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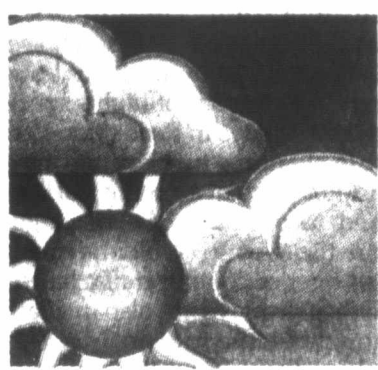
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Low tonight in mid 30s,
high tomorrow in mid
60s. See Page 2 for
weather details.

SHAMROCK — Two local
firefighters are still hospital-
ized after burns suffered in a
Tuesday afternoon grass fire.

Lynn Mills is in satisfactory
condition at University
Medical Center in Lubbock
with burns to his face and
hands.

Barry Sanders' condition is
stable and improving at
Parkview Hospital in
Wheeler.

The two volunteer fire-
fighters were burned while
fighting a blaze that burned
over 2,700 acres between
Kellerville and Magic City, 40
miles southeast of Pampa in
Wheeler County.

The cause of the fire is still
under investigation today,
said Wheeler County Fire
Marshal Ken Daughtry.

AMARILLO — Amarillo
College and the Texas
Workforce Commission are
sponsoring a free symposium
for unemployed and displaced
workers on Saturday from 8:30
a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Amarillo
College Business and Industry
Center at 1314 S. Polk.

The symposium will focus
primarily on unemployed
residents and residents
whose current employers are
downsizing.

Sponsors will be on hand to
help job hunters do electronic
media job searches, resume
updates and a wide range of
employment services.

The symposium will also
include information on job
training, financial aid, perfor-
mance testing and career
counseling.

Admission is free and a
complimentary lunch will be
available. To make reserva-
tions please call 371-5129.

PAMPA — The Traffic
Commission will meet today
at 7 p.m. in regular session in
city commission chambers on
the third floor of City Hall.

Items on the agenda include
a request for a "Slow, Children
Playing" sign for the 2200
block of Hamilton, election of
officers and a request for a stop
sign at 18th and Zimmers.

Meetings are open to the
public.

By The Associated Press

One ticket correctly
matched all six numbers
drawn Wednesday night for
the twice-weekly Lotto Texas
game, state lottery officials
said. No location of the sale
was given. The ticket was
worth an estimated \$8 million.

The numbers drawn
Wednesday night from a field
of 50 were: 10, 12, 24, 28, 30
and 33.

There were 125 tickets sold
matching five of the six num-
bers, worth \$1,387 each.

Saturday night's drawing
will be worth an estimated \$4
million.

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CIA director nominee faces tough questions

WASHINGTON (AP) —
President Clinton today defend-
ed CIA director-designate
Anthony Lake against sharp
questioning on Capitol Hill, say-
ing questions about the nomi-
nee's stock holdings are not
grounds for disqualification.

Asked if Lake is in trouble and
whether he would "go to the
mat" to defend the national
security adviser, Clinton quickly
replied, "No and yes."

Lake also came under fire from
Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., on
Wednesday about his role in tac-
itly approving the delivery of
Iranian arms to Bosnian Mus-
lims in 1994. And Sen. Bob
Kerrey, D-Neb., wondered
whether Lake could provide
unbiased intelligence to the
Clinton administration after
having helped devise adminis-
tration foreign policy.

"How can a person who's
been the national security advis-
er like Anthony Lake, who has
participated in the formulation
of U.S. policy for the past four

years, how is he going to be able
to make or do objective analy-
sis?" asked Kerrey, vice-chair-
man of the Senate Intelligence
Committee.

Specter, the committee's chair-
man, said the secret Iranian arms
shipments showed a willingness
on Lake's part to keep informa-
tion from Congress.

"I have grave reservations
about Mr. Lake and about his
sensitivity, given what went on
in this matter," Specter said at a
hearing.

White House spokesman Mike
McCurry said the Bosnian arms
allegations were addressed pre-
viously, and the departing CIA
director, John Deutch, told law-
makers he had the utmost confi-
dence in Lake's ability to pro-
vide unbiased intelligence.

Another problem arose
Wednesday with disclosures that
Lake, while serving as Clinton's
national security adviser in
October 1993, did not sell stocks
in four energy companies until
more than a year after he was

told to do so by the White House
counsel's office. Lake was
instructed to sell the stocks to
avoid possible conflict of interest.

The four stocks were Exxon,
Mobil, Duke Power Co. and Teco
Energy. When the stocks were
sold in July 1995 for \$304,000,
Lake and his wife netted \$24,000
more than they would have
received had they sold them
when first told to do so.

Clinton did not dispute the
story, but said the matter had
been reviewed by White House
lawyers and, "We believe that it
is not a disqualification."

McCurry said Lake ordered his
accountant to sell the securities
and thought they had in fact been
sold. Lake did sell the stock when
a 1995 financial disclosure form
revealed the securities were still
in his portfolio, McCurry said.

"There was an unintentional
failure to sell some stocks that
should have been sold,"
McCurry said, but that played
no part in Lake's role as a policy-
maker.

Former Lefors postmaster dies in accident

By CHIP CHANDLER
News Editor

LEFORS — Former Postmaster
Norma McBee died Wednesday
in a car accident three miles
north of town on Texas 273.

McBee, 69, was said to have
died on impact, according to
emergency responders. She was
pronounced dead by Justice of
the Peace Bob Muns.

She was driving south when
her 1991 Buick Park Avenue col-
lided with a 1990 Chevrolet pick-
up traveling north around 5:45
p.m., according to a Department
of Public Safety spokesperson.

The driver of the pickup, Scott
Davis, 38, of Pampa, suffered a
broken leg, while his passenger,

James E. Golleher, 55, Pampa, suf-
fered minor injuries. The two are
under observation in stable condi-
tion at Columbia Medical Center.

McBee was attempting to pass
another vehicle when she struck
the pickup in Davis' lane, the
DPS spokesperson said. McBee
was wearing a seat belt, but
Davis and Golleher were not, the
spokesperson added.

Friends and relatives of McBee
call her death "devastating" and
"a terrible tragedy."

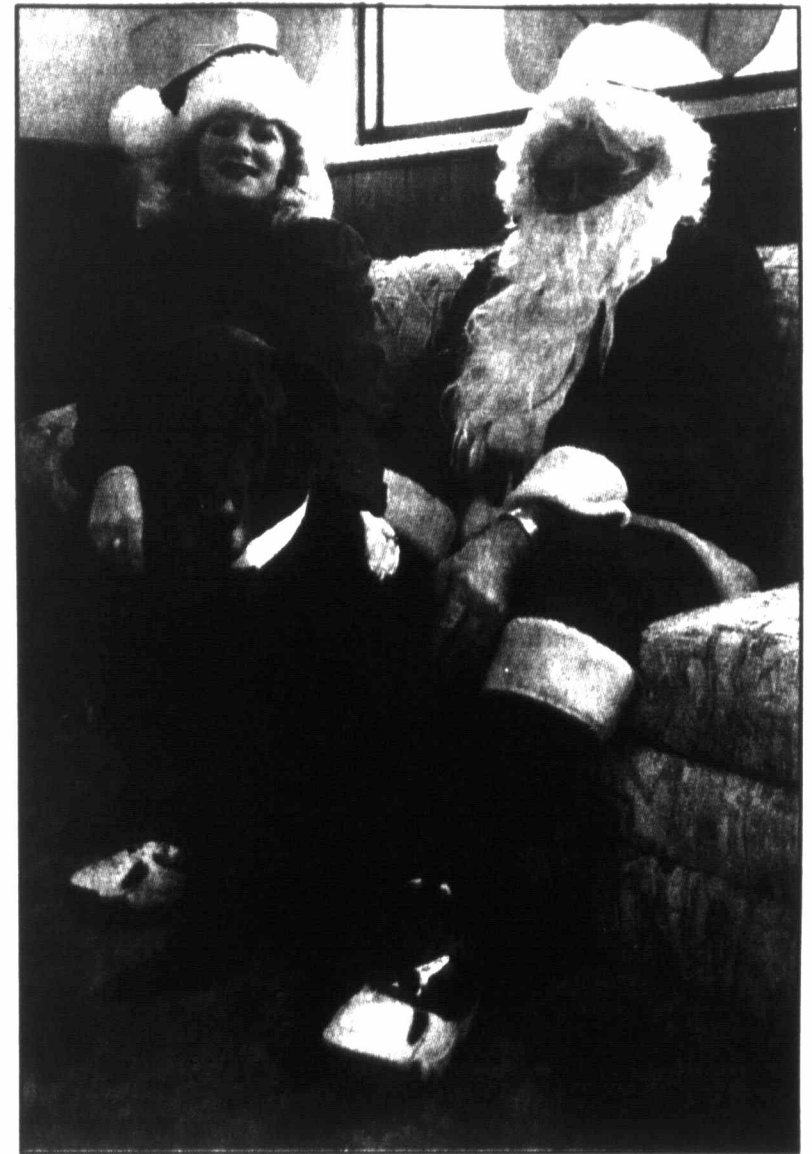
McBee retired in 1989 after
working over 30 years in the
Lefors Post Office, 22 of those
years as postmaster. She was a
long-time resident of Lefors but
moved to Borger two years ago.
She was preceded in death by

her husband, William Delmas
"Bill" McBee Jr., in 1994.

She is survived by a son and
daughter-in-law, Billy and Pat
McBee of Lefors; a sister and
brother-in-law, Bobbye and
Marshall Fraizer of Mason; a
brother and sister-in-law,
Tommy and Gayle Hedrick of
Borger; two grandsons and one
granddaughter-in-law, Daren
and Mecca McBee, and Billy
McBee, all of Lefors; and two
great-grandsons, Brandon and
Brian McBee of Lefors.

Services are scheduled for 2
p.m. Friday at Memorial Heights
Cemetery in Lefors with Rev.
Lewis Ellis, pastor of the First
Baptist Church of Lefors, offici-
ating.

Santa Pets



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Assistant District Attorney Tracy Jennings and her pet dog
Bubba, half Labrador and half shepherd, pose for a photo
with Santa Claus. Jennings is chair of the Santa Pets
fund-raiser for CASA of Gray County, which is sponsoring
the Santa Pets project from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at
Country General at the Pampa Mall. For \$5, pet owners
can have pictures made of their pets with Santa, with all
proceeds benefiting CASA. CASA (Court Appointed
Special Advocates) provides trained, court-appointed vol-
unteers to act as advocates for abused and neglected
children in the court system.

Festival of Trees, PCS bring joy to children with Christmas trees

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Children are taught from an
early age that it is better to give
than to receive, but often children
do not understand this concept,
especially at Christmas when so
many families have so much and
they seem to have so little.

All too often families are
unable to provide the little luxu-
ries that make the Christmas
season special, and for this reason
the Panhandle Community
Service, in conjunction with the
sponsors of the Festival of
Christmas Trees and Gift
Boutique, have stepped in to
provide lighted, decorated trees
for needy families.

Margo Stanley, director of the
Panhandle Community Service,
said, "This program is for fami-
lies with children and at least
one parent who wants to go to
school."

She said the recipients of the
trees are already enrolled in
school and have arranged their
financial aid.

"These are families who will
be giving back to their commu-
nity. They're not just people who
want a handout."

Stanley believes that making
positive Christmas memories for
children today will help make
positive, productive members of
society in the future.

"Kids need to know that
someone cares and that giving is
part of not only Christmas, but
of life in general. When these
kids see the trees they are getting
their faces lighted up and they
start to understand what giving
means," Stanley said.

She said that the applicants are
screened and have already
proven that they are willing to
help themselves to make a better
life for their families.

Stanley described several suc-
cess stories of people who have
been helped in the past.

One recipient has finished her
registered nurse (RN) training
and is now earning \$18 an hour
as a registered nurse.

"This lady was already work-
ing two jobs and going to school,
but she was willing to quit
school and take on another job,
just to guarantee her kids had a
tree."

Sometimes the community
service office can only partially
fill the requests of the kids. "One
family had been abandoned by
their father and the kids just
wanted a tree and for their
daddy to come back. We were
able to provide the tree."

The trees are donated and dec-
orated by area families or orga-
nizations which see the need to
help those who are trying to
help themselves.

Peggy Cloyd, a volunteer with
the Panhandle Community
Service and a Festival of Trees
member, said, "This year we had
38 trees that will help brighten
the holiday for more than 50
children."

"We try to get the organiza-
tions to decorate a tree that will
appeal to children," Cloyd said.
"Many of the contributors
have made the ornaments from
inexpensive materials like paper
or recycled Christmas cards."

Cloyd and Stanley, on behalf
of the Panhandle Community
Service, office want to thank all
the contributors who have
helped in making this year's
Festival of Trees a success.

Cloyd said that any organiza-
tion or individual that is plan-
ning to discard their artificial
tree after Christmas is asked to
call 665-4186 or 665-3024 and the
trees will be stored until next
year's event.

Christmas carolers



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

The Pampa Middle School sixth grade Knights bring the sights and sounds of the season
to the residents of Meredith House with Christmas carols and decorated angel ornaments
as part of their community service project. The Knights entertained the Meredith House
residents Wednesday afternoon.

NASA points Mars Pathfinder more toward sun

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sun
sensors on the recently launched
Mars Pathfinder have been
adjusted to help orient the space-
craft on its 123-million-mile jour-
ney to Mars.

NASA scientists said Wednes-
day they pointed Pathfinder a little
closer to the sun, allowing four of
its five sensors to work fully.

Sensor No. 4 seems to be "con-
taminated" in some way.
Something is preventing the
light going through it, like some-

body ate candy and licked your
sunglasses," said Brian
Muirhead, Pathfinder flight sys-
tem manager at NASA's Jet
Propulsion Laboratory in
Pasadena.

NASA found a way to over-
come a problem with Sensor No.
5, which was operating at a
lower-than-expected voltage. A
software change made Saturday
allowed scientists to use the
lower voltage data from No. 5.

Also on Wednesday, scientists

and engineers were slowing the
spacecraft's spin rate down to
just one revolution every 30 sec-
onds. It had been making a com-
plete revolution once every 5
seconds, Muirhead said.

On Wednesday, Pathfinder
was 1.3 million miles from Earth,
traveling at 7,124 miles per hour,
Muirhead said.

The spacecraft, launched Dec.
4, is due to reach Mars on July 4,
1997, when it will release a rover
to explore the Martian surface.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BRADLEY, David — 10 a.m. MST, First Baptist Church, Clayton, N.M. Burial, 4 p.m. CST, Castro Memorial Gardens, Dimmitt.
CANUP, Dorothy Louise — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Childress.
McBEE, Norma Lee — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memorial Heights Cemetery, Lefors.

Obituaries

DAVID BRADLEY
CLAYTON, N.M. — David Dent Bradley, 56, brother of a McLean, Texas, resident, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1996. Services will be at 10 a.m. MST Friday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Billy Rammage officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m. CST in Castro Memorial Gardens at Dimmitt, Texas, under the direction of Hass Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bradley was born at Dimmitt, graduating from Dimmitt High School. He later moved to Clapham and worked for the past several years as manager at Felt Feed Yard. He was an active member of First Baptist Church, serving on the properties committee, as a substitute Sunday school teacher and as an usher.

Survivors include two daughters, Terri Trujillo and Patty Geary, both of Clayton; two sons, Ty Bradley of Clayton and Tag Bradley of Hugoton, Kan.; his parents, Dent and Bessie Bradley of Dimmitt; a sister, Kay Magee of McLean; two brothers, Gene Bradley and Ray Bradley, both of Dimmitt; his grandmother, Dixie Bradley of Dimmitt; and nine grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Building Fund, Clayton, N.M. 88415.

