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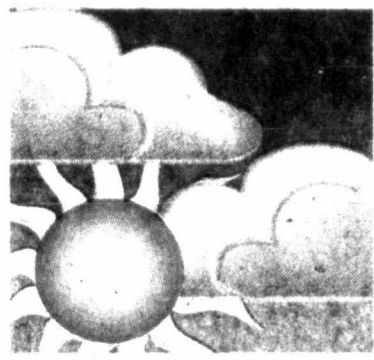
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PAMPA — Tralee Crisis Center, a United Way Agency, today reported that 68 women and children were provided with food, clothing, toys, and holiday wishes during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons. "Each day of the year the organization realizes more and more that this is a community where people truly understand the meaning of giving," said a Tralee spokesperson. "Tralee Crisis Center thanks you for brightening the homes and lives of those to who you have helped bring joy and happiness during these holiday seasons."

BORGER — Services (Obituary on Page 2) are tomorrow for a former Pampa teen, Jessica Lyn Strickland, 17, of Fritch, who died Wednesday following a two-vehicle accident two miles south of Borger on Texas Highway 136. According to a Department of Public Safety spokesman, she was driving a 1998 Pontiac Firebird northbound when her car left the road for an unknown reason. Strickland over-corrected, sending the car sideways into the southbound lane where it was hit in the driver's side by a 1999 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Sammye J. Johnson, also of Fritch. Johnson, 53, was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo with multiple broken bones, the dispatcher said.

- Joe A. 'Little Joe' Huckert, 82, television technician.
- Jessica Lyn Strickland, 17, senior at Sanford-Fritch High School.

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Weather, economics, politics big stories in Gray County during 1998

■ Columbia Medical Center announced a \$6.6 million expansion. The community also joined together to support building a Super Playground and a new campus for Clarendon College.

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

News in Pampa this year centered on the weather, economics and politics, an interrelated mix in the Texas Panhandle. El Nino-spawned weather systems blessed the area with moisture critical to

its agricultural industry early in the year, but in the spring, the rains stopped. Early summer was hot and dry. Rains that developed later in the summer were spotty and offered little moisture. Dryland crops were stunted if they survived at all. Lack of grazing became another problem livestock producers faced in a year of falling cattle prices.

In what appears to be a La Nina effect, weather in the fall stayed warm and dry.

A cold snap of bitter Arctic air just before Christmas signaled the arrival of winter on the shortest day of the year.

The bizarre weather, even for the Texas Panhandle, wreaked havoc in the agricultural sector. Despite damage to crops, grain prices remained depressed most of the year as did cattle prices.

When the Pampa's Economic Development Council looked at diversity-

ing the community's agricultural interests and considered bringing in a pork processing plant, it was met with stern opposition by a number of residents.

Seaboard Farms, the company planning to build a new pork processing plant, decided in April to locate the plant in Great Bend, Kan. Among the reasons Seaboard Farms gave PEDC officials for the decision was that they had received a petition with 4,000 names from Great Bend asking that the plant be built there.

When the PEDC explored attracting dairies, there was more community support.

Two dairies, Carrell Dairy and Roden Dairy, have committed to operations near Pampa. Both are from Godley, Tex.

Kirk Carrell bought Moody Farms east of Pampa. He said he would continue the cattle feeding facility there and add a

dairy facility to the south and keep the Moody name for both operations.

The Rodens are still looking for a place to locate their dairy.

While the agricultural sector suffered in the marketplace for most of the year, the oil and gas industry also took a nose dive.

In a year that started off with a record number of drilling rigs in the area, exploration has slowed drastically as the price of oil at the well head dropped to historic lows. By late autumn, it was eight dollars a barrel, well below the cost of production. Natural gas was the only thing that kept the oil patch alive, and natural gas prices were pulled down by lower oil prices and warm weather in the Mid-West and Northeastern United States.

Despite a gloomy outlook for oil and gas and grain and cattle, there were bright spots in Pampa in 1998.

Thanks for the service...



Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge receiving recognition from Gray County Judge Richard Peet and the County Commission for 22 years of public service.



Retiring Voter Registrar Elaine Cooper was recognized for her 22 years of service for Gray County.



Wanda Carter is retiring after 28 years as County Clerk. She has spent more than 40 years working in the County Clerk office.



District Clerk Yvonne Moler is retiring after 16 years of service to Gray County. District Judge M. Kent Sims was also honored but was unable to attend.

Who's Who releases list of teachers

More than a dozen area teachers are being recognized in this year's "Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1998" publication.

Teachers were nominated by the top 5 percent of the nation's students who themselves are currently listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" of "The National Dean's List."

These students were asked to nominate teachers who "made a difference in their lives" by helping to shape values, inspiring interest in a particular subject, and/or challenging them to strive for excellence.

Many of the students commented about the enthusiasm and knowledge their teachers demonstrated in the classroom, and many praised their teachers for their ability to relate to youngsters on a personal as well as a professional level.

Area educators honored include:

- Lefors** — Laurie Salmon Dougherty - Lefors School
 - Memphis** — Alicia Faye Berry - Austin Elementary School
- (See LIST, Page 2)

Man unable to stand trial

A former Pampan, Charles T. Fleetwood, 20, of Turpin, Okla., has been found mentally incompetent to stand trial in the stabbing of his parents as they slept.

The hearing Wednesday ended when a six-member jury in Beaver, Okla., elected to send Fleetwood to a state hospital in Vinita, Okla.

Charles F. and Phyllis Fleetwood were stabbed multiple times Nov. 21 at their home in Turpin. Both had surgery and have been released from the hospital.

A psychologist testified that with therapy Fleetwood might be able to be tried at a later date.

Survey: Get Y2K out of the English language

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. (AP) — The year 2000 is still a year away, but its acronym already has worn out its welcome.

"Y2K" — used in discussions about an end-of-the-millennium computer glitch — topped the 23rd annual list of banished words issued Friday by Lake Superior State University.

"It's already so overused I believe people's eyes glaze over when confronted with it," said John Charles Robbins, a columnist for the Petoskey News-Review.

Lake Superior State releases the list each Jan. 1 from submissions gathered from academia, advertising, business, journalism, the military, politics and sports.

Some other words and phrases on this year's list:

—The "gate" construction: The -gate words used to describe happenings in Washington and elsewhere, such as Filegate and Monicagate.

—Stun: Douglas Pearson of Lansing, Mich., is dismayed at the overuse of stun in

sports stories. His example: "Canucks stun Wings." The Wings may have been angry, disappointed or, perhaps, frustrated, but probably not stunned.

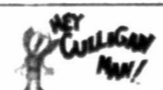
—Courtesy Call: Al Schut of Muskegon, Mich., wonders when unsolicited sales calls are ever considered a courtesy.

—Ask for it by name: "As if there's any other way." — Eric Zonyk of Charlotte, Mich.

—So: As in, the phrase most loved by teen-agers. "I'm SO not going there."

"It's already so overused I believe people's eyes glaze over when confronted with it," said John Charles Robbins, a columnist for the Petoskey News-Review.

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Services tomorrow

BAILEY, Harvey Lee — 10 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Miami.
HUCKERT, Joe A. "Little Joe" — 10:30 a.m., St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Hereford.
STRICKLAND, Jessica Lyn — 9 a.m., First Southern Baptist Church, Fritch.

Obituaries

JOE A. "LITTLE JOE" HUCKERT
 HEREFORD — Joe "Little Joe" A. Huckert, 82, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998. Rosary will be 7 p.m. today in Rix Funeral Directors Chapel at Hereford. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Monsignor Orville Bloom officiating. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Cemetery.

Mr. Huckert was born at Summerfield and had been a lifelong Hereford resident. He married Ida Mae Conklin at Lovington, N.M., in 1974. He was a television technician in Hereford for 35 years. He was a World War II veteran, serving as a radio operator in the Philippines.

Survivors include his wife, Ida Mae; a daughter, Mary E. Cline of Portales, N.M.; two sons, Jimmy Huckert of Groom and Donnie Huckert of Wheeler; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

JESSICA LYN STRICKLAND
 FRITCH — Jessica Lyn Strickland, 17, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998. Services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday in First Southern Baptist Church with the Rev. Brad Foster, pastor of Lake Meredith Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Garden of Serenity in Westlawn Memorial park under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Fritch.

Miss Strickland was born at Pampa and was raised in Fritch. She was a senior at Sanford-Fritch High School. She was named to the United States Achievement Academy and was listed in the All-American Scholars Directory. She was a Methodist and a member of Fritch basketball and volleyball teams.

Sheriff's Office

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

Friday, January 1
Dianne Sue Adame, 38, 719 S. Ballard, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
Jerad Scott Ramos, 21, Shamrock, was arrested by the Letors Marshal on charges of public intoxication and evading arrest.

Fires

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

Thursday, December 31
 3:51 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a carbon monoxide scare in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Friday, January 1
 12:39 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to a structure fire in the 300 block of North Davis. Damage was estimated at \$20,000.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, December 31
Jesus Manuel Perez, 34, 906 Wilcox, was arrested on charges of failure to yield right of way to an emergency vehicle, no drivers license and no insurance.

Jody Robert Overland, 39, Colorado, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia. **Dianna Kay Jones**, 39, Borger, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Denise Gail Scruggs, 37, Mobetee, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia. **Steven Lynn Dedrick**, 34, 513 N. Faulkner, was arrested on charges of simple assault.

Terry Hoskins, 42, west of Pampa, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and possession of marijuana under 2 oz.

Daniel Martinez Jr., 33, 210 E. Tuke, was arrested on charges of public intoxication. Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa High School.

Friday, January 1
Troy Dowell Britt, 35, 1124 Prairie Drive, was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, unlawfully carrying a weapon, and theft.

Corrine Lea Reid, 37, 916 S. Nelson, was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, unlawfully carrying a weapon, and theft.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, December 31
 11:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

11:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Louisiana and Charles and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

10:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Highway 60 and Cuyler and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

11:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of S. Christy and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Friday, January 1
 12:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Davis on a standby.

1:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

2:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Kingsmill and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

4:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

6:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....911
 Crime Stoppers.....669-2222
 Energas.....665-5777
 Fire.....911

One killed, scores stranded in massive Michigan pileup

By JOHN FLESHER
 Associated Press Writer

GRAYLING, Mich. (AP) — In the blank whiteness of the snow, some of those trapped in the deadly, "never ending" highway pileup bailed out of their cars and ran. Morgan Cadene didn't dare move.

