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High today low-mid 40s
Low tonight mid-20s
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No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket would have been worth an estimated \$14 million. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 4-23-34-40-42-46. Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$18 million.

LUBBOCK (AP) — While others worry about the damage fire ants do to livestock, some Texas Tech researchers are studying whether the pests are reducing the state's wildlife population.

A group of Tech researchers captured 26 pregnant does from a deer refuge last year and divided them among eight pens — four treated for fire ants, four left untreated. They did the study at Welder Wildlife refuge 40 miles north-west of Corpus Christi.

The researchers believe fire ants who don't kill newborn fawns with their stings may make them move around when they should keep still to avoid predators.

Economically, it's also valuable to protect wildlife from the stinging pests.

"Land is more valuable when deer are on it," graduate student Wayne Brown said. "Deer are worth a lot of money. If something like fire ants is going to affect deer when they're young, it affects the population."

• **Fountie Wade 'Shorty' Gilbreath, 84**, retired employee of Cabot Carbon Black.

• **Essie Burrows Howard, 92**, former retail clerk.

• **Gooch Baxter Purcell, 78**, former auto dealership, motel owner.

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Troopers stop car; \$1.7 million in cash seized

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Department of Public Safety troopers were waiting today to see who shows up to claim \$1.7 million in cash seized during a routine traffic stop Friday on Interstate 40 near Vega.

Department of Public Safety spokesman L.D. Snider said a trooper stopped an Illinois man for not wearing a seat belt at 11 a.m. Friday about five miles west of Vega. After finding out that the car did not belong to the man driving it, the trooper asked for and received permission to search the 1991 Buick four-door sedan.

Oldham County Sheriff's deputies arrived on the scene with a drug sniffing dog which indicated that there might be drugs in the car, Snider said.

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The driver of the car said he knew nothing about the money. Authorities said the man was alone in the car. The automobile, they said, apparently belonged to a relative.

Officers said no charges nor citations were lodged against the man. The officers seized the money, took it to a nearby bank (See TROOPERS, Page 2)

Spiffy coat an eyecatcher Police rearrest man after he bonds out

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

No one needs to ask Jerry Rhoten how his weekend went. Most of it is duly recorded in official police records and arrest reports.

Jerry Lynn Rhoten, 44, 708 Frost, was arrested Friday after a weather vane and some lawn items in his front yard were identified by a burglary victim as being stolen. Rhoten gave officers consent to search his house where they reported finding drug paraphernalia and other goods suspected to be stolen.

Rhoten made bond and was released from Gray County Jail Saturday afternoon, Sunday about 10 a.m., Rhoten stopped outside the Pampa Police Station to visit with Officer Corey Powell who noted that Rhoten was wearing a nice brown jacket.

Later, Powell took a call from 716 Frost reporting a chainsaw had been stolen. Powell said the caller stated Rhoten had been seen in front of that house earlier. The officer then attempted to locate Rhoten in order to question him about the chainsaw.

During the attempt, Powell spoke with Sgt. Tommy Pickering and mentioned the brown coat. Pickering asked if the jacket had leather (See COAT, Page 2)

Lights Celebration continues

Celebration of Lights, the holiday lighting extravaganza at Recreation Park, continues to draw visitors from around the area.

If you haven't seen it yet, you're missing a real treat. The many volunteers who worked to make and assemble the displays invite you out nightly through the first of the year.



It was beginning to look a lot like Christmas today as Pampa got its first snowfall of the season. Drivers headed to work this morning down Somerville were treated to a winter wonderland with snow collecting on tree branches and lawns. Pampa weatherman Darrell Sehorn said Pampa recorded 0.06 inches of moisture from the one inch snowfall. The National Weather Service in Amarillo reported a light snow began falling about 3:30 a.m. today.

Helping make holidays happier...



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Lisa Hall of Tralee Crisis Center with the Christmas tree set up in the organization's office with names of women and children who need Christmas wishes to be fulfilled this holiday season.

Domestic violence victims, kids, need Christmas, too

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

Tralee Crisis Center has a tree full of tags with Christmas requests waiting to be granted. All that's needed now are some volunteers who wouldn't mind purchasing a gift or two extra for one of the women or children served by Pampa's domestic abuse shelter.

"Often, the holidays are the saddest of occasions for victims of domestic violence. Last year, with your help, we were able to bring joy and Christmas cheer into the lives of 24 women and children who were victims of domestic violence," according to a Tralee representative.

Due to confidentiality, the names of the victims will not be available, however each individual's needs will be indicated on Christmas tags that are placed on a tree in the Tralee office location, 310 S. Cuyler.

"This year, we anticipate having additional individuals for whom Christmas will not be possible outside the project. Food, clothing, and toys at Christmas can put the brightest smile on little faces that are too often accustomed to fear and tears," said a Tralee official.

Individuals interested in selecting a tag from the tree are requested to contact a Tralee representative for further details and deadlines. Call 669-1131 or drop by 310 S. Cuyler.

DA's office buys drug dog

Area law enforcement is going to the dogs.

John Mann, 31st and 223rd District Attorney, said today that his office is buying a drug-sniffing dog for \$5,000 as part of his office's fight against narcotics, and drug dealers are paying for it.

Mann said he is using money seized in drug cases to pay for a one-year-old female German shepherd from Europe.

"We've been looking for some time at the possibility of using the seized assets of proven drug dealers for a program such as this," Mann said. "The dog will be housed in Wheeler and will be available to all law enforcement agencies in the area. We hope school officials will call on us for assistance in searching out the presence of illegal drugs on school campuses."

Wheeler County Sheriff Jimmy Adams is making

a deputy available for the canine program and is housing the animal, Mann said.

Wheeler County Deputy Sheriff Scott Morgan and Tonja will go through a two-week training session in Louisiana just after Christmas, Mann said, then return to Wheeler ready for work.

"The purchase of a drug sniffing dog was in response to the request of many citizens and school officials who are determined to take their schools and neighborhoods back from the drug dealers and the resulting crimes of burglary, forgery and theft as well as violent crimes," Mann said.

Mann said today his office was contacting area school superintendents to make them aware of the new tool against drugs. Interested firms and schools can contact the District Attorney's office in Pampa, Mann said.

Tuesday's town meet at 1:30 p.m.

State Sen. Ieel Bivins will be at M.K. Brown Auditorium at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow to conduct a town hall meeting.

All area residents are invited to attend.

Bivins will discuss the upcoming 75th Legislative session and the bills he plans to introduce. He will also answer questions from constituents and solicit their views of statewide issues which may affect them.

One item for discussion will be the state's projected multi-billion budget surplus and various plans to deal with it.

Bivins, an Amarillo Republican, is in his fourth term in the senate.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

GILREATH, Fountie Wade "Shorty" — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
HOWARD, Essie Burrows — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, McLean.
WRIGHT, Wanda Joyce — 1 p.m., The Life Church, Dallas.

Obituaries

FOUNTIE WADE 'SHORTY' GILREATH
 Fountie Wade "Shorty" Gilreath, 84, of Pampa, died Sunday, Dec. 6, 1998. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Gilreath was born Dec. 6, 1913, at Burleson. He attended Swearington High School at Memphis, Texas. He had been a Pampa resident since 1943, moving from Memphis. He married Peggy Thomas Hicks on Oct. 2, 1953, at Panhandle; she died in 1996. He worked in the maintenance department at Cabot Carbon Black for 36 years. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include a sister, Mildred Judd of Killeen; two grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to be Pampa Senior Citizens.

ESSIE BURROWS HOWARD
 McLEAN — Essie Burrows Howard, 92, died Sunday, Dec. 6, 1998. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. James Martindale, pastor of the church, officiating with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of First United Methodist Church of McLean, assisting. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Howard was born Nov. 19, 1906, in Hollis, Indian Territory, Okla. She moved to McLean in 1916 from Hollis and graduated from McLean High School. She married Bryan Burrows in 1924 at Shamrock; he died in 1969. The couple moved to Pauls Valley, Okla., in 1947, returning to McLean in 1961.

She married Frank Howard in 1975 at Wellington; he preceded her in death. She was a clerk at J.C. Penney for 10 years and at Corinne's Dress Shop for several years. She also worked as a seamstress. She was a member of First Baptist Church of McLean and Thursday Bridge Club.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Grace Eagleson and Bonita Hudson; three brothers, Wayne Worley, Quintin Worley and Ronnie Worley; and a son, Gary Burrows.

Survivors include a daughter, Colleen Mertel of McLean; a stepdaughter, Joann Wells of Pampa; two stepsons, Harris Howard of Groom and Bob Howard of Amarillo; a half-brother, Odell Worley of Mineral Wells; 10 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to be First Baptist Church of McLean or to a favorite charity.

The body will lie in state from 3-6 p.m. today at First Baptist Church in McLean.

GOOCH BAXTER PURCELL
 SAYRE, Okla. — Gooch Baxter Purcell, 78, a former Shamrock resident, died Friday, Dec. 4, 1998. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Cheyenne United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bob Harris and A.L. Martin officiating. Burial will be in Cheyenne Cemetery under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service.

Mr. Purcell was born at Lelia Lake and grew up in Shamrock, graduating from Shamrock High School in 1937. He married Marita Clay in 1944 at Shamrock; she died in 1979. The couple moved to Cheyenne in 1953, establishing G.B. Purcell Chevrolet/Pontiac dealership. He married Wanda Trammell in 1980, and the couple opened the Cheyenne Motel.

He was a U.S. Marine veteran, serving during World War II for five years — including 26 months in the South Pacific — beginning in 1941. He earned a field commission of captain and upon his discharge returned to Shamrock and enlisted in the Army Reserves, serving 13 years and helping to form units at Shamrock and Cheyenne. He retired as major.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda; a daughter, Tempie Catherine Burris of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sons, Thomas Clay Purcell of Silver Springs, Md., and Robert Baxter Purcell of Hendersonville, Tenn.; a stepson, Arthur Trammell of Cheyenne; two sisters, Inez Hamilton of Possum Kingdom and Dorothy Ann Henderson of Pampa; a brother, Albert Purcell of San Diego, Calif.; four grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

WANDA JOYCE WRIGHT
 GARLAND — Wanda Joyce Wright, 65, a former Pampa resident died Friday, Dec. 4. Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in The Life Church in Dallas with the Rev. V. Arlen Guidroz officiating. Burial will be in Grove Hill Memorial Park under the direction of Eastgate Funeral Home of Garland.

Survivors include four daughters, Marilyn Kreitler of Omaha, Neb.; Caroline Hill of Edom, Va.; Vickie Spittle of Boca Raton, Fla., and Kim Covey of Garland; a son, James Robert Shelton of Omaha; two sisters, Evelyn Shelton and Nita Barbee; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home in Garland.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

Police report

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

Saturday, December 5
 Jackie G. Pierce, 31, 1105 N. Starkweather, was arrested on charges of failure to appear, failure to yield right of way and no proof of insurance.

Andre Dion Cunningham, 28, Amarillo, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
 Gregory Lynn Battee, no age given, Amarillo, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of Sumner.

Sunday, December 6
 Terry Dee Ellis, 48, 805 N. Somerville, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.
 Jerry Lynn Rhoten, 44, 708 Frost, was arrested on charges of burglary of a motor vehicle.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of Fisher.

Theft was reported 1320 Charles.
 Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of Garland.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of Lowery.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, December 5
 Jeremy Joe Hernandez, 20, 404 N. Somerville, was arrested on charges of being a minor in possession.

Kristi G. Maddox Littrell, 22, 936 S. Hobart, was arrested on charges of assault.

Accidents

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

Friday, December 4
 Alice Beth Colwell, 88, 1315 Hamilton, was cited for failure to yield the right of way when her 1992 Buick attempted to make a left hand turn at Hobart onto Harvester and struck the 1997 Pontiac driven by Jeremy Allen Halvaei, 17, 1829 N. Christy. No injuries were reported.

Saturday, December 5
 No charges were listed when a 1997 Chevrolet driven by Carrie Joe Zumstein, 18, Groom, collided with a 1989 Suburban driven by James Gilbert Smith, 38, 1041 S. Banks. Police reports indicate Smith was headed north at Hobart and Foster and claimed to have a green light. Zumstein attempted a left turn onto Foster and claimed a green turn light. No injuries were reported.

Ambulance

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, December 5
 2:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

3:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to a local residence.

Sunday, December 6
 11:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of N. Nelson and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

4:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to VA Medical Center in Amarillo.

9:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Evergreen. No one was transported.

Monday, December 7
 12:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Fires

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

Saturday, December 5
 1:59 a.m. — Three units and eight personnel responded to 1041 Neel on a smoke scare.

2:00 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 1500 block of W Kentucky on a medical assist.

3:23 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to a structure fire in the 500 block of Russell.

7:31 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the 500 block of N. Naida on a smoke scare.

