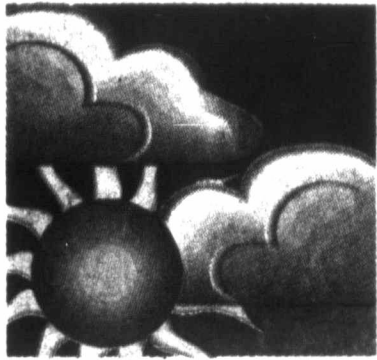


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Low tonight in mid 20s, high tomorrow in mid 50s. See Page 2 for weather details.

PAMPA — The Downtown Business Association will begin its "Christmas Past" observance next week.

Stores will be featuring a Dickensian, old-fashioned Christmas look from the Victorian period. Various wood cut-off figurines — lamp posts, man and woman, children and others — will be placed in stores around the downtown area.

Bob Anderson, retired, volunteered to help with the wood cut-outs and fashioned the majority of the figures for the downtown celebration. Putting lights on the figures of the carriages was Susan Edwards. Helping with the painting was Paul Fleming.

In addition, stores have been asked to research the history of their buildings and businesses and to set up historical displays in their stores for customers to check out.

To help launch the downtown celebration, an open house will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the stores, with refreshments being served as they remain open late.

PAMPA — With Thanksgiving Day being observed, city, county, state and federal offices, with the exception of emergency services such as police and fire, will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Banks and other financial institutions also will be observing an official business holiday Thursday.

While many stores will be closed for the holiday, others will be open for special sales as the holiday shopping period gets under way.

There will be no residential or business mail delivery, but the Post Office will be open for box patrons. Regular mail delivery will resume Friday.

The Pampa News business and advertising offices will be closed Thursday, with regular hours resuming on Friday morning. There will be no newspaper on Thursday.

PAMPA — Police Cpl. Donny Brown has been named DARE officer serving Pampa Independent School District.

Brown earned certification Nov. 22 at the Texas DARE Institute in Waco.

He will teach the Drug Abuse Resistance Education curriculum to Pampa fifth graders starting Dec. 13.

The department and PISD work in cooperation to provide DARE education to students.

Brown will continue as crime prevention officer, Crime Stoppers liaison and community relations officer. He may be reached at Pampa Police Department by calling 669-5700.

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White House lawyer expects indictments

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — The head of President Clinton's Whitewater damage control team says the White House expects a new round of indictments by the end of February, *USA Today* reported today.

Jane Sherburne, the White House counsel who coordinates Whitewater matters, said in an interview that the expected charges are likely to include some present or former staffers.

She said the White House "had expected indictments at the end of the year," but that expectation was revised after James McDougal started cooperating with Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr.

Press secretary Mike McCurry said Sherburne planned to issue a statement today saying that she was commenting on media speculation about indictments.

"The White House has no reason to believe there are grounds for seeking indictments in the first place," McCurry told reporters.

McDougal, a partner with Clinton and his wife in the Whitewater real estate investment, was convicted in May on 18 fraud charges and started talking with Starr's investigators in August.

His sentencing has been delayed until February. McDougal's ex-wife, convicted of fraud in the same trial, is in prison on a contempt of court citation from a federal judge in Little Rock for refusing to testify

before a grand jury.

"With (Starr) taking testimony from Jim McDougal until February and the time it will take to confirm anything he says, no indictments (are likely) before then," Sherburne told the paper.

USA Today noted that her comments marked the first on-the-record acknowledgement from a White House official that indictments are expected.

Among other things, Starr is investigating whether Clinton, as Arkansas governor, knew about an illegal \$300,000 Small Business Administration-backed loan made to McDougal — as alleged by an Arkansas businessman now serving a federal prison for his role in the proceeding.

Starr also is looking into whether Hillary Rodham Clinton lied under oath about her work for McDougal, as well as other matters.

Sherburne said she is returning to her job at a Washington law firm by year's end, but will retain "flexibility" to return to the White House to help out when the indictments are issued.

Another top Clinton associate reiterated his determination to attack Starr in an effort to discredit his investigation, which has already obtained a number of convictions, including that of a then-sitting Arkansas governor, Jim Guy Tucker. Tucker resigned after his conviction with the McDougals in May.

Democratic consultant James Carville, who played a major role in Clinton's 1992 election, told *The Washington Times* that "some people (in the White House) don't like it, and some people think it's fine."

"People understand that they're not going to be able to stop me, so what difference does it make," Carville told the *Times* in an article appearing in today's editions.

"I don't think (the president) wants or doesn't want me to do it," Carville said. "I tried to do it the first day this man was appointed. I let them talk me out of it. It was a stupid decision to seek their permission and it was a stupid decision on my part to follow them."

Responding to criticism that attacks on Starr would be improper and open him up to allegations of attempting to obstruct or impede an investigation, Carville told the *Times*:

"How can it be that you can attack the president, you can attack the pope, you can attack the American Red Cross, you can attack anything you want, but it's inappropriate to attack Ken Starr?"

"Where is it written that Ken Starr is above the Constitution? I am waiting on the appropriate authority to say that it is inappropriate for me to say what I think of Ken Starr. I am looking for the relevant statute, the relevant part of the Constitution or anything else."

Thanksgiving dinner



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Kindergartners Emily Wilson, Emily Watson, Brittany Chisum and Lilly Price wait with teacher Dottie Fraser for their Thanksgiving meal to be served. The students attend Community Christian School, and dressed as Indians last week for their holiday celebration.

PRPC sets up regional revolving loan program

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission has established a regional revolving loan fund designed to stimulate economic development in the region, assisted by a \$500,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration.

The RLF may be used by eligible counties and communities to either encourage the location of new industry or help expand existing businesses.

While the grant from EDA will comprise the largest portion of the loan fund, communities wishing to utilize the fund will be required to provide a 25 percent match when a loan is made. For example, if an application was submitted for \$100,000, \$75,000 or 75 percent of the amount requested would come from the grant. The remaining \$25,000 or 25 percent could come from the local chamber, economic development entity, city or county.

The use of loan proceeds may include working capital, consolidation of accounts payable, purchase of machinery and equipment and purchase of building and land. Existing

loans cannot be refinanced.

A key element of the program is that no more than one-third of the total project cost may be requested from the RLF. The remaining balance of the project could be a mix of equity injection and other loan sources.

The term of the loan is tied to the useful life of the asset financed. Working capital loans may not be more than five years, while the maximum term for building and land may not exceed 25 years. The interest rate will normally be at prime.

Counties eligible include Briscoe, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Sherman, Swisher and Wheeler.

RLF will be administered by a board composed of Panhandle residents with business and financial experience, including Jerry Wilson of Pampa. Wilson presented Pampa city commissioners information about the fund during the commission's Monday meeting.

CIA employee pleads not guilty of spying for Russia

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — CIA employee Harold J. Nicholson pleaded innocent today to federal charges that he spied for Russia.

U.S. District Judge James Cacheris, at the request of Nicholson's attorneys, also approved a gag order to stop public statements about the espionage case by government officials. The defendant's lawyers argued that such publicity has jeopardized their client's chances for a fair trial.

Nicholson, 46, waived his right to a speedy trial. Cacheris set a trial date of March 10, 1997. Nicholson's lawyers had said last week that he would plead innocent and fight the charges vigorously.

The delayed trial schedule was the result of the sensitivity of the documents in question and an elaborate security screening that needs to be conducted on Nicholson's attorneys before they are allowed to review documents involved in the case.

Nicholson, a 16-year veteran of the CIA, has been charged with selling highly sensitive national security secrets, including the names and assignment

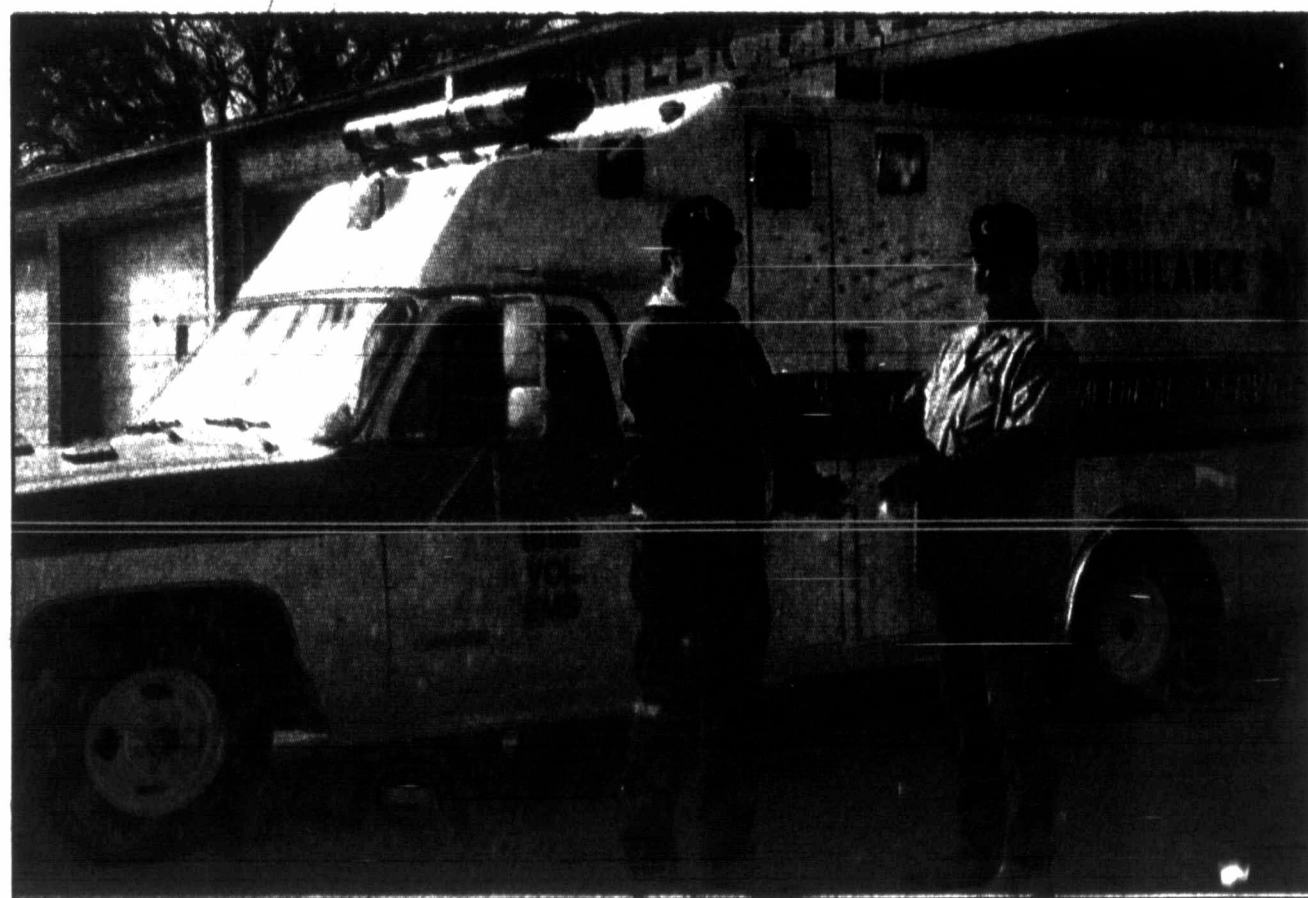
plans for many new CIA officers, to Russia over the past two years.

The government alleges that he has been paid \$180,000 for the documents.

Nicholson was denied bail Monday when prosecutors revealed he has a Swiss bank account containing \$61,000 which he had not reported on financial disclosure forms.

In connection with the gag order, Jonathan Shapiro, Nicholson's court-appointed attorney, had said in court papers filed Tuesday that he was "shocked at the daily deluge of extraordinarily prejudicial comment, speculation and innuendo coming from the mouths of high law enforcement officials, who seem bent on putting the best spin possible on their embarrassment about alleged security breaches at the CIA so close on the heels of the Ames case."

He was referring to the CIA's most damaging turncoat, Aldrich Ames, who pleaded guilty in 1994 and is serving life without parole for selling secrets to Moscow over nearly nine years for \$2.7 million. Ames was blamed for the deaths of 10 Western agents.



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Accepting a donation benefiting Lefors Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Management Service is Eddie Joe Roberts, fire chief, at left. Rick Wright, service technician, delivered the check Tuesday on behalf of officials of Classic Cable Company.

Classic Cable makes holiday donation to Lefors, Skellytown fire departments

Classic Cable Company representative Rick Wright, a service technician from Shamrock, served as goodwill ambassador for his company Tuesday when he made surprise visits to the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department and the Skellytown Volunteer Fire Department to make a holiday donation to be used for whatever is needed in the two locations.

"Classic Cable is proud to be a part of these communities, and we are glad to make a contribution to the volunteer fire departments in hopes that it will benefit the people in their towns," said Wright, speaking on behalf of his company officials.

Accepting a \$200 gift for the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department and ambulance service, Eddie Joe Roberts, fire chief, said he was grateful for the donation. "Everything helps in volunteer services, and we can cer-

tainly use this money toward new equipment for our new ambulance and fire vehicles," he said.

Roberts said the department has recently purchased a late model EMS vehicle for \$8,000, but it is not yet fully equipped. He also said fire service vehicles are being updated with newer pieces of equipment, and pointed out that the fire department building is not quite completed.

Construction on the metal, insulated 30 foot by 50 foot structure is designed to provide office space for the firemen and also is large enough to garage all the vehicles and equipment, Roberts said.

Guy McKissick, fire chief for Skellytown's Volunteer Emergency Management and Fire Department, was happy to receive the money gift from Classic Cable Co. He said the money will be applied toward

their equipment budget for their emergency vehicle.

The cable company moved into the Panhandle communities to provide television cable service about a year ago, according to Wright. The home office is located in Plainville, Kan., but serves the northern region of the Texas, parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, Arkansas and Missouri.