"You could hear people screaming. 'Don't get out of your car! You'll get hit! Don't get out of your cars,'" said Cadene of Thunder Bay, Ontario, whose

Ford Explorer was wrecked. "It just kept going — the crumpling of metal, time after time. It was sickening."

Drivers heading north on Interstate 75 ran into blinding snow at about noon Thursday, setting off a 100-car collision stretching over a mile that left one dead and 41 more injured. The pileup happened about 180 miles northwest of Detroit, in a remote part of northern Michigan.

Some cars and pickups were on top of other vehicles, while other

cars had skidded into the ditch beside the tree-lined road. Some 150 people were stranded, and had to be bused to area shelters.

Elaine Lockitski of White Lake Township was traveling with her husband to meet relatives and go snowmobiling. She said the whitout came on suddenly and didn't last long.

"I could see in the distance it was getting really fuzzy. I told my husband to slow down. Then all of a sudden, all we saw was red lights," she said. "All of a sudden my husband said, 'Oh my God, hold on!'"

The couple didn't hit anyone, and Ms. Lockitski remembers the silence after the crash.

"And then in the distance you could hear 'bam, bam, bam.' It was never ending," she said. "And then we started hearing all the sirens."

State police closed an 11-mile section of I-75 until about 8 p.m. Police said people were likely driving fast in the mixed weather.

Weekly rig count down by 13

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of oil and gas rigs operating nationwide dropped by 13 to 621 this week, Baker Hughes Inc. said Wednesday.

Energy company officials said 1,003 rigs were operating in the United States during the same week last year.

Of the rigs running this week, 483 were exploring for natural gas and 137 for oil. One was listed as miscellaneous.

Houston-based Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1940. The tally peaked at 4,500 in December of 1981 during the oil boom. It dropped to a record low

LIST

- Robin Hanvey Molloy - Memphis High School
- Judith Edelson Stewart - Memphis High School
- Pamela Newton Hill - Miami School
- Daniel Ross Barker - PHS
- Kirtley Bell - PHS
- Susan E. Bromlow - PHS
- Lorenzo Warren Cottle - PHS
- Kay Harvey - Austin Elementary
- Wanetta Bayless Hill - Austin Elementary
- Mary Margaret (Preston) Nava - PHS
- Beth Gibson Shannon - PHS
- Carol Green Wade - PHS
- Sherrell Rasco Wheeler - PHS
- Mary Moore Cochran - Perryton High School

- Dana Lunn Diedrich - Perryton High School
- Karen Delyne Freelove - Perryton Junior High School
- Allan Dean Herbert - Perryton High School
- Nanjian J. Hulsey - Perryton Junior High School
- Bill Merrell - Perryton High School
- James Donald Nance - Perryton Phigh School
- Layne (Sinclair) Schifflbein - Perryton Junior High School
- Debra Bruner Finsterwald - Wheeler Schools
- Amanda Jill Galligan - Wheeler Schools
- Gwendoly Barnes McCain - Wheeler Schools
- Michele Wiggins Schafer - Wheeler Schools
- Jonetta Reynolds Crain - White Deer High School
- Wade Petty - White Deer High School
- Chris Rapstine - White Deer Elementary School

Investors celebrate a good year — cautiously

By SETH SUTEL
 AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Don't look too closely for wild celebrations on Wall Street as 1998 gets under way.

The harrowing dips in the market last year left their mark on investors, and many are cautious about the year ahead.

"The mood with investors is like a soldier coming back from battle — a much wiser soldier," said Russ Labrasca, national sales manager at State Street Research, a Boston mutual fund company. "Many of them have a new respect for risk."

All three main stock market indicators posted their unprecedented fourth straight year of double-digit gains. The Dow Jones average rose 16.1 percent, ending the year at 9,181, the Standard & Poor's 500 gained 26.7 percent, and the Nasdaq gained a startling 39.6 percent. Of the Dow's 200 highest closes of all time, 192 came in 1998.

But for many new investors, last summer's selloff was a jarring introduction to sharp market swings. On 16 occasions, the sharp price swings left the Dow more than 200 points higher or lower in a single day.

Online investor Charles Burroughs of Denver, who visited the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday, said 1998's market swings left him feeling dazed.

"While you have money, you're on a big high, and you wake up in October with no money. Then you wake up again, and it's all back," he said. "It was all the way up, it was all the way down — if you're lucky enough, you're even now."

Even investing pros were unsettled. Especially worrisome for them was the recent frenzy over Internet-related companies. Stocks of online retailers like Amazon.com have soared to seemingly unsus-

tainable heights. "Sometime we are going to have to pay back some of this. It just doesn't stay this way forever," said Edward Collins, a trader at Daiwa Securities America in New York.

The year started off looking a lot like the three years before it, which all produced double-digit gains in the Dow. The Dow romped through record after record in the first half of the year, peaking on July 17 just as the global financial crisis flared again.

In just six weeks, the measure of 30 major blue-chip companies tumbled 19.3 percent. The Asian financial crisis spread to Latin America, Russia defaulted on its debt and U.S. companies started feeling the pinch.

Was it a bear market? Market watchers can't seem to agree. The classical definition of a bear market is a decline of 20 percent, so some say that the Dow's decline just missed it — which means Wall Street's eight-year bull run is still going.

Despite a strong recovery this fall in blue-chip companies and the big players in the S&P 500 index, many smaller company stocks remain in negative territory for the year. And the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies closed down for the year, its first losing year since 1994.

"I wouldn't say it was the best year for the market," Carlos Carrel, a broker clerk for Lehman Brothers, said while taking a cigarette break outside the stock exchange. "With the volatility it's so risky."

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Mostly cloudy and colder today with a high in the upper 40s then dropping to the lower 40s later today. North winds will be 10-20 mph. Tonight, cold with a low in the lower 20s with a chance of slight rain or snow starting about midnight. Tomorrow, colder with a high in the upper 20s. Thursday's high was 43; the overnight low 28.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — New Year's day, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. High in the 50s. Friday night, mostly cloudy, windy and turning colder. Sprinkles or flurries possible north. Low in the 20s. Saturday, decreasing cloudiness. High 40 to 45. Permian basin/Upper Trans Pecos — New Year's day, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. High 60 to 65. Friday night, partly cloudy, windy and turning colder. Low around 30. Saturday, partly cloudy. High in the upper 40s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — New year's day, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. High in the mid 60s. Friday night, a slight chance of showers early, then decreasing cloudiness and turning colder. Low 30 to 35. Saturday, partly cloudy. High around 50. Far West Texas — New Year's day, partly cloudy and windy. High in the mid 60s. Friday night, variable high clouds. Low in the lower 30s. Saturday, variable high clouds. High in the mid 50s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend area — New Year's day, partly cloudy. Highs in the 60s

to mid 70s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows mainly in the 30s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s mountains to mid 60s along the river.

SOUTH TEXAS — New Year's day, cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Some possibly severe east. Highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s. Friday night, cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms east in the evening. Otherwise, decreasing clouds and becoming windy and colder. Lows in the 30s to near 40. Saturday, partly cloudy, windy and colder. Highs in the upper 40s to mid 50s. Southeast Texas and the upper Texas coast — New Year's day, areas of morning fog. Otherwise mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Some storms may be severe. High in the mid 60s to near 70. Friday night, cloudy and breezy with showers or thunderstorms likely. Some storms may be severe or produce heavy rain. Lows in the lower 50s inland, near 60 at the coast. Saturday, morning showers and thunderstorms likely. Then clearing, breezy and colder. Steady temperatures in the lower 50s. Coastal bend and Rio Grande plains — New Year's day, cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Highs in the mid 70s. Friday night, cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows 45 to 55. Saturday, partly cloudy and colder. Highs in the 50s.

NORTH TEXAS — Friday, cloudy and warmer. Windy west and central. Showers and thunderstorms forming west and spreading across central portions. Showers and thunderstorms developing east by after-

noon. Highs 56 northeast to 66 south. Friday night, showers and thunderstorms widespread central and east. Showers ending west. Rain possibly changing to snow before ending west and north. No accumulation expected. Windy and colder. Lows 30 northwest to 48 southeast. Saturday, windy and cold. Decreasing cloudiness west. Cloudy central and east. Showers ending east early. Highs 34 north to 50 southeast.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — New Year's day, variable clouds with a slight chance of mainly mountain snow showers north in the morning. Becoming brisk and turning colder. Fair to partly cloudy south, breezy to windy. Highs in the mid 30s and 40s mountains and north with 50s to low 60s lowlands south. Friday night, mainly clear and colder. Lows in the single digits to low 20s mountains and north, 20s and 30s elsewhere. Saturday, partly to mostly sunny with temperatures below normal. Brisk north and east. Highs mid 20s to low 40s mountains and north. Mid 40s to 50s lowlands south.

OKLAHOMA — Friday, a chance of light rain or freezing rain in the morning central and north, a chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs middle 30s north to middle 50s along the Red River. Friday night, occasional rain, changing to snow. Becoming windy. Lows in the 20s. Saturday, mostly cloudy windy and cold with a few flurries. Steady temperatures in the 20s to near 30 south. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the teens.