8:52 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to Hobart and Foster on an automobile accident.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	2.62	Chevron	81 7/16	dn 9/16
Milo	3.34	Coca Cola	68 5/8	dn 3/8
Corn	3.64	Columbia/HCA	25 11/16	up 1/16
Soybeans	5.11	Enron	54	dn 5/4
		Halliburton	29 3/8	up 5/16
		IBM	37 7/8	up 1/16
		KNE	39 7/16	up 1/16
		Kerr McGee	38 1/4	dn 9/16
		Limited	27 5/8	up 9/16
		McDonald's	69 3/4	dn 1/4
		Mobil	86 1/8	up 1/8
		New Atmos	29	up 7/16
		NCE	49 1/2	dn 1/4
		Phillips	41 7/16	dn 1/16
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	11 1/16	up 3/16
		SLB	42 1/16	up 1/16
		Tenneco	35 9/16	up 3/16
		Texas	55	dn 1 5/16
		Ultramar	24 13/16	dn 1 1/4
		Wal Mart	73 5/8	up 7/16
		Williams	27 11/16	up 3/16
		World Gold	295 3/4	up 1/4
		Silver	474	up 1/4
		West Texas Crude	11 22	up 1/4

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

Amoco	55 1/8	dn 1/8
Atco	66 3/16	dn 13/16
Cabot	29 13/16	up 3/16
Cabot O&G	15 3/8	up 1/16

TROOPERS

and counted it.
 DPS officials said today the normal procedure for such seizures is to put the money in an FDIC insured bank as quickly as possible.
 A hearing in district court will determine the fate of the money. The state and anyone else claiming the money has 30 days to file a claim for ownership, Oldham County Sheriff David Medlin said. If the

state is awarded the cash, it will likely be split between Oldham County and the DPS.
 The Department of Public Safety office in Amarillo said they have seized slightly more than \$200,000 this year prior to Friday's seizure. DPS officers said they have seized about \$3 million since in 1987.
 Pampa District Attorney John Mann said today his office has seized about \$120,000 in cash since 1995 plus a number of vehicles that have been sold at auction.

COAT

on the front and when Powell confirmed it did Pickering said he believed it was the same coat that had just been reported stolen from a vehicle.
 Later neighbors informed police when Rhoten returned home and police went to question him. Powell asked and received consent to search again. Powell reported Rhoten agreed, saying he had nothing to hide.

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 Inside the residence officers found a western hat and a small compressor which had also been reported stolen, along with the brown coat, from a 1988 Cadillac.
 Upon further searching, officers found some pillows stuffed up in a closet. When the pillows were moved, they found a chainsaw matching the description of the one stolen.
 Rhoten was rearrested and taken back to Gray County Jail on charges of burglary of a motor vehicle. Bond has not yet been set on the latest charges.

Court report

Raymond W. Maness, theft of property by check, dismissed (court costs and restitution made).
 Margaret E. Wilson, theft of property by check, dismissed (defendant is unapprehended).
 Amanda Hearsink, theft of property by check, dismissed (defendant is unapprehended).
 Carolyn Gage, theft of property by check, dismissed (defendant is unapprehended).
 Buck Johnson, theft of property by check, dismissed (defendant is unapprehended).
 Rachel Hicks, theft of property by check, dismissed (defendant is unapprehended).
 Lynn Harris, theft of property by check, dismissed (defendant is unapprehended).
 Jason Davis, theft of property by check, dismissed (defendant is unapprehended).
 Terry Don Braddock, theft of property by check, dismissed (defendant is unapprehended).
 Bobbie Simches Sirls, theft of property by check, dismissed (defendant is unapprehended).
 Rhonda E. Danner, theft of property by check, dismissed (defendant is unapprehended).
 Robert Dale Crow, theft of property by check, dismissed (defendant is unapprehended).
 Michael Mckeen, theft of property by check, dismissed (defendant is unapprehended).
 Shawn A. Pinkston, theft of property by check, dismissed (defendant is unapprehended).
 Rebecca Mastroberti, theft of property by check, dismissed (defendant is unapprehended).
 Ron Quin, theft of property by check, dismissed (defendant is unapprehended).
 Christine Fisher, theft of property by check, dismissed (defendant is unapprehended).
 Melinda Allemann, theft of property by check, dismissed (court costs and restitution made).
 Brenda Kay Beeler Brannum, theft of property by check, dismissed (insufficient evidence).
 Troy Wayne Locke, criminal trespassing, dismissed defendant convicted in another case.
 Wendell Mayberry, theft of property by check, dismissed (court costs and restitution made).
 Richard Lee Brass, deferment of adjudication, speeding/work zone, 120 days probation, \$300 fine.
 Jimmy Fitzer, theft of property by check, dismissed (court costs and restitution made).
 Randy Lee Smith, DWI, two years probation, \$800 fine, 45 days in county jail, 50 hours community service.
 Richey Truitt, family violence protective order

initiated.
 Anthony Martin Dupree, theft of property by check, dismissed (court costs and restitution made).
 Byron Devoll Laury, assault causing bodily injury, one year probation, \$1,200 fine, 24 hours community service.
 James Allen Sellers, order granting motion to dismiss.
 Lori Berry, deferment of adjudication, theft of property by check, six months probation, \$1,300 fine, 24 hours community service.
 Sandra Denise Rodgers, DWI, dismissed (defendant convicted in another case).
 Odell Messer, cause 24009 dismissed (defendant is deceased).
 Claude Eugene Padgett, DWI, dismissed (insufficient evidence).
 Vickie Lynn Broadstreet, DWI, dismissed (defendant convicted in another case).
 Jason Levi, driving while license invalid, six months probation, \$250 fine, 15 days in county jail, 24 hours community service.
 Mendi Deann Flores, criminal mischief, dismissed (insufficient evidence).
 Judy Belknap, theft of property by check, dismissed (court costs and restitution made).
 Michael S. Ailport, theft of property by check, dismissed (court costs and restitution made).
 Neal Thomas, theft of property by check, dismissed (court costs and restitution made).
 Billy Jay Hagerman, deferment of adjudication, theft of property by check, six months probation, \$300 fine, 24 hours community service.
 Sandra Denise Rogers, DWI, one year probation, \$1,500 fine, 10 days in county jail, 100 hours community service.
 Jorge Ruiz, failure to identify, six months probation, \$300 fine, 20 days in county jail, 30 hours community service.
 Robert Allen Thomas, possession of marijuana under 20 oz., six months probation, \$750 fine, 30 days in county jail, 35 hours community service.
 Mark John Lybeck, driving at an unsafe speed, \$109.25 fine.
 Tracy Lee Lovett, deferment of adjudication, speeding, 30 days probation, \$100 fine.
 Richard Burton Palmer, possession of marijuana under 20 oz., \$700 fine, 120 days in county jail.
 Mark G. Watkins, theft of property by check, one year probation, \$500 fine, 50 hours community service.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Partly cloudy today with a high in the low-mid 40s and south winds at 15 mph. Tonight, clearing and cold with a low in the mid 20s and light westerly winds. Tomorrow, sunny and warmer with a high in the mid 40s and southwest winds from 10-20 mph. The overnight low was 31. Moisture of .06 inches derived from 1-inch of snow was recorded.

REGIONAL FORECAST
WEST TEXAS — South Plains/Low Rolling Plains — Freeze warning for tonight. Tonight, clear and cold. Lows from the upper teens to upper 20s. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs from the mid 40s to lower 50s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Freeze warning for tonight. Tonight, clear and cold. Lows 20-25. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs around 50. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Freeze warning for tonight. Tonight, partly cloudy and cold. Lows from the mid 20s to around 30. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the 50s. Far West Texas

— Freeze warning for tonight. Tonight, clear and cold. Lows around 20. Tuesday, sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Freeze warning for tonight. Tonight, clear and cold. Lows from near 20 Marfa Plateau to near 30 Big Bend. 30s Big Bend. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs from the lower 50s mountains to the lower 60s along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Freeze warning tonight west and extreme north central. Tonight, mostly cloudy with rain east, dry elsewhere. High 47 northwest to 64 southeast. Low 28 west to 42 east. Tuesday, becoming mostly sunny. Highs in the low to mid 50s.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy and breezy. Cool with low in the lower 40s, lower 30s Hill Country. Tuesday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Lows from the 40s inland to mid 50s at the coast. Tuesday, a chance of morning showers.

Otherwise partly sunny and cool. Breezy toward the coast. Highs in the lower to mid 50s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy Rio Grande plains, mostly cloudy elsewhere. Cool with lows in the mid 40s inland to mid 50s coast. Tuesday, partly cloudy and cool. Highs in the upper 50s to mid 60s.

BORDER STATES
NEW MEXICO — Tonight, fair skies and cold except patchy low clouds or fog eastern plains and northern valleys. Lows from 10 below zero to mid teens mountains, mostly teens lower elevations north and upper teens to 20s south. Tuesday, fair to partly cloudy skies. Not quite as cold north and west. Highs upper 20s to near 40 mountains and northwest, 40s to mid 50s east and south. Lows 5 below zero to the lower 20s mountains and north with mostly 20s south.

OKLAHOMA — Freeze warning most areas tonight. Tonight, clearing and colder. Lows upper teens in far northwest Oklahoma to near 30 southeast Oklahoma. Tuesday, sunny and not as cool. Highs in the low to mid 50s.

Horses befriended, stabbed

BARLING, Ark. (AP) — Authorities put ranchers in western Arkansas on alert after two horses were stabbed to death and eight others were wounded over the weekend.
 Some of the horses were befriended in fields and others were lured with food to the front of their barn stalls before being attacked, said Barling police officer Larry Croom. Two of his horses were wounded — just over two weeks after another of his horses was stabbed to death in a pasture.
 Police planned to interview several people today, but they were not classified as suspects.
 The attacks occurred at three farms Saturday, all along the same quarter-mile of a rural road. All but one of the horses were stabbed in the neck or head, he said.
 "It's very impersonal to drive by and shoot a horse," police spokeswoman Victoria Harris said. "But it's another thing to be nice, befriend the horse, and then stab it to death. Anyone who can look into the soft, brown eyes of a horse and then stab it has the profile of a serial killer."

City briefs

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Texas roundup

Two space station parts joined; astronauts' spacewalk next

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The first two building blocks of the international space station were firmly hooked together and soaring high above the Earth today, awaiting a visit from two spacewalking astronauts to attach electrical connectors and cables between the parts.

During the 6 1/2-hour spacewalk, scheduled to begin this evening, astronauts Jerry Ross and James Newman will hook up 40 connectors to supply power to the fledgling outpost. Newman likened the job to construction work.

"Essentially we're putting an office building together," he explained. Two other spacewalks are planned during the 12-day assembly mission, to install handrails and other tools for future crews.

The first two space station parts — the Russian-built Zarya control module and American-made Unity chamber — were connected on Sunday, creating a seven-story tower out of the cargo bay of the shuttle Endeavour. The joined modules will be released from the shuttle once all of the spacewalks are completed.

Owner of lights trail confronted by sheriff

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — In the past, Jerry Hagee has hired off-duty sheriff's deputies to control traffic outside his popular holiday lights trail.

This year, the two sides couldn't agree on compensation. But deputies were there anyway — to take Hagee into custody.

Kendall County Sheriff Henry Hodge said Jerry Hagee, 61, was interfering with officers trying to clear unsafe traffic off Highway 46, near his Follow the Star trail.

But Hagee said the incident resulted from a financial dispute with deputies, who he has now hired to control traffic.

The trail closed Saturday but reopened Sunday evening.

Former leader of Branch Davidians escapes from mental hospital

WACO, Texas (AP) — Former Branch Davidian leader George Roden is on the loose again.

Authorities said Roden, predecessor to David Koresh as sect leader, escaped Saturday from a West Texas mental hospital.

It's believed Roden may be heading to New York or another city with a major airport so he can leave the country.

It is his third successful escape from state mental hospitals since 1993.

"We like to call it unauthorized departure," Ed Moughon, chief executive officer of Big Spring State Hospital told The Waco Tribune-Herald.

Federal changes in welfare force Texas to catch up

DALLAS (AP) — When the Legislature convenes in January, it will face the task of updating state welfare laws to conform with recent federal reforms, according to some lawmakers.

The federal welfare overhaul in 1996 created tougher work requirements and stronger penalties for recipients who break the law or refuse to cooperate with welfare officials.

Most lawmakers believe they must conform with the federal law, state Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, chairman of the House Human Services Committee, told The Dallas Morning News. The lawmakers' decisions could affect thousands of welfare recipients and cost the state millions of dollars, experts said.

"You just can't talk your way out of the fact that it's going to be harder on some of these families," Patrick Bresette, associate director of the Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities, told the newspaper. "The provisions to increase penalties and what not, some of them without a doubt could be tougher on clients."

Texas was once in the vanguard of welfare reform, now the state is playing catch-up.

Convicted serial killer facing execution this evening

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court is considering whether to halt this evening's scheduled execution of convicted serial killer Daniel Lee Corwin.

Corwin, 40, of Temple, is asking the high court review the case that sent him to death row for murdering three Southeast Texas women during a nine-month period of 1987.

He would be the 17th convicted murderer to receive lethal injection this year in Texas and the first of four on consecutive days this week.

Corwin was condemned for the murders of Alice Martin, 72, of Normangee; Debra Lynn Ewing, 26, of Conroe; and Mary Carrell Risinger, 36, of Huntsville.

All died horribly in similar fashion.

Elsewhere:

OIL PROBLEMS: Independent oil producers in West Texas are wondering how long their businesses can survive. That's because crude oil prices are plunging to new lows. ... **UP BACK:** Union Pacific Railroad is back on track after suffering so many problems that they lost about \$1 billion in business. As the Christmas shipping season comes to a close, the nation's largest railroad is credited with making significant improvements to help keep holiday merchandise flowing.



Nurse Sue Leeper gives Jean Hunt a flu vaccine recently at a shot clinic held at the Harvest House in conjunction with the Texas Department of Health.

Thieves stealing mailboxes, not just mail

SEATTLE (AP) — Thieves are finding new ways to steal mail now that the Postal Service has installed high-security mailboxes — they're smashing the boxes open with cars and sledgehammers.

Six of Seattle's new theft-resistant blue streetside mailboxes fell victim to the thieves over the weekend.