Chief Technician Rick Rattan of Clarendon and Regional Manager Nita Bascall, of the home office, in a written statement expressed appreciation to their customers in those communities, and wants them to know the company is striving to provide quality programming as well as professional services.

Cable T.V. is provided the emergency stations in the small towns to benefit them in up-to-date bulletins for weather and news items.

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Services

Services Friday

SMITH, Ila — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

LOYCE O. BOX

BORGER — Loyce O. Box, 80, brother of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, Nov. 23, 1996. Services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Minton Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Andy Dietz, youth minister at First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Garden of Love at Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Box was born at Hollis, Okla. He married Faye Mullins on July 2, 1938, at Borger; she died in 1981. He had been a longtime Borger resident and retired as a mechanic for Bob Cooper Pontiac. He served as past Exalted Ruler of the Elks.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth Box of Weatherford, Texas, and Don Box of Castle Rock, Colo.; two sisters, Marie Oden of Borger and Elaine Oden of Abilene; two brothers, Duane Box of Pampa and Leol Box of Howardwick; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

ILA SMITH

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. — Ila Smith, 75, died Friday, Nov. 22, 1996. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Scott Richards, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Smith was born Oct. 3, 1921, at Burkburnett, Texas, to Henry Martin and Mary Catherine Graham Hassell. She had been married to husband, Eugene C. Cotton Smith, for 49 years. She was a homemaker and member of King's Daughters and First United Methodist Church of Parkersburg.

She was preceded in death by a sister and two brothers.

Survivors include her husband, Eugene, of the home; two daughters, Rebecca Sue Potter of Shorewood, Ill., and Jacqueline Ann Moseley of Missouri City, Texas; a sister, Berlyn Fisher of Bethany, Okla.; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Arthritis Foundation c/o Vaughan Funeral Home, 1010 Murdoch, Parkersburg, WV 26101.

THELMA CRITES TARBOX

Thelma Crites Tarbox, 84, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1996. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Jim Prock, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. in Higgins Cemetery at Higgins. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Tarbox was born Jan. 13, 1912, at Follett. She married Everett J. Tarbox Sr. on June 19, 1931, at Arnett, Okla. She had been a Pampa resident for 25 years, moving from Follett. She was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Home Demonstration Club. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Everett, of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Everett J. and Nancy Tarbox Jr. of Terre Haute, Ind.; a brother, Elby Crites of Higgins; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Stocks

The following grant quotations are provided by Reuters from Pampa:

Wheat	4.16	
Milo	4.22	
Corn	4.09	

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

Occidental	27.78	up 1/8
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion:

Vanguard	82.74	
Parnet	17.69	

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

Amoco	38.55	up 1/8
Arco	25.34	dn 5/8
Cabot	17.58	up 1/8

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

Judge delays Canadian River lawsuit ruling

WELLINGTON (AP) — A state judge says he'll consider putting off the state's lawsuit against a Canadian River landowner while awaiting word on a similar case already in the appeals process.

Visiting Judge John Forbis said Monday that he's thinking about delaying the General Land Office's case against Hugo Riemer until the Court of Appeals in Amarillo rules on a suit involving many of his neighbors. He has not officially put the proceedings on hold.

The appeals court in January will examine a state district court

ruling last March that affirmed property rights for several landowners down to the banks of the trickling Canadian River.

The state contended the actual riverbed is much wider, and that the dam creating Lake Meredith in the 1960s narrowed the river. The riverbed remains intact, the land office argues, and it should own the land within.

Suspected oil deposits beneath the riverbed are at the root of the conflict. Oil revenues from state lands go to the Permanent School Fund.

A state survey found about 14,000 acres worth of riverbed in

a disputed 35-mile strip east of Sanford Dam. Judge M. Kent Sims accepted the landowners' survey, which measured the riverbed at 138 acres.

The state last year sued Riemer, who was not part of the original action but did fence off his land near the bank in Hutchinson County. Forbis since has moved the proceedings to nearby Collingsworth County.

Riemer's attorneys, including Jody Sheets of Amarillo, the victor in the original trial, called for a summary judgment based on the Sims ruling.

The state seeks a jury trial.

Police report

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

TUESDAY, Nov. 26

Theft of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner. The 1980 Olds Cutlass was recovered after midnight in the 1000 block of Huff.

Taylor Mart, 404 N. Ballard, reported theft of \$10 worth of unleaded gasoline.

Officer Chris Rose reported violation of narcotic drug laws at 300 W. Atchison.

Arrest

Jason Lance Wheeler, 23, Pampa, was arrested in the 500 block of North Hobart on two warrants. He was released upon payment of fine.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 27

Arrest

Brandon D. Stevens, 18, 624 Gray, was arrested on four warrants and an instanter for minor in possession. Fines total \$698.

Sheriff's Office

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

TUESDAY, Nov. 26

Credit card abuse was reported at Richardson Texaco in McLean.

Burglary of a residence was reported at 911 W. 4th in McLean.

Arrests

Shannon Free, 25, 521 Montague #9, was arrested on two capias pro fine warrants for issuance of bad checks. She was released upon payment of fines.

Troy Brewer, 55, 305 Roberta, was arrested on a charge of indecent exposure. He was released on bond.

Sean Lewis Moree, 18, 417 N. Doyle, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest or detention. Bond had not been set.

Florence Cooper Junior, 30, Dalhart, was arrested on charges of issuance of a bad check, theft by check and theft over \$50 and under \$500. Bond had not been set.

Ambulance

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

TUESDAY, Nov. 26

11:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of North Russell on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

2:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Highway 152 West on a trauma and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

4:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Golden Plains Hospital in Borger for a patient transport to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital West in Amarillo.

6:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of North Roberta on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

Calendar of events

TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING

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

TASTE OF PAMPA

The Taste of Pampa will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Pampa Mall. Local restaurants are participating. Children 12 and under, \$3. Adults, \$5. Proceeds go to Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens.

PANHANDLE AREA LUPUS SUPPORT GROUP

The Panhandle Area Lupus Support Group will meet Monday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. in the Home Health Conference Room of Ochiltree General Hospital, 3101 Garrett Dr., in Perryton. Robb Redelsperger, pharmacist for Ochiltree General Hospital, will give the program. All interested persons are invited to attend. If you need information or assistance, call (806) 435-7030 or (806) 435-6056.

Fires

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

TUESDAY, Nov. 26

12:07 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart on a false alarm.

6:11 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to 1032 Huff Road on an electrical fire. A clothes dryer was destroyed, and the garage suffered light smoke damage.

Clinton gives turkey pardon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just one of 45 million, a Thanksgiving turkey named Carl got a holiday reprieve from President Clinton today.

Renewing a tradition begun by President Harry Truman 49 years ago, the president, his voice cracking, raspy and rough after a 12-day trip to Asia, gave an official pardon to the all-white Tom turkey and sent it off to life in a Virginia petting farm.

"Tomorrow, 45 million turkeys will pay the supreme sacrifice," Clinton said as he accepted the turkey from the National Turkey Federation.

"I am going to keep one turkey off the Thanksgiving table by giving a turkey a pardon," he said.

"We can all be grateful that there will be one less turkey in Washington," he said.

Carl, the 35-pound, 33-week-old turkey, stayed mostly calm and dignified throughout the ceremony, unlike some previously pardoned turkeys who violently flapped their wings in presidents' faces.

He wore a White House visitor's pass on a chain around his neck as he paced and gobbled.

Fire department donation



(Special photo)

Skellytown Volunteer EMS and Fire Department received a donation from Classic Cable T.V. Co. Tuesday from Rick Wright, service technician of Shamrock. Accepting the check, at left, is Fire Chief Guy McKissick. See related story, Page 1.

Local briefs

PAMPA — To add to "The Spirit and Beauty of Christmas," the Pampa Garden Club is sponsoring a Christmas show in the Lovett Memorial Library auditorium on Dec. 14-15.

The show will include a variety of decorated trees, Christmas decorations and an exhibit of religious art which will include Nativity scenes, stitchery, ceramics, decoupage, fabrics, paper and sculpture. Of special interest will be a sculpture by Gerald Sanders titled "The Greatest Gift."

The show is open to the public, free admission. Hours are Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 15, 2-4 p.m.

Anyone interested in exhibiting may call Thelma Bray at 665-1180 or Ruth Barrett at 665-5050.

PAMPA — Wal-Mart will turn the flurry of holiday spending into an early Christmas present

for Good Samaritan Christian Services Inc. by donating a percentage of store sales between 7 a.m. and noon on Saturday, Nov. 30.

Store associates selected Good Samaritan as the beneficiary of their annual Thanksgiving weekend fund-raiser because of the difference the organization is making in the community.

"The holidays are an appropriate time to give something back to a deserving community program," said Ron Lucero, manager of the Pampa Wal-Mart.

This season marks the fourth year Wal-Mart will donate a percentage of holiday sales to local charities. Wal-Mart stores nationwide contributed over \$3.46 million to community charities through this activity last year.

PAMPA — The Pampa municipal landfill will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29, in observance of the

Thanksgiving holiday. The collection routes will not run on those days.

Normal trash collection and landfill operations will resume on Monday, Dec. 2, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those are the winter hours of operation, running from Oct. 1 through March 31.

The Recycling Center at Hobart Street Park will also be closed Thanksgiving Day, but will reopen Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

PAMPA — The Southside Senior Citizens Center, 438 Crawford, will be having its annual fund-raising barbecue dinner on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The carry-out meals will feature barbecue brisket and ribs, beans, potato salad, cole slaw and dessert.

Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Tickets for the meals may be purchased at the center.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Fair tonight with a low near 26 and south winds 5-15 mph.

Thanksgiving Day, sunny with a high in the mid 50s and south-west winds 10-20 mph. Thursday night, variable cloudiness with a low near 30. Friday, variable cloudiness and continued mild with a high near 50. Tuesday's high was 47; the overnight low was 18.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy with lows from near 20 to mid 20s. Thanksgiving Day, partly cloudy with highs from mid 40s to mid 50s. Thursday night, mostly cloudy with a chance of light rain or snow. Lows from mid 20s to mid 30s. South Plains: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of light freezing rain or sleet. Lows from 25 to around 30. Thanksgiving Day, cloudy with

a chance of light freezing rain or rain. Highs from around 40 to mid 40s. Thursday night, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow. Lows 30-35.

North Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in low to mid 30s. Thanksgiving Day, cloudy and cool. A chance of rain west, possibly mixed with sleet. Highs in the 40s.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of rain, possibly mixed with sleet late tonight over the Hill Country. Lows in mid 30s Hill Country to near 40 south central. Thanksgiving Day, cloudy with rain likely, possibly mixed with sleet in the morning for the Hill Country. Highs in low 40s Hill Country to upper 40s south central. Upper Coast: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of rain. Lows near 40, mid 40s coast. Thanksgiving Day, cloudy with rain likely. Highs in low to mid

50s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of rain. Lows in low 50s coast to upper 40s inland. Thanksgiving Day, cloudy with rain likely. Highs in mid 50s.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, partly cloudy northwest with a slight chance for snow showers. Cloudy and cold southeast with a chance of snow, possibly mixed with rain or freezing rain lower elevations. Lows single digits to low 20s mountains and north with upper 20s to mid 30s elsewhere. Thanksgiving Day, partly cloudy north. Mostly cloudy south with a chance of lowland rain and mountain snow showers. Highs 30s to mid 40s mountains and north with upper 40s to mid 50s elsewhere.

Oklahoma — Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Thanksgiving, mostly cloudy. Highs in the 40s.

City briefs

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LI' ENTERTAINMENT

Listen or dance to Tuxedo Junction every Friday and Saturday night. Biarritz Club dining room. 7 p.m. to close. Adv.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Buffet - Grand Coronado Inn. Join us for the Best Buffet in town. We will be serving our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner; Turkey, Ham, Dressing, all the trimmings, and Fantastic Desserts. 11-2 p.m. \$7.95 adults, \$6.95 seniors, \$4.95 children, kids under 6 eat free. Reservation appreciated 669-2506. Relax, visit with friends and family while we do the cooking! Adv.

SWEET REPEATS 115 N. Cuyler, CJ's Boutique 207 N. Cuyler, invites you to do your Christmas shopping with our winter clearance sale. Many half price and \$10 items to choose from. Also great holiday style clothing at regular prices. Friday 29th and Saturday 30th. Adv.

PEGGY'S PLACE, 1801 Alcock - Open 24 hours. Come see us on Thanksgiving! Happy Holidays! Adv.

STOCKING STUFFERS, Gifts and Christmas decorations at The Dollar Store in Coronado Center where each item is \$1. New shipments arriving weekly. Adv.

PINE CONE Creations by Troyce Wall. Christmas wreaths, candle centerpieces. M.K. Brown, November 30, December 1. Adv.

CRAFTS, COLLECTIBLES, Bears and Cows, Barbie Dolls, Ceramics, Candles and more at The Dusty Attic, 2121 N. Hobart. Adv.

CHIROPRACTOR: Robert R. Loerwald D.C. Back pain, neck pain, non force treatment. 669-7676, 1716 N. Hobart. Adv.

BASKET SHOW featuring unique baskets from Old Mobeetie Basket Company. Saturday, November 30th, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at The Dusty Attic, 2121 N. Hobart. Adv.

A CHRISTMAS Open House. November 29th and 30th. Keepsake Korner in Pampa Mall. Adv.

TIRED OF Turkey and TV? Cole Creek will be open Friday and Saturday 10-5. Have a cup of cider and browse collectibles and Stout Family Crafts. Adv.

CREATURE COMFORTS coming soon!!! Adv.

ANTIQUÉ CUPBOARD is having a Christmas Open House Sale - Sunday 1-5 p.m., Monday 11-7 p.m., December 1st and 2nd. Downtown Wheeler. Adv.

ROGER COOPER & Silver Creek Band Saturday 30th, \$5 person; \$9 couple, 9-1 a.m. Landmark Club. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Closed Thursday and Friday. Happy Thanksgiving from our family to yours! Adv.

