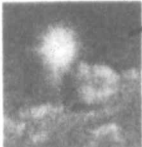


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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
High 48 Low 28	High 56 Low 31	High 54 Low 26

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25. Wind chill values between 16 and 21. South wind 10 to 20 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 48. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Christmas Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. West southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.

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Mary Ellen 'Mickey' Ryan Tivis, 76

Mary Ellen "Mickey" Ryan Tivis passed away on Friday, Dec. 19, 2008, in League City, Texas, at the age of 76. Funeral services were held today, Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008, at 10 a.m. in the Comanche Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Charles McConnell officiating.

Burial followed in the Fairlawn Cemetery in Comanche under the direction of Comanche Funeral Home. Visitation was Monday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. with the family receiving friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Mickey was born on June 13, 1932, in Frederick, Okla. She

lived in Hastings, Okla., for 14 years with her late husband, Garlin Tivis, where they were members of Hastings Baptist Church.

She is survived by three siblings, Lahoma "Judy" Bandy, Buddy Ryan and George Ryan. Mickey is also survived by three children, Norma

"Rusty" Davis, Janet Butler and David Tivis; eight grandchildren, Michell, Kellye, Lisa, Chrishena, Shanda, Kathrynne, Keagan and Ashley; and eight great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be sent to comanchefh@pldi.net.

Linda Boren Whitson, 61

She had been a resident most of her life, moving to Bowie in 2001. She married Dearol Whitson on April 24, 1982, in Pampa.

She was a member of



Whitson

First Assembly of God in Pampa. She was formerly employed by Heard-Jones Health Mart in Pampa.

Survivors include two sons, Chanless Jackson of

Fayette, Mo., and Elmer Whitson of Pensacola, Fla.; one daughter, Mary Frazier of Pampa; six grandchildren; and two brothers, Chanless Boren and Richard Boren, both of Heber Springs, Ark.

Linda was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Hooten; and her father, A.C. Boren.

Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls and incidents between 12 a.m. Dec. 21 and 7 a.m. Dec. 23.

Sunday, Dec. 21
Officers conducted 19 traffic stops. A stop at Huff and Wilks resulted in at least one arrest.

A total of five calls and/or stops concerning animals were reported.

A domestic disturbance with minor injuries was reported in the 700 block of North Somerville.

Assaults were twice reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

Found property was reported in the 500 block of East Kingsmill, and at Price Road and Highway 152.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 300 block of North Lefors (a Ford Taurus) and at Kingsmill and Starkweather.

Phone harassment was reported in the 700 block of East 15th and the 500 block of North Yeager.

A traffic accident was reported at 19th and Sumner streets.

A civil matter was reported in the 1400 block of North Hamilton.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Monday, Dec. 22
Officers conducted 15 traffic stops. A stop at Francis and West resulted in at least one arrest.

A total of 11 calls and/or stops concerning animals were reported.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart and the 800 block of East Frederic.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1600 block of North Hamilton.

An alarm was reported in the 1700 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was twice reported in the 2200 block of North Dwight, where three different motor vehicles were egged.

Found property was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Officers provided an escort in the 600 block of North Ward.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 2000 block of North Coffee.

A sexual offense was reported at the PD.

Traffic accidents were reported in the 1500 block

of North Sumner, twice at the PD, and once at Hobart and Somerville streets.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 200 block of North Dwight.

Civil matters were reported at the PD and in the 300 block of Sunset Drive.

Burglary was reported in the 1900 block of North Fir. Fraud was reported at the PD.

Alarms were reported in the 800 block of North Sumner and the 700 block of North Hobart.

Tuesday, Dec. 23
Officers conducted three traffic stops.

An assault was reported at the PD.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Terry and Rosewood streets.

An alarm was reported in the 300 block of West Kingsmill.

Gray County Sheriff's Office recorded the following arrests.

Monday, Dec. 22
Jacklyn Sue Woods, 17, of Skellytown was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for possession of marijuana.
Enrique Marquez, 37, of Pampa was arrested by

Pampa Police Department for assault on a public servant, interfering with public duties, and resisting arrest, search or transport.

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

Monday, Dec. 22
4:14 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 400 block of Hughes on a false alarm.

10:23 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the intersection of Hobart and Somerville streets on a motor vehicle accident with injuries. Three patients were transported via ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

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for families. One family told Lowry, "The Powerpacks always come just when we need it most."

Lowry said stories like those and cooperation from the community are where he finds encouragement. "It has been encouraging to see the amount of food grow larger because of the generosity of our community. Some of our greatest supporters from the beginning have been our United Supermarket and Representative Warren Chisum, and of course our Pampa ISD, their help has been invaluable," Lowry said.