Four of the boxes were ripped off of their concrete pads and hauled away. Two others were "beaten to a pulp" with crowbars or sledgehammers, but withstood efforts to break into them, Postal Service Inspector Jim Bordenet said.

Postal workers began working last month on a \$2 million program to replace 3,500 blue mailboxes stretching from Everett to Tacoma. Thieves had obtained a master key to them,

and reports of lost credit cards and checks had skyrocketed. One man recently convicted of possessing checks he stole from Seattle mailboxes told authorities he was part of a ring of 30 bandits who used the keys to conduct nightly box raids.

Although they admitted the boxes weren't safe, postal authorities at first said it would take years to fix the problem. But after a public outcry, the agency stepped up its efforts to correct the problem, adding brass padlocks to 90 percent of the old boxes in Seattle until the boxes could be replaced.

The new boxes are made of heavy-gauge metal and have a wider lip and added pins on the door to stymie any attempts to pry open the doors. The boxes also are bolted to the pavement with two different bolts, and each box is fitted with a hardened-steel lock with a

counterfeit-proof key. Word of the attacks on the new boxes dismayed and frustrated neighborhood residents.

"I guess I was pretty upset with the post office's initial reaction to the mail theft problem — that they'd get it fixed within a year or so," said Allen Sinear, who lives just a few doors from one of the mailboxes hit early Sunday.

"But it is kind of hard to know what they should be doing with these kind of tactics," he said.

Sinear said he thinks the noise involved in ripping the mailboxes off of their bases eventually will trip up the thieves.

"My guess is that somebody couldn't get away with that too many times without getting caught," Sinear added.

Snow falls on Phoenix, Las Vegas

PHOENIX (AP) — There's been record cold and even snow in the desert Southwest, while much of the rest of the nation has had a snow drought and record warmth.

Phoenix got its first snowfall in four years Sunday.

"The snowflakes are the size of quarters," said Sandra Steele as she watched the snow fall outside her home in suburban Scottsdale. "It's just beautiful."

"It looks kind of strange because you're not used to seeing snowflakes out of your window no matter how cold it gets," said Gerri Cosney in suburban Cave Creek.

An inch of snow fell Sunday morning at Las Vegas, Nev., momentarily distracting gamblers. Enough fell for children and even a group of firefighters to make snowmen.

And today in Los Angeles, the mountains framing the city had a coating of snow that reached elevations as low as 3,000 feet. The snow fell during the night after a day of stormy weather in which high wind knocked out power to some 40,000 customers in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

Las Vegas' McCarran International Airport was closed for 20 minutes because of blowing snow Sunday, but only one flight was affected, said spokeswoman Cynthia Anderson.

The last measurable snowfall in Las Vegas was three-quarters of an inch on Feb. 26, 1996.

The snow in Phoenix quickly changed to rain, but Sunday's high temperature was only 48, a record for the date in the palm tree-studded desert city and 19 degrees below normal. The National Weather Service said the last snow recorded in the Phoenix area was a trace on Feb. 4, 1994, and the last measurable snow was Dec. 21-22, 1990, when 0.4 of an inch fell.

At the higher elevations of northern Arizona, up to 5 inches of snow fell near Flagstaff, Kingman and Prescott.

A 30-mile stretch of steep Interstate 17 between Flagstaff and the Sedona turnoff had to be closed for about four hours Sunday. The state Department of Public Safety said dozens of cars slid off the road

but there were no serious accidents.

Farther north, in the Sierra Nevada along the California-Nevada state line, ski resorts around Lake Tahoe got up to 1 1/2 feet of snow during the weekend, for a total of more than 5 feet over the past week.

The Alpine Meadows resort already has 100 inches, a total usually not reached until sometime in January, spokeswoman Rachael Woods said.

That's in stark contrast with the eastern half of the nation, where most ski resorts haven't even had enough low temperatures for machine-made snow.

Today, Buffalo, N.Y., which has a reputation for cold and deep snow, had a record temperature of 69 — before the sun even came up.

And the temperature warmed to 73 degrees this morning at Concord, N.H., a record for that New England city for the entire month of December. Concord has had only 0.6 of an inch of snow. Burlington, Vt., reached 64 before dawn, three degrees above the old record for the date.

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Americans weigh too much, experts say

BROWNS VALLEY, Minn. — The condition of being overweight results in 300,000 deaths per year. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's day Americans gain between five and 10 pounds and consume two pounds of fat. Americans are just too fat.

Research says 55 percent of all adults are overweight. If the trend continues, experts say within a few generations virtually every U.S. adult will be overweight. "Overweight and obesity pose a major public health challenge," says National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Director Dr. Claude Lenfant.

Recently the American Heart Association added obesity to its list of major risk factors for heart disease and heart attacks. Obesity is a reason why so many Americans have elevated cholesterol and blood pressure levels. It is also linked to stroke, diabetes, premature death and asthma.

According to the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, the trend in the prevalence of overweight and obesity is upward. However, studies are showing we are eating less, but we are heavier than ever before. It doesn't make sense. Could it be that everything we believe about weight control may be wrong? After all, if there is one thing Americans know how to do is to diet. It has become a real national pastime.

Ten years ago, your local supermarket would have been fortunate to even find one tiny section with local foods and liquid meals that had no flavor. Why? Because fats help to bring out the flavor in food. Today's supermarket is a dieter's paradise. There are non-fat yogurts, fat-free cookies, pastas, muffins, desserts and even cholesterol-free eggs and cheeses. A lot of these foods taste more delicious than their heavyweight originals. If we are all eating light, why are we getting heavier?

You see, today our foods in the supermarket are created by engineers, not by chefs. They have devel-

oped all kinds of new fat substitutes. So what is the problem? "It is the fat substitutes themselves. Many of them are made from sugar and other ultra-refined carbohydrates," states Rick Handel, a leading nutritional scientific researcher and a member of British Herbal Medicine Association, Institute of Food Technologists and American Botanical.

So that high tech brownie you're eating may have not fat, but in fact delivers twice the sugar calories of Mom's homemade. "Too many empty carbohydrate calories in the diet can be as bad or worse than too much fat," says Handel.

A study published in the New England Journal of Medicine recently tells us clearly eating too much sugar, bread or pasta steps up production of metabolic enzymes that make us store more fat. There is a place for carbohydrates, proteins and even fat.

"In moderation, fat in the diet helps slow down the absorption of calories, they also stimulate the hormone CCK which signals the brain that you are full," says Handel.

How about those fad diets, low calorie diets, very low calorie diets, ultra low calorie diets and cabbage soup diets. At first you will lose some weight, although the pounds lost are mostly water and lean muscle. As your body senses it is starving, your metabolism slows down to a crawl and protects itself by converting everything you eat into stored fuel, fat.

When your body goes into fat storage mode, you quickly go back to your original weight, but a greater percentage is fat and a lesser percentage is lean muscle tissue. And since only lean muscle tissue can burn calories, any future diet will become more difficult. This leads to the yo-yo syndrome. Every cycle of weight loss is followed by even more weight gain.

The National Institute of Health reporting in the Annals of Internal Medicine tells us not only caloric restrictions are not a good long term strategy for weight loss, but for some people cutting back on calories can lead to health risk. Also, the safe way to lose weight doesn't come from a drug. Drugs have uncomfortable side-effects including diarrhea and drowsiness. Regarding the hype for the herbal pills promising miraculous results without dieting or exercising, most of these are loaded with stimulants or harsh laxatives.

So what is the solution?

"It is not simply a nutrition problem," states Dr. Earl Mindell, Ph.D., R.Ph., a leading nutritionist and an international expert on vitamins, dietary supplements, nutrition and author of the "Vitamin Bible."

Mindell is convinced for permanent weight loss individuals need to seek programs that require a multidimensional approach including a healthy but simple eating plan, exercises, behavioral strategies and goal setting. A successful program should have a thermogenics aspect that doesn't stress the adrenal system. Thermogenics is the metabolic process by which we maintain our body temperature by burning our stored body fat as fuel.

For educational information on healthy weight control, call (888) 688-8048.

Health briefs

When days and moods grow darker

DALLAS — For some people, autumn's palette isn't all reds, oranges and golds. It is blue.

Dr. Madhukar Trivedi, associate professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, says the loss of light comes with the end of long summer days and daylight-saving time can give some people the blues.

Seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, is a type of depression related to lack of exposure to certain frequencies of light. Although more needs to be learned about SAD, many therapists recommend light therapy using special light bulbs in light boxes, fluorescent lights or lamps designed for therapeutic purposes, Trivedi says.

Consult a physician or therapist if you experience a persistent change in sleeping or eating habits; feel irritable, nervous or fatigued; lose an interest in hobbies or withdraw from friends and family; or have thoughts of death. These may be signs of depression.

Low-tech thermometer will get the job done

DALLAS — In these technology-mad times, it's often assumed that the highest-of-the-high-tech must be the best. But when it comes to taking a baby's temperature, a mercury thermometer like the ones your parents used may be cheaper and more accurate than the digital and in-ear (tympanic) gizmos available.

"Tympanic thermometers yield the quickest reading of all thermometers—they take about two to three seconds—but they're also the most expensive and have the greatest variability," says Dr. Joel Steinberg, professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. They also require maintenance to ensure accuracy.

Steinberg stresses that fever is a symptom, not an illness, so fixating on a specific temperature won't yield a diagnosis. The range rather than the exact number is the key. "When you're taking an infant's temperature,

you're essentially trying to find out if it's above normal so you can determine a cause of illness," he says.

RICE often best medicine for aching muscles

DALLAS — Egos aren't all that may take a beating in friendly games of pickup basketball and football. Muscles may be strained, and knees and ankles often injured.

"You want to be the jock you once were, but that's not always realistic," says Dr. Ronald Charles, assistant professor of emergency medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "To reduce the risk of injury stretch and warm up before play and try to realize your limitations."

If an injury leaves you unable to walk, in severe pain or with moderate swelling, get to a hospital emergency department for evaluation. Otherwise, Charles says, remember RICE: rest, ice, compression and evaluation. If RICE and over-the-counter pain medications don't bring relief, then see your doctor.

Retirement plan can mean more than money

DALLAS — Baby boomers need to consider more than money as they look to retirement.

"You want to be able to enjoy those savings in good health," says Dr. Lynne Kirk, associate dean for graduate medical education at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Unfortunately, most people gain weight as they get older, and as you add those pounds you can significantly increase your risk for silent diseases that you may not know you have."

Kirk, an internist, says overweight people are more likely to develop heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, arthritis and some cancers. "The good news is, even losing five or 10 pounds can make a difference," she says.

While some people turn to financial advisors for retirement planning, Kirk says it may be a valuable for them to form a partnership with a physician to mon-

itor conditions that can come with weight gain.

When to take calcium as important as why

If you take a calcium supplement, when may be just as important as why. To maximize the bone-building benefits of calcium, take the supplement with a meal, which makes it easier for your body to break down and use the most calcium it can get from a supplement," says Dr. Khashayar Sakhaee, professor for older people because they often produce less acid then they did when they were younger. By taking advantage of your body's natural digestion process, you can maximize the benefits of the calcium."

Sakhaee also recommends choosing a calcium citrate supplement because it is more soluble than calcium carbonate, the common variety.

Screening should start early for colon cancer

DALLAS — Some people should ignore advice begin screening for colon cancer at age 50. For them, 50 may be too late.

Dr. Samuel Bielgik, assistant professor of surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, says people are at risk of developing an inherited form of colon cancer if three or more family members have colorectal cancer, if two of them are immediate family, if the cancer had spread over at least two generations or if the cancer was diagnosed before the patient was 50.

"If you meet any of these criteria, it is important that you check with your physician," Bielgik says. "Most likely you should undergo endoscopic colon-cancer screening at an early age, probably during your 20s."

If you don't have colorectal cancer in your family remember nonhereditary colorectal cancer accounts for the majority of cases and occurs most often in people older than 50. That is why standard screening includes a yearly stool blood and flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years beginning at age 50.

Cholesterol-lowering drugs improve survival rate

By The Associated Press
Cholesterol-lowering drugs can significantly reduce the risk of death in heart attack victims, even if their cholesterol levels are not greatly elevated, according to study published recently.

In the study, 9,014 people who survived heart attacks or serious angina were randomly assigned to get either pravastatin, also known as Pravachol, or dummy pills. Their cholesterol levels ranged from 155 to 271.

Over six years of follow-up, Pravachol reduced deaths from heart disease by 24 percent.

Deaths from all causes fell from 14 percent to 11 percent. In the United States, about 30 percent of heart attack survivors are taking cholesterol-lowering medicines.

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Study: Start diabetes screening much earlier

CHICAGO (AP) — Diabetes screening should be considered for people as young as age 25 — 20 years earlier than now recommended — to prevent blindness, kidney failure and amputations, government researchers say.

Earlier screening likely would mean earlier diagnoses and treatment to avoid debilitating complications of the disease, said researchers led by Dr. Michael Engelgau of the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Their report was published in a recent issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Diabetes afflicts 16 million Americans, and at least a third of them are unaware they have the illness, experts estimate. It is the leading U.S. cause of blindness, kidney failure and amputations and kills 180,000 a year.

Dr. Gerald Bernstein, president of the American Diabetes Association, agrees with the study's conclusions, though his group recommended last year that routine screening begin at age 45 among the general population.

The ADA also recommends that testing be considered earlier than age 45 among people in high-risk groups, such as non-Caucasians, the obese and people with a family history of diabetes.

Bernstein said Tuesday that though the CDC report differs from the guidelines, it is consistent with their intent and approach.

