrocolic reflex can be viewed outwardly when the baby abruptly pulls away from the breast or bottle, fidgets, grunts, passes some gas, then returns to feeding.

For many years doctors have been searching for medications that can help treat an infant and

put an end to the crying that goes with colic. But progress has been slow. In the 1950s and 1960s, medications used often contained opiates or a combination of phenobarbital and alcohol that caused children to become drowsy and sleep.

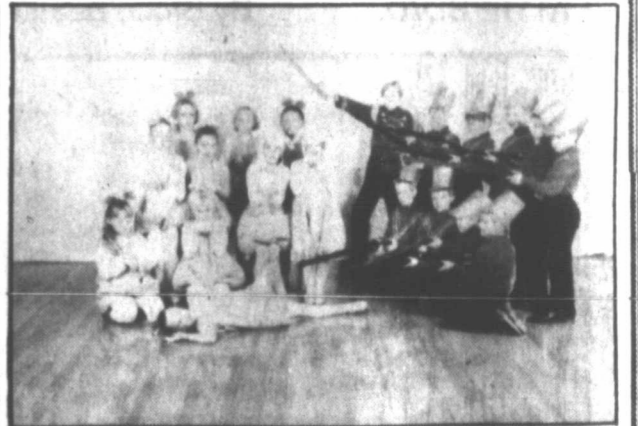
In the 1970s, pediatricians began using antispasmodic medications that target the gastrocolic reflex. These medications can help relieve the colic but are not effective in all cases.

Current treatment is a combination of reassurance from pediatricians that the illness is not serious and a reminder that the period of colic is finite and will end; in severe cases, medications may be prescribed.

A final note: it is important that an infant who may have colic is examined by a pediatrician to distinguish the syndrome from a possible medical illness. Red flags that can signal illness in infants include vomiting, constant crying, fretfulness and discomfort, or failure to gain weight.

\* Dr. Harris Burstin is clinical associate professor of pediatrics at New York University School of Medicine.

## A night of enchantment

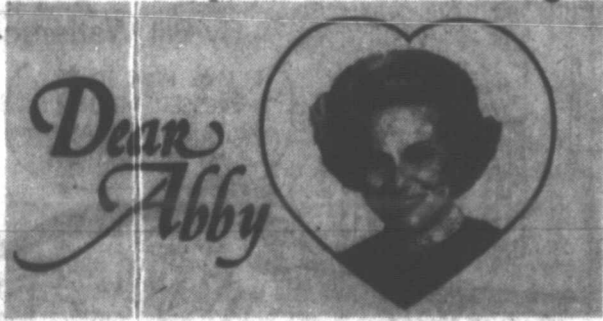


The Pampa Civic Ballet is set to present the "Nutcracker" under the direction of Jeanne Willingham, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 at the M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center with guests artists (top photo) Dmitri Korobeinikov and Elosia Narvaez.

Korobeinikov and Narvaez, a husband and wife team from the Alabama Ballet, are returning to Pampa again this year for another performance with the ballet.

The "Nutcracker" is a story set in music about a young girl named Clara and her Christmas dreams. The production will include local dancers in addition to Korobeinikov and Narvaez. Some of those dancing in the musical include: (left photo, above) Meredith Hendricks-Young (left), Kristen Stephens, Sofia Gruszecki, Beth Buzzard and Jennifer Muns who play Clara's friends. Not pictured are Jennifer Hinds and Laurel Berzanskis. The mice are played by: (right photo, above) Stephanie Boyd (front), Kirby Broaddus, (second row, left) Krissy Holman, Brooke Colton (third row, left), Maegan Wheeler, Brianna Roberts, Kaylee Keith, Casey Dunham (back row), Katie Shaffer and Riki Mauricio. Not pictured are Mollie Baker, Anna Johnson, Shannon Smith, Amanda Jeffries and Elizabeth Thomas. The soldiers in the production are Raeanna Cowan (front row, left), Amanda Stephenson, Phillip Kohler Caleb Hart, Chris Shaffer (back row, left) who plays the Nutcracker Prince, Kendra Hart, Joy Hart, Courtney Ritchey, Bridgett Stephenson and Angela Richards.

Tickets to the ballet may be purchased at Beaux Arts Dance Studio, Kids Stuff, from dancers in the show, Civic Ballet Board members and also at the door. (Courtesy photos)



### Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I want to share a really neat retort to an out-of-line question I witnessed years ago:

My friend Janet and I married shipmates in the Navy. She and her hubby adopted two babies; then they had two of their own.

They were determined to keep the adoptions from their children to avoid sibling rivalry. The adoptions were entered into the husband's record, which is supposed to be kept confidential.

The Navy gave us a huge "welcome home" party, and we were seated with a large group when a woman came rushing to our table and blurted out:

"Say, Janet, I just heard that two of your kids are adopted! Which ones are they?"

Janet looked her straight in the eye and calmly replied "I haven't the faintest idea."

STILL LAUGHING

DEAR STILL LAUGHING: What a sensitive, loving retort! This apparently occurred during World War II, when adopted children were seldom told that they were adopted.

Today, fortunately, most parents are more open, and very early on, they tell their adopted children that they were "chosen" — giving them the assurance that they are special.

DEAR ABBY: I wrote as soon as I read your column about what nurses should call elderly people in a nursing home: As a sign of respect, they are trained to call the men "Mister" and the women "Miss" or "Mrs. So-and-So."

I am in training now to become a nursing assistant, and I was told to call the residents whatever they want to be called.

IN TRAINING IN MINNESOTA

DEAR IN TRAINING: I agree with your instructors. Recently I received a letter from a 94-year-old resident in a nursing home who resented being called "Mrs." She said, "I asked the staff to please call me "Edna" it makes me feel young again!"

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading a letter signed "Careful in Georgia," regarding parents who put their children on leashes.

When I was 3 years old, we lived on a farm, and my father used to take me into town with him. While he was visiting with his friends at the feed store, I wandered off and was missing for about an hour. I had talked to strangers, and got into a car with a strange man.

Fortunately, he had heard that my parents were looking for me, so he took me home to my mother. (The was 35 years ago, before all the publicity about kidnapping was big news, but I get the chills now when I think of what could have happened to me.) After that, my parents put me on a leash when they took me to town with them.

Interestingly, I don't recall any bad feelings about wearing a leash. All I can remember was the mixture of anguish and joy on my mother's face when that man brought me home.

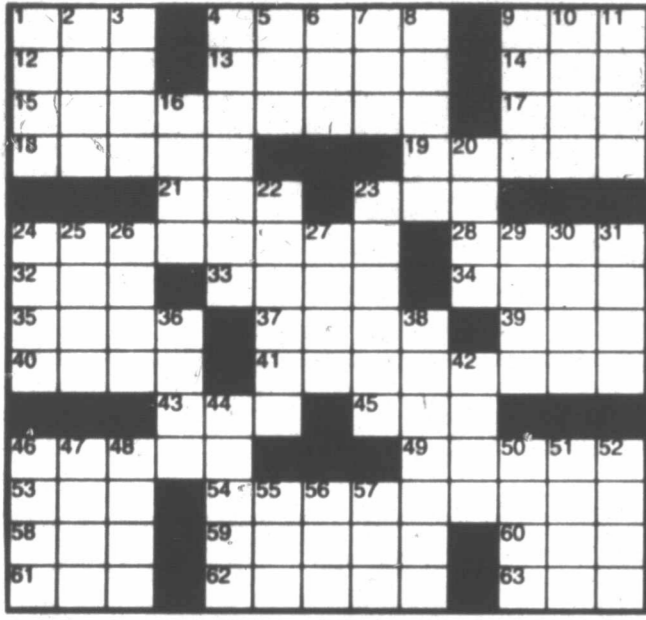
To those who leash their children: Don't worry about what strangers might think. Worry about what strangers might do.