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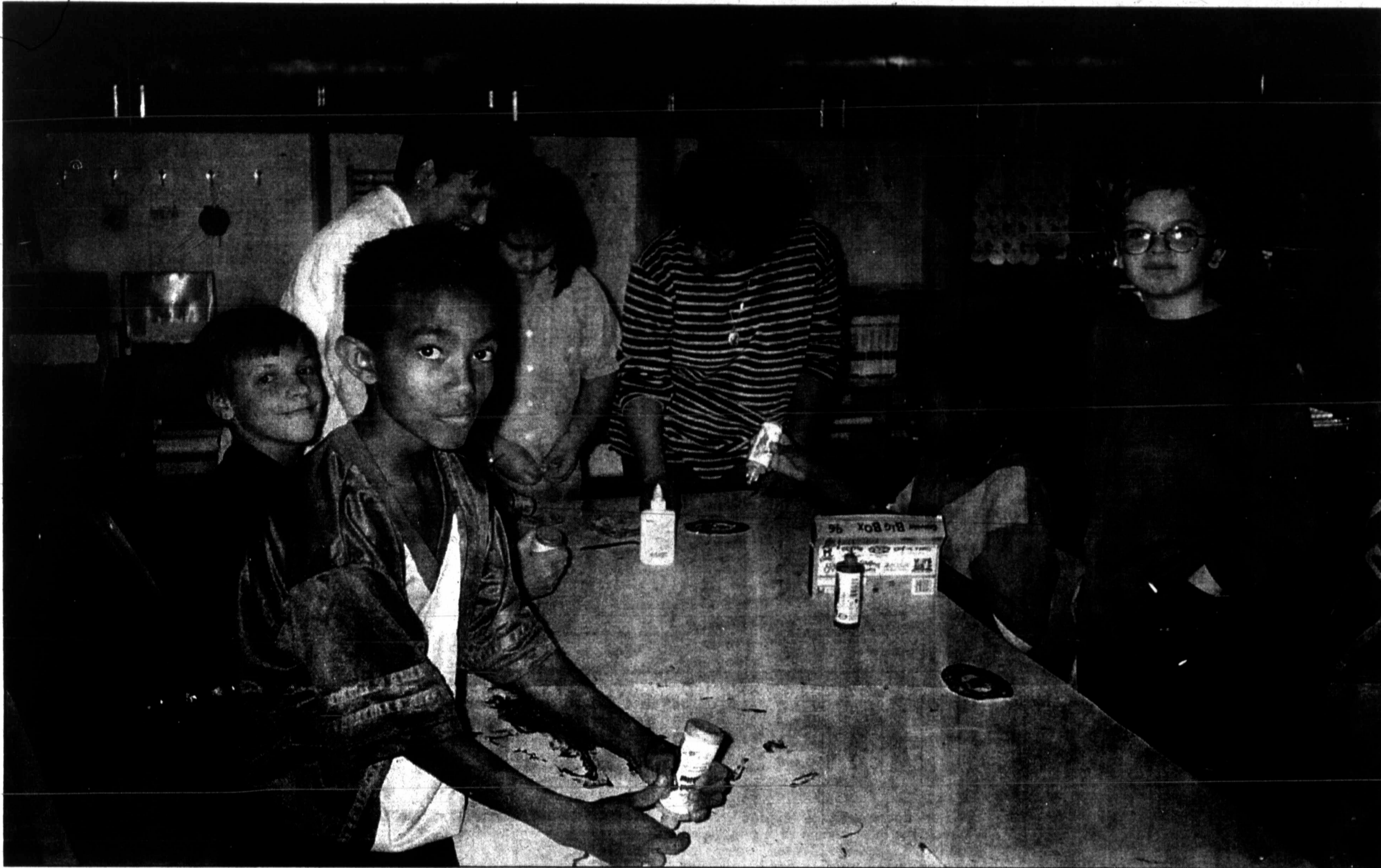
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PRTA tree



(Community camera photo)

Mrs. Deason's Lamar class decorates Christmas ornaments for a Christmas tree that was donated to Lamar's library by Carolyn Frogge of the Pampa Retired Teachers Association. Students decorated ornaments pertaining to story book characters.

Car wreck



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Both drivers were taken to Columbia Medical Center when a Mustang GT driven by Latisha Martin, 17, failed to yield at the sign at Charles and Louisiana and struck a Geo being driven by Janea Smith, 16. Both women were treated and released.

New car, dream vacation are possible with planning

DALLAS — Close your eyes and visualize your dream vacation or the shiny new car that you've always dreamed of having. Sure, looks great! Unfortunately, for many of us the vision stops right there. With a little planning and discipline, the likelihood of achieving our goals can be dramatically improved. E.W. "Woody" Young, principal of Quest Capital Management, a Dallas-based financial planning firm, suggests implementing one, if not all, of the strategies listed below to improve your financial picture in 1999.

- Write down your financial goals and objectives and include deadlines. This will help you stay focused.
- Use credit cards as little as possible. Financing your lifestyle with credit cards is a trap. Reach for your checkbook instead.
- Payoff your credit cards each month. A minimum payment on a \$2,000 credit card bill at 18 percent interest will still leave you paying 19 years from now. The interest will cost you over \$4,200 on the \$2,000 charge.
- Spend a little, but save a little more. As your debts are paid off, save the "extra" cash each month. Many people are tempted to overspend with the "extra" cash.

See **SAVING**, Page 10

TDH to offer immunization clinics

CANYON — The Texas Department of Health will offer immunization clinics to protect against the following childhood diseases: polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough, measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae type B). Influenza and pneumococcal vaccines will also be given.

TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Immunization clinics scheduled in the area are:

- Pampa — 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Jan. 6 and 20, Columbia Family Health Center, 600 W. Kentucky
- Canadian — 11 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Jan. 25, City Hall, first floor, 6 Main Street
- Groom — 2-4 p.m., Jan. 11, Rural Health Clinic
- McLean — 2-4:30 p.m., Jan. 21, Rural Health Clinic
- Miami — 12:30-3 p.m., Jan. 22, Miami High School.

Travis Elementary to host Mr. Wizard's Supermarket Science

On Jan. 6, the mysteries of science will be explored at Travis Elementary when ECA Studios, presents Mr. Wizard's Supermarket Science.

New guidelines set by the American Academy for the Advancement of Science ask teachers to use hands-on projects in an effort to improve the science programs in our nation's school. In keeping with these guidelines, Mr. Wizard Science Assembly Programs demonstrate the science of everyday living using interactive teaching methods.

Don Herbert, better known as "Mr. Wizard" from NBC TV's *Watch Mr. Wizard* and Nickelodeon's *Mr. Wizard's World*, has produced a program to bring this hands-on style of science to Pampa at 1 p.m. Although Don Herbert himself will be busy exploring new ways to explain science using everyday items, Khristian Leslie, his official assistant, will present this fast paced show

guaranteed to educate and entertain.

Inspired by Don Herbert's popular book, "Mr. Wizard's Supermarket Science," this live school assembly program will

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Keeping an eye on Texas

New Texans

The top 10 names for babies born in 1997 included Jose for boys and the top girls name of the decade: Ashley.

Most popular names for Texas babies in '97

Boys' names
 Jose
 Michael
 Christopher
 Jacob
 Joshua
 Matthew
 David
 Daniel
 Jonathan
 Brandon

Girls' names
 Ashley
 Emily
 Jessica
 Sarah
 Alexis
 Jennifer
 Hannah
 Samantha
 Victoria
 Taylor



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Texas Department of Health.

CINEMA

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers: The Houston Chronicle, Dec. 28, on HMOs: Earlier this month, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales filed lawsuits against six health maintenance organizations, claiming they illegally compensated doctors who limited patients' medical care and penalized those who would not. Each lawsuit accused the HMOs of fixing budgets for services like hospital admissions and forcing doctors to stay within those limits.

Doctors who came in under budget were given a percentage of the surplus. They were expected to compensate the HMOs when they went over budget, according to the lawsuits.

Morales contends that these arrangements give HMOs leverage to limit treatment to improve their bottom lines. His suits further assert that the HMOs in question gave patients deceptive or untruthful coverage information.

The HMOs deny those assertions and maintain their policies are approved by Texas and federal regulators. Until the lawsuits come to trial and the evidence is heard and weighed, it will be impossible to judge the merit of these charges. However, there have been so many complaints by patients and doctors themselves about lawyers and administrators limiting care and making medical decisions to warrant a careful consideration of these complaints.

It's time the courts helped test these allegations so that changes can be made if in fact they are needed.

The San Antonio Express-News on "warranties" for high school graduates:

Texas should watch a proposal in Virginia to offer warranties ensuring the competence of its high school graduates. The idea could have applications here.

Under the plan being considered by Virginia's Council of Higher Education, the cost of remedial studies incurred by state-supported colleges and universities would be passed on to the high schools that failed to produce freshmen ready to pursue college-level work.

Critics assail the idea, noting that public schools cannot be selective about who they serve, unlike colleges where admissions officers can be choosy, reports the Associated Press. They weakly argue that they cannot guarantee the success of all students.

If not the public schools, then who can or should? The impetus for the Virginia proposal is simple: Schools should be held accountable for the students they produce.

Taxpayers in San Antonio, who foot an enormous bill for remedial education at the community college level, would stand to win under such a plan. Consider that most first-time, incoming Alamo Community College District students require remedial classes, costing the district about \$5 million annually.

Students also would come out ahead because they wouldn't be sidelined until they're ready for college work. Of course, some still might need help. But the numbers at AC CD, which surely are mirrored in other communities, are too staggering to ignore.

Minnesota now has a program similar to the one being eyed in Virginia that reimburses colleges for lapses in their students' skills, the AP reports. The Virginia proposal would be voluntary, with officials hoping public pressure would boost participation.

It's hard to imagine the public wouldn't get behind the plan as it goes to the heart of what people say they want from schools: accountability.

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The gift of giving



Mona Charen
 Syndicated columnist

It was not exactly a holiday moment. Scanning the local section of my newspaper recently, I gasped. "What upset you, Mommy?" asked my 7-year-old. Suddenly, I faced the sort of home vs. world question we grapple with from time to time. Reacting instinctively, I told Jonathan that a young woman had been killed in a fire in a neighboring town. What I didn't tell him is the part that had made me recoil: The teenager's mother was under arrest on charges of arson and murder.

There are such stories in the paper almost every day, gradually eroding my sense that there is any moral order to the country anymore. A medical technician who had been asked to provide child support is found guilty of injecting his son with the AIDS virus. A 14-year-old boy kills his 12-year-old sister after years of extreme sibling rivalry. A mother who had killed her infant and lost custody of two other children is awarded custody of a fourth child.

It is a reflex to shield our kids from the horror that is in the world. Deciding just how much to reveal, and when, is a delicate process. And it isn't entirely within our control.

My two older sons are just emerging from the cocoon of early childhood into the wider world. For 5-year-old David, the word evil, though invoked all the time, is tame and abstract. The monsters on "Power Rangers" are evil. It is glorious to fight evil. But as to the contours of true evil, he is blessedly ignorant. My children, thank God, live in a world

remote from trouble, strike (except with one another) and (thus far) misfortune. But just as I don't want their spirits to be crushed by a too-early introduction to horror and cruelty, I am also mindful, particularly at this time of year, of competing dangers. Not only is there a danger that the gross immorality of late 20th century life will intrude on their youthful idyll, there is an immediate threat that they may become spoiled by abundance.

