

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

ARMENDARIZ, Serena Rinay — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Llano East Cemetery, Amarillo.
MOORE, Mary — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Gruver.
PICKENS, Lorraine Annice — 2 p.m., Church of Christ, Shamrock.

Obituaries

SERENA RINAY ARMENDARIZ
AMARILLO — Serena Rinay Armendariz, infant granddaughter of a Pampa couple, died Monday, Nov. 15, 1999. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Llano East Cemetery with the Rev. J. Alan Ford, of Southwest Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of N.S. Griggs and Sons Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Survivors include her parents, Candace Ramirez and Rene Armendariz of Amarillo; a brother, Caleb Andrué Armendariz of Amarillo; her grandparents, Sherille Ramirez of Amarillo, Ernest Ramirez of Borger and Mr. and Mrs. Savas Armendariz of Pampa; and her great-grandparents, Cordie Coatney and Felipe Ramirez, both of Amarillo, and Gavino Armendariz of Houston.

OLAND M. BUTLER, JR.
MIDLAND — Oland M. Butler, Jr., 61, brother of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1999. Graveside services were Nov. 12 in Resthaven Cemetery in Midland followed by a memorial service at First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Butler was born Feb. 23, 1938, in Wilbarger County, to Oland Morris, Sr. and Geneva Box Butler. He graduated from high school at Vernon in 1956 and later attended West Texas State University, now West Texas A&M, earning a bachelor's degree in business in 1965.

He married Marilyn Shelton on June 23, 1962, at Pampa. The couple resided in Midland for the past 32 years.

He retired from TU Electric in 1992 after 23 years of service and was currently serving as a consultant with Cap Rock Electric.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was preceded in death by his father, the Rev. Oland M. Butler, Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn, of Midland; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Paul Franklin and Kelly Ann Butler of Midland and David Thomas Butler, U.S. Air Force, Germany; his mother, Geneva, of Chillicothe; two brothers, Stanley Kim Butler of Pampa and Horace Wayne Butler of Chillicothe; two grandchildren, Patrick Layne Butler and Ethan Andrew Butler, both of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, 305 N. Baird, Midland, TX 79701.

MARK RICHARD FINNEY
DALLAS — Mark Richard Finney, 46, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, Nov. 15, 1999. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Finney was born June 5, 1953, at Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1971 and attended Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. He was employed at Boeing Electronics in Dallas from 1982-96 and worked at J.D. Morris Machine and Manufacturing in Lewisville since 1996.

He formerly belonged to First Christian Church of Pampa.

He was an avid deer and bird hunter. He was preceded in death by his mother, Norma Louise Finney, in 1976.

Survivors include two daughters, Vanessa Louise Finney and Alicia Diane Finney, both of The Trophy Club; his father, Leland Finney of Pampa; and a brother, Robert L. Finney of Pampa.

The family will be at 1000 Deer Place in Pampa and requests memorials be to Pampa Noon Lions Club Eyeglass Fund, P.O. Box 580, Pampa, TX 79066-0580.

MARY MOORE
GRUVER — Mary Moore, 63, died Monday, Nov. 15, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Gruver Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home, Inc., of Spearman.

Mrs. Moore was born in 1936 on the Emmett Lefors Ranch in Roberts County. She married Bill Moore in 1955 at Lovington, N.M.

She was preceded in death by her father, Marvin Ernest Huff, in 1966; and by a brother, Marvin Dean Huff, in 1939.

Survivors include her husband, Bill, of the home; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gerald and Kay Moore of Sedalia, Mo., and Gordon and Audrey Moore of Goodwell, Okla.; her mother, Audry Huff of Pampa; eight sisters and four brothers-in-law, Virginia and Red Horton, Mellvinia Stocking and Monty and Robert Schaub, all of Pampa, Norma and Jack Mitchell of Geronimo, Okla., Moleta Clark of Big Lake, Judy and Ken Grant and Ann and Kelsey Banister, all of Amarillo, and Dian Smith of Aurora, Colo.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Rusty Huff of Pampa and George and Patsy Huff of Happy; several grandchildren, David and Courtney Moore of Goodwell and Jace and Megan Moore of Sedalia, Mo.; 26 nieces and nephews; 29 great-nieces and nephews; and 12 great-great-nieces and nephews.

LORRAINE ANNICE PICKENS
SHAMROCK — Lorraine Annice Pickens, 71, died Monday, Nov. 15, 1999. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Church of Christ of Shamrock with Cottie Tarbet of Shamrock officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. Pickens was born at Gallup, N.M., and had been a lifelong Shamrock resident. She married Jim Pickens on Jan. 26, 1979, at Wheeler. She belonged to Church of Christ of Shamrock.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Charlotte Louise, in 1946.

Survivors include her husband, Jim, of Shamrock; a daughter, Debra Hillbrunner of Fort Worth; a son, David Deger of Shamrock; four stepdaughters, Donna Pickens, Danielle Pickens and Trishia Long, all of Kansas, and Carolyn Clarkson of Illinois; 11 stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

LAWRENCE A. PUNDT
CANADIAN — Lawrence A. Pundt, 87, died Sunday, Nov. 14, 1999. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Aaron Laverty, pastor of Gageby Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Pundt was born at Locust Grove in Lipscomb County and attended school there, graduating from Canadian High School. He married Evelyn May Kellin in 1949 at Locust Grove. He was a retired farmer and rancher, working with his father until acquiring the farm and ranch after his parents moved to Canadian.

He was a charter member of Locust Grove Baptist Church, serving as church clerk and Sunday school superintendent as well as in other capacities.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn; two daughters, Elizabeth Ann Alexander of Pampa and Jeri Lynn Pundt of Canadian; and a grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Abraham Memorial Home, 803 Birch, Canadian, TX 79014; Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian, TX 79014; or to a favorite charity.

ROSALIE F. SMITH
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ROSALE F. SMITH, 97, of Pampa, died Monday, Nov. 15, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jim Teeter, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Smith was born Nov. 14, 1902, at Dane, Okla. She married Everett Otis Smith on March 26, 1922, at Anadarko, Okla.; he died in 1961. She had been a Pampa resident since 1928, moving from Fairview, Okla. She worked as a seamstress and as a nursing assistant, assisting with the homebound in the Pampa area for many years.

She belonged to United Methodist Women, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Blue Bonnet Friendship Club and St. Paul United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, James H. Smith, in 1969.

Survivors include a son, Robert A. Smith of Lewisville; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Paul United Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, Nov. 15
 Jesse Q. Hernandez, 26, Amarillo, was arrested on charges of violation of probation/evading a county warrant.

Fires

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

Monday, Nov. 15
 1:20 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 500 block of North Wells on a good intent call.
 7:29 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on a medi-vac standby.
 8:23 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 100 block of North Gray on a medical.

Police

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

Monday, Nov. 15
 Disorderly conduct/language was reported in the 1000 block of Kingsmill.
 Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra.
 Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	2.10	Coca-Cola	58 13/16	up 9/16
Milo	2.68	Columbia/HCA	26 7/16	up 3/4
Cor.	3.14	Enron	42 3/4	up 7/16
Soybeans	3.92	Halliburton	43	NC
		KMI	3 5/8	NC
		Kerr McGee	22 1/2	NC
		Limited	59 1/8	up 1/4
		McDonald's	38 3/4	up 1/4
		Mobil	46 9/16	up 5/16
		New Atmos	22 15/16	up 1/16
		NCE	31 5/16	up 3/16
		Penney's	24 1/2	up 1/16
		Phillips	50 5/16	up 9/16
		Pioneer Nat.	10 1/4	up 1/4
		SLB	66 3/4	up 1 3/4
		Tenneco	7 11/16	up 3/16
		Texaco	64 3/16	up 9/16
		Ultrasar	26 1/16	NC
		Wal-Mart	60	dn 1
		Williams	35 7/16	up 3/16
		New York Gold	292.00	
		Silver	5.09	
		West Texas Crude	25.36	

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

Occidental	24 1/2	up 5/16
Fidelity Magellan	132.70	
Puritan	19.22	

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

Amoco	61 3/8	up 1 7/8
Arco	97 3/8	up 3
Cabot	19 1/8	up 3/8
Cabot O&G	17	NC
Chevron	93 3/8	up 2

Emergency numbers

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

Pampa man, 19, charged in Amarillo robbery attempt

A Pampa teenager was in Potter County jail today after being charged with robbery in connection with a failed purse-snatching attempt.

Augustine Solis, 19, was arrested Monday along with two other Pampa teens in connection with an attempted purse-snatching near downtown Amarillo.

Officers said three teenagers attempted to take a backpack away from a 65-year-old woman at a bus stop Monday morning.

The woman, Peggy Jo Bolton, was sitting at the bus stop about 11 a.m. Monday at Third Avenue and Bonham Street when the trio walked up behind her. She told officers that one of the older boys grabbed the backpack, but she wouldn't let

go. Bolton was pulled off the bench and dragged back toward the boys' car.

When the woman refused to release the backpack, the teenager let go, jumped into a white car with a blue top. The trio then sped away.

Amarillo officers said they stopped a car matching that description on Amarillo Boulevard a few minutes later.

The three were questioned by officers. Solis was charged with robbery, Potter County officials said today. Bond was expected to be set this afternoon.

Potter County authorities said the 17-year-old and a 15-year-old juvenile that were with Solis were released. No charges were filed against them.