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# The Pampa News

## NEA Crossword Puzzle

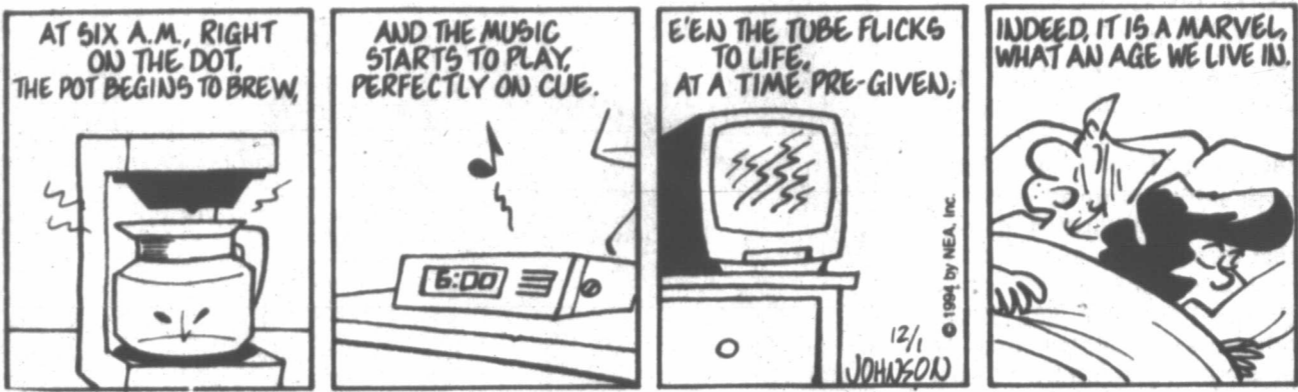
- ACROSS**
- 1 Scottish river
  - 4 Cut of beef
  - 9 Actress Susan —
  - 12 Final mo.
  - 13 Mistake
  - 14 Entertainer — Sumac
  - 15 Amount overdue
  - 17 Nothing
  - 18 —, Mine and Ours
  - 19 Mediterranean island (2 wrds.)
  - 21 Meadow
  - 23 One day — time
  - 24 Mercenary
  - 28 Formally precise
  - 32 Sorrel
  - 33 Calumny
  - 34 Hollow cylinder
  - 35 Gumbo ingredient
  - 37 — fix (obsession)
  - 39 Underworld god
  - 40 Actress Cannon
  - 41 Without
- DOWN**
- 1 WWII event
  - 2 Finnish first name
  - 3 Hosiery color
  - 4 Prickly herbs
  - 5 It's cold!
  - 6 Anglo-Saxon money
  - 7 Egg drink
  - 8 Build
  - 9 Unit of force
- reason**
- 43 Temp. unit
  - 45 Owing
  - 46 Experiment
  - 49 Source of chocolate
  - 53 Sweet potato
  - 54 Famous conductor
  - 58 Tear
  - 59 Praying figure
  - 60 Ethiopian title
  - 61 Cricket positions
  - 62 Not a soul (2 wrds.)
  - 63 French summer
- Answer to Previous Puzzle**
- WHOM WHOA YMA  
KALE OATS ORR  
RIGA KITH WEE  
PLANNER COLDS  
TIAN YAM  
CAKES VENNING  
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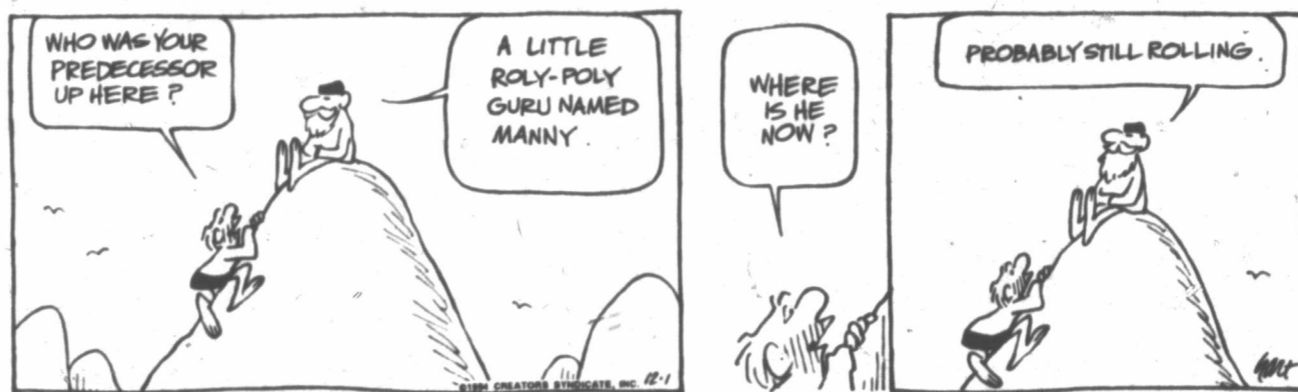
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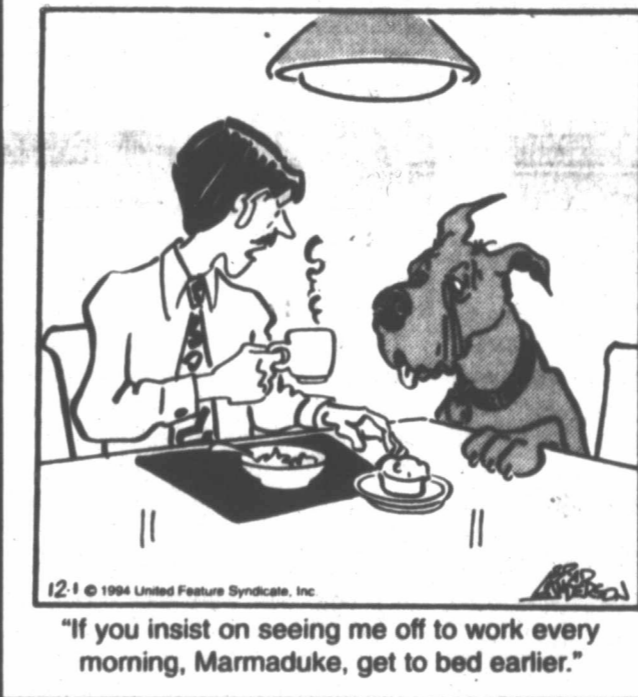
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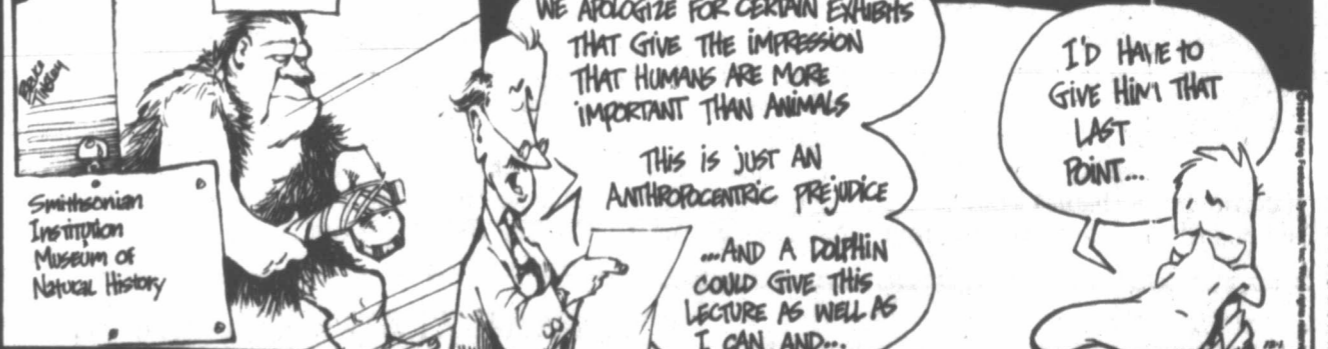
### MARMADUKE



### KIT N' CARLYLE



### Mallard Fillmore



### CALVIN AND HOBBS



### FRANK AND ERNEST



### GARFIELD



### 'Astro-Graph' By Bernice Bede Osol

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Even if you set an admirable example today, people might not rally to your banner. Do not become frustrated. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If you can't say something nice today, don't say anything at all. Comments you make could be distorted and taken out of context.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You can go through the day with negative thoughts, or you can take charge of yourself and begin thinking in a positive manner. The choice is yours.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** You don't have to hang around with friends who depress you today. Find an escape clause and go off on your own.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** If possible, make yourself scarce today to avoid locking horns with authority figures. Don't fight city hall.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Persons not as progressive and visionary as yourself could complicate a collective endeavor today. Seek allies who share your philosophy.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** An issue which you and your mate disagree on should be tabled temporarily. It could create a no-win situation today.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Your imagination could be extremely keen today, but that doesn't mean your ideas will be practical. Present them to others with discretion.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** If you get off on the wrong foot with someone today, you can turn things back around by maintaining a pleasant attitude. Charm, not criticism, wins friends.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** It would behoove you to show all the diplomacy and tact you can muster today. Misunderstandings could get blown out of proportion very easily.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Be open-minded and flexible today if your methods aren't producing the results you anticipated. Don't keep running into walls.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Usually you're a good bargain hunter, but today this gift might not be operating. If you buy something expensive, make sure it can be returned.