The newspapers have been full of stories this Christmas and Hanukkah season of the superfluity of toys in the lives of most American children. We may love capitalism and the good life it makes possible, but we also want our children to be like the hero of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," who is practically starving but nonetheless wants to share his morsel of chocolate with his family.

After much thought and debate, my husband and I decided that there is not practical way to prevent our children from being showered with presents at Hanukkah time. Aunts, uncles, cousins, baby sitters, and even we

would feel deflated if the holiday didn't come with lots of pretty, ribboned boxes. The key thing, we decided, is not how much they have but whether they are grateful. Those of us up from the humble middle class are new to this principle. Our parents were as far from noblesse oblige as they were from chauffeur-driven limousines. But those of us in the huge new upper middle class — driving mini-vans, not limousines — do have to consider instilling a habit of gratitude in our pampered children.

To that end, our three boys, along with two friends from school, visited a women's shelter. Each child was carrying a large, wrapped gift for the children whose moms were in no position to buy presents. We talked to them first about why some people are poor and discovered that it's not easy to explain. "If they have no money, why don't they just go to the cash machine?" asked David. And so we talked about how one earns money and how accidents, bad fortune and, yes, evil can reduce people to temporary penury.

We delivered the gifts into the hands of a pleasant administrator, but I wasn't sure the visit had accomplished much. There were no Dickensian orphans staring up at us. In fact, there were no women or children visible at all.

Only later, when David was explaining to his uncle why they were not getting presents at all on the eight night of Hanukkah did I sense that my mission was a success. "Did you know," he asked, "That there are children who wouldn't have any presents at all?" And to all a good night.

Today in history

- By The Associated Press
 Today is Friday, Jan. 1, the first day of 1999. There are 364 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:
 On Jan. 1, 1863, President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that slaves in rebel states were free.
 On this date:
 In 1797, Albany became the capital of New York state, replacing New York City.
 In 1892, the Ellis Island Immigrant Station in New York formally opened.
 In 1898, Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island were consolidated into New York City.
 In 1901, the Commonwealth of Australia was proclaimed.
 In 1945, France was admitted to the United Nations.
 In 1953, country singer Hank Williams Sr., 29, died of a drug and alcohol overdose while en route to a concert date in Canton, Ohio.
 In 1958, treaties establishing the European Economic Community went into effect.
 In 1959, Fidel Castro led Cuban revolutionaries to victory over Fulgencio Batista.
 In 1979, the United States and China held celebrations in Washington and Beijing to mark the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.
 In 1984, the breakup of AT&T took place as the telecommunications giant was divested of its 22 Bell System companies under terms of an antitrust agreement.

The consensus is uncertain

Walter Mears
 AP Special correspondent

This isn't going to be trial by talk show, and for all the words spilled on television about Senate options in an impeachment trial of President Clinton, nobody really knows what is going to happen.

The only consensus: that there is not a two-thirds majority to convict Clinton of perjury about illicit sex and obstruction of justice in covering it up, and that there must be at least the beginning of a Senate trial, perhaps as soon as the end of next week.

Beyond that, the course is uncharted. The only precedents are 130 years old.

So what's been said so far is about what senators, and Clinton defenders and detractors, think should or could be done to settle the case. Short of the Senate conviction that would make Clinton the only president ever impeached by vote of Congress, the favored option is censure, perhaps with a penalty he would have to accept.

That could be done by majority vote, and the guess is that there would be far more than 51 votes for censure in the Republican Senate, with influential Democrats endorsing that settlement.

Clinton has invited it. But getting to that point will be complicated. House Democrats tried, but Republican leaders there barred a censure vote that might have passed and risked blocking the two impeachment articles that were approved on near party-line votes Dec. 19.

"We cannot do it by ourselves as Democrats," said Sen. John Breaux of Louisiana, who favors censure. "The White House should not be

involved in writing it." He said on CBS that it would have to be done by senators of both parties, working together on a resolution of censure that would be tough, fair and permanent.

Clinton has said he will accept censure or reprimand for his wrongs in the Monica Lewinsky affair and aftermath, but he won't admit committing perjury, which is a Republican demand in a censure settlement.

Sen. Tom Daschle, the Democratic leader, said on NBC that should they insist, "it would make our situation all the more difficult." But he also said that in working out a censure nothing is off the table.

There also is the question of timing. A Senate majority could end an impeachment trial and turn to censure any time.

Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah has been saying that if the Democrats can show there are at least 34 unshakable votes against convicting the president and thus forcing him from office, it would be time to turn to censure.

"We're going to find out where those votes are, and things do change," he said on CBS. Hatch said that short of conviction, "the next best thing" would be for Congress to condemn what he did and force him to acknowledge it. "Everybody in the world

knows he did lie under oath," Hatch said. There are variations. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said on Fox TV that the Senate should go through with the trial and then vote on impeachment, and then, "should the articles be defeated, as everyone anticipates they will be," turn to censure.

But should it go to that point and turn out that way, Clinton would have been acquitted, and might not be so amenable to the censure compromise he now wants.

Unless he consented to it, a congressional penalty outside the impeachment process would be unconstitutional.

Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., said on ABC that the House impeachment vote already is the most meaningful censure the Constitution allows.

"For us to try and do another censure which would have some kind of teeth of consequence would involve the Senate in an attempt to do what would be called a bill of attainder, which is unconstitutional itself," he said.

A bill of attainder is a congressional attempt to impose penalties for presumed offenses and is specifically forbidden by the Constitution, which assigns that role to the courts.

The Supreme Court has overturned three laws as bills of attainder, one a 1946 House provision to bar payment of government salaries to three people deemed to be subversives. Ashcroft said impeachment, even without conviction, is the strongest of possible censures. "Anything else would just be — well, it would just be so much hot air," he said. There is no shortage of that.

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Resolve to Take This New Year Just One Day at a Time

DEAR READERS: My New Year's column has become an annual tradition. These New Year's resolutions are based on the original credo of Al-Anon. I am using its theme with some variations of my own.

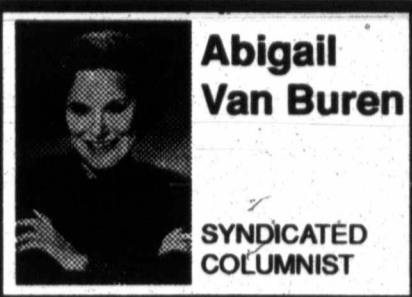
Just for today, I will live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I thought I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today, I will be happy. Abraham Lincoln said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." He was right. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today, I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

Just for today, I will improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today, I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll make an honest effort to quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat nothing I know to be fattening. And I will force myself to exercise - even if it's only walking around the



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

block or using the stairs instead of the elevator.

Just for today, I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will look as good as I can, dress becomingly, speak softly, act courteously, and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I'll try not to improve anybody except myself.

We know so much more about nutrition and how much exercise and sensible living can extend life and make it more enjoyable; so just for today, I'll take good care of my body so I can celebrate many more happy new years.

Just for today, I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it, thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today, I will gather the courage to do what is right and take the responsibility for my own actions.

To one and all: a happy, healthy new year!

LOVE, ABBY

P.S. God bless our men and women in uniform in every corner of the world where our flag is flying. And let us not forget those patriotic Americans who are serving their country in the Peace Corps, as well as those who have served and are now in veterans hospitals and nursing homes.

And as we begin this bright, shiny new year, consider this inspirational Chinese proverb: "If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character."

"If there be beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home."

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Horoscope

SUNDAY, JAN. 3, 1999
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** You want to shake your head at what goes on. Listen, but remember that you need not agree. Do your own sleuthing to discover what is up. Emphasize love, children and ingenuity. Let nothing stop you from chasing your dreams. Tonight: Where the fun is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You are forced into an uncomfortable situation with someone in charge. Uncertainty surrounds you; you don't know how to proceed. Count on a partner to guide you. You are a little down or out of sorts. Tonight: Stay close to home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** What you hear fogs your thought processes. Don't let someone's illusions become your realities. Plans are unclear, confirm them. Frustration results from dealings with someone. Keep talks flowing. Join friends later in the afternoon. Tonight: Full of chatter.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Pull back, and let someone else take charge. You need to handle practical matters before you plunge into yet another adventure. Pres-

sure from someone you respect could become uncomfortable. A friend chips in and makes a project much more manageable. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Your magnetism makes up for some confusion. Plans change, but somehow you make the best of it and turn the situation around. A friendship warms up because of your flirtatious manner. Be careful! You could be heading down the path of regret. Tonight: It is your pick.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

** Sit back, and be an armchair traveler. You have done way too much and it is all likely to catch up with you. If you must, finish up thank-you notes. Others are full of punch and energy; let them do their thing. Sneak in a nap if you can. Others don't always need you. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Confusion surrounds an arduous attachment. Be realistic about this person. Take off your rose-colored glasses. You could be sublimating some anger dealing with someone, rendering you unable to communicate. Tonight: Visit a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Someone demands your respect. You can only do so much. You are sitting on a lot of anger and frustration. Take time to think, feel and recharge. Too much might be happening too fast. Do what you must, but take care of yourself as well. Tonight: Make it an early night.