Volunteers for the Powerpacks program take seven routes, all which take about an hour and a half to drive, to deliver the food. There are 14 volunteer drivers and 15 volunteers which stuff the packs. Manna Worldwide instructed the church how to start a program of this



submitted photo by Charles Lowry
From left: Margaret Inmon, Jennifer Stubblefield, and Carol Neil help stuff the Powerpacks food packages for families in need at CrossPointe church. The program, which started in September, is now helping 100 families every other weekend.

nature, and initially the idea was to send back-packs with food home with students, but because of allergies and other concerns, driving to the homes became easier, Lowry said. "We get to know the families this way and help out with more needs than just the food."

Chisum helped with the program by helping spread the news of the starting program in Pampa to recruit volunteers and financial help. Chisum hosted a barbecue at CrossPointe when the program began in September, which had about 250 people attend, to learn about

Powerpacks.

Anyone interested in supporting Powerpacks with food or money can do so by dropping off items at CrossPointe Church located at 711 E. Harvester Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - noon.

Plans

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some interest expressed in using sealed, hardened and polished exposed concrete in the classrooms. He said the cost difference would be negligible with the standard flooring. The rooms could have concrete, wood or carpeted flooring.

Western Builders, Fleming said, would be able to substantially com-

plete the new junior high by June 30, 2010, if they can get a notice to proceed by Jan. 5, 2009.

A representative from Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, who is overseeing the project, said only about 25 percent of the bond money has been spent.

The bond issue passed by voters to fund the school district's facilities construction plan was \$47 million. With interest and other funding, the total cost is expected to be \$51,500,000.

The construction project includes expansion of the multi-purpose building at the high school and renovation of McNeely Field House; demolition, expansion and renovation at the high school; a new junior high school, and renovation of the existing junior high school for an administrative building.

To date, \$12,470,847 has been spent. Most of that, \$8,867,480, has been for the high school renovation and expansion. Another \$10,480,546 is still to be

spent on the high school. The high school project is almost half complete.

The MPAC and McNeely Field House are complete at a cost of \$2,468,383.

The junior high project is only about five percent complete. About \$1.1 million has been spent with a remaining balance of \$25,248,606 remaining.

No work has been done on the existing junior high yet. That project will cost \$3.3 million.

Officials say abuse in polygamist group widespread

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas child welfare authorities conclude in a new report that nearly two-thirds of the families living at a polygamist group's ranch had children who were abused or neglected.

The Department of Family and Protective Services released the report to The Associated Press on Tuesday, saying 12 girls, ages 12 to 15, are believed to have been

abused. Another 274 children were listed as neglected because the agency says the parents knew there was abuse in the household but did not move their children away.

Child welfare authorities conducted investigations into all the families of the 439 children taken from the ranch run by the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in April.

If you plan to drink this holiday season, don't drive. Designated drivers are heroes.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 23, the 358th day of 2008. There are eight days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 23, 1968, 82 crew members of the U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo were released by North Korea, 11 months after they had been captured.

On this date:

In 1788, Maryland passed an act to cede an area "not exceeding ten miles square" for the seat of the national government; about two-thirds of the area became the District of Columbia.

In 1823, the poem "Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas" was published anonymously in the Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel; the verse, more popularly known as "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," was later attributed to Clement C. Moore.

In 1893, the Engelbert Humperdinck opera "Haensel und Gretel" was first performed, in Weimar, Germany.

In 1928, the National Broadcasting Company set up a permanent, coast-to-coast network.

In 1941, during World War II, American forces on Wake Island surrendered to the Japanese.

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese war leaders were executed in Tokyo.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson held an unprecedented meeting with Pope Paul VI at the Vatican.

Five years ago: The government announced the first suspected (later confirmed) case of mad cow disease in United States. A jury in Chesapeake, Va., sentenced teen sniper Lee Boyd Malvo to life in prison, sparing him the death penalty. A gas well accident in southwestern China killed 233 people. New York Gov. George Pataki posthumously pardoned comedian Lenny Bruce for his 1964 obscenity conviction.

One year ago: A Cessna 172 crashed in Panama, killing California businessman Michael Klein and his daughter, Talia, as well as the pilot; the sole survivor was 12-year-old Francesca Lewis, a friend of Talia's. The New England Patriots set an NFL record with their 15th win, the best start in league history, as they beat the Miami Dolphins 28-7. Jazz pianist Oscar Peterson died in Mississauga, Canada, at age 82. Choreographer Michael Kidd died in Los Angeles. (His age was reported as 88 or 92.) Britain's Queen Elizabeth II launched her own special Royal Channel on YouTube.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Gerald S. O'Loughlin is 87. Actor Ronnie Schell is 77. Emperor Akihito of Japan is 75. Actor Frederic Forrest is 72. Actor James Stacy is 72. Rock musician Jorma Kaukonen is 68. Rock musician Ron Bushy is 67. Actor-comedian Harry Shearer is 65. Actress Susan Lucci is 62. Singer-musician Adrian Belew is 59.

*'It ain't no use
puttin' up your
umbrella until it
rains.'*

— Alice Caldwell
Rice

American author

Frozen turkeys slide surprisingly well

Frozen turkeys slide surprisingly well when flung down a hard surface. Not surprisingly, they are uncontrollable.

