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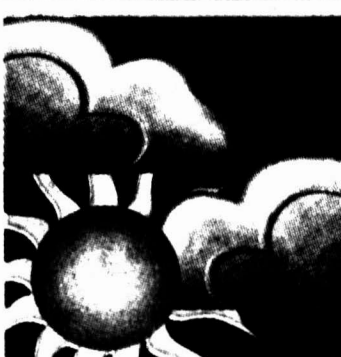


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DALLAS (AP)

Albertson's grocery chain will stop selling products from Supreme Beef Co., at least for the time being, because of a recall of 180,000 pounds of meat that might be contaminated with E. coli bacteria, a spokesman said Tuesday.

The ground beef was produced on Dec. 20 and distributed to at least eight states — Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Florida and New Mexico, according to Supreme Beef officials.

An Albertson's spokesman said only three of its distribution centers — in Dallas, Katy, Texas and Tulsa, Okla. — carried Supreme products. Albertson's has 22 distribution centers across the nation.

"Supreme has been a relatively minor supplier for (Albertson's)," said Michael Read, spokesman for Albertson's, whose headquarters are in Boise, Idaho. "We can easily replace them as a supplier, so we decided not to do business with them for the time being as a precautionary measure."

Meanwhile, Wal-Mart, which also sells Supreme ground beef, said it has no plans to stop carrying Supreme products, although the chain has pulled the recalled products off the shelves.

"We're going to continue to watch the situation," Wal-Mart spokesman Les Copeland said Tuesday. "We're relying on the USDA to do its job."

Neither Albertson's nor Wal-Mart has had a report of illness related to the recall.

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Talk about the big one?



Winston Holt (left) assistant vice president of Bank of America, gave George Keeton a check for \$100 to mark Keeton's recent 100th birthday. Joining in the fun are the centenarian's son, Doyle Keeton, and niece Bennie Pritchett.

Election filing ends Monday for March races

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Constable races are highlighting the political scene in Gray County as the filing deadline approaches at 6 p.m. Monday.

All three incumbent constables in Gray County are facing challengers in the first election of the next century.

It is believed that all candidates in Gray County are seeking the Republican nomination in that primary. Democrat chairman Jim Osborne said no candidates have filed with him. Republican chairman Tom Mechler told *The Pampa News* he would not release any names of candidates filing as Republicans until after the Jan. 3 deadline.

Three challengers are seeking the Constable Precinct 1 and 3 position currently held by James Lewis. Curtis Dalton, Michael J. Ray and Randy Stubblefield will meet Lewis in the March 14 primary election.

Constable Precinct 4 Frank Sparling is being challenged by Chris McMinn.

Incumbent Precinct 2 Constable Chris Lockridge is being challenged by Robert Douglas for that position.

Other incumbents who have filed for reelection are Sheriff Don Copeland, County Attorney Todd Alvey, Tax Assessor Collector Sammie Morris and County Commissioner Precinct 3 Gerald Wright.

Incumbents District Attorney John Mann and County Commissioner Precinct 1 Joe Wheelley have not filed for reelection, and no candidates have filed for those positions.

In Roberts County, three candidates are seeking the sheriff's position currently held by Sheriff Bill Britain. Dana Miller, Dallas Hardin and Gary Pettit are seeking the office.

Incumbents who are seeking reelection are Carol Johnson, tax (See ELECTION, Page 2)

Top Ten stories of '99 ... Clinton trial, Colorado massacre voted biggest stories

The year started with a dose of deja vu. Last year's sex scandal in the White House spilled into 1999 with the Senate trial and acquittal of President Clinton. The dramatic end was ranked this year's top story in the annual Associated Press poll of American newspaper editors and broadcast executives.

When a pair of murderous misfits opened fire in a Colorado high school, they shocked the nation with what became the year's No. 2 news story. The plight of outcasts of another kind — Albanians in the tormented Yugoslav province of Kosovo — ranked as this year's No. 3 story.

Most votes were cast before Britain restored self-rule to Northern Ireland, six firefighters died on the job in Worcester, Mass., and riots overtook the World Trade Organization conference in Seattle.

Visitors to the AP's Web site largely agreed with the journalists on the top 10 stories, including their order. The sole exception was their choices for No. 7: news executives selected the crash of

EgyptAir 990 while Web site users picked Microsoft's trial on federal antitrust charges.

Here, according to the AP poll of news executives, are the top 10 stories of 1999:

1. **CLINTON IMPEACHMENT TRIAL:** Last year, it was gossip, denial, confession, impeachment for Bill Clinton over Monica Lewinsky. This year, the Senate acquitted him of perjury and obstruction of justice. For the second time in U.S. history, the country came close to firing its chief executive. The ordeal over, relief seemed to reverberate coast to coast.

2. **COLUMBINE:** Teen-agers Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, masterminded a massacre at their school in Littleton, Colo., killing 12 classmates and a teacher before killing themselves. Columbine — the delicate state flower that gave the school its name — also named the catastrophe.

3. **KOSOVO:** The world witnessed large-scale cruelty as Kosovo's Albanian majority fled Serbs and government-approved terror. NATO's 78 days of

bombing tried to stop it. Yet Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, indicted for war crimes by an international court, clung to power. Though most of the 850,000 ethnic Albanians returned, they still need the protection of foreign peacekeepers.

4. **Y2K AND THE MILLENNIUM:** While many people reflected on the past 1,000 years, some hunkered over computers, trying to stamp out a little electronic bug. If computers read "00" as 1900 instead of 2000, as early programs told them to, they could turn clocks back a century. If not, their users may cheerfully uncork champagne and look ahead.

5. **JFK JR. DIES:** When John F. Kennedy Jr. was killed at 38, Americans saw again the little boy who lost his president father to an assassin — and doubly felt the loss. With his wife, Carolyn, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, Kennedy perished off Martha's Vineyard when his private plane crashed. "He had a legacy, and he learned to treasure it," his uncle, Sen. Edward Kennedy told mourners.

6. **U.S. ECONOMY:** Some likened the boom to Goldilocks, an economy not too hot or too cold, but just right. Unemployment around 4 percent, a 29-year low. Inflation under 3 percent. And, soon, perhaps the longest U.S. expansion ever. But while many Americans enjoyed new riches, yet others struggled.

7. **EGYPTAIR 990:** The death trip of the EgyptAir jet bound for Cairo from New York became as much mystery as tragedy. U.S. investigators found no evidence of explosion or mechanical failure. Did the relief co-pilot send the Boeing 767 into the sea off Massachusetts that killed all 217 aboard? Angry Egyptians blamed anti-Arab bias for this theory. The cause remains unknown.

8. **MASS SHOOTINGS.** Besides Columbine, random gun violence erupted with frightening regularity: at a high school in Conyers, Ga.; in a single spree on city and suburban streets of Illinois and Indiana; at two Atlanta brokerage firms; at a Jewish community center in (See TOP TEN, Page 2)

Insurance agenda topic

Gray County's transition from West Texas Rural Counties Association to Insurance Management Systems for county employees health insurance will again be discussed at a special meeting of the Gray County Commission at 9 a.m. Thursday.

Also to be considered will be the funding of health insurance account.

Other items to be considered are budget amendments, intrabudget transfer requests, continuing leasing hanger space to IRI International, a request from commissioner precinct 3 to purchase a mower and a request from commissioner precinct 2 to sell 1976 GMC pickup.

The meeting will be in the second floor courtroom of the Gray County Courthouse.

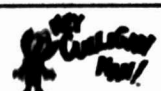
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Just before school let out for the holidays Mrs. Flaherty's fourth graders at Woodrow Wilson Elementary built a rainforest that has overtaken the classroom. From left, Jamie Welch, Ashley Marcum, Carrie Angel Green, Jacob Jenkins.



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Daily Record

Obituaries

SAM W. OSBORNE

WHITE DEER — Sam W. Osborne, 80, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1999, at Decatur. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church of White Deer with the Rev. John Collis officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Osborne was born Feb. 19, 1919, at White Deer and had been a lifelong White Deer resident and farmer. He married Edith B. Harvey on Feb. 20, 1943, at Pampa; she died in 1982.

He belonged to First Baptist Church of White Deer.

Survivors include five daughters, Sammie Short of Decatur, Barbara Everson of Wichita Falls, Karen Osborne of LaVergne, Tenn., Kathy Cowen of Arlington and Jacque Haddock of Pampa; a sister, Evelyn Higgins of Round Rock; a brother, Leon Osborne of White Deer; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, Dec. 28

Melissa Brookshire, 27, 401 N. Sumner, was cited for expired drivers license and failure to stop for a red light after she failed to stop for a red light in the 100 block of W. Brown. She struck a 1989 Ford F-150 pickup driven by Michael Ray Rummelfield, 51, 901 Fisher, in the right back fender.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, Dec. 29

4:50 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Fredrick; no transport.

4:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Cuyler and Brown on a motor vehicle accident; no transport.

10:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of North Zimmers and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Wednesday, Dec. 30

2:39 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

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 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Dec. 28

Raquel M. Godov, 17, 937 S. Faulkner, was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear, seat belt violation, no liability insurance and no drivers license.

Ricky F. Arguijo, 26, 1811 Hamilton, was arrested for Lubbock County for theft over \$50 and municipal charges for failure to change addresses on drivers license and failure to register vehicle.

A theft was reported in the 500 block of Yeager.

Sheriff's Office

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

Tuesday, Dec. 28

Romero Alfredo Armendariz, 34, 427 N. Crest, was arrested for violation of probation/DWI on DPS warrants.

Johnny Sanders Leon Bailey, Jr., 20, 1017 S. Dwight, was arrested on criminal mischief and criminal mischief warrants.

Fires

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

Tuesday, Dec. 28

10:43 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 600 block of North Gray on a transformer which shorted out.

11:11 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to One Medical Plaza regarding an alarm accidentally being tripped.