**** Take an overview with a difficult child or loved one. Be gracious and look the other way. Do your best anchoring plans; there could be a vagueness. Being more open to the creative process can make a big difference. Accent spontaneity.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

** Relate to partners on a one-to-one level. Pressure is high to do something someone's way. Let a family member know your limits. Many demands are made on you. Consider what is appropriate now. You are slightly negative. Tonight: Listen to a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** You have an inkling that you aren't hearing the whole story. Listen patiently, stay centered and defer judgment. Though you can see what is going on, someone might not get the message. Don't commit to spending anything you don't want to. Tonight: Dinner with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Dive into a project. Listen to friends who offer assistance. They are there for you. You have an unsure feeling. Let it go; it's not likely to be accurate. A family member or parent makes a demand. Go out of your way for him. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

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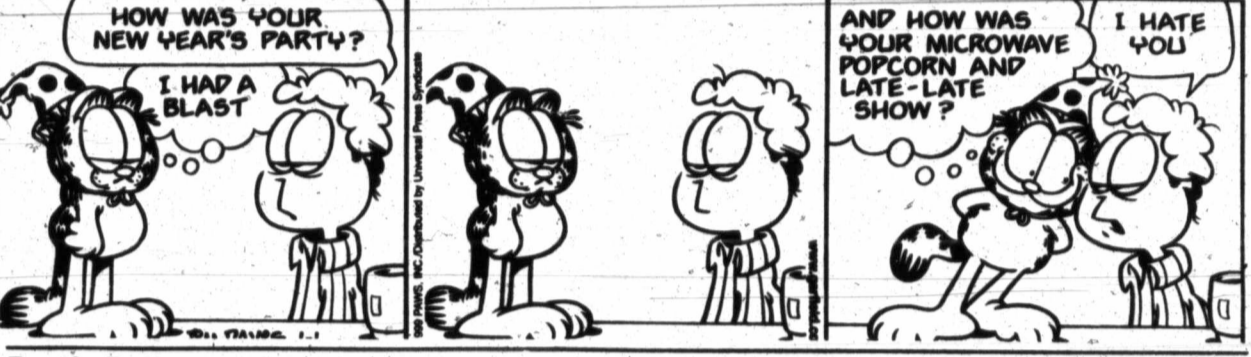
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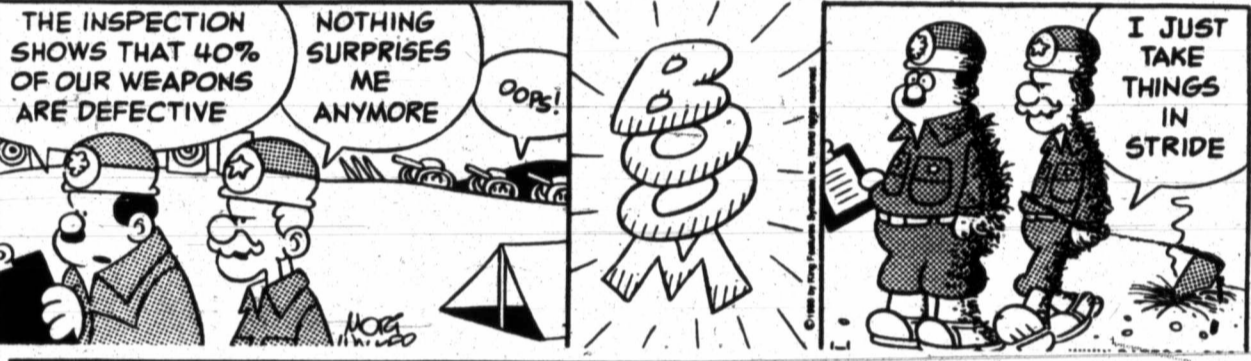
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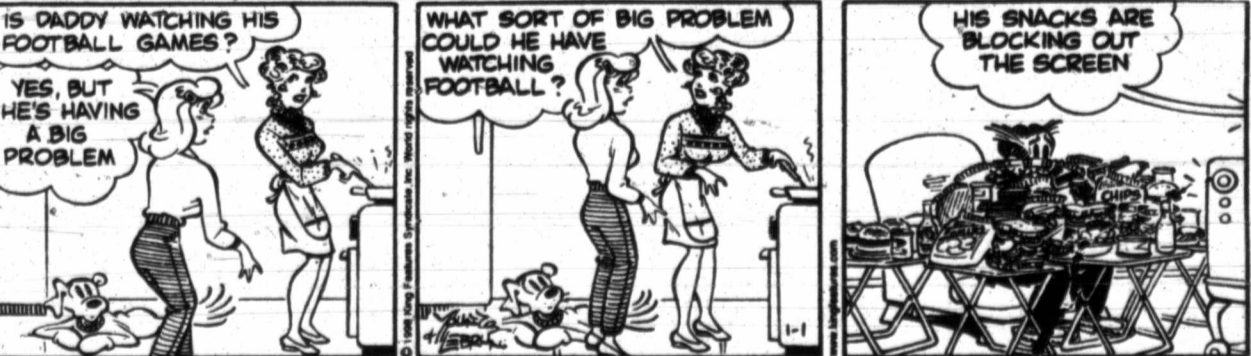
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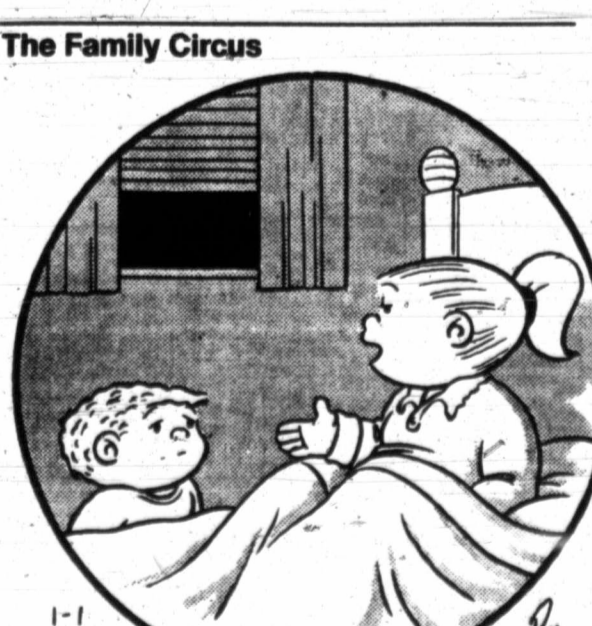
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RELIGION

To take or not to take...

Earlier in November my professor at West Texas A&M University announced he would teach a winter semester creative writing class on Tuesday nights beginning at 5:30 p.m. While I wanted to attend - I need six more undergraduate hours in English and this man is a very good teacher - I knew I had a child who needed to be driven to work at the same time. I decided to try to figure out an alternative method of transportation for her.

Two weeks ago I received the usual church newsletter with the what's happening information for January. It announced a Tuesday night study of the Gospel of John and I thought to myself that I'd sign up if I couldn't find a ride to work for my daughter and I had to drive her. This class didn't conflict with the family schedule.

In the same mail, the Amarillo College listing of upcoming classes arrived and I glanced through it not thinking I might be charmed by one of the offerings. As I turned the pages, I was more and more captivated. Photography, New Testament, upholstery and yikes! - landscape gardening.

As I read the description which chatted on about ground plantings, trees and lush green grass, I recalled my yard in need of attention and thought,

From the Back Pew...



By Cheryl Berzanskis

"For \$49, I will know how to do the yard myself. I can spend \$49 to save a thousand."

"Ticking also was a recollection from the "Tightwad Gazette," in which a reader suggested short term, community college classes as a way to gain new practical skills like sewing or computer. I was sold on the spend a little, save a lot idea.

With the thought of dirt on my fingers and a Southern Living yard courtesy of my new found knowledge, I checked for the meeting time.

Tuesday night.

Good, better, best. Three classes, three good uses of my time, I can make a case for doing each of them.

I need creative writing because it will impact my work. I need the college hours. I need the mental stimulation, I need the discipline of the teacher's criticism.

I need a new Bible study. Something regular taught by someone who knows how to teach. My spirit needs a boost.

I need to work in my yard. Ask the neighbors, I really do. I want flowers year round. I want a bit of heaven in my own backyard.

Several years ago, I came across an essay which dealt with this topic, doing the best rather than the good, because the good can overwhelm the eternally best. That little essay has always plagued me because of the confusion over what constitutes the best.

One can make a case that nearly anything is the best, as is true for the assortment of classes I might take.

You could say creative writing class is best because if I write better, I can get more jobs, please my readers more, raise my standards and finish my degree sooner.

On the other hand, you might suggest I buy a self-help writing book and discipline myself to write creatively each day for a certain number of hours. I can take English classes during the morning and finish my degree in the same amount of time.

You could say the Bible study is best because that impacts my spiritual life and from the heart flow the issues of life. Alternatively, you might say I could find one at another time or place or with another teacher. Locking yourself into one time and place is unnecessary, you'd argue.

You could say landscape gardening is the best choice because to beautify something is an act of worship itself. You could say I'm smarter to take a class for \$49 than hire a landscaper. You might tell me the yard is fine as it is and anyone who doesn't like it can go jump and that worrying over such things as grass is unnecessary frivolity.

Arranging the priorities will be hard for someone whose greatest virtue and worst fault is the ability to see everyone's point of view.

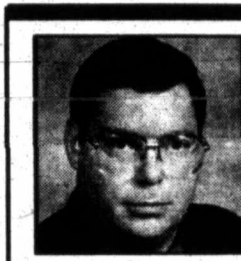
I have several more days to choose among the good, better and best of the class offerings. Knowing the best will be hard.

Minister's musings...

I often hear adults bemoaning the decline of morality among the young people. I often hear this while visiting with people in their homes. I am glad that they are expressing concern and that is a good starting point. The problem is that too many people only want to talk to other adults about the problem and wish that somehow that will change it. We can't blame society for the problems, because we are society. If we want our youth to live more godly and upright lives, then we have to take both responsibility and action.

For instance, instead of letting your child surf the Internet for hours, how about assigning them a portion of the Bible to read? Then we adults can have them explain what they have read. You might be surprised at how much of Scripture our young people really understand. How about having them lead the family in daily prayers and devotions?

Another thought is to try spending some honest family time with them. I don't mean quality time in front of the TV either. I mean a time where the family gathers for a meal, a board game or something else and there are no outside distractions. Make this a regular practice and take the opportunity for honest conversation back and forth. Tell them what's going on in your life and find out what is going on in theirs.



By Rev. Leif Hasskarl
Zion Lutheran Church

It is a fact that the media has more influence on your kids than you do. I don't hate the media, in fact, I think it is great if used responsibly. What kind of influence does the media have on them? How many of you parents have sat down and watched the shows your kids are watching? Have any of you opened the cases on their CDs and read the lyrics of the music they play. I got a real surprise when I did this for my teenager. The magazines that they read also greatly influence them. Ask them questions about the articles and ads that are in them and don't be afraid to point out examples of where secular advice and suggestions differ from Scriptural teachings.

As a Christian, it is an act of love and concern to show your children what is wrong with certain aspects of the influences in their lives. However, don't be a rule maker. Instead, I suggest that you ask them what message the

show, song or article is conveying. Then ask them whether or not it is appropriate for a Christian to subject themselves to that message. Help them make the right choices, guide them and show them the options and consequences of their actions and decisions.