VIOLET IRENE BEESINGER
FREDERICK, Mo. — Violet Irene Beesinger, 70, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1996. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Keeney and Basford Funeral Home Etchison Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Harold B. Wright II, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Beesinger was born at Seminole, Okla. She attended grade school at Heald five miles northeast of McLean, Texas, having moved to Heald in 1937 with her family. She graduated from McLean High School. She retired as cashier at Acme Supermarkets after 30 years of service. She worked as a literacy council counselor at C. Burr Artz Library. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and the church ladies auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Branda Kay Shankle Smith, in 1993.

Survivors include a son, David L. Shankle Jr. of Frederick; four sisters, Ora Billingsley of Heavener, Okla., Noval Lee Pardue of Grand Prairie, Texas, and June Dressler of Amarillo, Texas; a grandson; and six stepgrandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

DOROTHY LOUISE CANUP
CHILDRESS — Dorothy Louise Canup, 71, sister of a Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Johnny Robertson, of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Childress Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Canup was born at Hackett, Ark. She married Harold Canup in 1945 at Hackett. She was a homemaker. She was active in First United Methodist Church and was a member of Jones Circle and United Methodist Women.

Survivors include her husband, Harold; a daughter, Julia Hoffman of San Marcos; two sons, Jerry Canup of Houston and Paul Canup of Dallas; a sister, Helen Farrar of Pampa; a brother, John Mathis of Hackett; and six grandchildren.

NORMA LEE McBEE
LEFORS — Norma Lee McBee, 69, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1996. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Memorial Heights Cemetery with the Rev. Lewis Ellis, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lefors, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. McBee was born Sept. 29, 1927, at Panhandle, Texas. She married William Delmas "Bill" McBee Jr. on April 2, 1946, at Lefors; he died Oct. 14, 1994. She had been a lifelong Lefors resident prior to moving to Borger two years ago. She worked as a clerk for the U.S. Postal Service in Lefors for 30 years and had served as postmaster for 22 years, retiring in 1989. She was a member of the McLean Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and was a member of First United Methodist Church in Lefors.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Billy and Pat McBee of Lefors; a sister and brother-in-law, Bobbye and Marshall Fraizer of Mason; a brother and sister-in-law, Tommy and Gayle Hedrick of Borger; two grandsons and a granddaughter-in-law, Daren and Mecca McBee and Billy McBee, all of Lefors; and two great-grandsons, Brandon McBee and Brian McBee, both of Lefors.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Lefors.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	4.08	
Milo	4.04	
Corn	4.81	

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

Occidental	22 1/8	dn 1/8
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion

Magnolia	81.28	
Puritan	17.36	

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

Amoco	76 3/8	dn 1/4
Arco	134 3/8	up 1 7/8
Cabot	25 1/2	dn 1/8
Cabot OilG	17 1/2	up 1/8

Obituaries

WALTER A. MOONEY
CANADIAN — Walter A. Mooney, 82, of Canadian, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1996. Graveside services were to be at 3 p.m. today in Wheeler Cemetery with the Rev. Dinzel Leonard, of Canadian, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Mooney was born May 29, 1914, in Grayson County, Texas, to James and Emma Lou Shaw Mooney. He had been a Canadian resident since 1938, moving from McKinney. He retired as assistant foreman for the Texas State Highway Department in 1977 after 38 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving as combat engineer during World War II. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. He was also a member of First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ora Bell Mooney, in 1965 and an infant son in 1941.

Survivors include a sister, Nellie Hendershot of Canadian; two brothers, Billy Mooney of Amarillo and C.J. Mooney of Anna; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to the American Heart Association or to a favorite charity.

Ambulance

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

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11

8:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of North Sumner on a lifting assistance.

9:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to a Borger nursing facility.

5:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of Hobart and Highway 60 on a motor vehicle accident. No patient was transported.

5:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of South Sumner on a medical emergency. No patient was transported.

5:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to three miles north of Lefors on Texas 273 on a motor vehicle accident and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

6:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to three miles north of Lefors on Texas 273 on a motor vehicle accident and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

6:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Christine on a fall and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

7:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of North Prospect in Amarillo and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

9:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of North Nelson on a motor vehicle accident. No patient was transported.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents in the period since Saturday, Dec. 7.

SATURDAY, Dec. 7

12:55 a.m. — A 1995 Mercury Cougar driven by Angela Faye Martin, 21, Amarillo, was in collision with a 1989 Toyota pickup driven by Christopher Paul Givens, 22, 2301 Cherokee, at the intersection of Evergreen and 23rd. Martin was alleged to have intentionally struck Givens' vehicle and was charged with aggravated assault.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11

12:24 p.m. — A 1984 Plymouth Fury driven by Annie Burleson Batson, 96, 1914 N. Faulkner, was in collision with a 1990 Chevrolet pickup driven by Nikki Nichole Koehler, 17, 2115 N. Nelson, at the intersection of 21st and Faulkner. No citations were issued.

5:10 p.m. — A 1977 Chevrolet Caprice driven by Randall Deloy Dalton, 70, 328 E. Frederic, was in collision with a 1976 Pontiac Catalina driven by Margaret Luella Balay, 33, 953 Barnard, in the 800 block of West Brown. That collision caused Balay's car to hit a 1992 Chevrolet Corsica driven by Gary Luis Hicks, 44, 945 Barnard, which was in turn in collision with a 1981 Mercury driven by Jane Lynn Swanson, 21, 928 S. Nelson. Dalton was cited for expired motor vehicle insurance, expired registration, no proof of financial responsibility and failure to control speed.

9:57 p.m. — A 1990 Toyota Corolla driven by David Roy Harris, 18, 432 Pitts, was in collision with a tree in the 700 block of North Nelson. Harris was cited for failure to control speed and failure to wear a safety belt.

Fires

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

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11

5:17 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 800 block of West Brown on a motor vehicle accident.

5:56 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to three miles north of Lefors on Texas 273 on a motor vehicle accident. Three people were extricated.

THURSDAY, Dec. 12

5:52 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to Genesis House, 420 N. Ward, on a false alarm.

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check and blood sugar tests offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

GRAY COUNTY PROMISE KEEPERS

Gray County Promise Keepers will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church.

More holiday activities in store this weekend

Those wanting to find activities in celebration of the Christmas holiday season have a number of choices for this weekend.

Two events are scheduled for tonight.

Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center will present its Christmas Dance and Gymnastics Recital at 7 p.m. today in the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Admission is free.

Also at 7 p.m. today, the Pampa High School and Pampa Middle School choirs will present their annual Christmas Choir Concert at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson.

Friday night, those who enjoy singing can also attend the community sing-along performance of Handel's *Messiah* at 7:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd.

Sponsored by the Pampa Fine Arts Association, the event will feature group singing of the classical selections, along with special solo performances by Pampanos Gracie Eddins, soprano; Lela Harris, mezzo; Wanetta Hill, soprano; Joe Martinez, tenor; Paul Smith, tenor; Suzy Wilson, soprano; and Suzanne Wood, soprano, along with Lee Kindle of Amarillo, bass.

The soloists have been rehears-

ing with director Billy Talley of Tascosa High School of Amarillo and organist Jerry Whitten and pianist Loralee Cooley, both of Pampa.

Saturday morning, the St. Matthew's Support Group will be having its Breakfast With Santa event for children in two sessions, one at 8:30 a.m. and the other at 10:30 a.m. Advance reservations were required for those attending the event, which features breakfast, goodie bags and a photo with Santa.

Pets also have a chance to participate in the holiday season. The Gray County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) will be having a Santa Pets fund-raiser for the organization at Country General at the Pampa Mall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For \$5 each, people may have pictures of their pets made with Santa Claus.

The Pampa Garden Club will be presenting "The Spirit and Beauty of Christmas," an exhibit of decorated trees, Nativities and other religious art including stitchery, ceramics, decoupage, fabrics, paper and sculpture. Of special interest will be a sculpture by Gerald Sanders titled "The Greatest Gift."

The show will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday and from 2-4 p.m. Sunday. There is no admission charge.

In another weekend offering, the children of the Bible Church of Pampa, 300 W. Browning, will be presenting the holiday musical program *Candy Lane* at 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the church. There is no admission charge.

Sunday night, the First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, will be presenting its Live Nativity Scene in the front yard of the church from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Live animals will be included in the presentation. The public is invited to drop by and view the scene.

In addition to all these choices, the drive-through tour continues for the Celebration of Lights special lighted displays in Recreation Park. Those wanting to view the more than 200 displays in the park are asked to approach the main gate from the east to avoid having to cross over oncoming traffic lanes.

Other displays are also available throughout the city in McCrley Park, Petroleum Park and Coronado Park and along the Somerville Street islands. In addition, many businesses, government buildings and homes also have special decorations that may be viewed.

Packing plant worker killed in ammonia leak

PALESTINE, Texas (AP) — A refrigeration supervisor checking on equipment at a meat boning plant was killed Thursday morning when he was drenched with a blast of liquid ammonia.

William Morris, 57, of Palestine, was killed shortly before 2 a.m. at the Vernon Calhoun Packing Plant. He apparently was check-

ing on some mechanical problems with an ammonia tank when the blowout occurred, Sheriff Mickey Hubert said.

Morris made it as far as a decontamination area before he died.

Workers outfitted with decontamination suits contained the leak within an hour, Hubert said.

IBP Inc. of Dakota City, Neb.,

owns the plant that employs 320 people.

"The cause is being investigated by company management (and) by company safety personnel. We have also notified OSHA. It's imperative that we determine what led to this very unfortunate accident," IBP spokesman Gary Mickelson said.

Sheriff's Office

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

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11

Deputies responded to the 1100 block of East Frederic on reports of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Deputies responded to 1416 E. Browning on an agency assist with Hutchinson County.

Arrests
Margaret Hernandez, 31, Borger, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of theft Class B. She remained in custody.

Mindy Michelle Lowrance, 20, Borger, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of theft Class B. She remained in custody.

Shelli Lynn Brandt, 26, 1416 E. Browning, was arrested on a bond surrender for theft by check from Hutchinson County. She remained in custody on \$2,000 bond.

A 68-year-old man was arrested on two charges of aggravated sexual assault of a child. His name is being withheld to protect the identity of the minor. He remained in custody on bonds totaling \$100,000.

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported that occurred in a Pampa High School parking lot. Damage of \$50 was reported to a glove compartment.

Taylor Petroleum, 1524 N. Hobart, reported theft of \$10 gasoline.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. Damage of \$30 to a radio antenna and \$100 to a driver's side rear-view mirror was reported.

Arrest
John Franklin Ellis, 18, 210 N. Gillespie, was arrested at 728 S. Reid on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon. He remained in custody on a \$1,000 bond.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Clear tonight with a low near 35. Friday, sunny with a high near 65 and a low near 32. Saturday, partly cloudy with a high in the low 60s. Sunday, increasing cloudiness with a high near 52 and a low near 30. Wednesday's high was 70; the overnight low was 35.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, mostly clear with lows in upper 20s to mid 30s. Friday, mostly sunny with highs in mid to upper 60s. South Plains:

Tonight, clear. Lows low 30s to near 40. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs 65-70.

North Texas — Tonight and Friday, mostly clear. Lows tonight 37 northwest to 48 southeast. Highs Friday 66 north to 73 southeast.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, clear. Lows in upper 40s south central to mid 30s Hill Country. Friday, sunny with highs in the 70s. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in low 50s inland to near 60 coast. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in mid 70s inland to near 70 coast. Coastal Bend

and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, clear. Lows in upper 50s coast to mid 50s inland. Friday, sunny. Highs near 70 coast to upper 70s inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight through Friday, fair to partly cloudy skies. Lows from near 10 to near 30 mountains and north with upper 20s to 30s lower elevations south. Highs 40s to 50s mountains and northwest with 60s to low 70s elsewhere.

Oklahoma — Tonight, clear. Lows upper 20s northwest to near 40 southeast. Friday, mostly clear. Highs upper 50s to mid 60s.

City briefs

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Builders fear permit delays due to wetland management system

WASHINGTON (AP) — It will be more difficult to build a house, a road, or a strip mall on certain wetlands as the government tightens permitting procedures that environmentalists blame for the loss of tens of thousands of sensitive acres during the past decade.

The Army Corps of Engineers, which regulates wetlands, is overhauling three dozen so-called nationwide permits that have been used to provide fast-track approval for wetland development projects when the agency believes they pose little environmental harm.

The tighter regulations, strongly endorsed by the Clinton administration, come after Republicans in Congress tried unsuccessfully to roll back wetlands regulations last year, including a requirement that property owners be compensated for restrictions on the use of wetlands. The Army Corps actions likely will renew these efforts on Capitol Hill next year.

The most controversial move by the Army Corps involves changes in a procedure — known as Permit 26 — that has allowed developers to build on up to ten acres of a wetland with only cursory government review.

In the future, such expedited approval will be possible only for projects involving less than three acres of wetlands, instead of ten acres, and developers must meet tighter requirements for even small projects of less

than one acre.

Previously, the Army Corps didn't even have to be notified of projects involving less than one acre of wetland, but that threshold is being reduced to one-third of an acre.

The changes go into effect in 60 days and in two years the Permit 26 procedures will be eliminated entirely.

The Permit 26 procedure applies only to wetlands that are isolated from other water systems and those found in headwaters of river systems. More than 30,000 applications are filed under the special permit each year, according to the Corps.

"We believe we have enhanced the environmental protection that is provided ... by lowering the threshold" for expedited approval, said John Studt, chief regulatory officer for the Army Corps.

Environmentalists have pressed for a tightening of the Permit 26 approval process for years, maintaining that it has been abused and led to the destruction of an estimated 30,000 acres of wetlands annually at one to ten acres at a time.

The permits have been used to build everything from townhouses and small shopping centers to roads and private homes.

"It is the single most important permit that home builders have relied on," said Michael Luvier of the National Association of Homebuilders. He predicted that hundreds of projects will be

delayed if they can't use the fast-track permitting.

The association has argued against changing the permitting system and disputed claims that it has caused large losses of wetlands. "You still have to meet all the regulatory standards. ... I think there is ample environmental protection," Luvier said.

Environmentalists have called for scrapping the Permit 26 procedures immediately.

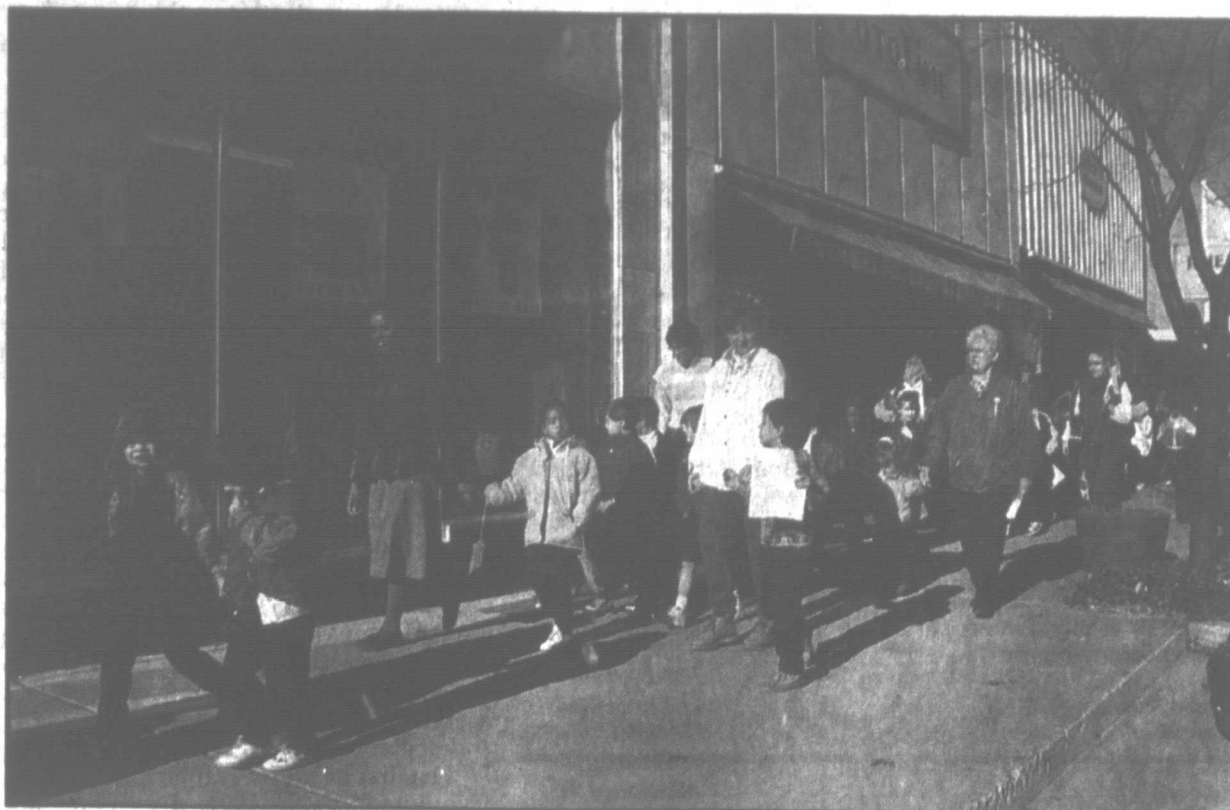
"This is a good first step, but abolishing it is the real key," said Grady McCallis, a lawyer for the National Wildlife Federation. He called the Permit 26 procedures as administered by the Corps illegal because they've been used to give quick approval of projects that have caused greater than minimal environmental harm.