Nevertheless, Sunday afternoon a group of Pampans who won the luck of the draw at participating local businesses were flingin' frozen turkeys at 2-liter Coca Cola bottle "pins" for braggin' rights in The Pampa News' first annual "Turkey Bowl."

I'm pretty sure the contestants had fun. I know the spectators did. I'm not sure what people expected to see, but I think they probably realized it had humorous potential.

Troy Newton, the manager at our local United Supermarkets and our partner in crime, obviously has a sense of humor and the Christmas spirit. Why else would he allow us to cordon off an aisle of the store just to fling turkeys?

Why else would he remain calm when, in one of the first practice flings, an errant bird knocked over a Kraft Cheese and Crackers display, scattering little individual servings to the winds? (Actually, it was Troy doing the practice flinging, so maybe he really

couldn't say much without the prospect of someone, you know, printing things.)

The aforementioned errant turkey prompted a rearrangement of the bales of paper grocery bags serving as makeshift backstops and the games began.

The bowlers each received one try at knocking over ten Coke bottles spaced somewhat farther apart than normal bowling pens. (We couldn't risk someone actually getting proficient at the flingin'. That messes things up for the rest of us.)

By the end of the event, the cheese and crackers display had once again become a victim, this time by a flung turkey that somehow went airborne over the backstop.

All contestants had sent a turkey scooting down the aisle and, though most of them had managed to send Coke bottles flying, thankfully none of them had spewed (the bottles, I mean).

Don Campbell earned the champion turkey bowler title (I just realized — I've got to get a traveling trophy for this thing) and was overheard muttering something about the irony of a cattle

rancher flinging turkeys at a grocery store, but he seemed pretty happy about the outcome. Not only is he saddled with a significant and unusual title for at least a year, but he received a Nintendo Wii from The Pampa News and a whole bunch of groceries from United Supermarket.

In fact, all the contestants received prizes from the participating merchants.

Our thanks go out to United Supermarket, Brown's Shoe Fit, Cable One, Frank's True Value, Keyes Pharmacy, Pampa Communications, Rheam's Diamond Shop, Sheila Webb — State Farm, Southwest Collision, and The Floor Store. You've got to hand it to the owners of these businesses.

Although their first reaction to this contest was probably a confused look and a "Huh?" when we tried to explain what we had in mind with the Turkey Bowl, they did it anyway. There is more than one person with a sense of humor in town. A tip of the hat to Advertising Manager ReDonn Woods and Advertising Rep Sue Pribble, who were tasked with trying to explain this

thing the first time out.

We also thank our competitors —

Don Campbell, Dustin Larkin (a

big guy who can really fling a turkey), Felicia Broadbush, Walt Perry, Norita Estep, Annie Grimes, Vicki McClelland, Jeremy Buck and Kathy Harrah — who were all good sports and entered into the spirit of the proceedings as we had hoped.

And finally, a tip of the hat and a thank you as well to Albert Pendleton, who was delivering Coca-Cola products to United Supermarket the day before the event, suggested the 2-liter size and ran interference in getting some bottles donated to the cause. You were right, Albert, they did hold up under the onslaught.

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Randy Pribble



Editorial thoughts from across Texas

by The Associated Press

The Dallas Morning News on funding for Texas universities:

The presidents of North Texas' three major public universities are showing the way to strengthen higher education in the region and state.

Their unity should catch the attention of area lawmakers and prompt the Dallas and Fort Worth delegations to similarly come together and work toward the same goal in the upcoming legislative session.

The editorial board of this newspaper met recently with presidents David Daniel of the University of Texas-Dallas, James Spaniolio of UT-Arlington and Gretchen Bataille of the University of North Texas in Denton.

The three conveyed a constructive message of joint support for a plan, detailed to lawmakers by Dr. Daniel, for helping the schools build research programs. The promising concept now embodied in legislation filed by Rep. Dan Branch of Dallas relies on incentives that would better reward each university for attracting

major research grants, major endowment gifts and major faculty recruits.

Here's why that matters: North Texas is the largest population center in the nation without a Tier One research university. (That designation is defined by such things as membership in the Association of American Universities, quantity and quality of research, and number of elite faculty members.)

This void has economic consequences: The region has failed to attract the level of entrepreneurial talent and investment capital that are drawn to the ultra-rich ideas environment of a national research university.

One memorable attempt to reverse those fortunes triggered uproar six years ago. Mark Yudof, UT's new system chancellor at the time, said that a major state research university was overdue for North Texas, and he added these politically explosive words: "UTD is at the top of my list." Tarrant County interests saw that as a lack of respect for UT-Arlington and a call to arms over resources.

Residue from the east-west political skirmishing remains today.

Meanwhile, North Texas' state universities all now led by new presidents have managed to lift up their research programs, despite state support that is significantly less than that enjoyed by peer schools nationwide.