HOLIDAY OPEN House - Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Come sample our gourmet foods and coffees, old fashioned candy, ornaments. Shipment of living trees. Watsons Feed & Garden and Celebrations, Hwy. 60 East. Adv.

PRIORITIES, 301 W. Foster. Storewide Sale. Friday, November 29th, 10-5. Some items half price. Adv.

Firefighter Mike



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

KGRO/KOMX News Director Mike Ehrle, left, is awarded a badge naming him honorary firefighter with the Pampa Fire Department. Making the presentation is Fire Chief Claudie Phillips at Monday's city commission meeting. The fire department honored Ehrle for a documentary he produced on the department that aired over the local radio station.

Prosecutor-fugitive kills himself at casino hotel

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Nicholas Bissell ended his own problems with a bullet in a Nevada casino hotel room. His family's problems are only beginning.

The prosecutor-turned-fugitive left behind a wife facing a prison sentence, three fatherless children and a mother who may lose the home she put up for his bond. "He focused on himself, his needs and concerns," Gov. Christie Whitman said. "He never considered anyone else."

Rather than face years in prison for skimming \$146,000 from his business to support a life of gambling and luxury, Bissell chose to run.

When authorities found him eight days later in his third-floor hotel room, the 49-year-old former New Jersey prosecutor put a gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger.

The ten minute standoff Tuesday began when six law

enforcement officers knocked on Bissell's door, then kicked it in, said Jim Umbach, deputy U.S. marshal in Phoenix. They found Bissell sitting on the floor and holding a gun.

"I'm not going to hurt anybody," Bissell told them.

After a deputy marshal asked him to think of the people who would be sorry if he died, Bissell finally said: "I can't do 10 years," and killed himself, *The New York Times* reported today.

While sentencing guidelines called for a 6 1/2- to eight-year prison term, prosecutors were pushing for at least ten years.

The suicide stunned those who remembered Bissell as a brash, often arrogant crime-fighter proud of the millions in assets his office seized in drug cases.

"He was a strong-willed character," said Somerset County Sheriff Robert H. Lund.

"He wanted things his way, I'll say that much for him."

Bissell's death leaves troubles for his family, including his two teenage daughters and a son from an earlier marriage. His wife and co-defendant, Barbara Bissell, will be sentenced Dec. 6 on 13 counts of fraud.

Bissell's 79-year-old mother had put up her \$120,000 condominium toward his \$300,000 bail. That bond was forfeited last week when Bissell fled.

"Given that the circumstances have changed, we will take another look at the forfeiture issue," U.S. Attorney Faith S. Hochberg said Tuesday.

Authorities began searching for Bissell on Nov. 18 — two days before he was to be sentenced — when he cut off his electronic monitoring bracelet and left it on a kitchen counter along with what was characterized as a suicide note. The contents were not disclosed.

Details then emerged that he had secretly sold china, crystal and furniture while his wife was at work. Bissell also had a new credit card and had withdrawn \$800 from a bank account four days before he fled.

He apparently had not been heard from until Monday, when he placed calls to friends and relatives on a cellular phone.

Authorities traced the calls to Nevada and got a tip that he was staying at the Colorado Belle Hotel and Casino in Laughlin, a gambling town of 8,000 about 90 miles from Las Vegas. Bissell had registered under his own name.

A source who spoke on condition of anonymity said Bissell had been staying there for three days and apparently had not been gambling enough to warrant any VIP treatment. The source said he apparently was holed up in his room most of the time.

Homeless man: Military blankets will be sorely missed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bernard Hamilton trudged back to the homeless shelter that had turned him away moments before because it was filled. He had his heart set on one of those heavy military blankets that can keep out the cold.

"I knew I was going to need one, and I prayed and hoped they'd have one," said Hamilton, 40, who has been homeless in Washington for seven years. "And sure enough the blanket was there for me, and I appreciated that."

With luck, Hamilton's blanket will see him through the long winter ahead. And he'd better hang onto it, because due to defense cutbacks, the military will run out of blankets to give to shelters, perhaps before Christmas, according to the Defense Personnel Support Center.

The shortage looms because the Defense Department program providing the blankets was eliminated during negotiations for this year's defense authorization bill. Since 1987, the program has contributed about four million blankets to some 500 shelters nationwide at a cost of \$30 million.

Homeless men huddled around a television in one of Washington's largest and oldest shelters said the cutback would hurt.

"If you take a walk through the metropolitan area and go downtown and look and

view the homeless people, I guarantee you 80 percent on those grates out there have military blankets," said James Jones, 34, who has used the blankets in the past.

"What are these people going to do?" he asked, gesturing at a group of some 70 men in the basement of the Central Union Mission and noting that they can't always find a place in shelters when temperatures plunge.

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State briefs

Divorce ruling gives Tilton's ex-wife chance at church assets

DALLAS — The estranged wife of evangelist Robert Tilton could get part of his church's \$30 million in assets because a judge refused to separate the church property from the couple's divorce suit.

In an unprecedented ruling, state district Judge Bill Burdock on Tuesday turned down Word of Faith World Outreach Center Church's request to be released as a defendant in Tilton's divorce from Leigh Valentine Tilton.

The judge said the court has jurisdiction to consider assets, including the \$1.6 million former parsonage in suburban Addison.

Tony Wright, Ms. Tilton's attorney, hailed the ruling as a decisive step toward what could be a remarkable divorce settlement. J.C. Joyce, an attorney for the Farmers Branch, Texas, church, downplayed its significance and expressed confidence in eventual victory.

Creditors file fraud suit against parent company

CARROLLTON (AP) — Unsecured creditors of subsidiaries of FoxMeyer Health Corp. have sued the company for \$198 million, alleging fraud contributed to the subsidiaries' insolvency.

The suit, filed in New York by the creditors' committee of

FoxMeyer Corp. and FoxMeyer Drug Co., alleges that assets were fraudulently transferred to the parent company two months before the subsidiaries filed for Chapter 11.

The parent company, based in Carrollton, did not file for bankruptcy protection.

The committee alleges that FoxMeyer Health orchestrated the transfers and that they were made without any legitimate business justification, according to a statement released by the committee's lawyers, Dewey Ballentine of New York.

Unsecured creditors of the subsidiaries are owed an estimated \$450 million.

Mexico's AHMSA to invest in coal injection plants

MONTERRREY, Mexico (AP) — Altos Hornos de Mexico SA announced Tuesday it will invest \$20 million to build two coal injection plants allowing the company's number three and four blast furnaces to exclusively burn coal.

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Opinion

The final frontier of taxation ...

Even in the infancy of the new, American-created technology called the Internet, governments are trying to make sure they'll get their cut. In particular, 45 state governments with sales taxes are trying to put forth a novel theory of "location."

As the law now stands, backed up by U.S. Supreme Court decisions, states cannot tax sales originating in other states. There is one exception: If the company doing the selling has offices or factories in the taxing state.

Thus, someone buying a computer program from Brand X software in Michigan doesn't have to pay California's sales tax. But someone buying software directly from Microsoft in Washington state does have to pay the California tax because Microsoft has major offices located in California.

The Internet presents a conundrum for the tax-grabbers. Increasingly, companies across America — indeed the world — are selling goods in cyberspace, using electronic cash (or "e-cash") accounts.

The states have a novel theory. Because your local Internet hook-up company is located in your state, therefore whatever you buy through that company ought to be taxed.

That's ridiculous. The local Internet hook-up company performs the same service as the local phone company: If you send an e-cash order over the Internet, it's virtually the same as calling in an order over the phone.

If e-cash transactions are taxed based on where the Internet provider is located, people will just switch back to making phone calls for their orders. Government will have retarded a new, job-creating technology in its infancy.

The Internet does pose a threat to big government, giving people information and economic outlets that make an end-run around taxers and controllers. But when government is small and reasonable, people don't need to find ways to avoid it in cyberspace or elsewhere.

Thought for today

"Truth is the secret of eloquence and of virtue, the basis of moral authority; it is the highest summit of art and of life."

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Abolish the unisex military!

You ask the purpose of the armed forces. Well, it's, it's ...

I got it ... the purpose of the U.S. armed forces isn't macho stuff like preserving national liberties through the intimidation or defeat of national enemies.

No, the purpose is providing career advancement and cultural therapy. Were it otherwise, we wouldn't have all these sex scandals — Tailgate, Aberdeen Proving Ground and the like. We wouldn't have all these sex scandals because, as in days of yore, the armed forces would be populated wholly with folk of the male persuasion.

No female soldiers, sailors and airpersons, no sex scandals. Not on base or on board, at least.

What follows, gentle reader, is political incorrectness of the first magnitude. Women and men belong in distinct military units, doing distinct but complementary things. The unisex military is a hoax and a danger.

The WACS, fine; the WAVES, fine; and so forth. Men and women integrated in the same unit — only modern Americans, scared of the social egalitarians who control public discourse, could tolerate this dismal state of affairs.

Gentle reader, this is the truth, and you know it. Water is wet, the sky is blue, men fight wars, women don't — here are basic truths about the natural order. Sexual politics can't alter or amend such truths, however vigorously the sexual politicians (Pat Schroeder comes to mind) chew the scenery.

None of this is to depreciate the valor and hardihood of women: traits demonstrated so



William
Murchison

many times as to require no proof. It is to say the United States needs to abolish the unisex military before our country really gets in trouble.

The unisex military is just so quintessentially post-Vietnam. In post-Vietnam America, everybody, for public purposes, is an interchangeable unit. What this means, in military terms, is that if men can be soldiers, so can women. We must affirm them and their pursuit of Opportunity and Career and Satisfaction.

Well, why not, supposing the military to be just another career path, like law or oral hygiene? When sexual harassment (Tailgate) or rape and sodomy (Aberdeen) debase the workplace and the workers, you deal with it as the civilians do — as indeed, the military is dealing with it now; with reprimands, investigations and censorious newspaper editorials.

There is one problem here: The military is more than just a workplace. Its job is preparing for, fighting and winning wars. Whatever retards or undermines that job, such as on-the-job social ruc-

tion, is by definition prejudicial to the country's security.

Military unisex, as we see, weakens discipline, hence performance, hence prospects for victory. In the post-Vietnam military, where the worst threat comes from irate Bosnians thousands of miles away, Schroederian liberals forget all this.

True, earnest efforts can be made to scrub the military clean and pure of, ah, sexism. On the other hand, such efforts are expensive, time-consuming and divisive. It will be recalled that no such efforts had to be expended back when the military was all-male.

Nor — an equally fundamental point — have Americans in these times of peace faced the matter of women in combat. Have the Schroederians ever read *The Iliad* or any intelligent account of Gettysburg or the Somme or the Marne or Ke Sanh? Do they know, for instance, that soldiers don't just topple over, they disintegrate when hit directly by shells? If the Schroederians want that dubious privilege extended to American women, they should come clean about it instead of pretending the whole unisex military thing is about Job Opportunity.

Job? Vocation? Career? Yes, offering to let an enemy blow your head off is a job; more than that, it's a public service requiring maximum efficiency and minimal distractions. The efficiency of the U.S. military isn't noticeably high on the Schroederian Hit Parade. Sociology, consciousness raising, cultural metamorphosis — that's what the Schroederians value.

Patton, thou shouldst be living at this hour!

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 27, the 332nd day of 1996. There are 34 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 27, 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White.

On this date:

In 1839, the American Statistical Association was founded in Boston.

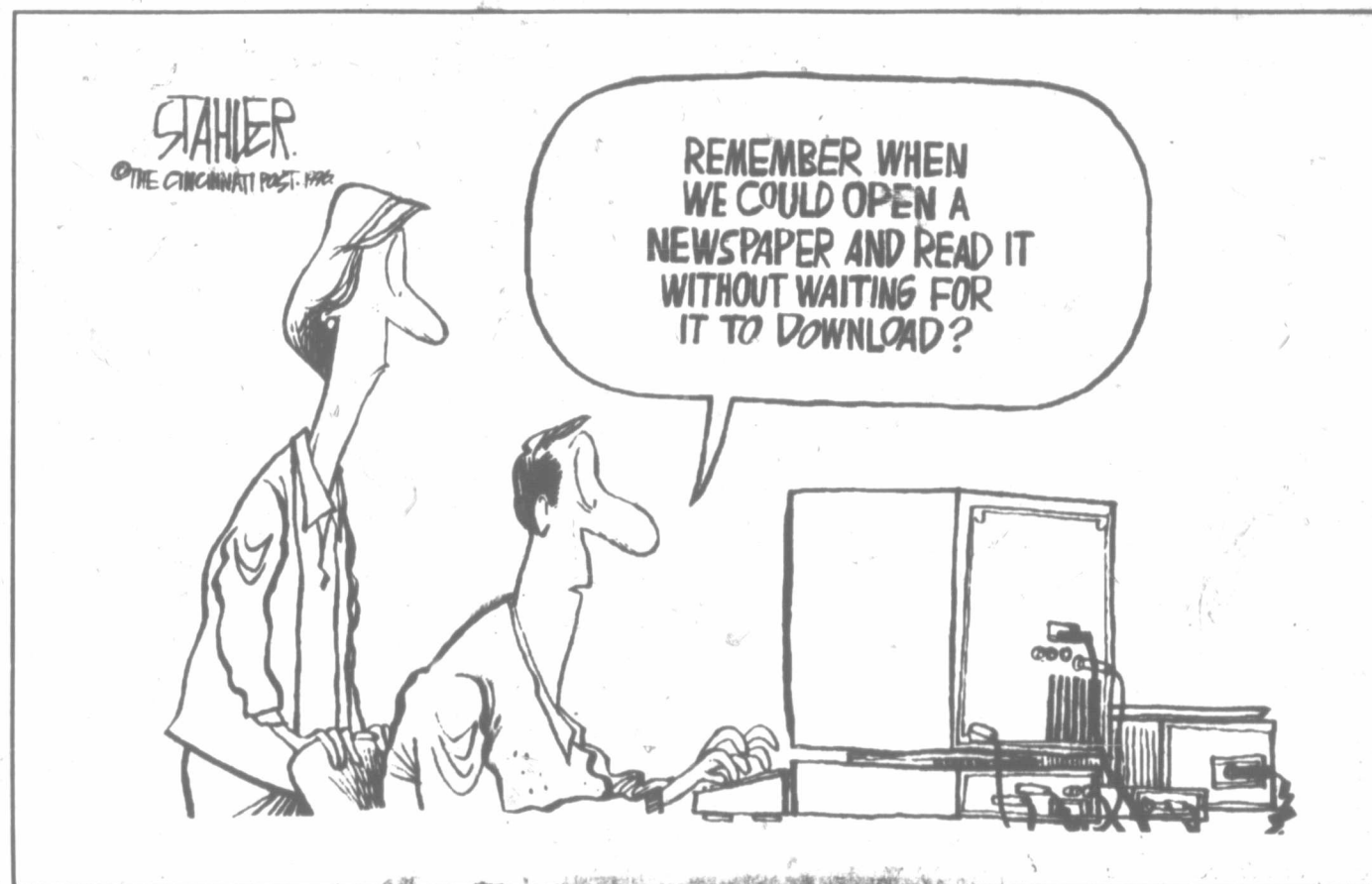
In 1901, Army War College was established in Washington, D.C.