Locals react to decision

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Pampa ISD Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr is pleased the U. S. Supreme Court has decided to review the Texas case on school prayer which has touched off controversy across the state.

Orr said he welcomed the supreme court's decision to decide where public school districts stand on the prayer issue.

Miami School Superintendent Allen Dinsmore said he felt the decision is a step in the right direction. "We (the schools) will have a definitive answer when the Supreme Court decides," said Dinsmore. He also said a 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling will be in effect until the U.S. Supreme Court decides.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling earlier this year resulted in organized prayer lead by a school district at public school sporting events in Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana. This is the ruling the supreme court has agreed to review.

School boards across the state have been dealing

with the legalities of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling.

Many school districts have gone to a time of solemnization before the games while others have permitted students to lead prayers without school supervision. A few districts have continued with prayer.

In 1992 the Supreme Court ruled that clergy-led prayers at public school graduation ceremonies violate the constitutionally required separation of church and state.

The Texas litigation began in 1995 when two families challenged a Houston-area school district's policies allowing student-led prayer. The two families allege the Santa Fe Independent School District's policy amounted to a violation of the separation of church and state.

After a three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit overturned a lower court's ruling upholding the school policy, the Santa Fe district appealed to the Supreme Court.

Pampa school trustees are expected to discuss the decision when they meet tonight.

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Insurance

payment of payroll of \$167,159 and \$115,178, in bills during the Monday meeting.

Duncan, Fraser and Bridges Insurance Agency, Inc. was approved as the insurance carrier for all other insurance coverage for the county during Monday's meeting.

Line item requests were approved by the commission for 223rd District Judge Lee Waters,

Auditor Elaine Morris and Road and bridge #4 James Hefley.

A bid was approved for the purchase of a John Deere road grader for precinct 3 at a cost of \$113,000.

Commissioner's approved deleting Tammi Ledford and J.R. Walker from the Gray County Inmate Fund. Names added were Waylon Black, Lisa Conner, Chris Cook, Susan Finney, Jim Scott and Joel Wilson.

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Surprise

When defense attorney John Warner cross examined Miller he pointed to some poster-size copies of one of the assistance forms from 1998. He noted the forms did not list Helen Cook, who had already died, but listed Bill Cook by name. Warner also confirmed that the form covered insurance payments and did not address food stamps at all.

Shortly after that, 223rd District Judge Lee Waters called a recess after which Martindale made a motion to dismiss the charges against Darby.

Martindale later said, "Upon reviewing the indictment, I discovered some fatal errors. There were some unprovable facts that were not brought to light until testimony began."

He said the food stamp and medical payments were separate things but were intermingled in the indictments.

Warner said, "We felt all along that Debbie was innocent and are glad to have our day in court to prove it."

Martindale said the charges could not be refiled because of double jeopardy and no further action is likely.

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Lotto

McMillan reportedly bought a new Chevrolet Tahoe from Chamberlain Friday morning and headed for Austin by way of Dallas.

Leticia Vasquez with the Texas Lottery Commission said today they have not heard from anyone concerning the winning ticket for Nov. 10.

"We have no indication who won," she said. Vasquez said the winning ticket was sold in Clarendon.

"As far as I know, no one has contacted us," she said. Vasquez said usually the winner's lawyer or accountant contacts the agency and makes arrangements for the necessary documentation that has to be presented in order to obtain the money.

The winners are put in touch with the winner liaison person, Abbie Pina, at the agency. "She holds their hand through the entire process," Vasquez said today.

Vasquez said they have had winners drive in and show up before the office opened in the morning. "We've had people show up and sleep in the parking lot," she said. "They're sitting there when we come in in the morning, all bleary-eyed and holding their ticket."

But so far no one from any one else, has contacted the Clarendon, Larry McMillan or agency.

City Briefs

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DAVID'S GOLF Shop at Hidden Hills is having a 10% to 40% Off Balloon Sale. Mon. Nov. 22nd, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Bring your merchandise to the counter, pop a balloon, read the card inside and take the discount off already marked own merchandise for Christmas. Sale limited to things that are on hand only! All credit on books from tournaments, must be used by December 31st, 1999 (incl. all gift certificates).

FIRESIDE COMFORT, your home-town wood stove dealer and hearth products. 725 W. Brown, 665-9333.

FURNITURE & More - your new rent-to-own store - now open. Come & see our assortment of TV's, VCR's, stereos, and DVD players. We have a nice selection of new furniture and appliances. 1600 N. Hobart, 665-2200.

GLAMOUR SHOTS at Abby's Beauty Salon, Nov. 17th, 901 S. Sumner, 669-9871 for appt.

JUBILEE CARPET Cleaning-quality cleaning. Dedicated to serve you. 665-5901.

NEW SHIPMENT of power bead bracelets. Semi precious stones. Images downtown 669-1091.

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THAT NIGHT, Christmas Pageant at Central Baptist Church, Dec. 4, 5, 6, 7. Tickets Available Now. 665-1631.

TO GIVE Away - Caliche Dirt, first come first serve! Fairview Cemetery, Lance DeFever 665-2412.

WILL BABYSIT in my home. Call 665-9609.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Sunny today with a high of 80 and southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, clear with a high in the mid 40s and south winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, partly cloudy and breezy with a high in the low 80s and southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Yesterday's high was 74; the overnight low 44.

STATEWIDE — It looks like nothing but sunny skies were on tap for Texas' weather conditions today, with more clear, crisp

nights also in store. The forecast for North Texas called for more sun, with afternoon highs reaching into the low 80s.

West Texas and the Panhandle will also see warm days and cool nights through Wednesday. High temperatures in the region will be mostly in the 70s and 80s, with lows in the 30s and 40s. Plenty of sunshine set for South Texas too, with areas of fog expected along the coast and just inland, especially tonight. Afternoon temperatures in the

south will continue to range from 76 to 84 degrees, dipping into the middle 40s to lower 60s overnight.

Monday afternoon brought North Texas its sixth day in a row of temperatures in the 80s, unseasonably warm.

Temperatures in the region this morning ranged from 49 degrees at Terrell to 59 at Dallas. This morning's West Texas temperatures were mainly in the 40s but ranged from 36 at Marfa to 55 at Abilene. Wind was variable at 14 mph or less.



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VIEWPOINTS

Two-year anniversary — almost

Just think of all the money that will be saved on party hats and cake.

For the parties that is. See, next week would have been my two-year anniversary with The Pampa News. I say it would have been because I've taken a job in a distant land starting next week. So all those surprise anniversary parties will just have to be canceled. This will be my last column here, (I heard that last, 'it's about time'.)

The distant land I'm going to is New Mexico, a land with state income taxes and really ugly state flags. Specifically, I'm going to work for the newspaper in Clovis.

There are the usual reasons, it's a bigger city, a bigger paper, a bigger company, hopefully a bigger paycheck, but there are other reasons, including the challenge. Part of the news game for me is the chase for THE story. I've seen most of the stories in Pampa, I've even gotten comfortable here. That's one of the reasons it scares me to leave and one of the reasons I need to.



Jeff West

Pampa News staff

The people in Pampa have been very good to me, for the most part. There are a few old grouches and disgruntled subjects of scrutiny but that comes with the territory. The government officials I've covered have been mostly open, helpful and competent, for the most part. I will miss most of them. I've found them to be dedicated and doing the best they can, often under less than ideal situations and not always with the help of their constituents.

While I freelanced around the area for a

while *The Pampa News* is the first newspaper I worked at full time, and I do mean full time, as those who have seen me in the middle of the night, weekends and holidays can attest. The staffers at the paper are a good group of people, talented and dedicated and friendly, for the most part. While I have heard the criticism, I think they put out a good product a great product with the resources available. Actually, the criticism goes with the medium, I guess. The grass is always greener theory. I was recently talking with a friend who has moved to the metroplex. He told me he had overheard some people complaining about the hometown paper there. Their hometown paper however is the *Dallas Morning News*, considered by experts to be one of the best papers in the world.

Thanks for the last two years Pampa, most of it has been a fun journey, and the rest can be chalked up as an interesting adventure.

Be good to one another and be good to yourselves.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Nov. 16, the 320th day of 1999. There are 45 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 16, 1959, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" opened on Broadway.

On this date:
In 1776, British troops captured Fort Mifflin during the American Revolution.

In 1864, Union Gen. William T. Sherman and his troops began their "March to the Sea" during the Civil War.

In 1885, Canadian rebel Louis Riel was executed for high treason.

In 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the union.

In 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union established diplomatic relations.

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Inside the Beltway
with
Sen. Hutchison



The United States is safer in wake of treaty defeat

The United States and the world are safer today because of the Senate's decision to not ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. This opens the door for renegotiating a revised treaty — one that properly guards U.S. security and world peace. Congress exercised its responsibility under the Constitution to withhold consent on treaties that are not in the best interests of the U.S.

Despite statements to the contrary, the Test Ban Treaty was not the same one earlier presidents have supported. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, several presidents of both parties insisted on the U.S. right to conduct low-level testing of our nuclear arsenal. Senators of both parties agreed.

Unfortunately, President Clinton reversed this longstanding U.S. policy by agreeing to a total ban. This was the so-called "breakthrough" that led to the Test Ban Treaty's completion.