Sports

# Notebook

## WRESTLING

**PAMPA** — The Pampa High wrestling team hosts a quad Saturday at McNeely Fieldhouse, starting at 1 p.m.

River Road, Randall and Vernon are the other teams entered.

The Harvesters wrestled at Boys Ranch in a dual on Tuesday and lost a 45-27 decision.

"All of our wrestlers did turn out tough, smart matches and will continue to be more impressive as they gain more experience as the season progresses," said Pampa coach Steve Kuhn.

Seniors Corey Alfonsi and Luke Long led the Harvesters with impressive wins.

Alfonsi, a 4-year varsity wrestler, won the 172-pound class with a 13-7 decision over Wes James. Long pinned Tony Walston in the 151-pound class.

Second-year wrestlers Tanner Winkler, a sophomore (185 pounds) and Keiny Black, a junior (112 pounds) won their matches by pins. Winkler pinned Josh Lester and Black pinned Chris Tomberlin.

Also bringing home a pin was freshman and first-year wrestler Josh Cunningham. He pinned Hollin Weiss in the 100-pound class.

## BASKETBALL

**PLAINVIEW** — The Pampa Harvesters go for their second tournament championship this season, meeting Lockney at 5 p.m. today in the Pioneer Classic at Hutcherson Center.

The Harvesters defeated Plainview, 49-48, in the finals last year and are favored to win the tournament again. Lockney is No. 8 seeded in the 8-team tournament.

Pampa, 6-1, is coming off the championship of the Fantasy of Lights Tournament last weekend in Wichita Falls.

A Pampa win over Lockney sends them against the winner of the Lubbock Estacado-Dimmitt game on Friday at 5 p.m. The championship will be decided on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

This is the 14th year for the tournament, which is sponsored by the Plainview Lions Club and Wayland Baptist University.

The tournament also has a college division involving LeTourneau, Concordia Lutheran, Howard Payne and Wayland Baptist University.

**PAMPA** — Lefors defeated Pampa Academy, 84-31, in a game played Tuesday night.

Tommy Green led Lefors scoring attack with 31 points while Matt Green added 19.

Chris McKein and Avery Taylor had 7 points each for Pampa Academy.

Lefors has a 3-2 record while Pampa Academy is 2-1.

## FOOTBALL

**FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)** — Louisiana State University officials have been given permission to speak to Texas Christian University football coach Pat Sullivan about the their vacant head coaching job, according to published reports.

TCU athletic director Frank Windegger told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and The Dallas Morning News Wednesday that LSU athletic director Joe Dean asked for permission last week to talk to Sullivan about the coaching vacancy.

The LSU job came open when coach Curley Hallman was fired last month after the Tigers completed their sixth consecutive losing season, the past four under Hallman. The Tigers finished 4-7 this year and were 16-28 during Hallman's tenure.

Windegger says TCU plans to discuss a contract extension with Sullivan, who has coached the Horned Frogs for the past three seasons.

Sullivan, who has two years remaining on the five-year contract he signed Jan. 2, 1992, coached the Horned Frogs (7-4) to a share of their first Southwest Conference championship in 35 years this season. And TCU has been invited to play Virginia (8-3) in the Independence Bowl at Shreveport, La.

Windegger viewed that accomplishment "a step ahead of time, in my mind," and said the two planned to discuss a contract extension in the near future.

"That's on the burner, and one of the things that needs to be handled," Windegger said. "We need to discuss Pat's contract and see kind of where we are. Obviously, we're very pleased with where we are right now and with his tenure so far. He's right on schedule, and I think he's done a very good job."

Sullivan declined to comment, but his contract states that if he chooses to leave for any job, he would be forced to buy out the remaining years on his contract at full value.

"I hope the heck that other people want to talk to our coaches," Windegger said. "So, I have no problem whatsoever with that. I never have and never will hold a coach back from talking to other people."

## SKATING

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Todd Eldredge says he has a lot more to offer the amateur figure skating world. Right now, he's giving it some of the best performances of his life.

Eldredge has fought his way out of a two-year slump caused by injuries and illness as much as the rapid development of Scott Davis and other American skaters. The 1990 and '91 U.S. champion punctuated his comeback Wednesday night by winning the International Pro-Am Figure Skating Challenge over a strong field.

It was his second straight major victory — he won Skate America last month — after finishing second at the Goodwill Games to start the season. Eldredge could go into February's nationals as the favorite over 1993 and '94 U.S. titlist Davis, who skated poorly in this event, his first of the season, and finished last.

"I never thought that I would kind of hang it up and move on to the 'ineligible' ranks and go that route," Eldredge, 23, of South Chatham, Mass., said after finishing tied for second to 1992 Olympic champion Viktor Petrenko of Ukraine in the free skate. Coupled with his win in the technical program the previous evening, that was enough for Eldredge to edge 1994 Olympic gold medalist Alexei Urmanov of Russia for the title.

"I feel over the years my skating has developed from the early stages of just doing the jumps and spins to having performances the audiences can enjoy. As long as I keep doing different things and the audience enjoys it, I'll keep going."

"I think I'm just maturing over the last few years, with all the experiences and competitions — and injuries — and all I've had to deal with, it's all added up. I see more confidence in my skating and that allows me to express myself."

# Law of averages favor Moon's Vikings

By DAVE GOLDBERG  
AP Football Writer

When the NFL scheduled Chicago at Minnesota for a Thursday night game, it was probably an afterthought.

Did anyone expect the Bears to be ahead of the Vikings? Did anyone expect the Bears to be ahead of the Lions or Packers?

But here they are, playing Thursday night for the NFC Central lead. The Vikings have lost three straight, the Bears have won four in a row, and suddenly Chicago is in position to put away a team people thought might challenge San Francisco and Dallas for the NFC title.

Eons ago, or so it seems, Minnesota won 42-14 in Chicago, a game the Bears went with Erik Kramer as their quarterback. The quarterback now is Steve Walsh, who's 7-0 as a starter.

The Vikings' problems are many, starting with an overde-

pendence on Warren Moon and the decline of the undersized defense.

But they're favored by five, largely because ...

The law of averages says Walsh can't keep winning.

## Pro picks

And when you're desperate, you find a way.  
VIKINGS, 20-14

**Dallas (minus 3 1/2) at Philadelphia**  
The Eagles are like the twins of the Vikings.

A month ago, this looked like a big game ... then the Philadelphia offense shut down.

Even with Jason Garrett or a hurting Rodney Peete ...  
COWBOYS, 20-6

**Raiders (plus 4) at San Diego (Monday night)**  
The Chargers aren't pretty, but they're 9-3. The Raiders are

hanging in, Jeff Hostetler is groggy, and ...  
CHARGERS, 16-6

**Buffalo (plus 4) at Miami**  
Whenever the Bills are on the ropes, they come out swinging. There may just not be enough swing left.

DOLPHINS, 27-20

**Denver (plus 3 1/2) at Kansas City**  
The first one was great, but Joe Montana's got a gimpy ankle this time.

Momentum says ...  
BRONCOS, 24-20

**Atlanta (plus 13) at San Francisco**  
The Falcons don't have a defense that can even slow down the 49ers. Deion's Revenge II.