"What we are learning, unfortunately, is this is now a disease of children," said Bernstein, director of diabetes management programs at Beth Israel Health Care Systems in New York.

One-fourth of new diabetes cases among people under age 20 are now type 2, he said.

Formerly called adult-onset or insulin-independent diabetes, type 2 diabetes generally develops after age

40. It is treated only with dietary changes and pills, though many type 2 patients now take insulin shots.

Type 2 is making alarming gains among youth because of rising childhood obesity and the prevalence of sedentary lifestyles, said Bernstein, who was not involved in the new study.

"If you can pick up type 2 diabetes in a 12-year-old or a 15-year-old and begin an intervention, you can prevent these people from suddenly appearing with end-stage diabetes when they're 35," Bernstein said.

Type 2 diabetes, often preceded by obesity or other health problems, accounts for 95 percent of all diabetes cases. A slow-developing disease, it occurs when the body gradually loses its ability to use insulin properly and/or the pancreas, which produces insulin, fails to keep up with the body's need for it.

Insulin is the hormone needed for cells to convert sugar into energy.

Type 1, formerly called juvenile-onset or insulin-dependent diabetes, develops much more rapidly and usually appears suddenly between ages 10 and 16. In type 1, the pancreatic cells that made insulin are destroyed by the body's immune system mistakenly attacking them.

The CDC researchers used a computer model to gauge the effects that screening various age groups would have on later diabetes complications, based on existing data about treatment.

The study found that routine screening of young adults — ages 25 to 34 — would have the best value, and the later screening began the less disability per dollar it would prevent. Screening all adults age 25 and up would decrease the average age at diagnosis by nearly six years, the researchers predicted. Without such screening, type 2 diabetes typically exists nine to 12 years before diagnosis, they said.




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Too Many Fathers Vie For Baby's Last Name

DEAR ABBY: Several months ago, I left "Bill," the man I had lived with for almost four years and with whom I have a daughter. I left him to move in with "John," someone I met on the Internet. It was a big mistake. John turned out to be a pathological liar who used me for my money. I was deeply hurt.

Abby, during our six months together, he was hired twice, but was fired from each job within two weeks. I bought him everything he had. He promised to repay me, but I haven't received one red cent from him. I am now filing for bankruptcy.

John told me he loved me and wanted us to marry and have a family. He talked me into going off the pill. I agreed because I loved him and wanted another child. Shortly after I found out I was pregnant, I realized that John had lied to me about everything, so I broke up with him.

Bill and I are back together now, and getting married soon. Since he will be raising the child, he wants his name on the birth certificate instead of John's. John is leaving the state and I don't think he will be back.

My question is: What last name should my child have? John feels that the baby should have his last name because he is the biological father. He threatened that if I didn't agree, he would get a court order. Can he do that since we were never married?

Abby, should I put Bill's name, John's name or "father unknown" on the birth certificate?



Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR UNDECIDED: I see no reason why you should put Bill's name on the birth certificate since he is not the child's biological father. However, since what you put on the birth certificate could have unforeseen consequences in the future, I urge you not to make this decision without consulting a lawyer.

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column most of my life, and more often than not I agree with your advice. However, when I read your response to "Wondering in Minnesota" about whether or not Protestants should kneel when participating in a Catholic celebration, I totally disagreed. You assert that it is not necessary for a Protestant to kneel when Catholics do.

Abby, I recently visited the Holy Land, and had the opportunity to enter many houses of worship and other holy places. Men (Jewish,

Christian, Moslem) are required to cover their heads with a yarmulke when entering the confines of the Western Wall in Jerusalem, so I did likewise. At the entrance to the mosque Al-Aksa, Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock, all are required to remove their shoes, so I removed my shoes.

Did I wear a yarmulke or remove my shoes because I believed in, agreed with or understood the religious reasons for these practices? No. I observed these traditions to show my respect while in the spiritual homes of my Jewish or Moslem brothers and sisters.

Not kneeling in Catholic services could be seen as a lack of respect to our specific approach to the universal God and the religious traditions of our people. Although most Catholics would never put someone out of a church for not kneeling, failure to kneel may send the wrong message.

Remember, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do."
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 NEW ORLEANS

DEAR FATHER RICARD: Thank you for writing and stating your viewpoint. However, the compromise offered by the Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles is to offer the option of kneeling, not kneeling, or merely sitting quietly. In other words, it's up to the individual.

to agree with a co-worker, though he has a valid point. Consider the hectic pace challenging, not overwhelming. A boss is out of sorts! Tonight: Run errands on the way home.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You could easily play it low-key and choose to avoid taking a risk. You might not be able to see the big picture. Trust your energy and enthusiasm. Your softer side emerges in your love life or with a child. Let someone make an extra effort. Tonight: It's your call.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Take a back seat when someone reveals his personality. Be more responsive to a family member. Make a point of scheduling some quiet time with this person. A partner approves, but expresses himself poorly. Read in between the lines. Tonight: Make it a home night.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Your efforts bring rewards. Your way of expressing yourself draws others and allows more friendship into your life. Return calls. Someone pays you a compliment. You love it! A difficult partner goes with the flow, but don't think it's permanent. Tonight: With friends.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Beam in what you want. Though you could be overly sensitive, you can still read a loved one cold. Follow through on a hunch with a boss. Discuss a difficult work-related situation; the time is right, especially if it involves money. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

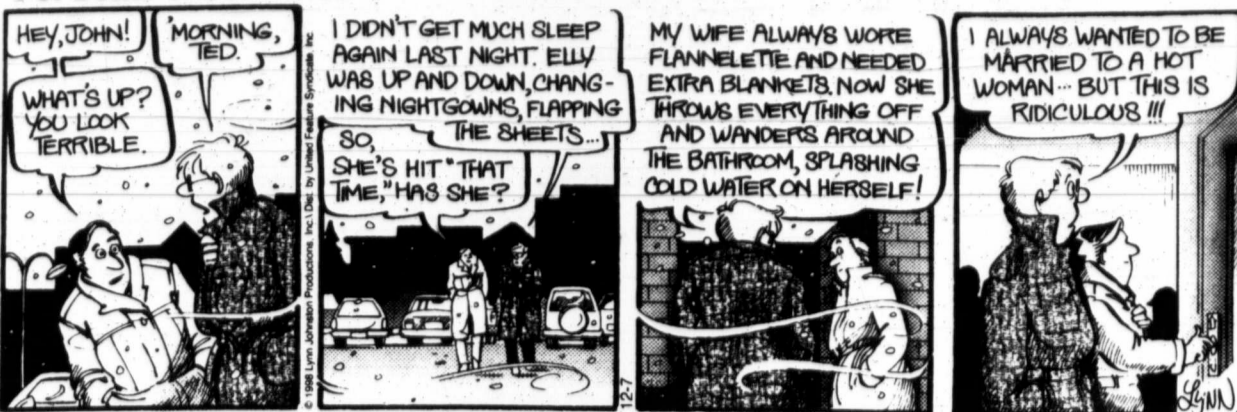
***** Distant elements draw your attention. You might have a hard time staying in the here and now. Make calls and contact people whom you are thinking about. Don't hold back on your feelings because of what you perceive someone's reaction to be. Tonight: Find the music.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** One-to-one relating opens doors. Think more about a domestic issue. Discussion: with a roommate or partner prove enlightening. Know that answers exist, but you need to reveal your true feelings. Someone is there for you. Don't worry as much. Tonight: Dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Allow others to see what you really are about. You can help a friend ease past a problem. One talk could be stilted and uncomfortable. Be sensitive to someone's offer. Others prove helpful and are willing to pitch in. Projects are easily completed. Tonight: The party happens.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** A compliment is important because of its source. Accept an offer that advances your career or improves your image. Others are responsive to your overtures. Do not overspend, even if it feels like a good idea. Count change. A mistake is likely. Tonight: Off for a workout.

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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)
 ***** Your even, steady attitude makes others comfortable. Taking action has a positive response. Impulsiveness works in an unique way right now. Travel and someone who is at a distance occupy your thoughts. Don't hold yourself back. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Emphasize family togetherness. A partner pitches in and makes an enticing offer. Intuition might be off because you are insecure. Share some of your thoughts, and get past immediate restrictions. Someone cares and demonstrates it. Tonight: Put your feet up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** You are expressive, directed and vibrant. A long-toiled project finally nears completion. Don't let a friend discourage you. You know what you can do. Popularity allows you more options than you have had in awhile. Tonight: Get started on holiday errands.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Finances dictate many of your choices. Don't kid yourself. Listen to someone's feedback. You don't have

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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 1 Gorillas
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 11 Action-star Chuck
 13 Turner of film
 14 Pinball palace
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 17 Sleeping site
 18 Famous sheep comment
 19 Director Craven
 21 Terrarium plant
 22 Boldly self-confident
 25 Some bait
 26 Time periods
 27 With 3-Down, noted Dada artist
 28 Bit of paint
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 3 See 27-Across
 4 Seattle team
 5 Vicious growls
 6 Rich dessert
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 22 Giving up
 23 Good speakers
 24 Berlin-based musical
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 27 "Das Lied" von der film
 28 Erde' composer
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 30 Cager Shaquille
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 32 Fixed shoes
 36 West of film

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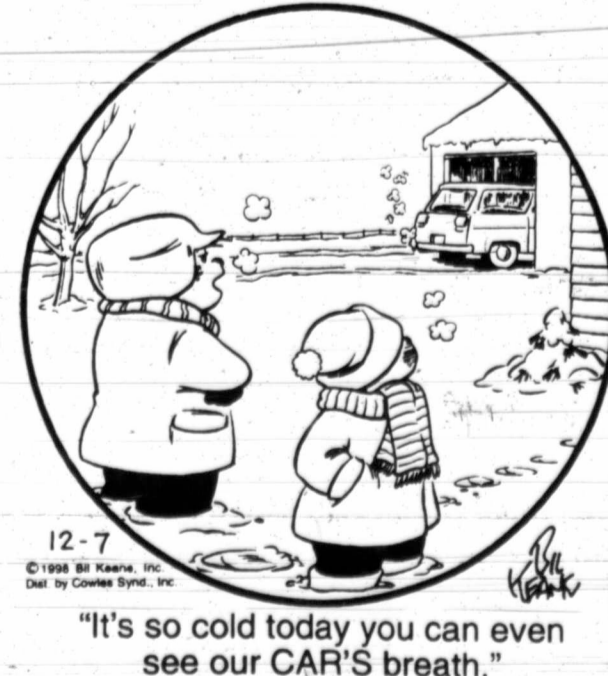
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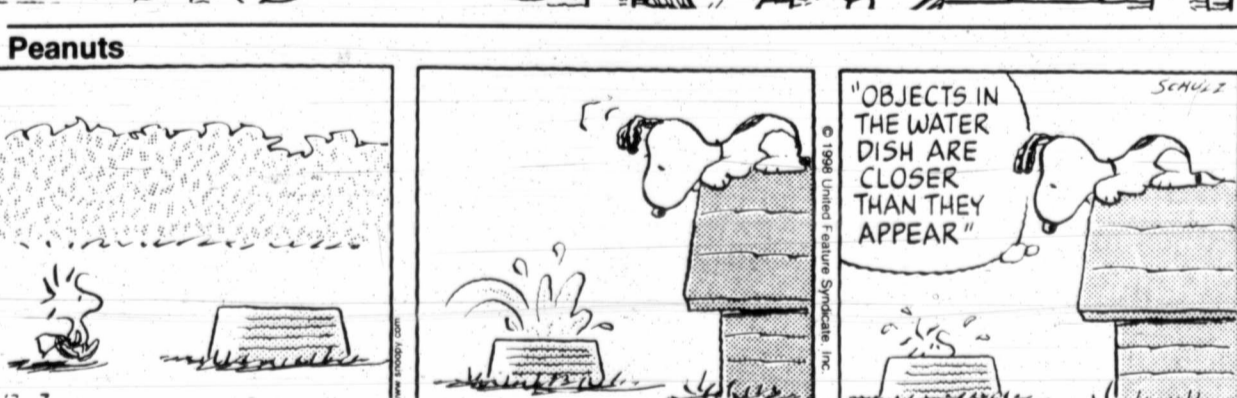


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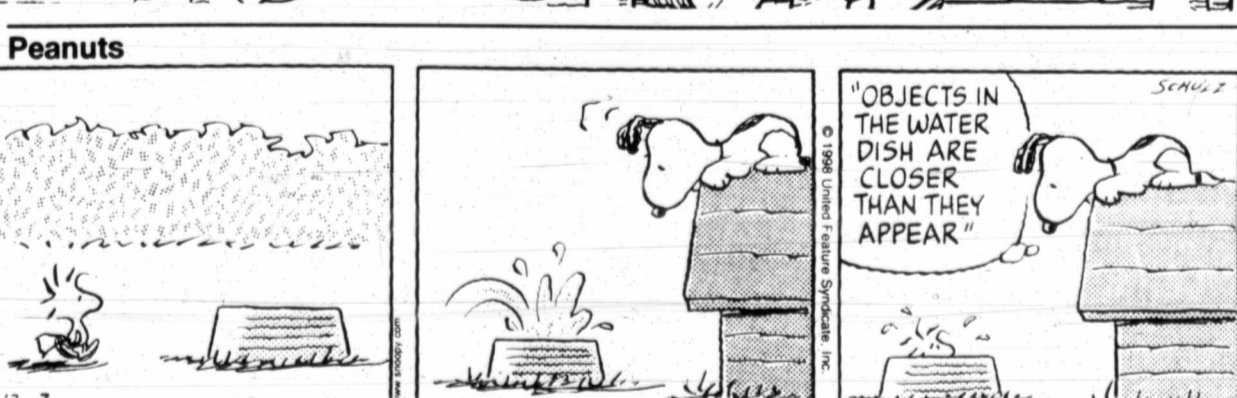
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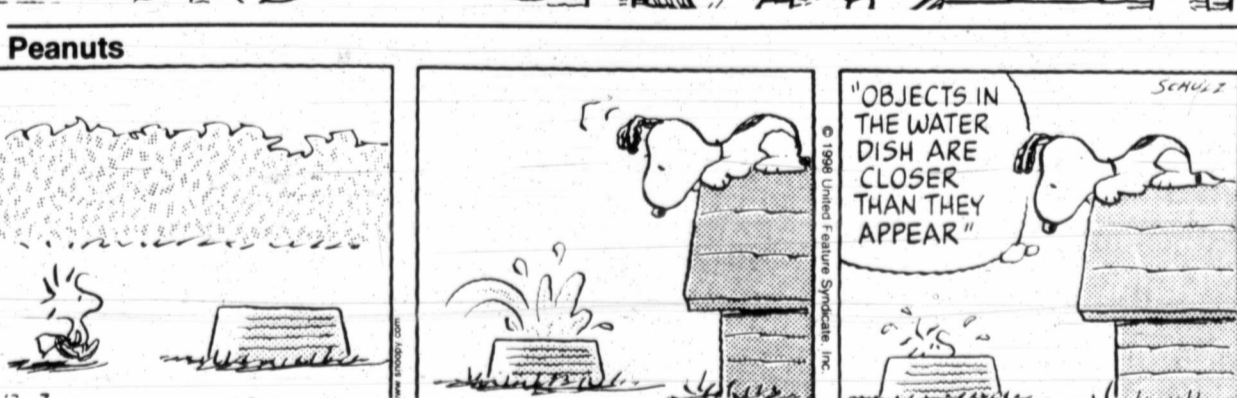
"It's so cold today you can even see our CAR'S breath."



