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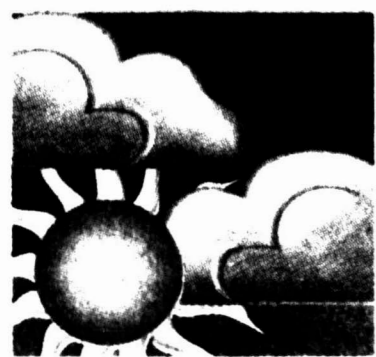
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No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The numbers drawn were: 1-14-16-21-26-44. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$10 million.

GRAY COUNTY — Firefighters were busy late this morning battling a grass fire on the Gerry Ingram Ranch in which 150 burning hay bales were threatening to spread the blaze to a nearby barn. The Pampa Fire Department sent two trucks to the fire off Highway 152 about four miles south of the Hoover Cutoff and the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department responded as well. Also, a request was put out for Precinct 2 to send a front-end loader to the scene to help move the hay bales.

PAMPA — The Pampa News office will be closed Friday so employees may spend New Year's Eve day with the families but the newspaper will be printed and delivered as usual. Likewise, Sunday's paper will be delivered as usual.

PAMPA — District Attorney John Mann has filed for reelection in the March 14 Republican Primary. Mann filed in Austin which is required because his office is considered a statewide one as it covers more than a one-county district. The 31st-223rd District includes Gray, Wheeler, Roberts, Hemphill and Libscomb Counties.

- Kenneth Roy Cummings, 67, retired FAA employee.
- Mashonda Rene King, 22, services pending.
- Sam W. Osborne, 80, farmer.

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"It's no accident State Farm insures more cars than anyone else."
Shonda Webb
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company
Home Office Bloomington, Illinois

Police cast net over drug suspects

Six taken to jail, more to be picked up

By KEITH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Early morning crack cocaine drug raids netted Pampa police six arrests. The raids were the result of a year-long investigation, Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force agent Bo Lake said.

"This is the easy part — serving all the warrants — the investigation is the hard part," Pampa Police Lt. Terry Young said.

An overpowering smell of marijuana greeted police at one target location — 1104 Varnon.

"The smell is good probable cause to secure the scene and get a search warrant," Young said.

The male suspect fled the house, leading the police on a two-minute chase, while another, a female, surrendered peacefully. Police caught the man.

Police found crack pipes, trace amounts of cocaine, and "baggies" at the house, according to Officer Mike Lundgren.

The owner of the house was away, but a relative, Marion Wine, came by to see what was going on.

"You got more crack dealers [in Pampa] than you do police."

— Officer Keith Morris

"They need to board up this house," Wine said. "If I can work two jobs sick, they [drug dealers] can work one well."

Young said more raids were planned.

"We're going to start the new year off right," Young said.

Information on four arrests was available at press time:

Francisco Mendoza, 41, 329 N. Wells; Bridgette Mathis, 26, 533 Harlem; Desmond Johnson, 25, 1045 Huff; Rashard Sessions, 19, 1132 Prairie. All were arrested on the charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

No information was yet available on the arrests of Debbie Rawls and Bobby Dorsey.

"You got more crack dealers [in Pampa] than you do police," Pampa Police Officer Keith Morris said.



Police lead Bridgette Mathis, 26, 533 Harlem, away after arresting her on a warrant charging the woman with delivery of a controlled substance. The early-morning round-up was the culmination of a year-long investigation and police promise more arrests.

City, SPS, Cable One, others ready for Y2K

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

The city's emergency services, as well as representatives of gas, electrical and cable television companies, will be on special standby New Year's Eve and New Year's day in anticipation of any unforeseen Y2K problems.

The City of Pampa is not expecting services to be affected but city fire, police and other department representatives will be on precautionary standby Friday night in the Emergency Operations Center (EOP).

Meanwhile, it's expected most of the focus on Pampa on Friday night will be at Recreation Park for a special midnight fireworks celebration. The Pampa Fire Department will have equipment on standby there and Fire Marshal Gary Stevens has been assigned to the fireworks activity.

City computer services in the various departments are Y2K compliant and this includes equipment in Pampa Emergency Communications which answers 911 emergency calls for service and dispatches police, fire and ambulance services.

In the event there is a power failure, there is an

emergency generator at the city service center that can be used to power the fuel delivery system and the communications center also has a backup generator.

If power does fail, SPS spokesman have additional employees on standby and automated switch stations will be manned so they can be operated manually. SPS says the worst-case scenario would be a power failure of up to eight hours.

Police Chief Charlie Morris says additional officers will be in service Friday afternoon through New Year's Day to allow for double coverage. He said eight-to-15 officers will be available to field calls New Year's Eve.

Fire Chief Kim Powell, Deputy Fire Chief Randy Dunham, Training Officer Doug Pritchett, Emergency Communications Director Phyllis Jeffers and Emergency Communications Supervisor Corey Hernandez, will be in the EOP along with Ken Hall, Office of Emergency Management Coordinator, to help direct services associated with the weekend.

There will be no change in procedures for (See Y2K, Page 2)

Former Pampan killed in rollover

Passenger also dies, child hurt

Two people, including a former Pampan, are dead and a 4-year-old girl is hurt following a one-vehicle rollover accident 11 miles west of Quanah at 11:35 p.m. Wednesday.

Mashonda Rene King, 22, of Amarillo, and formerly of Pampa, was pronounced dead at the scene, said DPS Sgt. Alan Troup.

She was driving at the time of the crash.

A passenger, Kendall Lee Vann, 18, of Vernon, died at 6:58 this morning after being airlifted to University Medical Center in Lubbock, the sergeant said.

King's daughter, Cylea King, 4, was airlifted from Quanah Hospital to University Medical Center where a spokesman there

said this morning the little girl is in serious condition in the surgical intensive care unit.

The spokesman said the child, who will be 5 years old Saturday, was able to spell her name for hospital personnel.

Sgt. Troup said none of the occupants were using seat belts or child restraints and all three were thrown out of the 1996 Jeep as it tumbled over.

As to the cause of the accident, Sgt. Troup said, "We don't know if it was fatigue, sleep or alcohol-related. There was evidence of alcohol and blood tests will be performed."

Carmichael Whalley is in charge of services for King.

Abortion licensing law on hold by judge

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge Wednesday blocked the state from enforcing a new law that expands licensing requirements for abortion doctors, saying the law is unconstitutional.

U.S. District Judge John Rainey said the 1999 amendments to the Abortion Facility Reporting and Licensing Act violate the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution and are unconstitutionally vague.

Rainey granted a temporary injunction after a two-day hearing on the new law's background and effects.

The law, which took effect Sept. 1, requires doctors' offices to be licensed if the physician performs more than 300 abortions a year. It also increases the criminal liability of doctors who operate abortion clinics without a license.

If Texas Attorney General John Cornyn appeals the order, a trial likely will take place.

A spokeswoman for Texas Department of Health Commissioner William Archer III declined comment on Rainey's order.

(See ABORTION, Page 2)

City, county offices to close

Pampa city and Gray County Courthouse offices will be closed Friday in observance of New Year's holiday. The tax office will also be closed.

Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris said the tax office will be closing out the month of December on Thursday evening. The office staff will be closing out the 1999 year prior to the computer change to the year 2000.



Pampa students don't return to classes until Jan. 5 as the Woodrow Wilson Elementary School sign states. The youngsters have been enjoying Christmas vacation since Dec. 17.

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Services tomorrow

CUMMINGS, Kenneth Roy — Mass, 10:30 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.
McCRACKEN, Hazel — 10 a.m., Lubbockview Christian Church, Lubbock.
OSBORNE, Sam W. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, White Deer.
RYAN, Lula Mae — 2 p.m., McCullough Street Church of Christ, Pampa.

Obituaries

VIRGINIA LOU BROMERT

AMARILLO — Virginia Lou Bromert, 76, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, Dec. 27, 1999. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in San Jacinto United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bill Fitzgerald officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo.
 Mrs. Bromert was born at Crowell. She married Linus Harold Bromert in 1944; he died in 1995. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1953, moving from Pampa. She was a homemaker and belonged to United Methodist Church. She had been a member of San Jacinto United Methodist Church for 47 years and was a charter member of Electra Group United Methodist Women. She was also active in United Transportation Union ladies auxiliary.
 Survivors include a daughter, Linda Lou Ladehoff of Amarillo; a sister, Geraldine Altman of Amarillo; and two grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to Buckner Scholarship Fund; San Jacinto United Methodist Church; or BSA Hospice and Life Enrichment Center.