It's time for Texas to scrap that model and move aggressively to shore up our knowledge-based economy. The overhaul can be achieved politically if the Legislature follows the lead of this region's three university presidents.

Their push for upgraded research universities has gathered statewide

momentum. Education and business leaders cite one fact with dismay: Texas, with its three exceptional Tier One universities (UT-Austin, A&M and Rice), has six fewer than California and four fewer than New York.

Houston, San Antonio, Lubbock and El Paso all have major state universities that would benefit from incentives in the Branch legislation (HB 51). Lawmakers from each metro area should hang together in next year's legislative session to devise a new blueprint for making Texas' higher education internationally competitive.

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WARMTH FOR THE HOLIDAYS



staff photo by David Bowser
Reta Carter works on a fleece blanket at the Southside Senior Citizens Center. A year around project, members of the senior citizens center make blankets for the Evelyn Rivers Project in Amarillo. The Evelyn Rivers Foundation provides the material. The members here do the pinning and sewing to provide blankets at Christmas for those who have none.

Plans

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although she said she has not refined it down to a few concise sentences, at least not yet.

"I want Pampa to grow and improve," she said. "This has been a wonderful place for Mark and me to rear our children, and I had a wonderful career here."

She said she thinks Pampa is a good place to live.

"There are people who live here who are wonderful people," Warner said. "I'm amazed at their gifts. I think Pampa can grow economically in all ways."

She said that she wants new businesses to move to Pampa, but she also thinks there are some small businesses in Pampa that can grow.

"I think there are opportunities in cities of this size to grow and prosper," Warner said.

She said her vision isn't specific to the point that she wants Eddie Bauer to open a store in the Pampa

Mall. She worries that such a narrow vision could be limiting.

"I think we should be open minded toward economic enterprises," she said.

But she said she thinks the community needs to be selective.

"One of the things I'm learning," she said, hefting folders on economic development, "is that one of the things the EDC can do is assist the city with infrastructure."

Warner noted that the entire nation is now facing infrastructure problems, but in Pampa, the EDC can fund many Pampa infrastructure projects to improve the works of the city so that other things can be attracted to the community.

She said that because the school bond issue passed and the community is building a new junior high school, she expects the north side of the city to grow and expand. There is a new subdivision planned around the new junior high.

"We need to make sure that the City of Pampa

can provide the services that it needs so that expansion can be accomplished," Warner said.

That includes new roads, sewer lines, lighting and other infrastructure projects.

"One thing makes other things happen," she said. "When one good thing happens, there are other good ripples."

She said that it is not enough that just one area of town prospers. Her time as principal of Lamar Elementary School taught her the value of diversity.

"Pampa has a growing Hispanic population," Warner said. "We must look to the needs of all families in Pampa, not just the families on the north side of town."

She said that if the EDC can improve Pampa's economy, they can help everybody in the community.

In the meantime, she's busy studying the issues that the EDC will face and the procedures that govern it.

"There's a lot to learn," Warner said.



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Ms. Mary Nelson recently enjoyed a cup of cider and a visit with Gladys Vanderpool, vice president of National Bank of Commerce during NBC's customer appreciation open house.