"Objects in the water dish are closer than they appear"



"I think we should try to get along better... Let's call a truce"



"We're so happy we're dizzy. Things couldn't be better. That's why we're too busy... To write a real letter."

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FOOTBALL

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Miami Dolphins hardly needed Dan Marino on Sunday.

Linebackers Zach Thomas and Robert Jones returned interceptions for scores and Miami turned four first-half turnovers into 24 points in a 27-17 defeat of Oakland that kept the Dolphins tied with the New York Jets atop the AFC East.

Thomas and Jones each had another interception in the second half and the Dolphins had a team record-tying six overall, raising their NFL-leading total to 26 this season. Miami also sacked Donald Hollas eight times.

Thomas, who plays middle linebacker, is a Pampa native and a Texas Tech All-American.

Marino had a 19-yard scoring pass to Oronde Gadsden and Olindo Mare kicked field goals of 47 and 25 yards for the Dolphins (9-4), who play the Jets this coming Sunday in Miami.

HOCKEY

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — The Dallas Stars bounced back with a vengeance.

After a poor performance in Saturday's game in Vancouver, Dallas broke out for five goals in the second period en route to a 6-2 win over the Edmonton Oilers Sunday night.

"We play in quicksand in Dallas," said Stars center Mike Modano, explaining the 9-2 record here since the franchise moved to Texas. "We come up here and it's fast ice. We can skate and keep moving."

Modano had an assist on right-winger Jere Lehtinen's seventh goal of the season, which started the Stars' outburst 19 seconds into the second.

BASEBALL

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — Joe DiMaggio suffered a serious setback over the weekend in his recovery from lung cancer surgery, his doctor said today.

"Joe has had a significant and serious turn for the worse," Dr. Earl Barron told The Associated Press. "The outlook has dimmed over the past 72 hours. He's not in good shape."

Barron said DiMaggio's lung infection had returned and that he had developed a fever.

"He is being treated with antibiotics and his blood pressure is being maintained with medications," the doctor said.

DiMaggio remains in intensive care where he has been for much of the time since entering the hospital on Oct. 12. He underwent surgery to have a malignant tumor removed from his right lung two days later.

"I saw him this morning," Barron said. "We are continuing supportive care. The outlook is not as good as it was a few days ago."

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The ball Mark McGwire hit for his 69th home run has been sold to an anonymous sports collector, but there's still hope for those wanting own a piece of the slugger's historic 1998 season.

Four other McGwire home run balls will be sold on Jan. 12 by Guernsey's, a New York auction house. Sammy Sosa's home run balls Nos. 64 and 66 — his final of the season — also will be auctioned.

Michael D. Barnes, managing director of Creative Properties Management Group, which represents the sellers of the baseballs, said details of the auction would be released Tuesday.

Barnes would not disclose the sale price for McGwire's ball No. 69. But he said offers for the McGwire and Sosa homers "have ranged from the low six figures to mid seven figures."

The St. Louis Cardinals first baseman ended the season with 70 home runs.



(Pampa News photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa's Zane Powers shoots a jump shot over a Garden City player.

Wildcats ousted from playoffs

WICHITA FALLS — Canadian was defeated by Omaha Paul-Pewitt, 55-19, in a Class 2A Division 1 state semifinal game Saturday night.

The Wildcats close out their season with a 12-2 record while Omaha-Paul Pewitt (11-3) advances to the championship game against Brookshire-Royal.

Two of Canadian's three touchdowns came from the defense. Ty Dickinson scored on a 99-yard pass interception and Rex Lovelace returned a fumble 49 yards for another score.

Luke Farrar caught a 19-yard touchdown pass from Derek Maupin for Canadian's other score.

Maupin completed 7 of 17 pass attempts for 93 yards. Justin Billenwillms caught 2 passes for 75 yards.

Dickinson was the Wildcats' leading rusher with 63 yards on 13 carries.

He finished his senior season with 1,548 yards and 17 touchdowns.

Jimmy Wilkerson scored three touchdowns on runs of 41, 3 and 26 yards for the Brahmas, who had 501 yards in total offense.

Duncanville's running game is peaking just at the right time.

High School Football

heading into Saturday's Class 5A, Division I state championship against Converse Judson.

The Panthers gained 406 yards rushing in a 31-7 semifinal win over Houston Jersey Village. But now Duncanville (11-3) must measure its offense against the 14-0 Judson squad, which edged Aldine Eisenhower 29-22 in the other semifinal.

Judson showed it can stop a good running game — Eisenhower had averaged nearly 300 yards a game rushing but got only 139 against Judson.

The Division II state semifinals will pit Midland Lee (13-1) against Lake Highlands (9-5) and San Antonio McArthur (10-4) against either Katy Friends or Clear Brook.

In the Class 4A, Division I championship Saturday at Texas Stadium, Bay City (12-1) will face Grapevine (10-4). Bay City squeaked by Alice 20-17, while Grapevine rallied in the fourth quarter to beat Plainview 23-19.

Grapevine is looking for its second state title in three years. Bay City captured the title in

1983, and this year's Black Cats have survived several close games to extend their season into December.

In Saturday's Division II semifinals, Stephenville (13-1) will take on Southlake Carroll (13-1) at Texas Stadium, while La Marque (12-0) plays Smithson Valley (11-2) in San Marcos.

In Class 3A, Division I, Aledo (12-1) meets Cuero (11-3) for the title Saturday at a location to be decided.

The Division II semifinals pits Childress (12-2) against Daingerfield (13-0) and Newton (12-1) against Aransas Pass (12-2).

In Class 2A, Division I, Canadian (12-1) plays Omaha Paul Pewitt (13-3).

The Division II semifinals will match Stanton (13-1) against Celina (12-1), and Elysian Fields (11-3) meets Goldwaite.

In the Class A semifinals Friday night, Wheeler (11-2) plays Aspermont (14-0) in Vernon, while Tenaha (14-0) plays Iola (13-0) in Crockett.

In the six-man championship, Trinidad plays Gail Borden County. Trinity (14-0) hammered Strawn 88-40, while Borden rolled over Balmorhea 70-24.

Saints' defense shuts down Cowboys, Smith

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Cowboys learned one thing after their 22-3 pounding by the New Orleans Saints on Sunday: The bigger you are, the harder you fall.

"Anytime you're coming into a dome, it's going to be tough," said kickoff returner Tyrone Hughes. "Especially if you're the Cowboys, since everybody's going to play tough against you."

The Saints held the Cowboys without a touchdown, Troy Aikman to 16 completions and Emmitt Smith to just 6 yards.

The victory kept the Saints (6-7), who lost seven of their previous nine games, alive in the NFC playoff race. The Cowboys (8-5) could have clinched the 25th playoff berth in their 39-year history with a victory.

Dallas, which scored 30 or more points in five of the first six games Troy Aikman played this season, converted just four of 14 third downs.

It was the first time Dallas failed to score a touchdown since Oct. 26, 1997, against Philadelphia.

Cowboys fullback Daryl Johnston said Dallas lacked the intensity of the Saints.

"Maybe we didn't have the emotion they had as the game started and didn't match up and for that part, really didn't match them the rest of the game."

"Once they get out in front like that, they take you out of your game plan," Johnston said.

"So all of the sudden we are adjusting things that we need to do during the course of the game as opposed to what we planned to do all week. You don't want to be in that situation where the defense is dictating what your going to be doing offensively."

"What we know is that as the Dallas Cowboys, we're going to get everyone's best effort. Nobody's going to come out flat against us," Johnston said.

But the loss won't keep Dallas from preparing for next week's game at Kansas City, said safety George Teague.

"I think we have an advantage because of the tradition

here, winning Superbowls a lot," Teague said. "We'll be able to make the adjustment pretty easy."

Sunday's game marked the 142nd straight sellout for the Cowboys — at home or away. The streak includes 73 straight

Cougars capture Miami Tourney

MIAMI — Fort Elliott defeated Trinity Fellowship, 65-51, Saturday to win the boys' championship at the Tomahawk Classic.

Curt Smith tossed in 32 points to lead the Cougars in scoring. McCarrell had 23 points for Trinity Fellowship.

Spearmen won the girls' championship, defeating Wellington, 47-41, in the finals.

Adrienne Simpson led the winners with 17 points.

Pampa junior varsity teams competed in the tournament.

In the girls' division, Pampa reached the consolation finals and defeated Groom, 55-46.

Emily Hartman was high scorer for Pampa with 22 points. Karen Conrad had 15 points to lead Groom.

Pampa had earlier defeated Follett, 47-37.

Jennifer Lindsey topped Pampa in scoring with 16 points. Howard had 10 for Follett.

In the boys' division, Pampa was defeated by Follett, 51-41.

Follett's Josh Baker had 20 points. Kirk George led Pampa JV with 10 points.

LIBERAL, Kan. — The Pampa Harvesters competed in the Liberal Classic over the weekend.

Pampa lost to Garden City, 61-44, in the first game.

Wyatt Wurst was high scorer with 14 points for Garden City. Manny Gonzalez followed with 10.

Gary Alexander had 14 points and Bobby Holmes 13 to lead Pampa.

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Garden City led at halftime, 27-16.

Others scoring for Pampa were Colby Hale and Russell Robben 5 points each; Jesse Francis 4, Cony Young 2, and Kevin Osborn 1.

In the second and final game, Pampa lost to Liberal, 57-43.

Melvin Sanders of Liberal led all scorers with 24 points.

Scoring for Pampa were Kevin Osborn and Jesse Francis 8 points each; Shawn Young 6, Gary Alexander and Bobby Holmes 5 each; Casey Owens 4, Colby Hale 3, Zane Powers and Russell Robben 2 each.

Pampa plays at River Road at 7:30 Tuesday night.

LIBERAL, Kan. — Grand Island, Neb. defeated Pampa, 53-45, in the girls' division Saturday at the Liberal Classic.

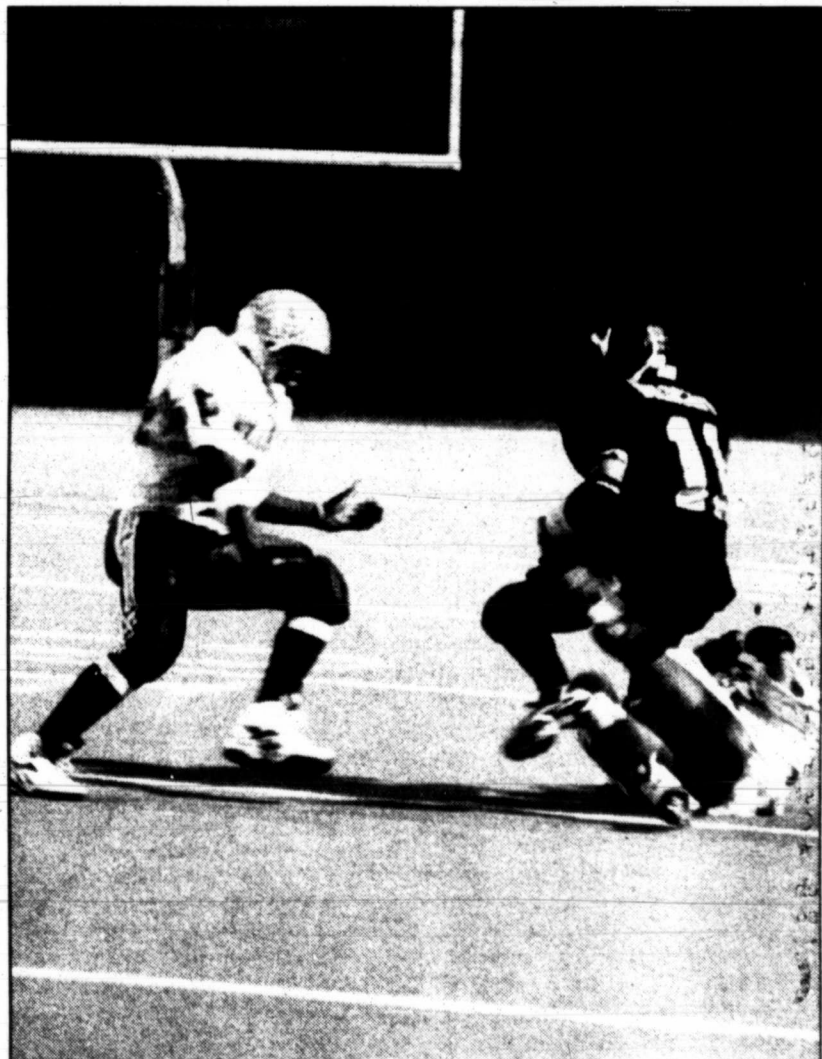
Kelsey Yowell led Pampa in scoring with 15 points while Jordanna Young added 12.