Drew Caputo of the Natural Resources Defense Council called the phase-out of the special permit "the best thing that's happened to wetlands protection in a long time," though preferring it be eliminated altogether.

But Studt said the two-year phase-out period was needed to develop alternatives to Permit 26, which was put into place to handle routine projects believed to pose serious environmental harm.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, there are 103 million acres of all types of wetlands in the United States outside of Alaska, with wetland losses at about 290,000 acres a year.

Here we a-caroling go ...



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

No, school isn't out yet for the holidays. These students from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, pre-kindergarten through fifth grade, were taking a trip to downtown Pampa Wednesday morning entertaining workers and shoppers with some Christmas caroling.

Huang sought employment for self, Lippo association after 1992 presidential election

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former U.S. executive of an Indonesian conglomerate asked the Clinton transition team for government jobs for himself and a colleague a few weeks after the November 1992 election, a White House document shows.

Officials of the foreign company had been major contributors to President Clinton and the Democrats.

Clinton's spokesman, meanwhile, said Wednesday the White House had no way of knowing whether Indonesia's billionaire Riady family, owners of the Lippo Group conglomerate, used their contacts with the president to try to win new business in Vietnam.

Clinton acknowledged last week that he received a letter in 1993 from family patriarch Mochtar Riady urging him to normalize relations with Vietnam and confiding that two Lippo managers were in that country checking out investment opportunities.

Mochtar Riady's son, James, visited the Clinton White House 20 times, including six in which he met with the president, a recent

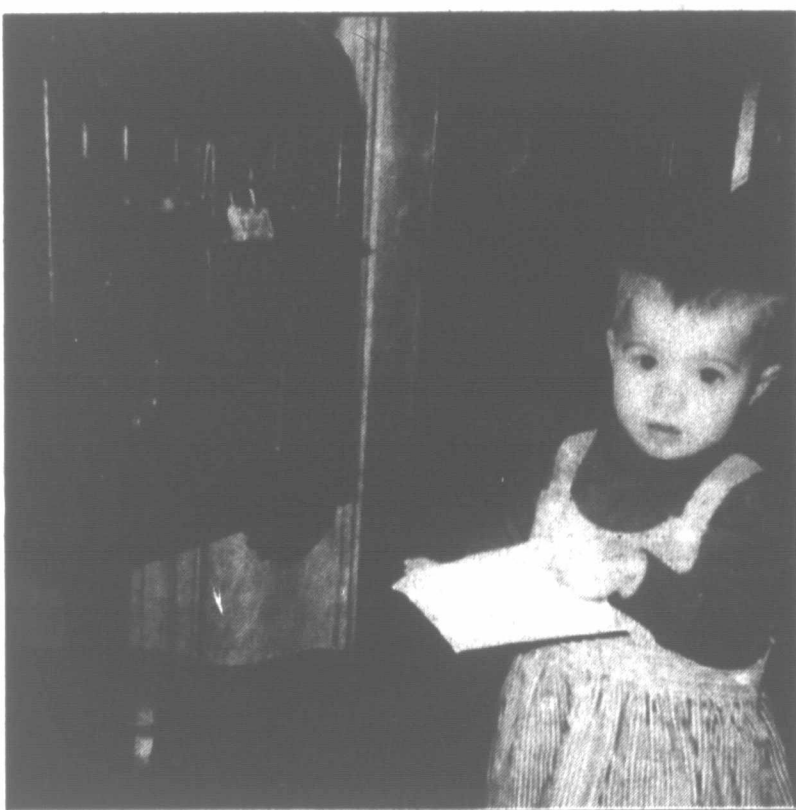
White House review of security records showed.

Asked Wednesday whether the Riadys may have used their association with Clinton to try to influence the Hanoi government to give them business, spokesman Mike McCurry said, "I don't believe the White House is in a position to tell you how Mr. Riady or anyone connected to the Lippo Group may have used any correspondence they had available. I'm not aware that we have access to that information."

In his Nov. 24, 1992, note to Clinton transition official Jerry Stern, John Huang said he and fellow Lippo executive Charles De Queljo both were "interested" in jobs in the new administration and that De Queljo was seeking a position with the National Security Council, State Department or Commerce Department.

The first page of the handwritten note on Huang's Lippobank stationery was released by the White House, but officials said they have not yet been able to locate the second page. The first one ends in mid-sentence: "Also we wish to have inputs on ..."

Letters to Santa



(Special photo)

Taci Wilson, 2, daughter of Lance and Sandi Wilson, prepares to mail her letter to Santa Claus at the North Pole. She is the granddaughter of Postmaster Richard Wilson and his wife Patsy Wilson. The Pampa Post Office has a special mailbox for letters to Santa in its lobby. Close-out date for letters to Santa in the mailbox will be Friday, Dec. 20, according to Postmaster Wilson. Letters will be published in The Pampa News until Dec. 24.

Texas Lottery commissioner considering resigning post

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Lottery Commissioner Joe Morin says he might resign from the three-member panel because a group he leads leases office space owned in part by officials of the lottery's largest contractor.

Morin told the *Austin American-Statesman* for today's editions that he didn't know officials at GTECH Holding Corp. owned the building until told by the newspaper on Dec. 2.

Morin is president of the Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce, which leases office space near the Capitol.

GTECH Chief Executive Officer Guy Snowden and his family trust own 28.6 percent of the property. GTECH Co-Chairman Victor Markowicz and his family trust own 28.6 percent. Melanie Barnes, wife of GTECH consultant Ben Barnes, owns 8.8 percent.

GTECH operates the state's on-line lottery games and is the largest lottery contractor.

The Lottery Commission is investigating how Mike Moeller, a close friend of lottery director Nora Linares, got a \$30,000 consulting contract with Rhode Island-based GTECH.

Commissioners want to know whether Linares has given preferential treatment to GTECH or other vendors.

Houston City Council votes to annex adjacent suburb

HOUSTON (AP) — The nation's fourth-largest city just got bigger.

The City Council voted 9-5 Wednesday to gobble up nearby Kingwood despite opposition from many residents in the affluent northeast suburb known for its green hiking and biking areas.

Houston Mayor Bob Lanier had recommended the annexation of Kingwood and some smaller residential and industrial areas. He said it was necessary partly because of middle-income

flight that has left Houston's

core economically depleted. That rationale didn't make some Kingwood residents feel any better.

"Where is the freedom of Americans?" tearful resident Michal Botting said after the vote. "It just feels like I'm being taken over — like Hong Kong was taken over, or going to be, by China."

Councilman Rob Todd, who voted against the proposal, said he didn't agree with annexation for the pur-

pose of adding city revenue.

"It almost reminds me of something that Karl Marx would have tried to push forward," Todd said.

Lanier last week had offered to drop the plan in exchange for a package of considerations that would net about the same \$4 million that city officials estimated would come from Kingwood's annexation.

But an agreement between Kingwood utility district officials and city officials proved elusive.

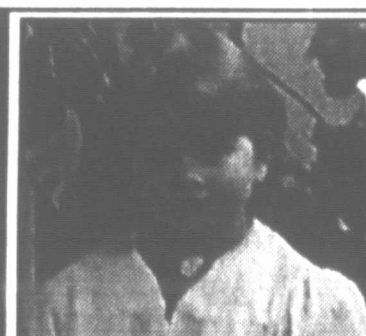
Coach charged in kidnapping, sexual assault of 15-year-old

DeSOTO, Texas (AP) — Charges of kidnapping and sexual assault have been filed against a coach and teacher at DeSoto High School, authorities say.

George Edward Washington, 41, of Dallas, was arrested last week on charges accusing him of using threats to coerce one of his students into leaving school Dec. 2 and accompanying him to his apartment in the Oak Cliff

section of Dallas. The student says he was threatened and sexually assaulted at the apartment.

Police said Washington was arrested as he was throwing away garbage bags that DeSoto police said were filled with "strong and compelling" evidence supporting the teen's account of what happened.



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Opinion

Hiss affair is more than just idealism

Just a reminder. If anything was ever demonstrated by a preponderance of the credible evidence, it is that Alger Hiss, well-connected scion of the Establishment, Harvard-trained liberal lawyer rising political star, spied for the Russian Communists. Perhaps, in retrospect or in the context of the times, that wasn't a big deal, or was more the fruit of misguided idealism than baser motives.

If so, however, why did he spend a lifetime trying to deny it?

The recent death of Alger Hiss at 92 brings to a close one of the longer, stranger trips of recent American history. In the 1930s and 1940s, Hiss was a glamorous, rising star in the foreign policy establishment, having clerked for Oliver Wendell Holmes, toiled in the New Deal, and served as executive secretary at the Dunbarton Oaks meeting that laid the groundwork for the United Nations, still later as a delegate to Yalta, and as secretary general of the San Francisco meeting that adopted the U.N. Charter. In 1946, he became president of the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace.

Then in 1948, Whittaker Chambers, a senior editor at *Time* magazine, told the House Un-American Activities Committee that he, along with Hiss, was an active member of a Communist underground operation in the 1930s that shuttled U.S. government secrets to Soviet spymasters. Hiss denied it, setting up a classically ironic confrontation between the slender, elegant Hiss and the dumpy, rumped Chambers.

Hiss denied it, and the patrician class rallied 'round. But as Chambers kept producing evidence — micro film kept in a pumpkin, papers typed on Hiss's typewriter — it became obvious the less glamorous figure was the more accurate.

The statute of limitations had run out on the spying charges, but Hiss was accused of lying to a grand jury when he denied he had ever given papers to Chambers, and so he was convicted of perjury.

News reports emphasized that, by and large, liberals believed Alger Hiss and conservatives believed Whittaker Chambers. Few noted that when such independent scholars predisposed to Hiss's innocence as Allen Weinstein dug into the evidence, they came to the reluctant conclusion that the liberal luminary had, indeed, spied for the communists. Despite a flurry of hype, Russian Gen. Dimitry Volkogonov backed away from a brief effort to vindicate Hiss. But Hiss denied all to the end of his days.

The strange attraction communism held for certain intellectuals and sons and daughters of privilege during the 1930s — owing, perhaps, to the determination to see Communists as noble idealists and to a common conviction that the masses needed guidance from an enlightened elite — has been studied extensively. Many decent people flirted with communism and became disillusioned; others made no bones about their sympathies, explaining or justifying their attitudes and actions with varying degrees of intellectual honesty.

Alger Hiss, despite overwhelming evidence, denied to the end that he had done what he had done.

If Hiss's death encourages anybody to delve into that odd history, particularly into Whittaker Chambers's compelling autobiography, *Witness*, perhaps some good will have come of his life.

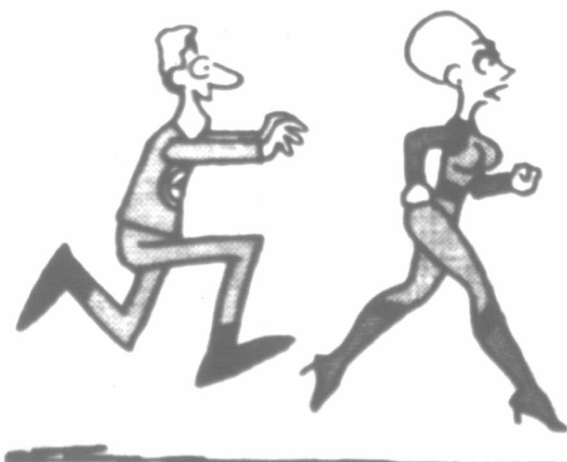
Thought for today

"When I'm playful I use the meridians of longitude and parallels of latitude for a seine, and drag the Atlantic Ocean for whales. I scratch my head with the lightning and purr myself to sleep with the thunder."

Samuel Langhorne Clemens

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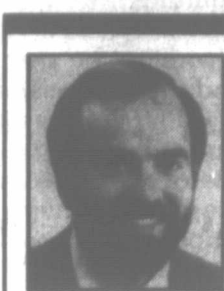
Kessler doth not a hero make

David Kessler became commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration as an unknown, but he will leave it as a hero — at least in the eyes of most people in the news media, who have been dizzy over him for years. *Time* magazine cooed that in his six years, he "did the unexpected: He improved public health." *Newsweek* gave Kessler a full page to write his own tribute congratulating himself on how tirelessly he "fought the good fight."

At times like these, it's useful to keep in mind George Orwell's advice: "Saints should always be judged guilty until they are proved innocent." Kessler was admired less because he actually did anything to improve public health than because he took on the role of liberal moral crusader, vigorously wielding federal power to advance fashionable causes. The qualities that made him a hero are the very ones that should have evoked alarm in anyone who thinks government should be a servant, not a master, and prizes the freedom of competent adults to make their own choices.

His first headline grabbing action toyed would follow. In 1991, discombobulated by the sight of Proctor and Gamble selling orange juice made from concentrate under the name "Fresh Choice," he didn't just tell the company to stop — he had federal agents march into grocery stores and seize 7,000 gallons of the stuff right off the shelves. That's fine if you're talking about Tylenol capsules laced with cyanide, but for perfectly hygienic orange juice, the jackboot tactics were a bit beyond the pale.

This sort of highhandedness became Kessler's trademark. When questions were raised about the safety of silicone breast implants, the commissioner's response was "Fire, ready, aim." Dealing with a product that had hundreds of thousands of satisfied customers and had been in use for 30 years,



Stephen Chapman

he couldn't be bothered to wait for credible scientific proof that such implants were dangerous. He quickly declared a moratorium on implants for mere "cosmetic" purposes — while allowing them, under tightly controlled conditions, for the undeniably cosmetic purpose of breast reconstruction following cancer surgery.

That was before research had been done on whether these devices posed any serious health risk. Since then, one study after another has found implants innocent. Yet Kessler has refused to lift the ban. His two rules are: 1) The FDA is always right, and 2) when the FDA is wrong, refer to rule No. 1.

When he has not been waging war on breast implant makers, he has been launching assaults on the First Amendment, which Kessler seems to think does not apply to his noble efforts to protect public health. In 1994, the agency began a crackdown on makers of nutritional supplements who made statements about the health benefits of their products. But Kessler wasn't content to stop at banning claims that were false or misleading. He also banned statements that were irrefutably based on serious scientific evidence.

