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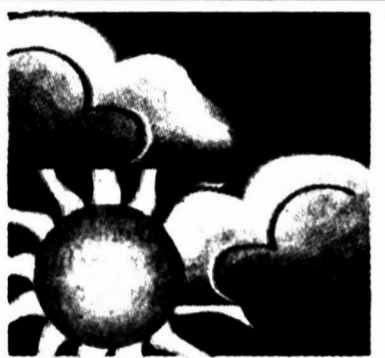
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No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket would have been worth an estimated \$17 million. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 15-20-24-27-29-37. Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$23 million.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Members of a Nebraska family claim they were attacked at the Alamodome by drunken University of Texas backers angry about their team's loss in the Big 12 championship game. The family first leveled the accusations in the Omaha World-Herald, saying a mob of about 15 Longhorn fans attacked them as they tried to leave the stadium Saturday. The article set off a flurry of messages to the Nebraska newspaper's Internet site. Some messages called Longhorns "classless" and cast a shadow over Texans in general. By late Sunday, the sparring between loyalists of both teams had spread to the Web pages of the Austin American-Statesman. Some Longhorns played down what they saw as a typical post-game scuffle. Others were embarrassed by the allegations.

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Snow has some still without power

Repair crews must combat snow drifts, icy roads and thawed mud to get into rural areas to make repairs

By **NANCY YOUNG**
 Managing Editor
 Two-to-three hundred Southwestern Public Service customers are still without electrical service in rural areas around Pampa following the first snow storm of the season which blew into the area Saturday. Jim Fuller of the local SPS office said the Mobeetie and Briscoe areas along with the Lake McClellan area near

McLean were still out of electrical power Monday morning, but should have service restored by Tuesday. He said an area nine-to-10 miles north of McLean remained without power. "The storm is not as bad as the one which struck the Pampa area in late January. Only about 30 utility poles were destroyed in this storm compared to hundreds this past January," said Fuller. "Pampa is about 99.8 percent back in service," said Fuller. He said there were isolated reports of service outages in the community of Pampa today, but there were very few. Fuller said the main problem facing SPS in getting service restored is for the crews to be able to reach the downed electrical lines in rural areas. SPS crews began arriving in the area

Saturday afternoon from Lubbock, Levelland, Seminole, Plainview, Perryton, Guyton, Okla., and Roswell, N.M. He said five three-man crews were out of the Lubbock area. He said the SPS employees are working 16 hour shifts with eight hours off before they return to work. Bill Crenshaw of the Amarillo SPS office said, "Of the 380,000 SPS customers across the Panhandle area, 20,000 of those customers were out of power at one time or another due to the winter storm which dumped 10 inches of snow on the ground." The repair crews are having to combat snow drifts, icy roads and thawed mud to get into the rural areas to make the repairs, said Crenshaw. He said the crews were using Caterpillars to get into areas to get a sec-

tion repaired, and then go on to the next area. Repairs will continue through Tuesday. The Pampa News Circulation Manager Dean Lynch reported that delivery of Sunday newspapers was limited Sunday. He said the Sunday papers are usually delivered by 7:30 a.m. on Sundays, but the weather made it impossible for carriers to get through city streets in most instances. Lynch delivers The Pampa News to carriers in Wheeler and McLean. He said the Sunday papers did not get there until after 4 p.m. Sunday due to the weather. He said the traffic was backed up two miles east of McLean on to I-40 for as far as he could see west. He reported seeing many stranded motorists because of the ice and snow.

Farmers welcome 10-inch snowfall Conditions stress cattle

By **KATE B. DICKSON**
 Associate Publisher

While some are fussing and fuming about the inconvenience of the winter's first snowfall, area farmers are rejoicing today after receiving much needed moisture. "We had a multi-million-dollar snowfall, agriculturally speaking," said Pampa's weatherman Darrell Sehorn. "This was a tremendous boost ... especially for the winter wheat crop." Sehorn, general manager of KGRO-KOMX radio, said 10 inches of snow will go down in the records as the official total but he said 20-30 mph winds make the calculation "an educated guess." Drifts measured as much as two feet. The snowfall will translate into about .83 inches of moisture and mark the first moisture the area has seen since early October, Sehorn said. Under the formula he uses, 10 inches of wet snowfall translates into an inch of water. Danny Nusser, county extension agent-agriculture, said the snowfall "is a blessing" but said the moisture "isn't a total lifesaver ... we need more." He expressed fears that much of the snow may have ended up in ditch and fence line drifts instead of in fields. The snow, Nusser said, was especially welcome on wheat fields that had been planted but had not had enough moisture on them to bring up the crop. From a cattle standpoint, Nusser said ranchers today are still making their way out to their herds trying to get them fed. "I imagine there will be ranchers looking for cattle for several days," he said. "Fences go down in drifts and the cattle keep walking."

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Kris Reel of 1205 Darby puts the finishing touches on their neighborhood's claim to Pampa's largest snowman. Helping are neighbor Trish Perez and her daughter Elena Perez. Reel said it took 10 people to build the snowman.

Wrecks include school bus; car-train mishap in Pampa

By **NANCY YOUNG**
 Managing Editor

Law enforcement agencies were kept busy over the weekend investigating motor vehicles accidents caused by weather conditions. Department of Public Safety Troopers investigated a Wellington school bus accident 2:05 p.m. Saturday eight miles east of Pampa on Highway 152. The bus was carrying 20 junior high boys who were playing in a basketball tournament at Skellytown. Superintendent Carl Taylor said the boys were returning to Wellington when the accident occurred. He said the game had been called at halftime and said the athletes would have been out of the storm area in another 10 miles. He said the students were taken into Pampa and spent Saturday night in a motel. A bus was sent to return the students to Wellington on Sunday. Taylor said school officials called Saturday morning to check on weather conditions before

(See WRECKS, Page 2)

Morris declares re-election bid

Sammie Morris, incumbent tax assessor-collector of Gray County, has announced her bid for re-election on the Republican ticket.

Morris was elected to a two-year unexpired term in the 1994 November general election. In 1996, she was elected to her first four-year term. She is now seeking her second full term in the tax assessor-collector's office. A 55-year resident of Gray County, Morris lived in Letors and McLean before moving to Pampa in 1956. She is a graduate of McLean High School and attended West Texas State University in Canyon. She is married to Bob Morris, who retired after 34 years with the Texas Department of Transportation. They have a son, Eddie Morris, and granddaughter, Ebby, who live in Amarillo. Morris and her family are members of the First Christian Church in Pampa. "For the tax year of 1998, the Gray County Tax Office started collecting for three more entities.



Sammie Morris

The Gray County tax office collects all ad valorem taxes in Gray County. Consolidated collection has resulted in substantial savings to the entities and we are happy to be able to perform the service for them," said Morris. Morris has completed all of the required courses and exams to become a registered tax assessor-collector May 19, 1997. As a reg- (See MORRIS, Page 2)

Hardin throws hat in ring for Roberts County sheriff

Lt. Dallas W. Hardin, Gray County Deputy Sheriff, has announced his candidacy for Roberts County Sheriff on the Republican ticket.

Hardin has served in law enforcement for 23 years. He started his career as an Air Force security policeman in 1976. After eight years as an SP, Hardin transferred to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. During Desert Storm, Hardin's OSI unit served as protective escorts for dignitaries ranging from "Stormin' Norman" General Schwartzkopf to funny man Bob Hope and country singer Aaron Tippin. "I was there start to finish," Hardin said. Hardin retired from the Air Force in December of 1996. He moved to Miami, Texas, and hasn't looked back. "I spent every summer of my childhood in Miami with my grandpa Harry H. Hardin. He had a small farm and a grocery store there," Hardin said. "I moved back for the school, and the community." Hardin has a wife, Shawna, and four children, Clinton, Casey, Brittany, and Kurtis. And four dogs, that is, including a (See HARDIN, Page 2)

Lt. Dallas W. Hardin

Bomb threat charges changed

The charges against two 16-year-olds in connection with the bomb threat at Pampa High School have been changed to a false alarm report, PHS school resource officer Colby Brown said. A false alarm report is a state jail felony, he said. The threat was phoned into the school Friday morning and by early that afternoon the arrests were made thanks to a Teen Crimestoppers tip and a telephone trace, Brown said.

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Services tomorrow

RHOADES, Ruth Butler — 11 a.m., N.S. Griggs and Sons Funeral Directors Pioneer Chapel, Amarillo.