Brooke Plaque of Grand Island had 20 points, followed by Meagan Ott with 17.

Also scoring for Pampa were Anne Gaddis and Lisa Dwight 7 points each; Emily Waters 3, and Chasity Nachtigall 2.

Pampa won its first game of the classic, defeating Garden City, Kan. 41-38, Friday.

The Lady Harvesters play River Road at River Road on Tuesday night with the game starting at 6.



(Pampa News photo by Bonner Green)

Wildcats' running back Jose Morales (11) breaks a tackle for a short gain against the Omaha-Paul Pewitt defense Saturday night in a Class 2A Division 1 semifinal game.

Tennessee No. 1 by a landslide

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

Tennessee's No. 1, and there's no doubt about it.

The Volunteers, the only unbeaten team to survive a wild weekend of upsets, were the unanimous choice as the top team in the Associated Press' Top 25 final regular-season college football poll.

And now it's on to the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 4 for a matchup with No. 2 Florida State with the national championship on the line.

Tennessee (12-0) capped off a perfect season Saturday night with a 24-14 victory over Mississippi State in the Southeastern Conference title game. The Vols received all 70 first-place votes and 1,750 points from the sports writers and broadcasters on the AP panel.

It was the first time this season that one team collected every first-place vote.

Florida State (11-1) was the biggest winner after losses by Kansas State and UCLA, ranked 2-3 last week, even though the Seminoles didn't play. Florida State moved up two spots and finished the regular season where they were ranked in the preseason — at No. 2.

Ohio State (10-1) didn't play, either, but moved up to No. 3, while Kansas State (11-1) fell to No. 4, Arizona (11-1) moved up to No. 5 and UCLA (10-1) dropped to No. 6.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, Tennessee moved up to No. 1, followed by Florida State, Ohio State, Kansas State and Arizona.

The Big 12 Conference title game and UCLA was stymied by Miami 49-45 at the Orange Bowl.

Since 1965, when the AP began a poll after the bowl games, every No. 1 team winning a postseason game has won the national title.

Top-ranked teams are 15-15 in bowl games since '65. In 1974, Oklahoma did not play in a bowl game, and in 1966 and '67, the AP did not have a poll after the bowls.

Florida (9-2) remained No. 7, followed by No. 8 Texas A&M (11-2), No. 9 Wisconsin (10-1) and No. 10 Tulane, at 11-0 the only other major college unbeaten team.

Arkansas (9-2) was No. 11, followed by No. 12 Georgia Tech (9-2), No. 13 Virginia (9-2), No. 14 Nebraska (9-3), No. 15 Michigan (9-3), No. 16 Air Force (11-1), No. 17 Notre Dame (9-2), No. 18 Syracuse (8-3), No. 19 Georgia (8-3) and No. 20 Texas (8-3).

TCU leapfrogs over teams with better won-loss marks

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Christian leapfrogged over several teams with better records to become the unlikely Sun Bowl opponent of Southern California Sunday.

The appearance by TCU (6-5, 4-4 WAC) returns first-year coach Dennis Franchione to El Paso, where he was a regular visitor during his six years as head coach of New Mexico.

The Trojans (8-4, 5-3 Pac-10) Tuesday accepted their bid to play in the Dec. 31 contest in El Paso. The bowl will give the improving Frogs a chance to play a high-visibility opponent.

"Obviously, when you play USC, you're going to play a tradition-rich program," Franchione said. "We are a school that has been at one end of the spectrum and working our way to the other end. Playing a tradition-rich team only helps bring credibility to us and our pro-

gram."

TCU's last bowl appearance was a 20-10 loss to Virginia in the 1994 Independence Bowl. It's been almost that long for the traditionally bowl-bound Trojans, who ended Northwestern's 1995-96 Cinderella season with a victory at the Rose Bowl.

Even though El Paso is equidistant from Fort Worth and Los Angeles, Coach Paul Hackett said he thinks the home-field advantage goes to the Frogs.

"I'm afraid we're going into a little bit of hostile territory, because it's Texas and I don't want it to be too much of a home game for them," said Hackett, who came to the Trojans last year after a four-year stint with the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs.

TCU's selection came after Purdue was picked for the Alamo Bowl. The anticipated rematch of the Aug. 30 Pigskin Classic in Los Angeles, in which Southern Cal-

bested the Boilermakers 27-17, evaporated when Ohio State was selected to play Texas A&M in the Sugar Bowl and freed Purdue to move up to the Alamo Bowl.

Selection committee chairman John Folmer admitted that several teams with better records were passed over — including Wyoming, Central Florida, Colorado State and Miami, Ohio — because of geography and Franchione's ties to the El Paso area.

"The fact that we all know who Dennis is and the fact that he's got a young team, and he's on the go and on the rise," contributed to the committee's decision, Folmer said. "It gives us an opportunity to get a lot of folks here from all over Texas and southern New Mexico."

The game is set for noon MST on New Year's Eve.

Arizona State beat Iowa 17-7 in last year's Sun Bowl.

Baylor fires Roberts after 2-9 year

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor hired Dave Roberts as its football coach because he was considered a top recruiter with a creative offensive philosophy.

On Sunday, Roberts was fired, apparently because the program wasn't improving in either area.

The Bears went 2-9 in each of Roberts' two seasons, marking their worst back-to-back years since 1970-71. Athletic director Tom Stanton said Roberts would be reassigned and a search for a replacement would begin today. No candidates were immediately identified.

"We're at the bottom right now, so there's only one way to go and that's up," sophomore cornerback Gary Baxter, the first Roberts recruit to earn all-conference honors, told the Waco Tribune-Herald. "Everyone faults coach Roberts, but it's really not coach Roberts. Most of the time it's players and other things. But it just so happens he's the head coach, and he's got to take the blame for everything."

Stanton informed Roberts of his decision in a meeting Sunday,

and later met separately with the assistant coaches and players. Roberts told the team of the move shortly before Stanton spoke.

"It's kind of a shock to us to hear him say that he wasn't going to be with us for next year," said junior lineman Tyshaun Whitson, a Roberts junior college recruit. "He talked to us for a few minutes about the situation and told us to have a good season and keep working hard in the classroom."

Speculation of a replacement centered in recent weeks on former Alabama coach Gene Stallings, who retired to his ranch outside Paris, Texas, after leaving the Crimson Tide two years ago. Stallings reportedly has denied having any contact with representatives of Baylor. He was in Florida for speeches tonight and Tuesday and could not immediately be reached for comment.

Baylor issued a four-sentence statement about the change, noting that because Roberts still is under contract, school officials said he would be reassigned to "other responsibilities at the uni-

versity." Roberts has three years remaining on a contract that paid him about \$400,000 annually, plus incentives.

Roberts was hired following the firing of Chuck Reedy after Baylor went 4-7 in 1996. He was the first coach in any sport hired by Stanton, who is in his third year. Roberts beat out Navy's Charlie Weatherbie and current Arkansas coach Houston Nutt for the job.

Roberts, who developed a reputation as a great recruiter during head coaching stints at Western Kentucky and Northeast Louisiana, had spent the previous three seasons as Lou Holtz's offensive coordinator at Notre Dame.

He brought a commitment to install a wide-open passing game, but the Bears struggled offensively in his first season and stalled this year with inconsistent play at quarterback and offensive line. They finished near the bottom of the national rankings in both offense and defense en route to a third straight last-place finish in the South Division of the Big 12.

OSU could grab piece of crown

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

Just because college football put together a No. 1 vs. No. 2 game in the Fiesta Bowl doesn't mean there can't be another split national championship.

Consider this scenario:

No. 2 Florida State beats a No. 1 Tennessee in a poorly played game that features little scoring. The result leaves all the top teams with a loss, but the Vols are assured of a national title because the coaches agreed to automatically crown the Fiesta winner its champion.

Three nights earlier, though, a No. 3 Ohio State routs a No. 8 Texas A&M 49-3 and coach John Cooper starts stumping for votes, claiming his Buckeyes should share the national title by finishing No. 1 in The Associated Press' media poll.

A loss by the Vols would free up all 70 first-place votes in the AP poll, and when the final results are released on Jan. 5, can anyone be certain Florida State will be the clear-cut champion?

On Sunday, when his third-

ranked Buckeyes (10-1) were matched against the Aggies (11-2) in the Sugar, Cooper planted a seed.

"We're happy to be in the Sugar Bowl, but I think we can make an argument that we're one of the top two," Cooper said. "We were No. 1 for nine straight weeks. It's difficult to run the table to go undefeated. The day we got beat, we did not play our best game."

"You stub your toe one time, you've got to be a great team to get a chance to come back."

Ohio State was beaten 28-24 by unranked Michigan State on Nov. 7, while Florida State lost to unranked North Carolina State 24-7 on Sept. 12.

Last season, Michigan was No. 1 in both polls entering the bowls. The Wolverines won a close Rose Bowl, while a No. 2 Nebraska beat Tennessee in the Orange Bowl in coach Tom Osborne's final game. When the final polls came out, Michigan was the AP national champion, Nebraska the coaches' champion, marking the third time in the 1990s there were co-champions.

It might happen again.

After Saturday's wild, woolly and wacky results saw both Kansas State and UCLA lose perfect seasons and chances to play in the Fiesta Bowl, the two other BCS pairings matched No. 6 UCLA (10-1) vs. No. 9 Wisconsin (10-1) in the Rose Bowl and No. 7 Florida (9-2) vs. No. 18 Syracuse (8-3) in the Orange Bowl.

Kansas State (11-1), ranked third in the final BCS standings, was left out of the \$12 million per team payout a BCS game carries, and toppled down to the Alamo Bowl against unranked Purdue (8-4).

"How can we go from being one point away, one play away from playing Tennessee for the national championship to playing Purdue in the Alamo Bowl?" Kansas State president Jon Wefald wondered. "We should be in a BCS bowl."

K-State couldn't even get into the Big 12's more lucrative bowl games because Texas (8-3) had the Cotton Bowl locked up and Nebraska (9-3) had already been invited to the Holiday Bowl.

Bowl Championship Series officials avoiding the P-word

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

What some people won't do to avoid speaking the dreaded P-word.

The folks who run the Bowl Championship Series don't want a playoff. And just to make sure nobody gets one, they worked on math problems until their heads hurt, kept their fingers crossed so long they suffered cramps, and then, on Sunday, did more crowing over their handiwork than they had a right to.

It would take a year's supply of wrinkle cream, in fact, to wipe the grin off BCS chairman Roy Kramer's face now that Tennessee and Florida State are set to play for the national title Jan. 4 in the Fiesta Bowl.

"I feel we arrived at two tremendously qualified teams to be ranked 1-2," Kramer said every time somebody pointed a

television camera in his direction.

Exactly what Roy is so smug about is anyone's guess. The sports writers who vote in The Associated Press poll had it the same way. Ditto for the coaches in the USA Today/ESPN poll. So far as we know, none of them actually did the calculations called for in the BCS' complicated formula. And most of them still think quartiles are those big bottles of liquor people give out as gifts during the holidays.

Even so, everyone knew who the biggest beneficiary was when the craziest Saturday in a while wound down. It was FSU coach Bobby Bowden, who a day later still seemed stunned by his good fortune.

"I have never accomplished so much doing nothing yesterday, just sitting on the couch," he admitted.

Florida State absorbed its only loss at North Carolina State on

Sept. 12, slipped as low as No. 11 in both polls, and played its last game three weeks ago.

"Things worked out for us," Bowden added, "we were lucky. And yet there are several other teams that ought to be in there and probably deserve to be in there maybe as much as we do."

Therein lies the problem.

This was a regular season when No. 1 was not in doubt, and No. 2 was close to a consensus choice. But Nos. 3-5, and possibly even No. 6, were anything but. In the final BCS standings, Nos. 3-6 were Kansas State, Ohio State, UCLA and Texas A&M. Those rankings didn't turn out to be worth anything more than the paper they were printed on.