KENNETH ROY CUMMINGS

MUSTANG, Okla. — Kenneth Roy Cummings, 67, a former Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1999, at an Oklahoma City hospital after a long illness. Wake services will be at 7 p.m. today in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Oklahoma City and mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery in Oklahoma City under the direction of Mustang Funeral Service of Mustang.

Mr. Cummings was born March 19, 1932, at Pontotoc, Okla., and grew up in Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1951. He had been an Oklahoma resident since 1969, moving from Berger. He worked as a printing specialist at FAA prior to retiring in 1995.
 He belonged to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and was a U.S. Air Force veteran.
 He was preceded in death by his parents, Mac Duff and Nellie Killian Cummings; three brothers, Clifton Cummings, Virgil Cummings and Billy Cummings; and two sisters, Lola Nicholson and Dorothy Moore.
 Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Patricia, of the home; a daughter, Sandra Kay Brown of Oklahoma City; a son, Kenneth Ray Cummings, Jr., of Yukon; a sister, Opal Littlefield of Lorena; and six grandchildren.

THE REV. BILLY HUGHES

CHILDRESS — The Rev. Billy Hughes, 82, father of a Pampa resident, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 1999. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Tyrone Campbell of Hollis, Okla., officiating. Burial will be in Childress Cemetery under the direction of Golden Gate Mortuary of Amarillo.
 The Rev. Hughes was born in Williamson County and had been a Childress resident for many years. He attended Black Hill Public Schools. He married Jorine Hawthorne in 1938. He farmed and formerly pastored First Church of God in Christ of Childress.
 Survivors include his wife, Jorine; five daughters, Annie Ruth Jeter, Doris Burgess, Loretta Diggs and Rose Marie Gilmore, all of Childress; and Ruby Nell Weeks of Pampa; six sons, David Hughes of Dallas, Alvin Hughes of Santa Monica, Calif., Climmie Hughes, the Rev. Billy Hughes Jr., and Charles Ray Hughes, all of Childress; and Roger Don Hughes of Berger; three sisters, Mattie Barnes of Amarillo, Irene Ellis of Corsicana and Maude Young of Bakersfield, Calif.; two brothers, Ike Hughes of Amarillo and James Hughes of Dallas; 35 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

MASHONDA RENE KING

Mashonda Rene King, 22, of Pampa, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999, at Quanah. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

HAZEL McCRACKEN

LUBBOCK — Hazel McCracken, 73, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1999, at Covenant Medical Center. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Lubbockview Christian Church with the Rev. Bob Sweeten officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McCracken was born Sept. 9, 1926, at Geuda Springs, Kan. She graduated from Classen High School in Oklahoma City, Okla. She married John T. McCracken on Aug. 4, 1946, at Oklahoma City. She had been a Lubbock resident since 1964. She was a homemaker and a member of Lubbockview Christian Church where she was active in Chancel Choir and Christian Women's Fellowship. She also belonged to Lubbock Women's Club and P.E.O. and volunteered at South Park Hospital Auxiliary.
 Survivors include her husband, John, of Lubbock; two daughters, Debra Treddnick of Lubbock and Diana Locke of Miami; a son, John T. McCracken, III, of Fredericksburg; a sister, Margaret Christian of Wellington, Kan.; two brothers, Logan McCabe of Lubbock and Thad McCabe of Winfield, Kan.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Susan G. Komen Foundation or to Lubbockview Christian Church Chancel Choir Fund.
SAM W. OSBORNE
WHITE DEER — Sam W. Osborne, 80, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1999, at Decatur. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church of White Deer with the Rev. John Collis officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Osborne was born Feb. 24, 1919, at White Deer and had been a lifelong White Deer resident and farmer. He married Edith B. Harvey on Feb. 20, 1943, at Pampa; she died in 1982.
 He belonged to First Baptist Church of White Deer.

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

LULA MAE RYAN

SHAMROCK — Lula Mae Ryan, 86, died Monday, Dec. 27, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in McCullough Street Church of Christ in Pampa with Frankie L. Lemons, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. Ryan was born at Palestine to Pinto and Betty Pinson. She married Belmor Ryan Sr. in Wheeler; he died in 1975. She had been a longtime Pampa resident prior to moving to Shamrock in 1953. She belonged to Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by two sons, two daughters, four sisters and three brothers.
 Survivors include four daughters, Betty Lou Wright of Shamrock and Annie Jo Conley, Berda Carter and Eula M. Perry, all of Pampa; two sons, John H. Ryan and Rufus L. Ryan, both of Pampa; 37 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

Ambulance

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

- Wednesday, Dec. 29**
 8:18 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Christine and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
 11:33 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.
 12:23 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Yeager and transported one to PRMC.
 3:02 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Roberta and transported one to PRMC.
 7:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to N.W.T.H.
 8:51 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Skellytown to link up with Lifestar.
Thursday, Dec. 30
 2:04 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Buckler and transported one to PRMC.

Fires

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

- Wednesday, Dec. 29**
 9:01 a.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center when an alarm was accidentally tripped.
 1:24 p.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to 417 N. Faulkner on a grass fire.
 2:59 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to 533 N. Roberta on a medical assist.
 4:20 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to PRMC on a Lifestar standby.

Police report

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

- Wednesday, Dec. 29**
 Raquel Maria Goay, 17, 937 Faulkner, was arrested on outstanding traffic warrants.
 Ricky Fedancio Arguijo, 26, 1811 Hamilton, was arrested on an outstanding capias warrant.
 Kevin Dwayne Nickelberry, 30, 315 1/2 Kingsmill, was arrested on a capias warrant and the charge of public intoxication.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department released the following accident report Thursday, Dec. 30.

Wednesday, Dec. 29
 An unidentified vehicle ran a stop sign at the intersection of North Dogwood and East 18th and struck a white Toyota pickup owned by Edna Rich Darnell, 82, 1716 Evergreen. Darnell was traveling west on East 18th, and the unidentified vehicle was traveling south on North Dogwood. No injuries were reported.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.03	Coca-Cola	.59 3/16	up 1/4
Milo	2.66	Columbia/HCA	.28 15/16	up 3/16
Corn	3.10	Enron	.43	up 1/2
Soybeans	3.78	Halliburton	.43 9/16	dn 11/16
		IRI	3.58	NC
		KMI	.21	dn 7/16
		Kerr-McGee	.60	up 1/16
		Limited	.42 7/16	up 1/16
		McDonald's	.39 15/16	dn 1/4
		Mobil	.104 5/16	up 13/16
		New Atmos	.20 1/16	NC
		NCE	.30 15/16	up 1/8
		Penney's	.19 3/8	up 5/16
		Phillips	.46 13/16	up 3/16
		Pioneer Nat.	.8 11/16	dn 1/16
		SLB	.58 11/16	up 1
		Tenneco	.97 1/16	up 3/16
		Texaco	.53 7/8	dn 7/8
		Ultramar	.22	dn 5/16
		Wal-Mart	.68 13/16	dn 1/2
		Williams	.31 1/16	dn 1/16
		New York Gold	.290.45	
		Silver	.537	
		West Texas Crude	.26.70	
		Chevron	.87 7/8	dn 1/8