4:52 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Cuyler and Brown regarding a motor vehicle accident. No injuries were reported and no patients were transported.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.03	Coca-Cola	59 1/8	NC
Milo	2.67	Columbia/HCA	28 13/16	dn 3/16
Corn	3.12	Enron	43	dn 1/8
Soybeans	3.81	Halliburton	41 1/16	up 1 3/16
		IRI	37 1/16	up 1/16
		KMI	20 15/16	NC
		Kerr McGee	60	up 15/16
		Limited	42 13/16	dn 1/8
		McDonald's	40 1/2	dn 1/8
		Mobil	104 5/16	up 13/16
		New Atmos	20 3/8	dn 41/256
		NCE	30 15/16	dn 1/4
		Penney's	18 5/8	up 3/16
		Phillips	46 3/4	up 7/16
		Pioneer Nat	7 7/8	dn 1/16
		SLB	59 1/2	up 1 3/8
		Tenneco	9 3/16	up 9/32
		Texaco	55 3/8	up 9/16
		Ultramar	22	NC
		Wal-Mart	68 13/16	dn 1/2
		Williams	31 1/16	dn 1/16
		New York Gold	289 55	
		Silver	5.21	
		West Texas Crude	26.79	

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	22 1/16	up 7/8
Fidelity Magell	135.59	
Puntan	18.94	

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

Amoco 59 7/16 up 3/16

Arco 36 1/8 dn 1/16

Cabot 20 3/16 dn 3/16

Cabot O&G 15 up 31/128

Chevron 87 3/4 up 1 1/4

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ELECTION

assessor/collector; William Clark, county commissioner precinct 1; Kelly Flowers, county commissioner precinct 3; and Rick Roach, county attorney.

Five Carson County incumbents are seeking to be returned to office without opposition as the filing deadline is only five days away. They are Barbara Cosper, tax assessor/collector; Scott Sherwood, county attorney; Jerry Strawn, county commissioner, precinct 3; and Mike Britten, county commissioner precinct 1. Sheriff Gary Robertson was appointed to the position several months ago when former sheriff Loren Brand resigned. Robertson is seeking a full term position in the election.

Filing information was obtained from County Clerk Susan Winborne. While the candidates do

not file with her office, they must file a campaign treasurer designation in the county clerk's office before any money relating to their campaign is expended or contributions made, according to a Secretary of State's Office.

The spokesperson in that office said a filing fee is considered to be an expended amount.

Winborne released the names of the candidates who have made campaign treasurer designations. However, these forms do not provide the name of the political party of the candidate.

Republican and Democratic chairmen in Roberts and Carson counties were not available or did not return phone calls to *The Pampa News*.

Information on the political parties the candidates are seeking the offices was not available as only one party chairman was available in the three counties.

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TOP TEN

Los Angeles and along a postal worker's route; a Baptist church in Fort Worth, Texas; a Xerox warehouse in Honolulu. Hatred of minorities fueled many of these.

9. EARTHQUAKES. Shifting tectonic plates ripped and shattered lives all over the globe. Most devastating were Turkey's pair of quakes three months apart that killed 18,000 people. In Taiwan, some 2,400 died as thousands of buildings crumbled.

10. HURRICANES. This year's Atlantic hurricane season, June 1 to Nov. 30, included five in

Category 4 — Bret, Cindy, Floyd, Gert and Lenny — that brought top sustained winds of at least 131 mph. Floyd was the most destructive, damaging 12,000 homes, killing more than 50 people. It inflicted an estimated \$6 billion damage in North Carolina, where it choked rivers with raw sewage and agricultural chemicals. Lenny roared through the northern Caribbean, including the U.S. Virgin Islands. A dozen people died and St. Croix sustained at least \$31.5 million in damage.

This was the 64th year that the AP polled U.S. news executives. This year, 206 ballots were entered via the postal service, e-mail, fax or on the AP Web site: wire.ap.org.

Holiday rush puts pressure on Austin's airport parking

AUSTIN (AP) — Full lots during Thanksgiving and Christmas have caused officials at Austin's new airport to consider expanding its parking space sooner rather than later.

"When we designed the parking lot for the new airport we designed it for about 6 million passengers a year with an additional 6 to 7 percent growth factored on top of that," said John Almond, director of operations and facilities at the airport. "What we've experienced is a growth that went way beyond that."

In the six months it has been open, Austin-Bergstrom International Airport has handled 3.5 million passengers, 11.2 percent more than the old

Robert Mueller Municipal Airport handled for the same period last year.

Bergstrom has 8,500 parking spaces plus 1,500 for employees compared with 3,000 public spaces at the old airport.

Last weekend, airport workers had to direct 150 passengers to the employee area because the public lots were full.

The city has included expanding parking in the airports long-range improvement plan, but now officials are thinking about adding more spaces before the original 2001 date. That and the opening of private lots on the periphery of the airport next year should solve the parking problem, Almond said.

Many airline mechanics hired before background checks required

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Many mechanics who service the nation's airlines haven't been checked for a criminal past, according to aviation and government officials who say a man charged with possessing bomb components slipped through safeguards.

The lack of criminal background checks for airline mechanics hired before 1996 is the latest airline safety concern in advance of the year 2000.

An American Airlines mechanic was free today after being charged with a felony. A judge signed paperwork setting bail at \$5,000 but permitted Jere Wayne Haney's release without paying the bail until a hearing Tuesday.

Authorities said a search of Haney's apartment on Tuesday turned up bomb-making materials and a dozen weapons.

Haney was hired in 1991, five years before federal law required airline mechanics to undergo criminal background checks in advance of employment.

"Once you're hired, they don't necessarily go back and look," Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Paul Turk told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in today's editions.

The FAA has told airlines and

airports to be more thorough in enforcing security measures that have been in effect at U.S. airports since 1996, following the Atlanta Olympics bombing.

As the new year nears, law officers have increased efforts at border crossings and airports following repeated discoveries of bomb-making materials as foreign nationals crossed into the United States and Canada.

Aircraft mechanics, who comprise 11 percent of the airlines' work force, have access to secure

areas. About 70,000 mechanics work for the major airlines.

Fort Worth-based American says it is cooperating with the investigation that began with Haney's arrest. Haney, who has worked for the airline more than eight years, has been removed from his position without pay.

White-supremacist and anti-government materials, including a "how-to" bomb-making book, were among the items discovered at the 42-year-old man's Grapevine home.

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Business highlights ...

Consumer confidence high

NEW YORK (AP) — With jobs plentiful and stocks soaring, consumer confidence rose in December to the highest level in three decades.

The last time it was higher was October 1968, when a combination of President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society programs and rising defense spending to fuel the Vietnam War created a guns-and-butter economic boom.

This time around, consumers are the driving force behind the good economic tidings. The latest evidence came in separate reports of stronger-than-expected holiday sales in the nation's malls and on the Internet.

Existing home sales rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Feeling confident and with money to spend, Americans pushed up sales of existing homes in November after higher mortgage rates had helped drive sales down four months in a row.

Sales of existing single-family homes surged 6 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.09 million units, the National Association of Realtors said.

Many economists believed a big factor in the rebound was November's better-than-normal weather that helped get people outdoors to browse for homes.

No widespread Y2K hoarding

NEW YORK (AP) — While some Y2K-fearing Americans are buying up baby formula, electric generators, and sleeping bags, merchants report little widespread hoarding as the year 2000 draws near.

Store shelves are far from empty and many stores say it's business as usual.

Businesses and government agencies have worked hard to make sure their computer systems are Y2K ready, and now most experts say outages will be scattered and less severe than initially feared.

As a result, most Americans are making minimal preparations.

Some internet sites off during Y2K

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking last-minute precautions, the Pentagon and the federal personnel agency are shutting down some of their public Internet sites this weekend to keep them safe from computer hackers as the calendar rolls over to 2000.

Meanwhile, people are not hoarding drugs so there will not be any shortages of medicine over New Year's, the nation's top health official said Tuesday.

In communications, federal officials expressed confidence about 911 calls going through and public safety officials being able to dispatch services. But they also advised Americans to keep emergency numbers on hand just in case.

Clinton has Internet drug proposal

NEW YORK (AP) — While not endorsing govern-

ment regulation of their high-flying industry, executives from mainstream online drugstores concede President's Clinton's unprecedented plan to do so could actually help them.

But the industry also made a case for self-regulation as shares of online drugstores stumbled on the prospect of federal oversight.

Clinton on Tuesday proposed giving the Food and Drug Administration new powers to review and certify drug-dispensing Web sites. Violators would face half-million dollar fines for each infraction.

IMAX to get 'Fantasia' first

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The updated version of Disney's animated classic "Fantasia" is coming to the really big screen, but not necessarily at a theater near you.

"Fantasia/2000" opens on New Year's Day for a four-month run at 75 large-screen Imax theaters around the world. But people in big cities such as Boston, Cleveland, New Orleans or Portland, Ore., will have a long drive if they want to see the movie before it opens in regular theaters later in the year.

While most large U.S. cities have an Imax theater, many are at science centers or educational institutions that were unable or unwilling to agree to Disney's insistence that they show nothing but "Fantasia/2000" for four months.

Stones top concert moneymaker

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rolling Stones keep chugging along as the most efficient moneymakers in the concert business, topping a list of the biggest earners on tour in 1999 in what was a record-setting year for the industry.

Although musical acts took in a record \$1.5 billion in ticket revenue this year, that was more due to rapidly-escalating ticket prices rather than a strong demand to see concerts, said the industry trade magazine Pollstar.

The Rolling Stones earned \$64.7 million this year, edging second-place Bruce Springsteen and his E Street Band on their reunion tour.

Monica to plug Jenny Craig

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A slimmer Monica Lewinsky returns to national television this weekend — this time as the spokeswoman for the struggling diet company Jenny Craig Inc.

Lewinsky claims to have lost 31 pounds so far on the Jenny Craig plan, which she began during the summer.

Officials at the financially struggling Jenny Craig were not concerned that Ms. Lewinsky, now 26, gained notoriety because of her affair with President Clinton, company spokesman Brian Luscomb said Tuesday. The commercials are part of a \$7.2 million advertising campaign and are scheduled to begin airing Sunday during Brian Boitano's skating special. A 30-second commercial and a 60-second commercial are expected to run through March.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly sunny and warm today with a high of 70 with southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low of 35 with northwest winds at 10-20 mph. Tomorrow, sunny with a high in the upper 50s. Yesterday's high 71; the overnight low 33.

STATEWIDE — Unseasonably warm temperatures are set to continue through the year 2000. The warming trend, which

forecasters blame on the La Nina weather phenomenon, could push high temperatures close to the 80s today in parts of Texas.

A surface high-pressure system stalled over Idaho swept southeastward into the Big Bend.

Early-morning lows ranged from the 30s in North and West Texas to the 50s and 60s in the south.

It was 30 degrees at Nacogdoches, 55 at Grey Army Airfield near Killeen, 34 at Junction and Conroe, 50 at Dryden, 52 at Randolph Air

Force Base in San Antonio and 51 at Austin. Wink and Marfa had 28 degrees.

Winds were southwesterly to northwesterly at 5 to 15 mph and calm in far Southeast Texas.

Tuesday's high was 74 degrees at Childress.

Highs through Thursday should range from the upper 60s in the east to mid 70s in the southwest mountains and Concho Valley.

Overnight lows were expected in the 20s in the Panhandle to 40s to 50s elsewhere.