In 1910, New York's Pennsylvania Station opened.

In 1942, during World War II, the French navy at Toulon scuttled its ships and submarines to keep them out of the hands of the Nazis.

In 1953, playwright Eugene O'Neill died in Boston at age 65.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest.



True facts about child day care

There may be no faster way to start an argument these days than to suggest that day care may be harmful to children. One is instantly suspected of being a counterrevolutionary in the women's liberation movement, possibly a believer in unequal pay for equal work.

At the risk of sounding defensive, let me say that I am extremely grateful for some of the progress made possible by the women's movement. But child care is not a women's issue. It is a family issue, a children's issue and a societal issue. It goes to the heart of what kind of nation we want to be.

The best blinders in the world are ideological blinders, and the power of the women's movement to inhibit debate about this has been awesome. During the recent congressional debate over child care, liberals and conservatives alike proceeded on the assumption that a majority of young children now have working mothers. That is, to put it politely, misleading.

That statistic includes mothers of school-age children as well as infants and toddlers and adds those working only part-time. The statistic that should interest lawmakers is the number of mothers of preschoolers with full-time jobs. That number, according to the Census Bureau, is one in three. A significant minority, yes; a majority, no.

For now, it seems that most federal day-care money will be funneled to those with low incomes, which is just. But for those who can afford other options, it is supremely important to take a dispassionate look at the evidence about what day care may do to kids.

The hot censure of the women's movement has spooked not just congressmen; it has scientists on



Mona
Charen

the run as well. Developmental psychologists and others who do research into early childhood have been loathe to interpret data in such a way as to suggest that day care is psychologically harmful to children. Yet there is mounting evidence to this effect.

Some nomenclature: When psychologists speak of "attachment" between mothers and their babies, they are not referring to the level of affection between them but rather to a specific developmental concept. The attachment theory, widely but not universally subscribed to, states that a child's development depends upon the quality of the relationship to his or her main care giver, usually the mother. The crucial attachment begins in the first year of life, though nothing is written in stone at this time.

A healthy, so-called "securely attached" baby is usually willing to explore a new situation, is happy to see her mother after a separation and is easily comforted. Some "insecurely attached" babies, by contrast, are clingy and easily frightened. Upon reunion with mother, they are diffi-

cult to console. Others in this category, while superficially independent and seemingly mature — they would explore a strange room without looking over their shoulders to get reassurance from mother — proved upon closer examination to be troubled. They would snub their mothers after being separated.

Though these patterns, discerned in infancy, can change, researchers have found that they usually persist. Thus, a secure 1-year-old is likely to be a flexible, socially competent, sympathetic five-year-old. Correspondingly, the insecure babies later show a lack of self-reliance, aggression, poor peer relations and little resilience.

Both of these patterns can be found in children cared for by their parents or in some other kind of care. But those enrolled in day care since infancy show a markedly greater tendency toward insecure attachment and its related problems than those raised at home. Numerous studies have found day-care children to have more fears, to be less able to control temper tantrums, to be restless, to be aggressive, to be inattentive, to be hyperactive and much more.

These findings held true even in high-quality, university-affiliated day-care settings and among the children of all classes. Psychologist Jay Belsky, writing in the *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, has cautioned, based on this research, that a child placed in day care for more than 20 hours per week during the first year is at risk for developing insecure attachment, aggressiveness and withdrawal in childhood.

This is not a blanket indictment of day care. But it is a yellow light, flashing caution.

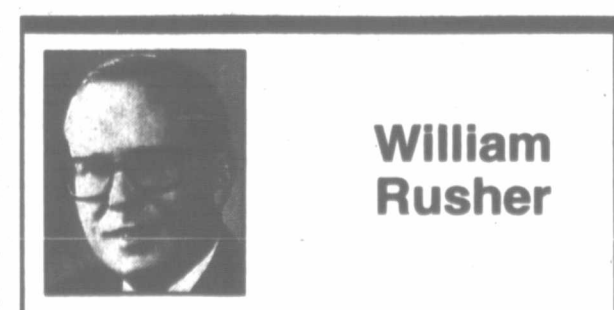
Hiss was part of a bloody regime

The death of Alger Hiss at 92 was used by the media as an occasion to recall the now-distant battles over domestic communism that convulsed the nation in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Most people now living cannot personally remember those days, and to such people it must all seem rather irrelevant — interesting perhaps, but without much, if any, contemporary significance.

To those of us who can personally remember the Hiss case, however, Hiss's obituaries revealed a fascinating fact: To this day, many of America's liberals still cannot force through their clenched teeth an admission of his guilt.

When Whittaker Chambers named Alger Hiss as a Communist in 1948, liberals instinctively leaped to his defense. On one side was Chambers a pudgy, self-confessed former Soviet spy. On the other was Hiss — slender and debonair, formerly the director of the Office of Special Political Affairs of the Department of State, now president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Who could doubt that he was simply being defamed by this ugly accuser from the shadows?

But when Chambers produced long hidden microfilms of classified State Department documents typed on Hiss's typewriter and given to Chambers for transmission to the Soviet Union, it was Hiss who spent nearly four years in a federal penitentiary for perjury. Some part of a lot of sentimental liberals went with him. To his dying day Hiss continued to protest his innocence.



William
Rusher

Over the years, corroboration of Chambers' accusations came from many sources. Nathaniel Weyl testified that he saw both Alger Hiss and his brother Donald pay their dues as Communists when all three were in the Harold Ware cell in Washington. In Hungary, intelligence sources confirmed that Noel Field, a Foreign Service officer and secret Communist who fled behind the Iron Curtain, identified Hiss as a fellow Communist.

In 1978 Allen Weinstein, who had begun to research a book on the case from a viewpoint fundamentally sympathetic to Hiss, concluded that he had in fact been guilty as charged. Weinstein's book, *Perjury*, which remains the basic source of information on the subject, summarizes still other confirmations of Chambers' assertions.

About three years ago a Russian general, Dimitri Volkogonov, was persuaded by friends of

Hiss to inspect certain KGB files, and reported that they contained nothing about Hiss. There was no reason that they should, since Chambers and Hiss had been recruited not by the KGB but by the GRU (military intelligence), and Volkogonov quickly retreated from the fray. But his assurances briefly revived the Hiss cause.

Unfortunately for Hiss, this year the National Security Agency released hundreds of pages of deciphered and translated communications from KGB residents in New York and Washington to Moscow Center between 1942 and 1945. In one of them, dated March 30, 1945, Anatoli Gromov, the KGB resident in Washington, told Moscow of a long conversation with a GRU agent named "Ales," in which the agent boasted of his services to the Soviet Union over the preceding decade. He had even attended the Yalta conference as a member of the American delegation, and had gone home by way of Moscow. Needless to say, Alger Hiss was one of the few Americans who returned from Yalta by way of Moscow.

Yet when Hiss died, scarcely a single account of his death in the liberal media breathed a word of any of these incriminating facts. The question of his guilt was left open — as if, after all these years, it was in doubt.

Personally, I am glad Alger Hiss lived to see the collapse of the bloody regime for which he betrayed his country, and the confirmation of his guilt from its own meticulous files.

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November

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

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28 — THANKSGIVING DINNER with all the trimmings. Served from 1 p.m. "until we run out." VFW Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler. \$5 donation.

30-Dec. 1 — HEART OF COUNTRY CRAFT PRODUCTIONS, craft show, M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Jennifer Evans, 669-7113.

December

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION presents "CHRISTMAS PAST" during the month of December. For more information, contact Ronnie Holmes at 665-2631.

1 — HEART OF COUNTRY CRAFT PRODUCTIONS, craft show, M.K. Brown Auditorium, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Jennifer Evans, 669-7113.

2-30 — CHRISTMAS IN LIGHTS — Drive-Through Christmas Lighting Tour. Recreation Park and other locations, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. For more information, contact Seleta Chance at 669-5790.

2 — CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS lighting ceremony, 6 p.m., Recreation Park.

3 — ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE at GANELL OVERHEAD DOOR INC., 1000 S. Price Rd., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gerald Rasco will be cooking hamburgers 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call 665-0042.

3 — TOASTMASTER INTERNATIONAL CLUB regular meeting, 5:30 p.m., Coronado Inn dining room. For more information, contact Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Gary Casebier at 665-4214.

5 — HISPANOS UNIDOS monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m., 824 S. Cuyler. Members are urged to attend. For more information, contact Victoria Davis at 665-0828.

5 — ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP meeting at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 2225 Perryton Parkway. For more information, contact Chrys at 665-0356.

6-8 — FESTIVAL OF TREES, M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center. Friday, open from 1-9 p.m. Saturday, open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, open from 1-5 p.m. For more information, contact Forrest Floyd at 665-4186.

6 — TOP O' TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE ASSOCIATION regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., at 1507 W. Kentucky. For more information, contact George Clark at 665-1917.

7 — CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS PARADE, 10 a.m. Parade forms at Coronado Shopping Center parking lot at 9 a.m.

7 — TASTE OF PAMPA, Pampa Mall, 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Children 12 and under, \$3. Adults, \$5. Proceeds go to Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens. New automobiles on display. Casting for Kids Contest to be held.

7 — THE NUTCRACKER, 25th season, performed by the AMPA CIVIC BALLET at 7:30 p.m. at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Students \$3, adults \$5. For more information contact Jeanne Willingham at 669-6361.

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Contras reject allegations of CIA drug-pushing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two former Nicaraguan rebel leaders acknowledge associating with California men they later learned were drug dealers but reject allegations of a CIA scheme to finance the Contras by selling crack cocaine.

"I would say that all of this story, rather than crack, is about crap," said Adolfo Calero, a Notre Dame-educated businessman who was named commander in chief of the Contras in 1983. "It is preposterous ... unfounded, ridiculous, absurd."

Eden Pastora, who quit the Sandinista government and as Commander Zero led resistance in southern Nicaragua, told the Senate Intelligence Committee Tuesday that he had accepted contributions from a man who later was arrested in San Diego for dealing cocaine.

"I did not know he was a drug trafficker, but I did know him as a good friend," Pastora said of Oscar Danilo Blandon. But he denied he or his comrades were involved in any fund raising involving drugs.

Speaking through an interpreter and invoking the "give me liberty or give me death" sentiment of Patrick Henry, Pastora pleaded with the committee: "Put the handcuffs on us and

take us to jail or give our honor back to us."

The Senate panel and other federal agencies are investigating allegations that the CIA either took part in or countenanced the selling of crack cocaine in major American cities as a way to raise money for the Contras to fight the left-leaning Nicaraguan government in the 1980s.

The allegations grew out of stories in the *San Jose Mercury News* that concluded the growth of crack use could be traced to Blandon and another drug dealer, Norwin Meneses, who now are informers for the Drug Enforcement Agency.

The series did not accuse the CIA of directly abetting the sale of drugs to raise funds for the Contras, but it sparked widespread anger among black communities, who say they were victims in the CIA-backed war against Nicaraguan communists. The Justice Department and CIA are investigating.

CIA Director John Deutch told a town meeting in California ear-

lier this month that no evidence has been found to support the allegations that agency operatives trafficked in crack cocaine. Reports by *The Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times* and other news organizations have raised questions about some of the *Mercury News* findings.

The Associated Press reported as early as December 1985 that some Contra leaders were buying guns and equipment with drug profits. The State Department initially disputed the allegation but in 1986 conceded some drug dealing took place, especially in Pastora's southern front.

The CIA has denied any involvement, but several black members of Congress are skeptical.

One of them, Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., who represents a Los Angeles district and is the new head of the Congressional Black Caucus, was allowed to question witnesses at the hearing Tuesday after several members of the audience accused the panel of a cover-up.

"Did Mr. Blandon tell you he had given Meneses responsibility for intelligence and security (for the Contra movement) in California?" Waters asked Calero. "He never told me that," Calero replied. "We didn't need any intelligence or security in San Francisco, or New Orleans or Chicago, for that matter."