All such claims had to be approved in advance by the FDA, and most of them were rejected. This

censorship made manufacturers of supplements second class citizens, deprived of rights allowed others. The *New England Journal of Medicine* and the *Chicago Tribune* are free to report that studies show Vitamin Z reduces heart disease — but companies producing Vitamin Z are not. But it also had less abstract results. The agency took years to allow supplement makers to publicize the universally accepted message that folic acid can prevent birth defects — a delay that undoubtedly produced many avoidable cases of spina bifida in newborns.

Kessler simply does not trust anyone but the nannies in Washington to educate people about important matters. He has pursued this policy in other areas. The most significant comes in the "off-label" use of prescription drugs. Once a drug is approved for one purpose by the FDA, doctors are free to prescribe it for others. Most cancer treatments today involve "off-label" uses. But Kessler's agency has forbidden drug companies to provide physicians with reliable evidence about the value of such treatments — even if they are endorsed by the FDA.

His contempt for freedom of speech only grows more intense when tobacco is involved. The agency's proposed regulations on cigarette ads would go so far as to monitor the number of teenagers reading various magazines and ban ads using pictures if kids constitute 15% or more of the publication's readers. Any editors out there feel a chill? Any readers?

Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis warned, "The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachments by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding." He could have been talking about David Kessler, whose zeal for the public's health should have been balanced by a dash of humility and a respect for the public's freedom.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 12, the 347th day of 1996. There are 19 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 12, 1917, Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Neb.

On this date:

In 1787, Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1870, Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina became the first black lawmaker sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1913, authorities in Florence, Italy, announced that the "Mona Lisa," stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris in 1911, had been recovered.

In 1925, the first motel — the Motel Inn — opened in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

In 1937, Japanese aircraft sank the U.S. gunboat Panay on China's Yangtze River. (Japan apologized, and paid \$2.2 million in reparations.)

In 1946, 50 years ago, a United Nations committee voted to accept a six-block tract of Manhattan real estate offered as a gift by John D. Rockefeller Jr. to be the site of the U.N.'s headquarters.

In 1947, the United Mine Workers union withdrew from the American Federation of Labor.

In 1963, Kenya gained its independence from Britain.

In 1975, Sara Jane Moore pleaded guilty to a charge of trying to kill President Gerald Ford in San Francisco the previous September.

In 1985, 248 American soldiers and eight crew members were killed when an Arrow Air charter crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland.

Ten years ago: Addressing a bipartisan audience of newly elected state legislators, President Ronald Reagan vowed not to let the controversy over the Iran-Contra affair prevent him from "getting on with the business of governing."

Five years ago: Russian President Boris Yeltsin won landslide approval in the Russian legislature for his new commonwealth, while Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev edged closer to resigning, saying, "The main work of my life is done."

One year ago: By only three votes, the Senate killed a constitutional amendment giving Congress authority to outlaw flag burning and other forms of desecration against Old Glory. Two French airmen shot down over Bosnia arrived home after nearly four months as captives of the Bosnian Serbs.

Today's Birthdays: Frank Sinatra is 81. Jazz singer Joe Williams is 78. TV host Bob Barker is 73. Former New York City Mayor Edward Koch is 72. Singer Connie Francis is 58. Jazz musician Grover Washington Jr. is 53. Rock singer-musician Dickie Betts (The Allman Brothers) is 53. Gymnast-turned-actress Cathy Rigby is 44. Singer-musician Sheila E. is 37. Actress Jennifer Connelly is 26. Actress Mayim Bialik is 21.

Statistics: Helpful or misleading?

Charley Reese

If a state had only one high school graduate and the next year managed to get two, then the percentage of high school graduates has increased by 50%. Wow, sounds like a lot, doesn't it? State Dumbo today announced it has increased the number of high school graduates by 50%.

If we read that crime has increased by such and such a percent, we still have no idea of the extent of the problem unless we know the actual number of crimes.

Another statistic to be wary of is "per capita" whatever. All statistics start with a definition, and the definition of per capita is the whole of the population divided by the whatever. In a nation of two people, one a dying beggar and the other a millionaire, the per capita income would be \$500,000 a year. Again, that figure doesn't really provide you with any meaningful information.

Statistics are usually used by special pleaders. For example, people who want to raise your taxes will often cite how much lower the per capita tax in your state is compared to another. In fact, another state could have lower taxes but fewer

people and, therefore, a higher per capita tax than in a state with higher taxes but lots of people.

A more meaningful number for comparison purposes is total tax revenues and the various tax rates. It does not follow that there is a direct need for additional government simply because of more people. Most people, in fact, draw on a few government resources. More people with good jobs would not require additional welfare spending, for example. More retirees would not require additional spending on education.

Huff's book is very simple and humorously written. In it, he covers topics such as polling, averages, graphs and the very common post hoc error of confusing correlation with cause and effect.

If you see me leaving a hotel with a beautiful blonde lady, you have a correlation — two things occurring together. But you don't know anything else. We could be total strangers simply exiting the hotel at the same time through the same door. We could be part of a larger crowd who met for prayer breakfast.

The old fallacy of post hoc is the assumption that if B follows A then A has caused B. This crops up a lot in medical or social science surveys in which, having established a correlation, they leap to the assumption that one has caused the other. I started the column with an example.

ACLU: An exception to free speech

The November Bill of Rights dinner of the Tennessee affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union was to be a particularly inspiring event. A Lifetime Achievement Award would be presented to 72-year-old Will Campbell, a preacher, and the only white man at the founding of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. And when Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus banned black kids from the public schools in Little Rock, Will Campbell nonetheless walked some of those black youngsters to school.

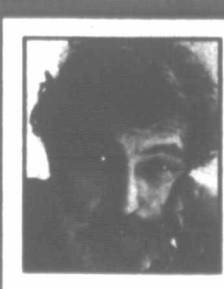
When Stokely Carmichael commanded whites to get out of the civil rights movement and minister to their own kind, Campbell took him seriously and became the chaplain to a Ku Klux Klan outpost. Rev. Campbell is an equal-opportunity soul-saver.

Another persistent practitioner of the Bill of Rights, Jules Feiffer, has been skewering the politically correct before the term became current. Feiffer was the keynote speaker at that Tennessee ACLU dinner.

Before the program began, four paladins of free speech stood in the hallway outside the banquet area distributing leaflets. One leaflet advocated Ralph Nader as president and included a number of forthright populist quotations by Citizen Nader. A second pamphlet reprinted an article of mine detailing Bill Clinton's dismaying record on civil liberties.

Winston Grizzard, Tennessee coordinator for the Nader campaign, says that Nader supporters had previously leafleted without incident at a Sierra Club meeting and a Jesse Jackson appearance at Vanderbilt University.

But this time their free speech rights were abruptly canceled — not by the hotel's security staff but by the ACLU. Its executive director, Hedy Weinberg, told them to remove themselves instantly because the ACLU dinner was a private affair. In response, the quartet told her that they



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were in a public hallway, not intruding into the area her group had rented. She was not moved. "I want you out of here," she said.

Then a very large gentleman, Joe Sweat, a board member of the Tennessee ACLU, appeared, standing very close to leafleteer Richard Moser. Sweat, looming, with arms outstretched, told Moser, "I said for you to leave!"

Moser, a history professor at the Middle Tennessee State University, told me he was astonished. "This was the ACLU!" he said. "I'm a member. I paid my dues. And leafletting is the First Amendment. There was no debate or response to us, except 'Get out!' These ACLU people were not used to being contradicted. They were the authority!"

"And the large man, who looked like an off-duty cop, told me, 'I'm a big Clinton fan. And this leaflet offends me.' This is a rising counter-constitutional right not to be offended, and has reached some ACLU members."

Neither Will Campbell nor Jules Feiffer knew about the expulsion of the leafleteers until a few days later. Then I asked Campbell his reaction. "During my talk," he told me, "without my knowing what had happened, I tried to chide the audience out of self-righteousness. I'm a Baptist, and I pointed out that the Baptists began as a

very revolutionary movement, but as they gathered power, they became reactionary."

"Now there is not a more militaristic, nationalist and unfree religious group than the Southern Baptists. As I was saying that, I doubted that the audience got my point."

Campbell was appalled by the expulsion of the leafleteers. "The mission of the ACLU," he said to me, "consists of one thing — freedom of speech and expression. If we don't do it, it won't be done."

Jules Feiffer's speech that night had consisted, in part, of a number of quotes from my article giving Bill Clinton failing grades on the Bill of Rights — the very article reprinted in the offending leaflet. The quotations probably didn't have much effect because it was Feiffer's sense that most of those in the audience were Clinton fans.

There has been no indication that the Tennessee ACLU has any regrets about ejecting the leafleteers. Hedy Weinberg, for instance, tells me that the outsiders had to be booted out so that the ACLU's non-partisan status would not be compromised.

But, as Frank Ritter, a Nashville Tennessee columnist, pointed out, they "could have taken care of that concern simply by announcing to the banquet guests that the ACLU took no responsibility for the leaflets."

As a result, Ritter also noted, the "ACLU — that, has even defended the rights of such groups as the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazis, to preach their views publicly" — actually told the Nader people, to move or be busted.

Jules Feiffer's reaction to that alleged Bill of Rights dinner is: "It seems to this participant that a face-saving way out of an embarrassing situation is for the Tennessee ACLU to file a First Amendment lawsuit in behalf of the Nader leafleteers — a suit against the Tennessee ACLU."

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(Special photo)

Lorene Boggs, right, 83, and her son, Earl Boggs, pose in front of a 12-foot tall okra plant growing in Mrs. Boggs' backyard at her home in Oklahoma City. The okra plant was still growing until just over a week ago, when a freeze hit the area. Mrs. Boggs, sister of Ina Mae Johnson and sister-in-law of Floyd Johnson of Pampa, has been growing a garden at her home for about 50 years on the same spot, and is still gardening and canning.

Pampa Middle School Honor Roll

Pampa Middle School recently released its honor roll for the second six weeks grading period of the 1996-97 school year.

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll

Mollie Baker, Faye Bennett, Aleshia Bowers, Abbey Bradley, Luke Burton, Ross Buzzard, Abbey Cavalier, Annie Chumbley, Meagan Craig, Betsy Crossman, Amanda Dyson, Taryn Fallon, Kristi Farnum, Matthew Foust, Benjamin Frogge and Jay Gerber. Justin Haddock, John Hahn, Kristina Hartman, Jason Hillman, Bonnie Holmes, Nathanael Holmes, Tyler Howard, Karissa Intemann, Matthew Jameson, Brad Justice, Jordan Klaus, Nick Knowles, Andrea Lee, Joshua Miller, Tiffani Neef, Jessica Nicolet and Vanessa Orr.

Jeanie Palmetteer, Brian Peters, Cody Planteau, Sarah Porter, Brent Raney, Terra Scoggin, Megan Shannon, Max Simon, Joshua Smith, Teryn Stowers, A Swope, Kevin Turner, William Vise, Hayden Wade, Lauren Walters, Mary Warner, Ashely Willis and Erica Wittlief.

A-B Honor Roll

Ashley Abbe, Tommy Abernathy, Justin Anderson, Wendy Arreola, Shantyl Baker, Jennifer Bentley, Amber Bowers, John Braddock, Brittany Brazile, Kaylie Brewer, Helen Brooks, Cameron Cargill, Jimmy Casey, Fawnia Chapman, Staci Clay, Tara Coffee, Joshua Cook, Jill Crawford, Jackie Curtis and Jesse Czesnowski.

Alejandro Davila, Amber Driggers, Michael Eskridge, Zachary Ferris, Meredith Fleming, Kimberly Franklin, Luzann Garcia, Kandice Garrison, Julian George, Cassie Gibson, Stefani Goldsmith, Luis Gonzales, Danielle Green, Michelle Haley, Price Hall, Joe Harp, Lexi Hill, Bradley Holden, Zachary Hood and Robert Hutchison.

Timothy Kettering, Shawn King, Tess Kingcade, Kody Kirkland, Jessica Knipp, Rhett Lawrence, Brandy Ledford, Casey Lee, Jessica Leos, Denise Mackey, Lindsey Meyer, Jeremy Mitchell, Rebecca Moore, Katherine Morris, Carolyn Morse and Justin Myers.

Katy Newhouse, Brandon Olson, Janee Perez, Shaunta Reed, Travis Reed, Joe Resendiz, Garett Rhine, Matthew Robben, Brandi Schakel, Janna Sikes, Claudia Silva, James Silva, Alexander Slaybaugh, Jered Snelgrodes, Jordan Spearman and Bridget Stephenson.

Julie Thompson, Kelly Triplehorn, Christopher Van Houten, Valerie Velez, Elizabeth West, Scotty Willett, Angie Williams, Zachary Windhorst,

Cody Wisdom, Ryan Zemanek.

Seventh Grade
A Honor Roll

Cory Bigham, Jonathan Brooks, Ashley Everson, Samantha Ford, Samantha Jasso, Jared Jones, Karen Kirkwood, Michelle Lee, Arriott Manning, Randa Morris, Janelle Powers, Sara Scott, Taylor Stellman, Kelley Stowers, Ashley Stucki, Justin Waggoner, Morgan White, Jason Young.

A-B Honor Roll

Olivia Anderson, Rhianna Anglin, Dirk Archer, Marcie Bennett, Chandler Bowers, Ryan Bradley, Erik Brown, Reginald Bryant, Jessica Burns, Ashley Cain, Nathanael Carpenter, Lindsay Carroll, Stacie Carter, Kimberly Conner, Brenna Coutts, Lindsey Coutts, Cali Covalt, Charles Craig, Matthew Crow, Christopher Dallas, Schuyler Davis, Ashley Derington, Patrick Dunigan and Matthew Dyer.

Leslie Earl, Greg Easley, Ty Elledge, Monica Ellis, Jarred Etheredge, Rebecca Fatheree, Ashley Freeman, Andrea Gallagher, Jacob George, Charity Godwin, Michelle Gomez, Karlle Green, Kylie Green, William Griffin, Zachary Guthrie, Clifford Henthorn, Daniel Heuston, Nathanael Hill, Ashlee Hunt, Rocky Ivey, Clayton Johnson, Dustin Johnson, Jonathan Johnson, Sabrina Johnson, Ashley Jordan and Justin Juan.

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Larry Lawley, Heather Lee, Kyle Leger, Justin Lemons, Christopher Lewis, Collin Lewis, Jennifer Lindsey, Courtney Locknane, Robyn Lowrey, Tiffany Lucas, Evan Miller, Edson Miranda, Ricky Morehart, Courtney Moreland, Christopher Morton, Ryan Nash and Misti Northcutt.

Oscar Ortega, Abbey Parker, Heather Parry, Daniel Passini, Priti Patel, David Phillips, Chad Platt, Kandra Poole, Kasey Presson, Robert Reidle, Courtney Ritchey, Adam Rodgers, Kathryn Russell, Bradley Scott, Shelly Sims, Shellie Snapp, Jarred Spearman, Bradley Stucker, Jeffrey Sweeney, Sarah Teague, Christopher Tice, Randy Tice, Madalena Velasquez, Desiree Vigil, Leslie Ward, Jennifer Warren, William Warren, Melissa Watts, Aaron Willis and Jarrett Woodington.

Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll

Chris Alexander, Lorena Baker, Gerald Banner, Ryan Black, Stephanie Blankenship, Tiffany Boyd, Shanna Buck, Stefanie Caldwell, Ryan Chambers, Kira Chumbley, Carrie Coutts, Megan Coutts, Dori Edens, Destiny Engel, Anita Hacker, Consuelo Hacker, Rebecca Jentzen and Ashley Knipp.

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A-B Honor Roll

Jarod Allen, Alexis Amador, Liana Ammerman, Lane Baker, Shanna Baker, Blake Baldridge, Heath Bently, Colby Brazile, Ashley Broadbent, Shauna Broadus, Victor Brooks, April Brown, Ashleigh Burns, Lance Burton, Beatriz Cabrales, Stephanie Cameron, Aaron Childress, Michael Cornelison, Jessica Cortez, Juan Cortez, Derrick Cummings, Lance Defever, Nicholas Dyer and Maegan Dyer-Lusk.