Treaty or not, the U.S. no longer tests its own weapons. We unilaterally imposed a ban on ourselves in 1992. In place of actual testing, we have begun a program of monitoring and computer modeling to attempt to ensure the safety and reliability of our nuclear weapons. Experts testified before the Senate that it will take another 10 years to determine whether this experimental program works. When he was our country's top military officer, Gen. John Shalikashvili testified to the Senate that if, after several years of nonexplosive testing, our scientists were unable to certify the safety of our nuclear weapons, then we must resume testing.

A permanent ban on all testing would prevent this. Dr. James Schlesinger, President Carter's Defense Secretary and former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, testified in the Senate two years ago about the dangers of a permanent ban when he said that, "In the past, the constant process of replacement and testing of new designs gave assurances that weapons would not be subjected to the effects of aging. But under this treaty we would be vulnerable."

The Test Ban Treaty submitted by the President had a second fatal weakness.

The CIA concluded that it might be unable to tell if another country cheats. Experts testified that if other countries explode very small nuclear weapons, the CIA cannot distinguish the seismic signals from regular earthquakes. Defense Secretary William Cohen advised: "We would not be able to detect every evasively conducted test."

Thomas Jefferson once wrote: "We had better have no treaty than a bad one."

The evidence I have seen clearly shows the Test Ban Treaty was a bad one. We are better off without it.

When treaty supporters could no longer deny this evidence of the treaty's failings, they took another course. They argued that the United States should sign because other countries were doing so.

These countries can afford to sign because they do not provide a nuclear umbrella for other nations as we do. The United States is not like other nations. It is the world's lone superpower. We must not allow the political wishes of nations with no global responsibilities to dictate our security policy, which protects us and much of the world.

I urge the President to go back to the international disarmament conference to renegotiate the Test Ban Treaty. If anything, American negotiators will be strengthened by the Senate's resolve not to accept a flawed treaty. They should negotiate a treaty that preserves our ability to test at low level until computer models are proven reliable. And the U.S. should negotiate a review clause that would require re-ratification after a period of time during which we could prove the non-explosive testing theories.

History tells us there are only two real deterrents to a nuclear conflict initiated by another country. The first is a defense against ballistic missiles that would render those weapons ineffective. The second is a safe, reliable nuclear arsenal that a rogue nation knows we will use as a last resort. We are working on the former and should not forsake the latter. Until we can be certain that our stockpile can be maintained through computer simulations and non-explosive testing, the option to actually test is an important element of the nuclear security umbrella that has kept the peace for half a century. The Senate's vote was a triumph for the Constitution.

It's hard to justify the war on drugs

Let's take a short quiz on liquor prohibition. In 1919, the Constitution was amended to ban the manufacture and distribution of alcoholic beverages in the United States. Prohibition was repealed in 1933.

Did Prohibition succeed in banning liquor? No.

Did Prohibition cause the formation of powerful criminal gangs? Yes.

Did Prohibition cause violence as a result of these gangs fighting over territory? Yes.

Did Prohibition cause a huge amount of public corruption? Yes.

Did Prohibition result in a general disrespect for the law? Yes.

When Prohibition ended, did the United States suddenly go to Hades with everyone becoming an alcoholic? No.

All right now, let's fast-forward to the war on drugs.

Has the war on drugs succeeded in banning illegal drugs? No.

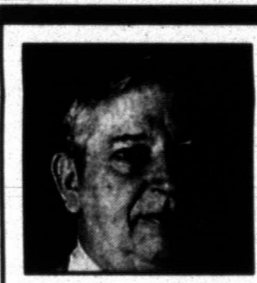
Has the war on drugs caused the formation of powerful criminal gangs? Yes.

Has the war on drugs caused violence as a result of these gangs fighting over territory? Yes.

Has the war on drugs caused a huge amount of public corruption? Yes.

Has the war on drugs caused a general disrespect for the law? Yes.

If we ended the war on drugs, legalized these drugs and allowed people to buy them



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

by prescription or from carefully licensed and regulated dealers, would the United States go to Hades and everyone become an addict? I don't think so. For evidence of that, we have predrug-ban history, during which life went along pretty much as normal.

Then how can we justify continuing this failed effort that has caused more damage to the Constitution than it has to the drug dealers — all of whom, of course, are replaceable.

I don't think people should take drugs, not even most of the ones their doctors prescribe. In a free society, people should be free to choose and free to suffer the consequences of their own choices.

The current drug war is a racket. Everybody but the taxpayer is making money on it, and, after nearly 40 years, illicit drugs are flowing as freely or even more so than before. In the meantime, the government uses the drug war as an excuse to whittle away the traditional rights and liberties of

all American citizens. And taxpayers are taking it in the gazoo.

A drug is a drug is a drug. If people become addicted to them and thousands become addicted to doctor-prescribed drugs already then that's a health problem, not a police problem. There is nothing inherently evil in morphine, heroin, marijuana or cocaine. They each produce certain effects, just like other drugs do, but those effects do not cause people to commit crimes.

What causes the crime is drug prohibition. It limits the supply to illegal dealers and therefore drives up the price. Addicts will sometimes resort to crime to finance their own habit if they have no other source of income. But it is important to understand that the criminal behavior is produced by the legal prohibition, not by the drug.

The drug use, in a legal setting, would cause no problems other than to the user, which is the case with alcohol consumption. We could still have laws against operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs, just as we do in the case of alcohol.

I wonder how long the American people are going to put up with government officials making saps out of them. That's what they're doing. They feed you propaganda and then extract billions of dollars from your pockets to waste chasing people who are simply supplying a product for which there is a demand.

Independent vote could prove pivotal

After Republican Sen. John McCain's hour on the Town Hall stage, a local ally took the microphone to urge any Democrats in the crowd to hurry up and register as independents so they can vote for McCain in the primary next year.

No need to jump all the way between parties, only far enough to choose to vote on either party's presidential primary ballot on Feb. 1.

Hurry, because the deadline was that day. Switch, because votes cast by independents could be pivotal, should it become a close primary contest between McCain and the Republican leader, Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

The same is true, of course, in the Democratic primary between Bill Bradley and Vice President Al Gore.

And the same theory holds: That a truly independent voter in either primary is more likely to support the challenger than the establishment candidate — Bush and Gore.

"Senator Bradley is appealing to a lot of independents," McCain said at a news conference. "I am, too. So I think there may be a kind of separate contest going on for the independents."

In New Hampshire, that voter category is growing. There are about as many independents as Republicans, and they outnumber registered Democrats.

Voter registration in 1998 was 272,217 Republicans, 272,134 independents, 203,257 Democrats.

Steven G. Avery, the state representative from Dublin, told Democrats in McCain's audience of about 350 people that it was "the last day for you to switch to independent so you can vote for John McCain on primary day. ...

Walter Mears
AP Special correspondent

"Run to your town halls," he urged.

In the five-candidate Republican forum recently in Hanover, and in question-and-answer sessions in Walpole and Peterborough, McCain pressed his central issue, campaign finance reform, as the gateway to reforming the other ills of federal government.

It is a message that could be persuasive with the kind of voters who opt against registering in either political party.

Taxes, pork barrel spending, patients' rights, the environment, his list is inclusive — special interests block the way, he says, and won't be stopped so long as they can pour money into politics.

He's hit an annual dead end in the Senate on his bill to overhaul the campaign finance system. McCain said he could change that in 2000.

"I want to be president ... because I want to reform government," he said in his finale at the GOP candidate forum. "The only way you're going to do that is (to) clean up this special interest ruling of our government."

He said he could do that from the White House.

"If I were elected president of the United States, it would be with a clear mandate to clean up this mess," McCain said in Peterborough.

The Arizona senator said he watched on television as Gore and Bradley met for the first

time the night before the GOP forum. So he saw the campaign money issue raised several times during the televised session. Gore and Bradley both favor the campaign finance reform legislation that McCain co-sponsored.

McCain said he believes his message resonates when independents can opt between parties and vote by secret ballot, better than in "the very different procedure" of the Iowa caucuses.

McCain is not really competing there, although he will appear at a Jan. 15 Republican debate in Des Moines. The caucuses are Jan. 24, and Bush is the favorite, as he is in the New Hampshire polls, although McCain has narrowed the still-wide gap between himself and Bush, with the other four Republicans far behind them.

So McCain will have to overcome the burden of a conceded defeat in Iowa to catch, or convincingly challenge Bush in the primary.

Still, relatively small numbers can make a big difference in New Hampshire. As in the number 2,136 — the margin by which Pat Buchanan upset Bob Dole, the front-runner and eventual nominee, in the 1996 GOP primary.

Buchanan quit the Republican race to seek the Reform Party nomination in 2000, and began that campaign in Manchester, saying "we don't need another Xerox copy as the Republicans and Democrats have become."

His campaigners are working to register voters for his new party. In New Hampshire, they'd still be counted as independents. So they can vote in the primary. But probably not for McCain, who said a polite good riddance when Buchanan departed the GOP.

Widow Upset by Stepchildren's Eagerness to Divvy Up Loot

DEAR ABBY: After only six years of marriage, my darling husband died on Oct. 4. He had three children and taught them good values. He once said during our marriage, "When I die, I hope my kids don't come in and start announcing, 'I want this' or 'I want that.'"

Well, sure enough, two days after my husband's death — even before the funeral arrangements had been completed — his son came to me with a verbal list of things they wanted.

I kindly told him that his father and I had discussed what he would like them to have, and we would take care of it sometime later. I left his kids at home while I went out to run some errands. When I returned and they had left, I found evidence that they had gone through my belongings looking, I suppose, for things they wanted.