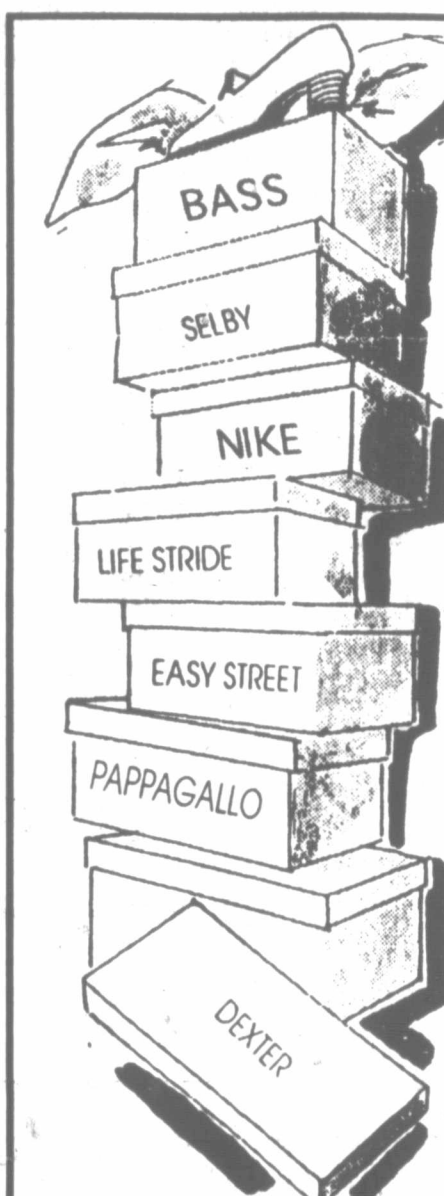
At a meeting with Calero in San Francisco, was there any discussion of Meneses' supporting the movement? Waters asked.

"Never. He never offered us a penny," Calero said.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who chairs the Intelligence Committee, said Blandon had told the committee in a closed session Monday that he was recruited in 1981 by Meneses to sell cocaine in California in order to raise money for the Contras.

"In response to direct questions from the committee, Mr. Blandon stated that he had never had any contact with the CIA and that the CIA was not involved in his drug-trafficking business in any way," Specter said.

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New 'Star Trek' flick hits box office high for space series

By LYNN ELBER
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — *Star Trek: First Contact* was No. 1 at the box office, earning \$30.7 million in its debut weekend — the best opening of any *Star Trek* movie.

First Contact is the eighth film in the *Star Trek* series and the first without cast members of the original 1960s TV show. Its predecessor, *Star Trek Generations*, earned \$23.1 million in its 1994 debut weekend.

Space Jam, the partially animated film that pits Michael Jordan and Bugs Bunny against alien invaders, fell to second place with \$16.2 million in ticket sales. The Mel Gibson kidnap thriller *Ransom* was third with \$13.2 million.

In fourth place was Arnold Schwarzenegger's new comedy about a father's pursuit of a hot Christmas toy for his son, *Jingle All the Way* earned \$12.2 million, topping the \$11.2 opening for Schwarzenegger's last comedy, *Kindergarten Cop*.

The First Wives Club became the first fall movie to pass the \$100 million mark. The comedy was No. 10 for the weekend.

The top 10 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by

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Top weekend movies		
Weekend of Nov. 22-24, 1996		
All dollar figures in millions		
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross	
<i>Star Trek: First Contact</i> \$30.7, one week, 2,812 screens	\$30.7	
<i>Space Jam</i> \$16.2, two weeks, 2,850 screens	\$16.2	
<i>Ransom</i> \$13.2, three weeks, 2,786 screens	\$13.2	
<i>Jingle All the Way</i> \$12.2, one week, 2,401 screens	\$12.1	
<i>The Mirror Has Two Faces</i> \$12.1, two weeks, 2,489 screens	\$8	
<i>Set It Off</i> \$5.5, three weeks, 1,016 screens	\$3.3	
<i>William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet</i> \$3.8, four weeks, 1,806 screens	\$3.2	
<i>The English Patient</i> \$3.2, two weeks, 266 screens	\$2.7	
<i>Sleepers</i> \$1.1, six weeks, 1,582 screens	\$1.4	
<i>The First Wives Club</i> \$101.8, 10 weeks, 990 screens	\$7237	

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc.

Paramount, \$30.7 million, 2,812 locations, \$10,923 average, \$30.7 million, one week.

2. *Space Jam*, Warner Bros., \$16.2 million, 2,650 locations, \$6,120 average, \$48.3 million, two weeks.

3. *Ransom*, Buena Vista, \$13.2 million, 2,768 locations, \$4,763 average, \$85.7 million, three weeks.

4. *Jingle All the Way*, Fox, \$12.1 million, 2,401 locations, \$5,045 average, \$12.1 million, one week.

5. *The Mirror Has Two Faces*, Sony, \$8 million, 2,489 locations, \$3,219 average, \$24.1 million, two weeks.

6. *Set It Off*, New Line, \$3.3 million, 1,016 locations, \$3,271 average, \$25.5 million, three weeks.

7. *William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet*, Fox, \$3.2 million, 1,808 locations, \$1,767 average, \$35.8 million, four weeks.

8. *The English Patient*, Miramax, \$2.7 million, 268 locations, \$10,123 average, \$3.2 million, two weeks.

9. *Sleepers*, Warner Bros., \$1.4 million, 1,582 locations, \$866 average, \$49.1 million, six weeks.

10. *The First Wives Club*, Paramount, \$723,700, 990 locations, \$731 average, \$101.6 million, 10 weeks.

studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

1. *Star Trek: First Contact*,

Civil rights leaders disappointed with Texaco's progress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Civil rights leaders say their boycott of Texaco will continue because the oil giant is not moving quickly enough to correct racial discrimination.

A coalition of women's rights groups and black leaders led by Rainbow Coalition President Jesse Jackson was not satisfied with an update Tuesday from Texaco officials about proposed hiring and policy changes.

"We were disappointed with their preliminary report," Jackson said, adding that company officials also failed to present data about the racial and gender make-up of its 19,000 employees. "Yes, we will still continue to boycott Texaco."

"The update from executives at Texaco ... was less than thrilling," NAACP President Kweisi Mfume said. "It's just disappointing to hear the lack of preparation that has gone into the

creation of that action plan thus far."

Texaco said it will incorporate suggestions from civil rights groups in its "Blueprint for Action" plan, expected Dec. 12, the company's self-imposed deadline to release short-term policy changes. Texaco President Peter Bijur pledged 30-, 60- and 90-day plans to eliminate "any

trace of discrimination in Texaco."

Mfume, Jackson and about 30 civil rights groups warned they will call for nationwide stock divestiture and picketing if Texaco doesn't present a more complete plan in two weeks with firm goals, targets and timetables for the hiring and advancement of minorities and women.

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Labor Department to focus on sanitation, safety at poultry plants across the nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Labor Department plans a closer look in the coming year at worker safety and other conditions in slaughter plants that feed Americans' growing appetite for chicken.

But despite some strong rhetoric from Labor Secretary Robert Reich, officials gave no indication they were planning a major investigation of industry.

Officials were to gather information on wage-and-hour practices in poultry plants, sort out who has jurisdiction over housing and transportation issues, and look at ways to coordinate safety enforcement with wages and hours.

"Sweatshop conditions, whether in garment factories, fields, or poultry processing plants, will not be tolerated," Reich said Tuesday in a statement following a news conference led by farm, consumer and environmental groups critical of the broiler industry.

The alliance was led by the National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice, a Chicago-based group of clergy and other religious leaders in support of labor causes. It also included the Laborers' International Union of North America, which suc-

cessfully organized workers at a North Carolina plant that is challenging the union election.

Reich said he shared their concerns about the "harsh and perhaps unlawful conditions faced by workers in the poultry processing industry." He said the department will "initiate a special targeted enforcement project."

Broiler production has grown about five percent a year over the past four decades, feeding America's growing appetite for lean, white meat and the world's for inexpensive protein.

Chicken consumption this year is expected to average 72 pounds per American, up from 60 pounds in 1990, the Agriculture Department says. To feed the craving, slaughter plants produced more than 25 billion pounds of chicken last year from more than seven billion birds.

But worker advocates claim the benefits from this expansion are going to the companies and not the workers, who slaughter and trim birds that practically whiz past them.

Workers at some plants complain of repeat-motion industries, lack of rest and bathroom breaks and dizziness and eye irritation from levels of carbon dioxide.

Court-martialed colonel wins appeal in porn case

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — A former Air Force wing commander has won an appeal of his court-martial for online indecency.

Col. James A. Maxwell, the former 17th Training Wing commander at Goodfellow Air Force Base near San Angelo, had two of four charges against him thrown out by the Court of Appeals of the Armed Forces last week.

The appellate court also set aside the original sentence, which was dismissal from the Air Force. That would eliminate his pension, estimated at \$1 million.

"Essentially, we are in a position of just having to review the decision," said Lt. Col. Frank J.

Spinner, Maxwell's attorney. "It will probably take another month or two to sort all of that out."

Maxwell, 52 and now living in Waco, chose not to comment.

The court threw out charges related to use of indecent language, which Spinner had challenged, saying they involved illegal search and seizure.

"Electronic mail communications were beyond the scope of the warrant," he said. Maxwell

also had similarly appealed two pornography charges, which were upheld.

Maxwell could face a lesser penalty if he's re-sentenced, although there's also a chance he'll continue fighting the entire case to the U.S. Supreme Court, Spinner said.

"I'd like to think that we still can (do both), but I've got to do some research," the lawyer told the *San Angelo Standard-Times* from his Fairfax, Va., office.

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Northern Iraq deeply impoverished; conditions worsen due to embargos

IRBIL, Iraq (AP) — Small children in torn clothes scamper along narrow cobblestone streets, guiding bicycle tires with sticks. Their bare feet splash into milky-colored sewage water in the gutters.

Getting ready for the approaching winter, a woman uses thumbtacks to fasten a transparent sheet of plastic over a broken window.

And this is the best neighborhood in the capital of the Kurdish region in northern Iraq. Such scenes are common throughout the area, which suffers from a double economic embargo.

All parts of Iraq have been barred from world trade by a United Nations embargo imposed after Saddam Hussein sent the Iraqi army into Kuwait six years ago. The Kurdish region has been cut off from internal Iraqi trade since an uprising against Saddam after the Gulf War.

Adding to the region's woes, two Kurdish factions have battled sporadically for two years over control of the enclave. They ended their latest round of fighting last month after Saddam's troops aided one side and the United States retaliated by firing missiles at Iraqi military targets.

There may be some relief in sight. Iraq's government and the United Nations appear headed for final agreement on a deal to let Baghdad sell \$2 billion worth of oil over six months to pay for food and medicine for its people.

Needs are great throughout Iraq, especially in the economically backward Kurdish region.

The Kurds' life worsened as waning international interest in their plight decreased humanitarian aid, all that keeps them alive.

"For many years, most donors gave specifically

for northern Iraq," said Robin Mills, deputy coordinator of U.N. operations in the Kurdish region.

Now, donor nations have stopped earmarking aid for the Kurds and instead give to Iraq in general, Mills said.

The United States recently pledged \$11 million for food and medical aid to the Kurds for a 12-month period as part of its effort to encourage an end to the factional fighting. But that amounts to only \$3 for each person in the region.

Meanwhile, other countries have promised only \$1.6 million toward the U.N. goal of \$40 million in aid for the region over a one-year period stretching into 1997.

There is little work in the mountainous region. The terrain leaves little room for agriculture, and there are shortages of fertilizer, seed and farm equipment.

"Until five years ago, everybody was getting paid by Baghdad," Mills said, referring to government jobs in the region that have disappeared since the uprising. "The double embargo has hurt incredibly."

Zerrin Sidik has survived on U.N. handouts and help from relatives since her husband died in the rebellion.

She stops putting up the plastic cover on her window to invite a reporter into the one-room house she shares with her four children.

Three thin mattresses are piled in a corner. A gas stove and a milk crate holding a few pots is the kitchen. A small table near the window is where ten-year-old Muhabbet does her homework and the family eats. A gas lamp sits on the table. There is no electricity or running water.

Nation briefs

Reputed mob underboss plays Santa for homeless

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — It was a festive holiday scene: a hot Thanksgiving meal, a tinsel-strewn Christmas tree, piles of wrapped presents and 20 shiny new bicycles.

And Tuesday's holiday party for a chartered busload of poor children and adults was a gift from a South Philadelphia Samaritan: reputed mob underboss Joseph "Skinny Joey" Merlino.

For the second year in a row, Merlino invited the homeless and other poor people to a festive holiday bash at a club. Asked why he gave it, he asked, "Is it a crime?"

"It's something nice for people who don't have nothing. If you didn't have nothing to eat I'd invite you in," added Merlino, 34, looking tense and somber in a brown suit and dark, slick hair.

He plans to host the event every year, he said, to "try to make it like the Jerry Lewis telethon."

Exhibit gives glimpse into luxury liner's last moments

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — George Rosenshine was upset that the Parisian fashion lords of 1912 had decreed ostrich feathers were out for 1913. On his way home to New York aboard the Titanic, the feather dealer wrote his brother with the bad news.

The letter went down with Rosenshine and more than 1,500 others who died when the Titanic

sank on its maiden voyage. It was recovered in August from the ocean floor 400 miles south of Newfoundland and is among 32 Titanic artifacts that go on display today at the Nauticus maritime museum.

"Titanic: The Expedition" runs through March 31.

The artifacts are on loan from RMS Titanic Inc., which has retrieved 4,000 artifacts from the wreck in four expeditions since 1987. Organizers say this is the first display in the United States of artifacts retrieved in August.

No rest yet for Western star Lash LaRue

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Six months after his death, the remains of B-movie cowboy Al "Lash" LaRue have yet to reach a final resting place.

His widow walked into a funeral parlor three days after heart failure killed the bullwhip-cracking star of low-budget 1940s Westerns. She wanted to view her husband's body and get a lock of his hair, so he would always be with her.

"The mortician told me, 'Dear, I have very bad news. The body is gone. It seems to us that somebody cremated him ahead of time,'" Marion Callahan LaRue said Tuesday, recalling the May 24 revelation.

The widow wanted a funeral for LaRue, the Hollywood cowboy icon known for his handiwork with a whip and trademark

black outfits in such films as *The Caravan Trail* (1945), *Law of the Lash* (1947) and *Mark of the Lash* (1948).

Memorial to Selena goes before city council for approval

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Construction of a memorial to slain Tejano music star Selena, including a seawall statue of the singer, will tentatively begin next week.