WHITSON, Freeda — Services, 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

ELVIA LORENE BONDURANT

BORGER — Elvia Lorene Bondurant, 56, mother of a Pampa resident, died Friday, Dec. 3, 1999. Services were to be at 10:30 a.m. today in Abundant Life Fellowship Church with Sekethia Cole officiating. Burial will be in Garden of Sunset in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Bondurant was born at Springer, Okla. She had been a Borger resident since 1972, moving from Abilene. She was a retired health care provider and belonged to Abundant Life Fellowship Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Louise Thurman and Sandra Clendennen, both of Borger, Janet Hinders of Stinnett and Dale Lorene Vincent of Channing; and two sons, Wesley Clendennen of Pampa and Kenneth Clendennen of Borger; a sister, Bertha Louise Tavor of Springer; four brothers, Wayne Harper of Dallas, Kenneth Bondurant of Jacksonville, Fla., and Joe Bondurant and Billy Bondurant, both of Springer; 19 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

RUBY MAYBERRY

GRUVER — Ruby Mayberry, 76, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 1999. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Gruver Cemetery with the Rev. Scott Curry officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Mayberry was born at Sallisaw, Okla. She married Carl Jefferson Mayberry in 1976 at Borger; he died in 1992. She had been a Gruver resident since 1992, moving from Broadus. She was employed as a house mover before retiring in 1987.

She belonged to First Baptist Church of Gruver.

Survivors include two daughters, Norma Hefner of Borger and Sue Campbell of Sanford; five sons, Bobby Capps of Cushing, Okla., Jimmie Capps of Oklahoma City, Okla., Donnie Capps of Vian, Okla., William McDowell of Amarillo and Rodney McDowell of Gruver; two stepdaughters, Annette Hunter of Fletcher, Okla., and Jowannah Shackelford of Pampa; four sisters, Beulah Champion of Tranquility, Calif., Jewell Curtis of Lodi, Calif., Nadine Johnson of Okemah, Okla., and Pauline Bene of San Joaquin, Calif.; a brother, R.B. Sizemore of Tranquility; 37 grandchildren; and 51 great-grandchildren.

RUTH BUTLER RHOADES

AMARILLO — Ruth Butler Rhoades, 81, sister of a Pampa resident, died Friday, Dec. 3, 1999. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in N.S. Griggs and Sons Funeral Directors Pioneer Chapel with the Rev. Frank Williams, of Covenant Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Rhoades was born at Brice. She married Loren Rhoades in 1937; he died in 1997. She was a homemaker and belonged to Covenant Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Leon Rhoades, in 1982.

Survivors include a daughter, Ronda Rhoades of Chicago, Ill.; a son, Barry Rhoades of Albuquerque, N.M.; two brothers, Bill Rhoades of Pampa and Glen Rhoades of Claude; and a grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Alzheimer's Association, 2200 W. 7th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79106.

FREEDA WHITSON

Freeda Whitson, 66, of Pampa, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Whitson was born Jan. 10, 1933, at Woodward, Okla. She had been a lifelong Pampa resident. She married John Whitson in April 1951 at Clovis, N.M. She was a homemaker and a



Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	1.99	Coca Cola	66 3/16	dn 2 1/8
Milo	2.62	Columbia/HCA	287 1/16	dn 3/16
Corn	3.06	Enron	37 11/16	up 1/16
Soybeans	3.96	Halliburton	38 1/2	dn 1/16
		IBM	19 3/8	dn 1/16
		KMI	19 3/8	dn 5/16
		Kerr McGee	58 1/8	dn 3/16
		Limited	41 1/2	up 3/16
		McDonald's	45 7/16	dn 7/16
		Mobil	104 5/16	up 13/16
		New Atmos	22 5/8	up 3/16
		NCE	31 13/16	dn 1/16
		Penney's	20 11/16	dn 7/16
		Phillips	47 5/8	dn 7/16
		Pioneer Nat	9 1/8	NC
		SLB	60 5/16	up 9/16
		Tenneco	7 13/16	dn 1/8
		Texasco	60	dn 3/16
		Ultramar	23 3/4	up 1/8
		Wal-Mart	59 5/16	up 1/4
		Williams	33 15/16	up 1/4
		New York Gokl	279 80	
		Silver	5 11	
		West Texas Crude	25 81	

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

Amoco	59 15/16	up 7/16
Arco	888 1/4	dn 7/16
Cabot	18 7/8	dn 5/16
Cabot O&G	15	up 1/4
Chevron	91 1/8	up 1/16

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Gabriel Hernandez, 21, 945 S. Faulkner, was arrested on charges of obstruction of justice and resisting arrest.

Sunday, Dec. 5

Russell Lee Richter, 19, 1031 Sumner #206, was arrested on the charge of minor in possession. An unfounded suicide concern was reported in the 300 block of Tignor.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Dec. 2

Twaunah Rowsey, 58, 853 E. Kingsmill, was arrested by the Pampa PD on the charge of no insurance.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 48-hours ending at 7 a.m. Monday.

Saturday, Dec. 4

2:40 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Willow Road and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Frederic; no transport.

9:52 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Christy and transported one to PRMC.

6:24 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Frost and transported one to PRMC.

8:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to East Kingsmill and transported one to PRMC.

9:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, Dec. 5

12:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of East Buckler; no transport.

12:51 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Russell and transported one to PRMC.

2:50 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

3:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Wells and transported one to PRMC.

4:46 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Price and transported one to PRMC.

5:37 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 and Loop 171 and transported four to PRMC.

8:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Charles and transported one to PRMC.

11:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Chaney and Starkweather; no transport.

Monday, Dec. 7

2:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Groom and transported one to PRMC.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 4

8:57 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a medical assist at 745 E. Frederic. The patient was dead.

12:16 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a smoke scare at 1916 N. Hobart. The fluorescent light ballast was removed.

12:50 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a downed telephone wire at McCullough and Highway 70.

1:00 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to an arcing power line at Loop 171 and Browning.

1:15 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to a structure fire at 1944 N. Banks. A clothes dryer had ignited some clothing.

3:18 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a gas leak at 1109 S. Hobart. A vehicle had struck a gas meter.

3:20 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a downed power line at 3421 N. Duncan.

6:25 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a report of an arcing power line at 2900 Rosewood.

6:59 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a report of an arcing power line one-fourth mile north of Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:04 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a report of an arcing power line at McCullough and Wilcox.

Sunday, Dec. 5

12:38 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a medical assist call at 411 Buckler.

4:59 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a Lifestar standby at PRMC.

3:57 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to difficulty breathing call at 1105 S. Wells.

5:32 p.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to a vehicle accident at Loop 171 one-half mile north of Highway 60. There were no injuries.

5:40 p.m. — One unit and one person responded to a vehicle accident at 1400 N. Hobart. There were no injuries.

6:41 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a gas odor at 1006 S. Barnes.

8:22 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a medical assist call at 2525 Charles.

FARMERS

Because the temperatures in the area have been warm recently, the sudden drop in temperature coupled with the wet and windy conditions is especially stressful on cattle, Nusser said. But on the up side, he said the snow helped to settle dust that has been a bane to both man and beast.

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WRECKS

The bus departed Wellington and were told it was only raining at that time. He said Wellington received no snow in the weekend storm.

Four teenagers were treated and released from Pampa Regional Medical Center Sunday after being involved in a two-car collision at 5:30 p.m. one mile west of Pampa on Loop 171.

Zachary Cole Mitchell, 16; Jaglee Casas, 16; Lacy Vetzold, 16; and Jose Simpson, 16, were all transported to PRMC for treatment. Mitchell was driver of the vehicle in which the other three were riding. A fourth passenger, Anne Geddis, 18, was not transported. All are from Pampa.

Driver of the second vehicle was James Allen Licklider, 16, of Pampa. Mitchell was cited for turning when unsafe.

An accident 5.9 miles east of Pampa on Hwy. 152 at 4 p.m. Saturday was also weather related. Bradley Wayne Moran, 18, Mobeetie was driving a

The system which dumped the snow Saturday originally was expected to bring from two-to-four inches but the storm intensified, he said. Another system, which could bring snow, is headed our way Thursday followed by yet another possible snow producer this coming weekend. But Sehorn says he doesn't expect the area to get two major snowfalls this close together.

1989 Chevrolet Cavalier when he struck a road sign. He was cited by DPS for unsafe speed. DPS troopers investigated a one-car accident 14.5 miles south of Pampa on Hwy. 273 Saturday afternoon in which the vehicle hit a guard rail due to the weather conditions.

Lori Dawn Reames, 25, Borger, was the driver of a 1992 Saturn which struck the guardrail after losing traction and overcorrecting, according to DPS reports. She was not injured.

Lino A. Brookshire Alfaro, 39, 213 N. Starkweather, was driver of a 1993 Oldsmobile which became stuck on the second set of tracks at 200 Starkweather after 11 p.m. Sunday.

Before the car could be moved, it was hit by an eastbound train. Alfaro reported she tried to attract the attention of the personnel operating the train, but was unable to do so. She jumped from the car and was not injured in the incident.