Business of the Quarter



(Special photo)

The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Retail Trade Committee recently awarded Frank's True Value Business of the Quarter Award, recognized with a plaque, for the third quarter of 1999. Above: Bobby Ketchersid and Bob Marx, Retail Trade Committee members, Harold Price, manager, and employees Harold Ledbetter, Charlie Sackett, Wink Cross and Steve Huddleston. Frank's True Value is located at 626 S. Cuyler.

CC-Pampa Center



(Special photo)

Job superintendent Greg Bichsel, above, made adjustments for the final inspection at the new academic building at Clarendon College-Pampa Center campus, 1601 W. Kentucky. The academic building was recently named the M.K. Brown Academic Center by Pampa Center Foundation Board. The new building will open for classes Jan. 18 after a move from the Sam Houston building. The \$2.1 million academic center was designed by BGR Inc. Architects-Engineers of Lubbock and was constructed by West Texas contractors, Inc., of Amarillo.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furr's Cafeteria.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrow-head collection and art gallery. Elevator.

EMMAUS REUNION

Emmanuel Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on

the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

HARVESTER BOOSTER CLUB

Harvester Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday of each

week in the Ready Room located in the Athletic Building at Pampa High School. For more information, call 665-7149.

DON AND SYBIL HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and BSA Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic Jan. 31 at Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court, in Lefors. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

MRS. TEXAS PAGEANT

Officials of the 2000 Mrs. Texas United States Pageant are seeking applicants for the competition to be held in April at the Holiday Inn Select in Dallas. The pageant is a preliminary to Mrs. United States to be held in July at Las Vegas. Contestants must be married, a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Judging will be based on personal interview, evening gown presentation and swimsuit. For more information, write JDY Productions, 2910 E. Perryton Dr., Dallas, TX 75224 or call (214) 339-4788.

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Pesticide workers must be WPS-current

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminds agricultural employers to be sure their workers and pesticide handlers are current on Worker Protection Standard training.

"WPS training requirements started in 1994. Workers and handlers must be trained every five years, unless they are licensed pesticide applicators. Many workers and handlers will pass that five-year point this year,"

Combs said.

"This type of training helps keep agricultural workers safe, and employers should always check to be sure workers are properly trained."

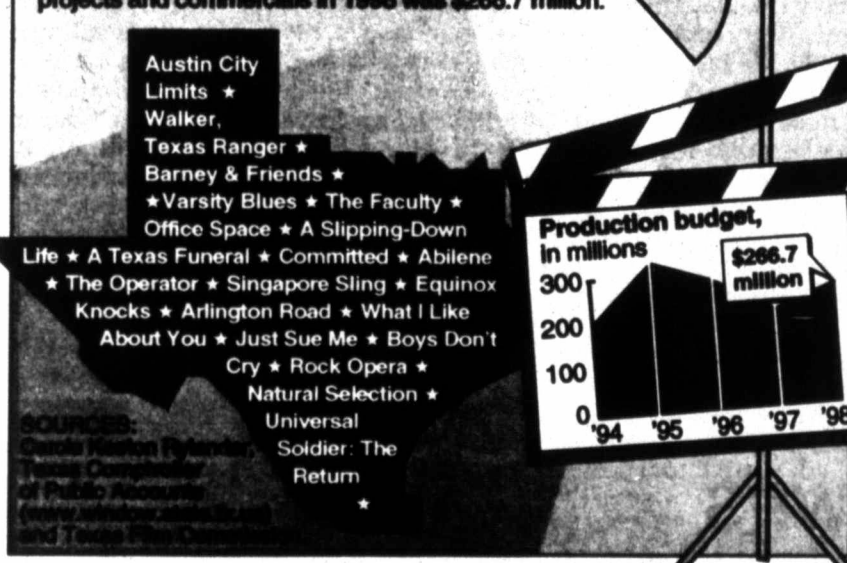
WPS training provides farm workers and other pesticide handlers the information they need to work safely around chemicals and treated areas as well as information on the federal Worker Protection Standard requirements.

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Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas shines in the limelight

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Endings, new beginnings highlight Texas news stories

By MATT CURRY
Associated Press Writer

Just as one painful Texas saga wound to conclusion, another began.

A four-tiered stack of logs assembled for Texas A&M University's traditional bonfire collapsed on Nov. 18, killing 11 students and a recent graduate. Later that same day, the last of three white defendants was convicted and sentenced for the dragging death of a black man.

James Byrd Jr.'s murder and the deadly tumble of logs at College Station were events that outlasted their initial shock. The emotional healing that followed the tragedies captured widespread attention in the year of Texas news.

The long nightmare for the East Texas town of Jasper actually began June 7, 1998, when three white men lashed Byrd to a pickup truck with a logging chain and dragged his body over three miles of country

road. The story stretched tortuously through 1999 as the men

"That's the way it is all over town — relief," District

Texans breathed a collective sigh of relief with the July 13 capture of a drifter suspected in killings at homes near U.S. railroad tracks. Angel Maturino Resendiz, after a weeks-long, widely publicized national manhunt, surrendered to Texas Ranger Drew Carter on a bridge connecting Mexico with El Paso.

went through separate trials — two in Jasper and one in Bryan — for the racially motivated slaying.

Lawrence Russell Brewer and John William King received death sentences. The final defendant, Shawn Allen Berry, was sentenced to life in prison.

The day after Berry's trial ended, the town of Jasper quietly rejoiced in anticipation of a return to the routines of daily life.

Attorney Guy James Gray said.

At the same time, the nation was turning its attention to the loss of 12 young lives during Texas A&M's ritual of building a huge bonfire before its football game against rival Texas.

In the days before the game, vigils were conducted, mourners stood arm-in-arm at funerals and A&M graduates came from around the country to pay their respects at the bonfire site.

The football game went on as

planned, and Texas A&M upset Texas 20-16 on the day after Thanksgiving in a game overflowing with emotion.

"We had the thought and memory of those 12 in our hearts and minds every single play," said Aggie offensive lineman Chris Valletta, his eyes watery and red. "I hope this win can ease the pain a little bit. I personally want to send this to all of them, from all of us."

A task force has begun investigating the accident.

Sorrow visited another gathering of young people in a most unlikely place. While a Christian rock group played, a gunman burst into a Sept. 15 youth rally at Wedgwood Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Larry Gene Ashbrook shot and killed seven people, then killed himself.

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Resendiz, 40, is suspected of a total of nine murders in Texas and two other states.

On Jan. 5, John Moody, a parolee who raped and strangled an elderly Abilene woman, became the first of 35 killers executed in Texas this year. Texas again led the nation in executions, accounting for a third of the nearly 100 nationwide.

Also put to death was Joseph Stanley Faulder, the first Canadian executed in the United States in almost a half-century.

Faulder's attorneys argued his conviction was tainted because he wasn't told after his arrest that he could seek legal assistance from Canadian authorities as allowed under international law. Even though U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and the Canadian government called for a reprieve, the execution went forward on June 17.

In their 140-day Capitol stay, state legislators cut \$1.85 billion in taxes and spent a record \$98.1 billion.

The battle was fierce over the James Byrd Jr. Act — written to

toughen the state's hate crimes law. The House-passed bill would have defined a hate crime as one motivated by race, ethnicity, gender, disability, religion or sexual preference. The Senate killed it.

On other issues, lawmakers voted to require that parents be notified when minor girls seek abortions; deregulate the electric utility industry; and lower to 0.08 the blood-alcohol level for drunken driving.

Also in politics, one of the state's foremost power brokers died in 1999, and the governor took to the campaign trail seeking his party's presidential nomination.

Former Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, 69, a veteran of four decades in state politics, died at his Austin home in June.

Gov. George W. Bush ended speculation about his political plans, announcing in March that he was forming a presidential exploratory committee. Bush quickly assembled a massive war chest and assumed the role of front-runner in the battle for the GOP nomination.

The biggest storm to hit Texas in nearly 20 years roared ashore from the Gulf of Mexico on Aug. 23.

Hurricane Bret brought sheets of rain and 125 mph winds and forced thousands of Corpus Christi residents inland. But the storm made landfall in sparsely populated Kenedy County, causing little damage and no injuries.

New developments were reported in several mysteries that for years provided more questions than answers.

In March, David Waters, a former office manager for Madalyn Murray O'Hair, was arrested in Austin on federal weapons charges amid indications prosecutors suspected the missing atheist was murdered.

Ms. O'Hair and her two adult children vanished in 1995. Authorities questioned whether they were victims of foul play or merely ran off with the money from their organization, United Secularists of America.

The FBI searched a South Texas cattle ranch for three days

in April, but did not find the bodies.

In August, Waters was sentenced to eight years in prison on the weapons charges and 60 years for skimming more than \$50,000 from the family's atheist organization.

And earlier this month, ex-convict Gary Karr was indicted on charges of plotting to kidnap Ms. O'Hair. A federal prosecutor said Karr's indictment is "not the final chapter" in the case.

On Aug. 25, the FBI reversed a 6-year-old course by acknowledging for the first time that its agents fired potentially flammable tear gas canisters in the hours before the 1993 Branch Davidian siege near Waco came to a fiery end. The admission triggered congressional inquiries that remain ongoing.

And in October, after chasing leads for eight years, police arrested four men and charged them with capital murder in the deaths of four teen-agers who were killed at an Austin yogurt shop. The girls, two of whom were sisters, were shot in the head and their bodies burned in a crime that shocked the city.

October also brought heartache to the professional golfing world, as well as Southern Methodist University, with the death of Payne Stewart.

The SMU alumnus and five others boarded a plane Oct. 25 to fly from Orlando, Fla., to Dallas. It mysteriously flew off course, finally nose-diving into a South Dakota field and killing all aboard.

And in one of the year's most uplifting stories, a Texas soldier held prisoner for 32 days by Yugoslav authorities was freed after an appeal by the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Spc. Steven M. Gonzales, 22, was with the 1st Infantry Division when he was captured March 31 on the Macedonian-Yugoslavian border with two other soldiers.

He received a hero's welcome when he returned, including recognition by state officials in Austin and a parade in Huntsville, home of his parents.

Hispanic Heritage announces essay contest winners

Some Pampa students participated in an essay contest recently. The subject of the contest was Hispanic grandparents. The following essay was among the winning entries:

My name is Veronica Martinez. I was born Aug. 7, 1991. I go to Austin school and I have one sister. We are a family of four. My mom was born in Alice, Texas. She is 26-years-old.