Montana Farnum, Robert Fernuik, Crystal Gatlin, Joshua George, Kirk George, Joshua Gibson, Andrew Grabato, Kimberly Grice, Lindsey Hampton, Jeremy Harper, Taylor Harris, Joshua Harrison, Riordan Hill and Timothy Hucks.

Daniel Jennings, Christopher Jordan, Amber Kelsey, Travis Lancaster, Melissa Lawrence, Daisy Leal, Chelsea McCullough, Mary McEwen, Callie McGrady, Cassie Meadows, Christyn Moutray, Holly Myers, Charity Nachitgall, Chastity Nachitgall, Lizette Navarrete, Ashleigh Patton and Kimberly Porter.

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Grandview-Hopkins School Honor Roll

Grandview-Hopkins Elementary School recently released its honor roll for the second six weeks grading period of the 1996-97 school year.

First Grade

A Honor Roll - Lucas Almanza, Ricky Davis, Sarah Spaulding and Teasa Wheat.

Special Effort Awards - Sarah Spaulding, Lucas Almanza and Ricky Davis.

Second Grade

A Honor Roll - Haley Acker, Hope Coutts, Maggie Hopkins and Shawn Johnson.

Third Grade

A Honor Roll - Abbi Aderholt, Will Jaegle, Megan Jouett and Chandon Wilson.

A-B Honor Roll - Ryan Spaulding and Bradley Smith.

Fourth Grade

A Honor Roll - Chera Chavedo and Roger Johnson.

A-B Honor Roll - Kenneth Mort.

Special Effort Awards - Chera Chavedo and Roger Johnson.

Fifth Grade

A Honor Roll - Chance Bowers, Collin Bowers, Michael Dominguez, Jake Hopkins, Drew Jaegle, Justin Jouett, Erin Norris and Calvin Shaffer.

Special Effort Awards -

Collin Bowers, Michael Dominguez, Jake Hopkins, Drew Jaegle, Justin Jouett and Erin Norris.

Sixth Grade

A Honor Roll - Lauren Acker, Cody Babcock and Sara Blankenship.

Special Effort Awards - Lauren Acker, Cody Babcock and Sara Blankenship.

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Jupiter moon has big magnetic field

NEW YORK (AP) — Jupiter's biggest moon, Ganymede, is surprisingly like Earth in some ways, with a magnetic field and probably a molten iron core, researchers say, citing data from the orbiting Galileo spacecraft.

The results are considered important because they provide more information about what a planet needs to generate a magnetic field.

Ganymede is bigger than Mercury or Pluto and is often considered to be essentially a planet, although it does not orbit the sun.

Ganymede's large-scale magnetic field puts it in a select club. Of the solid bodies in the solar system, only Earth and Mercury are known to have one, although Jupiter's moon Io probably does and Mars might, said researcher Gerald Schubert of the University of California at Los Angeles.

The Associated Press reported in July that Galileo found evidence of a magnetic field on Ganymede. The spacecraft's observations and the argument for a partially or totally molten core are presented in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*.



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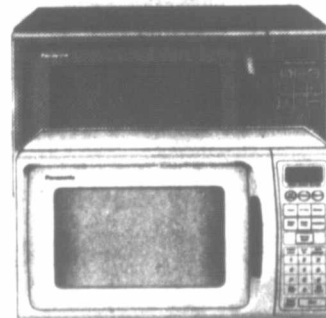
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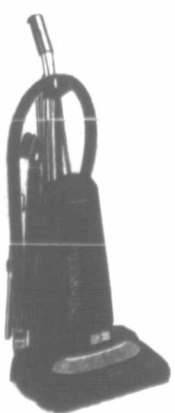
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I would like to have a doll and stroller, a play kitchen, dress-up clothes and high heels, a jewelry box and a pair of slippers. My little sister would like a dolly and some books.

Thank you, Santa, and please tell Rudolph I love him.

Love,
Sydney Minchin

Dear Santa,

We have been very good this year. Here is a list of "toys" that we would like for Christmas:

1 Cowbell,
1 throne for our trap-set,
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Aaron Lucas, 6

Dear santa,

Will you get me a race car that has no wire and a pet cat and the David robsin doll. Plase get me a nintdo game and a sega satran with a game with it. Plase get me a jupbox that has a tape that has the tape cald gathbooks and my own tv with a super nintdo that has a game that comes with it and I want a lot of cars and a pino and a trabone and cowboy boots and a cowboy hat and a vast and a claranet too and I want a pet

Love,
Shawn Johnson, 7 years old

Der sarta

I want a GLobe and a dog and a SnowGlobe and CowbOy cLOs. That is all.

Lucas Almanza, 7 yers old

Dear Santa,

I want a cat.
I want som makeUp.
I want a globe.
I want som littell kitells.
I want a playhouse.
I want some glow in dark gake
I will give you som coke
I love you santa
Sarah Spaulding, 6 years old

Dear Santa,

I want a Felecity doll and I want my ears perst and some cloths for Felecity to. I want some Barbis and some Barbi cloths. I want a doll that eats food and comes out of her back pack and a stuft anumail whi Winny the poo or Piglet or Eor and a glob that has your workshop in it. I want a Barny tape and Winny the poo tapes.

When am I gunu get to see you? I cant wait.

Love,
Haley Acker, 7 years old

dr santa

I want a cat and i want a dog and a fish i hav bin a good grl love
Hannah Hopkins, 6 yerz old

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i wut a bom bos i wut a gutr plez i so a tokeg bu bu i wil se u ur frnd
Brodie Peters, 6 uerz

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i wont a cat a sdor fish, oshin borbie, a dokr brbei, a pet leard, prig kiten, a pet frog, a sduft dalmash
i wil giv you cokes
i love you santu
Kathy Aler, six uerz

dr sandtu,

i wont a dog and a dns with mey dol and a cat and a book barnstn barz and i wont a oranj
I Will se u
Abby Jaegle, 6 yuz

Der Santa,

I want a bike that looks like a moter sikool. That is all I want.
Ricky Davis, 6 years old

Dear Santa,

I want some make-up, a Play Time Puppy, A Play Time Kitty and a doll named Molly. I also want Teacher Barbi and pet doctor Barbi, and Ocian Barbi. I want Jean Jakit with all the Disanaey cariters on the back. I am excited!
I am 8 years old.
Your friend,
Maggie Hopkins

Dr santa

i want a Bab wiigs And Giigls And a Cat And Santa il Cv you sm milk
Jessica Baggerman, 5 yer old

Der Santa,

I want a play desk.
I want a play damash.

I want a bike.
I want a play dall.
I want a play book.
I Love you Santa!
I am six yers old.
I Love my Friend.
I Love my Mom.
Thank you Santa.
Teasa Wheat

dr santu,

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i luv u
Taylor Aderholt, 6 uerz old

Dear Santa,

I want Sammenthys desk. I want some make-up. I want the book called Litte Women. I want some paper dolls in the 1860's. I want the seeres of Little House on the Perie when she was big plese. Your a really nice gyl for doing this!
Your friend,
Hope Coutts, I am 7.

dr santu,

i wnt a nu bik and wetdog and molle love
Hannah Coutts, 5 uerz old

Study: Family hour TV promotes sexual promiscuity, risk taking

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — The sexual themes and innuendoes during television's nighttime family hour fail to teach children about the risks and responsibilities of sexual behavior, a study found.

Just nine percent of scenes of a sexual nature addressed issues such as unplanned pregnancy or birth control, said Dale Kunkel, a communications professor at the University of California at Santa Barbara who analyzed the content of TV shows from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The study released Wednesday by the Kaiser Family Foundation and Children Now shows that about 75 percent of family hour TV shows contain sexual content. That's up from 65 percent in 1986 and 43 percent in 1976.

"What we found is that there is a tremendous amount of sexual content on TV during the family hour, very little of which makes any mention of the risks or responsibilities of sexual activity," Victoria Rideout of Children Now said.

The study of programming by ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox urged

networks to be more aware of their shows' impact on children but did not take a position on whether they should restrict sexual themes.

"Our point is not that television should avoid the topic of sex. Our point is that we need to be aware of the kind of messages about sex that we are sending our kids," Rideout said.

The study found that children generally understood sexual comments and innuendoes.

Chris Ender, a CBS spokesman, said attitudes toward sex and its presentation have changed dramatically in ten years, so it shouldn't be shocking that the volume of sexual content has increased.

He said CBS shows sexual content responsibly and that the network's 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. lineup is "programming that the entire family can watch together."

The study included analysis of sexual content, telephone surveys of parents with children ages 6 to 15, and eight focus groups with children ages 8 to 13 in Chicago and San Jose, Calif.

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FDA panel favors approval of new Type II diabetes drug

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — A novel drug that promises to help thousands of people with the most common form of diabetes reduce — or maybe even stop taking — their insulin shots is a step closer to market.

Scientific advisers to the Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday unanimously recommended approval of Rezulin, the first drug to attack an underlying cause of Type II diabetes.

The drug "is a truly novel approach," said Dr. Solomon Sobel, FDA's director of endocrinologic drugs. It puts doctors "in the realm of treating Type II diabetes in a more fundamental way."

Some 16 million Americans have diabetes, although only half are diagnosed. Type I diabetics, typically diagnosed in childhood, cannot produce insulin and must get daily shots of the hormone, which converts blood sugar into energy. Rezulin is not for them.

But the vast majority of diabetics have Type II, also called adult-

onset or non-insulin dependent, diabetes. With this form, the pancreas produces more and more insulin but the body gradually stops reacting to it, letting blood sugar rise and risking kidney damage, blindness, heart disease and other complications.

Diet, exercise and pills to boost insulin production and decrease glucose production can help, but over 40 percent of Type II diabetics eventually need insulin shots. Even then, many can't get high enough doses to

stay healthy — or the inconvenience of taking shots and the weight gain insulin can cause dissuade patients from taking proper care.

Rezulin, known chemically as troglitazone, somehow resensitizes the body to insulin. Researchers believe it stimulates a gene to produce more insulin-controlled proteins that in turn remove glucose from the bloodstream — essentially giving insulin more opportunity to do its job.

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Lubbock man credited time despite violating terms of release

AUSTIN (AP) — A Lubbock man twice paroled from the Texas prison system will get credit toward his sentence for the time he was out of prison, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has ruled.

Frederick W. Lewis was convicted in 1983 and sentenced to 18 years for an aggravated robbery in Lubbock.

During his prison term, he was convicted and sentenced to five years for aggravated assault of a correctional officer.

Lewis was released on parole in May 1990. He was returned to prison in December 1990 after allegedly violating the terms of his release.

Lewis again was released in April 1991. He returned to prison in December 1992 for violating the release terms, according to court records.

Lewis claimed — and the court said records showed — he wasn't eligible for either release because of the assault conviction. Both said the five-year term wasn't considered when Lewis' eligibility for parole was calculated.

"You want to believe that it was a human error and not a systemic error," said Glen Castlebury, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. "I think had it happened before, we would not be here with this case. We learn fast."

But Carl Reynolds, general counsel for the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, said the releases weren't a mistake.

"He was released on parole and was eligible for parole," Reynolds said. "That changes everything."

Reynolds said the department was still reviewing the case, but would probably ask the court to reconsider its decision.

ST. NICK OF TIME by Jimmy Johnson



State briefs

Acclaimed author-nun turned away from Travis County jail

AUSTIN (AP) — Saying there are local clergy to counsel inmates, Travis County jail officials have refused to allow a former death row inmate to visit with the Catholic nun, who wrote the book *Dead Man Walking*.

Sister Helen Prejean's award-winning book led to an acclaimed movie of the same title. She was in Austin Wednesday to speak at a dinner sponsored by the Texas Civil Rights Project.

As part of her trip, Sister Prejean said she arranged two weeks ago to visit inmate David L. Powell at the Travis County Jail.

Powell twice has been sentenced to death in the 1978 capital murder of Austin police officer Ralph Ablanedo. His first conviction was reversed, as was his second sentence. Powell is awaiting resentencing, which could put him back on death row.

Woody Simmons, director of treatment and inmate services for the jail, said Sister Prejean's visit with Powell hadn't been prearranged, and Sister Prejean hadn't been cleared for the visit.

Court says civil deposition can't be used in criminal case

AUSTIN (AP) — Testimony in a successful civil lawsuit against a Houston woman accused of misusing an AIDS patient's insurance money can't be used against her in a related criminal case, the Texas Court

of Criminal Appeals has ruled.

Cloris "C.C." Roberts was charged in July 1994 with using insurance payments made to AIDS victim Lawrence White for personal items, such as clothing and car repairs. He successfully sued her in a highly publicized trial before dying in June 1994.

Prosecutors wanted to use White's deposition from his civil lawsuit in their criminal trial against Roberts.

The court said on Wednesday that the state couldn't appeal a lower court's decision disallowing the videotaped testimony and dismissed the state's appeal.

The court said the testimony was disallowed in such a way that it couldn't be appealed.

Former investigator pleads guilty in bribery scheme

HARLINGEN (AP) — In the latest of a smattering of scandals to strike the Cameron County district attorney's office, a former DA's investigator has pleaded guilty to taking bribes to fix criminal cases.

The case was the second accusing an employee of District Attorney Luis Saenz of accepting payoffs to alter cases.

William "Billy" Weaver, a DA's investigator for 5 1/2 years, pleaded guilty Wednesday to one count of racketeering for accepting money from defendants to have their criminal cases dismissed or the charges against them reduced.

In exchange for the guilty plea, federal prosecutors dropped an additional count of racketeering conspiracy and five counts of extortion. They also agreed not to prosecute Weaver for two separate incidents of theft at the district attorney's office.

Prosecutors contended Weaver, from August 1990 through February 1995, received more than \$8,000 from six defendants to alter the outcome of their drunken driving and drug cases.

Twelve Barton Springs salamanders found dead

AUSTIN (AP) — Scientists are trying to figure out what caused the deaths of a dozen Barton Springs salamanders, rare amphibians that recently were denied endangered species status.

The dead salamanders were found last Friday when city, state and federal scientists conducted a routine survey at Eliza Springs, a small spring outlet adjacent to the much larger Barton Springs in Austin's Zilker Park.

The discovery renewed criticism from environmental advocates, who argued that the incident shows the need to protect the salamander by listing it as an endangered species.

The salamander, 2 1/2 inches long, has been at the center of a controversy between environmentalists and developers in Austin for years.

Report: No disciplinary action recommended in Saudi episode

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Air Force investigation is recommending no disciplinary action be taken against any military personnel — from commanders to guards — for the June truck bombing that killed 19 U.S. airmen in Saudi Arabia, a senior Pentagon official says.

The finding is contained in a report issued by Lt. Gen. James Record, who was given the authority to decide whether Brig. Gen. Terryl J. Schwalier, commander of the facility in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, should be disciplined or face court-martial proceedings, an official with knowledge of the report said Wednesday.

The finding by Record is in sharp contrast to the Downing commission report, conducted by retired Army special forces Gen. Wayne Downing, who found Schwalier "did not adequately protect his forces from a terrorist attack."

Defense Secretary William Perry ordered the Record investigation in September, following the release of the Downing report.

Nineteen airmen under Schwalier's command died in a terrorist bombing that tore open an eight-story apartment building in the Khobar Towers complex.

Meanwhile, the *Los Angeles Times* reported in today's editions that the Clinton administration has drawn up plans for retaliatory

measures against Iran, including possible strikes against military installations, if officials determine that the Tehran government was involved in the bomb attack.

However, the newspaper quoted a Pentagon official as saying "we have no evidence" of direct Iranian involvement. Saudi officials' claims that their investigation found such Iranian involvement have been met with skepticism by several U.S. officials.

The "well-advanced" planning includes a list of options, one of them strikes on facilities that would send "a powerful and specific" message to Tehran, the newspaper quoted its sources as saying.