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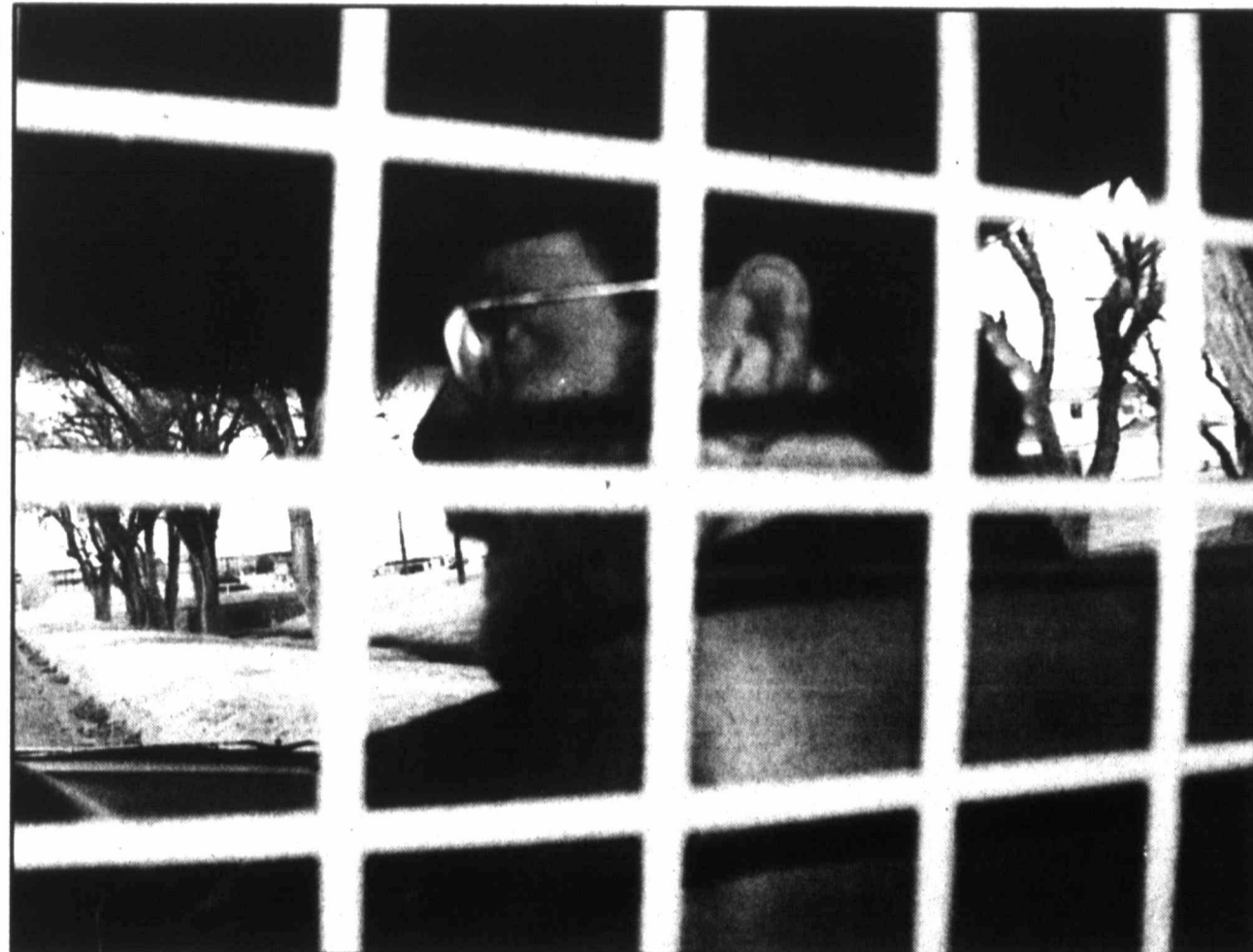
Occidental	21 7/16	Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa		
Fidelity Magelln	+0.59	Amoco	.59 1/2	dn 5/16
Puritan	+0.02	Arco	.85 13/16	dn 3/16
		Cabot	.20 3/4	up 1/16
		Cabot O&G	.15 11/16	dn 1/16
		Chevron	.87 7/8	dn 1/8

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

Amoco	.59 1/2	dn 5/16
Arco	.85 13/16	dn 3/16
Cabot	.20 3/4	up 1/16
Cabot O&G	.15 11/16	dn 1/16
Chevron	.87 7/8	dn 1/8

Emergency numbers

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



(Pampa News photo by Keith Anderson)

Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force Agent Bo Lake as seen through the squad car screen as he checks out a suspected crack house.

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Y2K

Pampa citizens who need emergency services, said Jeffers. However, those who have need for services from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., Energas, Southwestern Public Service and Cable One are asked to call those providers directly. Their numbers can be found in the telephone directory in the yellow or white pages.

Energas plans to have 40 employees in the Pampa area who will be checking supply points beginning at 9 p.m. Friday, said spokesman Roy Urrutia, who expressed confidence there will be no problems. He said Energas began working on Y2K issues in 1995, have tested their equipment and have run two successful mock Y2K exercises.

"But in the unlikely event there is a problem," Urrutia said, "we'll be there."

Likewise, employees of Pampa's water and sewer department will be on alert, said Public Works Director Richard Morris.

"We have changed out our computers and software and well as some valves and circuit boards that were not compliant," Morris said. "Though there were changes at both plants, most were at the water treatment facility."

A year ago Morris said a backup generator was added at the water plant to back up the computer system if need be.

Both departments have held training and testing

sessions and there have been Y2K simulations, he said.

If the worst happened and computers failed, Morris said the water and sewer systems can be operated by hand if need be as long as there is electricity.

The general manager of Cable One's Panhandle systems, Wane Susee, says his employees also expect no problems but there will be a management team on hand at each Cable One office.

"We've gone through a who checklist of items over the past several months," Susee said. "We don't expect any problems but we will be there at zero hour."

Southwestern Bell Telephone officials say their company is ready for Friday night having completed its comprehensive year 2000 readiness program, including all Y2K-related upgrades, as well as extensive testing and enhancement of contingency plans.

The company will have additional staff on hand throughout its territory this weekend to monitor the network and ensure a smooth transition to the new millennium.

While not related to the Y2K issue, telephone customers need to be aware of the potential for network congestion over the New Year's weekend. Due to high calling volumes, some customers could potentially experience brief delays in completing calls.

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ABORTION

But an attorney for the group of physicians who filed the lawsuit told the Houston Chronicle that the judge's decision removes a roadblock for women seeking abortions in Texas.

"It's a great victory for physicians" and their patients, attorney Craig Smyser said in the newspaper's Thursday editions. "Come Jan. 1, 2000, they can continue to practice medicine as they always have."

Medical clinics in Houston, Denton and Austin and five doctors challenged the law in October.

Rainey said the law is unconstitutional because it sets physicians who perform abortions apart from those who perform other outpatient surgeries, violating their right to equal protection under the law.

The physicians had maintained that the legislation was developed to act as an obstacle to women seeking abortions, but Rainey said the evidence was to the contrary. Health concerns appear to have sparked current

regulations, he said.

Prior to Sept. 1, state law provided doctors an exemption from licensing if abortions made up less than 51 percent of their practices.

Judy Vatterott, a board member of Life Advocates, said the new law protects women's health and safety.

But Janet Crepps, an attorney with the Center for Reproductive Law & Policy, said several states are challenging a woman's right

to an abortion under the guise of health facility regulation.

The center, which is paying for the lawsuit in Texas, recently got a similar South Carolina law struck down. It required licensure in places that performed more than five abortions per month.

Ms. Crepps said a federal judge in Greenville, S.C., ruled that the law violated patient privacy laws and the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution.

City Briefs

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly sunny today with a high of 60 and north winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the upper 20s and a light north wind. Tomorrow, sunny with a high of 65 and south winds at 10-20 mph. Yesterday's high was 70; the overnight low 35.

STATEWIDE — A warming trend the day before New Year's Eve is producing high temperatures more like October than

December.

It was 75 degrees at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on Wednesday — a normal high temperature for late October. Other highs were 76 degrees at Abilene, 75 at Mineral Wells and 74 at Waco.

Early-morning readings today ranged from the 30s to 50s and some 60s in the south. It was 46 degrees at Paris, 53 at Corsicana, 38 at Hondo, 58 at Galveston, 37 at Hondo and 56 at Dryden.