Collin Fowler, 41, of Amarillo was conductor of the Arlington Northern Santa Fe.

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MORRIS

istered Texas assessor-collector in the state, Morris was awarded her certificate of professional achievement by the Board of Tax Professional Examiners.

She is a member of the Pampa Kiwanis Club, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, Texas Association of Assessing Officers, the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas and the Board of Tax Professional Examiners. Morris also serves as a director on the Gray County Appraisal District Board.

Morris said the staff of the tax office, including the ad valorem tax department and motor vehicle department, are to be commended on being responsive to the needs of the citizens of Gray County. She said she feels the office is very lucky to have such a qualified staff interested in serving the public.

"I really enjoy working with the people of Gray County and I promise to work in the spirit of cooperation with all citizens of our county. I have really appreciated the people's support and I am again asking for their support in the primary and general election for 2000," said Morris.

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HARDIN

pup that is half Australian shepherd and half pointer. "He just points at the cows, he won't go get them," Hardin joked.

Hardin's great grandfather, O. B. Hardin, served as Miami Sheriff 1912-1918.

"I'm also related to the gunslinger John Wesley Hardin," Hardin said.

John Wesley Hardin, the gunslinger, is famous

for his rebellion under the reconstruction government of E.J. Davis and his state police. E.J. Davis was the Yankee General-Texas Governor infamous for disbanding the Texas Rangers.

Hardin, that is, Dallas W. Hardin, believes that law enforcement can be compassionate and effective.

"You don't need to be a hard-case to get things done," Hardin said.

The primaries for the Sheriff's election are in March.

City crews work overtime to clear snow from streets

City crews are out in force today continuing to clear streets and backtracking on some of them to remove plowed snow that will be dumped in nearby parks or vacant lots.

City Manager Bob Eskridge and Public Works Director Richard Morris met this morning to review the weekend's work and look at what's ahead including the possibility of more snow later this week.

No major problems resulted from the storm though a power outage at a Canadian River Municipal Water Association pumping station shut off Lake Meredith water to Pampa, said Morris.

The city was without Lake Meredith water from Saturday morning until Sunday night but city wells picked up the load and there was no danger the city would run out of water.

"It was a concern," Morris said of the CRMWA outage, "but it was not a problem."

Morris and Eskridge explained the water situation was not like during last year's ice storm when a lengthy power outage in Pampa meant water could not be pumped into overhead tanks for distribution throughout the city.

Snow removal crews began working Saturday morning and stayed on the job until about midnight, Morris said. They returned about 5 a.m. Sunday and again worked until about midnight. About 15 city workers are making up the snow crew.

Some of the snow on primary streets has been piled in the middle of the roadway prompting questions from some people as to why this is done.

Eskridge said these streets have curbside parking and by moving the snow to the middle, it allows parking to continue.

FBI faces questions from Waco investigators

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Special counsel investigating the Branch Davidians siege apparently are giving FBI officials a taste of their own tough questioning.

For the past few weeks, current and former FBI officials have been summoned to St. Louis to be grilled by investigators working for John Danforth, the former senator appointed to find out whether government agents fired guns or started the fire at the compound near Waco, Texas, in 1993.

"They didn't use a rubber hose, and there were no bright lights in your eyes," said Danny Coulson, a former FBI commander who was questioned last month. "They asked real hard questions and insisted that you defend your answers logically."

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TED & Sharon Jett announce the arrival of Jennifer Ann Jett, born Oct. 19, 1999 to Clay & Julie Jett of Arlington, Tx.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly sunny today with a low in the low 40s and south-wouthwest winds at 10 mph. Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the low 20s with west winds at 5-10 mph. Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high in the upper 50s and south-southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Yesterday's high was 34; the overnight low 21.

STATEWIDE — Dominant high pressure pushed low temperatures into the teens and 20s across much of Texas today, matching at least one record. But forecasters predicted a warming trend for midweek.

Clear skies and light winds helped readings dip to as low as 18 degrees at Amarillo and

Marfa. It was 51 at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station.

The low of 19 degrees at Austin Bergstrom Airport equalled the record low for the day that was set in 1950, according to the National Weather Service.

Other readings included 23 at Denton, 35 degrees at Dallas Love Field, 46 degrees at Brownsville, 20 at Junction and 36 at Childress.

Winds were light and variable at 20 mph or less except along the coast where stronger north winds prevailed. Stronger winds were expected through the mountain passes.

At Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, the temperature hovered above the freezing mark. Freezing temper-

atures were reaching a line from Eagle Pass through San Antonio to Lufkin.

Through midweek, North Texas should have sunny days with temperatures warming to around 60 across the region.

Daytime highs should range from the 40s to 60s, with overnight lows ranging from the 20s in the north to 30s in the Hill Country and inland areas of Southeast Texas and lower 60s along the lower coast. It could reach near 70 degrees along the Big Bend of the Rio Grande.

In the west, mostly cloudy conditions were expected Tuesday.

On Sunday, the low of 27 degrees at Austin Bergstrom tied the previous record last set in 1990.

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Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-3988.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call Diane Wells at 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is extending clinic hours in Pampa. The clinic is now open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A. Special evening hours until 6 p.m. are available by appointment. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291.

Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The Spirit of Christmas volunteers will distribute Wish Cards and raise funds for gifts Nov. 10-Dec. 10. Gifts will be given to abused and neglected Amarillo children under the care of social services agency Child Protective Services. For more information, call Nancy Hutchens, (806) 378-3206.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CANYON

Christmas in the Canyon is slated from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 in Palo Duro Canyon. Activities will include arts and crafts for children, refreshments and holiday cheer. For more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

PAMPA BOARD OF REALTORS

The Executive Board of Pampa Board of Realtors will meet at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 in the Nona Payne Room of Pampa Community Building.

1999 CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT

Tralee Crisis Center is once again sponsoring a Christmas Tree Project to help meet the needs of women and children who are the victims of domestic violence. Last year's project brightened the holidays for 73 women and children. For more information or to donate food, clothing or toys, call (806) 669-1131 or stop by Tralee Crisis Center office, 310 S. Cuyler. The deadline is Dec. 15.

BIRD WATCHING

Panhandle Bird Club will hold its monthly bird-watching field trip Dec. 10 at Palo Duro Canyon. The group will meet at 8 a.m. at the park entrance. Bird enthusiasts are invited to participate and learn about bird identification, habitat and more. Binoculars are strongly recommended. For more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Gov. George W. Bush and

Texas Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service are seeking nominations for the Governor's Volunteer Awards. During National Volunteer Week, recipients will be honored during a ceremony at the Governor's Mansion on April 11, 2000. Individuals may nominate themselves or others in one of 10 categories: youth, adult, senior, family, group, corporate/business, volunteer manager/administrator, national service program, national service participants, and, for lifetime achievement, the Lonestar Achievement Award. For a nomination form, call the Governor's Volunteer Awards Hotline, (512) 475-4432. The deadline is 5 p.m. Dec. 15, 1999.

AMERICAN GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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panel of educators. To qualify, students must rank in the top third of their senior class, must present evidence of good character in two letters of recommendation (from a high school official and a community leader). Students will be evaluated on involvement in extracurricular activities and on a written response to a question about character. The student's taxable family income cannot exceed \$50,000. Applications are due March 1. For more information, call (615) 320-3149.

COLGATE YOUTH SERVICE CONTEST

Local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, Girls Inc., Camp Fire and 4-H organizations are invited to enter their best community service projects in the "Colgate Youth for America" campaign. Cash grants of up to \$2,000 will be awarded to the most creative and best executed projects from local clubs and troops between March 1, 1999, and March 1, 2000. Entry forms are available through regional offices of the national organizations or by sending a SASE to: Colgate Youth for America Campaign, P.O. Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, NY 10150-1058. Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2000, and are also available on-line at www.colgate.com.

Five women found shot to death in Maryland home

BALTIMORE (AP) — The bodies of five women who were shot multiple times have been found in a home and police were looking for four suspects.

The identities of the women were not released, but police said they believe the five may be related.

A dispatcher received a call about 7:30 p.m. Sunday reporting shooting, said police spokeswoman Regina Cooper.

There were no signs of forced entry and the house did not appear to have been ransacked. Police said they believe the women, who were all killed "execution-style," were targeted by the gunmen.

At least two semi-automatic weapons were used in the shootings, which apparently killed everyone in the house, investigators said.

A 1992 gold Nissan Maxima was seen by witnesses leaving the area. A car matching that description was later seen at a McDonald's restaurant, where the car's four occupants apparently attempted to carjack another vehicle.

They were stopped by an off-duty school police officer, who fired a shot at them and recovered a weapon, Cooper said. The car's occupants escaped.

The shootings occurred in a quiet section of town. Neighbor E. Lynn Wolf said she never noticed any problems at the women's home.