Too often, we try to be more of a friend with our children. They for the most part have plenty of friends. What they need is parental guidance and nurture. It isn't something we can just talk about either, we have to be actively involved.

We also have to be aware that they pay close attention to our actions. The old "do as I say and not as I do" doesn't cut it. Look at yourself. Do you send the kids off to Sunday School and then you don't go yourself? Do you go with them to worship services regularly? Eighty percent of children who regularly attend church with both of their parents will remain active Christians throughout their lives. That's a good start.

No one said raising children would be easy. And it doesn't take an entire village to do it either. It only takes loving parents who are willing to set an example, enforce standards, and then lead and nurture our young people into maturity. So I ask you, are you up to this task, or do you just want to continue to talk about the problem?

Briefly...

Community breakfast Saturday

A community breakfast will be held at St. Mark CME Church at 406 Elm on Saturday Jan. 2 at 8 a.m. For a donation come have pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, coffee, juice, fruit and fellowship with us.

Concert Monday at First Assembly of God

The Harvesters of Southwestern Assemblies of God University, Waxahachie, Texas will be ministering in concert at the First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler and Hwy. 60 on Monday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. The Harvesters have gathered from across the United States to represent Southwestern Assemblies of God University throughout the Southwest Region. The Harvesters travel weekends and make two tours each year - one at Winter Break and one during the summer.

Unity Worship Services Jan. 10, 11

There will be Unity Worship Services Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. and Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room at M.K. Brown Auditorium, according to Rev. Mike Subiett of Hi-Land Christian Church. For more information call 669-6700.

Addiction classes start Jan. 7

A "Freedom from Addiction" class will be held at Briarwood Church, 1800 West Harvester, every Thursday beginning with Jan. 7. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. It is a spiritual approach to enable people to break free from the bondage of addiction. The community is invited.

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SPORTS

Buckeyes play Aggies in trip to Big Easy

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP)— Ohio State is in the right bowl, just the wrong year.

The Buckeyes were embarrassed in the Sugar Bowl last year by Florida State. They return to the Superdome tonight needing an impressive victory over Texas A&M for any hope of sharing the national championship.

"We'd like to come back here next year," said coach John Cooper.

Why? Because next year, the Nokia Sugar Bowl gets the top two teams in the Bowl Championship Series. And if one of those teams happens to be Ohio State, that would likely mean the Buckeyes:

— Didn't hit a bump in the road like Michigan State.

— Didn't lose to Michigan.

— Won't be lobbying AP poll voters for a shot at No. 1.

— Will have their best shot at a national championship for the first time since 1968.

As it is, the No. 3 Buckeyes (10-1) are trying to make a convincing argument that if

No. 2 and once-beaten Florida State beats No. 1 Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl, they should be given consideration if they smash No. 8 Texas A&M.

"Until that door is completely shut, anything is possible," Cooper said. "But we've put ourselves in a situation that it's a long shot, no question."

He knows that from experience. Two years ago, the Buckeyes also had to win their bowl game, have the top-ranked team lose and then hope the AP voters thought highly enough of them to make them No. 1.

Everything fell into place — except that Ohio State finished a distant second to Florida in the poll.

"We'd love to be playing for all the marbles," Cooper said. "We'd love to have control of our own destiny."

Standing in his way of that long shot are the Aggies (11-2), who are getting a little tired of listening to the Buckeyes talk about a national championship.

"If they're not ready, they'll have some problems," said Aggies tight end Dan Campbell.

Cooper has no illusions about Texas A&M. The Aggies fell out of the hunt for a

national title by losing to Florida State in the Kickoff Classic and then getting beat by Texas in the game that Ricky Williams set the NCAA record for career rushing yards.

But they also have a recent history of beating top teams and derailing their national title aspirations — first Nebraska, then Kansas State in the Big 12 championship game.

"I would like to win impressively, but I have great respect for Texas A&M," Cooper said. "I'd take a one-point win right now and be happy with it. I don't see us scoring a lot of points against their defense. We're not going out there thinking we've got to blow out A&M for anything like that."

The Sugar Bowl has all the ingredients to be the kind of exciting game that has marked the bowl season.

Ohio State has impressive balance on offense — the efficient passing of Joe Germaine, a great receiver in David Boston and a 1,000-yard rusher in Michael Wiley.

The Buckeyes are ranked sixth in the country in defense, have given up only 12 touchdowns all year and is No. 1 against the run, the Aggies' strength.

Texas A&M isn't always pretty on offense — ranked No. 91 — but it always seems to get it done. Brannon Stewart is coming off a 324-yard, three-touchdown performance against Kansas State. If he's not answer, Randy McCown is ready after breaking his collarbone against Texas.

"We'll have some bad plays. I've tried to prepare Brannon for that," said coach R.C. Slocum said. "The first time something bad happens, I won't react to that. I plan to let him go. It's his to take and run with it."

The Aggies' specialty is their "Wrecking Crew" defense, which has allowed only seven rushes longer than 20 yards and held eight of its 13 opponents to 14 points or fewer.

Slocum recalls the 1992 Cotton Bowl against Florida State, which featured two good offenses and two exceptional defenses. The result was a 10-2 victory by the Seminoles.

"It's been my experience that when you get teams together that have good defenses and a good offense, the defense ends up making more of a presence felt," he said.

That wouldn't be a good sign for the Buckeyes.

Notebook

FOOTBALL

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer, whose No. 1-ranked Volunteers play Florida State for the national title Monday night signed a six-year contract worth \$1 million a year. It will raise Fulmer's pay by about \$200,000.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Hal Mumme, who led Kentucky to its first New Year's Day bowl in nearly a half-century, was rewarded with a new five-year, \$4 million contract. The contract runs through Dec. 31, 2003, and replaces a \$450,000-a-year deal.

College Bowl Games
All Times EST
Saturday, Dec. 19
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
North Carolina 20, San Diego State 13

Wednesday, Dec. 23
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Marshall 48, Louisville 29

Friday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Gray 31, Blue 24

Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Colorado 51, Oregon 43
Oahu Bowl
At Honolulu
Air Force 45, Washington 25

Saturday, Dec. 26
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Southern U. 28, Bethune-Cookman 2
Insight.com Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Missouri 34, West Virginia 31

Tuesday, Dec. 29
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Virginia Tech 38, Alabama 7
MICRON PC Bowl
At Miami
Miami 46, North Carolina State 23
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Purdue 37, Kansas State 34

Wednesday, Dec. 30
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Idaho 42, Southern Miss 35
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Arizona 23, Nebraska 20

Thursday, Dec. 31
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Tulane 41, Brigham Young 27
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Texas Christian 28, Southern Cal 19
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Georgia 35, Virginia 33
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Mississippi 35, Texas Tech 18

Friday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State (8-3) vs. Kentucky (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Michigan (9-3) vs. Arkansas (9-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Texas (8-3), 11 a.m. (FOX)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Wisconsin (10-1) vs. UCLA (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Texas A&M (11-2) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Syracuse (8-3) vs. Florida (9-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Monday, Jan. 4
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Tennessee (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Williams looks to run down more history

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — There's one rushing record left for Texas' Ricky Williams to run down, though the Heisman Trophy winner says he's not interested.

This morning's Cotton Bowl will be the final game of Williams' record-shattering college career. Because it's a postseason game, it doesn't count toward the eye-popping career numbers he's already accumulated.

But if Williams, who averaged 191 yards a game this year, can get 266 yards, he'll surpass the Cotton Bowl record set by Rice's Dicky Maegle in 1954 against Alabama. Maegle had 265 yards on just 11 carries.

The one everyone remembers is the 95-yard touchdown he was credited with when Alabama's Tommy Lewis came off the bench to tackle him. Maegle went down at the Alabama 40, but referee Cliff Shaw signaled touchdown after ruling that Maegle would have scored.

Should Williams beat Maegle's record, he'd be a little more than a first down away from the overall bowl mark of 280 yards set by Texas Tech's James Gray against Duke in the 1989 All-American Bowl.

Williams tries to play down the bowl rushing records.

"I just want us to win the game," said Williams, the leading rusher and scorer in major college history. "I already have the Heisman Trophy. I've got nothing to prove."

Still, Texas coach Mack Brown said his sensational senior wants the bowl mark.

"Ricky loves challenges," Brown said. "It's difficult to find something he has never done before. The Cotton Bowl record and the bowl records are before him and he knows what they are. We'll set some goals for Ricky Friday morning so he can't possibly reach them and he probably will."

Mississippi State coach Jackie Sherrill, who has brought his Bulldogs to their first Cotton Bowl, called Williams simply amazing.

"He's hard to tackle because he is so thick and he gets to the line of scrimmage fast," Sherrill said. "He has a low center of gravity. I've coached against Heisman winners George Rogers, Bo Jackson, Herschel Walker and Tim Brown. I guess Ricky is a combination of all four of them. There

is a big difference between (him) and other backs in college football."

Playing in Williams' shadow will be Mississippi State senior running back James Johnson, who had 2,452 career rushing yards, fourth-best in school history. He averaged 115.25 yards rushing this year, most of any back in the Southeastern Conference.

"This is a good game for J.J. to show the nation where he stands as a running back," Bulldogs quarterback Wayne Madkin said. "This is an opportunity and I think J.J. will seize it. When J.J.'s on go I'd say he's up there with Ricky Williams."

Madkin and Texas quarterback Major Applewhite are both redshirt freshmen who have played well when their running games faltered.

Brown, however, said the Longhorns know who they have to stop — Johnson.

"He's been hurt a lot this year but we'll be seeing a fresh, healthy back for the first time in a long time and we know how tough he can be," Brown said.

Mississippi State, 8-4, the SEC Western Division champions will be playing in their first Cotton Bowl. They last won a bowl game in 1981, beating Kansas State in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

Sherrill has a 2-1 record in the Cotton Bowl, beating Auburn and Notre Dame when he was coaching Texas A&M. He also has a 7-2 record against Texas. He's 2-0 against the Longhorns as Bulldogs coach.

Sherrill also coached A&M teams that defeated Jackson and Brown in the Cotton Bowl.

Texas was 8-3 and finished second in the Big 12 South in Brown's first season with the Longhorns after leaving North Carolina.