My dad was born in Chicago, Ill. He's 29-years-old. My sister was born in Corpus Christi. She is 4-years-old. One thing about all my family is that we are a big family. Alone my dad has 13 brothers and sisters. My mom has 11 sisters and brothers. I'm glad my parents only have two daughters — my sister and myself. I have many grandparents. They cook the best Mexican food ever. My Great-grandma Lupe cooks the best beans. And my Great-grandma Francis cooks the best tamales ever. My Grandma Delia cooks the best rice. My Grandma Litcha cooks the best enchiladas. People from our church have cooked different Mexican food I have never tasted before. I myself have never been to Mexico. But one day, I wish to go. My favorite Mexican candy is dulce calabaza. We buy it at the flea market in Amarillo. The best thing about being Mexican-American is knowing two languages. Maybe one day I can become a teacher that teaches both English and Spanish. Well, that's about all of me that I know now.

—Veronica Martinez

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WPS

After completing the WPS training course, participants receive U.S. Environmental Protection Agency cards that can be presented to employers. Training is offered in English and Spanish.

Licensed pesticide applicators may provide training to their

employees by using EPA approved WPS training material. The TDA provides training sessions, and some county Texas Agricultural Extension Service offices have a copy of an English-language training video available for use.

For more information, contact your regional TDA officer or TDA in Austin at 1-800-TELL-TDA or (512) 463-7622.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas ranks first in economic impact from deer hunting

In 1998, deer hunting attracted more than 500,000 hunters and \$2.2 billion to the state's economy, making Texas national leader in economic impact.

This year, more than 567,000 hunting licenses have been issued, and although white-tailed deer hunters will see poor range conditions, they will be surprised by good antlers on deer statewide. Hunters in the Pineywoods, Panhandle, and west Cross Timbers may see superior bucks. Fawn prospects also look good.



SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Pampa Regional Medical Center



(Special photo)

Pampa Regional Medical Center Employee of the Year Columbus Morgan, surgical technician with 39 years of service, and Volunteer of the Year Margie Stephens, auxiliary volunteer with 18 years of service, were both recognized recently with plaques.

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White House proposes \$690 million for new family housing vouchers

By ANNE GEARAN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Clinton administration proposal for \$690 million in new federal housing money would help the working poor take better advantage of the booming economy, Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo said.

The proposal, to be announced by the White House today, would give vouchers to 120,000 poor households to help meet the rent. The program is aimed at families earning more money than those who traditionally qualify for federal housing grants, as well as the very poor.

The White House says that some poor families sometimes must move to find work — since about two-thirds of new jobs are in the generally more affluent suburbs. The vouchers — which can be used wherever a landlord will accept them — are meant to help them find housing in their new neighborhoods.

"The need for affordable housing is

higher than ever — 5.3 million American families need affordable housing," but cannot find it, Cuomo said. "It's actually a cruel irony of the strong economy," which often drives the price of formerly affordable housing beyond the reach of the working poor, Cuomo said in an interview Tuesday.

Cuomo said the proposal will be part of Clinton's budget proposal for fiscal 2001. That budget plan is due on Capitol Hill early next year.

The vouchers would expand an existing \$9.5 billion program that now serves up to 1.7 million poor households.

The vouchers work like this: Poor families can apply for extra money to help make rent payments. Most of these families earn at or near the federal poverty line, about \$17,000 for a family of four.

Families must contribute 30 percent of their income, with the balance paid by the voucher. The amount of the voucher

varies by family, depending on housing needs and expense, and is capped at what officials define as the local fair market rate.

Vouchers are distributed by local housing authorities, under the administration of the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. The local authorities typically have long waiting lists for subsidized housing.

Clinton proposes setting aside 18,000 of the new vouchers for homeless families and 32,000 for families moving from welfare to work, said a White House aide who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Cuomo acknowledges that the White House proposal will probably be whittled by the Republican-led Congress.

"With HUD, the president's request is always more than the budget we get out of Congress," he said.

Congress approved no new housing vouchers in the four years after

Republicans assumed control of both houses in 1994. Congress did approve 50,000 new vouchers for 1999 and an additional 60,000 new ones for the fiscal 2000 budget — fewer than Clinton requested but still, Cuomo said, "a tremendous win."

More vouchers are not necessarily the answer, some say.

"Vouchers are a short-term solution," that may add new families to the ranks of subsidized renters but do little to ensure they remain in stable housing situations in the future, said Julie Dammann, chief of staff to Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo.

Tens of thousands of tenants across the country have lost their subsidized HUD housing — or risk losing it — as landlords drop out of the federal program known as "Section 8" to seek higher rents on the open market.

"HUD has been maybe a little too focused on new vouchers, because it

looks like you're helping more people — a big welcome mat at the front door — while you're losing others out the back door," Ms. Dammann said Tuesday.

Bond, who chairs the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on HUD, was among bipartisan lawmakers who took \$100,000 away from Clinton's 2000 voucher request and put it into so-called "sticky vouchers."

These are subsidies that a tenant may keep even if their landlord opts out of Section 8.

Bond wrote to Cuomo this month to urge him to "get on the stick" to begin making use of the sticky voucher program, Ms. Dammann said.

Over a period of 2 1/2 years, ending in December 1998, nearly 100,000 units of HUD housing have been lost, according to the nonprofit National Housing Trust. Most of that stock is administered under the Section 8 program for low-income elderly, disabled and families.

Corporate chief, wife charged with abandoning sick child

ROCKLAND, Del. (AP) — It seemed to speak of total desperation: A husband and wife allegedly abandon their disabled 10-year-old son in his wheelchair at a hospital, with a note saying they couldn't care for him anymore.

But prosecutors say the father is the head of a \$500 million-a-year chemical company, the PQ Corp.; the mother is a member of a Pennsylvania state advisory council on disability issues.

Richard Kelso, 62, and his wife, Dawn, 45, offered no explanation as they were arraigned on one count each of child abandonment and conspiracy. They were freed on bail Tuesday after a night in jail.

"It's clearly not a matter of money," said New Castle County police Lt. Vincent Kowal, noting that the Kelsoes had parked matching BMWs outside the station.

Kelso was at work today but would not comment on the advice of his attorneys, said John M. Reed, spokesman for the Berwyn, Pa.-based PQ Corp.

No one answered the door today at the Kelsoes' home in Exton, Pa., outside Philadelphia. Calls to the couple's lawyers today were not returned.

Police said the Kelsoes left their only son, Steven, in his wheelchair Sunday at the Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, which has been treating him for many years.

Steven suffers from cerebral

palsy and has required a respirator for most of his life, said Glover Crouch, an uncle of Mrs. Kelso.

Mrs. Kelso "turned to the desk clerk to say she wanted her son admitted and left his clothes, toys, medical supplies and equipment before she left," said hospital spokeswoman Terri Volker Greenley.

Court documents filed Monday say the couple left a note saying they could not care for the boy.

Crouch said the couple had been left without nursing help over Christmas, sleeping in shifts to handle his round-the-clock needs. He described them as loving, not neglectful, parents.

"They'd take him out to the movies, and out to dinner," he said, adding they even took the child horseback riding weekly.

"He is as happy a child as I have ever seen," Crouch said.

Neither the hospital nor Delaware state officials would discuss details of the boy's condition.

Mrs. Kelso was confirmed by the state Senate in 1995 as member of the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, an advisory board to the Department of Public Welfare, said agency spokesman Jay Pagni. Her four-year term expires Friday. The agency has programs to help fund services for children in their own homes, Pagni said.

At PQ Corp., Kelso oversees 69 plants in 18 countries, with 1,600 workers worldwide.

"The only thing I can think of is that it is very difficult to care for a severely disabled child and be the president and CEO of a major company," said Betty McAdams, administrator for the Greater Philadelphia First board of directors, of which Kelso is a member. Greater Philadelphia First is a civic association of chief executives from 33 of the region's larger corporations.

"Maybe someone snapped," Ms. McAdams said. Neighbors described the couple as devoted to their son. "It was pretty all-consuming — they didn't seem to do anything besides taking care of him," said Pat Masticola. She said nurses regularly were at the home, as were hospital supply trucks.

PQ Corp. is one of the world's biggest producers of sodium silicates, a product derived from sand. PQ silicates are used as gels to clarify beer and refine cooking oil, as glass beads on highway striping to reflect headlights, and as fillers for bowling balls.

The boy was placed in state custody. The Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families will work to place him in a home, said spokeswoman Trish Hearn.

"But it will be difficult because of his needs," she said.

Newspapers ask court to open Waco probe of 1993

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Two newspapers are asking a court to open records regarding the investigation of the 1993 siege of the Branch Davidian complex near Waco, Texas.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch was set to file documents today in a Waco court to join in a previous motion by The Dallas Morning News. That motion contends the government's wholesale designation of the Waco records as confidential amounts to an attempt to persuade the judge to enter a "blanket ruling that would shroud an indeterminate amount of government documents in secrecy."

The Morning News said that approach runs counter to the concept of open courts, public trials and "unnecessarily impedes the public's ability to gain a greater understanding about the Branch Davidian raid."

In addition, the Post-Dispatch argues safety of government agents can be maintained by blacking out personal information from some documents and interviews.

About 80 people were killed on April 19, 1993, at the end of the FBI's tank and tear-gas assault on the complex. Most people died during a fire that

engulfed the complex, but some died of bullet wounds.

The attack ended a 51-day siege that began when agents raided the complex to arrest the sect's leader, David Koresh, and to search for illegal weapons. Four agents and six Branch Davidians were killed in a gunfight that erupted during the raid.

The Branch Davidians have filed a wrongful death suit against the government in a case set to go to trial May 15. Their lawyers have encountered steep security and secrecy while attempting to interview government witnesses.

In one example, a member of the Army's highly classified Delta Force was hidden behind a screen during his testimony. Four attorneys for the Defense Department and the Justice Department were positioned so they could see his face and confer with him about his answers. But for the Branch Davidian lawyers asking the questions, the witness remained in a shadow world.

"We had to wait in the room for 10 minutes before we could leave, so we couldn't see him," said Mike Caddell, lead attorney for the Branch Davidians.

A Justice Department motion

says two potential witnesses have received threats, so therefore the secrecy is necessary to protect their safety.

But while the newspapers don't dispute that some information should be withheld, they argue in their motions that not all of it is sensitive.

Interviews by the Branch Davidians' lawyers are only one part of the questioning that Waco witnesses have been facing recently. Investigators for the House Government Reform Committee and the Office of Special Counsel John Danforth, the former U.S. senator from Missouri, also have been talking to the participants.

One investigator, speaking on the condition of anonymity, told the Post-Dispatch the interrogations have turned up no huge surprises. No members of the FBI's hostage rescue team have said they witnessed gunfire.

"I'm not expecting someone to blurt this out," the investigator said.

Still, there are the FBI's infrared camera films that show flashes of light from government positions. Some experts have interpreted that to be gunfire. The FBI has said all along that none of its agents fired weapons.