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Scoreboard

PRO FOOTBALL

National Football League
At A Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	9	4	0	.692	347	230
Miami	9	4	0	.692	258	185
New England	8	5	0	.615	285	245
Buffalo	8	5	0	.615	301	262
Indianapolis	2	11	0	.154	229	364

CENTRAL

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Jacksonville	10	3	0	.769	348	269
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	276	251
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	.538	233	241
Baltimore	5	8	0	.385	219	263
Cincinnati	2	11	0	.154	217	354

WEST

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Denver	13	0	0	1.000	436	237
Oakland	7	6	0	.538	226	271
Seattle	6	7	0	.462	226	268
Kansas City	5	8	0	.385	269	294
San Diego	5	8	0	.385	201	271

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	328	239
Arizona	6	7	0	.462	270	331
N.Y. Giants	5	8	0	.385	219	276
Washington	4	9	0	.308	264	357
Philadelphia	3	10	0	.231	125	291

CENTRAL

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Minnesota	12	1	0	.923	442	242
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	314	240
Tampa Bay	5	7	0	.417	223	250
Detroit	5	8	0	.385	266	300
Chicago	3	10	0	.231	219	323

WEST

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Atlanta	11	2	0	.846	353	239
San Francisco	10	3	0	.769	385	272
New Orleans	6	7	0	.462	238	268
St. Louis	3	10	0	.231	221	302
Carolina	2	11	0	.154	264	353

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched division title

Thursday's Game

Philadelphia 17, St. Louis 14 Sunday's Games

Buffalo 33, Cincinnati 20
New Orleans 22, Dallas 3
Jacksonville 37, Detroit 22
Atlanta 28, Indianapolis 21
New England 23, Pittsburgh 9
Washington 24, San Diego 9
San Francisco 31, Carolina 28, OT
New York Jets 32, Seattle 31
New York Giants 23, Arizona 19
Denver 35, Kansas City 31
Miami 27, Oakland 17
Tennessee 16, Baltimore 14
Minnesota 48, Chicago 22

Monday's Game

Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 13

Arizona at Philadelphia, 1:01 p.m.
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1:01 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 1:01 p.m.
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 1:01 p.m.
Denver at New York Giants, 1:01 p.m.
New England at St. Louis, 1:01 p.m.
Oakland at Buffalo, 1:01 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 1:01 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1:01 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 1:01 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Kansas City, 4:15 p.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 4:15 p.m.
New York Jets at Miami, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 14

Detroit at San Francisco, 8:20 p.m.

Cowboys-Saints Stats

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	3	0	0	1.000	—	—
New Orleans	2	17	3	.118	—	—

First Quarter

NO—Safety, Alkman intentional grounding in end zone, 14:05.

PRO FOOTBALL

Dal—FG Cunningham 33, 1:13.
Second Quarter
NO—Craver 4 pass from Collins (Brien kick), 7:54.
NO—Hastings 89 pass from Collins (Brien kick), 1:49.
NO—FG Brien 53, :00.
Third Quarter
NO—FG Brien 53, 8:41.
A—65,065.

Team	First downs	Rushes-yards	Passing	Punt>Returns	Kickoff>Returns	Interceptions:Ret.	Comp-Att-Int	Sacked-Yards:Lost	Fumbles-Lost	Penalties-Yards	Time of Possession
Dal	10	18-9	17-215	1-9	2-43	1-0	16-32-1	2-18	2-0	9-24	25:47
NO	17	36-113	1-4	3-25	1-34	0-0	16-29-1	2-24	2-24	7-37	34:13

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Dallas, E.Smith 15-6, S.Williams 2-2, Alkman 1-0, New Orleans, Perry 12-38, Davis 13-36, Hastings 1-16, Craver 5-14, Collins 4-10, L.Smith 1-(minus 1).

PASSING—Dallas, Alkman 16-32-0-192, New Orleans, Collins 16-28-1-239.

RECEIVING—Dallas, Irvin 5-74, Jeffers 3-40, B.Davis 3-36, S.Williams 3-28, LaFleur 1-12, Bjornson 1-4, New Orleans, Craver 5-19, Hastings 4-122, Gullford 4-62, Dawkins 2-27, T.Davis 1-9.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

RODEO

Saturday's National Finals Rodeo Results
LAS VEGAS (AP) — Results Saturday of the second round of the \$4.2 million National Finals Rodeo at the Thomas and Mack Center:

Bareback—1, Rocky Steagall, Sanger, Calif., 82 points on Harry Vold Rodeo Company's Big Valley Skool, \$13,005. 2, (tie) Larry Sandvick, Kaycee, Wyo., and Mark Gores, Hutchinson, Kan., 79, \$8,473 each. 4, (tie) Cleve Schmidt, Belle Fourche, S.D., and Eric Mouton, Weatherford, Okla., 78, \$4,729. 5, Rod Warren, Canada, 76, \$2,759. 6, Derek Clark, Colcord, Okla., 73, \$1,970.

Saddle bronc—1, Rod Hay, Canada, 84 points on Cervi Championship Rodeo's Skool's Rio Bravo, \$13,005. 2, Bret Franks, Goodwell, Okla., 80, \$9,852. 3, Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, 79, \$7,093. 4, Jess Martin, Dillon, Mont., 78, \$4,729. 5, Rod Warren, Canada, 76, \$2,759. 6, Derek Clark, Colcord, Okla., 73, \$1,970.

Bull riding—1, (tie) Chad Brennan, Ellsworth, Neb., and Danell Tipton (Spencer, Okla., 90 points, \$11,428 each.

Call roping—1, Cody Ohi, Stephenville, Texas, 7.7 seconds, \$14,936. 2, Rusty Sewalt, Comstock, Texas, 8.8, \$11,192. 3, Jerome Schneberger, Ponca City, Okla., 8.9, \$7,448. 4, (tie) Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., and Ricky Hyde, Conway, Ark., 9.2, \$2,502 each. 6, Ricky Canton, Cleveland, Texas, 10.0, \$828.

Wrestling—1, (tie) Lee Graves, Canada, and Bryan Fields, Rosharon, Texas, 4.0 seconds, \$13,064 each. 3, Ote Berry, Checotah, Okla., 4.1, \$7,448. 4, Byron Walker, Ennis, Texas, 4.2, \$3,744. 5, Tommy Cook, Hockley, Texas, 4.3, \$1,261. 6, (tie) Kuan Gouling, Duncan, Okla., and Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont., 4.4, \$414 each.

Team roping—1, Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., and Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, 4.2 seconds, \$14,936 each. 2, Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., and Britt Bockus, Claremore, Okla., 4.6, \$11,192. 3, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, and Tyler

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

The Top 25
By The Associated Press
The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press final regular-season college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 5, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and ranking in previous poll:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pv
1.	Tennessee(70)	12-0	1,750	1
2.	FloridaSt.	11-1	1,671	4
3.	OhioSt.	10-1	1,602	5
4.	KansasSt.	11-1	1,476	2
5.	Arizona	11-1	1,412	6
6.	UCLA	10-1	1,398	3
7.	Florida	9-2	1,337	7
8.	TexasA&M	11-2	1,310	10
9.	Wisconsin	10-1	1,176	8
10.	Tulane	11-0	1,067	9
11.	Arkansas	9-2	990	11
12.	GeorgiaTech	9-2	874	12
13.	Virginia	9-2	817	14
14.	Nebraska	9-3	815	13
15.	Michigan	9-3	793	15
16.	AirForce	11-1	689	17
17.	NotreDame	9-2	665	16
18.	Syracuse	8-3	610	18
19.	Georgia	8-3	478	19
20.	Texas	8-3	442	20
21.	Oregon	8-3	322	21
22.	PennSt.	8-3	293	22
23.	Missouri	7-4	206	24
24.	Miami	8-3	190	25
25.	MississippiSt.	8-4	159	23

Others receiving votes: Virginia Tech 106, Southern Cal 50, West Virginia 38, Purdue 21, Marshall 15, Miami, Ohio 4, Kentucky 3, Brigham Young 1.

The AP poll and coverage of college football can be found at <http://www.aptop25.com>

BOWLING

HARVESTER LANES — PAMPA

Harvester Women's League

Team	Won	Lost
Davis Minit Mart	25	6 1/2
O'Brien Enterprises	23	9
H & H Sporting	21	11
DBR H20 Vending	19	12 1/2
Keyes Pharmacy	16	16
Harvester Lanes	16	16
Schiffman Machine	15	17
Peggy's Place	13	19
Wendell's Roofing	8	24

Week's Top Scores

Individual

High scratch game: Geneva Schiffman 212; High handicap game: Geneva Schiffman 253; High scratch series: Geneva Schiffman 651; High handicap series: Geneva Schiffman 674.

Team

High scratch game: Davis Minit Mart 517; High handicap game: Davis Minit Mart 1,512; High handicap series: DBR H20 Vending 623; High handicap series: DBR H20 Vending 1,815.

Connecticut still ranked No. 1 in women's basketball poll

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER
AP Sports Writer

Connecticut retained its No. 1 position in The Associated Press women's basketball poll by a wide margin today and Tennessee continued its climb back toward the top by moving in at No. 2.

Virginia Tech, ranked for just the second time ever, was among three newcomers in the Top 25. Penn State also made its debut this season and UC Santa Barbara returned after a two-week absence.

Connecticut (6-0) received 38 of 41 first-place votes from a national media panel to hold the top spot for the third straight week.

The Huskies had 1,022 points in the voting after beating Rhode Island 88-42 — the first time this season they failed to score 100 points.

UConn plays at No. 6 Notre Dame on Tuesday.

Tennessee (6-1), winner of the last three national championships, won three games in the past week and moved up one spot to second. One of those victories came against the previous occupant of that spot, Louisiana

Tech, in a rematch of last season's NCAA title game.

The Lady Vols had three first-place votes and 986 points. They were No. 1 in the preseason, then fell to fourth in the next poll after losing to Purdue.

Purdue (5-1) climbed one spot to third with 914 points and Louisiana Tech (5-1) slipped to fourth with 901. Tech bounced back from its 92-73 loss at home to Tennessee to beat Iowa State and Arizona.

Georgia remained fifth and was followed by Notre Dame, North Carolina, UCLA, Alabama and Old Dominion.

Colorado State (10-0), the first Division I team to reach double figures in victories, moved up one place to 11th, Texas Tech climbed two places to 12th and George Washington jumped nine spots to 13th. A victory over Arkansas, which was 13th last week, gave George Washington its boost.

Rutgers fell three places to 14th after losing to Ohio State and was followed by Clemson, Duke, Florida, Iowa State, Nebraska and Penn State. Clemson moved up 10 places, the biggest jump within the poll.

Virginia, Virginia Tech, Kansas,

Arkansas and UC Santa Barbara held the final five spots.

All three newcomers rode winning streaks into the Top 25.

Penn State's 77-73 victory over Alabama on Sunday was the fifth straight for the Lady Lions (5-1) after a season-opening loss at Pittsburgh. They're ranked for the first time since the week of Dec. 31, 1996.

Virginia Tech (6-0) has victories over Duke and Virginia in marching to the best start in school history. The Hokies were ranked only one other time, holding the No. 25 spot in the Jan. 24, 1995, poll.

UC Santa Barbara (4-1), ranked in the first two polls of the season, has won three straight since an overtime loss at Wisconsin on Nov. 20.

North Carolina State, Vanderbilt and Stanford dropped out.

North Carolina State (3-4), which had been 17th, has lost four of its last five. Vanderbilt (3-3), 20th last week, lost to Oklahoma State and Mississippi State. Stanford (2-5), which had been 24th, was beaten by Santa Clara and lasted only one week in its return to the Top 25 after being out for two weeks.

— wrapped up, and by getting the Big Ten and Pac-10 conferences to join, they have removed nearly every obstacle to creating, as Kramer put it, the 1 vs. 2 game.

But they are no better at removing back-room politics from the rest of the process than their predecessors were, or the sports writers and coaches, for that matter.

By going to the Alamo Bowl instead of one of the top tier of BCS bowls, K-State's payout will be \$1 million, compared to \$12 million. Though the Wildcats can look down from their poll position at both teams, three-time loser Syracuse plays twice-beaten Florida in the Orange Bowl for reasons of tourism and a conference tie-in, respectively.

Explained an Orange Bowl spokesman of home-state power Florida's drawing power, "I'd be lying if I said that did not play a factor."

K-State couldn't get a nibble from the Cotton Bowl, either, which protected its investment by matching home-state draw Texas, with likely Heisman Trophy winning running back Ricky Williams against Mississippi State.

The only way to make sure everybody gets a fair shake is the same way that the good old boys in the loud pastel blazers have been fighting for years: a playoff. Right now, college presidents don't want one and ABC has more than \$500 million committed to televise the BCS bowls for the next seven years. That reality is harder to swallow in some towns right now than others.

"The disappointing thing," K-State president Wefald said, "is we are third according to the all-powerful, omniscient computer, which is supposed to factor in everything."

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Chief reviewer of diabetes drug Rezulin removed after opposing drug's approval, according to report

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Community volunteer Chuck White was a driving force behind the fund-raising for both the city's Super Playground and for a new Clarendon College/Pampa Center building. Though retired, White, 71, has no interest in slowing the pace of his life.

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Need a job done? Just give Chuck White a call...

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Maybe he just doesn't understand retirement because since Chuck White retired after 41 years with Cabot/IRI his schedule is a busy one.

In fact, he has become known as *the* man to call if you want a project completed.

Recently, White, 71, was grand marshal of the Christmas parade in a year in which he helped get the Super Playground built and solicited donations for a new Clarendon College/Pampa campus.

Perhaps his greatest talents lie not in creating new ideas, but in seeing them through. Pampa officials had been kicking around the idea of building a Super Playground for a while and a campaign for a new college campus was underway before White got involved.

But when Chuck White gets involved, he *really* gets involved.

During his time with IRI as marketing manager in Pampa, the plant operated kind of like an independent business. White says

he tries to approach these special projects the same way.

To hear White talk about Pampa, about its potential and how "It's a wonderful place live," you would think he is a native. But he was born about as far away from the panhandle, both physically and culturally, as one can get — in Swampscott, Mass., in 1927.