"The biggest trouble we have here is kids riding go-carts," Wolf said. "And the worst thing I've heard happening is four or five years ago, someone got their pocketbook snatched."

Mayor Kurt Schmoke tried to ease fears that killers were targeting victims at random.

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- 2. Residential.** This category is for the residents of Pampa. A winner will be chosen from four different areas of town. Each of those winners receives \$50 in Pampa Bucks from the Chamber of Commerce.



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- Contest is open to all residents of Pampa (within the city limits). All entries must be received in the office of the Pampa News by noon Friday, December 10, 1999 to be eligible. No display will be considered eligible unless an entry form is on file by the above date.
- Lights must be on between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on December 12 thru December 18 for judging.
- Entrants must be 18 years of age to enter. Employees and family members of the Pampa News and Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce are not eligible to enter.
- The decision of the judges will be final.

Officials identify many victims, work to find relatives

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Most of the victims of an accident that killed 13 people have been identified, but the names were being released slowly as officials tried to contact relatives in Mexico.

Thirteen of the 17 killed and injured from Saturday's crash had been identified Sunday.

A van slid on a snowpacked Interstate 40 near Edgewood, slamming into a tractor-trailer. Eleven people believed to be undocumented immigrant workers from the southern Mexican states of Oaxaca and Chiapas died at the scene. Two more died en route to Albuquerque-area hospitals.

Four others were injured. Three remained in satisfactory condition Sunday, and a fourth was in serious condition, University Hospital spokeswoman Cindy Foster said.

Mexican consulate Jaime Paz y Puente said the bodies will be transferred to Mexico when the families have been notified.

"It was a little difficult because Mexican offices were closed (Sunday)," Paz y Puente said.

Foster identified three male survivors as Antonio Romero Hernandez, Raquel Sanchez and Domingo Sanchez. The name of

the fourth survivor, a female, had not been confirmed. All four were listed in satisfactory condition today, hospital spokesman Don Butterfield said.

Border Patrol Agent Garth Rogers, in the Albuquerque office, said one survivor is 15 years old, another is 16 and the other two are in their 20s, he said.

Border Patrol agents were bringing in fingerprint records to help identify victims, Rogers said.

The immigrants apparently were being smuggled from Arizona to Kentucky when the van crashed, Rogers said. It's possible passengers also were bound for Florida and perhaps one other destination, said Doug Mosier, a U.S. Border Patrol spokesman.

A Mercer County, Ky., sheriff and two farmers in the area said Saturday that during the tobacco season they saw a vehicle matching the description of the van that crashed.

Mercer County Sheriff Ralph Anderson said he had seen a similar van, carrying Mexican migrant workers. Television footage of the van showed a Kentucky license plate, but regis-

tration information was not available.

Mercer County tobacco farmers David Baker and Harvey Mitchell also said they had seen Mexican migrant workers traveling around the county during the tobacco season in a van similar to the one in the wreck. Baker and Mitchell said they employ legal migrants from Mexico, but both said most of their workers left the county more than a week ago because the work is finished.

Baker said it doesn't make sense for the van to be headed for Kentucky since the season is over.

The van driver, who had a Florida driver's license, had a list of names and amounts being paid for each passenger — anywhere from \$250 to \$500, Rogers said. The driver was killed in the accident.

The eastbound van plowed into the rear of a tractor-trailer rig early Saturday 30 miles east of Albuquerque. The van driver apparently didn't notice traffic was backed up because of a prior traffic accident, Santa Fe County Undersheriff Benjie Montano said.

The rear seats in the wrecked van had been stripped out.

"This for me is one of the worst I've seen," Rogers said. "Even when there's a vehicle with seats, when they load it down with all these people like that, it's hard just to drive it."

Smugglers don't have any concern for their passengers, said

Patricia Mancha, spokeswoman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service in El Paso, Texas.

"Some drivers are not licensed. A lot have never really driven," she said.

I-40 is an important route for

smuggling undocumented workers, Rogers said.

"It's the first interstate highway north of the border that doesn't have any traffic checkpoints because it's so far removed from the border," he said.

Five hurt in Oklahoma school shooting; suspect in custody

FORT GIBSON, Okla. (AP) — A 13-year-old middle school student wounded four of his classmates this morning before being subdued with a gun still in his hand, authorities said. A fifth student reportedly suffered bumps and bruises.

The wounded were taken to hospitals in Tulsa and Muskogee. None of the injuries appeared life-threatening.

"He doesn't even know who it was he shot," said Muskogee County Sheriff's Deputy Terry Cragg, who spoke to the boy briefly in the isolation cell at the county jail. "There was not a hate thing. I asked him why. He said, 'I don't know.'"

Details of the capture were unclear. Cragg said the boy was still trying to pull the trigger when Fort Gibson officers arrived. Superintendent Steve Wilmoth said he understood a science teacher grabbed the gun from the boy and pressed him against a brick wall.

Cragg said the boy did not appear remorseful and had a blank look on his face. He was looking around the cell when Cragg saw him. "I understand he just got there and decided to start shooting, pulled a gun out and started shooting."

Wilmoth said students were gathered outside before the 8 a.m. start of classes when the shooting began.

Tyra Palmer, a spokeswoman at Tulsa Regional Medical Center, said a 12-year-old boy was in fair condition there with gunshot wounds to both arms. A 12-year-old girl was in fair condition at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa with a gunshot wound to the cheek, said hospital spokeswoman Melissa Bogle.

Muskogee Regional Medical Center said two 13-year-old boys were brought there. One had a gunshot wound to the forearm and another had been wounded in the leg. It wasn't immediately clear

where the student who suffered bumps and bruises was taken.

Justine Hurst, a 13-year-old eighth-grader, stood outside the school with her father, Jim, hours after the shooting. She said she knew two of the victims and the alleged shooter.

"He seemed like a really nice person," she said, identifying the shooter as a seventh-grader in her school. "He had a lot of friends."

Authorities offered no details about the suspect except his age.

Justine arrived at the school just after the shooting happened, as students were being rushed inside into the school cafeteria. She said backpacks lay strewn everywhere.

"Everyone was screaming. Everyone was crying."

She said some of the children thought the gunfire was the firecrackers left over from Saturday's football game when Fort Gibson played Weatherford for a state high school championship.

The windows of the school were still painted with signs from the game, including "We're cheering for you." Fort Gibson lost 46-0 to Weatherford.

Eighth-grade student Greg Pruitt was walking on the other side of building from where the shooting took place and heard what sounded like firecrackers. A vice principal began yelling for kids to get inside cafeteria.

"We heard one girl screaming. We saw smoke coming from the cement," Greg said.

Fort Gibson is a town of about 3,500 about 50 miles southeast of Tulsa. About 450 students attend the middle school.

A school official said all of the district's 1,850 students were sent home for the day. School was planned again Tuesday.

Mother reunited with children, helped by child-locator firm

PHARR, Texas (AP) — A Texas agency that locates missing children has found two after they were unlawfully separated from their mother during a bitter custody battle.

The Houston-based American Association for Lost Children helped find the children of Irene Alvarez of Rio Grande City.

On a recent night, Ms. Alvarez watched police cars in front of a trailer home in Pharr where her two children were living. She had not seen them for nearly six months. Ms. Alvarez had been fighting a custody battle with her ex-husband when he disappeared with the children during a court-arranged visit.

A complicated private investigation located the children, though, and led Ms. Alvarez to her uneasy waiting place outside the trailer. Soon, Pharr police officers escorted Ms. Alvarez and her father, Gilbert Alvarez, to the front of the home.

"These kids, they are going to need a lot of love," Pharr police Sgt. Noel Luna told Ms. Alvarez before the children came out. "They are the victims here."

The presence of the police, and the confusion of not having seen their mother for several months, left the children wary and uncertain.

Ms. Alvarez's 11-year-old son, Lorenzo Pablo

Samaniago, was the first to emerge. With tears flowing, he moved into his mother's arms as she whispered words of consolation.

A few minutes later, the little girl, 10-year-old Guillermina Lucia Anita Samaniago, stepped hesitantly out of the home. It was the beginning of a healing period for Ms. Alvarez and her children.

Since being reunited, they have shared some special memories. Thanksgiving was especially important this year, Ms. Alvarez told The (McAllen) Monitor, because she realized just how much she was grateful for.

That happiness is payment enough for AALC founder Mark Miller, who does not charge for his services and works entirely on donations.

One of Ms. Alvarez's neighbors saw a television program that mentioned Miller's agency. She called a toll-free number, and less than two months later, Miller found the children in Pharr.

Miller founded the agency in 1987 after he saw a flyer on a missing girl. Over the past dozen years, Miller has helped reunite more than 100 children with their parents.

"At a certain point, I quit counting," Miller says. "I didn't want it to be a numbers game."