Truck hits car, killing woman

GREENWOOD, La. (AP) — A two-vehicle accident has killed a 60-year-old Texas woman and sent three other people to the hospital, police say.

Officer Jeff Engle said that a northbound car ran a red light on U.S. 79 on Tuesday and was struck in the passenger side by a pickup truck that was west-

bound on U.S. Highway 80. The collision knocked the car from the roadway and its passenger, Eloise Williams, 60, of Cedar Creek, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The car's driver, Williams' son, Jeffrey Riley, 37, of Austin, was transported to LSU Hospital-Shreveport where he was listed in fair condition late Tuesday.

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Complaint About Women Who Don't Drive Touches Raw Nerve

DEAR ABBY: In my 66 years of life, I have never written to you, but I have to respond to the letter from "Widow Driver," who complained about chauffeuring older women who don't drive.

She seems to think that a driver's license is obtainable by anyone who can guide an automobile without hitting too many obstacles.

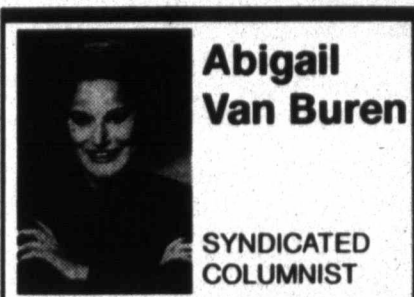
My wife can drive a car to some extent. I taught her the basics in case of emergency. But when we went to the DMV to see about making it legal, she passed only the written test. When the eye test was administered, the examiner said, "Lady, you should not even walk on the road — much less drive on it!"

So, while she can "paddle her own canoe" — to use your phrase — she cannot see where it is going. Does "Widow Driver" want my wife approaching her grandkids' school crosswalk? I doubt it.

LONE DRIVER,
HILLSBOROUGH, N.C.

DEAR LONE DRIVER: I doubt it, too. That letter certainly touched a nerve with my readers. Mail about it poured in for days. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Widow Driver" prompts my own. What a smug, selfish person! There are many reasons why older people cannot drive — and the least of them is that they don't know how. The aging process may cause blindness and other serious health prob-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED
COLUMNIST

lems. Most of my friends who need transportation mourn the loss of their independence. No doubt, there are those who could learn to drive, but please don't lump all senior citizens into one group.

FLORIDA READER

DEAR FLORIDA READER: You're right. Just because older people don't drive doesn't mean they don't know how. Some suffer from medical conditions that do not permit them to drive, and others are exercising good judgment because they could be a danger to themselves or others. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for your reasoned response to the mean-spirited woman who complained about non-driving widows. I'm sure there are many reasons for a woman to fall into this category. I once read that high-grade morons make the best drivers, and I hate the assumption that a woman who doesn't drive is an inferior being. Although I have never driven, I

served in the Air Force, raised two children, and have led a useful life using public transportation (taxis, buses — and yes, occasionally good friends). I have "paddled my own canoe," and have never been a "mooch," always offering to buy gas or treat the driver to lunch. And yes, I have saved a bundle by not owning a car. What's wrong with that?

DONNA IN MESA, ARIZ.

DEAR DONNA: Not a darn thing, from my perspective. I think ride-sharing is an admirable and environmentally friendly way to go. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I was furious when I read the letter from "Widow Driver." Has the milk of human kindness curdled in that woman's breast? To write such an ugly letter has probably caused a lot of women pain and anguish, thinking they are the widows in the letter.

If the woman needs help to pay for the gasoline, she should tell the widows. I'm sure they'd help.

I'm signing my name as I do on letters to friends, so that people know who wrote this letter and can call me for rides if they need them.

KATHY T., LAYTON, UTAH

DEAR KATHY T.: Spoken like a good neighbor. I salute you.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 30, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Let others tell you what they think or feel. Ultimately, you make the right decision for you. Your charisma speaks, and others want more. Take the high road. Know what you want to accomplish, and you'll land it. Tonight: The only answer is yes!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Once more, others make demands that you feel the need to respond to. A boss or older relative could have tantrums beyond belief. He must have it his way! Use your intuition, and everything will turn out fine. Talk with a partner. Tonight: Get some rest before the big night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Aim for what you want. A friend pitches in to help you. You could feel pulled in two different directions as you deal with others. Try to incorporate friends more into your personal life. A partner is more willing to share. Tonight: Celebrating.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Maintaining established needs is important. Partners give you all the help they can and are too happy to pitch in. Listen to a co-worker who is doing everything he can to make things easy

for you. Cruise through work and errands. Tonight: Talk about resolutions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You might be juggling a lot, but you can handle it. As a new year approaches, others seek you out en masse. Popularity skyrockets. A loved one lets you know how important you are. You could be surprised by all the action around you. Tonight: Start the New Year's celebrations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Stock up; check plans; make sure everything will be nice and cozy for your New Year's Eve festivities. Take time to share with key loved ones and find out what their wishes are. You might not be up for disclosing everything that is on your mind just yet. Tonight: Indulge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** The moon beams you into the limelight. Partners seek you out. Your personality melts barriers. Your charm allows another to express what is on his mind. A child or loved one clearly has an agenda and wants you to do things his way. Tonight: It is your call.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** You might be feeling uneasy and a little overwhelmed right now. Make key purchases. Also, make time for some soul-searching and thinking. Review your expectations for tomorrow, as well as the next year. Tonight: Get some extra sleep while you can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Build on a friendship as you get together with others. Celebration seems like the natural order presently. Start making calls and wishing others a happy New Year. You are unusually active and directed. Venus in your sign adds to your

allure. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Establish a better rapport with someone you could be vaguely in awe of. Understand exactly where this person is coming from. Opt to spend on a special event or night on the town. If single, use caution developing a relationship with someone you meet now. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Your high energy allows you to break past previous restrictions. You see another quite differently. Make an extra effort to develop a friendship with someone new; he could become very special. Opportunities knock on your door. Tonight: Reach out for friends at a distance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** A relationship develops even more because of your attention. Be careful about funds and discussions around it. You might not see eye to eye with another. Someone who is very important to you lets you know how mutual the admiration is. Tonight: Take time with a close friend.

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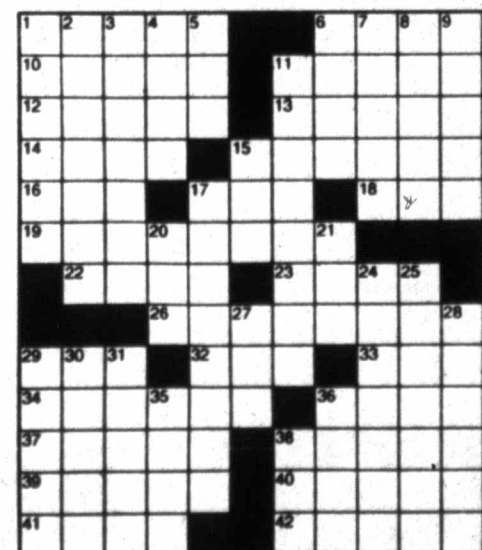
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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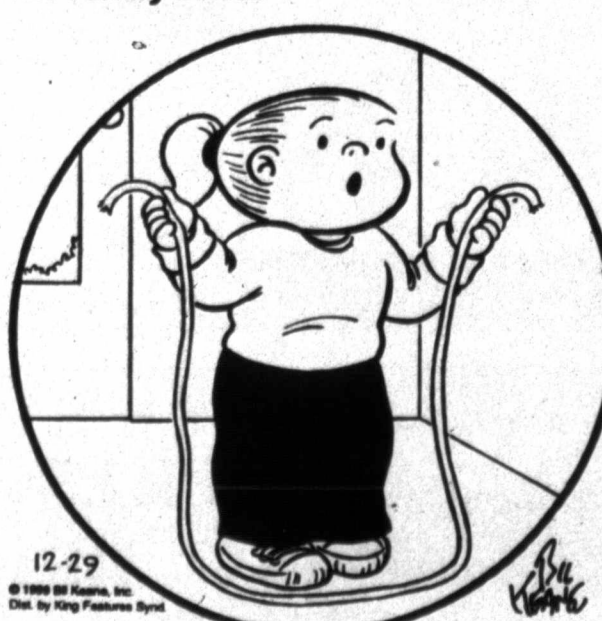
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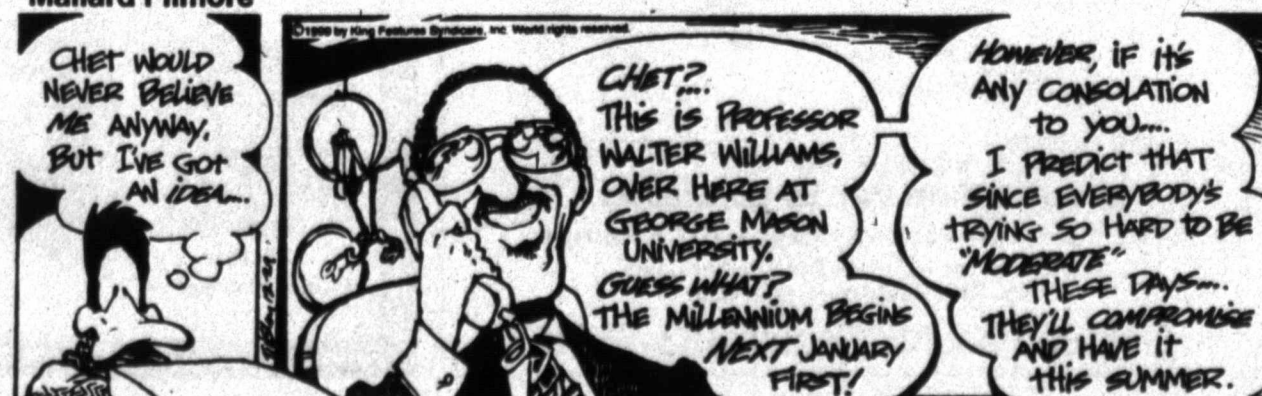
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SPORTS

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FOOTBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — T.J. Mills, whose Sealy teams won four consecutive Class 3A championships from 1994 to 1997, has been contacted by Odessa Permian and three other schools about coaching openings.

In an interview with Houston television station KRIV, Mills said he also has visited with Dickinson, Weatherford and Burleson.

Mills was contacted for a second time Tuesday by storied Permian. He said it was to gauge his interest and go over procedures to interview for the job.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Welcome home, Bobby.

When top-ranked Florida State arrived in New Orleans on Tuesday to join in the hype leading up to its Jan. 4 Sugar Bowl date with Virginia Tech, that might as well have been the message for Seminoles coach Bobby Bowden.