The next day his son called and said they would be bringing my husband's ex-wife over to load up the things they wanted before they went home. The day of the funeral his son called to inform me that they had brought a truck from Arkansas to haul it all away.

Abby, I couldn't take it any more. I said, "Your daddy would be ashamed of you. To ask his widow on the day of his funeral to come over immediately afterward is incredibly crass."

Well, during the funeral, I observed his son's grief, and now I feel terribly guilty for being a wicked



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

stepmother. Am I?

Also, is it in good taste for an ex-wife to pluck flowers from her ex-husband's grave in front of his widow, before he is lowered into the ground? I'm appalled.

GRIEVING IN MISSOURI

DEAR GRIEVING: Stop feeling guilty for having reacted the way you did to the phone calls. You showed remarkable restraint in the face of insensitivity. Something tells me that any hurt feelings will be mended as soon as you tell "the kids" they can come and collect the loot.

As for your husband's ex-wife taking flowers from his grave at the burial, customs vary in different parts of the country. Perhaps she wanted to press them and put them in a family album.

After having had three children with him, she must have been feeling some sense of loss at his death. When people are grieving, they sometimes say or do things without thinking them

through. Give her the benefit of the doubt.

DEAR ABBY: I recently took a commercial airline flight home from England to the United States. Regrettably, the woman I sat next to wore too much perfume. I don't mind perfume in good taste, but this woman must have taken a bath in it. The smell was unbearable, so I first covered my nose with a blanket. Then I tried turning my head in the other direction. Then I tried to sleep. Lastly, I put the air on me, but nothing seemed to help.

What should I have done to get away from the horrible perfume smell?

SENSITIVE NOSE
IN GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.

DEAR SENSITIVE NOSE: I have heard countless complaints over the years from people who are sensitive to perfumes. Many of them suffered allergic reactions when in close quarters such as elevators. The problem is perfume wearers who think that if a little bit is good, then more must be better. Not true!

You should have informed the flight attendant that you couldn't tolerate the strong odor and asked to change your seat. If the flight wasn't fully booked, the attendant would have accommodated you.

your hands are full. Listen to a friend who has useful information to share. Evaluate what must be done, then take charge. The sooner you get going, the sooner you'll be done. Tonight: Try to make it an early night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Your ability to draw others can make or break a situation. You might not be up for games or doing the politically correct thing, but you need to do it. A child or loved one feels blue; do your best to cheer him up. An encouraging word goes far. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** Tune in to your expenses and make strong choices. You might not agree with a friend's advice, but don't argue. Just don't follow it! Build a friendship carefully, keeping money and the relationship separate, both of you will be happier. Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** You are personality plus, and you draw others easily. A boss doesn't always appreciate your gregarious personality, however. Be smart when dealing with the situation; do extra work and make an additional effort. A partner or associate comes to the rescue. Tonight: Draw in what you want.

BORN TODAY
Actor Danny DeVito (1944), model/actress Lauren Hutton (1944), director Martin Scorsese (1942)

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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Traditional views are tested, but this is actually a good thing! Sometimes it is far too easy to accept the status quo. You might be pushed financially to make a judgment in another direction. Making an effort toward a loved one brings about a change in attitude. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Aim for what you want. Another's attitude need not be taken personally. You find a partner difficult and testy. However, his attitude helps you pull back and see a logical solution. Your serious attitude helps you create much more of what you want. Tonight: Let another indulge you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Focus on work. You get a lot done because of your positive attitude and willingness. Your cheerful nature breaks through another's natural barriers. Understand a boss — don't take his decision personally. Accept and work with his ideas. Tonight: A force to behold.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Don't let another's attitude or your own fatigue get to you. Stay on top of your work by doing additional research. Increasing your expertise makes you

invaluable. A friend pushes you, but try to understand what is going on with him.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Go for what you want, despite the fact that you might not be totally comfortable with all aspects of a plan. Creativity surges in a romantic setting right now, but when money is involved! Assume responsibilities. Don't take a family member for granted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Defer to another, but make sure you know what he's planning. Do not leave anything vague. Others clearly support you. Handle a domestic problem with your customary aplomb. Spend a little on a family member; he needs that extra care. Tonight: Say yes to plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Put your best foot forward, even when faced with a difficult task. You might not be sure what the end result will be, but you need to let another know where you are coming from. Honesty and integrity count. A partner does not have the emotional flexibility you might require. Tonight: Do errands, then get some exercise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Allow your imagination to flourish; don't rein it in, despite another's judgments. You could feel financially pressured, yet there are ways around this. Your intuition helps you make the right decision at the right time. Trust yourself more. Tonight: Allow the kid in you to emerge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Family and home produce even more demands — you might feel like

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Painter, e.g.
- 7 Whirl
- 11 Spirited session
- 12 Days of old
- 13 Patricia Cornwell book
- 15 Bumbling
- 16 Computer type choice
- 18 "Doggone!"
- 21 Put up pictures
- 22 Muddles
- 24 Actress Farrow
- 25 Droop
- 26 Draw
- 27 Sharp-tongued
- 29 Skeleton part
- 30 Half a sextet
- 31 Whitewall
- 32 Battle reminders
- 34 Patricia Cornwell book
- 40 Helper
- 41 Activate
- 42 Cincinnati team
- 43 Exhilarated

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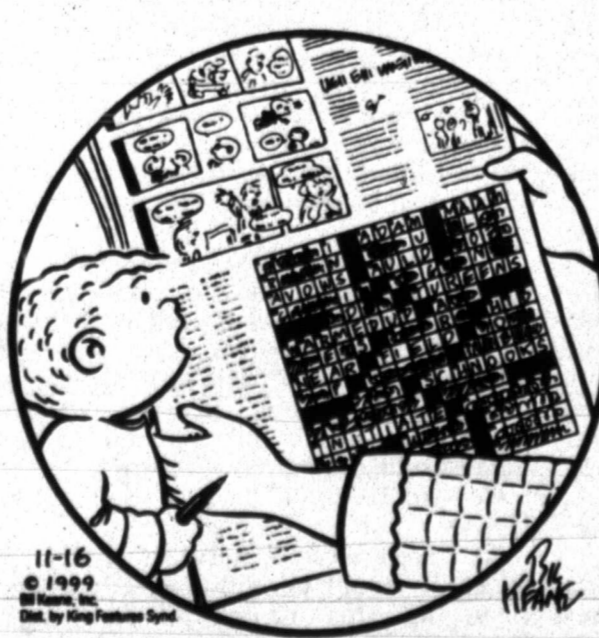
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Marmaduke



"I don't care how good his table manners are. He'll have to leave."

The Family Circus



"But I only scribbled on the squares you didn't write in yet."

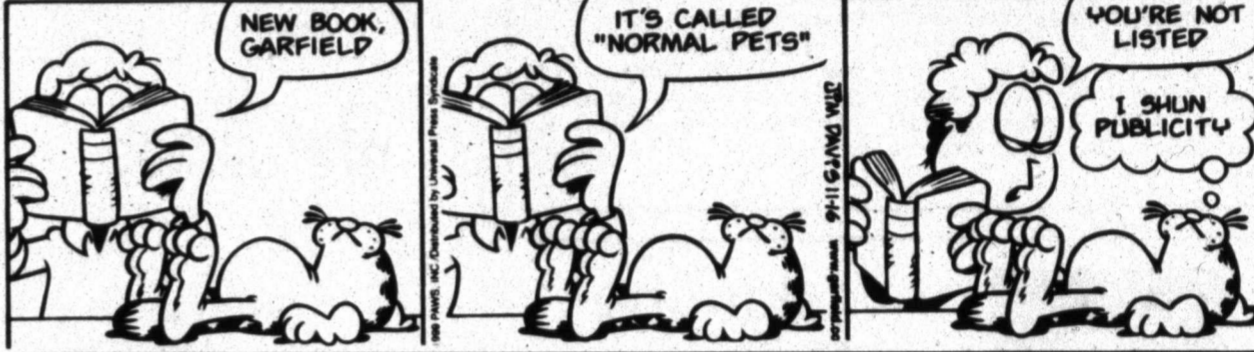
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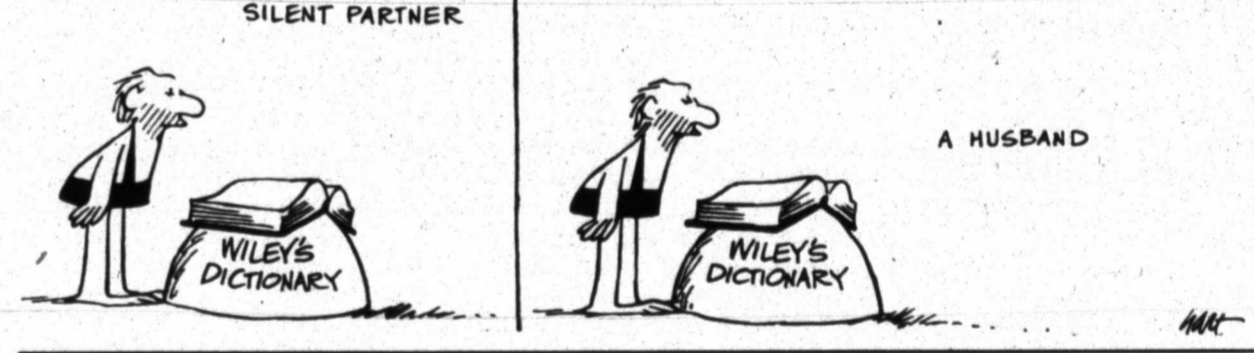
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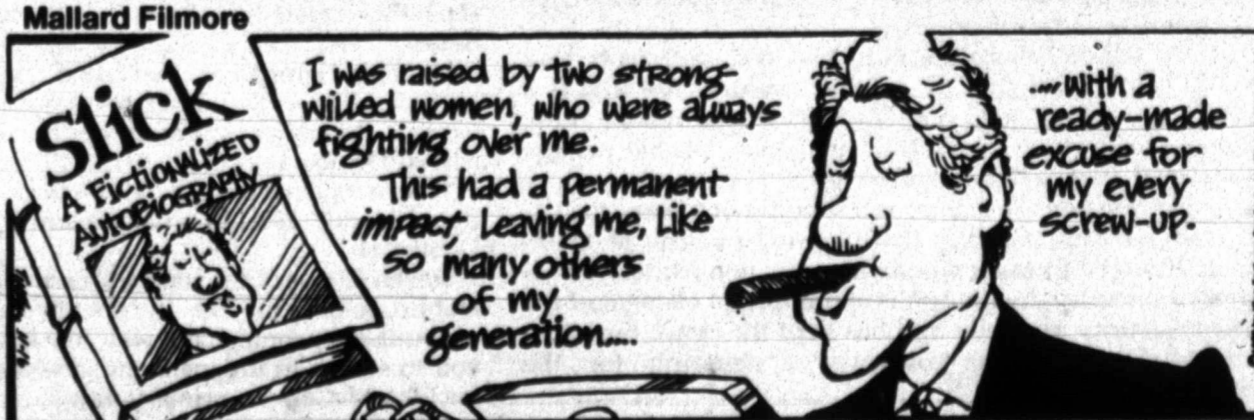
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SPORTS