'Today' show's 'Gadget Guru' arrested on drug charge

MIAMI (AP) — Andrew "Andy" Pargh, an electronic products reporter who appears on NBC's Today show as the Gadget Guru, has been arrested on felony cocaine charges.

Pargh, 45, was arrested early Saturday morning in Sunny Isles, just north of Miami Beach. He was released on \$50,000 bond four hours later, according to an official at Miami-Dade County Jail.

Pargh was charged with one count of cocaine trafficking.

Miami-Dade Police released no statement on the case, and refused further comment, citing the ongoing investigation.


The Nashville-based Pargh is a former syndicated columnist for The Tennessean and the Nashville Banner.



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Study: Vacuum, forceps deliveries as safe as Caesareans

By KATHARINE WEBSTER
Associated Press Writer

Fears that expectant mothers may have over the use of vacuum extractors and forceps during delivery should be eased in the wake of a new study showing the devices have proven as safe as Caesarean sections.

The study, which appears in a recent New England Journal of Medicine, suggests difficult labor itself, as much as the method of delivery, may lead to brain injuries and deaths in babies.

"It's not always easy to get a baby's head out of the pelvis once it gets jammed in there, even if it's a Caesarean section," said Dr. Michael Greene, chairman of the Obstetrical Practice Committee for the American College of Obstetrics and

The study comes more than a year after the Food and Drug Administration warned of a tiny but growing number of head injuries and deaths among infants delivered with vacuum extractors. In May 1998, the FDA advised doctors to exercise caution when using the devices.

Gynecology and an associate editor of the Journal. "So whether you dig it out from up above or pull it out from down below, there's always some risk of injury," he said.

Additionally, vacuum extraction is generally safer for the mother than the use of forceps or Caesarean section, said Dr. Dena Towner of the University of California at Davis, the study's lead author.

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Caesarean sections typically are performed when labor stalls in the early stages or if the baby is in an awkward position. Vacuum extraction or forceps should be used only during the last stage — when the mother's cervix is fully dilated — and if the baby's head is in the proper position, Towner said.

Most vacuum extractions "are done for maternal exhaustion — Mom just can't push any more," Towner said. "Most babies that are in the right position, one or two little pulls and they're out."

Vacuum extractors use a soft plastic cup placed on top of the baby's head to pull when the mother has a contraction. Doctors use rounded forceps to grasp the baby's head on either side, then pull.

Some injuries and deaths occur because forceps or the extractor are misapplied to the baby's head, or used when labor is not far enough along, Towner said.

The study examined 583,340 live births to first-time mothers in California from 1992 through 1994. Breech deliveries, multiple births, and babies weighing more than 9 pounds or less than 5 1/2 pounds were excluded.

Brain injuries occurred in 1 of 1,900 infants delivered normally and 1 of 2,750 delivered by Caesarean section before labor began.

In difficult labors, brain injuries occurred two to three times as often as during normal, vaginal birth. Injuries were detected in 1 of 664 infants delivered with forceps, 1 of 860 delivered by vacuum extraction, and 1 of 907 delivered by Caesarean section after labor began. The differences in risk among the three methods were not statistically significant.

The study also found the risk of head injuries tripled when a combination of methods was used.

Dr. Benjamin Sachs, chairman of obstetrics at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, said the results may have been skewed because the study was based on limited information from birth certificates and hospital discharge records.

Sachs, who was not involved in the study, said many of the mothers and newborns would have been discharged from the hospital within 24 hours of giving birth, but head injury symptoms often don't show up that quickly. Also, information wasn't available on the severity of the reported injuries.

"Without careful follow-up of these kids, you wouldn't really know what's happening," Sachs said.

Sachs also cautioned against an effort by some hospitals and insurers to lower Caesarean section rates by increasing vacuum and forceps deliveries inappropriately.

"In certain areas, there's a real push to increase the usage of these techniques, and that's led to an increase in injuries," he said.

Forceps were used in 2.8 percent of all U.S. births in 1997, down from 5.5 percent in 1989, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. The use of vacuum extractors rose during the same period, from 3.5 percent to 6.2 percent. The C-section rate dropped slightly from 22.8 percent.

Medical briefs

Realistic expectations help avoid holiday letdown

HOUSTON — Realistic expectations can help you avoid a holiday letdown.

"Funning from a party to a recital, to the mall to wrap up holiday shopping and then home can cause a great deal of stress," said Dr. Michael Cox, a clinical psychologist with Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

It's important to plan time to relax, exercise, and socialize with those you love, especially young children. Simple activities like watching a holiday video, throwing the football, or baking cookies can create lasting memories.

The holidays are not a time to settle family differences. Try to avoid confrontations by not bringing up topics that will cause tension around the dinner table or when everyone gathers to open gifts. Also, keep the length of visits to a minimum. Overstaying your welcome to the point of imposing on family members can cause hurt feelings.

Cox also notes that spending enormous amounts of money on holiday items opens the door for marital spats. It's important for couples to sit down before the holiday season and map out a budget, detailing how much they can afford to spend and then stick to the budget.

Eating before going to a party might keep weight off

HOUSTON — Most holiday activities involve lots of foods that are high in fat and calories, but with a bit of planning you might be able to glide through the season without gaining a pound.

"Before going to a party or other function, have a little appetite-quencher so you don't arrive hungry and eat everything in sight," said Becky Gorham, a nutritionist with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Many times we eat foods we don't even like just to satisfy hunger pangs."

Gorham also recommends making exercise a part of your holiday activities. If you cannot find 30 minutes a day to work out, walk a few laps around the mall or park a little bit further away from stores. This way you can get a little exercise while accomplishing your goals. Also, try to focus more on spending time with family and friends and less on food.

If you fear the year 2000, find people you can trust

HOUSTON — If you fear the

new millennium, you need to pick your friends carefully.

"Many people fear computers will crash, banks and ATM machines will shut down and that the end of the world is coming," said Dr. James Lomax, a psychiatrist with Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "There will be people out there who will exploit a person's financial fears in ways that could be very costly to them. Others will try to involve people in group activities, such as going out into the desert on New Year's Eve, that could be dangerous."

Lomax believes people will feel a sense of relief once New Year's Day comes and goes. However, many will be embarrassed about steps they have taken preparing for the worst and resent those who took advantage of them.

During times of anxiety it's always best to huddle close to those you can trust.

Helping cope with a seizure

HOUSTON — It's important to know exactly what to do when someone is having a seizure.

"First put something soft under the person's head to avoid injury, loosen clothing around the neck, then turn the person on their side," said Dr. Eli Mizrahi, a neurologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"Sometimes a person with a seizure might not be able to breathe for a short period of time, so you do not want any mouth secretions or saliva to be retained in the mouth and possibly sucked into the lungs."

In addition, look for an identification band that might alert you to a seizure disorder. This could give you a sense of confidence about what is happening and enable you to make that person comfortable during an episode.

Seizures can last anywhere from a few seconds to a few minutes. If an episode goes beyond five minutes, call 9-1-1.

High blood pressure more common among African-American men

HOUSTON — Regular blood pressure checks can make the difference between life and death for men, especially African-American men.

"In men ages 35 to 44, high blood pressure is two times more prevalent in African-Americans than whites," said Dr. Charlene Dewey, an assistant professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "African-American are 15 times more like-

ly to die from high blood pressure than white men."

Dewey recommends that healthy African-American men over age 18 have their blood pressure checked at least once every two years. Risk factors for high blood pressure include obesity, high salt and alcohol consumption, a sedentary lifestyle, and a family history. If left untreated, high blood pressure can lead to heart disease, heart attacks, stroke, and kidney or heart failure.

A new procedure makes kidney surgery tolerable

HOUSTON — A new minimally invasive procedure will make kidney surgery a much more tolerable experience.

"During a laproscopic nephrectomy several half-inch incisions are made around the abdomen," said Dr. Peter Schulam, a urologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Through those incisions the kidney is cut free and deposited into a sack in the abdomen. The sack is then pulled through one of the incisions."

This procedure means less need for pain medication, a shorter hospital stay, and a quickened recovery. A person will recover from the laproscopic procedure in 6 to 8 weeks, compared to 10 to 12 months from regular kidney surgery.

Cause of Rett syndrome discovered

HOUSTON — The discovery of the defective gene that causes Rett syndrome could help researchers develop a test to diagnose the disorder earlier.

Dr. Huda Y. Zoghbi of Houston's Baylor College of Medicine and Dr. Uta Francke of Stanford University School of Medicine, both sponsored by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, collaborated for the past five years to find the gene. They traced the cause of Rett syndrome to a defect on the MECP2 gene on the X chromosome.