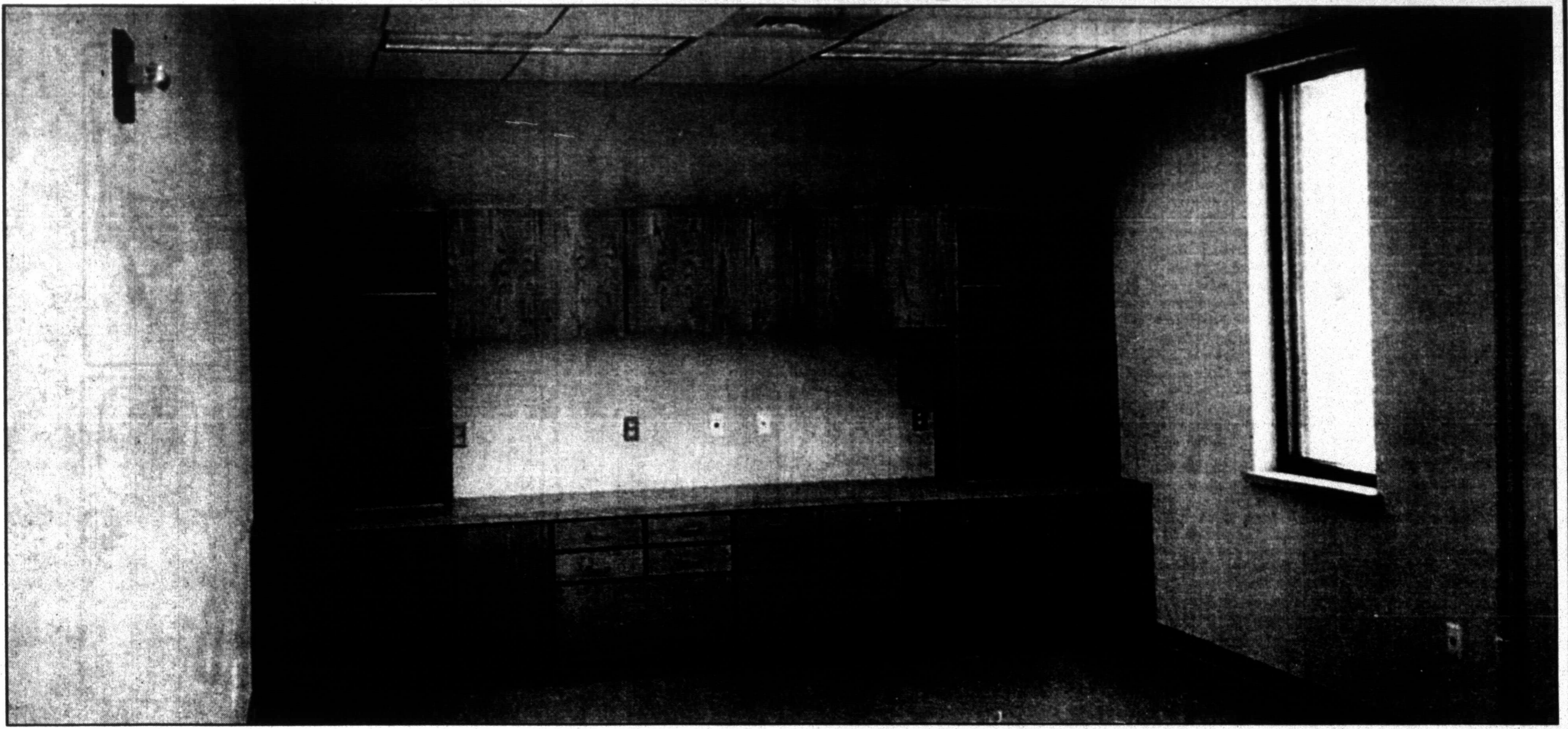
A surface low-pressure area

was centered from near Childress to the Oklahoma border.

Winds were mostly southerly and southeasterly at 5 to 15 mph. Behind the low, winds were out of the north and northwest over the Panhandle.

Temperatures will not be quite as warm through Friday, but highs will hover over 80 degrees in some areas. Other readings will range from the mid-50s in the north and west to 70s along the Rio Grande, with lows in the 20s and 30s.

Clarendon College-Pampa Center science lab



(Special photo)

Above is a view of the science lab at the new \$2.1 million M.K. Brown Academic Center slated to open for classes Jan. 18 at the Clarendon College-Pampa Center campus, 1601 W. Kentucky. The building was designed by BGR Architects-

Engineers, Inc., of Lubbock and was constructed by West Texas Contractors, Inc., of Amarillo with approximately \$900,000 of subcontract work going to local Pampa firms.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

EMMAUS REUNION

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

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting scheduled — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and

Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Lovett Memorial Library will offer the Fall 1999 Pre-School Story Hour beginning at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Sept. 7-Dec. 14. All children between 18 months and 5 years of age are welcome to participate. Stories, crafts and activities are planned. Special programs will be announced. All programs are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

WAKA NEW YEAR'S SERVICE

Rushing Wind Emmaus Board of Directors will sponsor a New Year's Eve praise and worship service at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31 in Waka Christian Center at Perryton. A communion service will follow at 11 p.m. Members of area churches and the public are invited to attend. Participants should bring finger foods or snacks. A nursery will be provided.

'TEXAS' ANNIVERSARY TICKETS

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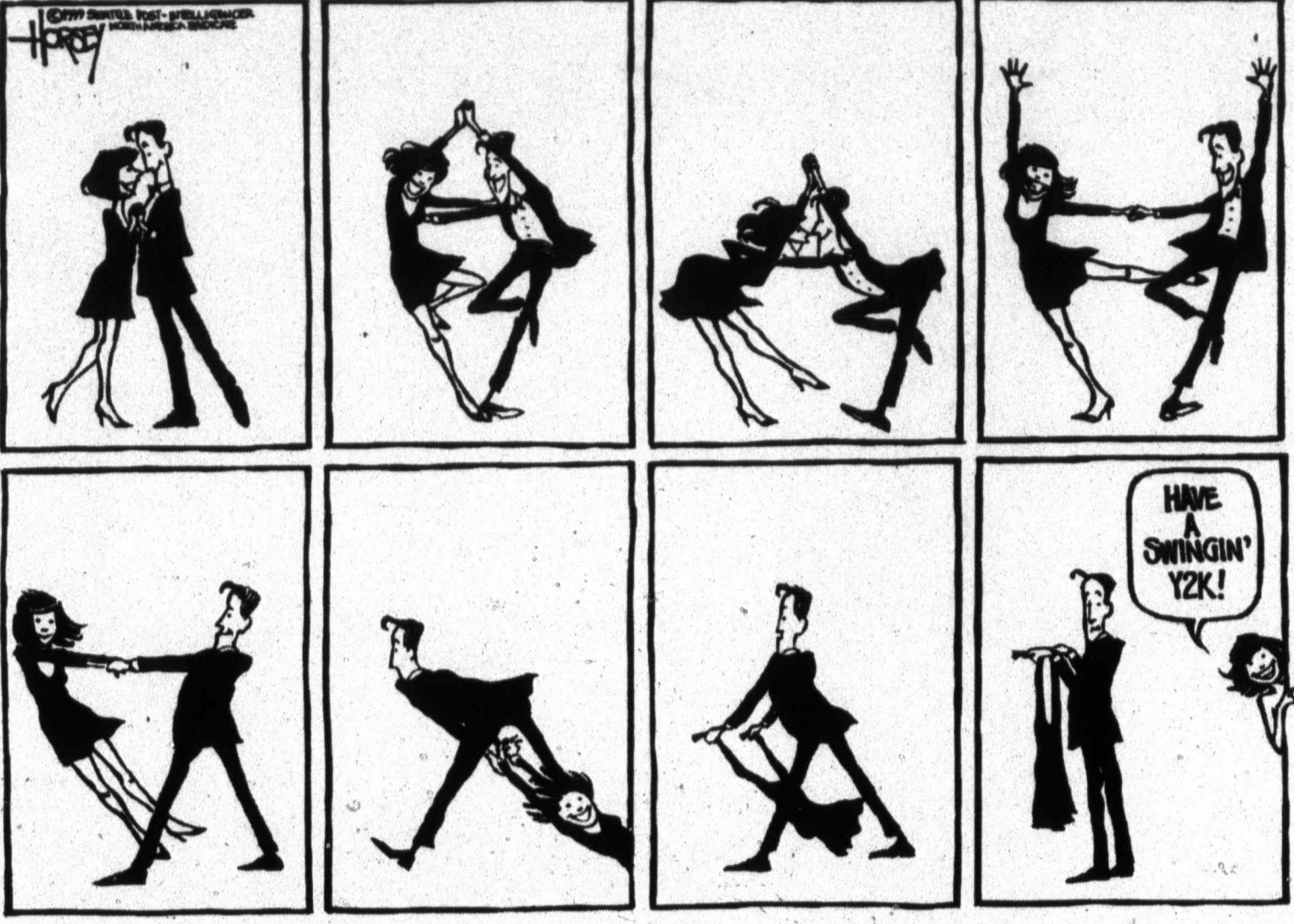
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Opinion

Federal agency not the answer

Any mistake is too much for the medical sector. If a new report by the prestigious National Academy of Sciences is accurate, then drug mix-ups, misdiagnoses, flawed operations and other medical errors in hospitals cause more deaths in America each year than either AIDS, motor vehicle accidents or breast cancer.