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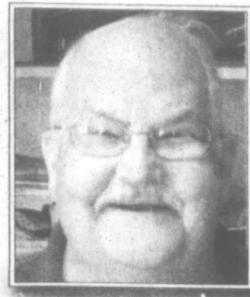
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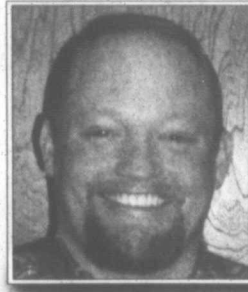
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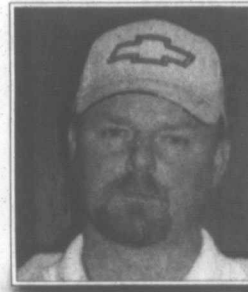
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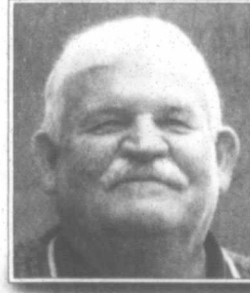
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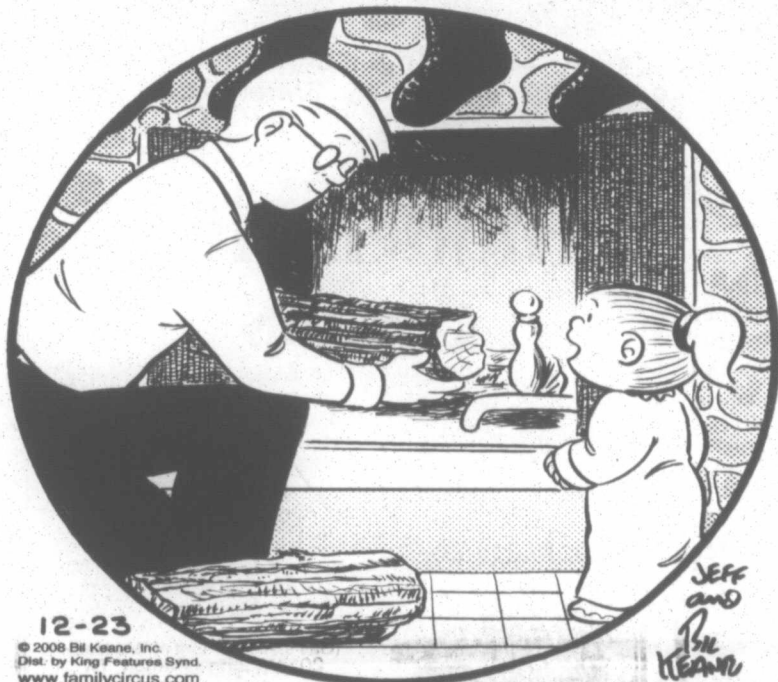
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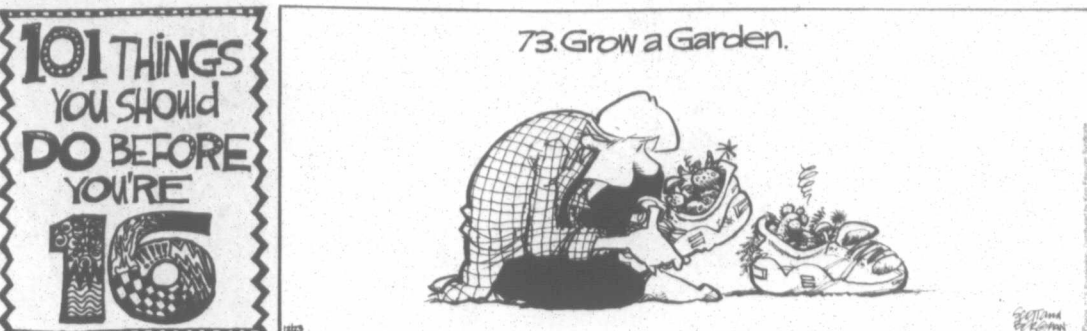
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Sports

No. 4 Oklahoma beats Rice 70-58

HOUSTON (AP) — Even when the Oklahoma Sooners struggle to score, they know they can always count on their defense.

Freshman Willie Warren scored a career-high 31 points, Blake Griffin added 27 points and 11 rebounds and No. 4 Oklahoma overcame turnovers and bad shooting to beat Rice 70-58 on Monday night.

Warren went 4-for-9 from 3-point range and Griffin notched his ninth double-double of the season for the Sooners (12-0), who matched the program's best start since 1989-90.

But this win wasn't pretty. At the Sooners went 5-for-20 from 3-point range, shot 50 percent from the free throw line (17-of-34) and matched a season high with 17 turnovers.

They have had a few offensive games like this already, and pulled out all of them by clamping down at the other end.

"That's been what our identity is and what we've hung our hat on," coach Jeff Capel said. "We've been in close games, we've been in games when we've been down. So we had a reference point of not to panic. We've done this before."

Griffin reached 20 points for the eighth time this season, but led his team with six turnovers. "Lack of concentration," Griffin said about the team's miscues. "Our focus was elsewhere. I felt like everybody, myself included, were kind of looking forward to the (Christmas) break. We can't have that. Fortunately, we pulled it together."

Corey Pflieger had 17 points and Lawrence Ghoram added 16 for the Owls (4-7), who have lost their last 17 games against ranked opponents.

The Sooners broke a 46-all tie with a 14-2 run, finally taking control after the Owls defended well

and held their own on the boards for 32 minutes.

Both teams also dealt with a faulty clock at Autry Court that repeatedly stopped with the ball in play. The frequent whistles frustrated the Sooners and slowed the tempo to Rice's advantage.

"This is ridiculous," Capel groused after one of the malfunctions early in the second half.

Capel told his players before the game to only worry about themselves and he reiterated the message during the many delays.

"I didn't know at the beginning of the game, that there were going to be clock problems like that," Capel said. "But I thought our guys did a good job. It was frustrating. A couple of times it happened, we were on a break and it stopped us. It just kind of slows whatever momentum, for both teams. It was something that was very frustrating."

Warren drove for a layup and Griffin scored inside to start the decisive spurt. Rice's Bryan Beasley intercepted a pass, but Austin Johnson blocked his breakaway layup attempt, sending Rice coach Ben Braun into a tirade.