The Seminoles have been in the Sugar Bowl five times in the last 11 years and will be playing for the national championship for the second season in a row and the third time in four years. They also won their only title six years ago.

But even though Florida State is a regular championship contender and the No. 2 Hokies are a first-timer, these teams are equals when it comes to titles claimed.

"Our boys do not have a national championship ring," Bowden said when the Seminoles were greeted by a blaring Dixieland band Tuesday. "We haven't got a boy on this team that's got a national championship ring. So we're all hungry."

Focusing that hunger may be another matter, especially in a city like this, where the trappings of trouble are everywhere, from the famous French Quarter and Bourbon Street to the strip clubs, jazz joints and even a huge new casino.

There's also New Year's Eve to contend with four days before kickoff.

While Hokies coach Frank Beamer has told his team to follow at 2 a.m. curfew, Bowden has set lights out for 1 a.m. and asked his team to avoid the bars, strip clubs and the casino altogether.

"But you don't want them to feel like they're in prison," he said.

Beamer said he wants his team to be able to have fun here, but also allowed that Bowden clearly has a leg up on dealing with games of this magnitude. And that's why he has no problem accepting his team's status as the underdog.

BASKETBALL

BRISCOE — Fort Elliott defeated Shamrock 64-51 Tuesday night.

Curt Smith netted 21 points to lead the Cougars in scoring. Nathan Hefley followed with 15.

High scorer for Shamrock was Ty Owens with 16.

Shamrock slipped by Fort Elliott 37-34 in the girls' game.

Wilson had 10 and Yarbrough 7 for Shamrock.

Amber Estes had 14 points and Kirbie Kinnamon 6 for Fort Elliott.

SHOOTING

SANFORD — The Meredith Gun Club will hold a match Jan. 2, starting at 1 p.m. at the club, located just south of Antelope Creek between Borger and Sanford on SR No. 1319.

All matches are unsanctioned and open to the public. Beginners are welcomed.

Trophies are given for all classes with a minimum of two entrants, for all Sunday silhouette matches (except center fire rifle). Ammunition is given as prizes for all other matches.

For more information, call Larry Porter at 865-3695 or Don Sanders at 857-3217.

Razorbacks work to get ready for Cotton Bowl

DALLAS (AP) — The hooting and hollering started early at Arkansas' first practice at Texas Stadium.

After a brief period of calisthenics Tuesday, the players gathered in a circle at midfield where an offensive lineman was matched against a defensive lineman. Quickly, the hitting attracted media and some curious fans.

The offensive players hooted loudest when one of their own — freshman guard Jim Peters — planted a defensive lineman.

Two hours later, when the walkons and some freshmen squared off for a brief scrimmage, there was more. Wide receiver coach Fitz Hill went wild with a water bottle when one of his players caught a tipped pass in

the end zone. A couple of plays earlier, defensive coach Clifton Ealy laughed and celebrated when some of his guys wrecked a play.

In between the fun, the Razorbacks (7-4) worked to get ready for Saturday's Cotton Bowl matchup with Texas (9-4).

The Longhorns, meanwhile, worked out Tuesday at the practice field of its former Southwest Conference rival, SMU.

"I felt like practice was good again today," coach Mack Brown said. "I think we're starting to get out of the flu bug that has bothered us this week."

Arkansas coach Houston Nutt called his team's practice good, as well.

"It was the second straight day that they came out with a lot of

energy, a lot of enthusiasm, good intensity, and that's what you want," he said. "Especially when they're having such a great time."

Defensive end Carlos Hall did not practice because of a slight groin pull suffered Monday when the artificial turf was a little wet. The pull is not serious, but trainer Dean Weber thought it best that Hall be held out of practice, Nutt said.

"It's still very tight," he said.

Wide receiver Anthony Lucas, who suffered a knee injury in the LSU game Nov. 26 and underwent minor surgery two weeks later, is close to full speed, Nutt said.

"It's unbelievable how quick he is right now, how he's coming out of his breaks," Nutt said. "We're just real excited that he's going to

be able to play."

Nutt said the defense had an exceptionally good practice. "We've been really trying to work hard on their passing game, which is very good, and really been trying to give them all the different looks that coach Greg Davis does," Nutt said. "We're just trying to mix up some third-and-long situations and some of their screens mixed in with that."

There were hoots from the defense when Clint Stoerner rolled right and then looked back left for a screen. Defensive players were in the middle of the screen and Stoerner had to take a loss, even though there was no tackling when the No. 1 offense went against the No. 1 defense.

Stoerner and the receivers also worked on pass routes and tim-

ing without any defenders. At one point, the offense backed up from the 30 to the 20 so it could run a flea flicker that ended with Stoerner throwing deep to Lucas.

Texas' workout in pads gave the team another chance to get physical.

"We want the guys to understand how important this game is, and they have responded," Brown said. "We've probably been as physical these three days as we have all year."

The Longhorns are coming off back-to-back losses to Texas A&M and Nebraska.

"When you're at the University of Texas, you want to win," Brown said. "The program's not over if you lose, but you have a lot more momentum going into spring practice if you win."

Harvesters drop opener in Lions Club tournament

High School Basketball

BURLESON — Coppell defeated Pampa 82-51 in first-round action Tuesday night in the Fort Worth Lions Club Tournament.

Hunter Wall was high scorer for Coppell with 25 points while Gary Alexander led Pampa with 16.

Pat Smitz added 12 points to the Coppell attack.

Others who scored for Pampa were Russell Robben and Victor Brooks 8 points each; Kirk George 6, Adam Rodgers 5, Casey Owens 4, Reece Hartman and Derek Williams 2 each.

Pampa is 5-9 for the season while Coppell improves to 9-6. The Harvesters play Fort Worth Southwest at 5 today.

ARDMORE, Okla. — El Reno edged Pampa 44-43 Tuesday in the opening round of the Ardmore Tournament.

Tanya Vantauglan was the leading scorer for El Reno with 14 points. Amanda Vantauglan added 11 points.

Emily Hartman had 11 points and Joy Young 10 to lead the Lady Harvesters scoring.

Pampa played the McAlester-Lawton High loser today.

CANADIAN — Canadian defeated White Deer 59-48 Tuesday in the winner's bracket of the Wildcat Invitational.

Cory Pittman scored 16 points and Josh Ellison 13 to lead the Wildcats in scoring.

White Deer led at the half 30-27, but Canadian gained the lead (42-35) going into the

fourth quarter.

High scorer for the Bucks was Jason Ketchum with 14 points. Jon Kinsey added 9 points.

Sanford-Fritch defeated Highland Park 70-57 in the other winner's bracket game.

In the consolation bracket, Wellington won over Canadian junior varsity 73-42.

R. Munn had 16 points and C. Brown 14 to lead Wellington scorers.

Cade Calver had 9 points to lead Canadian JV. Allan Bean followed with 6.

In the girls' division, Canadian defeated White Deer by a score of 59-37.

Jana Francis topped Canadian in scoring with 17 points. Angela Bivins followed with 12.

Camie Salzbrenner had 19 points to top White Deer in scoring. Suni Jo Petty followed with 11.

Sanford-Fritch defeated Wellington 52-34 in the other girls' game.

Nick Ruth scored 23 points as White Deer routed Wellington 65-29 Monday in the first round of the Wildcat Invitational.

Jerry Evans added 12 points for the Bucks, who improved their record to 8-6.

White Deer led at the half 29-12.

Rand Munn had 10 points for Wellington.

In other games in the boys division, Sanford-Fritch slipped by Canadian 54-52.

Levi Bentley and Shiloh Reed had 11 points each to lead Sanford-Fritch.

Leading scorer for Canadian

was Josh Ellison with 15 points. Derek Maupin followed with 11 points.

Highland Park defeated Canadian Junior Varsity 66-30.

Nick Albino had 22 points and Chris Bryan 21 to lead Highland Park. Blake Barton

had 7 points for Canadian JV.

In the girls division, White Deer turned back Sanford-Fritch 45-39.

Kala Tice had 12 points and Suni Jo Petty 7 to lead White Deer.

Alicia Ott's 16 points led

Sanford-Fritch.

Canadian won over Wellington 64-26.

Lori Francis had 13 points and Angela Bivins 11 for Canadian.

Nikki Sims had 8 points for Wellington.



Handling the basketball is Samantha Lee of White Deer in Tuesday's action in the Wildcat Invitational.

Golf's scorecard for '99: an unforgettable year

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

Payne Stewart thrust his fist into the air after winning the U.S. Open with a 15-foot putt on the 72nd hole. Moments later, he cradled the trophy like a first-time father holding a newborn.

Those are two lasting images in an unforgettable year of golf.

Sadly, two other images cannot be abandoned — the flowers and notes that piled up in his parking spot at the Tour Championship in the days after Stewart died in a plane crash, and the lone bagpiper walking down a foggy fairway after his memorial service in Houston.

Go ahead and call this the greatest year in golf, because there is much evidence to support the argument — from David Duval's final-round 59 to a Grand Slam of great theater in the majors, from a high-charged comeback in the Ryder Cup to Tiger Woods and the most dominant stretch of golf in 46 years.

Other years may have held greater feats, such as Bobby Jones winning the Grand Slam in 1930 or Ben Hogan winning the only three majors he played in 1953.

No other year, however, had so many riveting stories. The 2000 season on the PGA Tour, or any season in 21st century, will have a tough time topping this one.

In one respect, that wouldn't be such a bad thing. We can certainly do without the agony.

Clearly, nothing inside the ropes even approaches the loss of Stewart, a man whom Paul Azinger aptly referred to in his

eulogy as "the life of every party." Few players today embody the spirit of golf as Stewart did.

Likewise, no one can replace the generosity of Winnie Palmer or the charm of Gene Sarazen. Golf had too many funerals this year.

But the year on the course also had its share of moments we can do without.

Jose Maria Olazabal tugged at every heart when he cried after winning the Masters. Two years after fearing he might never walk again, he marched triumphantly toward the 18th green at Augusta National, an uphill climb like no other.

But at whose expense?

No one deserves a green jacket more than Greg Norman. Instead, he brought us to the edge of our seats with that eagle putt on No. 13, only to follow with back-to-back bogeys to let another Masters slip away.

As always, Norman was gracious in defeat, which may be his legacy in American majors. Still, no one wants to see him suffer again, especially at Augusta.

Stewart's victory at Pinehurst No. 2 came one year after he lost a four-stroke lead at Olympic Club, known as the "graveyard of champions" because Hogan, Arnold Palmer and Tom Watson never won another major after failing there.

Just as significant as Stewart's putter was Phil Mickelson's pager, and his pledge to walk off the course if it beeped — the signal that his wife had gone into labor with their first child.