Based on a study in Colorado and Utah and another one in New York, NAS researchers have concluded that 44,000 to 98,000 Americans die each year because of medical mistakes — making it the eighth leading cause of death even if the lower figure is used. The studies found that "adverse events" occur in 2.9 percent to 3.7 percent of hospitalizations, with 8.8 percent to 13.6 percent of those mistakes leading to death.

Those are frightening numbers that should spark further investigations and unproved hospital procedures. But NAS's call for a new federal agency to monitor medical errors would not only squander scarce medical resources, but would further bureaucratize a medical system that is suffering, in part, from too much red tape and too little direct accountability.

"What's a new agency going to do that's not being done already?" asked Jon Gilwee, vice president of the Health Care Association of Southern California in Santa Ana. Hospitals, he told us, already are highly regulated, accredited, surveyed and licensed by the state government, and have their own procedures for reviewing mistakes.

Yet President Clinton is appointing a federal health-care task force to address medical errors. From a political standpoint this makes sense. The president can say he is "doing something" about a newly identified crisis, even if the solution will not even begin to address the real problem.

But while a federal approach is misguided, we don't fully accept the rationales of many health-care officials. They argue that given the number of hospitalizations, the mistake rate is low, that no medical professionals want to make mistakes, and that a certain number of mistakes are unavoidable whenever human beings are involved.

Those points certainly are true. But that doesn't mean that improvements cannot be made to reduce the rate of tragic errors that cause so much unnecessary pain and suffering.

Unfortunately, it is difficult for consumers to find rating information about doctors, hospitals and other health-care workers. Because health care is generally paid for by third parties (insurance companies and government programs), consumers have little incentive to shop around for services, and little control over the care they receive. And the medical profession is reluctant to open up the record books and allow easily obtainable doctor and hospital ratings because they fear that such databases can lead to more malpractice suits.

The problem is that the American health care system's "fundamental structure is stunningly bureaucratic," Bob Mort told us; he is deputy director of domestic policy studies at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C. "What the agency will do is compound the problem, impose another layer of paperwork on a system swimming in it."

The fundamental question, he said, is "If we have a health plan with high rate of errors, should [individuals] have the right to take their own money and choose a different plan?"

The way to reduce mistakes — and to control medical costs for that matter — is to institute reforms that enable the highly bureaucratic medical care system to more closely resemble a free market, where informed buyers directly shop for services, and providers are directly accountable for the care they provide.

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World needs more courtesy, patience

Teaching business people manners has become a lucrative business at many companies in large cities according to several stories I have read lately.

Apparently, young people who are rising with these companies are very intelligent and experts in their fields. But they are lacking in how to conduct themselves at the dinner table and in basic every day manners.

After my experience in placing numerous phone calls recently, I certainly hope this practice becomes much more widespread. I certainly hope telephone manners is one of the subjects covered in these classes.

Being in the news business I am accustomed to antagonistic and surly attitudes. It goes with the territory. However, one day it seemed as though most everyone I talked with was just plain rude.

I called a state office in Austin attempting to get information for a story. The receptionist in that office was not at all helpful, and seemed to think she was doing me a favor to have even answered the phone. When I asked her to have the person who could answer my question call me, she very crisply said she would give them the message. (I will remember this when her boss is up for reelection in 2002.)

Then I attempted to reach some local people. It seems as though the week after Christmas is the most popular time to take vacations. I am as tired as anyone of hearing about Y2K, but I would think more people would be in their offices this week to give assurance to their employees and the public that the transition to



Nancy Young
Managing editor

the next century would be smooth. Wrong!
Next, I attempted to locate Republican and Democratic Party Chairmen in local and surrounding counties. Some did not answer their phones while the others didn't return my calls. Of course, the Gray County Republican County Chairman had already told me he wouldn't give me information until after the final filing had closed on Jan. 3.

This is very puzzling to me because my lengthy experience with politicians has been they welcome their names in the newspaper to get that exposure. I had considered this a routine procedure during filing times. Having cut my teeth on politics as my family was involved in politics as office holders or with issues, I have really found it bewildering.

As I think back to the early 1960s, I remember how hard we worked in establishing the Republican Party in the Panhandle to make Texas a two-party state. Snubbing the news media would have been incomprehensible, not to mention self-defeating. But then, not many are still around who were involved in the

struggle. Jim Osborne, the local Democratic County Chairman, was very nice to tell me no one has filed with him, so I assume all candidates who have filed are Republicans. County Clerk Susan Winborne was very gracious to get the information to me regarding the candidates.

Then, there was the young woman behind me in traffic as I was leaving work. She became quite irritated as I apparently didn't move quickly enough, and expressed her displeasure with sign language and loud honking. This is another column though.

As I was driving home, I mulled over the events of the day.

Maybe the people I talked with were the only ones left in their offices while others were having an extended holiday. Perhaps they were resentful. It could be they were overworked with all the bureaucratic red tape of today's world. Who knows why.

There are some whom I sensed felt it was their duty to be abrupt and abrasive. I am so grateful I don't have their jobs.

It is such a shame that it has become necessary for employers to teach manners to a generation who should have learned them at home.

Hopefully, as we cross into the next century, parents and grandparents will place a concentrated emphasis on "Yes, mam" and "No, mam" and "Yes, sir and "No, sir." We could throw in a few lessons on tolerance, patience and plain old fashioned courtesy.

Have a safe and Happy New Year.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Dec. 30, the 364th day of 1999. There is one day left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 30, 1922, Vladimir I. Lenin proclaimed establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

On this date:
In 1853, the United States bought some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase.

In 1865, author Rudyard Kipling was born in Bombay, India.

In 1903, about 600 people died in

a fire at the Iroquois Theater in Chicago.

In 1911, Sun Yat-sen was elected the first president of the Republic of China.

In 1936, the UAW union staged its first sit-down strike, at the Fisher Body Plant No. 1 in Flint, Mich.

In 1944, King George II of Greece proclaimed a regency to rule his country, virtually renouncing the throne.

In 1947, King Michael of Romania agreed to abdicate, but said he was being forced out by Communists.

In 1948, the Cole Porter musical "Kiss Me, Kate" opened on Broadway.

In 1972, the United States halted heavy bombing of North Vietnam.

In 1993, Israel and the Vatican agreed to recognize each other.

Ten years ago: A Northwest Airlines DC-10, target of a telephoned threat, flew safely from Paris to Detroit amid extra-tight security.

Five years ago: A gunman walked into two suburban Boston abortion clinics and opened fire, killing two employees and wounding five other people; John C. Salvi

III was later convicted of murder; he committed suicide in prison.

One year ago: Weak but radiant, Nkem Chukwu, mother of the Houston octuplets, was released from the hospital.

Today's Birthdays: Singer-musician Bo Diddley is 71. Singer Skeeter Davis is 68. Actor Russ Tamblyn is 65. Baseball Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax is 64. Folk singer Paul Stookey is 62. Singer John Hartford is 62. Actor Joseph Bologna is 61. TV director James Burrows is 59. Actor Fred Ward is 57. Singer-musician Michael Nesmith is 57.


Time more important than materialism

What do the Romans, Buddha and Jesus all have in common? They all recognized that materialism could not bring human happiness.