49ERS, 44-21

**Pittsburgh (minus 5 1/2) at Cincinnati**

A sandwich game for the Steelers, who get the Eagles and Browns the next two weeks.  
Careful.  
STEELERS, 12-10

**Giants (plus 7 1/2) at Cleveland**  
A sandwich game for the Browns, who get the Cowboys and Steelers the next two weeks. Not as careful, because Pepper Johnson wants revenge on Dan Reeves.

BROWNS, 24-16

**Green Bay (plus 1) at Detroit**  
The Dave Krieg theory — after he throws for 351 yards, he usually goes 4 for 18 for 22 yards and a few interceptions.

PACKERS, 13-11

**Jets (plus 2 1/2) at New England**  
The Jets tease their fans again.

JETS, 13-11

**Arizona (minus 3) at Houston**

Buddy doesn't even get to stick pins in Kevin Gilbride — he actually likes Jeff Fisher.  
CARDINALS, 18-5

**New Orleans (plus 3) at Rams**  
The last time these teams got together, there were four returns for touchdowns.

Try again.  
RAMS, 44-39

**Washington (plus 2 1/2) at Tampa Bay**  
Can it happen? Can the Bucs avert loss No. 10 again?

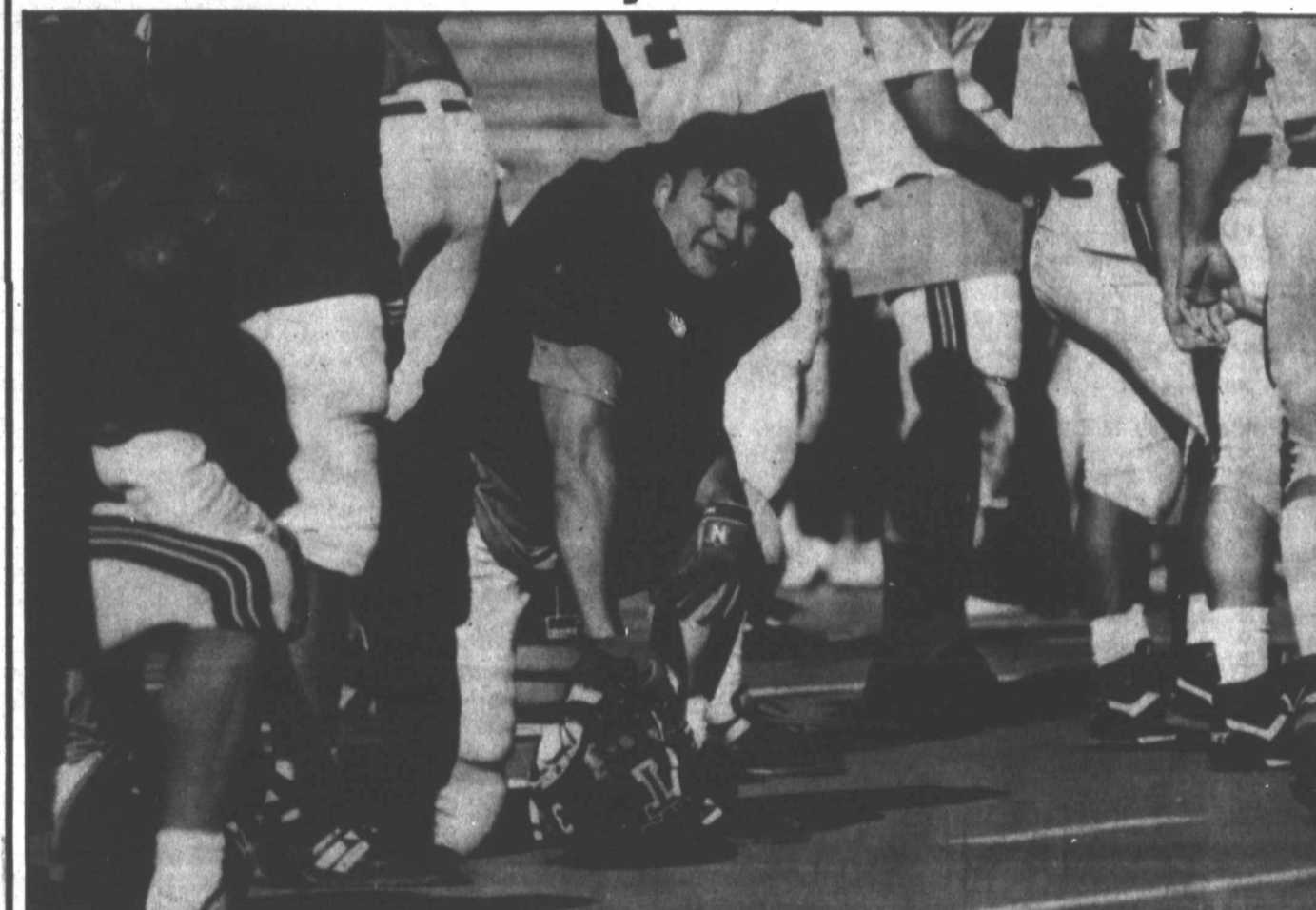
Yes.  
BUCS, 24-19

**Indianapolis (plus 3) at Seattle**  
In this crazy league, even the Seahawks are in contention.

SEAHAWKS, 9-8

Last Week: 8-6 (spread); 8-6 (straight up)  
Season: 74-89-5 (spread); 104-64 (straight up)

## Red Raiders vs. Trojans



Texas Tech All-American linebacker Zach Thomas of Pampa (kneeling, center) takes a break during practice early in the season. Thomas and the Red Raiders will meet the Southern California Trojans in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. The game will be televised at 12 noon Jan. 2 on NBC. Texas Tech has a 6-5 record while Southern California is 7-3-1. (Pampa News photo)

## Fast finish

By JAIME ARON  
AP Sports Writer

**PLANO (AP)** — Tyler John Tyler had a routine 41-17 lead in its Class 5A playoff game with Plano East with less than three minutes left.

Then things got weird.

Plano East's dream of a state title ended Saturday after turning the 24-point deficit into a 44-41 lead with three inside kick recoveries and four touchdowns, only to lose 48-44 on a 97-yard kickoff return with 11 seconds to play.

Plano East coach Scott Phillips knew the season-ending booster club meeting would be glum, so he decided to brighten up the get-together by playing an edited version of the game film.

"I dubbed in a kickoff from earlier in the game where we tackled him," Phillips said Wednesday. "Everyone cheered and I said, 'We win!'"

You can do things like that with movies. Then again, the ending to this Class 5A Division II regional semifinal did have a Hollywood flair.

Like a great script with a star-studded cast, there was 12-0 Plano East, ranked second in 5A, against 12-0 John Tyler, ranked third, playing on Saturday night in Texas Stadium.

The outcome seemed predictable when a 35-yard fumble return increased Tyler's lead to 41-17 with 3:03 left.

Two plays later, Plano East made it 41-23 on a 21-yard touchdown pass. A two-point conversion pass failed.

An inside kick recovery led to a 5-yard touchdown pass, and this time the two-point conversion worked. It's now 41-31 with 1:58 to play.

"Then we recover the second inside kick and everyone started believing we still had a chance to at least make it close and respectable," Phillips said.

A 6-yard touchdown pass and missed two-point try leaves Tyler ahead 41-37 with 1:04 to play. That is, until Plano East got the hat trick and recovered its third straight inside kick.

"Our kids believed it could happen and their kids were scared it might happen," Phillips said. "They knew it was coming every time. This time, they tipped it in the air and we catch it."

Jeff Whitley's fourth touchdown pass within two minutes and an extra point kick put Plano East ahead 44-41.

With 26 seconds left, John Tyler needed a touchdown to win because Plano East led on all tiebreakers. Wanting to force the Lions to have to drive as far as possible, Phillips elected to go for a deep kickoff.

The decision appeared to be a good one as the deepest Lion stood at the 20 and the kickoff sailed over his head. Expecting it to go in the end zone, that player began walking away from it.

But Tyler's Roderick Dunn, who had fumbled two of the three inside kicks, had other ideas. He came from the outside, caught it over his shoulder at the 3, then took off upfield.

"It was like he went through the offensive line with no linebackers to stop him," Phillips said.