Local philanthropist Dusty Durrill began planning the memorial shortly after Selena Quintanilla-Perez was shot at a local motel on March 31, 1995.

"I wanted to create a memorial to an incredible citizen of this community, who through her work ethic was an outstanding model to our children," Durrill said.

"Her death caused a national wave of mourning that presidents don't get. This will be a place where her fans can go to mourn her."

But before the project can

move forward, the City Council today must authorize the construction of the memorial on city property and accept the donation of the Selena sculpture.

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Lottery executive director under fire for awarding contract to friend

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas Lottery Executive Director Nora Linares has come under fire in connection with a contract awarded to a close friend of hers four years ago by the company that operates the lottery.

Linares was questioned for more than two hours Tuesday by the three-member Texas Lottery Commission about how Mike Moeller, a friend and former boss of hers at the Texas Department of Agriculture, got a \$30,000 consulting job with GTECH Holdings Corp. in 1992.

The contract was awarded to Moeller just months after the Rhode Island company won a five-year contract to run the Texas Lottery. Moeller is currently serving time in a federal prison in a case stemming from his work with the Agriculture Department.

Two key revelations from Tuesday's meeting included:

— Moeller's contract with GTECH listed a New Mexico address belonging to a cousin of Linares.

— Linares took a trip last year to Santa Fe, N.M., with Moeller and Lena Guerrero, a lobbyist for

Dittler Bros., the Texas Lottery's instant ticket manufacturer.

Guerrero lost her bid for re-election for the Texas Railroad Commission in 1992 after acknowledging during the campaign that she falsely claimed to have graduated from the University of Texas in 1980.

"Ms. Linares has been consistently an advocate for GTECH and its performance," Texas Lottery Commission chairwoman Harriet Miers told reporters after the meeting.

"I would hope it's been based on objective criteria. But that is obviously an issue that this commission has to look at as to whether there would be any other motives and we will be looking at that issue."

Miers said she wouldn't comment on her confidence in Linares to continue as executive director until more information from GTECH regarding Moeller's contract was made available.

GTECH officials told the commission Tuesday that they were still investigating exactly what Moeller did for them. They said Moeller's contract pertained only to work in New Mexico and not Texas. They said they disagree with Moeller's hiring and blame it on a former executive who has since been convicted on federal charges in New

Jersey of defrauding GTECH in a kickback scheme. GTECH recently had its 1992 contract to run the lottery extended for another five years without a rebidding process. Linares has said her decisions regarding the company were based on its performance. She declined comment to reporters after the hearing Tuesday.

Moeller and Linares both have said she didn't know about the contract until recently.

In the contract Moeller had with GTECH, he listed an Alamogordo, N.M., address of a cousin of Linares.

Linares told the commission that several years ago, Moeller had asked her if she knew of someone whose address he could use temporarily for a business venture. She said she was unaware that the business venture involved GTECH.

"He told me he was doing business in New Mexico. I probably assumed it was business he was doing in regards to other stuff," Linares told the commission.

"Why, in all the people in the world, would he ask her for an address?" Miers said. "That's a question any logical person would have to ask. Was he her only friend?"

Linares' attorney, Charles Soechting, who also represented Moeller in a divorce proceeding last

year, wouldn't comment on a report that Linares and Moeller are romantically involved.

"I'm not going to comment on that," Soechting said.

Miers said, "I think where we ought to be focused is did this behavior adversely affect the lottery. The focus on whether they were very close friends or romantic, I think misses the point."

Linares said the trip she took to Santa Fe in 1995 with a group of people that included Moeller, Guerrero and deputy lottery director Zoann Atwood was a weekend vacation unrelated to lottery business.

"Why Mr. Moeller was on that trip along with other representatives of this lottery I don't have the answers to," Miers said. "It's something that definitely needs to be followed up on."

When asked about Linares vacationing with a lobbyist working for a company with interests in the lottery, Miers said, "The policy of the lottery is to be as careful as possible when it comes to the appearance of impropriety."

Moeller once was a top assistant to former Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower. He worked as Linares' boss at the Agriculture Department before she went to work for the lottery in 1991.

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Panhandle's Square House Museum to have 'Celebrating the Season' holiday exhibition

PANHANDLE — The Panhandle Square House Museum's holiday exhibition "Celebrating the Season" exemplifies the season of giving and sharing. Organizations and individuals from around the region have contributed ethnic, cultural and religious material from around the world.

The theme of "Celebrating the Season" is the winter holiday or festival, whether it be religious or secular. Each component of the

exhibition tells the visitor about a particular holiday or about the people who celebrate it, such as the Hindu New Year as celebrated in India and Chanukah, the Jewish Festival of Lights. There is an exhibit about the Baha'i faith, and artifacts will be on display from Buddhist Tibet.

Christmas is well represented, with contributions by a Lutheran Church and from countries such as Norway, Ireland, Poland, Germany, Greece, Scotland,

England and Mexico. The exhibition is fascinating in its diversity and spectacular in its color and native craftsmanship, museum officials said.

The "Celebrating the Season" exhibit can be viewed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday beginning Dec. 31, at the Hazlewood Auditorium in Panhandle. There is no charge for admission to the museum or to the exhibition.

Museum officials suggested visitors plan to coordinate their visit to the exhibition with one of the three concerts scheduled at the Square House Museum during the month of December. Two of the three concerts will be in the restored Conway Community Church — an experience that is now available to the general public.

On Monday, Dec. 9, the Panhandle High School Choir and Brass Ensemble will perform

a medley of Christmas music in the Conway Church. The performance begins at 7 p.m., and refreshments will be served afterwards in the Hazlewood Auditorium.

Kent Watson and Friends will give their annual instrumental and vocal concert of ragtime, popular and Christmas music at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. This performance is to take place in the Hazlewood Auditorium, and refreshments will also be served.

The season finale will be a Community Concert to support the regional food bank, and admission is a can of food. It will feature the groups One Voice (women's a capella) and Heaven Bound (men's a capella). The program will be Christmas music, and there will be two performances, at 6 p.m. and at 8 p.m. in the Conway Church.

For more information about the exhibition or the concerts, call the museum at (806) 537-3524.

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There are corrections to our Nov. 28 circular. On pg. 2, a \$10 rebate was pictured with the Polaroid 2-pack instant film. This product does not have a rebate. Page 17 pictured Emerson Car Audio System model #2050SP. It should have shown model #1001 at \$9.99. All other car stereos are at 20% off our reg. price.

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Adoptees' Need To Know Is Both Emotional And Medical

DEAR ABBY: A letter recently appeared in your column from a mother who was upset because the birth mother of her adopted daughter had written to her requesting to meet the girl.

I am an adoptee who is actively involved in helping other adoptees and birth mothers with their searches. I believe you replied correctly in advising the mother to tell her daughter about the letter she received. However, I think your advice should have included, in addition, a message about the importance of knowing about the medical history and the current medical condition of the birth mother. If the girl still does not wish to meet her birth mother, that's fine. But the adoptive mother and the birth mother should remain in contact with each other so that if a medical necessity should arise, or should the girl change her mind, contact could be made.

The need to know about our biological roots varies among adoptees and surfaces at different times in our lives. But it will eventually become an issue. No matter how good our relationship with our parents, or how much we are loved, there's a basic need in all adoptees to know who we are, who we look like and the circumstances behind our relinquishment.

It usually has no reflection on how we were raised, and a child's finding a birth parent is not to be feared as many adoptive parents believe. No one will ever take the

Abigail Van Buren

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place of Mom and Dad. If a "find" results in a relationship, then all the better. Often there are other siblings to be gained, or at least half-brothers or sisters, and there is always enough love to go around.

This has always been a sensitive issue and one that we are just beginning to learn how to deal with. You may use my name.

GARY STRODE, TULSA, OKLA.
DEAR GARY: There are many sound reasons for encouraging and facilitating reunions between birth parents and their children. An opportunity for them to meet should be made available if both parties are willing. The secrecy that once shrouded adoption is no longer necessary now that society has come to understand that a pregnancy outside of marriage is not an unforgivable crime.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to a letter you published from "Bothered Brother," about the way his brother "Mike" treats the employees at their small firm.

Just because Mike is the boss doesn't mean he can be a bully. The highest incidence of workers' compensation lawsuits currently under litigation are: 1) intentional tort; 2) stress, embarrassment, humiliation; 3) violence in the workplace. Since "tort" is defined as damage, injury or a wrongful act done willfully or negligently, the No. 1 reason applies to Mike. Stress, embarrassment and humiliation are a given in this case.

If a supervisor hits or physically abuses an employee, the supervisor and the company can be sued by the employee. In this case, workers' compensation insurance would not protect the company or the owners. It is "Bothered Brother's" responsibility to keep his brother in check because it is his company, too. And all three reasons could be used by a sharp attorney to convince one of the employees to take the company to court. Since Mike throws his tantrums in front of the entire workforce, there are many witnesses — most of whom have probably been yelled at themselves and who might want to retaliate.

I'm not an attorney, but I am a supervisor of eight people, and I would be fired on the spot if I acted that way at our company.

CAUTIOUS BOSS IN INDIANAPOLIS
DEAR CAUTIOUS BOSS: Thank you for the input. Your letter may have a chilling effect on more than one hotheaded employer.

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Thursday, Nov. 28, 1996

In the year ahead, you might be more fortunate with new endeavors than you will be with old ones. If something fresh comes along, make sure to give it a try.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Before beginning a joint venture today, make sure that your partner has adequate skills. The profit margin will be slim if the deal lacks parity. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you have to make a crucial decision today, do not seek advice from a well-intentioned friend who counseled you poorly previously. Think for yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Before embarking on a new adventure today, make an effort to complete the projects which are already in the pipeline.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Rather than spoiling the fun for yourself or others, it might be better to avoid a gathering that will be filled with people you dislike.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Challenges might appeal to you today. This will be OK, but take care not to attempt anything foolish, especially if the odds are against you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Companions will take you to task today if you try to outdo them by playing the game of one-upmanship. This kind of behavior will be counterproductive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you have an irrepressible urge to buy something today, make sure that your purchase can be returned.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An issue which has always caused problems between you and your mate might become an impasse today. If it isn't resolved promptly, it will continue to linger.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not delude yourself into believing that a problem you have ignored will suddenly sprout wings and fly off on its own. You must think of a solution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might experience peer pressure today and feel as if you have to go along with the majority. Do not go along with the group if it violates your principles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try to contribute to the tranquility of your home today instead of being disruptive. Selfish demands could cause family members to behave similarly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today, it will be better to try to avoid bossy individuals. You won't appreciate being told what to do, when to do it, and how to think.

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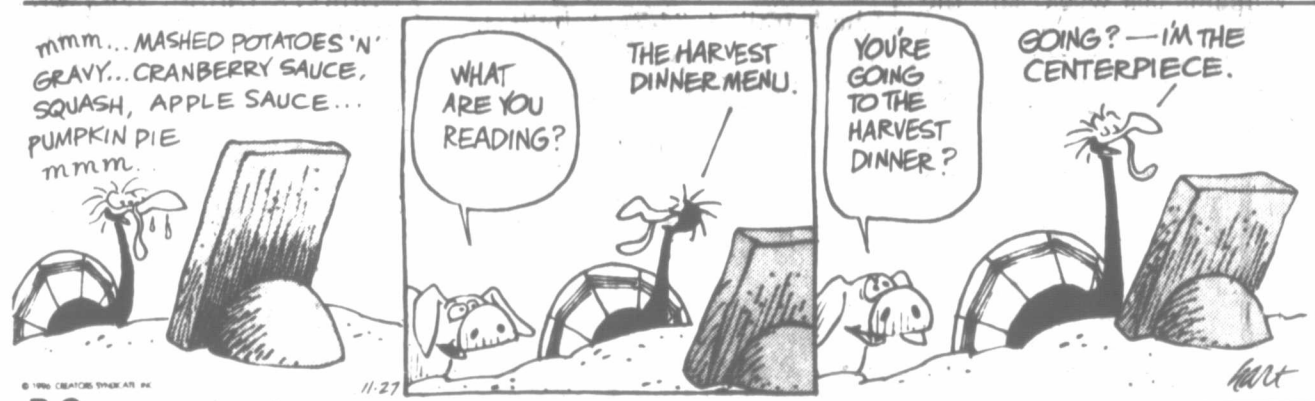
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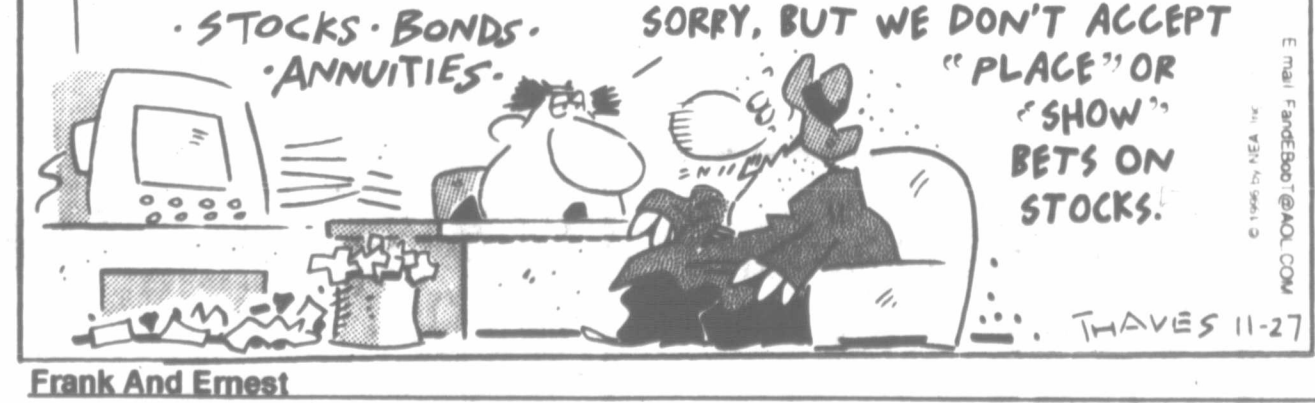
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Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa defeated Valleyview, 25-17, in 7th grade girls basketball action Monday.