I don't remember any declensions or conjugations from my high school Latin classes, but I do remember that the instructor said that Romans believed that a man could become a slave to his possessions. That is certainly true. The more stuff we have, the more resources we have to devote to maintaining and protecting it. The more stuff we want, the harder we have to work to get it. Only recently I discovered what others have discovered before me: It's much easier to move a library card than a ton and a half of books.

Buddha said that human suffering is created by human desires, often spoken of as "hungry ghosts." The whole of American marketing strategy is based on fanning desires and pretending to satisfy them. The axiom, taught in the best graduate schools, is that you don't sell a product; you sell satisfaction of desires. That's why the people in the TV ads are so beautiful, bubbly, healthy and happy even if they are swilling beer or stuffing themselves full of junk food.

How many things have we thought we wanted but, having gotten them, discovered that desire was actually better than possession? Think about the stuff that sits unused in closets and garages and attics. And think about the old saying, "Be careful what you



Charley Reese
Syndicated columnist

want because you may get it."

Americans have even developed the habit of exchanging junk. They hold garage sales to sell their junk, and then they go to other people's garage sales and buy theirs. If a guy could get one of those federal grants for useless projects, it might be fun to track a particular piece of junk from one garage sale to the next and see how many times it changes hands.

I discovered on my own that it is easier to curb one's desires than to increase one's income. Perhaps I got a boost from my father, whose favorite way of saying no to something I wanted was, "You're old enough for your wants not to hurt you." Because he began saying that when I was a toddler, I'm not sure how young you have to be for your wants to hurt.

Jesus, of course, taught that material things were, if anything, an impediment to improvement of the soul. I believe that he said it was easier for a camel to get through the eye of a

needle than for a rich man to get through the gates of heaven. One cannot serve two masters, and one cannot serve two desires that are mutually exclusive. Often being and getting are mutually exclusive.

It's said you can tell what people care about by what they buy, but I think a better indicator is how they spend their time. Time is an unrecognized treasure. Money we can usually get more of, but time, once spent, is forever gone. Moreover, our store of time on Earth is limited. We don't know when it will run out, but we do know that it will, though most people try not to think about that.

The value of time, which is equivalent to life, was brought home to me by my green years on the cop beat. Almost everyone who gets killed starts the day out unaware that it's going to be his or her last. Those people are busy going about some routine task, thinking about the future, when suddenly up pops Death.

The Christmas season is a good time to think not about death but about life, how it is to be spent, and with whom. Certainly the greatest gift any parent can give a child is time. Children, perhaps because they are recent arrivals from heaven, instinctively know that time is more valuable than money or the stuff it buys.

Investment of time with people you love will yield a far better return than any investment of money. Nobody ever said on their deathbed, "Gee, I wish I had spent more time at the office."

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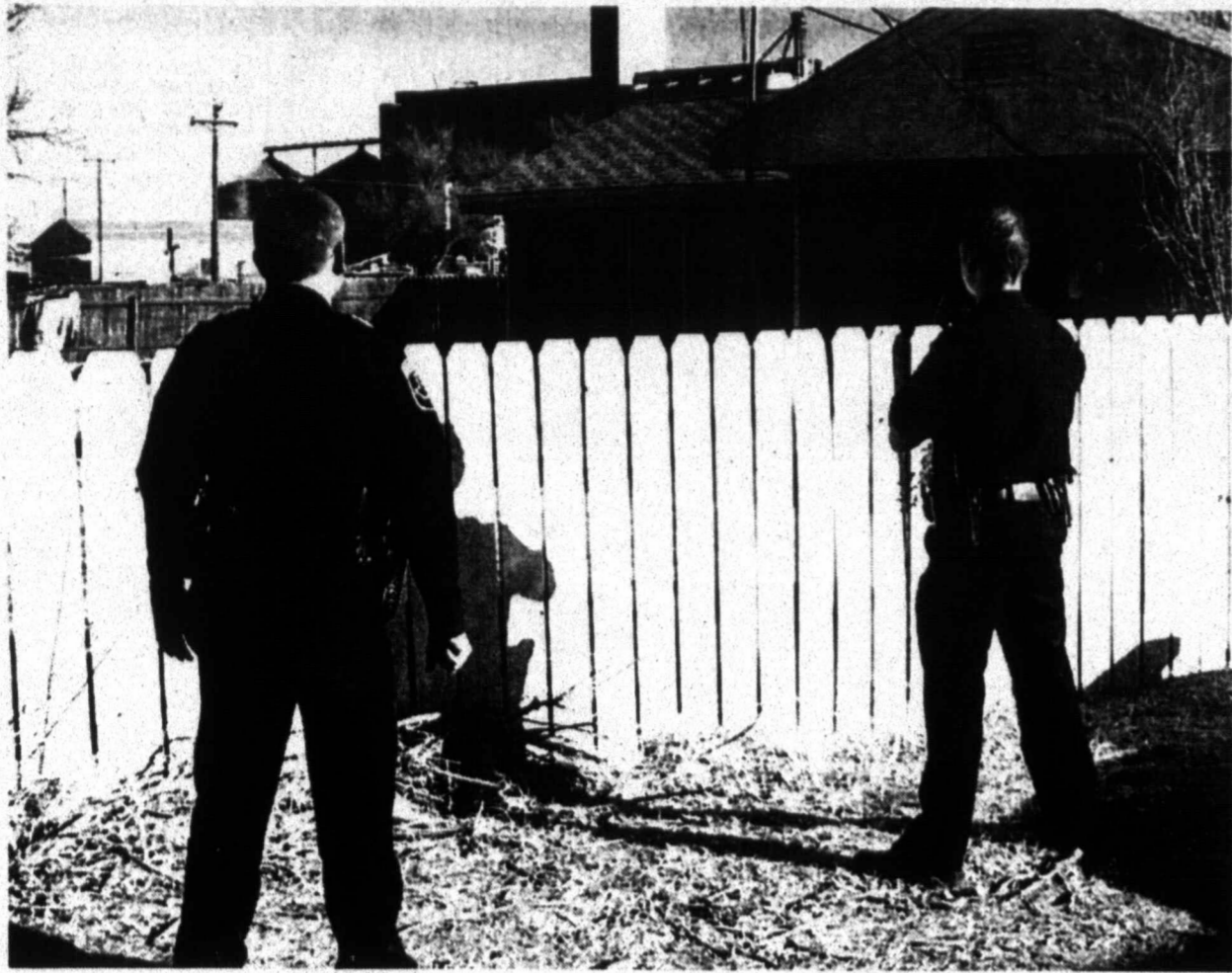
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(Pampa News photo by Keith Anderson)
Lt. Terry Young and Officer Keith Morris stake out the back yard at 1132 Prairie — just in case the suspect tries to run. See related story, page 1.

Advocates troubled by couple charged with abandoning son

By MICHAEL RUBINKAM
Associated Press Writer

EXTON, Pa. (AP) — Richard and Dawn Kelso might have been overwhelmed by the round-the-clock care required by their son, who has cerebral palsy, breathes through a tube and uses a wheelchair.

But advocates for the disabled wish the Kelsos had sought help before abandoning 10-year-old Steven at a Delaware hospital the day after Christmas with his toys, medical supplies and a note saying they could no longer care for the boy.

"It's very disturbing to think a parent would get to the stress level that would cause them to abandon a child," said Diane Carey, executive director of the Chester County chapter of Arc, an advocacy group for the retarded.

The Kelsos were charged in Delaware on Monday with misdemeanor counts of child abandonment and conspiracy. They were released Tuesday after a night in jail. Each charge carries a penalty of up to a year in jail and a \$2,300 fine.

Advocates pointed out that the Kelsos had other options. For example, the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Philadelphia and Vicinity provides "respite care" for stressed-out parents.

"There are a ton of services out there for parents to access to get help for that kind of thing," said Kevin Casey, executive director of Pennsylvania Protection and

Advocacy, a watchdog group that monitors disability services in the state. "It is sometimes difficult and very bureaucratic to get that help, but if you keep pushing for it, you can get it."

By all accounts, the Kelsos had the means to care for their son.

Richard Kelso is the chief executive of a successful \$500 million-a-year chemical company in suburban Philadelphia, while his wife serves on a state advisory council on people with disabilities.

Kelso, 62, returned to his job Wednesday at Berwyn-based PQ Corp., where he oversees 1,600 employees at 69 plants in 18 countries. He had no comment, a company spokesman said.