The celebration after the score drew a 15-yard penalty that forced Tyler to kick off from its 25.

But the Plano East magic finally wore off as they couldn't return the kickoff and settled for two offensive plays, the final one being an interception.

"The feeling of coming from 41-17 to be ahead, I can't describe. It was like, gosh, God is with us," Phillips said. "Then we went from total elation to total depression."

"It was just a phenomenal three minutes in high school football. I think it'll never be matched again."

Tyler coach Allen Wilson called the victory bittersweet because of the drama he wished had never happened. Still, he too considered it a game for the ages.

"This is a first," he said. "They always told me if you coach long enough, you'll see everything. We've seen it all."

## Florida, Alabama meet for SEC crown

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
AP Sports Writer

**ATLANTA (AP)** — No matter how you crunch the numbers, they seem to add up to a Florida victory in the Southeastern Conference championship game Saturday.

No team in the league can come close to the Gators' explosive "Fun 'n Gun" offense, which is averaging 45 points a game. Danny Wuerffel is the SEC's highest-rated quarterback, just ahead of the man he beat out for the starting job in midseason, Terry Dean.

Florida's defense is hardly a wimpy unit, either, surrendering less than 17 points a game. The Gators are nearly impossible to run against, allowing only 2.7 yards per carry.

But a couple of numbers favor Alabama — 11 and 0. That's the Crimson Tide's record, a testament to looking beyond the cold, hard statistics when measuring the worth of a team.

"We know what we have to do to win," offensive lineman Kareem McNeal said. "If we have to come from behind to win, that's what we do. That's what we have done a lot this year."

Saturday, third-ranked Alabama meets No. 6 Florida (9-1-1) for the third year in a row in the league championship game (3:30 p.m. EST, ABC), the only one of its kind in major-college football though others are on the horizon with conference realignment.

For the first time, the championship will be played in Atlanta's Georgia

Dome after two years at Legion Field in Birmingham. The teams split those two games, Alabama winning 28-21 in 1992 on the way to a national championship, Florida rallying to post a 28-13 decision last year.

Gator coach Steve Spurrier is happy about the change of venue, feeling Atlanta is a fairer site than Birmingham, where the Tide plays three home games a year and had a big crowd advantage in the first two championship games.

"I think it was a very smart move by the commissioner to put it at a neutral site," he said. "Also, it puts the game in a domed stadium. It seems like the weather was not the best those other two years in Birmingham. We're guaranteed excellent weather Saturday."

So there's a couple of more factors in Florida's favor: no home-field advantage for Alabama and perfect conditions for the Gators to throw the ball up and down the field. Maybe that's why they are considered a touchdown favorite despite Alabama having the better record and higher ranking.

Alabama doesn't mind the role of underdog.

"Not at all," defensive lineman Shannon Brown said. "Nobody expects us to do anything. Nobody expects us to reach the top of the ladder."

Alabama climbed slowly in the rankings — with good reason. The Tide's 10 victories over Division I-A opponents have been by a total of 80 points, and half of those have been decided by seven points or less.

## NHL officials meet again to try and save season

**CHICAGO (AP)** — NHL officials began arriving today in a downtown hotel for talks they hope will solve the labor dispute and save the season.

"I am always hopeful," commissioner Gary Bettman said today as he walked past television cameras and into an elevator.

"It's fair to say that with each passing day, the meeting that is coming up is more crucial," Boston Bruins general manager Harry Sinden said Wednesday.

To show how serious the negotiators are: They have reserved room space in a Chicago hotel for three days. Both sides agree that the latest meetings are pivotal.

"There is an urgency," said Troy Loney, player representative of the New York Islanders.

"The meetings here in Chicago in the next couple of days are vital to find out whether there's going to be a season or not," said Jeremy Roenick of the Chicago Blackhawks. "We have to make sure we let everybody know we didn't strike. The owners locked us out."

"It's getting to the point where they are going to have to make a decision (on the collective bargaining agreement)," a management source told The Associated Press.

The owners lockout has forced a work

stoppage that is now in its 62nd day. So far, 347 games have been called off.

The schedule is already down to 60 games, following the cancellation of 24 for each of the 26 teams. Owners have said they will accept no less than a 50-game schedule.

A settlement beyond the middle of December would sorely test that ideal, given the fact that players need at least two weeks to get ready for the season.

"I'd like to have things done (this weekend) so time doesn't cost us the season," Loney said. "I still think the league is waiting for this magic moment to happen."