Rett syndrome is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects one in 10,000 girls, but symptoms don't develop until girls are six to 18 months of age. Male fetuses with the genetic defect usually die before or shortly after birth. Identifying the Rett gene makes it possible to diagnose the disorder with a simple blood test and raises hope that researchers can develop therapies to lessen symptoms, Zoghbi said.

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Osteopaths, M.D.s equally effective at treating backaches

BOSTON (AP) — Spinal manipulation by osteopaths appears to work about as well as conventional medicine at curing lingering back pain, researchers reported today in the New England Journal of Medicine.

About 5 percent of U.S. physicians are osteopaths. Unlike M.D.s, they frequently use spinal manipulation as part of their treatment, especially for lower back pain.

In the journal, osteopaths and M.D.s from Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago and the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine reported the results of a study intended to see which approach worked better.

Many studies have shown

that most backaches go away within a month, no matter what kind of treatment sufferers get. So the new study was conducted on those who had been in pain for at least three weeks but less than six months.

The doctors randomly assigned 83 patients to get osteopathic manipulation and 72 to get conventional treatment, which consisted of painkillers, muscle relaxants and anti-inflammatory drugs. Three months later, there was no difference in how the two groups felt. Pain decreased by half in both.

The only significant difference was that the osteopathic

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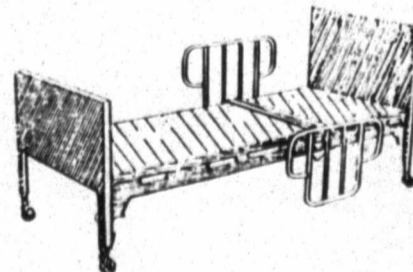
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Curious Toddler Explores Her Way Into Danger Zone

DEAR ABBY: We all know that toddlers can get into everything, but while I was baby-sitting my grandchildren, the little one did something I never would have imagined.

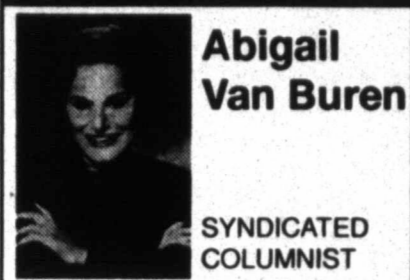
My son-in-law had taken my suitcase up to my room and placed it on the bed. Shortly after that, I missed my granddaughter and went looking for her. I found her in my room with all my pills strewn around her. She had unzipped the suitcase, unzipped the bag in which I keep my medicine and removed all of the caps! Fortunately, she hadn't put any of my pills in her mouth.

However, I would like to warn others about this and thought your column would be the best way to do it.

CONCERNED GRANDPARENT, WHARTON, N.J.

DEAR CONCERNED: I'm sure your helpful reminder will be appreciated by those who carry medications while traveling, or in a handbag on a daily basis. Small children are naturally curious. Anything they shouldn't touch should be placed out of reach or in a child-proof cabinet.

DEAR ABBY: This year my husband and I have sent the enclosed poem to all of our children and their numerous offspring — 28 at last count. We know it's difficult to select gifts for us, and frankly, we don't need anything. We want to



Abigail Van Buren

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simplify our lives by having less "stuff."

Perhaps our little verse will help other senior citizens who feel as we do. It is original, but feel free to use it if you think it's something your readers will find useful.

LONGTIME READERS IN MISSOURI

DEAR LONGTIME READERS: Your delightful poem is well worth sharing, and I'm sure its message will be appreciated by countless people of all ages who feel as you do. Read on:

So many of you asked us (since Yuletide's drawing near)

"What do you want for Christmas? What can we give this year?"

If we say, "We want nothing!" you buy something anyway.

So here's a list of what we'd like; believe now what we say:

Pajamas for a little child, food to feed the poor.

Blankets for a shelter, and we ask but little more —

Perform good deeds and let us

try, Or volunteer your time. These last are worth a fortune, And they needn't cost a dime.

We have too many things now, vases, candles, tapes and clocks.

We have our fill of garments, ties, underwear and socks.

Candy is too fattening, crossword books we've more than 20.

We don't need trays or plates or cups.

And knickknacks we have plenty.

We've no walls to hang more pictures;

We have books we've not yet read;

So please take what you'd spend on us

And help the poor instead! Just send a Christmas card to us and tell us what you've done;

We'll open them on Christmas Eve, and read them one by one.

It won't cost as much for postage as a package sent would do.

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Horoscope

TUESDAY, DEC. 7, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have — 5-Dynamic, 4-Positive, 3-Average, 2-So-so, 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Keep your distance from a hot situation. Unexpected developments force you to examine whether partnerships are bringing you what you expect. New beginnings are possible, but you will have to stay detached. Luck comes out of the haze. Tonight: Watch a favorite TV show.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Strengthen foundations with a partner. Think through where you need to change. Don't hesitate to ask for what you want. Surprises surround your work; you need support. New financial beginnings are possible. Tonight: Make amends with a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Defer to others, especially if they are difficult and controlling. Still, think about what will happen if they have their way. Surprises abound; you gain insights. New beginnings now become possible in an important relationship. Tonight: Go where the crowds are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Pace yourself; you have a lot of ground to cover. Stop and think. Cancel the unnecessary and reorganize. A "no" answer might be necessary. A partner

tries to divert your attention, and he does a great job! You might not see him realistically, however. Tonight: Take care of errands.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Go back to the drawing board if you need to. Listen to another's ideas — you could be surprised by what he comes up with. Others get flaky on you, but that shouldn't surprise you in the least. New beginnings are possible. Tonight: Let your wildness speak!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You might need to change a decision. Today's events give you an opportunity to rethink domestic matters or to head in another direction. Don't become rigid. Let new techniques filter through your work. Tonight: Spend a little and enjoy the good life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Communication forces you to take a fresh look at a problem. You make improvements on an idea. Greater creativity is possible. Be more forthright and clear about what you want. New beginnings allow you to communicate better and achieve desired goals. Tonight: Get into Santa chores.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Remain sure of what you're aiming at. Finances are a hot topic. Start working on your Christmas list. The unexpected occurs concerning home and personal matters. Confirm your bank balance. You might be overreacting to another. Emotions run high. Take a step back. Tonight: Shop.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You are a force that is hard to stop. Because of your penchant for spontaneity, you could be breaking new

ground. Talk about a dream you want to make real. Don't take others' attitudes personally. You naturally come out on top. Tonight: Treat yourself!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Listen to your inner voice. If you can't play devil's advocate for yourself, find someone who can. Avoid making a money decision while the ramifications may be a bit odd. You might tend to go to extremes to please another. Tonight: Do only what you must; relax if you can.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You could inadvertently throw plans into chaos with your spontaneity and wild actions. You think you are logical; however, you may be the only one who thinks this. Others could find you nebulous at best. New beginnings are possible with a friend. Tonight: Try to take an overview.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Take time to fully understand a work-related plan. Information you share might be pertinent to others and to the success of this project. Be willing to revise your own thinking and admit you are wrong when you feel you are. Tonight: In the limelight.

BORN TODAY

Singer Gregg Allman (1947), singer Tom Waits (1949), actor C. Thomas Howell (1966)

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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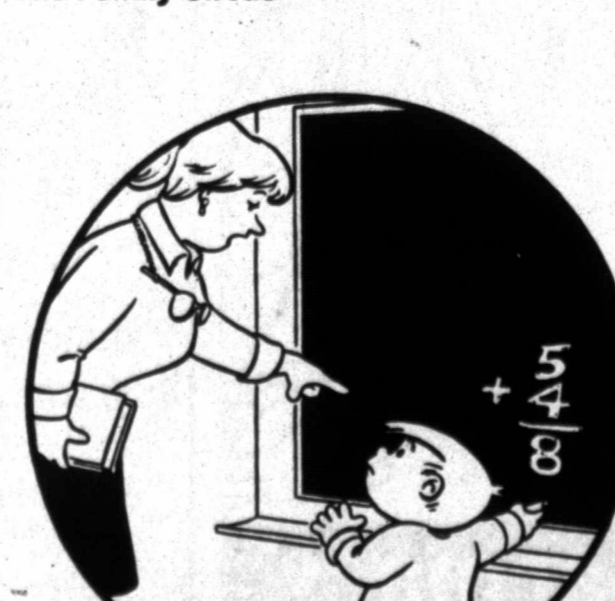
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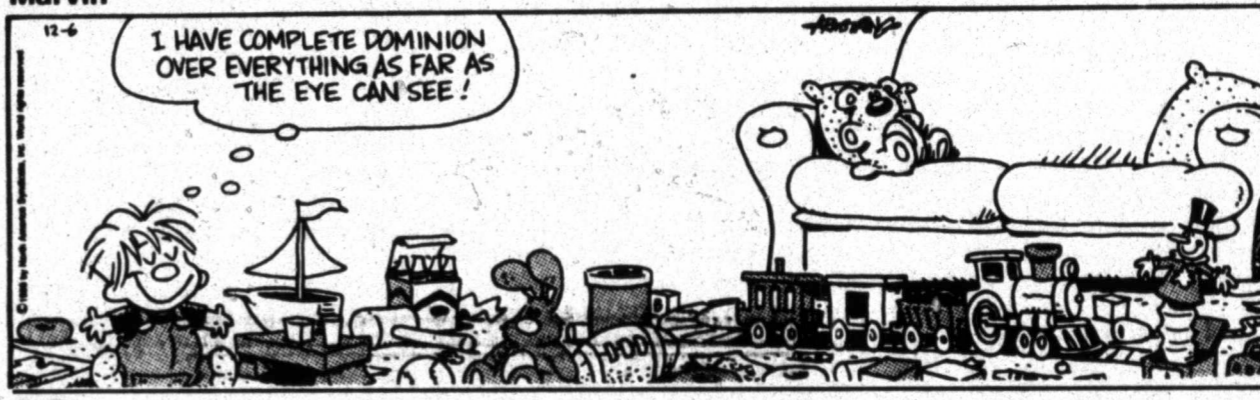
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Beetle Bailey