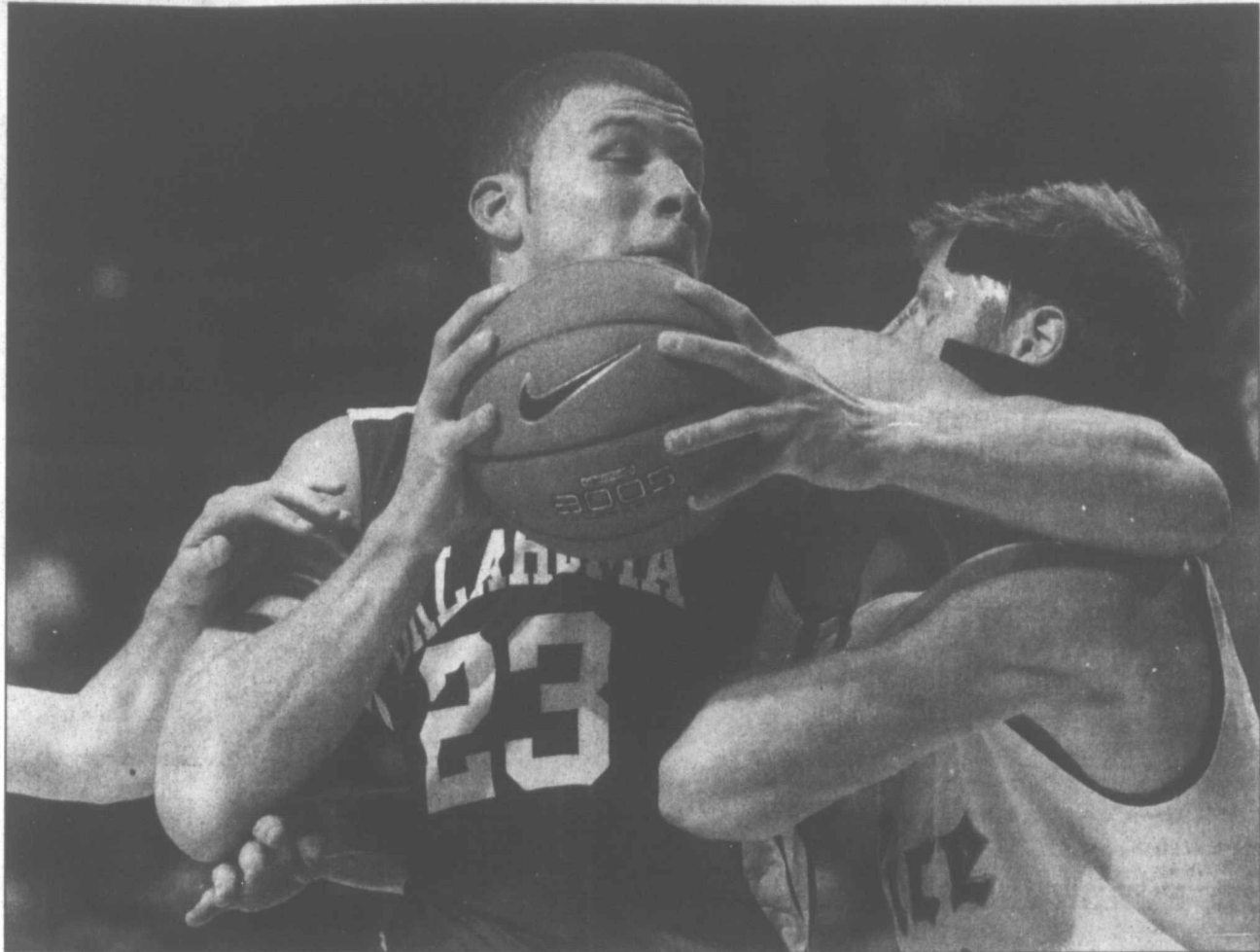
"I was so upset when that happened," Braun said, "I don't think I saw what happened after that."

Warren hit two free throws with 6:20 remaining and Griffin converted a three-point play a minute later to stretch the lead to eight. The Owls went 4 minutes without a field goal, finally wearing down against the bigger, more physical Sooners.

"I actually thought we played pretty well defensively throughout," Capel said. "The way we responded down the stretch, I'm really proud of that."

Warren hit a 3-pointer and Griffin dunked an alley-oop pass from Johnson as the Sooners jumped to a 9-2 lead.

Pflieger hit a 3-pointer



Oklahoma's Blake Griffin (23) drives against Rice's Trey Stanton, right, during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Monday, Dec. 22, 2008, in Houston. Griffin had 27 points, leading Oklahoma to a 70-58 win.

and scored nine of Rice's first 11 points. At the rest of the Owls missed 10 of their first 12 shots. But the Sooners led only 16-13 midway through the first half because of nine turnovers.

The Sooners led only 29-28 at halftime despite holding the Owls to 37 percent shooting from the field (10-for-27). Rice scored 14 points off 11 Oklahoma turnovers in the half.

The Owls double-teamed Griffin every time he touched it. The 6-foot-10 sophomore showed off his skills in one sequence early in the second half, grabbing a defensive rebound and dribbling the length of the court for a layup. He also coughed up two turnovers in the first 3 minutes after the break, helping Rice stay close.