# Scoreboard

SKI REPORT	
WOODSTOCK, Va. (AP) — Latest skiing conditions as supplied by Ski Country Reports (conditions are subject to change due to weather, traffic and other factors):	
Thursday, Dec. 1	
NORTHEAST	
Connecticut	
Mohawk Mtn. — Plan to open Dec 3 11	
Woodbury — loose granular 15-25 base 1 trail 1 lift am 4p-10p	
Maine	
Eaton Mtn. — machine groomed 4-18 base 2 trails am	
Saddleback — Wind:20-25	
Sugarloaf USA — machine groomed 10-24 base 10 trails 1 lift am 8:30a-4p	
Sunday River — machine groomed 20-34 base 34 trails 9 lifts am 9a-4p 14 miles	
Massachusetts	
Bouquet — Operates winds only	
Brodia Mtn. — Operating Fri-Sun 3-21	
Buttemut — Plan to open Dec 3	
Catsamount — Plan to open Dec 3 4t	
Juminy Peak — Operates Sat-Sun 10-4t	
Nashoba Valley — Call for details	
Wachusett — loose granular 8-24 base 1 trail 1 lift am 9a-10p 11 acres	
New Hampshire	
Attitash-Bear Peak — loose granular 6-24 base 8 trails 2 lifts am 9a-4p 32 acres Wind:8-10 10-13a-4t	
Bretton Woods — Reopens Dec 3	
Cannon Mtn. — Operates winds only 3t	
Gunstock — Operates Fri-Sun	
Loon Mtn. — 2 new packed powder 6-24 base 8 trails 3 lifts am 8:30a-4p Wind:10-15 4t	
Waterville — 2 new machine groomed 12-26 base 9 trails 3 lifts am 9a-3:45p 2.25 miles Wind:1-3 3t-6t	
Wildcat — Operates winds only	
New York	
Bellows Falls Mtn. — loose granular 5-15 base 1 trail 1 lift am 9a-4p Wind:3-15 2t	
Bristol — Plan to reopen Dec 3	
Gore Mtn. — Plan to open Dec 3 2t	
Holiday Valley — Plan to open Dec 3	
Hunter Mtn. — packed powder 6-48 base 15 trails 6 lifts am 9a-4p Wind:16-21	
Ski Windham — packed powder 6-32 base 4 trails 3 lifts am 9a-4p 1.5 miles 27 acres	
Swain — Plan to reopen Dec 3	
Titus — Plan to open Dec 3	
Whiteface — packed powder 32 base 3 trails 3 lifts am 8:30a-4p 1.39 miles	
Pennsylvania	
Shawnee Mtn. — Operates Fri-Sun only	
Rhode Island	
Yawgoog Valley — Plan to open Dec 3	
Vermont	
Academy Mtn. — Operates winds only	
Bromley Mtn. — loose granular 8-24 base 3 trails 3 lifts am 9a-4p Wind:5-15	
Jay Peak — 3 new packed powder 8-24 base 4 trails 2 lifts am 9a-4p	
Killington — 2 new packed powder 12-40 base 26 trails 9 lifts am 11 miles Wind:40-10-13t-20m	
Mt. Snow — packed powder 12-24 base 19 trails 5 lifts am Wind:30-15-9t	
Okemo — packed powder 16-30 base 23 trails 4 lifts am 9a-4p 7 miles Wind:26-10-5t	
Pico — loose granular 8-18 base 4 trails 3 lifts am	
Smugglers — 1 new packed powder 6-20 base 4 trails 1 lift am 9a-4p 2 miles Wind:6-15 1t	
Stowe — 1 new packed powder 12-40 base 10 trails 2 lifts am 8a-4p 6.5 miles 68 acres Wind:12-15-7.5m	
Sutton — packed powder 7-24 base 11 trails 4 lifts am 8:30a-4p 48.2 acres Wind:11-15 4t	
Sugarbush — 4 new powder 8-32 base 14 trails 4 lifts am 8:30a-3:30p 4 miles	
SOUTHEAST	
North Carolina	
Sugar Mtn. — packed powder 10-18 base 2 trails 2 lifts am 9a-4:30p	
West Virginia	
Snowshoe-Silver Creek — machine groomed 16-20 base 6 trails 3 lifts am 8:30a-4:30p	
MIDWEST	
Illinois	
Chestnut Mtn. — Plan to open Dec 2 3t	
Michigan	
Big Powderhorn Mtn. — Plan to open Dec 2	
Blackjack — Plan to open Dec 3	
Boyer Highlands — Plan to open Dec 3	
Boyer Mtn. — Plan to open Dec 3	
Caberfas Peaks — Plan to open Dec 3 3t	
Crystal Mtn. — Plan to open Dec 2 2t	
Indianhead — machine groomed 25 base 3 trails 2 lifts am	
Marquette Mtn. — 1 new loose granular 12-18 base 3 trails 2 lifts am 9a-5p	
Norway Mountain — Operates winds only 1t	
Nubs Nob — Plan to open Dec 3 5t	
Pine Mtn. — Operates winds only	
Shanty Creek — Plan to open Dec 3	
Ski Bude — machine groomed 12-24 base 4 trails 3 lifts 9a-4p	
Sugar Loaf — Plan to open Dec 3	
Trottop-Sylvan — Plan to open Dec 2	
Minnesota	
Anden Tower — machine groomed 6-18 base 1p-9p	
Buck Hill — machine groomed 10 base 4 trails am	
Giants Ridge — Operates winds only 6t	
Lutsen Mtn. — machine groomed 10-24 base 6 trails 4 lifts am 9:30a-4p	
Mt. Forester — Plan to open Dec 3	
Mt. Kato — machine groomed 6-18 base am 5p-10p	
Powder Ridge — machine groomed 6-18 base am 10a-10p	
Ohio	
Spirit Mtn. — Operates winds only 4t	
Welch Village — machine groomed 12-24 base am	
Wild Mtn. — machine groomed 6-24 base 6 lifts am 10a-10p	
Oklahoma	
Snow Trails — Plan to open Dec 3	
South Dakota	
Terry Peak — Plan to open Dec 3	
Wisconsin	
Trollhaugen — machine groomed 12-24 base am 10a-10p	
Whitcap — Plan to open Dec 3 20t	
ROCKIES	
Colorado	
Howelsen — Plan to open Dec 3	
Loveland — 4 new packed powder 19-21 base 12 trails 5 of 10 lifts 25% open am 9a-4p	
Montana	
Bridger Bowl — Operates winds only	
Discovery — Operates winds only	
Great Divide — Operates winds only	
Lost Trail Powder Mtn. — Operates winds only	
Montana Snowbowl — Operates winds only	
Snowdown — Plan to open Dec 2 70t	
New Mexico	
Red River — Operates Fri-Sun 3-4t	
Ski Rio — Operates Fri-Sun 3-2t	
Teton — packed powder 53 base 72 trails 11 of 11 lifts 100% open am	
Utah	
Deer Valley — Plan to open Dec 3	
Ellie Meadows — Plan to open Dec 3	
Nordic Valley Resort — Plan to reopen Dec 2	
Snowbird — packed powder 65 base 6 of 8 lifts	
Wyoming	
Hogadon — Plan to open Dec 3	
Jackson Hole — Plan to open Dec 3	
PACIFIC SOUTH	
California	
Boreal — machine groomed 75-90 base 38 trails 6 lifts 9a-9p	
Ski Homewood — Operates winds only	
Ski Sunrise — Plan to open Dec 2	
Snow Summit — packed powder 16-36 base 11 lifts 8a-9:30p	
Soda Springs — Operates winds only	

# Streaking Supersonics turn back Spurs

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — David Robinson's best performance of the young season wasn't enough to beat the streaking Seattle SuperSonics.

Robinson, who led the NBA in scoring last season, scored a season-high 42 points in a losing cause as the defensive-oriented Sonics came away with a 109-100 win over the San Antonio Spurs.

"He had an answer for everything we threw at him," Sonics coach George Karl said of Robinson.

Robinson, who was 15-for-20 from the field, had nine rebounds and blocked two shots.

"David was All-World," Spurs coach Bob Hill said.

But the Sonics were bolstered by their reserves, who outscored San Antonio's backups 43-6 as they beat the Spurs for the seventh straight time and second time in a week.

Sam Perkins' outside shooting artistry — he was 4-for-8 from 3-point range, propelled the Sonics to their fourth straight win and sixth in seven games.

"I don't want to say we're back to where we were last year," Perkins said. "Because things could always fall apart. It does seem like everybody is getting more comfortable with their roles."

Perkins' role lately has been spotting for up 3-point shots and getting opposing centers away from the basket. He has made 11 of 21 from 3-point range in the last three games, all Sonics wins.

"Sam has been super since San Antonio," Sonics coach George Karl said.

A 114-94 victory over the Spurs last Friday started the Sonics current four-game win streak.

Gary Payton led the Sonics with 21 points and six assists. He had 11 of those in the first quarter when the Sonics used a 20-7 run to build a 30-22 lead. The Spurs could never close the gap.

Robinson, runnerup in MVP voting to Hakeem Olajuwon last year, said the seasoned Sonics present problems for his young team.

"You have to play well together to beat them," Robinson said. "We're not mature enough to play smart basketball against them."

The Sonics won a league-high 63 games last season, but were the first top seed ever eliminated by a No. 8 seed when the Denver Nuggets toppled them in the first round.

During the offseason, trade rumors surfaced about both Shawn Kemp and Kendall Gill. During his radio show on Monday, Karl did not rule out the possibility of trading Gill sometime in the near future. But Wednesday, Karl seemed less assertive.

"I was generalizing comments we've had over the last four or five months," Karl said of his talk-show commentary. "Kendall and I may have a difference of philosophy. But he's playing strongly and I hope it continues."

It has been reported previously that his playing time prompted Gill to ask for a trade. If Gill is unhappy or wants to be traded, he wasn't saying so after his 12 points against the Spurs.

"I want to be a part of this team and help them win a championship," Gill said Wednesday.

The fifth-year guard from Illinois was the fifth selection overall in the 1990 draft. He played three seasons for Charlotte before being acquired in trade for Dana Barros and Eddie Johnson on Sept. 1, 1993.

He denied that playing time is an issue this year with the Sonics. "All players want to play more minutes," Gill said. "I just want to leave this behind me and play ball."

Gill said that will be hard to do. He heard some scattered boos from the crowd of 14,793 when he was introduced before the game.

"It's hard to put things behind you when the crowd is booing and heckling you," he said.

Nate McMillan, Sonics co-captain, suggests his teammate needs to leave any bad feelings in the past.

"It's something you need to deal with and put behind you," McMillan said. "That's part of life in the NBA."

## BOWLING

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**HARVESTER WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Team	Won	Lost
DBR H20 Vending	35 1/2	12 1/2
H & H Sporting	27	21
Schiffman Machine	27	21
Graham Furniture	20	28
Kroyes Pharmacy	17 1/2	30 1/2
The Pampa News	17	31

**Week's High Scores**  
 High game: Lois Rogers, 191; High series: Billie Gowdy, 491; High handicap game: Pam Whinery, 247.  
 High handicap series: Pam Whinery, 674.

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Team	Won	Lost
Clemens Home Repair	33	15
Duany's Market	30 1/2	17 1/2
Dale's Automotive	28 1/2	19 1/2
Rag Doctor	25	23
Pizza Hut	25	23
Coca-Cola	23 1/2	24 1/2
Agepe	22 1/5	25 1/2
Safety International	20	28
Easy Pickens	18	30
Team Ten	13	35

**Week's High Scores**  
 Men: High game: Noel Clemens, 214; High series: David Wortham, 611; High handicap game: Billy Wortham, 229; High handicap series: Clayton Lee, 660.  
 Women: High game: Diane Jennings, 217; High series: Bonnie Clemens, 559; High handicap game: Sherry Johnson, 248; High handicap series: Charlotte Hall, 662.