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GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills held a seniors long-short scramble last week.

Results are as follows:
First place: Elmer Wilson, J.B. Holt, J.T. Lamberson and J. Lee 136.

Second place: John Haynes, Roy Porter, Bill Stephens and Bill Brown 139.

Third place: Bill King, Jerry South, Buddy Briley and D. Reeves 139.

Fourth place: B.F. Dorman, Bob Young, Irvin Williams and Jess Mathis 139.

Closest to pin: Elmer Wilson, third shot, No. 13.

OLYMPICS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Backers of Salt Lake City's bid to play host to the 2002 Winter Olympics paid a former top official of the U.S. Olympic Committee about \$65,000 to help make the bid a success, an internal investigation found.

The USOC forced Alfredo La Mont to resign in January as head of international affairs after learning of his clandestine links with Salt Lake City organizers. The Salt Lake City payments were "substantial conflicts of interest" that La Mont never disclosed to other USOC officials, according to an internal report obtained by The Associated Press.

The report said most of the money came in the form of consulting contracts with two companies linked to La Mont. It said at least \$3,000 of that money then went to the son of a member of the International Olympic Committee, which voted in 1995 to hold the 2002 Winter Games in Utah.

The report also includes a letter from that IOC member, Austin Sealy of Barbados, in which Sealy refused to accept La Mont's initial offer of a \$3,000 monthly "retainer" in the week before the 1995 vote. "I do not want to become involved in any conflict-of-interest situation or indeed in any form of activity which might raise questions," Sealy wrote to La Mont.

Sealy told The Associated Press in February that La Mont never mentioned Salt Lake City in connection with the \$3,000 check.

The IOC gave Sealy a written reprimand for his dealings with La Mont and the Salt Lake City bid. Ten other IOC members were ousted or quit the committee for their roles in taking part of more than \$1 million in largess that boosters of the Utah games paid in exchange for votes.

Contacted by telephone Monday at his Colorado Springs, Colo., home, La Mont said his lawyer told him not to comment.

USOC spokesman Mike Moran said the organization plans no legal action against La Mont, but a Justice Department investigation is continuing. A former Salt Lake City businessman has pleaded guilty to a tax fraud charge in that investigation, and the son of a South Korean IOC member has been accused of lying to the FBI.

The report prepared by USOC's law firm, Hogan and Hartson, said the Salt Lake Organizing Committee paid for information about and influence with IOC members through two firms linked to La Mont: Citius and ARCA.

Groom will meet Rochester in a regional contest

GROOM — Groom meets Rochester in six-man regional action at 7:30 Friday night in Matador. Groom has a 10-1 record while Rochester is 9-1.

Groom rolled to a 56-22 win over Samnorwood in a bi-district contest last week-end.

Tiger backs Wade Ritter and Garrett Britten led the assault. Ritter scored three touchdowns and Britten had two. Ritter also rushed for 134 yards while Britten had 138 yards rushing.

Dusty Crump also had a rushing TD. Crump also had four conversion kicks.

Groom scored through the air on Grant Weinheimer's 16-yard pass to Evan Crowell.

The Tiger defense also collected a touchdown when Chris Ollinger had a 22-yard interception return for a score.

Groom held a 30-14 lead at halftime. Groom had 463 total yards, including 22 first downs.

Samnorwood got two touchdowns from Adam Herrera.

McLEAN — McLean meets Rule at 7:30 Friday night in Chillicothe in the regional round of the six-man playoffs. McLean has a 10-1 record while Rule is 9-1.

The Tigers edged Follett 45-42 in the bi-district round last week-end.

The McLean-Rule winner will meet either Borden County or Sanderson.

Golf winner



Greg LeFevre (third from left) of Fritch was the winner of a new set of golf clubs that was raffled off by the Pampa High School golf team. PHS seniors presenting LeFevre with the new clubs are (from left) Matt Heasley, Maggie Cowan, Cortnie Allison, Lynnsee Hancock and Stefanie Harwood. The Pampa golfers thanked the residents who supported their fund-raising efforts.

Texas players say they won't look past Aggies

AUSTIN (AP) — Maybe if it were any other opponent. Or if sole possession of the Big 12 South Division title wasn't on the line.

Either way, Texas players said Monday there's no way they're looking beyond next week's game against arch-rival Texas A&M and toward the Big 12 championship game on Dec. 4.

"It's the biggest game we have," said strong safety Lee Jackson. "To some people, this game is bigger than life. I think we'll play them as hard as any team we've played all year."

The Longhorns' 58-7 victory Saturday over Texas Tech

clinched their first conference title game appearance since 1996 and propelled them to No. 6 in the Associated Press poll, their highest ranking in three years.

But Texas (9-2, 6-1 Big 12) also remembers that the roles were reversed last year when they upset the Aggies 26-24. Texas A&M had clinched the division title and were ranked No. 6.

"We can't let the same thing happen to us as happened to them," said free safety Greg Brown. "If we do our job, I don't think we can be beat."

The Aggies (7-3, 4-3) were picked to win the South Division this year before their

offense bottomed out in losses to Oklahoma (51-6) and Nebraska (37-0). They rebounded last week with a 51-14 win over Missouri.

Should Oklahoma beats Texas Tech this week and Texas lose, the Longhorns would share their South Division title with the Sooners.

Unacceptable, said Texas quarterback Major Applewhite.

"We don't want to share it with anyone," said Applewhite, the first Longhorns quarterback to pass for 3,000 yards in a season.

"No one is thinking about championships yet. We've got to go in there and win. We

didn't get to where we are by looking ahead."

Texas has come this far with an offense that rivals any in school history and a defense that has dominated the line of scrimmage.

The Longhorns were supposed to miss Heisman Trophy running back Ricky Williams who carried them to the Cotton Bowl and a No. 15 final ranking last season.

This year, tailback Hodges Mitchell has rushed for 1,227 yards and eight touchdowns. Wide receivers Kwame Cavil and Ryan Nunez are Nos. 1 and 2 in the Big 12 with 85 and 53 catches, respectively.

The Longhorns lead the

league in total offense with 444.18 yards per game and rank seventh in the nation in total defense.

"Everybody had confidence that we could do everything we did last year if not more," Applewhite said.

Had Texas not lost 23-20 to North Carolina State in the season-opener, the Longhorns would be in the hunt for the national title. That loss and a 35-17 defeat by No. 9 Kansas State leaves Texas at No. 9 in the Bowl Championship Series ratings.

"It's like when you're a kid," said coach Mack Brown. "You'd like to have it back, but you can't."

Two games change women's cage poll

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER
AP Sports Writer

The first two games of the women's college basketball season produced some changes in The Associated Press poll Monday, though not at the top.

Connecticut, which has yet to play, remained an overwhelming choice for No. 1, receiving 34 of the 43 first-place votes from a national media panel.

But Louisiana Tech replaced Tennessee at No. 2 after beating the Lady Vols 69-64 in the Tip-Off Classic on Sunday, and North

Carolina State jumped from 20th to No. 9 after beating Rutgers 68-55 in the same event.

That was the biggest advance since Penn State went from 23rd in the 1992-93 preseason poll to 12th in the next round of voting.

No other teams played over the weekend. The season began in earnest Monday night with the first round of the preseason NIT at eight sites around the country.

Tennessee dropped to fifth and Rutgers fell from fourth to 10th. This is the lowest Tennessee has been ranked since it was 10th at the end of the 1996-97 season. The Lady Vols were never lower than

fourth last season and were No. 1 throughout the 1997-98 season.