Diplomatic measures on the list include calling for new U.N. sanctions against Iran, among them a ban on all arms sales and nuclear technology transfers, the newspaper said.

In his report on the bombing, Record looked for culpability on the part of U.S. military personnel "and found none," said the senior official, who spoke on condition he not be identified by name.

Record looked up and down the chain of command for "dereliction of duty," and found none, ranging from the most senior commander — Gen. H. Binford Peay, head of the U.S. Central Command — to the military police who guarded the compound, the official said.

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Husband With Wife In Nursing Home Needs To Care For Himself

DEAR ABBY: The letter from the man in Olympia, Wash., whose wife has Alzheimer's disease and doesn't even recognize him prompts me to write. Although he continues to visit her in the nursing home, he feels guilty about seeing the widow next door to him.

My husband and I were also childhood sweethearts, and we have just celebrated our 46th anniversary, too. As you reach our age, thoughts of just this sort of possibility occur.

It would pain me terribly if I thought for one minute that should I get Alzheimer's or some other debilitating disease, my dear husband would feel that he must also give up the rest of his life to sit by my bedside watching me "in a world of my own."

Obviously, this man was always a thoughtful and loving husband during their marriage. Perhaps he should try to imagine how he would feel if he were the ill partner. Would he begrudge her having some joy and comfort while he was oblivious to the world? I think not.

Please, Abby, tell that man he has no reason to feel guilty. If his wife could speak, she would give him her blessing and thank him for the last 46 years.

MARY JANE SEGERSON
DEAR MARY JANE: I told the husband that a psychiatrist, a psychologist, a grief counselor or clergyman could help him alleviate his feelings of guilt, and that an Alzheimer's support

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

group could also be helpful. But your letter gets right to the heart of the dilemma. Although not everyone is as enlightened as you, I am with you 100 percent. This does not reduce the responsibility of the well spouse to ensure that the loved one receives the best and most compassionate care possible. But life is a gift that should be enjoyed.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I work in a small family business. A female employee spends a great deal of time in my husband's office. (I'll call her Sally.) She flatters him constantly and often brings him food. Although Sally is married and has children, my husband has gone to her home several times to assist her with setting up her computer.

Last week, we were all having lunch. Sally sat across from my husband and I noticed that her foot was touching his leg!

When I left work one evening, I forgot something and had to return to my office. My husband was in

Sally's office, and I overheard him telling her not to sit next to him at lunch because I was jealous! (She was laughing!) I was enraged that he would discuss my confidences with this woman, and I later confronted him about it. He apologized for this disloyalty.

Abby, I am in a dilemma, as I must work with this woman daily. I am her supervisor. All the strange comments she has made in the past seem to indicate that there is more than just friendship between her and my husband. To make matters worse, she's unhappy in her marriage and several of her friends are going through divorces. I don't want to lose my husband. Any advice would help.

FRANTIC

DEAR FRANTIC: First, have a long talk with your husband. Show him this letter and tell him you wrote it.

Sally may or may not be a threat to your marriage. You and your husband should have counseling, because whatever is going on could not be happening without his willingness to tolerate it.

Years ago, I would have recommended that you and your husband find this woman a job elsewhere. But in the '90s, a lawsuit for sexual discrimination or sexual harassment could be more expensive than a divorce, and turn your lives upside down.

where you can meet new people. A pleasant surprise might be in store for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This will be a good day for the whole family to pull together. Your efforts could transform a negative situation into something positive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, others might think that you are more restless than usual. Try not to lock yourself into an agreement which could hold you in one place for too long.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will benefit today if you are more assertive in situations which offer financial remuneration. You will be lucky in money matters.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your ability to manage others will be impressive today. After you make a decision, don't back down or waffle. Associates won't respect your authority if you do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you want to resolve a troublesome matter today, you may have to prod family members to get them to compromise.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Friday, Dec. 13, 1996

You will have many opportunities to increase your assets in the year ahead. However, you must be aware of your limits. Choose your endeavors carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This will be a good day to socialize with an individual who can help you resolve a business matter. For best results, keep everything positive. Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead make wonderful Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail \$2 for each and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York.



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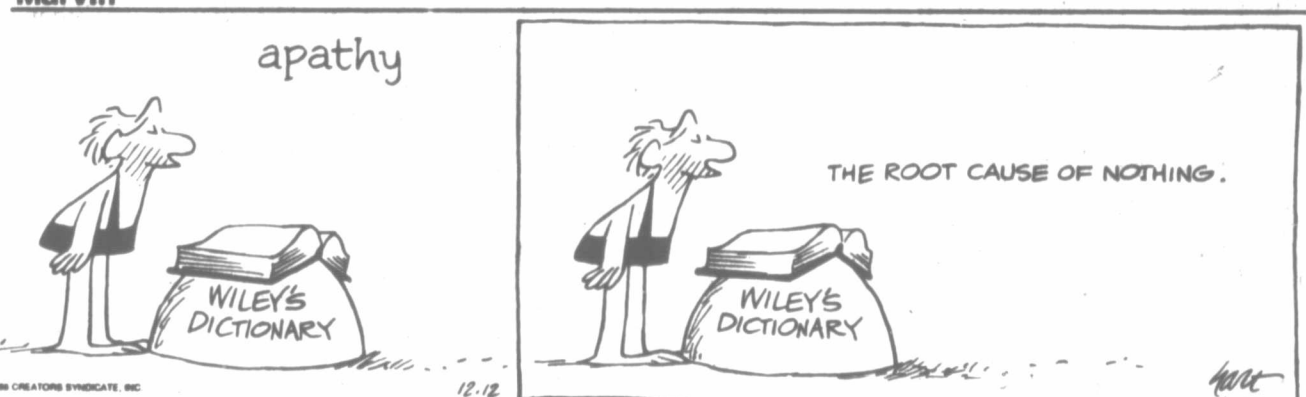
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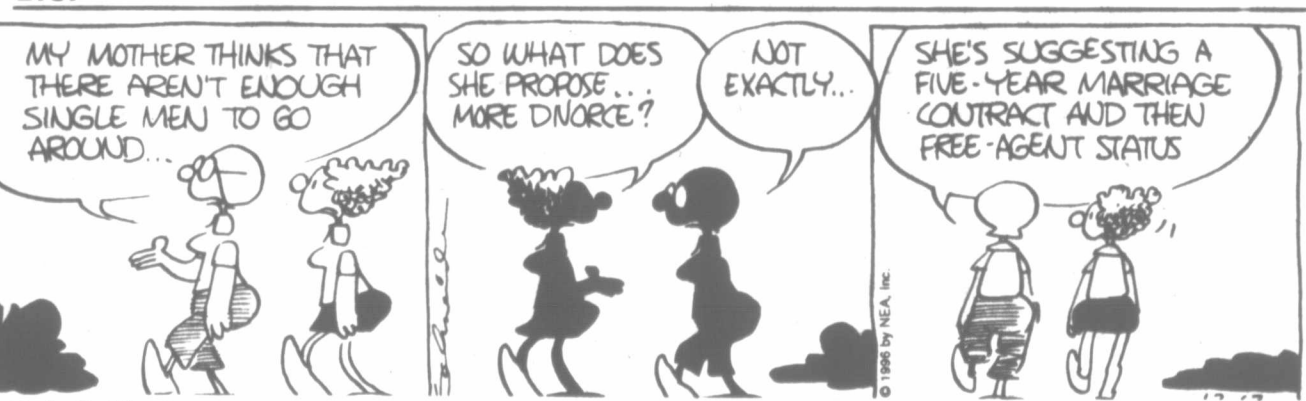
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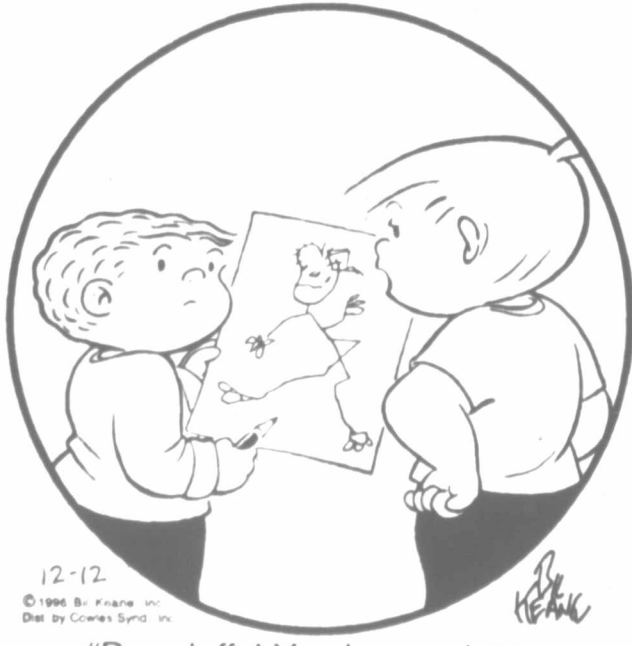
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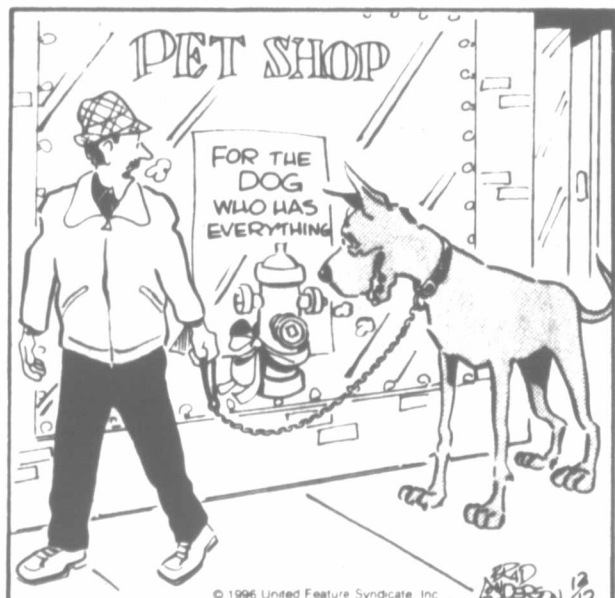
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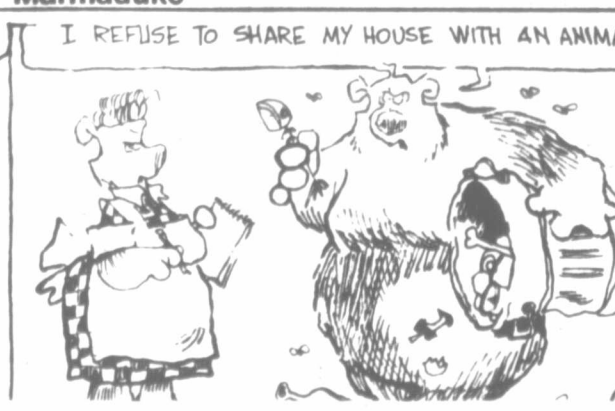


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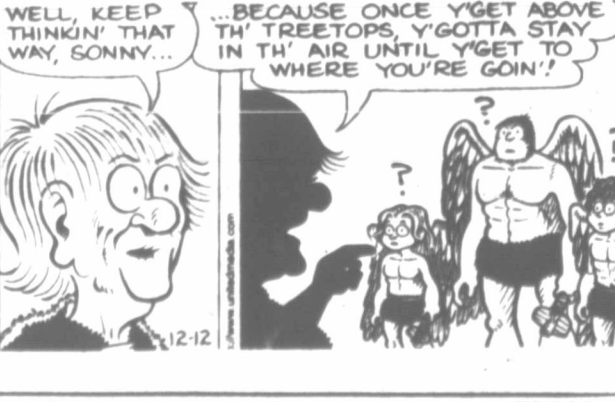
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BASKETBALL

BIG SPRING — Pampa is one of six teams entered in the Big Spring Boys' Tournament, which tips off today.

The Harvesters open against El Paso Austin at 4 today with the winner going against Big Spring at 7 tonight.

Snyder, Merkel and Midland junior varsity are the other teams entered in the double-elimination tournament.

The Harvesters open the District 1-4A season at 7:30 Tuesday night at Borger.

FOOTBALL

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech running back Byron Hanspard took the news in stride that he was the first 2,000-yard rusher not even invited to the Heisman Trophy ceremony, which takes place Saturday.

Former Texas great and Heisman winner Earl Campbell, however, expressed shock.

"I disagree with that, because that kid is unbelievable," Campbell said Wednesday in a Prime Sports Radio interview.

Campbell added that he voted Hanspard No. 1 on his ballot.

Hanspard, headed to Florida for an ESPN college football awards show Thursday night, said he was unfazed by what many in this part of the country consider a snub.

"It doesn't bother me at all," Hanspard said. "I've said all along that what's for Byron, Byron will receive. Evidently, it wasn't meant for me to go to New York."

Hanspard did collect the Doak Walker Award, given to the nation's top running back.

Hanspard, the sixth 2,000-yard rusher in NCAA history with 2,084 this season, also is the second to have not won the Heisman.

The other is 1996 finalist Troy Davis, who now has rushed for at least 2,000 yards in two straight seasons.

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Reggie White has agreed to a contract extension that should guarantee that the NFL's career sacks leader will finish his career with the Green Bay Packers, according to published reports.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and the Green Bay Press-Gazette said today that White signed a five-year, \$19 million deal. White, who turns 35 on Dec. 19, signed a four-year, \$17 million deal in 1993.

The new contract includes a \$3 million signing bonus and a base salary and reporting bonus for 1997 of \$2 million.

His base salary in ensuing years will be \$2.6 million, \$3.9 million, \$3.7 million and \$3.8 million.

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Pokey Allen, who returned from a bout with cancer to coach Boise State, resigned after learning that the cancer has returned.

Athletic director Gene Bleymaier said Allen, 53, would be reassigned to other duties in the athletic department.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Joe Hollis, offensive coordinator for Rose Bowl-bound Ohio State, will be hired today as coach at Arkansas State.

Hollis replaces Mike Bobo, whose contract wasn't renewed.

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — The official announcement of Southern Cal offensive coordinator Mike Riley's hiring as Oregon State's coach has been put off until later this week, an athletic department spokesman said.

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Navy coach Charlie Weatherbie, who led the Midshipmen to an 8-3 record and an Aloha Bowl berth, has decided to stay at the academy after talking to Baylor officials.

Hanspard grabs AP All-America football honors

NEW YORK (AP) — After No. 3 Florida won the SEC championship last week, Danny Wuerffel went looking for someone to wrap his arms around.

"The greatest time is when you come together as a team and you can just hug each other. And for us, that was after the Alabama game," the Gators' quarterback said earlier this week when he was awarded two scholarships by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

"That's what it's all about. That's the fun of it. Not a lot of people can experience that."

Wuerffel, who might get a chance to hug the Heisman Trophy on Saturday, has some new teammates to hug. On Wednesday, Wuerffel made The Associated Press All-America team.

The most efficient passer in NCAA history was joined by a pair of 2,000-yard runners — Iowa State's Troy Davis and Texas Tech's Byron Hanspard, along with Florida State defensive ends Peter Boulware and Reinard Wilson.

Wuerffel directed the third-ranked Gators to a fourth straight SEC title and a rematch against No. 1 Florida State in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 2. The senior completed 207 of 360 passes for 3,625 yards and led the nation with 39 touchdown passes. His passing efficiency rating of 163.6 topped the previous mark of 162.7 set by BYU's Ty Detmer.

Davis was the nation's top rusher with 2,185 yards as he became the first player in NCAA history to run for 2,000-plus yards in two seasons. He was second in scoring with 21 touchdowns.

Hanspard was right behind with 2,084 yards and 14 TDs, marking the first time two players amassed 2,000 yards in the same season.

Boulware and Wilson spearheaded the Seminoles' third-ranked defense, which allowed 229.5 yards per game. Boulware set a school record with 19 sacks, while Wilson had 13 sacks and a team-leading 101 tackles. Boulware also blocked two punts, recovered three fumbles and caused four others.