Griffin flipped in a turnaround with 15:05 left to

put the Sooners up 36-32, but Connor Frizzelle banked in a 3-pointer on Rice's next trip. A few minutes later, Pflieger swished his third 3-pointer to give Rice a 40-38 lead.

The Sooners retook the lead, but poor shooting and more turnovers kept them from pulling away.

Griffin suffered a cut under his right eye going for a rebound and left the game briefly. He returned with 8:11 left and the score tied at 44. Ryan Wright dunked for Oklahoma before Griffin was called for goaltending on a shot by Ghoram with 7:44 left, tying the game again.

Griffin took six stitches for the cut after the game, but said he's already getting used to teams abusing him.

"I guess you could say they were a little more physical," Griffin said.

Hidden Hills results

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J. Davis
H. Malone
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5th Place (64)
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C. Johnson
M. Allison
D. Furgason

Cloest to the Pin
B. King(#6)
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I had trouble containing myself when I read the letter from "Mixed-Up in Missouri" (Sept. 21), the "nice guy" with a string of failed relationships because he is "too good to be true." Please let him know that he is truly a

gem waiting to be discovered. He reminds me of my own "prince," whom I was finally able to find after a divorce, countless frogs, and 30 years of figuring out what I deserved.

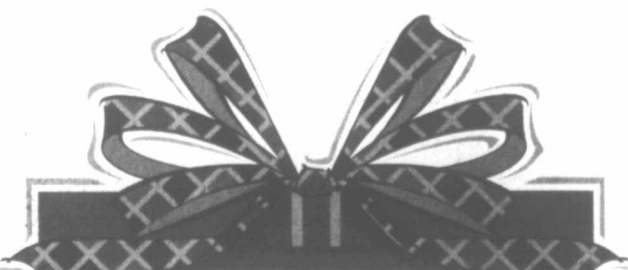
Some women are scared of anything that is different, so when I man

treates them well they question it to death. Believe me, I know. My husband and I married five weeks after we met because it just felt right. After 2 1/2 years of marriage, one son and another on the way, I have no regrets. My husband is the kind every woman should have. I would tell "Mixed-Up" that his time will come. Someone will cherish what he has to offer. -- HAPPILY EVER AFTER IN TEXAS

DEAR HAPPILY: Thank you for sharing your hard-earned experience with my readers and me. I am pleased your marriage is working out, but I would not recommend that couples marry after knowing each other only five weeks. I advised "Mixed-Up" to widen his circle of acquaintances and fish in a different dating pool. Many readers wrote in to comment about his letter. Read on: DEAR ABBY: "Mixed-Up in Missouri" said he treated his wife and girlfriends like queens. Perhaps he wasn't telling you everything. I married a man who treated me like a queen too -- until I did or said something he didn't like. You see, everything he did for me came with a price. Yes, he did nice

things for me, but he also expected me to reciprocate in specific ways that he never really explained. If I failed to do something the way he wanted, or with the "wrong" attitude, he would throw it in my face. He did not act out of kindness, but for what he could get in return. He never understood why I eventually quit trying to please him, and "got rid" of me after 14 years of marriage. It turned out to be the biggest favor he ever did for me. -- GLAD TO BE FREE IN INDIANA

DEAR ABBY: I dated many of these "too good to be true" guys. I cannot stress to you how boring it is to "reign supreme" in a relationship with someone who wants only to do what I want to do, go where I want to go, eat what I want to eat, etc. Even the flowers and gifts don't make up for it. Women don't want gifts -- we want a man, a partner. In a real relationship I want to work as a team, experience new things and hear new perspectives. It's time for "Mixed-Up" to take a look at what he is actually bringing to the table -- or what he's not. -- TRACY IN ILLINOIS



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Dumped dog needs home

by Rachel Stennett
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Yesterday, with temperatures dropping to nine degrees in Pampa, a dog who could easily now be named "Lucky" was picked up by Patty Petker after he was abandoned in the cold.

Petker's mail carrier happened to be driving around Jim's Lake where the dog was left when she spotted the one-eared black lab mix, who had been left with a large bag of dog food dumped on the ground. Petker's mail carrier contacted her about the dog, who she then went and picked up.

The dog, with one missing ear weighing

about 60-70 pounds, has black and white markings and Petker guesses he is between one and two years old. Petker cannot keep the dog herself, as she is preparing to move to Alaska, but "would like to find a good home for him," she explained.

"He's a little scared of men," Petker said describing the dog's characteristics, "but he is very friendly." She did not know why someone would abandon the dog.

Petker calls herself a "dog-lover," which is why she went to pick up the dog. Anyone interested giving the dog a home can call Petker at (806) 848-2316. She lives in Skellytown.



This black and white black lab mix was found abandoned with a large bag of dog food that had been poured on to the ground at Jim's Lake in Skellytown. The dog needs a home. The person who found him cannot keep him.