Connecticut, which opens next Sunday at Iowa, had 1,057 points in the voting. Louisiana Tech, getting an impressive early victory after losing three key players from last season's Final Four team, received three first-place votes and 1,006 points.

The Lady Techsters were sixth in the preseason poll.

Georgia remained third with three first-place votes and 993 points. UCLA moved up one spot to fourth, receiving three votes for No. 1 and 921 points. Tennessee was 20 points behind the Bruins.

Basketball season tips off tonight at McNeely

PAMPA — Pampa tips off the 1999-2000 basketball season tonight against Canyon in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Returning several experienced players, the Harvesters will try and improve on last year's 12-18 record.

Pampa's top returnee is junior guard Gary Alexander, who led the team in both scoring (14.0 ppg) and rebounding a year ago. Seniors Jesse Francis, Casey Owens and Russell Robben are proven performers. Robben and junior J.J. Roark are just coming off the football team.

The Harvesters usher in a new era under head coach Jerry Schaeffer, who replaces veteran coach Robert Hale, who led Pampa for 13 seasons.

Schaeffer, a Dittmuth native, has been the assistant coach at Lubbock Coronado the past three seasons. He coached a state championship team at

Abernathy. Canyon, 15-14 a year ago, will be looking to senior inside players Tanner Theil and Derek Turner for leadership.

The Eagles also have a new head coach in Tim Webb. He coached last season at Wellington. Tonight's action tips off at 6 with the Pampa-Canyon girls game. The boys game will start around 8.

The Lady Harvesters couldn't start off the season with a tougher opponent.

The Lady Eagles were 35-1 a year ago, losing in the state finals. Their entire starting lineup is back.

"It's going to be a tough game for us, but we're going to look at it as a learning experience," said Pampa coach Mark Elms. "We're certainly not going to lay down for Canyon. We plan on playing hard and not giving up."

Basketball Signups

November 16th - 19th
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
The Donut Stop
1328 N. Hobart
• and •

Saturday, November 20th
during the Lamar Shoot-Out
at the High School Impact Building
\$20 Registration Fee
Scholarships Available
Kindergarten thru 12th • Boys & Girls

Pampa Kids & Youth Club
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CITY BRIEFS

All City Brief Deadlines Remain The Same

The Pampa News will be closed Thanksgiving Day and there will be no paper so that our employees can spend the holiday with their friends and families



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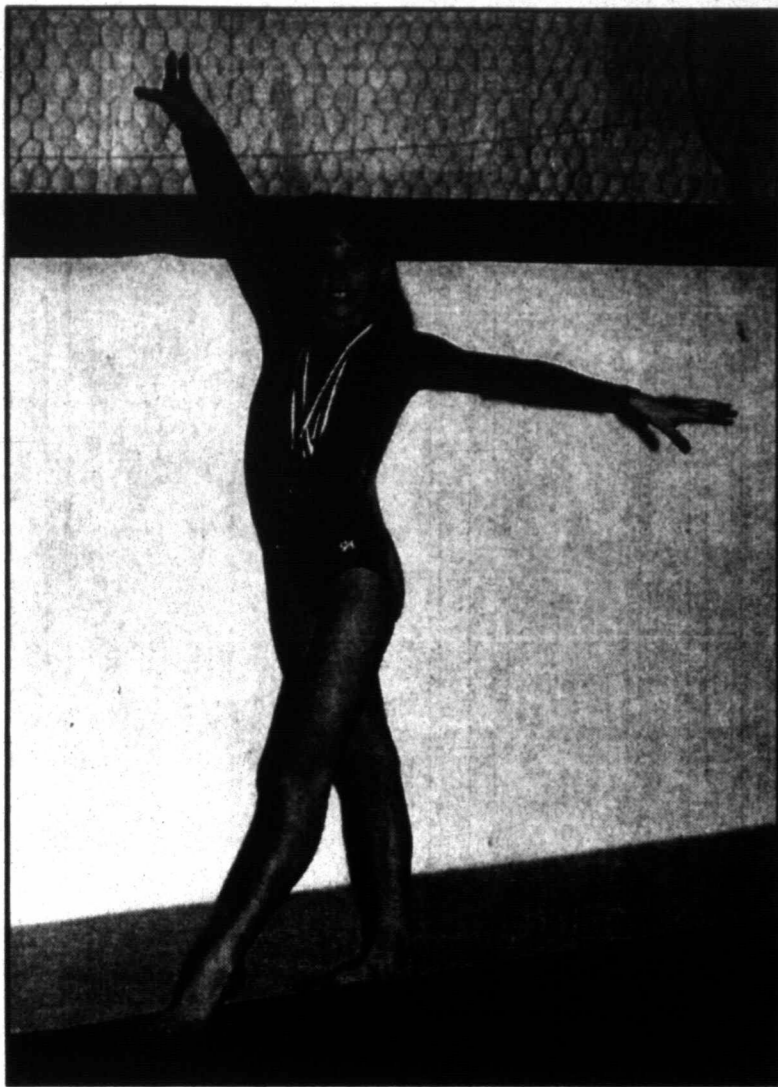
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Pokemon (G)
Fri. & Sat. 7:15 & 9:05
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:15
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3rd Week
Drive Me Crazy (PG-13)
Fri. & Sat. 7:15 & 9:05
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:15
Sat. & Sun. Matinee 2:00

2nd Week
The Bachelor (PG-13)
Fri. & Sat. 7:05 & 9:00
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:05
Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:50

2nd Week
Double Jeopardy (R)
Fri. & Sat. 7:00 & 9:10
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:00
Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:45

All-Around champ



Cortnee White, daughter of Delbert and Cheri White, is the Level 5, 12 years and up District All-Around Champion. Cortnee is a member of Gymnastics of Pampa. She will be competing in the Level 5 North State Semi-Finals on Nov. 20-21 in Plano.

Cornhuskers named players of week

DALLAS (AP) — Two Nebraska Cornhuskers were named Big 12 Players of the Week after helping their team beat Kansas State on Saturday. Quarterback Eric Crouch received offensive recognition and rover Mike Brown was named the league's stand-out defensive player after the Huskers dominated the Wildcats 41-15. Oklahoma State kick returner Terance Richardson was named the

outstanding specialty player in the weekly media balloting. Crouch increased his best one-game rushing total with 158 yards on 27 carries. He had touchdowns from 30 and 18 yards out. Crouch also had 8-of-17 passing for 69 yards. On the defensive side of the ball, Brown registered six tackles, forced a fumble, recovered another fumble and intercepted a pass.

Jets topple Patriots

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — In a season of tough breaks and a tough schedule in the NFL's toughest division, the New York Jets' playoff chances are slim.

Then again, what were the odds that Ray Lucas, spurned by the New England Patriots, would quarterback the Jets to their best performance of the season?

And how likely was it that New England's Drew Bledsoe, who had thrown just four interceptions all season long, would toss three Monday night and fall short at one of his specialties, the fourth-quarter comeback?

"Like I told the players, even though we are 3-6, it is too soon to quit," Jets coach Bill Parcells said after the 24-17 win over the Patriots.

"Maybe," said New York running back Curtis Martin, who rushed for 149 yards, "we can get some momentum from this and turn our season around."

Even though they've won their last two games, that might be too much for the Jets to hope for since six of their remaining seven games are against first-place teams.

The Patriots (6-3) had a chance to tie for the AFC East lead with Miami and Indianapolis, but had their worst game of the season coming off a bye week.

"We didn't come up here to ruin their season, we came up to beat them, and we accomplished our mission," Jets receiver Keyshawn Johnson said. "They can ruin their season on their own."

"It could be very damaging if we get down about it and put," New England fullback Tony Carter said.

They didn't get discouraged after the Jets took a 24-3 lead early in the fourth quarter on Lucas' scoring passes of 1 yard to Johnson and 11 yards to Fred Baxter, Martin's 36-yard touchdown run and John Hall's 26-yard field goal.

The Patriots closed to 24-17 on Bledsoe's fourth-quarter touchdown passes of 13 yards to Kevin

Faulk and 31 yards to Troy Brown with 6:58 left in the game. But on their remaining three possessions, they had no first downs as Bledsoe went 1-for-9.

"There was never a time when I thought we were going to lose the game," said Bledsoe, who brought New England back from a 28-7 deficit to a 31-28 win over Indianapolis in the second game of the season. "It was just a question of when."

The Jets' defense proved him wrong. "Coach even said it's going to come down to two minutes, so we knew it. It didn't surprise us," New York cornerback Marcus Coleman said.

What is surprising is that Parcells might have found a quarterback to replace Vinny Testaverde, who was lost for the season with a ruptured left Achilles' tendon in the opening 30-28 loss to the Patriots.

Parcells tried Tom Tupa and Rick Mirer before switching to Lucas as his starter Monday night. And Lucas enjoyed beating Patriots coach Pete Carroll, who used him only on special teams before letting the Jets sign him after the 1996 season.

"That's icing on the cake," Lucas said. "They let me go. They didn't think I could play in this league. I don't have to say anything about how I feel. My actions speak louder than words."

The Patriots also let Martin sign as a free agent with the Jets after the 1997 season, and he's in the midst of one of his best stretches in his five NFL seasons. He rushed 31 times and went over 100 yards for the fourth straight game.