Amanda Brynn was born the next morning, during what would

have been a playoff had Stewart missed that 15-foot par putt. Mickelson cradled a prize far more valuable, but he still had to deal with criticism as the best American without a major.

Enough. Mickelson is only 29. Stewart didn't win his first major until after he turned 30. Neither did Nick Faldo, Curtis Strange, Fred Couples or Davis Love III. Or Ben Hogan, for that matter.

Paul Lawrie answered the

toughest test of the year with the greatest comeback in major championship history — 10 strokes at Carnoustie to win the British Open in a three-way playoff. But we had to suffer with Jean Van de Velde as he stood knee-deep in an overgrown gutter known as Barry Burn.

Despite the horrific collapse on the 72nd hole, the Frenchman kept his sense of humor and kept the game in perspective. That won't

erase his infamy.

Give us more of Tiger Woods, who won the last four tournaments of the year and made us wonder if Byron Nelson's 11-tournament winning streak was truly untouchable. Give us less of the crass behavior that tends to follow him, whether it was the gun-toting fan in Phoenix, the nasty slurs at Medinah and the cheers for his misfortune on the 17th at Valderrama.

Miami needs help to make playoffs

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Because of the peculiar AFC playoff picture, the Miami Dolphins' final regular-season game Sunday probably will have no bearing on whether they earn a wild-card berth.

Given the way they're playing, that's just as well.

The Dolphins (9-6) concluded a dismal December by losing 38-31 Monday night to the New York Jets. But despite defeats in five of the past seven games, Miami can still stagger into the playoffs if Seattle (9-6) loses Sunday to the Jets or if Kansas City (9-6) loses to Oakland.

Both games probably will be finished by the time Miami takes the field at Washington. A win by the Dolphins helps them only if Seattle or Kansas City ties its game. The Dolphins would edge the Seahawks and Chiefs in a tiebreaker for the AFC's final playoff berth by virtue of a better record against common opponents.

The situation leaves coach

Jimmy Johnson with the challenge of motivating a slumping team for a game that looks meaningless.

"We need the win just for our own pride to get back on the winning track," Johnson said. "Right now it's a very fragile team confidence-wise."

Johnson's own demeanor was grim Tuesday, and he admitted that the season has taken a toll on him. The late-season losses and clashes between Johnson and quarterback Dan Marino have fueled speculation that both might soon retire.

Neither has offered a clue as to what he intends to do, although Marino walked off the field Monday night with a wave to the stands.

Goodbye, Miami? Not necessarily.

"My kids asked me to wave to them after the game," he explained.

The 38-year-old Marino struggled through the latest in a series of erratic performances,

throwing three touchdown passes but also two costly interceptions. His arm appears to tire easily since his return from a neck injury, and in the fourth quarter he went just 6-for-19.

But Johnson dismissed the notion of benching the future Hall of Famer.

"Dan's our quarterback," Johnson said. "We're going to stay with Dan."

Controversy has swirled around the Dolphins most of the season, and Johnson appears to have no stomach for more. Team owner Wayne Huizenga turned up in the coaches' box Monday night and wore a headset during the second half, but Johnson endorsed his boss's bizarre involvement.

Huizenga declined to comment to reporters.

"It's no big thing," Johnson said. "It's his sincere interest in this team. The way Wayne Huizenga is, don't be concerned about appearances. He is fantastic."

A&M blanked in Alamo Bowl

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Jerry Sandusky is history at Penn State, and LaVar Arrington might be.

Penn State's long-time defensive coordinator and his star linebacker didn't disappoint in what might have been the final game for both men with the Nittany Lions.

No. 13 Penn State defeated No. 18 Texas A&M 24-0 in the Alamo Bowl on Tuesday night, boosted by the Lions' powerful defense and the talents of junior quarterback Rashard Casey.

"It seemed like a Hollywood script," said Arrington, a junior All-American who might make himself available for the NFL draft. "It's too bad it's too late to show what we had — but better late than never."

Penn State (10-3) started the season 9-0, achieved a No. 2 ranking and hoped for a shot at a national title. But the Lions finished the regular season by losing their last three games.

Instead of playing in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, Penn State was bound for San Antonio and trying to avoid the first four-game losing streak of coach Joe Paterno's 34-year tenure.

The way Paterno grinned after defeating Texas A&M (8-4) in the Alamo Bowl, it looked as though he'd won an even bigger contest.

"It was a great effort by our team, and I'm very, very proud of them," he said.

Paterno, accepting the Alamo Bowl trophy, thanked Sandusky.

After more than 30 years as an assistant to Paterno and 23 years as defensive coordinator, the 55-year-old Sandusky is retiring. Sandusky coached nine All-Americans and was instrumental in getting Penn State known as "Linebacker U."

"I'm happy for them," Sandusky said after Penn State managed its first shutout this season. "This is the best defensive team with the worst breaks, so I'm happy for them. As far as I'm concerned, it's been a fantastic ride. I told them that today — this is for you guys."

Next season, Penn State will have a new defensive coordinator. Arrington said he will decide soon whether to turn pro or remain for his senior year.

The players dumped Gatorade and ice on a laughing Sandusky as Tuesday's game neared its end.

"The defense played great out there, forced a lot of turnovers, put pressure on the quarterback," said Brandon Short, another All-American linebacker for Penn State.

Casey, a junior who played the whole game for Penn State as senior quarterback Kevin Thompson remained on the sidelines, was 8-for-16 for 146 yards. Penn State added 175 yards rushing.

Paterno said Monday that Thompson had a sore arm.

"I just try to be as comfortable as possible out there. I try to keep my teammates up and excited

and expect to make big things happen every time I touch the ball," Casey said.

Randy McCown of Texas A&M was 13-for-22 for 105 passing yards, but threw four interceptions, matching the career high he threw in a loss to Nebraska this season. McCown was sacked three times.

"It was tough to stay positive," McCown said. "We wanted to get a good start and we didn't."

Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said he tried to remind McCown, a senior, that he'd made a big contribution to the Aggies' football program.

"He had a good career here. He won the Big 12 championship (in 1998)," Slocum said.

The Aggies were coming off an emotional victory over Texas to end the regular season after a tragic bonfire log collapse on the

Alamo Bowl Stats

Penn State 24, No. 18 Texas A&M 0.

First Quarter
PSU—Fox 34 interception return (Forney kick) 8:31.

Second Quarter
PSU—Drummond 45 pass from Casey (Forney kick), 8:54.

Fourth Quarter
PSU—Casey 4 run (Forney kick), 14:56.
PSU—FG Forney 39, 13:44.
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	PSU	A&M
First downs	17	16
Rushes-yards	30-175	30-80
Passing	146	122
Comp-Att-Int	8-17-1	15-28-4
Return Yards	72	79
Punts-Avg	4-45.5	3-52.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-74	2-27
Time of Possession	29:23	30:37

Wheeler players named to Amarillo Globe-News Football Super Team

AMARILLO — Bret Goad, Ben Dollar and Brooks Brown of Wheeler have been named to the 1999 Amarillo Globe-News Football Super Team.

Goad, a 185-pound junior, claimed G-N honors as an offensive lineman.

Dollar, a 200-pound senior, and Brown, a 180-pound senior, were defensive picks, Dollar at linebacker and Brown in the secondary.

Goad at center was one of the leading blockers for Wheeler's

high-octane offense which scored 521 points enroute to a 13-1 season. He was also named to the Class 1A all-state team.

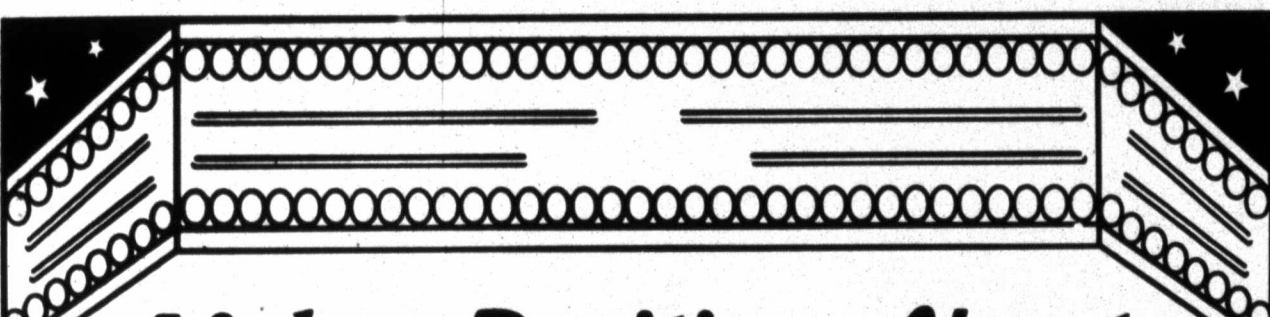
Dollar, a two-time all-state player, had 79 tackles, two quarterback sacks, a fumble recovery and two interceptions. He also had 11 tackles for losses and knocked down three passes. Dollar also played on the offensive line and handled the place-kicking duties.

Brown had 27 tackles, knocked down five passes,

recovered a fumble and intercepted two passes. He was also the starting quarterback for the Mustangs.

Brown passed for 1,018 yards and 10 touchdowns and rushed for 1,496 yards and 25 touchdowns.

The Globe-News selected Cody Hodges of Hereford as Offensive Player of the Year and Shane Sillivent of Amarillo High as Defensive Player of the Year. Hereford's Craig Yenzler was named Coach of the Year.



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WT Energy Institute, USDA renew contract

CANYON — The Alternative Energy Institute and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have announced a new five year contract that continues their longstanding cooperative agreement.

AEI has had a cooperative agreement since 1976 with the USDA's Agriculture Research Service at Bushland for research and development of renewable energy for rural applications. Recent projects were the evaluation of wind and solar water pumping systems for livestock, irrigation and single-farm or small-village water supplies.

Under the new agreement, USDA has committed \$50,000 in federal funds for the fiscal year 2000, while AEI will provide expertise and hardware for renewable energy research that will be conducted primarily at the ARS Conservation and Production Research Laboratory at Bushland with a focus on hybrid systems.

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"This continued cooperation for renewable energy research in Texas ties in well with Texas' recent emphasis on renewables, a state mandate for 3 percent of electric production (2,000 megawatts) by 2009," Dr. R. Nolan Clark, ARS director, said.

The amount of USDA funding for each of the remaining four years of the agreement will depend on what research projects the USDA opts to pursue, Ken Starcher, assistant director for AEI, said. "This has been a long-term project between AEI and the USDA, and every year the contract varies," Starcher said. "In the first year of this agreement, we'll be primarily working in three areas: large water pumping that can supply the needs of a small village; more small wind water pumping; and wind-diesel (hybrid) combinations for isolated villages."