He's 1-0 against Sherrill, having beaten him in a Peach Bowl game in 1993.

Texas is 9-9-1 in the Cotton Bowl but hasn't won the game since 1982 when it defeated Alabama 14-12.

Kickoff for the Cotton Bowl, sponsored by Southwestern Bell, was moved to 10:15 a.m. CST because of the new tieup with the SEC. The forecast was for temperatures in the 50s and winds gusting to 25 mph. Thunderstorms could threaten in the early afternoon.

The game will be televised by Fox in its very first venture into college football. Texas was a 12-point favorite.

Cardinals have little experience in playoffs

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals haven't been to a playoff game since 1982. The Dallas Cowboys own three Super Bowl titles in the 1990s.

The experience advantage goes to the Cowboys in Saturday's NFC wild-card game in Texas Stadium.

"We probably do have an edge in playoff experience," said Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman.

"However, the Cardinals played so many close games this year it was almost like the playoffs for them."

"It's the first time for all of us," said Arizona quarterback Jake Plummer. "Playoff experience might help the Cowboys. We just hope it won't make a difference. This is something new for us. We just want to go out and have some fun and try to pull off a win."

Arizona has lost nine consecutive games to Dallas in Texas Stadium.

"It's tough playing on the road," Plummer said. "But I think we'll adjust."

Arizona will have to stop Dallas running back Emmitt Smith who ran wild against them twice this year.

In the season opener, Smith ran for 124 yards on 29 carries in a 38-10 win.

On Nov. 15, he ran 26 times for 118 yards and scored three touchdowns in a 35-28 win.

Smith is at a loss to explain why he has had such success against Arizona which ranks 21st in the NFL against the run. Dallas is No. 8 in the league running the ball.

"I'm at a loss to explain why I've had such big games against them," Smith said. "It wasn't easy for me in either game and it won't be easy Saturday. They know us and we know them. It's never easy playing a team three times in one season. Now, we're down to a one-shot deal. Lose and you go home."

He added "there are no guarantees in this league. You have to earn everything you get."

Smith has had eight career 100 yard rushing games against the Cardinals and is coming off a solid season, finishing fifth in the NFL with 1,332 yards. He had seven 100 yard rushing games this year.

He said not being in the playoffs last year has given the Cowboys plenty of incentive this time around.

"We left Valley Ranch suffering after the way we ended the season last year," Smith said. "But we got our stuff together this year. We don't want to suffer again."

Smith said he believes the NFC East champion Cowboys, who closed out a 10-6 turnaround season with two consecutive victories, can be a threat to go all the way in the playoffs if play at a little higher level.

"I honestly believe we belong in the NFC playoffs along with all those other guys," Smith said. "I feel this team is the most underrated in the playoffs. Nobody can get a gauge on us. We can get the job done."

Ole Miss defeats Texas Tech 35-18

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Mississippi fans can only imagine what their team will do once coach David Cutcliffe has had several months to fully implement his plan.

Cutcliffe, still in pain from an inflamed pancreas that put him in the hospital over Christmas, was a winner in his Ole Miss debut as the Rebels beat Texas Tech 35-18 in the Independence Bowl on Thursday night.

"This was a little harder than I thought it was going to be to get everything ready," said Cutcliffe, the former Tennessee offensive coordinator who was hired by Mississippi on Dec. 2.

With only about a dozen pre-bowl workouts, there was not time for a total overhaul of the offense. Instead, the new coaches were forced to learn the system that the Rebels (7-5) had run all season.

The players responded with 355 yards against Tech, which was ranked eighth nationally in total defense (285 yards per game).

Quarterback Romaro Miller, playing for the first time since breaking his collarbone Nov. 21, made it easy for Cutcliffe. He threw an Independence Bowl-record three touchdowns and was 14-of-23 passing for 216 yards while being named the offensive MVP.

"It's OK, it felt good to me," Miller said of his arm. "All week I have been throwing without it hurting. It showed tonight."

Miller is already looking ahead to next season, when Cutcliffe will have his offensive system installed.

"We can come back and do it better next year," said Miller, a sophomore who threw for 2,273 yards in 10 regular-season games.

Cutcliffe, about 20 pounds lighter than when he was hired, became the first Ole Miss coach in 20 years to win his first game. And he did it with a squad with just six seniors.

"I am not tired ... not a bone in my body," Cutcliffe said. "We had a plan from the very first meeting ... and we stuck with that plan."

Deuce McAllister, another sophomore and a 1,000-yard rusher during the regular season, scored three touchdowns. He turned a swing pass from Miller into a 32-yard TD, scored on a 4-yard run and returned a Texas Tech outside kick 43 yards in the final minute.

"We didn't want them to get the ball back. When it short-hopped, I just picked it up and ran," McAllister said.

Ole Miss had clinched the game 30 seconds after Miller's third TD when Anthony Magee intercepted Matt Tittle's pass and returned it to the Texas Tech 31.

Eight plays later, McAllister scored on a 4-yard run.

Texas Tech (7-5) got its last score on Kevin McCullar's 14-yard fumble return in the final minute, but Ole Miss responded immediately on McAllister's return of an onside kick.

Ole Miss' first victory since Oct. 31 came less than a month after Cutcliffe was hired to

replace Tommy Tuberville, who went to Auburn after publicly denying for weeks he was interested in another job.

After starting 6-0 for the first time since 1976, Texas Tech lost five of its last six games and dropped to 5-17-1 in bowl games. The four regular-season losses were by a combined 14 points.

It was only the second meeting between the teams and a rematch of the 1986 Independence Bowl that Ole Miss won 20-17, coincidentally in the coaching debut of Tech coach Spike Dykes.

Miller broke his right collarbone on the final play of a 24-17 loss at Georgia. He had not taken a hit since, but showed early Thursday night that would not be a problem.

After being tackled hard on the third play by All-American defensive end Montae Reagor, who was called for a late hit, Miller got up. Three plays later, he overthrew a receiver with a ball that went almost 50 yards in the air.

"Miller did a great job coming back from his injury. ... He got in a comfort zone and was very poised," said Reagor, limited to a season-low four tackles after having 96 during the regular season.

When Ole Miss drove 75 yards in 11 plays to take a 14-7 lead, it was McAllister doing most of the work. He had eight carries for 32 yards and turned a short swing pass from Miller into a 32-yard TD with 6:04 left in the second quarter.

McAllister, who this season became only the second 1,000-yard rusher in Ole Miss history, finished with 79 yards on 27 carries.

Miller's fumble midway through the first quarter, after being hit by Kris Kocurek, led to Texas Tech's 7-0 lead. Three plays after Ty Ardoin's recovery at the Ole Miss 25, Rob Peters threw a 22-yard TD to Derek Dorris.

Ricky Williams, the other great running back from a Texas school but not the Heisman Trophy winner, was limited to 85 yards on 23 carries after running for 1,582 yards during the regular season.

Ole Miss got even when Miller hit Ken Lucas for a 33-yard TD, one play after a 29-yard punt. The Red Raiders had been pushed back after Peters was sacked by Kendrick Clancy, the defensive MVP.

Texas Tech got within 14-10 when Chris Birkholz kicked a 49-yard field goal with 2:18 left in the first half. The kick, a lunge drive that barely cleared the crossbar, was the longest by the Red Raiders in 23 postseason games.

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New Year celebrated around the globe

By ROBERT SEELY
Associated Press Writer

Singaporeans bathed in a "fountain of wealth" and Berliners thronged the soon-to-be capital of a united Germany, part of revelry around the world greeting the New Year.

Partygoers in the Philippines lit firecrackers to scare away bad luck, and 16 people lost parts of their fingers in the blasts. Citizens in 11 European countries popped bottles of champagne to herald their new currency, the euro.

Politics mingled with festivities in some countries. President Nelson Mandela called on South Africans to work together to end poverty and corruption, while Malaysia's prime minister delivered a New Year's message foaming with fury against Western currency speculators, whom he blamed for the country's economic ills.

In Singapore, more than 20,000 people gathered around the Fountain of Wealth, which shot water jets 90 feet into the air as lasers flashed a countdown to midnight against a nearby skyscraper.

Some young Singaporeans jumped into the water "to shower themselves with wealth," government

television reported. Singapore fell into recession as 1998 ended, and many residents expressed hopes of "more money" in the new year.

In Kashmir, India, a few residents cautiously celebrated New Year's Eve with music and dance at the Grand Palace Hotel in Srinagar, the first time since a separatist rebellion erupted in the state nine years ago.

Another New Year's celebration was held at the Srinagar Golf Club, where weeds have overgrown the green since the insurgency began. About 17,000 people have been killed in the conflict, according to government figures.

Fireworks soared above the cheering crowds in Moscow's Red Square, where lights played on the Kremlin and the famous domes of St. Basil's Cathedral.

Thousands of residents of Vienna celebrated with private displays of Roman candles and rockets in and around the baroque Austrian capital.

In London, tens of thousands of revelers jammed Trafalgar Square and cheered wildly as Big Ben rang out 1998. More than 6,000 American cheerleaders and band musicians flew into London to march in today's New Year's Day parade.

In Scotland — where New Year's is called Hogmanay — the residents of Edinburgh celebrated with concerts, bagpipers and fireworks. The Welsh capital, Cardiff, began a three-day event reviving the Celtic tradition of giving gifts at New Year's, complete with a lantern procession, live bands and fireworks.

About 100 singers and dancers rocked Berlin with an open-air party and a midnight fireworks show illuminating the historic Brandenburg Gate. This New Year is especially historic for Germans because later this year Berlin once again becomes the capital of a united Germany.

Europe embraced 1999 with its own form of unity: Balloons wafted into the air to mark the launching of the euro in 11 countries. The new currency will be used only in electronic transactions for now.

French President Jacques Chirac looked to a promising future in his New Year's Eve address, saying the euro "will bring us more stability in an uncertain world."

After he spoke, thousands of Parisians thronged the Champs Elysees in Paris under trees decked with white lights.

Pope John Paul II reminded Roman Catholics to prepare for Christianity's millennium jubilee only a year away.

In his last New Year's message before leaving office, Mandela called on his compatriots to work together to solve poverty and end the harmful social legacies of decades of apartheid rule.

"The New Year will bring many changes," Mandela said. "They will depend on our working together to realize our dream."