"I did OK," he said. "I feel I should have done better. I saw a lot of runs that I should have been able to break it on."

That's what he did when he went off right tackle for his longest run of the season, giving the Jets a 14-3 lead with 1:09 left in the half. And after Coleman intercepted Bledsoe's pass, Baxter scored 49 seconds after Martin.

Scoreboard

PRO FOOTBALL

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	7	2	0	.778	250	181
Miami	7	2	0	.778	192	166
Buffalo	7	3	0	.700	204	149
New England	6	3	0	.667	206	174
N.Y. Jets	3	6	0	.333	150	167

Central

Jacksonville	8	1	0	.889	216	79
Tennessee	7	2	0	.778	190	171
Pittsburgh	5	4	0	.556	172	124
Baltimore	5	4	0	.556	139	150
Cleveland	2	8	0	.200	98	253
Cincinnati	1	9	0	.100	130	292

West

Seattle	7	2	0	.778	205	145
Kansas City	5	4	0	.556	200	136
Oakland	5	4	0	.556	185	162
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	136	194
Denver	3	7	0	.300	194	205

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	5	4	0	.556	226	169
N.Y. Giants	5	4	0	.556	157	165
Washington	5	4	0	.556	287	257
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	115	187
Philadelphia	3	7	0	.300	149	212

Central

Detroit	6	3	0	.667	201	117
Minnesota	6	4	0	.600	237	199
Tampa Bay	5	4	0	.556	139	128
Green Bay	4	5	0	.444	166	192
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	167	201

West

St. Louis	7	2	0	.778	300	128
Carolina	3	6	0	.333	196	204
San Francisco	3	6	0	.333	156	258
Atlanta	2	7	0	.222	117	216
New Orleans	2	7	0	.222	147	185

Sunday's Games

St. Louis 35, Carolina 10
Cleveland 16, Pittsburgh 15
Indianapolis 27, New York Giants 19
Tampa Bay 17, Kansas City 10
Buffalo 23, Miami 3
Minnesota 27, Chicago 24, OT
New Orleans 24, San Francisco 6
Tennessee 24, Cincinnati 14
Philadelphia 35, Washington 28
Oakland 28, San Diego 9
Jacksonville 6, Baltimore 3
Arizona 23, Detroit 19
Dallas 27, Green Bay 13
Seattle 20, Denver 17

Monday's Games

Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
New England at Miami, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
New York Giants at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	6	1	.857	—
Boston	4	3	.571	2
New York	4	4	.500	2 1/2
Orlando	4	4	.500	2 1/2
Philadelphia	3	4	.429	3
New Jersey	1	6	.143	5
Washington	1	6	.143	5

Central Division

Igdlana	5	2	.714	—
Cleveland	4	2	.667	1/2
Toronto	4	2	.667	1/2
Charlotte	4	3	.571	1
Milwaukee	4	3	.571	1
Detroit	2	5	.286	3
Chicago	1	5	.167	3 1/2
Atlanta	1	6	.143	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	6	2	.750	—
Minnesota	3	1	.750	1
Utah	3	3	.500	1 1/2
Vancouver	3	3	.500	2
Dallas	3	4	.429	2 1/2
Denver	2	4	.333	3
Houston	2	6	.250	4

Pacific Division

Portland	6	1	.857	—
L.A. Lakers	7	2	.778	—
Seattle	6	2	.750	1/2
Sacramento	3	1	.750	1 1/2
Phoenix	4	4	.500	2 1/2
Golden State	1	5	.167	4 1/2
L.A. Clippers	1	5	.167	4 1/2

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia 93, Toronto 90
Miami 94, New York 88
Sacramento 126, Denver 116
Vancouver 109, L.A. Clippers 89
L.A. Lakers 93, Atlanta 88

Monday's Games

Seattle 100, New Jersey 82
Indiana 96, Houston 87
L.A. Lakers 91, Phoenix 82
Utah 91, San Antonio 85

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Indiana at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Denver, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland at Boston, 7 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Portland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
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Quail hunter



Matthew Kirkpatrick is pictured with part of his weekend hunt. His quail were shot southeast of Pampa and were large in size despite the drought. Matthew is the fourth generation of the Wilkinson family to participate in the annual quail hunt. Matthew says he will be looking forward to the upcoming pheasant season.

NL Cy Young award goes to Randy Johnson

PHOENIX (AP) — Great pitching doesn't always bring victories. No one knows that better than Randy Johnson, who could have sued the Arizona Diamondbacks for non-support this year.

So Johnson was grateful that baseball writers looked beyond his 17-9 record with the Arizona Diamondbacks to present him with the NL Cy Young award.

"There was a lot more to the season I had than wins and losses," Johnson said. "Quite honestly, I feel still this was the best year I had in my career."

At 36, Johnson joined Gaylord Perry as the only pitchers to win the award in both leagues, although Boston's Pedro Martinez was expected to join that elite group when the AL award was announced today.

"That's pretty good company," Johnson said.

Johnson won the AL award with the Seattle Mariners in 1995. In both of his Cy Young seasons, he led his team to its first postseason appearance.

Johnson received 20 first-place votes, 11 seconds and one third

for 134 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers Association of America. Mike Hampton, who went 22-4 for Houston and led the league in wins, was second with 11 first-place votes, 17 seconds and four thirds for 110 points.

Atlanta's Kevin Millwood was third with one first, four seconds and 18 thirds for 36 points.

The voters were swayed by Johnson's awesome individual statistics.

As the Diamondbacks won the NL West title in their second season, the 6-foot-10 left-hander had a league-leading 2.48 ERA. His 12 complete games, 364 strikeouts and 271 2-3 innings pitched were the most in the majors.

Johnson fell 19 short of the strikeout record set by Nolan Ryan in 1973, winding up with the fourth-highest single-season total, and struck out 10 or more 23 times, matching the record Ryan set with the California Angels in 1973.

He'd never pitched so many innings in a season, yet down the stretch, he was throwing 100 mph fastballs in the ninth.

Utah defeats Spurs, 91-85

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Whatever Karl Malone said to his Utah teammates after calling a players-only practice, it was the right formula to beat the San Antonio Spurs.

John Stockton scored 20 points, while Olden Polynice and Greg Ostertag clamped down defensively, leading the Jazz to a 91-85 victory Monday night. The defending NBA champions lost for the second time in eight games.

"We weren't in a very good rhythm," said David Robinson, who had 11 of his 12 points in the first half. "When you're like that, you've really got to play good defense. We gave up 91 points, and for us, that's not strong."

Utah became the second team this season to score at least 90 points against San Antonio. The Spurs beat the L.A. Clippers 99-94 on Nov. 10, but the Jazz were more solid on defense.

"This was a big win for us against a really good team," said Malone, who scored 20 points.

More important, the Jazz responded after Malone called a players-only practice on Sunday. Utah coach Jerry Sloan gave his players the weekend off after they were listless in a 105-92 loss at Sacramento on Friday.

"I'm a team captain, so I was just doing something that I thought needed to be done," Malone said. "I'm more impressed that all the guys showed up. It wasn't a mandatory thing."

In other NBA games, Seattle beat New Jersey 100-92, Indiana defeated Houston 96-87 and the Los Angeles Lakers downed Phoenix 91-82.

Although Tim Duncan scored 32 points for the Spurs, the Jazz limited Robinson in the second half. Aside from Terry Porter's 12 points off the bench, no other San Antonio player was in double figures.

"We did a great job on David Robinson, Mario Elie and Jaren Jackson," Polynice said. "That was the key. We kept the guys at bay that we needed to. All except Tim Duncan, but he shoots enough to score 32 points every night."

When the Spurs closed to 84-81 after holding Utah scoreless for almost three minutes, Stockton drove the lane, slicing past three defenders for a layup with 1:33 to play.

"They were giving him shots and he stepped up and made them," Sloan said.

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News in brief ...

Flight 990 probe may go to FBI
 WASHINGTON (AP) — An EgyptAir Flight 990 crew member's questionable statement, heard on the cockpit voice recorder, is making investigators consider turning the crash probe over to the FBI as a possible criminal matter.

Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, met Monday with FBI Director Louis J. Freeh to discuss having the law enforcement agency take over.

A federal law enforcement official told The Associated Press that the question of whether to open a criminal investigation was raised because "one view is that a crew member is heard on the cockpit tape to say something religious in nature."

The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, added: "There is no desire for the FBI to rush into this." The decision after the meeting between Hall and Freeh was to wait and see what else could be drawn from the 31-minute tape recording.

The EgyptAir Boeing 767 crashed into the Atlantic Ocean early on Oct. 31 about 40 minutes after takeoff from New York City. It was heading to Cairo from Los Angeles after an intermediate stop at Kennedy International Airport.

CBS News reported, meanwhile, that the system recorded what sounded like the cockpit door opening and a voice saying something to the effect of "what's going on?"

Hall raised the specter that the plane was downed by a criminal act at a news conference Monday when he questioned whether his agency would continue leading the investigation.

Administration's abortion compromise inflames potential Gore backers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abortion rights advocates say Vice President Al Gore could hurt his prospects for the White House if he doesn't speak out against President Clinton's decision to give in to conservatives' demands for limits on overseas family planning.

"This will be a campaign issue no matter what," Gloria Feldt, president of Planned Parenthood Action Fund, said Monday of the administration's bargain with Congress. "If (Gore) doesn't speak up, his silence will be eloquent and be noted."