Five schools — Florida State, Florida, Arizona State, Colorado and Michigan — each placed two players on the AP team.

Along with Wuerffel, the Gators had wide receiver Reidel Anthony, while the No. 2 Sun Devils had offensive lineman Juan Roque and linebacker Derrick Rodgers.

Michigan had linebacker Jarrett Irons and defensive back Charles Woodson, while Colorado had offensive lineman Chris Naeole and linebacker Matt Russell.

Anthony caught 72 passes for 1,293 yards and a school-record 18 touchdowns. The other wide receiver is Wyoming's Marcus Harris, who had 13 TD catches and set school records with 109 receptions for 1,650 yards. Harris also is the NCAA's career leading receiver with 4,518 yards.

Pat Fitzgerald of Texas is the tight end, with a school-record 38 catches for 545 yards.

The all-purpose player is Kevin Faulk of LSU. Faulk, one of three sophomores on the team, averaged 191.3 yards per game. He had 1,282 yards rushing, 134 yards receiving, 375 yards on 24 punt returns, 313 yards on 14 kick returns and 14 touchdowns.

Joining Naeole and Roque on the offensive line are Orlando Pace of Ohio State and Benji Olson of Washington. K.C. Jones of Miami is the center.

Completing the offense is North Carolina State kicker Marc Primanti. He was perfect this season — 20-of-20 on field goals and 24-of-24 on extra points.

Davis and Pace, who had 74 pancake blocks, are two of four repeaters from last year's team. Northwestern linebacker Pat Fitzgerald and Kansas State defensive back Chris Canty are the others.

On defense, the line is filled out by Nebraska's Grant Wistrom, who anchored the Cornhuskers' formidable defense. He had 75 tackles — 20 for losses — along with 9 1/2 sacks, two blocked kicks and an interception.

Rodgers had 12 sacks, forced four fumbles and recovered a fumble.

The other linebacker is Canute Curtis of West Virginia. Curtis led the Big East with 15 1/2 sacks and also had three fumble recoveries for the Mountaineers' top-ranked defense.

Fitzgerald led Northwestern with 114 tackles, including a career-best 19 against Michigan. He also broke up eight passes and had nine tackles for losses.

Irons tied for the team lead with 99 tackles, including eight for losses, three sacks and a fumble recovery. Russell was the Buffaloes' second leading tackler with 137 stops, including 13 for losses and three sacks. He also recovered three fumbles and one interception.

The secondary features freshman Dre' Bly of North Carolina, Kevin Jackson of Alabama, Canty and Woodson.

Bly, just the fifth freshman to make the AP team, led the nation with 11 interceptions for North Carolina's second-rated defense.

CastingKids champs



(Pampa News photo)

Thirteen-year-old Mike Shelton and 7-year-old Jamie Welch exhibit the medallions and rods and reels they received after winning the local Bassmaster CastingKids Competition held last weekend at the Pampa Mall. Mike and Jamie will now advance to the state competitions and the state winners will advance to the semifinals, where only 10 youngsters — 5 in each category — will earn the right to attend the BASS Masters Classic in August. They will compete there for the two titles of National BASSMASTER CastingKids Champion, along with \$20,000 in cash and prizes. In addition, \$1,000 will be awarded to sponsoring B.A.S.S. Chapters and \$1,500 will be awarded to the State Federations. The Top Of Texas Bassmasters of Pampa is one of 2,300 B.A.S.S. Chapters that help conduct this contest. Based on the old football "Punt, Pass & Kick" competition, the CastingKids contest tests the basic skills of casting, pitching and flipping for boys and girls, ages 7-10 and 11-14. Prizes were awarded for the highest points accumulated. All contestants received a certificate of competition and a copy of the program's official publication, Bassmaster CastingKids Magazine.

Pampa Academy scores sweep

AMARILLO — The Pampa Academy Pacers outscored the Alamo Catholic Mustangs by a score of 82-59 Tuesday night.

Avery Taylor led all scorers with 25 points, followed by Andy Edmondson with 19, Brooks Ferguson and Jeff Sublett 17 each; Steve Terry 3, and Trevor Muniz 1.

Taylor also led in rebounding and blocked shots with 13 and 6, respectively, along with 4 assists and 3 steals. Edmondson led in assists with 14, along with 10 rebounds, 4 steals and 1 blocked shot. Ferguson had 11 rebounds, 5 assists and 2 steals. Sublett had 6 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals. Muniz had 4 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 steal and Terry had 5 rebounds.

The Pacers record is now 10-3 and will next host Miami Junior Varsity at 6 p.m. Friday.

Pampa Academy's Lady Pacers upset their record to 4-1 after

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

defeating Alamo Catholic, 36-20, Tuesday night in Amarillo.

Leading the scoring effort for the Pacers were Erin Raber with 14 and Brienna Taylor with 8. Taylor also captured rebounding honors with 8 rebounds.

Shane Mitchell scored 23 points to lead Miami past White Deer, 61-51, Tuesday night in boys' basketball action in White Deer.

Jared Neighbors added 11 points for the Warriors.

Nick Knocke had 15 points and Ryan Smith 11 to lead White Deer. White Deer defeated Miami, 49-45, in the girls' contest.

Susan Day and Rhonda McClendon were high scorers for White Deer with 11 points each. Lindsay Gill had 12 points to

lead Miami.

The Pampa Lady Harvesters' first District 1-4A game on the homecourt will be played at 7:30 Friday night against Amarillo Caprock.

The Lady Harvesters will also be looking for their first district win after dropping a 43-42 decision to Dumas on Tuesday night.

"We lost a heartbreaker," said Pampa head coach Mike Jones. "They hit two free throws with 6/10ths of a second left in the game. I thought we played real well. That's the closest we've ever played Dumas, and I feel like we can get them the next time."

Jennifer Jones had 15 points and 7 rebounds to lead the Lady Harvesters. Chandra Nachtigall followed with 12 points and 5 assists; Kristi Carpenter had 11 points and 3 rebounds; Tina Dwight 4 points; Faustine Cuffy 4 rebounds and McKinley Quarles 3 rebounds.

Jets seethe over Detmer's comments

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Ty Detmer has gotten the New York Jets so angry that defensive end Hugh Douglas promises he'll try to hurt the Eagles quarterback.

Detmer's comments about Saturday's meeting at the Meadowlands has the usually placid Jets in an uproar. Detmer said, "If you lose this game, you look like the biggest idiots in the world. If you win, it's no big deal. We have to win; we're expected to win."

While the Eagles (8-6) desperately need a win to get into the playoffs, the Jets (1-13) simply are playing out the worst season in their history. They haven't been putting much effort into it the last three weeks, losing by a combined 104-30.

"That's kind of a low blow," said Douglas, the Jets' best pass-rusher. "I'm ticked off about it personally."

"We've been struggling, and for him to say that is uncalled for. If I get my chance to get to him, I'll try to hurt him, flat out."

Douglas then said he was heading to the bulletin board to post the quotes for the rest of his teammates to see. The words already had soaked in for some Jets.

"We're not getting any respect until we win," said Aaron Glenn. "If you don't win, nobody respects you. It's not like I just want to go out and beat Ty Detmer."

Added Bobby Houston: "Those are young-minded comments that

don't deserve a whole lot of response. For someone to make that kind of comment in the vulnerable position he's in, it's not very smart."

"If it was somebody who was 300 pounds, 350 pounds, you figure it's a good battle. But for a quarterback to say it just doesn't make any sense."

It didn't make sense to Eagles coach Ray Rhodes. When told of it during a conference call Wednesday, Rhodes sounded annoyed at his quarterback.

"Ty has no business making any comments like that," Rhodes said. "I'm glad you told me that and I will definitely address that with Ty. I'm not going to tolerate comments he made that are not professional."

Detmer, who has never been known to make inflammatory statements, said he was merely reflecting the public's outlook on Saturday's game.

"I was asked a question about it being a Catch-22 game," he said. "That's the way the fans around here feel. I know guys on the Jets — Matt Brock, Harry Galbreath —

and they know I would not say anything that is demeaning to them."

"As far as the quote goes, I'd expect them to get ticked off. Anyone who offends you, you've got the right to be ticked off. But that's not what was said or meant."

Another Jet, defensive lineman Mark Gunn, is carrying a grudge against Rhodes. Gunn, who was cut by the Eagles earlier this season, claims Rhodes called him a dog.

"I was bitter," Gunn said. "Nobody likes to get cut, especially under those circumstances. That's a bunch of crap. I can go down the list of dogs on that team." "Basically, he is trying to ruin my career by saying stuff like that. Now, every time I talk to a team, I have to explain that stuff. That's going to follow me for a while. I have to work extra hard to show I'm not a dog."

"Coaches don't call a player a dog," Rhodes said. "I want to clear the record on this. All I said was we were looking for better production."

Weatherbie not interested in Baylor job

WACO, Texas (AP) — Navy football coach Charlie Weatherbie says he is no longer interested in the coaching job at Baylor University and stay to coach the Midshipmen.

Weatherbie, 41, who has coached the Midshipmen into a Jeep Aloha Bowl invitation this

season, made the decision Wednesday night after interviewing with Baylor president Robert Sloan and athletic director Tom Stanton on Tuesday.

Baylor is attempting to find a replacement for coach Chuck Reedy, who was fired at the end of the season.



(AP photo)

Texas Tech running back Byron Hanspard, the nation's second-leading rusher with 2,084 yards and 14 touchdowns, made The Associated Press All-America team.

Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

1996 All-District 1-4A Football Team

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

Quarterback: T.J. Watson, Borger, sr., 6-2, 190; Running backs: Marques Long, Pampa, 5-9, 180, sr.; Adam Crowmover, Dumas, 5-9, 180, sr.; Keith Wright, Canyon, 5-11, 175, sr.; Tight end: Devin Lemons, Pampa, 6-3, 215, sr.; Receivers: C.J. Kuback, Harford, 6-4, 180, sr.; Trent Teague, Caprock, 6-1, 175, sr.; Michael Ladd, Randall, 155, jr.; Center: Kevin Jordan, Borger, 6-2, 235, sr.; Guards: Cody Richardson, Canyon, 6-2, 215, sr.; Leroy Aldine, Dumas, 6-0, 225, jr.; Tackles: Ryan Davis, Pampa, 5-11, 240, sr.; Chris Higgins, Dumas, 5-10, 215, sr.; Place-kicker: Charlie Russell, Canyon, 6-1, 180, jr.

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

Linebackers: Aaron Hayden, Pampa, 5-9, 240, jr.; Felipe Arriaga, Dumas, 5-9, 185, jr.; Chris Higgins, Dumas, 5-10, 215, sr.; Ends: Devin Lemons, Pampa, 6-3, 215, sr.; Jason Cranmer, Canyon, 6-2, 210, sr.; Linebackers: Ryan Bruce, Pampa, 5-8, 180, sr.; Carl Clemens, Dumas, 5-11, 195, jr.; Joe Cuevas, Canyon, 5-11, 175, sr.; Secondary: Ray Tolson, Pampa, 5-7, 150, sr.; Damon Martin, Dumas, 6-0, 170, jr.; Keith Wright, Canyon, 5-10, 170, sr.; Tony Powell, Borger, 5-9, 145, sr.; Scott Anderson, Caprock, 6-2, 200, sr.; Punter: Charlie Russell, Canyon, 6-1, 180, jr.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

Quarterback: Luke Everson, Dumas, 6-4, 180, jr.; Running backs: Craig Alexander, Borger, 5-7, 150, sr.; Matt Milligan, Dumas, 6-2, 195, sr.; Scott Anderson, Caprock, 6-2, 195, sr.; Tight end: Jeff Widrich, Randall, 6-3, 195, sr.; Receivers: Coby Year, Borger, 6-2, 185, jr.; Justin Calvert, Dumas, 6-2, 195, sr.; Center: Michael Kelley, Canyon, 6-1, 205, sr.; Guards: Brian Swift, Pampa, 5-10, 225, sr.; Justin Adams, Caprock, 6-0, 235, sr.; Tackles: Michael Denton, Borger, 6-1, 225, sr.; A.J. Hand, Canyon, 5-10, 225, sr.; Place-kicker: Josh Blackmon, Pampa, 6-0, 180, jr.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

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College All-America Team

By The Associated Press

FIRST TEAM

Quarterback — Danny Wuerfel, Florida, 6-2, 209, senior, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; Running backs — Troy Davis, Iowa State, 5-8, 190, junior, Miami; Byron Hanapard, Texas Tech, 6-0, 193, junior, Des Moines, Iowa; Wide receivers — Rashed Anthony, Florida, 6-0, 181, junior, South Bay, Fla.; Marcus Harris, Wyoming, 6-2, 216, senior, Minneapolis; Tight end — Pat Fitzgerald, Texas, 6-2, 228, senior, Agoura, Calif.

SECOND TEAM

Quarterback — Jake Plummer, Arizona State; Running backs — Darrell Autry, Northwestern; Warrick Dunn, Florida State; Wide receivers — Rae Carruth, Colorado; Keith Poole, Arizona State; Tight end — Tony Gonzalez, California; Center — Aaron Taylor, Nebraska; Guards — Chris Dishman, Nebraska; Tackles — Walter Jones, Florida State; Dan Neil, Texas; Steve Sotres, Wyoming; All-purpose — Terry Battie, Arizona State.

Placekicker — Rafael Garcia, Virginia.

Defenses
Linebackers — Cornell Brown, Virginia Tech; William Carr, Michigan; Jared Tomich, Nebraska; Mike Vrabec, Ohio State.
Tackles — Andy Katzenmoyer, Ohio State; Dwayne Rudd, Alabama; Brian Simmons, North Carolina; Takso Spikes, Auburn.
Backs — Kim Herring, Penn State; Shawn Springs, Ohio State; Bryant Westbrook, Texas; Kenny Wheaton, Oregon.
Punter — Brad Maynard, Ball State.

THIRD TEAM

Quarterback — Peyton Manning, Tennessee; Running backs — Ron Dayne, Wisconsin; Corey Dillon, Washington.
Wide receivers — Ike Hilliard, Florida; Kevin Lockett, Kansas State.
Tight end — David LaFleur, Louisiana State.
Center — Jeff Mitchell, Florida.
Guards — Ben Kaufman, Texas Tech; Adam Meadows, Georgia; Scott Sanderson, Washington State; Jerry Wurach, Wisconsin.
All-purpose — Beau Morgan, Air Force.
Placekicker — Damon Shea, Nevada.
Defenses
Linebackers — Jason Chonak, Washington; Greg Ellis, North Carolina; Leonard Little, Tennessee; Darrell Russell, Southern California.
Tackles — Tyrus McCloud, Louisville; Keith Mitchell, Texas A&M; Antwaune Ponds, Syracuse; Anthony Simmons, Clemson.
Backs — Eric Allen, Indiana; Ronde Barber, Virginia; Sam Madison, Louisville; Steve Rogers, Colorado.
Punter — Toby Gowin, North Texas.

National Football League

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New England	10	4	0	.714	389	279
Buffalo	9	5	0	.643	289	241
Indianapolis	8	6	0	.571	269	284
Miami	6	8	0	.429	292	283
N.Y. Jets	1	13	0	.071	231	402
Central	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	10	4	0	.714	315	214
Jacksonville	7	7	0	.500	286	305
Houston	7	7	0	.500	308	277
Cincinnati	6	8	0	.429	320	332
Baltimore	4	10	0	.286	334	390
West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Denver	12	2	0	.857	367	240
Kansas City	9	5	0	.643	289	256
San Diego	7	7	0	.500	280	339
Oakland	7	7	0	.500	300	341
Seattle	6	8	0	.429	276	335

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	9	5	0	.643	264	207
Philadelphia	8	6	0	.571	313	302
Washington	8	6	0	.571	301	275
Arizona	6	8	0	.429	254	342
N.Y. Giants	6	8	0	.429	217	287
Central	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Green Bay	11	3	0	.786	367	197
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	267	267
Chicago	6	8	0	.429	237	257
Detroit	5	9	0	.357	285	313
Tampa Bay	5	9	0	.357	177	253
West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Carolina	10	4	0	.714	322	188
San Francisco	10	4	0	.714	344	228
St. Louis	4	10	0	.286	255	369
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	265	408
New Orleans	2	12	0	.143	199	322

x-clinched division title.

y-clinched playoff spot.