Marvin



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Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Mallard Filmore



SPORTS

Second-half surge lifts Wheeler past Rankin

Notebook

BOWLING

PAMPA — The annual Toys for Tots Bowling Tournament will be held Saturday at Harvester Lanes. The tournament (adult-youth squads) starts at 3 p.m. Saturday and entry fee is eleven dollars for adults and seven dollars for youngsters. Bowlers are required to bring a new unwrapped toy valued for at least five dollars to the check-in. Five dollars will be added to the entry fee if the toy is wrapped. There will be scholarship awards available for youth bowlers. Handicaps are 80 percent of 200 for adults and 90 percent of 200 for youth. For more information, call Harvester Lanes at 665-3422.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Minnesota will visit unfamiliar territory when it visits the Sun Bowl — the postseason. The Gophers (8-3) will face Oregon (8-3) in the Sun Bowl on New Year's Eve. The matchup marks the end of Minnesota's 13-year post-season drought. The Gophers are coming off their best season in three decades, going 5-3 in the Big Ten. Oregon, meanwhile, finished second in the Pac-10 with a 6-2 conference record. In their final game of the season, the Ducks held off Oregon State 25-14 in the schools' 103rd Civil War. The victory was Oregon's 14th straight at home, tying the school-record streak set from 1932-36.

PRO BASKETBALL

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Sam Cassell was looking to pass first — and everything else fell into place. Cassell scored 16 points and set career-highs with 18 assists and six steals as the Bucks beat the Dallas Mavericks 103-97 on Sunday night. "Sometimes I'll come out and look for my shot first, but tonight I was finding my guys," Cassell said. "I just made a conscious decision to get the ball to my teammates in the right places. I've got guys around me who can knock shots down." Ray Allen had 20 points for the Bucks, who led by 21 in the fourth quarter before Michael Finley keyed a rally that cut the deficit. Allen gave the credit for Milwaukee's second win in two days to his backcourt-mate. "Sam's one of those guys who heats up," Allen said. "He's a streaky passer sometimes, and that can be really good when it gets going." Cassell, who had 23 points and 15 assists at Chicago on Saturday, emphatically put his early-season offensive troubles behind him with a marvelous weekend of play. Finley was almost as impressive for the Mavericks. He had 29 points, including 12 during a last-minute rally that cut Milwaukee's 21-point fourth-quarter lead to 97-91 with 40 seconds to play. But Glenn Robinson, who finished with 17 points, hit a short jumper and Finley turned the ball over. Damon Jones hit a 3-pointer with 12 seconds, but Cassell hit two free throws to seal the win. Ervin Johnson had 15 points for Milwaukee, and Tim Thomas added 13. Jones and Hubert Davis had 18 points apiece for the Mavs. Milwaukee, which never trailed and led by 20 points early in the second quarter, beat the Mavs for the sixth straight time as Dallas saw its two-game winning streak snapped. Dallas finished a five-game road trip with a 2-3 record. "Not one starter had a good game," said Mavs coach Don Nelson, who apparently wasn't watching Finley. "We're a little weary, but I don't want to use that as an excuse."

LUBBOCK — Wheeler came back in the second half to roll past Rankin 21-7 Saturday in the Class 1A quarterfinals. Wheeler, trailing 7-6 at halftime, scored touchdowns in the third and fourth quarters on a pair of two-yard runs by quarterback Brooks Brown. The Mustangs gained a 6-0 advantage in the first quarter on a 1-yard plunge by Casey Childress. Rankin jumped ahead 7-6 in the second quarter. Quarterback Nathan Valencia connected with Bryan Hill on a 9-yard scoring pass. Jeremy Armendarez kicked the PAT to give Rankin a 7-6 lead at halftime. Early in the third quarter, Wheeler went ahead on Brown's first touchdown. With 9:59 to go in the game, the Mustangs all but sealed the victory on Brown's second touchdown. Brown added a conversion run and Ben Dollar kicked an extra point. Brown was Wheeler's leading rusher with 104 yards on 21 tries while Childress added 83 yards on 24 carries. Brown completed only one pass in eight attempts, but it helped set up Wheeler's first touchdown. Donnie Phipps snared Brown's 12-yard pass at the Rankin one-yard line and Childress scored on the next play. Wheeler improves to 13-0

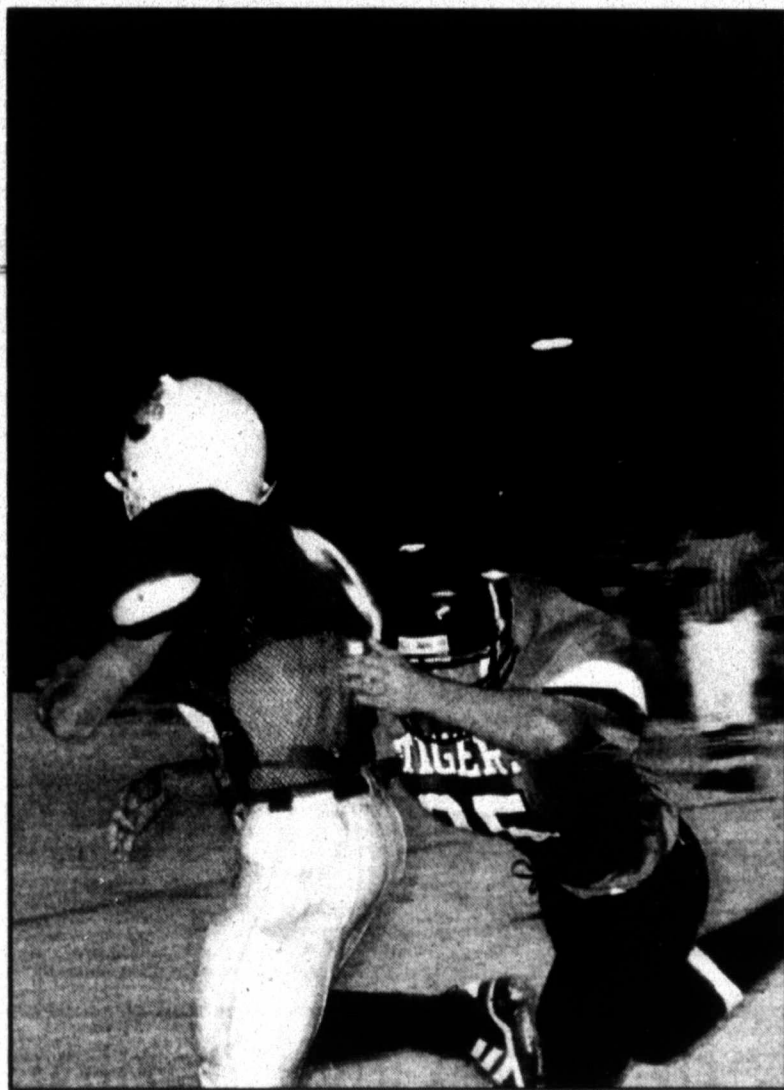
for the season while Rankin finishes at 10-3. The Mustangs advance into the Class 1A semifinals for the fourth year in a row. They will play Aspermont at 7:30 Friday night at Abilene Wylie. **PLAYOFF PAIRINGS** Pairings for next week's high school football playoff games: **CLASS 5A DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP** Midland Lee (14-0) vs. Aldine Eisenhower (13-1), 12:07 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Austin. **DIVISION II SEMIFINALS** South Grand Prairie (13-1) vs. Garland (13-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving. Katy (13-1) vs. SA Holmes (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Tully Stadium, Houston. **CLASS 4A DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP** Hereford (13-1) vs. Texas City (13-0), 7 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving. **DIVISION II SEMIFINALS** Stephenville (14-0) vs. Ennis (13-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving. Port Neches Groves vs. Schertz Clemens (14-0), 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Kyle Field, College Station.