Cali Covalt was high scorer for Pampa with 10 points.

Valleyview won the B game, 19-10. Morgan White was high scorer for Pampa with 6 points.

In the 8th grade division, Valleyview won the A game, 38-33. Kandi Odom was high scorer for Pampa with 8 points.

Valleyview also won the B game, 38-19. Shanna Buck was high scorer for Pampa with 6 points.

BASEBALL

CHICAGO (AP) — Catcher Scott Servais and the Chicago Cubs agreed to a \$2.7 million, two-year contract, avoiding salary arbitration.

Servais, 29, hit .265 with 11 homers and 63 RBIs last season. He gets a \$200,000 signing bonus, \$1.2 million in 1997 and \$1.3 million in 1998.

Seattle agreed to terms with two players eligible for arbitration, signing outfielder Rich Amaral to a two-year contract and outfielder Lee Tinsley to a one-year deal. Outfielder John Cangelosi agreed to a two-year contract with Florida, and reliever Bryan Harvey signed a minor-league deal with Atlanta.

FOOTBALL

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Green Bay Packers cornerback Tyrone Williams won't have to begin serving a six-month jail sentence Dec. 3 in connection with a 1994 shooting incident while at the University of Nebraska.

District Judge Bernard McGinn, who sentenced Williams last week, said the player can remain free on \$5,000 bond until the state Court of Appeals reviews the case. Williams pleaded no contest and was convicted in September on a felony charge of unlawfully discharging a gun and misdemeanor assault.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Virginia accepted an invitation to the Carquest Bowl in Miami against an opponent to be determined.

Carquest Bowl executive director Brian Flajole said the No. 20 Cavaliers (7-3) will likely face the loser of Saturday's game between No. 16 Syracuse and No. 23 Miami, or West Virginia.

OLYMPICS

ROME (AP) — In a possible breakthrough in the fight against doping, International Olympic Committee experts met to review a test for detecting the performance-enhancing drug EPO.

Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the IOC medical commission, is presiding over the session, which also is expected to address re-testing positive samples of four unidentified athletes from the Atlanta Olympics.

EPO, or erythropoietin, is a naturally occurring substance that draws oxygen into a user's bloodstream. A synthetic form of EPO is considered the drug of choice in endurance sports, particularly cycling.

TRACK AND FIELD

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (AP) — Italian high jumper Antonella Bevilacqua's fourth-place finish in the Atlanta Olympics was disallowed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation because of a drug violation.

Bevilacqua twice tested positive for the banned stimulant ephedrine last May, and track and field's ruling body retroactively imposed a three-month suspension. The ban covers the period from May 26 to Aug. 25.

Cowboys' Smith likely to start against Redskins

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Emmitt Smith says there is always a first time for everything.

Being benched with a game on the line like he was Sunday was certainly a first for him since his high school, college and professional days.

Smith has a sore right ankle and his performance has been limited.

Smith could start in the Thanksgiving Day game against the Washington Redskins despite a gimpy right ankle. But Dallas Cowboys coaches could put Sherman Williams or

Herschel Walker into the game if Smith doesn't produce.

"Emmitt doesn't have the quickness he's had in the past," coach Barry Switzer said Tuesday. "We could use both Sherman and Herschel."

Smith gained only 18 yards in 11 carries in the Cowboys' 20-6 loss to the New York Giants last Sunday. He has a sore ankle, but an MRI test was negative.

"If Emmitt is healthy enough on Thursday he will start," said running back coach Joe Brodsky. "This man has a lot of pride. He plays hurt all the time without telling anybody."

Smith was benched in the fourth quarter of the Giants loss in favor of the quicker Williams,

who is not as good a blocker and has trouble running the correct pass route.

Williams has rushed 34 times for 160 yards this year. His average of 4.7 is exactly a yard better than Smith's 3.7 on 244 carries for 894 yards.

"I'm ready if Emmitt can't be ready," Williams said. "I hope I can give the team a little spark when I get in there."

Walker has run four times for 12 yards. However, he is a better receiver out of the backfield and blocks better than Williams.

Switzer said both Williams and Walker could be used early against the Redskins in an effort to kick-start an offense that hasn't scored a touchdown in 24

consecutive possessions over eight quarters.

Clearly unhappy at being benched, Smith hasn't spoken to reporters since the Giants game.

But Dallas coaches maintain Smith needs rest.

"We want to give him a breather every now and then so he can play another five years," Brodsky said. "But he can be stubborn."

Smith, who has led the NFL in rushing four times, has said he doesn't object to be given some relief. But he wants to be in there in the fourth quarter when the game is being decided.

"Maybe we can give him some rest in the second or third quarters so he can be ready for the

fourth," Brodsky said. "I know this: He's a competitor. He wants to be there when the game is on the line no matter how much he's hurt."

How much Smith will play will be determined at game time on Thursday when the Cowboys, 7-5 in the NFC East, take on the division-leading Redskins (8-4).

Redskins coach Norv Turner, a former Dallas offensive coordinator, said Smith looks fine to him.

"He looks the same to me in the game films," Turner said. "I saw Emmitt burst out of there for a 25-yard run against Green Bay, and it looked like Emmitt Smith to me."

Wheeler takes on Munday

Wheeler — The Wheeler Mustangs aren't at the playoff pinnacle yet, but they're mighty close.

Tucked in among three unbeaten teams in Region I-II are the Mustangs, who are just two wins away from playing for the Class 1A state title. Another state championship trophy would be Wheeler's fourth. The Mustangs won state titles in 1977, 1979 and 1987.

Wheeler (9-3) takes on Munday (12-0) at 7:30 Friday night in the quarterfinals in Childress. During Wheeler's 1987 title run, the Mustangs beat Munday in the semifinals, 18-0.

The Wheeler-Munday winner meets either Springlake-Earth (12-0) or Windthorst (12-0) in the semifinals.

The Mustangs may be a team of destiny after pulling out a 32-31 win over Petersburg in the area playoff round last weekend.

An 8-yard touchdown pass from Jason Porton to Travis Stevens with 1:29 to play turned out to be the winning touchdown for Wheeler, which had trailed 24-7 at halftime. Stevens kicked the PAT to give Wheeler the one-point win.

Stevens, a 5-11, 175-pound sophomore, completed 5 of 8 pass attempts for 80 yards, including a 7-yard touchdown pass to Ramon Meraz. For the season, Stevens has completed 43 of 108 attempts for 750 yards.

"Travis has been throwing the ball real well, especially in our last three games. In our two playoff games, he's 9 of 14 for 120 yards," said Wheeler head coach Jim Verden.

Junior running back Bryan Judd scored two touchdowns against Peterburg and has over 1,400 yards rushing for the year.

Munday, which advanced to the area round a year ago, rolled by Cross Plains, 38-14, last week in the area game.

"This one's going to be a booger for us," Verden said. "However, if we just go out and take care of business, we'll be in decent shape."

Munday packs a powerful 1-2 ground attack in backs Gerald Taylor and Jonathan Reagins.

"Size-wise we match up pretty well with them, but they can really go with those two quick backs. They both have a lot of speed," Verden said.

The Wheeler-Munday game will be played at Fairpark Stadium.

Groom, White Deer split cage contests

GROOM — Jimmy Chavedo scored 19 points to lead Groom past White Deer, 68-56, in a boys' basketball game Tuesday night.

Brad Sustaire added 14 for the Tigers, who led 34-24 at halftime.

Torey Craig had 13 points and Ryan Smith 10 for White Deer.

White Deer won the girls' game, 56-42.

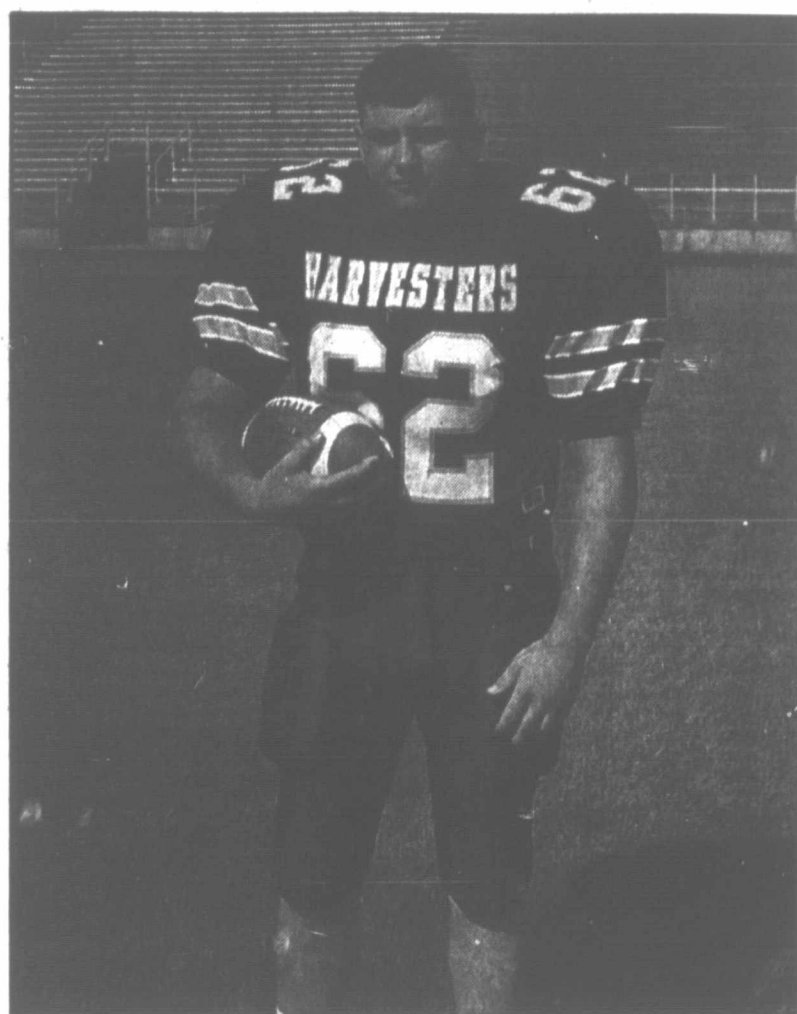
Rhonda McClendon had 17 points and Susan Day 11 to lead the Does.

Ange Conrad had 10 points to lead Groom in scoring.

White Deer held a 28-17 lead at halftime.

White Deer plays at Shamrock while Groom visits Wheeler next Tuesday night.

Offensive guard



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa's Tanner Winkler, a 220-pound senior, will start at offensive guard when the Harvesters meet Azle at 1 p.m. Friday in the Class 4A Division I quarterfinals in Texas Stadium in Irving. Winkler has also started on the offensive line this season.

FSU or Alabama? Spurrier more interested in titles

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — They are the top two teams in the rankings, state rivals who don't hide their disdain for each other. And they have two coaches who are among the most imaginative in the game.

Most everyone would agree that Florida-Florida State is the biggest game of the year. Everyone, that is, except Steve Spurrier.

It's significant, all right. Spurrier has never beaten the Seminoles in Tallahassee and had to settle for a 31-31 final after blowing a 28-point lead in the fourth quarter two years ago.

That should be incentive enough. And the Gators must win if they want to play for the national championship.

But Spurrier has another title to contend for before New Year's Day.

"When the season starts, we always say the biggest game of the year is the SEC championship game," Spurrier said Tuesday. "We get a ring, we get our names in the record books, and that's something we realistically have a chance to go for."

Florida can win its fourth straight SEC title — only Bear Bryant has won more consecutive league championships — with a victory Dec. 7 in Atlanta against Alabama. Spurrier doesn't want the Gators to forget that, even though Florida State is enough to work them into a frenzy.

Still, it would be hard to blame Florida fans for putting all their faith in a win over Florida State.

These SEC titles are becoming routine. Florida, which had never won an SEC title before Spurrier arrived as head coach in 1990, has finished first in the conference every year except 1992.

"We have our goals, and then we have FSU up there," said corner back Fred Weary. "It's a big emphasis on this game. We want to play our best."

Spurrier has other reasons for putting a lot of stock in the SEC

title game. A highly spirited win or loss Saturday could set the Gators up for a fall against an Alabama team that figures to be charged up by coach Gene Stallings' decision to make this season his last.

"We need to somehow or another keep it in the back of our minds that this is not the end of the world, no matter what happens," Spurrier said. "We don't really hold back for anybody. The only reason we mention the next one is so we don't forget it."

"We don't need a big, emotional win or a big, emotional loss," he said. "We've got to save emotion through the following week, and then have some break time after that."

His message appears to be getting through. Danny Wuerffel concedes Florida State is a big game and the Gators will give it everything they have, "but you've got to realize you can't lay your eggs in one basket."

"We're just looking for preparation to give everything we can, and then just like other weeks, come back and get ready to go again," he said.

Any holding back against the Seminoles could be costly. They have one of the best defenses in the country, led by ends Reinard Wilson and Peter Boulware. And they have a history of harassing Danny Wuerffel.

That puts an onus on a Florida offensive line that has been wracked by injuries. Three red-shirt freshmen and a career reserve have started in recent weeks after senior center Jeff Mitchell broke his ankle.

Spurrier was asked if the Gators have a decided advantage because Wuerffel is a senior and Florida State's Thad Busby is in his first year as a starter.

"Have you seen their guys' pass rush, huh? Have you seen that maybe we have two or three freshmen linemen?" he said. "No one has really gone up and down the field on FSU, and that's why they're the No. 1 defense."

Lady Harvesters boost won-loss record to 2-1

ELK CITY, Okla. — Chandra Nachtigall scored 13 points and Kristi Carpenter added 10 as Pampa held off a fourth-quarter rally by Elk City to claim a 41-37 win Tuesday night.