Gore allies advised abortion rights advocates to turn their fire outward.

"If these groups want to ensure that there are no compromises with anti-abortion forces, their energy is better spent producing a Democratic Congress that is pro-choice," Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., who heads the campaign committee for Senate Democrats, said in a telephone interview.

Speaking to Microsoft employees near Seattle on Monday, Gore said the deal "is not one that I like, but facing the situation the president faced, it is understandable to me he made the decision that he did."

He refused to criticize Clinton or say what his own counsel had been.

Istanbul confronts new fear: earthquakes

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Once the seat of formidable empires, this ancient capital has seen its share of invasions and violence. But these days, the people of Istanbul are confronting a new fear: earthquakes.

Badly unnerved by images of devastation just 120 miles to the east in Duzce and rumors that a quake could strike here any day, some of Istanbul's 12 million residents are close to a state of panic.

On Monday evening, scores of people in the neighborhood of Avclar gathered in a park to sleep outside after rumors spread that a quake would hit that evening. Hundreds were killed in Avclar in August when a massive quake destroyed large parts of northwestern Turkey, killing 17,000.

Meltem Balkan, a travel agent, said her boss closed down their office this week to allow employees to leave town after hearing of a prediction that a quake would hit Istanbul on Thursday or Friday.

"It's really very scary. I want to leave. I don't want

to die. I'm quite young," said Balkan, who is 22. "Everybody is sad. Look at their faces! They're all talking earthquake, earthquake, earthquake."

The fears may be exaggerated, but they are not as baseless.

Seismologists can't forecast exactly when and where earthquakes will hit, but they have been warning Istanbul residents that their city could be vulnerable some time in the future.

Lawsuit to decide the value of Nixon's presidential materials winds down

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon left the White House in disgrace 25 years ago, but he left behind papers, photos and secret tape recordings his estate claims are worth millions. The government says the collection is worth much, much less.

Today, U.S. District Judge John Garrett Penn hears closing remarks in a lengthy federal trial over how much — if anything — the government must pay the president's estate for seizing 42 million pages of documents, 3,700 hours of tape and hundreds of photos when Nixon resigned.

The Nixon estate says it wants \$35.5 million plus millions in interest. Justice Department lawyers remain opposed to any compensation, but say if something must be paid, a fair value would be no more than \$2.2 million. "The court should put an end to this attempt by the Nixon estate to obtain a wind-fall from the taxpayers," the government said in its post-trial brief.

The disparity has rendered settlement talks fruitless.

"It's been a long, very hotly contested litigation," said R. Stan Mortenson, a Nixon estate lawyer. "The government has tried to raise every conceivable roadblock to there being any (monetary) recovery, and I'm sure they're not going to hang up their gloves."

Fights over the Nixon collection began in 1974 when he resigned to avoid impeachment over the Watergate scandal. Congress passed a law confiscating what Nixon left behind, and over the years hundreds of thousands of documents and hundreds of hours of tapes have been open for public perusal. Six years after his materials were seized, Nixon sued for compensation, which he claimed he was entitled to because, as opposed to current law, presidential documents were deemed personal, not government property.

In 1991, the judge, who is hearing the case without a jury, ruled that Nixon was entitled to nothing. But the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington overruled Penn and ordered him to conduct this new trial.

Sheep owners in 'mad cow' dispute

EAST WARREN, Vt. (AP) — Larry and Linda Faillace are excited about their plans to change the American sheep industry.

Since importing their first East Friesian sheep from Belgium three years ago, they've established a breeding stock of milk-producing animals and introduced a line of sheep-milk cheese.

But the couple's flocks have been locked up under quarantine amid government fears that a form of mad cow disease is lurking under the wool. The U.S. Department of Agriculture wants to buy the animals for slaughter to check for illness.

Behind all of this is BSE, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, the scientific name for mad cow disease. The fatal brain ailment has affected some 180,000 head of British cattle and has been linked to a similar illness in humans, known as Cruetzfeld-Jakob disease. In Britain, 16 people died from the disease after they apparently ate contaminated beef.

With no reports of mad cow hopping from species to species, and with European sheep milk already imported to the U.S. market, the Faillaces have refused the USDA offer. They say it's proof the government has gone mad, not their sheep.

"The odds of having BSE in our sheep, you'd have a better chance of a meteorite landing on your front porch in the morning," Faillace said.

Calendar of events

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

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

RED CROSS
 The Red Cross is offering free blood sugar and blood pressure testing every Friday from 10 a.m. - noon at Red Cross Office, 108 N. Russell.

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

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

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
 Fall pre-school story hours have begun at the Lovett Memorial

Library. They will be held every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. until Dec. 14. The programs are for all children between the ages of 18 months and 5 years. Shanla Brookshire, the children's librarian, will plan stories, crafts and activities for every program. Special Tuesday story hours are being planned for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. All the programs are free and no registration is required. For information call the library at 669-5780.

HARVESTER BOOSTER CLUB
 Harvester Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday of each week in the Ready Room located in the Athletic Building at Pampa High School. For more information, call 665-7149.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS
 A send-off celebration for Special Olympic bowlers is slated at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17 at Pampa Sheltered Workshop, 1301 W. Somerville. The bowlers will compete in winter games in San Antonio.

SHRINE MEETING
 A Shrine meeting will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Sportman's Club on South Barnes. Shriners and their wives will meet for a Thanksgiving meal.

ST. MARK CME CHURCH
 St. Mark CME Church, 406 Elm, will hold a barbecue dinner beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20. The church will accept a \$6 donation. For delivery, call 669-6743.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
 This year's Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 23 at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. Pampa Area United Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring the event which will include music, scripture readings and a Thanksgiving message. Donations will be taken for Salvation Army and Good Sams. The public is cordially invited to attend.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
 The Texas Department of Health will be having an immunization clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, varicella (chickenpox) and HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 17 at Family Health Center of Pampa, 600 W. Kentucky; from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 15, at Wheeler School in Wheeler; from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon, Nov. 15, at Allison School in Allison; from 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, Nov. 18 at Shamrock School in Shamrock; from 1:30-4 p.m., Nov. 18, at Rural Health Clinic in McLean; and from 11 a.m.-12 noon, 1-4 p.m., Nov. 29, at City Hall in Canadian.

American Cancer Society to hold 23rd annual Great American SmokeOut

AUSTIN — On Nov. 18, the American Cancer Society will hold its 23rd Great American SmokeOut to help smokers kick the habit and youth understand the importance of never starting to smoke.

The Great American SmokeOut is the American Cancer Society's annual nationally-recognized day when smokers are asked to put down their cigarettes, cigars, spit tobacco or any tobacco product because they all have the potential to cause cancer. Because ACS knows that approximately 32 million smokers (out of 47 million current smokers) want to quit smoking completely, the cancer society will continue to offer support and education to the public. The promise of an addiction-free life has encouraged many smokers to join in and prove to themselves that they can live a day without cigarettes, and that they can therefore live the rest of their lives without them.

In 1998, 24 percent of smokers participated in the Great American SmokeOut (approximately 11,280,000 people), and of those participants, 19 percent

reported that they were smoking less or not at all one to five

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days later. That's over 2 million people who are well on their way to healthier, smoke-free lives.

The Great American SmokeOut is not just about adult smokers and cessation. As the times change and our understanding of the addictive cycle of nicotine increases, ACS is working to prevent children from ever becoming smokers. More than 80 percent of current adult smokers started before they were 18. That's why the Great American SmokeOut is

also focusing on promotions that will communicate to our children the social disadvantages of smoking, and provide them with the tools to recognize and avoid negative social influences. This year, a website just for youth (see attached fact sheet) has been developed and will assist kids in making healthy choices.

Smokeout events can be held in malls, schools, businesses, restaurants, military bases, hospitals and colleges across the entire country. If you're a smoker, decide that on Nov. 18, 1999, you will put your cigarettes down for good.

To find out about Great American SmokeOut events in your area or to learn more about hosting an event, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345, or contact your local office. Information is also available on the web at www.acs-tx.org/.

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National Weather Service designates 'Winter Awareness Day' for entire Lonestar State

AUSTIN — Winter weather can change in the blink of an eye. What was 65 degrees one day can be below freezing the next. While Texas has relatively mild winters compared to those in northern parts of the U.S., the state is not immune to winter's chill.

The best time to prepare for winter weather is early in the season, which is why the Texas Division of Emergency Management and National Weather Service designated today (Nov. 16) "Winter Awareness Day" in Texas.

"People need to prepare for winter now, before the hectic holiday pace lets cold weather sneak up on them," said Tom Millwee, DEM state coordinator. He offered the following simple steps for preparing for winter:

- winterize your home by insulating pipes near outside walls and by sealing leaks that might expose pipes to cold air,
- make sure heating systems, fireplaces and wood stoves are clean, well-ventilated and in good working condition;
- winterize your vehicle by checking wipers, tires, lights and fluid levels. Lubricate door and trunk locks to avoid freezing;
- prepare a travel disaster supply kit containing food, drinking water, blankets, rain gear, extra clothing, flashlights with extra batteries, jumper cables and a first aid kit;
- people who plan to travel should keep their gas tank at least half-full and should make alternative travel plans in case bad weather forces trip delays — do not travel when such conditions threaten;
- check on friends and family members whose health or age, especially the very young and very old, may put them at greater risk from cold weather or freezing temperatures.

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