## FOOTBALL

**National Football League**

Eds: Tied teams order based on playoff tiebreakers.

## AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	East					
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	8	4	0	.667	280	227
N.Y. Jets	6	6	0	.500	228	233
Buffalo	6	6	0	.500	256	253
New England	6	6	0	.500	245	266
Indianapolis	5	7	0	.417	243	258

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	East					
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	10	2	0	.833	335	179
Philadelphia	7	5	0	.583	243	214
N.Y. Giants	5	7	0	.417	205	249
Arizona	5	7	0	.417	154	223
Washington	2	10	0	.167	246	331

## Central

Team	West					
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	9	3	0	.750	213	172
Cleveland	9	3	0	.750	266	148
Cincinnati	2	10	0	.167	201	283
Houston	1	11	0	.083	167	265

## West

Team	West					
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
San Diego	9	3	0	.750	291	204
Kansas City	7	5	0	.583	224	215
Denver	6	6	0	.500	267	284
LA Raiders	6	6	0	.500	230	262
Seattle	5	7	0	.417	227	226

## Thursday's Game

Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

## Sunday's Games

Dallas at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.  
 New York Jets at New England, 1 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
 Washington at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.  
 Green Bay at Detroit, 4 p.m.  
 Arizona at Houston, 4 p.m.  
 Atlanta at San Francisco, 4 p.m.  
 Denver at Kansas City, 4 p.m.  
 Indianapolis at Seattle, 4 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Los Angeles Rams, 4 p.m.  
 New York Giants at Cleveland, 4 p.m.  
 Buffalo at Miami, 8 p.m.

## Monday's Game

Los Angeles Raiders at San Diego, 9 p.m.

## Saturday, Dec. 10

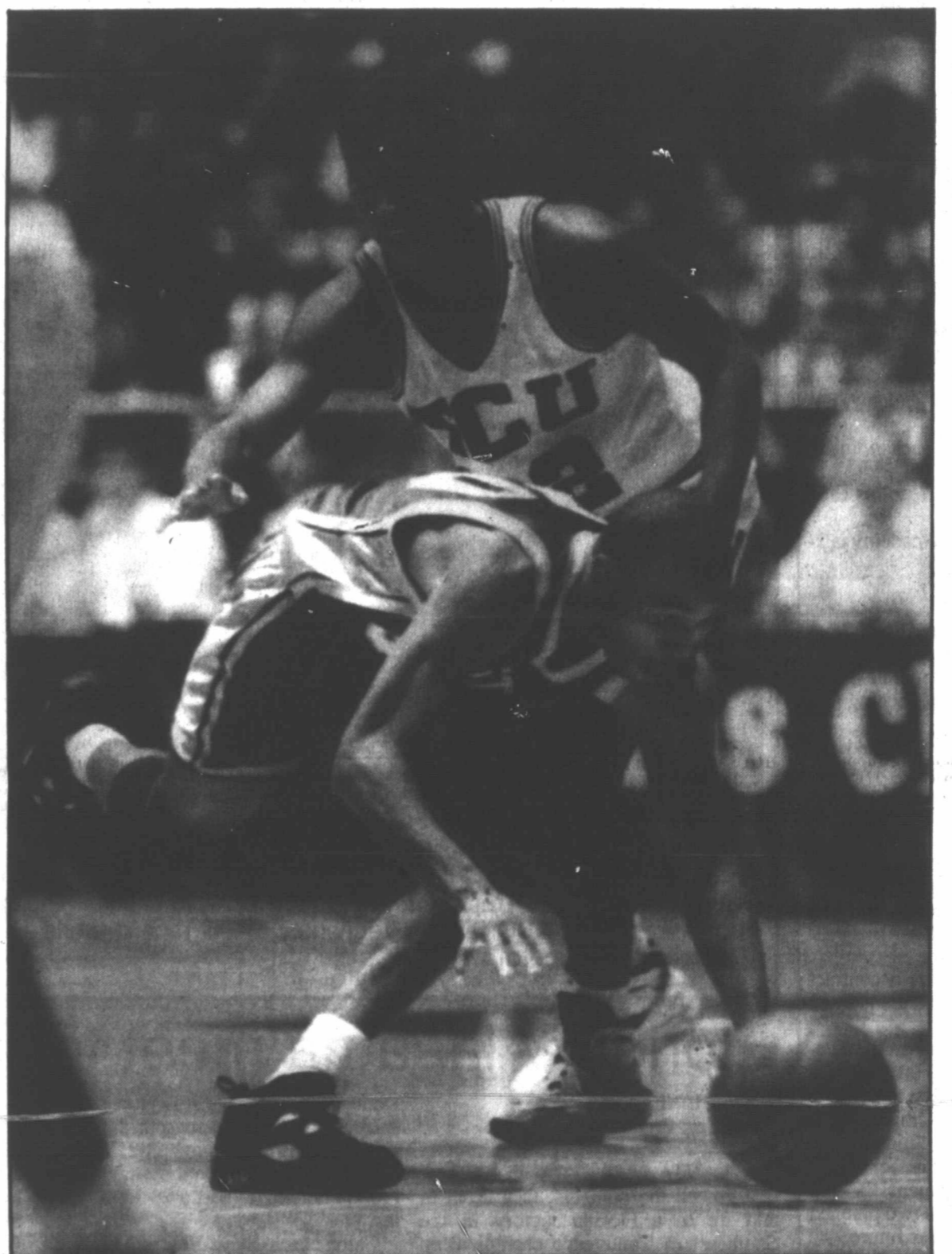
Detroit at New York Jets, 12:30 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Dallas, 4 p.m.

## Sunday, Dec. 11

Chicago at Green Bay, 1 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at New York Giants, 1 p.m.  
 Indianapolis at New England, 1 p.m.  
 Los Angeles Rams at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
 Denver at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.  
 San Francisco at San Diego, 4 p.m.  
 Seattle at Houston, 4 p.m.  
 Washington at Arizona, 4 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Atlanta, 8 p.m.

## Monday, Dec. 12

Kansas City at Miami, 9 p.m.



Midwestern State's Jerry Perry tries to keep control of the ball while trying to get around Texas Christian's Juan Bragg Wednesday night. Billy Tubbs' TCU team opened the season with a 119-78 win. (AP photo)

# Tubbs era begins at TCU

By The Associated Press

The Billy Tubbs era at Texas Christian University began with a big victory over a smaller team.

TCU got 27 points and 18 rebounds from Kurt Thomas in their 119-78 victory over Midwestern State Wednesday night. It made Tubbs 1-0 at TCU.

In the only other game involving a Southwest Conference team, the Southern Methodist University Mustangs didn't fare as well, losing to Oklahoma State of the Big 8, 73-51.

James Penny scored 17 and teammate Dennis Davis added 16 for the Horned Frogs. Seven TCU players scored in double figures.

TCU set several school scoring records, including most points scored (119), most first-half points scored (61 and most second-half points (58).

Midwestern (2-4), an NAIA Division I independent, completed 39 percent of its shots from the floor, compared to 59 percent for TCU.

Roderick Hay led Midwestern with 25 points. Jerry Perry had 10 for the Indians.

Center Bryant Reeves, enjoying at least a four-inch and 62-pound weight advantage on every SMU center, scored 27 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead Oklahoma State (2-2) to an easy 73-51 victory over SMU (0-2).

The victory didn't please OSU coach Eddie Sutton.

"Coach (Eddie) Sutton made a comment after the game that it was very ugly and I'd have to agree with him," senior forward Scott Pierce said. "I think you can tell by our performance tonight why we were 1-2 in Alaska."

# Reliever Williams gets new life with Angels

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# Major League players, club owners put salary cap on hold

LEESBURG, Va. (AP) — Instead of reaching an agreement to end the strike, baseball players and owners struck a deal to put the salary cap on hold and prolong talks.

Under pressure from mediator W.J. Uscy, owners agreed Wednesday not to impose the cap next week. The owners meeting scheduled for Monday in Chicago was postponed to Dec. 15 or 16, and bargaining will resume Dec. 9, when players are expected to make a new offer.