Calls to the Kelsos' \$203,000 home in Exton went unanswered. The couple's attorneys also did not return repeated calls.

It was not clear what pressures the Kelsos faced. But the case has stirred some sympathy for them.

Caring for a disabled child is a "lifelong responsibility," said Stephen Sheridan, executive director of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

"It doesn't go away. It's early in the morning until late at night every day of the week, every week of the year. If you do that morning and night every day of your life, it could be awfully draining," he said.

Mrs. Kelso, 45, was appointed by Gov. Tom Ridge in 1997 to the 20-member Pennsylvania

Developmental Disabilities Council, which conducts demonstration projects and makes recommendations on state policy and programs for the disabled.

Council chairman Paul O'Hanlon said Mrs. Kelso, whose unpaid term expires Friday, had expressed frustration in dealing with agencies that sent nurses to her home to care for the boy. Ridgeway Philips, a home health agency, said it provided nursing care for Steven for 10 hours a day. The Kelsos paid for private nurses an additional eight to 10 hours daily.

Mrs. Kelso told O'Hanlon that it was "a nightmare" and that she felt she had no control over the nurses. O'Hanlon said she told him that the nurses were often incompetent and that some stole from her.

Mrs. Kelso's uncle, Glover Crouch, 74, told The News Journal of Wilmington, Del., that the couple had been left without nursing help over Christmas and had to sleep in shifts to handle Steven's round-the-clock needs. Crouch described the Kelsos as loving parents.

Steven remained at a Delaware hospital on Wednesday and will stay there until an appropriate place is found for him, said hospital spokeswoman Terri Volker-Greenley.

As a condition of the couple's release, they are forbidden to send letters or gifts to Steven or to call him on the phone.



(Pampa News photo by Keith Anderson)
Ashes and butts stink up the air with the odor of marijuana, cigarettes, and cigars at 1104 Varnon.

Japan's princess has miscarriage

TOKYO (AP) — Shattering hopes for a new heir to the Chrysanthemum Throne, palace officials announced Friday that Crown Princess Masako had been pregnant but suffered a miscarriage.

Japan has been eagerly awaiting news on Masako's possible pregnancy, ever since the local media trumpeted earlier this month unofficial leaks that she may be expecting.

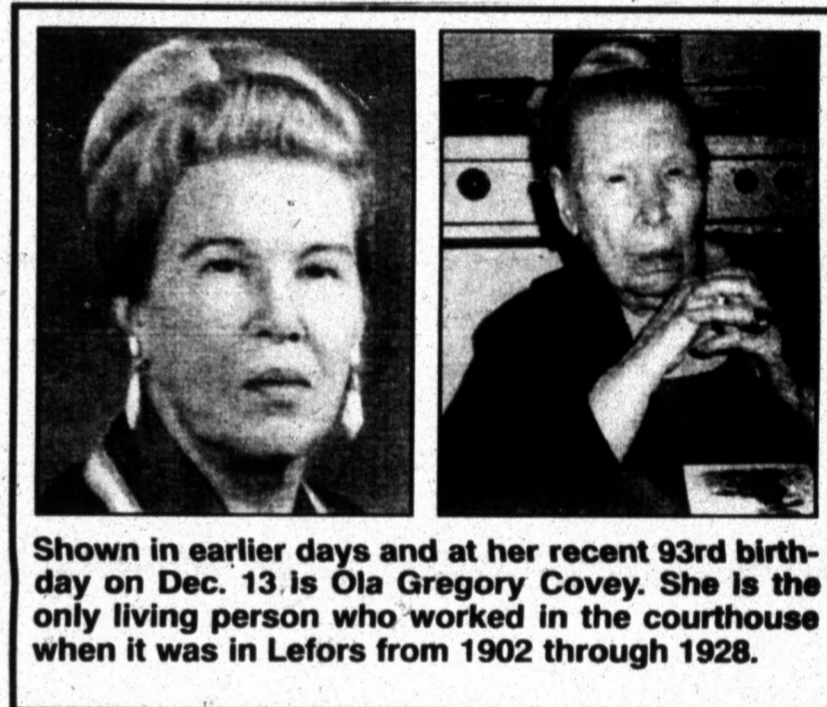
The public has since been bombarded with speculative headlines and magazine articles — heralding everything from motherhood-boosted economic recovery to a boom of millennium babies.

But the news was dismal when it finally came early Friday morning. The princess had a miscarriage, and doctors performed surgery today, officials said.

No reasons were given for the miscarriage, which will not hurt Masako's future pregnancies, officials said.

Although any negative talk about the royal family is strictly taboo in Japan, many people have been wondering why Masako, 36, and her husband, Crown Prince Naruhito, 39, haven't produced a baby — although they have been married since 1993.

The royal family could face a succession crisis because only men are eligible to assume the throne in Japan.



Shown in earlier days and at her recent 93rd birthday on Dec. 13 is Ola Gregory Covey. She is the only living person who worked in the courthouse when it was in Lefors from 1902 through 1928.

Discrimination by arts group alleged by Arizona Hispanics

PHOENIX (AP) — An Arizona arts company discriminated against 25 Hispanic women who immigrated into the United States illegally from Mexico and Guatemala, federal investigators say.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission told Quality Art Manufacturing of suburban Gilbert this week it would be sued if it didn't agree to halt the discrimination.

The women claimed they were groped and subjected to racial slurs. In completing a four-month investigation on Tuesday, the commission said it found discrimination based both on sex and on national origin.

"The catalog of violations that were found in this case was uncommon," said Stephen Montoya, a lawyer who is pursuing a class-action lawsuit on

behalf of the women. The company's managers were accused of using racial epithets in referring to the women, touching their buttocks and conducting a strip search in a suspected theft. The women resigned en masse in August to protest dismissal of a sympathetic supervisor.

The company frames and distributes lithographs.

A spokeswoman said Quality Art owner John Burns, who was named in some of the complaints, remains a director but is no longer involved in day-to-day operations. She also said his brother, Jim, who was an owner in August and a target of the investigation, is no longer associated with the company.

The brothers had adamantly denied the allegations.

Since the EEOC complaints

were filed, Quality Art has moved some of its operations to Mexico.

Quality Art's attorney, Lawrence J. Rosenfeld, did not return telephone messages, and the company's new president in Mexico, John Handler, could not be reached for comment. The Arizona Republic said in its report Thursday.

Charles Burtner, the commission's district director, said the company has been uncooperative throughout the investigation.

Former Beatle George Harrison in London hospital after being stabbed

LONDON (AP) — A man broke into George Harrison's mansion today, stabbing the former Beatle and attacking his wife, authorities said. The suspect's mother told a newspaper he recently had become obsessed with The Beatles. Harrison, 56, and his wife, Olivia, fought with

the intruder, who broke into their palatial estate in Henley on Thames, about 25 miles west of London, about 3:30 a.m., police said.


Police would not name the suspect, who they said was a 33-year-old Liverpool man, but media reports named him as Michael Abram.

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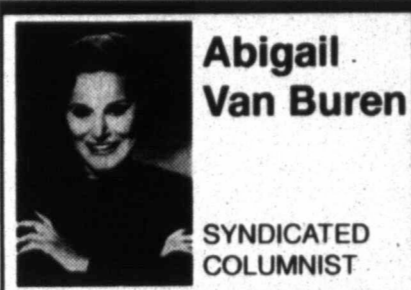
DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Wayne," and I met in high school. After high school, our friendship grew deeper and we fell in love. We married and had three beautiful children together who are now 10, 8 and 5. I thought we would have a bright future together and watch our children grow.

Two years ago, he began experiencing unusual symptoms and went to see his doctor. We learned days later that he had leukemia. For a year and a half, Wayne fought to survive. Unfortunately, it was not to be. I lost my friend, my husband and the father of my children.

I am now a 35-year-old widow, raising my children alone. I am trying to do the best I can without him.

Wayne told me during his illness that he didn't want another man to raise our children. It was one of his last wishes. Abby, was he being selfish, or should I abide by his wishes? I loved Wayne more than all the stars in the sky. What I fear now is living alone, and I didn't plan on being a single parent.