The Lady Harvesters are now 2-1 on the season while Elk City is 0-1.

Jamie Mayer was high scorer for Elk City with 13 points while Star Ryan and Dandy Newton added 8 each.

The Lady Harvesters never trailed and led by as many as 16 points. The Elkettes were able to trim the lead to a basket going

into the final minute, but Pampa held Elk City scoreless the rest of the way as Candice Nachtigall and Chandra Nachtigall each added a free throw to keep the Lady Harvesters on top.

Jennifer Jones added 7 points for Pampa, followed by Candice Nachtigall with 4, McKinley Quarles 3, Yvette Brown and Faustine Curry 2 each. Jones led Pampa in rebounds with 8.

The Lady Harvesters play Wichita Falls Rider at 12 noon Friday in the Fantasy of Lights Tournament in Wichita Falls.

Harvesters fall to Elk City

ELK CITY, Okla. — Elk City, Okla., defeated Pampa, 64-50, Tuesday night in boys' basketball action.

It was Elk City's first game of the season while the Harvesters are now 1-3 for the season.

Derek Roper paced Elk City in scoring with 17 points while Jared Keyes added 16.

August Larson tossed in 19 points to pace the Harvesters while Lynn Brown chipped in 12.

Elk City led by 14 (48-34) after three quarters, but Pampa went on a rally to cut the lead to six (54-48) on a Brown layup with

1:57 to go. However, with time running out, Pampa was forced to foul and the Elks used the free throw line to pull away.

Gabe Wilbon, Kaleb Meek, Jared Knipp and Jamarious Osborne had 4 points each while Shawn Young added 3.

The Harvesters compete in the Fantasy of Lights Tournament Friday and Saturday at Wichita Falls. Their first-round opponent is Red Oak at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Pampa's next home date is Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. against Liberal, Kan.

Real pain is only beginning for major league baseball

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Bud Selig thought nothing of wasting four years to get a labor deal. But he wouldn't let another second go by without using it to kiss up to fans. Poor guy. Wait until he finds out how few of them are really left.

"Now, we can reconnect our sport to our fans," the actor-commissioner said after emerging from a two-hour meeting where he joined 25 other owners voting to ratify the new agreement.

As far as optimism, that was about it for the owners. The deal they settled for Tuesday looked nothing like the one the owners hoped to get when they dumped the commissioner and started down this road in 1992. In fact, the deal they approved Tuesday was the same one they rejected decisively just three weeks ago.

So Selig did what he could to find something good to say about it.

"This very difficult and painful process is now behind us," he said.

Wrong, Bud. The difficulty and pain are only just beginning.

Outside the hotel, the new deal's economic impact was already being felt. Big-spending Yankees boss George Steinbrenner eschewed his usual limo and instead climbed onto a bus for the short ride to the airport. The deal is at least a week from going into effect, but Steinbrenner was already saving nickels and dimes.

Funny how priorities change when you're on the hook for millions in luxury-tax and revenue-sharing payments during the next three years.

Back inside the hotel, meanwhile, some assessments of the future were even bleaker.

White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf actually went so far as to compare himself with one of the two senators who voted against deepening U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War some three decades ago.

"I feel like Wayne Morse voting against the Gulf of Tonkin resolution," he said with more chutzpah

than sense. "I just hope I turn out to be wrong."

That wasn't the only dire prediction the hardest of the hard-line owners made about the deal.

"Actually, it's good for the White Sox because it dooms the small-market teams," he said. "There will be less for us to compete against."

Whether that turns out to be true remains to be seen. But from the owners' standpoint, the years covered by the new deal promise less of almost everything.

Less revenue. Fewer fans.

Lower TV ratings. Less stability.

Four years ago, Selig and Reinsdorf led the palace coup that forced Fay Vincent out of the commissioner's office. They wanted to make sure nobody and nothing got in the way of their plan to squeeze concessions out of the players' union. Four years later, the size of their miscalculation is only too apparent.

What the new deal gives the owners is a slight drag on salaries — and not much else.

The salary cap they wanted to desperately remained on the heads of the NBA and the NFL instead. The demand to eliminate salary arbitration was itself eliminated. So was their plan to hire and fire on demand and control just about everything else players did but take bathroom breaks.

In terms of lost opportunities, almost nothing good happened between the time the owners went after a one-sided deal and the time they actually approved one that clearly favors the other side.

Average attendance is down by about 5,000 fans, or 15 percent. TV ratings for the World Series dropped about seven points, or 18 percent. Nine teams changed owners. Industry-wide, the owners absorbed at least \$800 million in operating losses.

Recouping their losses under any deal won't happen any time soon. In fact, things are guaranteed to get worse unless the owners and players have some idea how to — as Bud likes to say — reconnect with its fans. The 232-day strike chased away a large part of their old audience.

Scoreboard

PRO FOOTBALL

National Football League

At A Glance

All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	9	3	0.750	257	202
New England	8	4	0.667	310	282
Indianapolis	6	6	0.500	218	284
Miami	6	6	0.500	278	249
N.Y. Jets	1	11	0.083	211	333

Central

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	9	3	0.750	282	180
Houston	6	6	0.500	256	244
Cincinnati	5	7	0.417	272	288
Jacksonville	5	7	0.417	233	251
Baltimore	3	9	0.250	289	352

West

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
San Francisco	11	1	0.917	317	192
Kansas City	6	4	0.600	234	208
San Diego	7	5	0.583	270	276
Oakland	5	7	0.417	257	227
Seattle	5	7	0.417	243	283

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington	8	4	0.667	281	230
Dallas	7	5	0.583	233	191
Philadelphia	7	5	0.583	279	265
Arizona	6	6	0.500	231	291
N.Y. Giants	5	7	0.417	200	226

Central

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Green Bay	9	3	0.750	318	174
Minnesota	6	6	0.500	202	228
Chicago	5	7	0.417	185	220
Detroit	5	7	0.417	236	261
Tampa Bay	4	8	0.333	153	219

West

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
San Francisco	9	3	0.750	291	188
Carolina	8	4	0.667	268	164
St. Louis	3	9	0.250	220	324
Atlanta	2	10	0.167	224	359
New Orleans	2	10	0.167	174	265

x-clinched playoff spot.

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati 41, Atlanta 31.
Carolina 31, Houston 16.
Denver 21, Minnesota 17.
Chicago 31, Detroit 14.
New England 27, Indianapolis 13.
Jacksonville 28, Baltimore 25, OT.
Tampa Bay 13, New Orleans 7.
Buffalo 35, New York Jets 10.
San Diego 28, Kansas City 14.
San Francisco 19, Washington 16, OT.
New York Giants 20, Dallas 6.
Oakland 27, Seattle 21.
Arizona 36, Philadelphia 30.
Green Bay 24, St. Louis 9.

Monday's Game

Pittsburgh 24, Miami 17.

Thursday's Games

Kansas City at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 1

Arizona at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
New York Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 4 p.m.
Houston at New York Jets, 4 p.m.
Miami at Oakland, 4 p.m.
St. Louis at New Orleans, 4 p.m.
New England at San Diego, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 2

San Francisco at Atlanta, 8 p.m.

National Basketball Association

BASKETBALL

At A Glance

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Miami	10	4	0.714	—
Orlando	6	6	0.500	1 1/2
New York	6	6	0.500	1 1/2
Washington	7	6	0.538	2 1/2
Philadelphia	5	8	0.385	4 1/2
Boston	3	8	0.273	5 1/2
New Jersey	2	7	0.222	5 1/2

Central Division

W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Chicago	13	1	0.929	—
Detroit	10	2	0.833	2
Cleveland	9	3	0.750	3
Charlotte	7	5	0.583	5
Atlanta	6	6	0.500	5 1/2
Milwaukee	3	8	0.273	8 1/2
Toronto	3	9	0.250	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Houston	13	1	0.929	—
Utah	9	2	0.818	2 1/2
Minnesota	5	7	0.417	7
Denver	5	9	0.357	8
Dallas	4	9	0.308	8 1/2
San Antonio	2	11	0.154	10 1/2
Vancouver	2	12	0.143	11

Pacific Division

W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Seattle	12	3	0.800	—
L.A. Lakers	10	5	0.667	2
Portland	8	6	0.571	3 1/2
L.A. Clippers	6	7	0.462	5
Sacramento	5	9	0.357	6 1/2
Golden State	3	10	0.231	8
Phoenix	0	13	0.000	11

Monday's Games

Washington 105, Minnesota 98.
Milwaukee 100, Orlando 88.
Utah 108, New Jersey 92.
Chicago 88, L.A. Clippers 84.

Tuesday's Games

Sacramento 98, Toronto 87.
L.A. Lakers 100, Philadelphia 88.
Charlotte 97, Seattle 89.
Atlanta 101, Vancouver 80.
Houston 102, Portland 101, OT.
Dallas 105, San Antonio 101.
Denver 117, Phoenix 108.
Miami 107, Golden State 88.

Wednesday's Games

Charlotte at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Boston, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
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New Jersey at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
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Thursday's Games

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New Jersey at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

At A Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	15	3	5	35	74
Washington	12	9	1	25	66
Philadelphia	12	11	1	25	65
New Jersey	11	8	1	23	50
N.Y. Rangers	8	13	4	20	79
Tampa Bay	7	11	2	16	62
N.Y. Islanders	4	9	8	16	52

Central Division

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TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Named Mark

Tramuta area scout for Mid-America, Ubaldo Heredia area scout for Venezuela, and Patrick Guerrero area scout for western Dominican Republic.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Named Bill

Schmidt national scouting crosschecker; Jesse Flores, Jerry Jordan and Bob Mayer regional scouting crosscheckers; and Mike Toomey, Jim Gabelle, Chris Jett, Ted Brzenik and Jay Franklin area scouts.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms

with OF Rich Amaral on a two-year contract and OF Lee Tinsley on a one-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms

with RHP Bryan Harvey on a minor-league contract.

CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms

with C Scott Servais on a two-year contract.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms

with OF John Cangelosi on a two-year contract.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms

with 3B Jose Oliva on a minor-league contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Named Richie

Hebner hitting coach for Lynchburg of the Carolina League.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms

with INF Rene Gonzales on a minor-league contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

DENVER NUGGETS—Announced Bernie

Bickerstaff has resigned from his coaching duties but will remain president and claim the title of general manager. Named Dick Motta coach and signed him to a multiyear contract. Announced Todd Eley, general manager, has been demoted to vice president of basketball operations.

BOWLING

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

DALLAS (AP) — The Southland Football

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Medallists



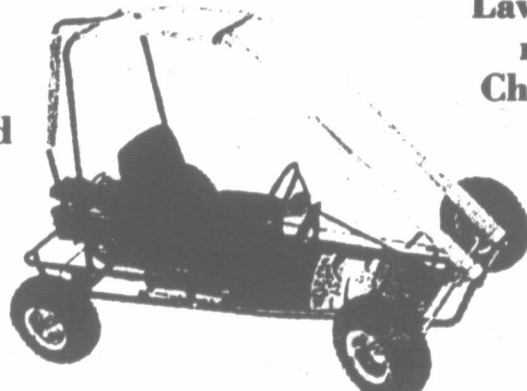
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Erin Coffey (left) and Abby Cavalier of Pampa display the medals they won at the District Gymnastics Championships recently in Big Spring. Both girls participated earlier this month in the North State Championships in Arlington where Abby qualified for the State Championships Dec. 7 in Fort Worth.

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Mavericks down Spurs, 105-101

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks found the answer to their recent woes. Play a team struggling even more than they are.

The Mavericks ended a two-game losing streak and won just their fourth game of the season Tuesday night, beating San Antonio 105-101. The Spurs' sixth straight loss dropped them to 2-11 on the season without All-Star center David Robinson.

Dallas held on by hitting 13 of 15 free throws in the fourth quarter.

"Free throws won the game for us," Mavericks reserve guard

Derek Harper said. "Had we done that in a lot of the games we lost this year, we'd have a much better record. It shows you the value of free throws."

Dallas established season highs for field-goal percentage (.567) and free-throw shooting (.840). The Mavericks also shot .471 (8-for-17) from 3-point range.

Down the stretch, however, it was Chris Gatling who again saved the Mavericks. Gatling, their best player this season, came off the bench to score 26 points, including two clinching free throws with 1.5 seconds left.

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Nursing home expert says Medicaid rate increase falls short of taking care of minimum wage

AUSTIN (AP) — The Medicaid rate increase given nursing homes to address the higher federal minimum wage is about \$27.5 million short of the amount needed annually, an expert testified Tuesday in federal court.

"The adjustments provided are inadequate," said Larry Tonn, a researcher and financial analyst who previously worked for the

state human services agency. Tonn testified for the Texas Health Care Association, which represents nursing homes and hired him to do the calculations.

The association is suing Texas Department of Human Services officials who set Medicaid rates. The lawsuit is an effort to boost Medicaid payments, which are given for care provid-

ed to low-income patients.

State Assistant Attorney General Ed Horne, representing the government, said he hadn't had a chance to review Tonn's figures on the minimum wage and other costs. But he said state officials would go over the calculations.

"I'm sure we'll have some interesting questions of Mr. Tonn

about some of those assumptions," said Horne, who contended that some of Tonn's conclusions were based on an incomplete analysis.

Horne said the Medicaid rate increase was sufficient to ensure nursing home employees who were paid less than the new minimum wage could get raises.

"We think that's all the law

requires, so that's what we did," he said.

DHS spokesman Michael Jones has defended the Medicaid rates as adequate. He said the board recently approved a \$1.6 million increase to cover the higher minimum wage through December and will take further action on rates in January.

The lawsuit says the rate

increase isn't enough to account for the higher minimum wage and doesn't take into account the "ripple effect" that exerts upward pressure on all wage levels.

According to Tonn, the increase approved by the DHS board amounts to about \$6.5 million a year, while the higher minimum wage will cost nursing homes about \$34 million annually.

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