The use of renewable energy has come a long way in the past 10 years, according to Starcher, who noted several businesses sponsored renewable energy related booths at the 15th annual Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show held recently in Amarillo.

"Ten years ago, you might have seen one booth set up at a show like that. Now we see all kinds of entrepreneurs setting up in businesses related to renewable energy," Starcher said. "The growth of the industry has gone a long way beyond the research phase."

Established in 1977, AEI conducts research and development in the use of alternative sources of energy including wind, solar and biomass. AEI's program includes data collection, research and feasibility studies, developing and testing prototype systems, establishing a center for collection and distribution of information and education to students and others through research, seminars and courses.

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AP writers recall some stories from the past

By The Associated Press

In the 20th century, Texans lived through disasters of man and nature, saw triumphs of human achievement and grace, and experienced the quirky events that color everyday life. Associated Press writers and photographers were there, recording the moments that now are frozen in time. Their recollections put a human face on the panorama of history.

The explosion that killed 600 people in Texas City in 1947, the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas in 1963, the sniper killings from the University of Texas Tower in Austin in 1966, the ill-fated Apollo 13 mission in 1970, the Branch Davidian siege near Waco in 1993, hurricanes, tornadoes and plane crashes are pieces in the mosaic of 20th century Texas news that AP staffers recall as they covered them.

They captured the chill of a condemned man singing "Silent Night" as he was executed, and the warmth of six-man football in small-town Texas.

They remember larger-than-life Texans like Lyndon Johnson and Nolan Ryan, and the anything-but-ordinary ones: an East Texas skunk rancher, a cowboy hat-wearing nudist outside Waxahachie, a light bulb-eating jail inmate.

AP staffers had close encounters with politicians and rocket scientists, football coaches and first ladies, just doing what they did every day, covering the news in Texas.

Here are some of their memories:

I retired in 1986 after a 48-year Associated Press career and recall many favorite moments of beating the opposition, specifically, our competitor, United Press International.

But the most memorable was the 1947 Texas City disaster, when nearly 600 people died in huge chemical plant explosions near Houston. As I walked across the parking lot at Monsanto Chemical, where so many people died, it was a grim reminder of the carnage I witnessed two years earlier as a combat Marine on Iwo Jima.

In a lighter vein, I recall an incident covering a hurricane on the Texas Gulf Coast in the '60s. In those days, all hurricanes had women's names, like Carla, Beulah and Bonnie, but believe me, they were not ladies!

One time I waited at an intersection as huge metal signs blew across the highway and I noticed a small bird desperately trying to fly across the road. Struggling into the wind, the bird would make it a few yards, only to be pushed back again and again by the hurricane's force. I timed it with my watch and cheered when it finally crossed in 2 1/2 minutes. I came up with a pretty good story on the bird, one that got very good play, but guess what? I never got a picture of it!

— Ted Powers, retired Austin photographer

"Bob, the president has been shot!"

"Ike, how do you know?" "I saw it. There was blood on his head. Mrs. Kennedy jumped up and grabbed Mr. Kennedy. She cried, 'Oh, no!' The motorcade raced onto the freeway."

And I wrote the first publishable bulletin on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, most memorable of all the stories I covered or supervised in 42 years for the AP in Texas and other places — the Munich Olympics massacre, President Richard Nixon's resignation, the first American space walk, hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, airliner crashes, mob murders.

The call came from James W. (Ike) Altgens, Wirephoto operator working as a photographer that day, Nov. 22, 1963.

Assistant Bureau Chief Jim Mangan, Newsphoto Editor Dave Taylor and I had tried to think of every possibility as we planned for Kennedy's visit: heckling, picketing, tomato throwing. Nobody foresaw a sniper lurking on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository — but Taylor stationed Altgens near Dealey Plaza, and Altgens found his own spot there.

Altgens provided the only professional photos from the scene. Staffer Jack Bell, State Editor Bob Ford and staffer Patricia Curran at Parkland Hospital came up fast with details the opposition couldn't muster, including a beat that the president was dead.

— Bob Johnson, retired Texas chief of bureau

Undoubtedly, the JFK assassination story was the most historically important of my career. I worked that event from JFK's arrival at Dallas Love Field, Nov. 22, 1963, through the Jack Ruby trial. It was a thrill and privilege to be involved in part of history. But somehow looking back over

the years, I have many fond memories of some of the "earthy" people of Texas I photographed.

John Anderson of Forestburg, Texas, bred and sold skunks. While I was photographing his menagerie, a young man arrived and asked John to de-scent a baby skunk. Anderson placed a large paper bag on his head, put on a butcher's apron, tied the skunk belly-up on a plank nailed to a tree. Surgery was performed with a razor blade. Wound was sterilized with rubbing alcohol. Fee: \$2.50.

I asked John if he ever was sprayed.

"Oh yes, lots of times," he replied.

"How do you get rid of the odor?" I asked.

"I just let the wind and the sun wear it out. It's a little slow, but it works."

Then there was the case of the disappearing light bulbs from one cell in the McKinney jail. After the sheriff had replaced the bulbs several times, another prisoner told him that they were being eaten by the guy in that cell.

After the sheriff questioned the culprit, he admitted to eating the bulbs. Said he had been eating them for years. The photo editor assigned me to make a photo of the guy. En route to McKinney, I picked up a light bulb. Sure enough, he ate the whole thing. Right down to the metal socket part. It was real crunchy, but not too appetizing.

— Harold Waters, retired Dallas photographer

Hurricane Beulah was the first of more than a dozen tropical storms I covered while in the Texas AP, and it was, by far, the most memorable.

Beulah's winds were not exceptional when the September 1967 storm came in the Rio Grande Valley, but the rains were amazing. It could have been measured in feet, most of it falling upstream from Harlingen.

Within hours, the Rio Grande Valley became the Rio Grande lake. The flood was unusual because it first struck the most fashionable homes of Harlingen. I visited one house where a man carefully packed his hunting rifles while ignoring his wife's expensive furniture that started to float in the living room. First things first.

The flood cut off the Valley completely. Highways, airports and rails were all under water. So was my motel. I spent 10 days sleeping on the couch on a KGBT-TV studio stage. A producer woke me at 7 a.m. each day so the morning show could start. For some reason they didn't want an unshaven, snoring AP reporter as a TV set backdrop.

— Paul Recer, Washington, D.C., science writer

To the extent someone remembers my AP career (1963-78), he probably recalls my managing to get shot following two highway patrolmen running toward the University of Texas Tower sniper on Aug. 1, 1966. But I've been interviewed about Charles Whitman too many times to be interested in picking at that scab again. Another event interesting to me is known to few.

On May 30, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson hosted Australian Prime Minister John G. Gordon at a sheep auction in Round Mountain, about 20 miles northeast of the LBJ Ranch at Stonewall.

A Secret Service agent ordered reporters, "Press on the lower level. You can look back over your shoulder." But after I took a seat, I looked back and saw empty seats behind Johnson and Gordon, so I moved.

Auction-barn noise prevented me from hearing their conversation, so I leaned forward slightly between them until an agent asked, "Are you with Mr. Moursund's party?" referring to Johnson friend and neighboring rancher, A.W. Moursund, a burly, gruff man.

"No, I'm with the Associated Press," I responded.

The agent whispered to Moursund. Moursund nodded, then leaned toward Johnson and whispered. Johnson said something about not wanting me there.

"I'm surprised you'd let him," the president told the agent, who turned to me and said, "Would you mind moving to another seat?"

I wondered a moment if I should insist on sitting anywhere I damned well pleased in what I thought to be a public auction (it wasn't).

I started rising from my seat but couldn't resist a final word to Johnson. I suddenly found myself in one of those scenes where one hopes to, but almost never does, say exactly the right thing.

To Johnson, I lied: "I just thought I could learn something about sheep." Johnson's demeanor changed instantly to one of sweet sunshine, and he took my hand, saying, "But you don't have to sit by me to learn about sheep."

"No," I said, nodding toward Moursund, "from him."

— Robert Heard, retired Austin writer

The trouble-plagued Apollo 13 moon mission radioed Mission Control on April 13, 1970, with, "Houston, we have a problem."

The spacecraft had been launched April 11, and the crew reported two days later that there

had been a sharp bang and that systems aboard the ship were failing.

After transmitting file photos, we at AP began searching for ways to illustrate the story. Mission Control sent pool film of an animated group of flight controllers in a discussion with flight director Gene Kranz. But the technicians in the photo were not identified.

I drove to Mission Control with a print of the picture to get names. It was a chore that would probably take well over an hour, dealing with security and chain-of-command. As I ran up the steps to Mission Control I saw two Space Center officials coming down the steps with Dr. Werner von Braun, the German-born scientist brought to America after World War II to boost the U.S. space program.

Here was a possible timesaving shortcut. Saying I was with The Associated Press, I stepped in front of von Braun and handed him the picture. I told him we needed identification of the flight controllers. The two officials tugged at his arm and said, "We don't have time for this."

But von Braun pulled away

from them, saying, "No, this is important, too." Then the three men studied the photo and gave me the names and titles of the men in the picture.

Von Braun gave me a pat on the back and hurried away.

The AP's pool photo, with identifications, was transmitted in time for widespread use with the story because it was "important, too."

(Flight plans for the Apollo 13 mission were aborted, and the crew had to use their moon landing systems to get their craft back to Earth. It splashed down safely in the Pacific on April 17, 1970.)

— Bob Jarboe, retired Dallas photographer

I worked in Houston from February to August 1978 when the AP still had bureaus at the Houston Chronicle and The Houston Post buildings.

There are two stories I remember.

One was a silly one about a computer at Rice University that had been programmed to write different kinds of stories like romance, western and gothic using words chosen from lists of categories like geography, women's names, animals, etc. I

wrote the story based on a Rice press release; I remember the last words of the story, which was a "western," were: "and he shot him in the elephant and tundra."

Walter Cronkite ended the CBS Evening News that night by reading the story, but he was laughing so hard he was unable to finish. I still have a copy on the narrow paper from the 60-word-a-minute machines. I can never get through it — about 300 words — without laughing.

The other was a story about Ninfa's, the chain of Tex-Mex restaurants started in a tortilla factory in a poor neighborhood by a woman who was left widowed with several children. When I first arrived in Houston, I was struck by big, black billboards along the I-45 with only a colorful guacamayo bird and the words, "Gracias, Ninfa's" on them. I found out that Ninfa, the woman who had begun the chain, was on the city council, so I called her and got an interview and then visited the original restaurant and several of the newer ones. All her children were working as managers, and the chain had become very successful — and the food was great.

— Susan Linnee, Kenya chief of bureau

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