Longtime AP exec to head TCU journalism school

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — John Lumpkin, an Associated Press vice president and former Texas chief of bureau for the news cooperative, will retire next June to become director of the journalism school at Texas Christian University, he and the school announced Monday.

Lumpkin, based in Dallas, currently oversees AP services for newspaper markets in the United States and Latin America. Before joining the AP's U.S. Newspaper Markets management team in 2003, he served as the news cooperative's Dallas bureau chief for more than two decades.

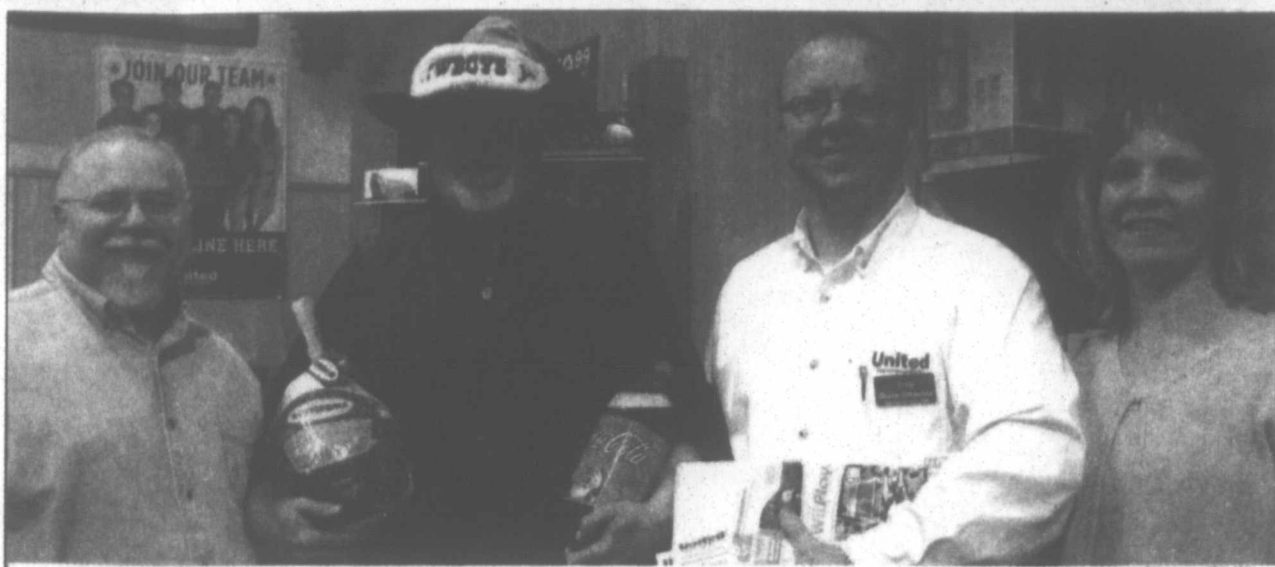
He joined AP in 1971 in Dallas after reporting for the Richmond, Va., Times-Dispatch and the Fort Worth Star-

Telegram. He served as Dallas assistant bureau chief, then bureau chief North Carolina, Iowa and Nebraska before returning to Dallas as bureau chief in 1982.

"It has been and will continue to be a privilege to work for the greatest news organization on the face of the earth," Lumpkin said in announcing his retirement.

He will take over at the Schieffer School of Journalism on June 1.

"John is an excellent choice," said Bob Schieffer, moderator of CBS News Face the Nation and a TCU alumnus for whom the journalism school is named. "He brings the kind of real world experience that we need to take the school to a new level."



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Champion Turkey Bowler — Don Campbell (second from right) proved to be the most able-bodied turkey flinger in The Pampa News' "Turkey Bowl" held Sunday afternoon at United Supermarket, the corporate sponsor for the event. From left are Pampa News Publisher Randy Pribble, Campbell, United Manager Troy Newton and Pampa News Advertising Manager ReDonn Woods. Campbell won a Nintendo Wii from the newspaper and a cart full of groceries from United.

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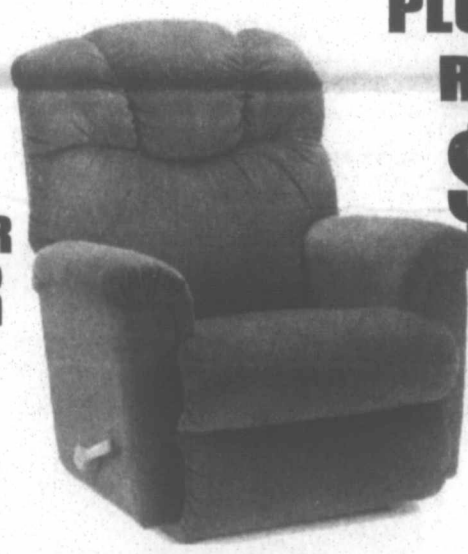
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