Mahathir's message urged citizens to respect peace and unity and included a familiar screech accusing Western currency speculators and even governments of trying to wreck Malaysia's economy.

"Their leaders, media, traders, international agencies, rating agencies, and banks will resort to whatever means to achieve the objective," he said late Thursday.

Mahathir warned Malaysians to stay vigilant against enemies he said were seeking to recolonize the country, which gained its independence from Britain in 1957. The prime minister didn't name a specific malefactor, but hinted broadly at the United States.

Recordings sketch intimate portrait of nation's 37th president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard Nixon did not like the portrait of him on the walls of federal buildings. He did not like all the attention that foreign policy adviser Henry Kissinger got. He also did not like most government workers — 99.9 percent had nothing to contribute, he said.

These candid insights into the opinions of the 37th president come from one of the few people outside the National Archives to have heard some of the still-secret tapes seized by the government when Nixon resigned as president in

1974: appraiser Steve Johnson.

In a report entered as evidence in a lawsuit, Johnson reported that Nixon grumbled that he did not get enough credit for working through lunch hours and into the night. Nixon complained, too, in 1970 that Vice President Spiro Agnew was being sent to big cities to give speeches. The White House "should save larger places" for him, he told aides.

On the other hand, Nixon was a hard worker, Johnson wrote. "He can discuss any detail precisely, without prepara-

tion, even with the specific staff person within the bureaucracy who is working on the matter."

Nixon turned "earthy and mildly profane" when having to confront the disagreeable. When Nixon tried to make a joke, his humor "might be characterized as corny," Johnson also said.

Johnson was hired by the late president's estate to appraise the recordings for its lawsuit against the government seeking \$210 million in payment and interest for materials Nixon left behind. His estate used the report to show that the tapes


were valuable historic documents.

The government argued that paying anything would "convert a national legacy into a national embarrassment."

Paraphrasing the president, Johnson reported that Nixon felt "that 99.9 percent of government people have nothing new to add to anything" and "routinely refers to the non-senior staff members as 'little boys.'" He added, "On one occasion he makes a statement warning that 'Some of these little boys should not hear the kind of talk we will be doing to plan this speech.'"

Nixon expressed unhappiness with the amount of attention paid Kissinger. On one occasion, he directed that Kissinger should not see Time magazine reporters under any circumstances, should do no interviews, have no social meetings and return no phone calls.


"He wants White House staff to talk about the president when they get a chance, never about Kissinger," Johnson notes, adding that Nixon pleaded with aide John D. Ehrlichman, "Please to let him do it his way just this one time."



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Bomb found in warehouse in California

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A veteran utility worker has been arrested after authorities discovered a bomb and enough bomb-making materials to blow up a house at two Pacific Gas & Electric Co. warehouses.

"Ready-to-go explosives" and raw material, including calcium nitrate and more than 250 pounds of ammonium nitrate, were found Thursday at the downtown warehouses, said Special Agent Tracy Hite of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Additional evidence was found at the home of Paul Madronich, 44, who has worked at the utility for 19 years, Hite said.

Ammonium nitrate, commonly used as fertilizer, was combined with fuel oil to make the 4,800-pound bomb that destroyed the Oklahoma City federal building in 1995, killing 168 people. Calcium nitrate, also a fertilizer, was found at the house of bombing conspirator Terry Nichols.

Madronich is accused of possessing a destructive device, possessing a destructive device in a public place and possessing of a destructive device as a public nuisance. He was being held in San Francisco County Jail on \$55,000 bail and will be formally charged Tuesday in municipal court.

Hite said that the bomb did not contain ammonium nitrate and that authorities were analyzing it to determine its contents. Hite declined to speculate on a motive and would not say whether others were involved.

"We have no basis or any information to suggest this is related to domestic terrorism," said police spokesman Sherman Ackerson, who added that Madronich may have had been interested in making fireworks.

But he said "there's significant information, significant material to show there's a bomb-making operation going on, and so we're being very cautious now."

The operation was discovered after a PG&E employee found water in a warehouse basement and followed the trail. Upstairs, the worker found 250 pounds of ammonium nitrate thawing inside a storage locker.

Police ordered approximately 30 workers out of the building and evacuated another across the street out of fear that the fertilizer had been mixed with volatile substances and frozen to keep it from exploding.

A 33-gallon drum of chemicals and books on making bombs were found elsewhere in the building, as were a "small quantity of actual ready-to-go explosives," Ackerson said.

Less than six hours after the material was found in the first warehouse, police had Madronich in custody for questioning. He later led officers to a second PG&E facility nearby, where officials found "a whole bunch more bomb-making stuff," Ackerson said.

"It could blow up a house. It could probably destroy a regular residence," said police Sgt. Mark Potter.

PG&E spokesman Scott Blakey said there was no reason for ammonium nitrate to be in the warehouses, which are located in a mixed residential and industrial area in the city's Mission District.

Nevada court reduces breast implant award

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — The Nevada Supreme Court has trimmed \$10 million from a \$14.2 million award in a breast-implant case, saying there was no evidence Dow Chemical tried to conceal defects.

However, the court affirmed the jury's decision that the silicone implants made the woman sick.

Charlotte Mahlum of Las Vegas, who claimed her leaking implants caused a host of health problems, was awarded \$10 million in punitive damages and \$4.2 million in compensatory damages in 1995.

But the court ruled 4-1 on Thursday that she was not entitled to punitive damages, which require proof of fraudulent concealment. In a 3-2 vote, it kept intact the compensatory damages pertaining to pain and suffering, with two justices claiming Mahlum and her husband, Marvin, deserved nothing.

"I better wait until I speak with my attorney," Mahlum said when contacted at her home in Las Vegas. "But I can say I started crying. I'm very happy for everyone."

Her lawyer, Geoffrey White, called the decision a major victory.

"This decision of the Nevada high court, which affirms the jury's verdict that silicone gel can cause disease in women, will resound across the nation," he said.

Dow Chemical spokesman John Musser said the company was "extremely disappointed that the court has decided to allow a verdict to stand that was so heavily influenced by emotion rather than facts or medical evidence."

Earlier this year, a scientific panel appointed by a federal judge to review conflicting scientific claims about implants found that no definite links existed between implants and disease.

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Five years into NAFTA, the strong survive

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — For Victor Jaramillo and his family, NAFTA has been a gateway to the American dream. For Teodoro Guido, it's become a Mexican nightmare.

The North American Free Trade Agreement helped Jaramillo start his own U.S.-based business, Red & Hot Produce, to import and distribute dry hot pepper and other crops grown in his home state of Zacatecas in central Mexico.

"The mentality is different here, because only good merchandise sells," he said. "In Mexico, you can sell whether your product is good or bad."

Guido, a pork farmer from Guanajuato, another central Mexican state, has struggled to compete with cheaper U.S. imports. He blames the free trade accord for driving many of the farmers in his hometown of Iramuco out of business in recent years.

Five years after it started tearing down trade barriers between the United States, Canada and Mexico, NAFTA has become a survival-of-the-fittest test for businesses and farmers.

Big, innovative producers that have adapted to changing market conditions have prospered. Smaller producers sticking to old methods sometimes have been trampled.

For labor, it's been more of a toss-up. New jobs have been created; old jobs have been lost.

Those who had opposed NAFTA and warned, like Ross Perot, of a "giant sucking sound" of U.S. jobs moving to Mexico say time has proven them right. Advocates say the benefits have outweighed the drawbacks.

Both sides use statistics to support their case. The AFL-CIO estimates between 300,000 and 400,000 American jobs have gone to Mexico since 1994.

The U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce maintains that 1.7 million export-related jobs have been created in the United States since 1993 largely because of NAFTA. The U.S. government says trade between Mexico and the United States has soared, rising from \$80 billion before NAFTA to about \$200 billion now.

"The balance has been favorable for both countries," U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Jeffrey Davidow said, noting that Mexico is now the United States' second-largest trading partner after Canada.

"Mexico's trade with the United States has been a primary factor in its continuing recuperation from the peso crisis," he said, referring to the economic meltdown of 1995. "And U.S. trade with Mexico has been a bright spot, especially during the last year, at a time when our trade with much of the rest of the world has declined or stayed flat."

NAFTA took effect Jan. 1, 1994, linking more than 360 million consumers in a \$6 trillion market. Over 15 years, it will gradually eliminate all trade barriers between the three nations.

NAFTA included side agreements intended to protect the environment and labor rights. It also gave Mexicans new opportunities to work in the United States.

Jaramillo, the hot pepper importer, became eligible under NAFTA for a U.S. trader/investor visa to open his own business two years ago in the border city of McAllen, Texas.

For years he had made little money trying to sell his peppers in Mexico City. Then he found out about the McAllen Produce Terminal Market, a project just 3 1/2 miles north of the border designed to help Mexican farmers become their own U.S. distributors.

Now he's enjoying a middle-class life in the United States and the chance to give his two children a better future.

"They will have more opportunities for all kinds of things; it's going to be a great advantage for them," he said. "Education is better here, and they will not have to worry about economic turmoil in Mexico."

In Iramuco, Guido's home town, residents are also heading north of the border — but under different circumstances.

"People are desperate because now there's no way to make a living," he said.

Small farmers say they have a tough time competing against U.S. farm imports because American producers tend to be much larger and more efficient, helping keep prices lower. Mexican farmers also have a hard time getting loans, now carrying high interest rates.

While Guido has chosen to stay in Iramuco, he estimates that about a third of the 15,000 residents have opted to cross the border as undocumented aliens.

As a result, a bus from the tiny town makes daily, 16-hour trips directly to the border town of Nuevo Laredo, across from Laredo, Texas.

But on the U.S. side of the border, unions say jobs have been heading south. Companies that have moved operations to Mexico since NAFTA include Zenith Electronics Corp., Nintendo of America, Mattel, Sara Lee Knit Products, Vanity Fair Mills and Pendleton Woolen Mills.

General Motors and other companies, which had operations in Mexico before 1994, have gradually moved more of their production to Mexican plants. They insist the moves were made independently of NAFTA.

Luring business to Mexico is the lower cost of labor. While the wages for production workers in the United States have grown steadily, those of Mexican workers have fallen, after adjustment for inflation, since the 1995 economic crisis. Mexico's minimum wage is only \$3.40 a day. The minimum wage in the United States is, in comparison, \$5.15 an hour.

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