White remained there until joining the U.S. Navy during WWII and it was after his discharge he earned a degree from Williams College in physics. Next, he worked for B.F. Goodrich until he was recalled to active duty during the Korean Conflict.

After that service he went to work in sales and marketing for Cabot Corporation working in Boston, Chicago and Dallas before coming to Pampa to head

up the marketing department:

When Cabot sold the plant to Ingersoll Rand in 1980 White stayed at the plant which went through several sales and transformations to become IRI.

His first wife died just before White retired, and when he

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Senior population continues growth

The United States Population Fund (UNFPA) is calling for a re-examination of the contracts of mutual support between the generations, stressing that investments in the well being of both young and old will benefit society as a whole.

In the next 50 years, the proportion of people over 65 will more than double, growing from 6.8 percent of the global population to 15.1 percent. In Western Europe, more than one person in four (27.5 percent) will be over 65 in 2050.

There will be many more people over 65 in 2050 than ever before-1.42 billion, according to the United Nations' medium-term (most likely) projections. That is three and a half times as many as today, and over 10 times as many as in 1950.

This growth will severely test the ability of families and societies to provide the financial, medical and social support older people will need. But the "new generation" of elderly people will also be healthier, better educated and more productive than its predecessors, notes The State of World Population 1998 report of the United Nations Population Fund.

The UNFPA report looks at some of the consequences of population aging, even as populations overall continue to increase and greater their numbers of young people enter their childbearing years.

Life expectancy in developing countries had increased sharply in the past 50 years, from 40.1 years in 1950 to 62.1 today for men, and from 41.8 to 65.2 for women. It is projected to rise to 73.2 for men and 77.8 for women by 2045. The number of years a person can expect to remain healthy and active has also

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risen.

Life expectancy is lowest-50.9 for men and 53.0 for women-in the least developed countries, where infant mortality remains high. These countries must deal simultaneously with continued high fertility and growing older populations.

Changes in lifestyles have been just as dramatic as gains in life expectancy. Relations between adult children and their parents are becoming more varied with increasing urbanization, mobility and incomes, and older people are increasingly choosing greater independence in living arrangements.

Nearly seven out of 10 older persons in developing countries still live in households with younger family members, but the number of those living alone or only with a spouse are rising. A growing number of middle-aged people do not expect to live with or be supported by their children when they are older.

An exception to this trend is found in Thailand, where most people still expect to receive family support in their old age despite a steep fall in family size over the past three decades. Interviews also show that many Thai parents elsewhere-feel that investing in the health and education of fewer children offers a better

guarantee of later support than having large families.

In the next generation there will be fewer children to support their elderly parents and smaller extended family networks. Families will have both older members, and many will have younger dependents at the same time.

Formal and informal support systems for the elderly are becoming more important as the role of families decreases.

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earlier retirement meant that a great portion of life is now spent in retirement that ever before. But for most older people in developing countries the concept of retirement has little meaning, because they do not have formal jobs or pensions. They must work to support themselves.

Some 155 countries now have some form of public systems for old age, disability or survivor support, though their coverage varies greatly and they reach only 30 percent of the world's people over 60. Some 40 percent of the working age population contribute to that support.

Retirement schemes and the expected duration of retirement in developing countries vary greatly. Others are using Chile's privatized pension system as a model.

Women live longer than men to on average, and they are a majority of older populations in most countries.

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remarried he married his brother's widow who had been living in California. White spent the first year of their marriage building a new home for his new bride, Phyllis.

It was in 1995 when White was asked to help the United Way campaign as its drive chairman. He had been involved with the campaign several years before but in the intervening years the campaign had rarely met its goal.

White said his marketing background helped him organize the drive. He decided the way to get people more interested in the United Way was to rely less on letters, posters and the like and to meet more on an "eyeball-to-eyeball" basis.

He also knew that to raise the money there would have to be a good group of people working on the project, something that has helped his other efforts as well. "We recruited [Richard] Stowers, [Jack] Reeve, [David] Fatheree and others and asked them to participate on a serious basis. We visited with a lot of people," he said.

The United Way goal that year was down to \$316,000 — lower than it had been the year before, because that goal had not been met. When White and his team was done \$341,000 had been raised.

The reason he has been able to raise money for the United Way and the later projects is simple, he said. "People will give if they know and understand what the money is for and how it is good for them and for Pampa."

He explained that over 9,400 people in the community have dealt with at least one United Way Agency.

Later that year White started looking for and talking about finding a big project that would pull his beloved Rotary Club together.

"We had several smaller projects but I thought we needed a big project to get everyone involved," he said.

"The people of Pampa are very generous when they know the facts and believe the subject is worthwhile," he said.

That's when he heard Pampa Mayor Bob Neslage say the city was looking at a Super Playground. White recalls he first had to ask what it was but once he knew he said it was the project he wanted.

While he was involved in the Super Playground, Pampa Center Foundation representatives approached him about helping get a new building for Clarendon College. The project had been around for a while but only a small part of the money had been raised. Several groups including the Amarillo Area Foundation had not helped. He was asked to help market the new campus.

Immediately he went to work revising the projections and plans that were being shown to groups. He also started working "eyeball-to-eyeball" again, going to the Clarendon College Board and telling them they would have to invest in the project if they wanted results. They agreed to lease the building in advance for \$750,000. He also went to the PEDC, M.K. Brown Foundation and back to the Amarillo Area Foundation convincing them a real commitment was needed. Once M.K. Brown Foundation agreed to a \$600,000 "challenge grant," White went to work again getting people involved in persuading Pampa to meet the challenge.

He added to his work at the time by helping to create an Ap-Tech program to train machinists and welders as part of Clarendon College.

Now, the playground has been built (although White said they
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Pampa Nursing Center Success Story



Audie Ragsdale fell and broke her hip on September, 9, 1998. She had hip surgery the next morning. Three days later she began her rehabilitation at Pampa Nursing Center.

Mrs. Ragsdale began her stay as non weight bearing with hip precautions. She was treated by a therapy team that included licensed physical therapists, physical therapy assistants and a restorative aid. She

received occupational therapy by a licensed therapist and certified occupational therapy assistant. Her medical care was under the direction of Dr. Robert Philip. Her nursing care under the direction of Debbie Douglas, RN.

Mrs. Ragsdale received encouragement from her Pampa neighbors and friends who made frequent phone calls and visits. She laughed and participated in activities and kept up with her crochet. Mrs. Ragsdale was close to home and that meant a lot to her. We believe, it sped up her recovery and made it possible for her to graduate from therapy and return home - walking! Congratulations from the staff of Pampa Nursing Center and Good Luck, Mrs. Ragsdale.

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still need a few more donations to pay it off), Clarendon College has broken ground and the Ap-Tech program will have its first graduates by the middle of next year.

"The people of Pampa are very generous when they know the facts and believe the subject is worthwhile," he said.

So is White ready to take it easy now? Apparently not. He was active in defeating a proposed juvenile drug treatment facility here because he did not feel the numbers would work. But he is interested in helping kids with drug problems he said.

Referring to the five juveniles that Juvenile Officer Albert Nichols recently said needed immediate help with drug problems, White asked, "What are we going to do with those five kids?"

"I'm dabbling in that area to see if I might be part of the solution," he said.

He also believes more people should be involved in promoting Pampa to the outside world. "Out of the focus groups, I got the feeling that there is no central marketing effort in Pampa. I don't know that we have a vehicle here to sell Pampa, except for the PEDC."

"I want to participate and give back some of what Pampa has given to me," he said.

To nominate, a supervisor or co-worker must provide a brief narrative covering the older worker's overall contribution to their employer, a description of new/additional skills the nominee has learned since beginning employment, any disabilities the nominee has overcome to perform his/her job, and a description of other community involvement.

Official nomination forms may be obtained by calling Green Thumb at 1-800-880-5292. Nominees may be from any occupation. Last year's state honorees included a research physician, a welder, a labor rights attorney, a heavy equipment operator, a civil engineer, a home health aide, and the owner of a children's clothing store. The deadline for nominations is Dec. 21, 1998.

Nominations will be evaluated by a state-wide employer committee and the winner announced the latter part of January 1999. The winner will attend the national Prime Time Awards in Washington, D.C., in March 1999, during Presidentially-proclaimed Employ the Older Worker Week. Their visit will include an evening tour of the city's landmarks, meetings with Congressional representatives, a tour of the White House, and a gala awards dinner at the historic National Building Museum.

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Town matures into retirement haven

CROSSVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Fifty years ago, roadside stands piled with quilts and curios, along with a mill that produced tool handles, were the hallmarks of this eastern Tennessee town.

Today, Crossville is one of the country's fastest-growing retirement destinations, consistently making national where-to-go lists for seniors pondering a change of scenery for their golden years.

The senior population has grown 41 percent since 1990 in Cumberland County, where almost 18 percent of the 42,000 residents were over 65 in 1996.

They come to the Cumberland Plateau mostly from Northern states, anxious to escape bone-chilling winters but unwilling to give up the changing seasons that a move to Florida would bring.

They are typically retired professionals or lifelong employees for large corporations who are attracted by the area's affordable housing

and abundant recreation. There are 10 golf courses and numerous lakes stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill and catfish.

"We looked in Arkansas, North Carolina and Tennessee until we found this little bit of heaven down here," said Earl Fox, a 77-year-old retired school administrator from Chicago.

"Now we can look out our kitchenette window and see part of the mountains. The scenery is great."

It was the crystal-clear lakes and rolling hills that caught the eye of Cosby Harrison, a successful publisher who decided Crossville was the perfect spot to develop a leisure community.

In the 1950s, he started Lake Harrison, complete with a golf course, manmade lake and marina. He later sold it, and the renamed Lake Tansi is now the second-largest resort community in Cumberland County with about 1,500 residents on 5,000 acres.

A decade later, Interstate 40 was built beside Crossville, putting the town an hour's drive from Knoxville to the east and two hours from Nashville to the west.

"It made us accessible for the first time ever," County Executive Brock Hill said.

In 1969, Fairfield Communities of Little Rock, Ark., purchased 12,000 acres north of Crossville to develop Fairfield Glade, following up on its successful Fairfield Bay project in Arkansas.

Today, about 5,500 people live in the sprawling community with four championship golf courses, tennis courts, swimming pools, restaurants, a shopping mall, civic center and six churches.

Grace Westlake lives at "the Glade." She and her husband moved there from Ohio in 1991 after their son gave them a book listing Crossville among the 100 best places to retire.

"When we came here, I didn't even play golf," said

Mrs. Westlake, 71. "Now I'm the president of the women's nine-hole golf league."

Other factors have increased the former agricultural town's visibility.

In 1983, Rand McNally ranked Crossville the fourth best retirement community in the nation based on climate, housing, health care, safety and recreation. In 1995, Golf Digest named Stonehenge Golf Course at Fairfield Glade the No. 1 course in Tennessee.

Natives have given a mixed reception to the growth and the community's changing demographics.

"In the beginning, they didn't like it. They thought the Yankees were taking over," said John Burk, a 73-year-old former salesman from Indiana now living at Lake Tansi.

"But I think they realized what we were doing for the local economy and the community as a whole. Now we're all buddies."



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Floaters

Floaters are translucent specks that seem to float about in your field of vision. Most people have some floaters normally, but they usually do not notice them until they become numerous or more prominent. Looking like cobwebs or squiggly lines or floating bugs, floaters become apparent when you look at something evenly bright, such as white paper or a blue sky, and are more evident when you move your eyes. They are especially noticeable when looking through an optical instrument, such as a microscope or binoculars. They are more common and seem to be more annoying to people who are nearsighted or who have had a cataract operation.

What are these floating specks?

Much of the interior of the human eyeball is filled with vitreous gel (also called the vitreous), a clear, thick substance that helps in maintaining the eye's round shape. Light passes through the vitreous (after being focused by the cornea lens) to reach the retina, where images are formed. Any bits of tissue in the vitreous cast shadows onto the retina, and you see those shadows as something "floating" in your field of vision.

How do floaters get there?

Before birth, there is a large blood vessel in the vitreous, but by birth the vessel is no longer required and it desintegrates-but not completely. The broken-up particles remain for life and float around. These are the floaters that everyone has. Other occurrences can add more floaters. As your eyes age, the vitreous may become stringy, and the strands cast tiny shadows on the retina. Bits of debris from other tissues in the eye may fall into the vitreous.

Floaters may come from old or new bleeding within the eye. They may be the result of a disease that causes opaque deposits in the vitreous or of an ocular inflammation that causes cellular debris. Also, they may be residual from an old injury.

Are floaters a serious problem?

In most cases floaters are simply an annoyance. An eye examination will usually reveal if there's something serious that needs medical attention. The sudden appearance of new floaters, sometimes accompanied by apparent flashes of light in the peripheral (side) vision, can be a sign that a vitreous detachment has occurred, a frequent consequence of aging that is not usually serious. On rare occasions, however, these same symptoms can be a danger of a sign that a retinal tear has occurred. The only way to diagnose the actual cause of the problem is by a complete eye examination, followed by another one a few weeks later.

Can floaters be treated?

Whenever floaters interfere with vision, you can shift them out of your line of sight by moving your eyes around quickly, side-to-side or up side down.

The only way to get floaters out of the vitreous gel is by surgical removal, and since they are rarely more than a nuisance, the benefit of surgery would not warrant the risks. Surgery might be considered necessary only if the cells and debris are extremely dense and numerous, enough to interfere with useful vision, however, this is very rare. The procedure is called a vitrectomy.

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