"I feel a sense of temporary relief," management negotiator John Harrington said, adding that he believed it was "a positive note for the negotiations."

Clubs want to eliminate salary arbitration and are intent on imposing a new economic system before more players enter the process. Clubs had to decide by Dec. 7 whether to offer arbitration to 82 of their former players who became free agents, but the sides agreed to postpone the deadline to Dec. 17.

The deadline for players to accept or reject the offers was pushed back from Dec. 19 to Dec. 23, but the Dec. 20 deadline to offer 1995 contracts was left untouched.

"I've asked the owners to withdraw their threat of implementation, and they've agreed to do that," Uscy said. "It's everybody's interest to change those deadlines and continue negotiating."

With the postponement, bargaining will resume in nine days at Rye Brook, N.Y. The union's executive board, which meets in Atlanta next Monday through Wednesday, will attempt to formulate a counterproposal to the luxury tax plan owners offered Nov. 17.

"There's still some major

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# Auction of wealthy lawyer's estate throws town into turmoil

By PAUL NOWELL  
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WILKESBORO, N.C. (AP) — Like most of Kyle Hayes' tenants, grocers Clegg and Deal Culler rented their building for the last 17 years on a handshake.

No lease. No contract. Just the kind of trust you might find among friends in a town of 3,500.

People around here believed "Mr. Kyle" when he said they could stay as long as they wanted, even after he died.

But Hayes, a lawyer who had bought up large portions of real estate in the area, couldn't keep his handshake-leases from falling apart after his death last January at 88.

His relatives successfully challenged his will, voiding a trust fund he had set up to take care of his properties and ensure low rents.

As a result, all 90 or so of Hayes' properties — most of them in and around Wilkesboro — will go on the auction

block this weekend. And Hayes' tenants wonder what will become of them and their homes and businesses.

"It hurts when our customers tell us how much they are going to miss us," said Mrs. Culler, seated at one of her grocery's two cash registers. "By Saturday we'll know what is going to happen. Then we'll go from there."

Preservationists fear the historic properties in Hayes' estate could end up in the path of a wrecking ball. Shopkeepers worry that their buildings will be destroyed, or that the new owners will charge rents too high for them to pay.

The Cullers' grocery, which they have operated for 48 years, is on Main Street in Wilkesboro's historic downtown. The area has a number of Greek Revival and antebellum homes. The town's streets adhere to the steep hills and valleys of the hamlet nestled between the Blue Ridge and Brushy mountains.

Hayes represented huge corporate clients and served as town counsel. He was a good enough lawyer to get rich, but the will he wrote failed to protect his property the way leases and contracts might have.

"Kyle told us there was no need for all those legalities," Mrs. Culler said. "He knew us well and we knew him."

Hayes accumulated property as a hobby. He also believed in preserving history.

"When Mr. Kyle was down in the dumps he would pick himself up by buying a piece of property," said Joan Baity, who works for Old Wilkes, the town's preservation group. "For me, it would be like going to the store to buy a new sweater."

Some of his properties were listed in the National Register of Historic Places — the 103-year-old Smithey Hotel, a small law office built in 1880 and a Greek Revival house built in 1855.

Gary Phillips lives with his 10-year-old daughter in that large white clapboard house under a sprawling pine tree. He runs a limousine service and a home security business from it. Like some others, he plans to bid at Saturday's auction.

"Sell me something," he pleaded. "Just don't put me out."

The auction is the result of a family battle over Hayes' \$30 million estate.

Before his death, Hayes set up the trust to look after the properties he didn't want sold. In a will signed in 1991, he also left \$1 million each to his secretary, her niece and his nephew.

In 1992, he wrote a codicil doubling the gifts to the three beneficiaries. That prompted his relatives — who were left only an endowment of \$200,000 in case any of them became "needy" — to challenge the will after he died.

## 'The Santa Clause' jingles atop box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tim Allen's comedy *The Santa Clause* started sailing as the holiday season began, taking first place at the box office during the five-day Thanksgiving weekend.

The movie, starring Allen of TV's *Home Improvement*, earned \$27.4 million in ticket sales, Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. said. It was released three weeks ago, but didn't reach the No. 1 spot until this weekend.

*The Santa Clause* bumped the previous leader, *Star Trek Generations*, down to second place with \$19.1 million. *Interview With the Vampire* was third with \$16.9 million.

Of three films debuting in the Top 10, *Junior*, starring a pregnant Arnold Schwarzenegger, did the best, finishing fourth at \$13.4 million.

*Miracle on 34th Street*, the remake of the 1947 classic, slipped from eighth to 10th place in its second week, despite a promise from 20th Century Fox to give a refund to anyone "not delighted" by the film.

The refund only applies to people who saw the movie over the five-day holiday weekend that began last Wednesday. Ticket stubs must be

mailed to the studio, which had not received any by mid-week.

The top 15 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters during the week-end, followed by studio, gross, number of screens, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by Exhibitor Relations from actual returns and studio estimates:

1. *The Santa Clause*, Buena Vista, \$27.4 million, 2,269 locations, \$12,086 per location, \$70.3 million, three weeks.

2. *Star Trek Generations*, Paramount, \$19.1 million, 2,681 locations, \$7,111 per location, \$49 million, two weeks.

3. *Interview With the Vampire*, Warner Bros., \$16.9 million, 2,604 locations, \$6,480 per location, \$83.4 million, three weeks.

4. *Junior*, Universal, \$13.4 million, 1,749 locations, \$7,685 per location, \$13.4 million, one week.

5. *A Low Down Dirty Shame*, Buena Vista, \$11.4 million, 1,334 locations, \$8,560 per location, \$11.4 million, one week.

6. *The Lion King*, Buena Vista, \$8 million, 1,510 locations, \$5,315 per location, \$281.8 million, two weeks in reissue.

7. *Stargate*, MGM, \$6.5 million, 2,033 locations, \$3,209 per location, \$60.2 million, five weeks.

8. *The Professional*, Columbia, \$5.3 million, 1,220 locations, \$4,375 per location, \$11.7 million, two weeks.

9. *The Pagemaster*, Fox, \$5.1 million, 1,803 locations, \$2,851 per location, \$5.1 million, one week.

10. *Miracle On 34th Street*, Fox, \$5 million, 1,191 locations, \$4,175 per location, \$8.1 million, two weeks.

11. *Pulp Fiction*, Miramax, \$4.5 million, 1,011 locations, \$4,474 per location, \$53.7 million, seven weeks.

12. *The Swan Princess*, New Line, \$2.7 million, 1,406 locations, \$1,913 per location, \$5.5 million, two weeks.

13. *Forrest Gump*, Paramount, \$1.8 million, 684 locations, \$2,574 per location, \$294.3 million, 21 weeks.

14. *The War*, Universal, \$1.6 million, 1,255 locations, \$1,259 per location, \$15.3 million, four weeks.

15. *Bullets Over Broadway*, Miramax, \$1.1 million, 234 locations, \$4,810 per location, \$6.3 million, six weeks.

## Attorney-client privilege subject of open records decision

AUSTIN (AP) — Records that fall under the attorney-client privilege can be made public if the governmental body seeking to protect the records fails to properly respond to an open records request, the attorney general's office has ruled.

The opinion, signed by Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, was released Wednesday.

In April 1993, the city of Gonzales sought to protect records from being made public following an open records request seeking information on the creation of the Gonzales County Underground

Water Conservation District.

However, the city failed to respond properly to the open records request, which it received on April 30, 1993, according to the opinion.

Under Texas law, a governmental body that objects to turning over records after receiving an open records request has 10 days to ask for a decision from the attorney general's office.

If the governmental body fails to ask the attorney general for a decision within 10 days, the records are deemed public.

The city of Gonzales didn't seek

its decision from Morales' office until May 11, 1993, violating the 10-day period. To keep from disclosing the records, the city claimed the information being requested fell under the attorney-client privilege.

"We conclude that the mere fact that information falls within the (attorney-client) exception does not alone constitute a compelling reason sufficient to overcome the presumption of openness that arises when a governmental body fails to request an attorney general decision within 10 days of receiving an open records request," the opinion stated.

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