Thursday's Game

Indianapolis 37, Philadelphia 10
Atlanta 31, New Orleans 15
Cincinnati 21, Baltimore 14
Green Bay 41, Denver 6
Jacksonville 23, Houston 17
New York Giants 17, Miami 7
Chicago 35, St. Louis 9
Pittsburgh 16, San Diego 3
Tampa Bay 24, Washington 10
New England 34, New York Jets 10
Seattle 26, Buffalo 18
Carolina 30, San Francisco 24
Dallas 10, Arizona 6
Minnesota 24, Detroit 22
Monday's Game
Saturday, Dec. 14
Philadelphia at New York Jets, 12:30 p.m.
San Diego at Chicago, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 15

Baltimore at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
New England at Dallas, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 4 p.m.
Indianapolis at Kansas City, 4 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 4 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 4 p.m.
Seattle at Jacksonville, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 16

Buffalo at Miami, 9 p.m.

Texas High School Playoff Results

CLASS 5A

Division I
Final
Lewisville (14-0) vs. Converse Judson (13-1); Saturday, 12:07 p.m., Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco

Division II

Semifinals
Abilene Cooper (11-3) vs. Richardson Lake Highlands (13-1), Friday, 7:30 p.m., Texas Stadium, Irving

Aldine (13-1) vs. Austin Westlake (14-0), Saturday, 7 p.m., AstroDome, Houston

CLASS 4A

Division I

Final
Grapevine (14-0) vs. Hays Consolidated (13-0), Saturday, 7 p.m., Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco

Division II

Semifinals
Denison (13-1) vs. Highland Park (13-1), Friday, 7:30 p.m., Aaron Carter Stadium, Fort Worth

La Marque (12-2) vs. Corpus Christi Calallen (14-0), Saturday, 3:30 p.m., AstroDome

CLASS 3A

Semifinals
Frisco (13-1) vs. Tatum (10-4), Saturday, 1 p.m., Texas Stadium, Lubbock

Coldspring (13-1) vs. Seely (13-1), Saturday, Noon, AstroDome

CLASS 2A

Semifinals
Iran (14-0) vs. Holiday (12-1), Saturday, 7 p.m., Jones Stadium, Lubbock

Groveton (14-0) vs. Ganado (14-0), Friday, 8 p.m., AstroDome

CLASS A

Final
Windthorst (14-0) vs. Tenaha (14-0), Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Pennington Field, Bedford

SIX-MAN

Final
Whitarral (14-0) vs. Gordon (14-0), Saturday, 2:30 p.m., Sweetwater

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Miami	9	8	.529	5 1/2
Washington	8	11	.421	7 1/2
Philadelphia	7	13	.350	9
New Jersey	5	11	.313	9
Boston	5	14	.263	10 1/2
Central Division				
Chicago	18	3	.857	—
Detroit	16	3	.842	1
Atlanta	12	8	.600	5 1/2
Cleveland	12	8	.600	5 1/2
Charlotte	11	9	.550	6 1/2
Milwaukee	10	9	.526	7
Indiana	8	11	.421	9
Toronto	7	14	.333	11
WESTERN CONFERENCE				

Tuesday's Games

Golden State 101, Toronto 91
New York 85, Washington 73
Atlanta 89, Denver 88
Miami 76, Cleveland 74
Houston 96, Minnesota 94
Detroit 93, Milwaukee 85
Utah 110, Indiana 88
Phoenix 93, San Antonio 76
Orlando 99, Portland 93
Dallas 100, L.A. Clippers 95
L.A. Lakers 92, Sacramento 90
Wednesday's Games
Boston 115, Toronto 113, 3 OT
New Jersey 110, Seattle 101
Washington 106, Cleveland 95
Charlotte 101, Denver 97
Miami 84, Philadelphia 79
Chicago 103, Minnesota 86
L.A. Lakers 79, Indiana 76
Thursday's Games
Golden State at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Portland, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Chicago at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Free shot



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Karrisa Intemann shoots a free throw during a recent Optimist girls game between the First Bank Southwest and Bow With It teams. The basketball league is for girls in the fifth and sixth grades.

Navarro is latest pitcher to strike it rich

NEW YORK (AP) — Jaime Navarro is the latest pitcher to strike it rich, and the Philadelphia Phillies are making their mark — in triplicate — on the free-agent market.

Jaime Navarro, who left the Chicago Cubs for free agency, landed across town Wednesday when he agreed to a \$20 million, four-year contract with the White Sox.

Philadelphia added a pair of pitchers, giving Mark Portugal a \$5 million, two-year contract and Mark Leiter a \$4.3 million, two-year deal. And they also gave catcher Mark Parnell a two-year contract.

"The additions of these two proven pitchers really sets up the starting rotation," Phillies general manager Lee Thomas said.

The White Sox moved quickly to shore up their pitching after Alex Fernandez signed a \$35 million, five-year contract with the Florida Marlins on Monday.

"It's unfortunate to lose Alex, but those things happen," White Sox manager Terry Bevington said. "Over the last few years, Navarro has put up the same numbers Alex has. We feel we got a very, very good pitcher. This has nothing to do with jacking the Cubs. We're just trying to strengthen our club."

Chicago also re-signed reliever Tony Castillo, agreeing to a \$2.35 million, two-year contract.

The New York Yankees got a pitcher, too, giving a \$5.45 million, three-year contract to left-handed reliever Mike Stanton. The Yankees still are interested in Roger Clemens and David Wells, and in keeping John Wetteland.

"We haven't made definitive

offers," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said.

In a deal announced Wednesday night, Mark McLemore agreed to a three-year contract with the Texas Rangers.

McLemore, who hit .290 with five homers, 46 RBIs and 27 steals last season, was among the 12 players who became free agents Saturday when service time for the 1994-95 strike was restored. Before he became free, the Rangers offered the 32-year-old infielder salary arbitration.

Navarro, a 28-year-old right-hander, was 15-12 with a 3.92 ERA last season following a 14-6 record and 3.28 ERA in 1995. He was disappointed with the Cubs' offer and seized the opportunity when Fernandez left the White Sox.

"I knew Alex turned down the White Sox, but Alex makes his own decision," said Navarro, who will get \$5 million in each of the next five seasons. "I just like to get the best I could and was looking for the best team, and the White Sox came."

Castillo, 33, was acquired in August from Toronto and wound up 5-4 with a 3.60 ERA and two saves in 55 relief appearances. He gets \$1.05 million next season and \$1.1 million in 1998. The White Sox have a 1999 option at his 1998 base salary, with a \$200,000 buyout.

Stanton, 29, gives the Yankees another arm in case Wetteland doesn't return and Mariano Rivera becomes the closer.

"I would not necessarily say that he's an insurance policy," general manager Bob Watson said. "It makes it easier for (manager) Joe Torre since he has closing experience in the past."

Stanton, 4-4 with a 3.66 ERA

for Boston and Texas last season, gets a \$400,000 signing bonus, \$1.45 million next season, \$1.75 million in 1998 and \$1.85 million in 1999.

"I've been a Yankees fan for a long time, but obviously I haven't had an opportunity to show it," he said. "It'll be a good feeling to be on the other side of the field. I'm looking forward to playing in pinstripes."

Philadelphia was 11th in the NL with a 4.48 ERA last season, so pitching is a priority.

Portugal, 34, was 8-9 with a 3.98 ERA for the Cincinnati Reds last season and is 92-76 in his career.

Leiter, 33, was 4-10 with the San Francisco Giants before being traded in July to Montreal, where he won his first four starts. The Expos were 9-2 in games Leiter started, and he finished 8-12 overall with a 4.92 ERA.

Thomas said Leiter and Portugal will take pressure off Tyler Green and Mike Grace, who are recovering from surgery.

"It also enables us to not rush kids such as Matt Beech, Calvin Maduro, Edgar Ramos, Carlton Loewer and some of our good prospects," Thomas said.

Portugal gets a \$300,000 signing bonus and \$2.2 million in each of the next two seasons. The Phillies have an option for 1999 with a \$300,000 buyout.

Leiter gets a \$200,000 signing bonus, \$1.8 million in 1997 and \$1.9 million in 1998. The Phillies' option for 1999 has a \$400,000 buyout.

Parent, 35, played 38 games for Detroit and 18 games with Baltimore last season.

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Nation briefs

Report: Friend says crooner's singing days are over

NEW YORK (AP) — Frank Sinatra is "in very poor health" and will never perform again, the *New York Post* reported today.

"Those days are over. He will never sing in public again," a source close to the legendary crooner's family told the *Post*. "He's in very poor health and it's only a question of how long he will live. He cannot sing anymore."

In early November, Sinatra was hospitalized for more than a week for what spokesmen said was a pinched nerve, giving rise to rumors that his health was deteriorating.

Ol' Blue Eyes planned to celebrate his 81st birthday today with family and friends at a party at his Beverly Hills home, publicist Susan Reynolds said Monday.

The *Post* said only his children, Nancy, Tina, Frank Jr., his wife, Barbara, and a few other close friends will attend his birthday celebration.

New York City also will mark Sinatra's birthday: The top of the Empire State Building will be lighted blue in his honor.

Sinatra was born Dec. 12, 1915, in Hoboken, N.J., across the Hudson River from Manhattan. A plaque marking his birthplace was dedicated there last month.

Colleges becoming safe havens for students

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. college campuses are havens from much of the violent and property crime that afflicts the nation. One expert says that's because they have become "armed camps."

In its first study of campus law enforcement, the Justice Department reported Wednesday that three out of four college and university campuses now employ police officers with arrest power. And the campuses have far lower violent and property crime rates than the country as a whole.

Condor fledglings released back into the wild

VERMILION CLIFFS, Ariz. (AP) — Today, 72 years since a wild California condor was last seen in Arizona, six young fledglings will spread their 9-foot wings and fly over the reddish canyon walls once again.

Seventeen condors — the largest and rarest bird in North America — have been released into the wild in California, and the government wants to establish a second wild population in northern Arizona.

The birds have spent six weeks getting used to their new surroundings, testing their wings in a spacious pen at the edge of the towering cliffs.

Five were hatched and reared last summer at the Los Angeles Zoo, and the sixth came from the World Center for Birds of Prey in Boise, Idaho.

The condors, equipped with radio transmitters and wing tags, so scientists can track them, are returning to a home their ancestors knew before the Ice Age.

Writer's death somewhat of a mystery

CHICAGO (AP) — Eugene Izzl spent his life spinning hard-boiled mystery novels full of Chicago tough guys, sinister plots and suspense. His own hanging death from the window of his 14-floor office has created a mystery of its own.

Investigators are leaning toward suicide as the cause, but some friends, who say Izzl had everything to live for, believe he was killed. He had received a death threat from a member of a militia group who said Izzl would be hanged, one friend said.

Izzl, who sometimes wrote under the name Nick Gaitano, was found hanging outside his Michigan Avenue office window Saturday, with the rope around his neck tied to a table inside.

He was wearing a bulletproof vest and a set of brass knuckles, and had a disabling chemical spray in his pocket. A .38-caliber revolver was found in the office.

While there was no suicide note, police said there's no indication of foul play.

Sgt. John Schillen said Wednesday that clues point to suicide: Izzl's office door was locked from the inside — police and firefighters had to break it down. He had \$481 in his pocket, and there was no indication anything was stolen.

Some friends say it just doesn't make sense.

Sen. Teel Bivins introduces voluntary castration legislation for Texas inmates

AUSTIN (AP) — Repeat sex offenders who are in prison would be allowed to seek voluntary surgical castration under a bill introduced by a Panhandle lawmaker.

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, has said studies of castration in European countries suggest it dramatically lowers the likelihood of men repeating their crimes. He said the procedure is meant as medical treatment, not punishment.

"I think that the fact that this bill is purely voluntary will help its passage, especially in light of the fact that California has now passed a mandatory chemical castration bill," Bivins said Wednesday.

Bivins said there is widespread support for the bill, which passed the Senate in the 1995 legislative session but never made it out of the House.

"I think the bill would have passed the House," he said. "I think they really ran out of time."

If the measure passes, it would make Texas the first in

the nation to adopt such a policy. California earlier this year became the first state to require chemical castration for repeat sex offenders, using hormone shots to lower their sex drives.

Bivins introduced six other bills Wednesday for consideration in the 1997 legislative session, which begins in January.

One of the bills would require 16-year-olds to wait an additional six months before getting full driving privileges. Rather than getting a full license at age 16, teenagers would have to drive with an intermediate license for six months. The intermediate license would restrict their driving hours to between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m.

In 1995, Texas teenagers made up 5.5 percent of licensed drivers but contributed to 11.4 percent of all accidents, Bivins said.

The five other bills proposed by Bivins would:

— Allow defendants in prison to use video equipment to enter pleas, which must now be entered while in person in open court. Bivins said this option would reduce counties' transportation and security costs.

— Limit the terms of office for statewide elected officials and legislators to twelve years.

— Prohibit legislators who are lawyers from representing clients before state agencies. Bivins said the practice can be intimidating to the employees of state agencies and can sway a case in the legislator's favor.

— Provide a ten year severance tax exemption for wells that are brought back to production after two years of non-production.

— Seek to punish those found guilty of "paper terrorism," or filing bogus liens. Groups such as the Republic of Texas file bogus liens that have to be processed by the county clerk's office, Bivins said.

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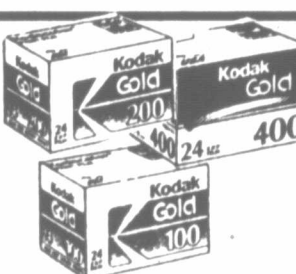
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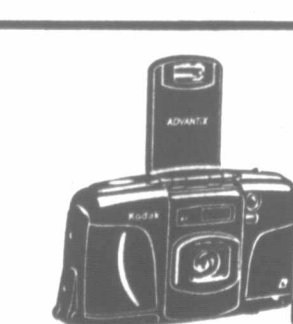
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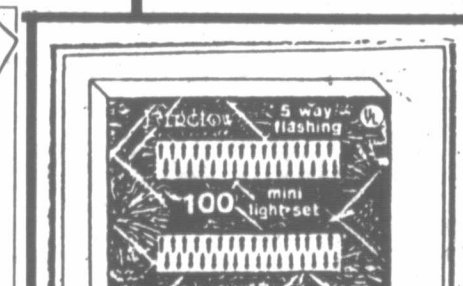
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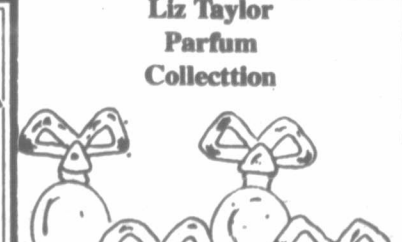
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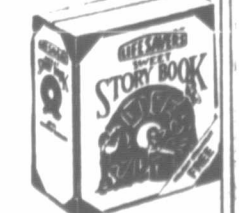


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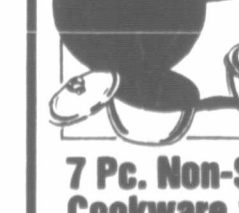
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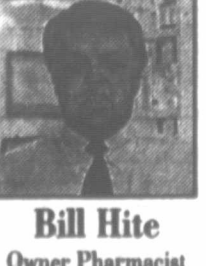


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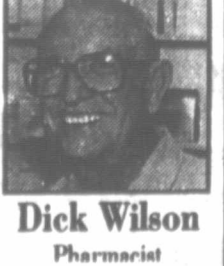
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