CLASS 3A DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP Liberty Eylau (13-1) vs. Mathis (12-2), 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston. **DIVISION II SEMIFINALS** Crane (14-0) vs. Commerce (14-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene. Robinson (11-3) vs. Sealy (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kyle Field, College Station. **CLASS 2A DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP** Boyd (14-0) vs. Mart (14-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford. **DIVISION II SEMIFINALS** Stratford (12-2) vs. Celina (14-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, Vernon. Elysian Fields (13-1) vs. Refugio (13-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston. **CLASS 1A SEMIFINALS** Wheeler (13-0) vs. Aspermont (13-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wylie Stadium, Abilene. Detroit (13-0) vs. Bartlett (13-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford. **SIX-MAN CHAMPIONSHIP** Groom (13-1) vs. Gordon (13-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Sweetwater.



Head coach Jim Verden takes his Mustangs into the 1A quarterfinals for the fourth year in a row. (Pampa News photo)

Groom tackle



(Photo by Marsha Conrad)

Groom's Chris Ollinger makes a tackle on a Rule ballcarrier in the six-man semifinal game Friday night. The top-ranked Tigers won 36-16 and will meet Gordon for the state title at 6 p.m. Saturday in Sweetwater.

Big 12 prestige takes a big hit

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Texas failed to protect the Big 12's prestige. Now Kansas will take a tum. The No. 9 Longhorns, in the Top 10 for the first time since 1982, almost erased a big deficit but still bowed 88-81 to No. 4 Arizona at home on Saturday. No. 6 Kansas, a 99-77 winner at Middle Tennessee on Sunday, will take on No. 8 Michigan State in the Great Eight on Tuesday night. If the Jayhawks do not win, the Big 12's reputation will be seriously eroded no matter how many non-ranked teams it beats. In one of the weekend's biggest games, Richard Jefferson scored all 19 of his points in the second half as Arizona beat the Longhorns. Texas fought back from a 10-point second-half deficit and pulled within 83-81 on Chris McCollins' 3-pointer with 11.9 seconds left. Then Arizona's Luke Walton and Gilbert Arenas went 5-of-6 from the foul line in the final seconds. Chris Owens led Texas with 19 points and 11 rebounds. "Our team showed a lot of heart tonight," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "We knew it would be a tough game. I thought part of the problem was that we were too emotional. It is early December, so we will learn from this." In other Big 12 games over the weekend, No. 21 Oklahoma State kept on the winning track by easily defeating Texas-San Antonio 87-66; Texas Tech downed

Louisiana-Lafayette 67-54; Baylor blew a 14-point lead with 3 minutes to play and wound up losing 77-76 to Creighton in overtime; Nebraska swamped Monmouth, N.J., 63-47 in the consolation game of the Ameritas Classic; Oklahoma beat Mississippi 81-73 as Eduardo Najera scored 22; Marcus Fizer scored 24 to lead Iowa State past Sam Houston State 84-69, and Colorado freshman Richard Fox scored a career-high 23 points to lead the Buffs past California 80-62. In the other Sunday game, Texas A&M erased a 17-point deficit to beat Virginia

Commonwealth 75-59. Even though Kansas shot 65 percent from the floor and out-rebounded Middle Tennessee 41-31, coach Roy Williams echoed the same sentiments he's expressed all season. "We're playing sort of un-Kansaslike," said Williams. "We've always been a team that's been intelligent, that's played smart basketball and just played with a lot of savvy and a lot of poise. Right now, we're getting by on talent. We're definitely not getting by on coaching, and we're definitely not getting by playing intelligently."

Lady Harvesters win Lake Meredith Classic

FRITCH — Pampa broke open a close contest in the fourth quarter to edge Canadian 44-41 Saturday to win the Lake Meredith Girls Basketball Classic. Jennifer Lindsey led a balanced scoring attack for the Lady Harvesters with 12 points. Vaughn Evans and Chasity Nachtigall added 11 points each. Canadian led by five (21-16) at halftime, but Pampa tied the score at 34-41 going into the final quarter. Beth Francis had 13 points and Angela Bivins 9 for Canadian.

Pampa girls have a 3-2 record. **FRENSHIP** — Pampa was defeated by Seminole 74-64 Saturday in the Frenship Boys Shootout. Eric Sheets was high scorer for Seminole with 21 points, followed by Adam Alanese 15. Russell Robben for Pampa led his team in scoring with 16 points. Kirk George, Reece Hartman and Andy Rodgers all added 12 points each. Pampa boys have a 1-5 record. Both Pampa boys' and girls' teams host River Road at 6 p.m. Tuesday in McNeely Field.

A perfect ending: Florida State vs. Virginia Tech

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT AP Football Writer Florida State's been down this road before, Virginia Tech hasn't. On Sunday, it showed. "It's going to be a dream come true to step up for that first play against Florida State, a team I never thought I would play," Tech's talented freshman quarterback Michael Vick said after the Bowl Championship Series officially matched the top-ranked Seminoles against the second-ranked Hokies in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4. While the Hokies (11-0) try for their first national championship, the Seminoles (11-0) are back in the title game for the third time in four years. In '96, they lost to Florida in the Sugar Bowl, and last season Tennessee beat the 'Noles in the Fiesta Bowl. "And we ain't happy about that," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. "I can remember last year in the locker room. Players

were stomping around and crying and everything, but it wasn't three days later when they started saying they want to get back again. We've been beaten the last two times, and we're thankful for another opportunity." There was no mystery, no intrigue when the final BCS standings were released Sunday. The game everyone expected became a reality when the computers, polls and strengths of schedules agreed that the two teams with perfect records should play for the championship. Florida State and Virginia Tech also were 1-2 in AP media poll's final regular-season rankings, the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll and in seven of the eight computers used by the BCS. The last time teams ranked 1-2 with perfect records played in a game that determined the national title was the 1996 Fiesta Bowl, when No. 1 Nebraska beat No. 2 Florida 62-24. The Sugar Bowl marks the 13th time teams ranked

1-2 will play in a bowl game, and the 33rd time No. 1 will play No. 2. Even No. 3 Nebraska, which dominated Texas 22-6 on Saturday to win the Big 12 title, conceded the Seminoles-Hokies matchup was the right one. The Cornhuskers (11-1) will play No. 6 Tennessee (9-2) in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 2. "We'll live with the system," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said. In the other BCS games, it's No. 5 Alabama (10-2) vs. No. 8 Michigan (9-2) in the Orange Bowl and No. 4 Wisconsin (9-2) vs. No. 22 Stanford (8-3) in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1. The payout for each team in a BCS game is about \$12.5 million, which is usually split among the conference members. The Crimson Tide (10-2) beat No. 10 Florida 34-7 Saturday night in the SEC title game to earn their place in the Orange Bowl — their first trip to the game since 1975, when coach Mike DuBose played on the team that lost to Notre Dame 13-11.

The Gators (9-3) will play No. 9 Michigan State (9-2) in the Florida Citrus Bowl, and No. 14 Texas (9-4) was matched against No. 24 Arkansas (7-4) in the Cotton Bowl. Michigan State assistant Bobby Williams was hired as full-time coach on Sunday, a few days after he took over on an interim basis for Nick Saban. Also, No. 23 Miami's 55-0 win over Temple on Saturday sent the Hurricanes (8-4) to the Gator Bowl against No. 17 Georgia Tech (8-3) on New Year's Day. The BCS standings were used only to determine the top two teams, with the three other bowls in the series choosing from the remaining qualified schools. Six major conference champions received automatic bids, and Michigan and Tennessee received at-large selections. In the final BCS standings, Florida State had 2.24 points, Virginia Tech 6.12 points and Nebraska 7.42 points. Last week, the Hokies had a 1.54-point lead

over the Huskers. Once again, No. 7 Kansas State (10-1) was ignored by the BCS, with the Orange opting for Michigan, rated lower than K-State in the polls and the final BCS standings. Last year, an 11-1 K-State fell all the way to the Alamo Bowl after losing the Big 12 title game. This time, the Wildcats are in the more lucrative Holiday Bowl, against Washington. "We have financial responsibilities and we look at a team and a matchup that's best for us," Orange Bowl executive director Keith Tribble said. K-State coach Bill Snyder said the Big 12 left his team no choice but to accept a Holiday Bowl spot even though he would have preferred the Cotton Bowl to make it easier for fans to get to the game. But once again, he was not happy being ignored by the BCS games. "Our disappointment is obviously with the BCS," he said, "and not having an opportunity to fit into that scenario."

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