Should I allow myself to move past this and concentrate on my and my children's future? Or am I being selfish?



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

your life is not selfish — it's practical. By eliciting a deathbed promise from you that you would never remarry, your husband was trying to hold onto life — an impossibility. Please don't feel guilty. Life is for the living.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from the Elvis impersonator's mom who was upset that her son was the brunt of unkind comments, I just had to write.

My brother-in-law is an Elvis impersonator, and he does it 24 hours a day, seven days a week — and frankly, the family is sick and tired of it! He never says, "Thank you" — he has to say, "Thann (not thank) you very much." He even wore his wraparound dark Elvis glasses to his brother's wake and funeral, along with stage makeup and an outfit as close as he could get to look like Elvis. And no, he had not just come from a "gig." This was his "gig" for the week!

The mother's signature says it

CHARLESTON, S.C., READER DEAR READER: You could be right. However, I'm not about to psychoanalyze from long distance the mother or her son who is living the part of Elvis. Although most actors can leap in and out of character at will, I have heard of some who remain in character for the duration of the role — heaven help their families.

P.S. If Dolly Parton can go to the grocery store without anyone recognizing her, I doubt she is shopping in this country!

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LONELY MOM IN RHODE ISLAND

DEAR LONELY MOM: I offer my sincere sympathy for the untimely loss of your mate. Allowing yourself to move past this tragedy and get on with

Horoscope

FRIDAY, DEC. 31, 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)
 ***** Make time for the special people in your life. Communicate plans and invite others along. You might forget a last-minute detail or two in the confusion. Laugh and enjoy the New Year's frenzy as it builds. A friend could spook you. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Clearly, others have incorporated you into their plans, but you might have some errands and work to clear first. Sort through musts, then visit with an older relative. Take care of a last-minute snafu at work. A boss makes demands. Tonight: The more, the merrier.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** You might opt to play this New Year more low-keyed than most. There is so much to do, and others depend on you. Make calls early on to an important friend or partner. News you hear could have you shaking your head. Tonight: Make it easy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Celebration is your way, and you wake up ready to go. Listen to a child or loved one, who may need to go through his resolutions with you. If single, a flirtation takes on a life of its own.

Start your New Year's partying as soon as you can. Tonight: The party goes on and on.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Take care of family; make sure everyone is ready to greet the new millennium. Understand that others aren't coming from the same place as you. Friends and a partner have different ideas about what needs to happen. Tonight: Stay close to home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Reach out for others early on. Your senses of fun and excitement merge, making it nearly impossible to get your work done. Listen to feedback from a co-worker, who might not be in the mood for work either. Let the good times roll. Tonight: Visit with all those who are near and dear to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Expenses could make you uncomfortable, especially if you are having a gathering at home. Talk to family members. Organize your home. A child or a loved one could cause a last-minute flurry and excitement. He isn't as anchored as you are. Tonight: Ring in the New Year in true style.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** You, more than others, know how to party the New Year in. Make calls; reach out for others; touch base with friends and family. Your jovial nature is contagious. Relax at home; invite others over. With you, the party starts early! Tonight: Just wish upon a star.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** You have much on your mind and might need to mull it over. Allow creativity to reign as you wish others a

happy New Year. Though you might be a bit out of kilter, you get into the mood of the day. Join friends for a midday celebration. Tonight: Be a little mysterious.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Join friends and get ready for the last hurrah of the century. Friends surround you. You enjoy yourself thoroughly. You become carefree even about what you most care about — finances. Fortunately, there'll be only one day like this in your whole life. Tonight: Where the party is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Take the lead and bring others together. You might be so busy that you lose track of time. Confusion surrounds a personal issue you are weighing in your mind. Let go and worry less. Others are clearly there for you. Tonight: In the limelight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Reach out for another. Make that extra effort to touch base with family and friends at a distance. You will see a loved one in a new perspective. Read between the lines when dealing with new concepts. Does another have a special agenda? Tonight: Could be dreamlike.

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 Actor Val Kilmer (1959), actor Tim Matheson (1948), singer Donna Summer (1948)

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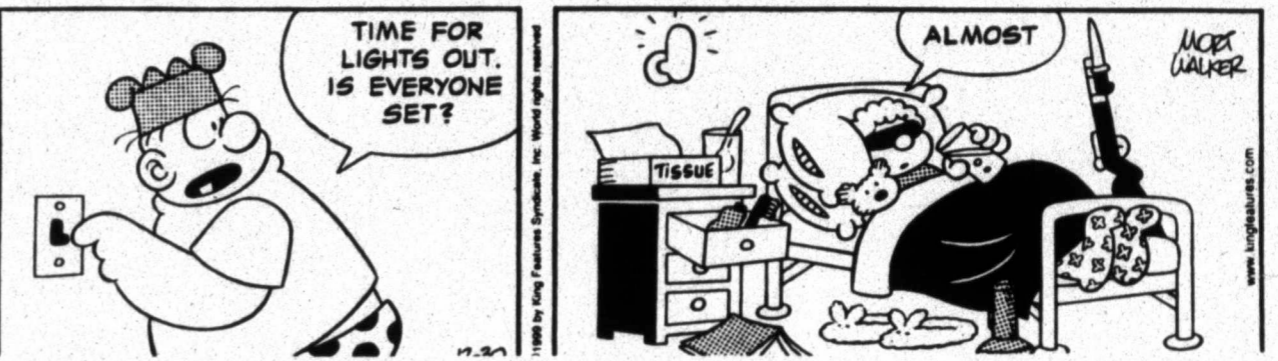
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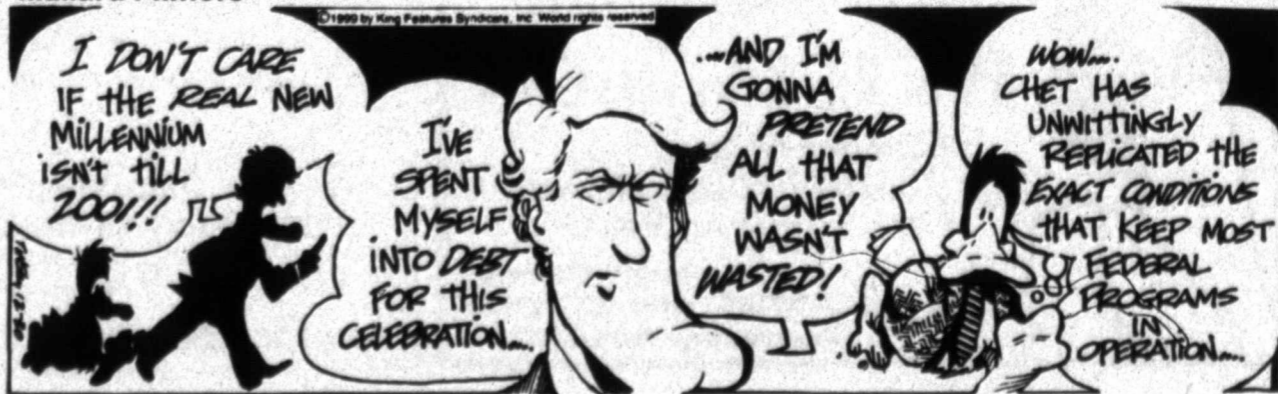
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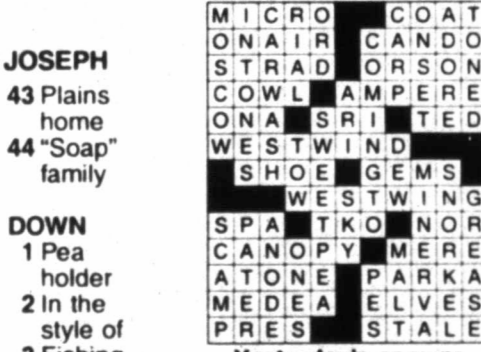
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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
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 - 13 Confederacy president
 - 14 Actor's rep
 - 15 Matador's foe
 - 17 That woman
 - 19 Homer's dad
 - 20 Music genre
 - 23 Satellite paths
 - 25 Italian currency
 - 26 Foster subject
 - 28 Historic ship
 - 29 Be contrite
 - 30 Printer's supply
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 - 41 Fixes copy
 - 42 Writer Nin



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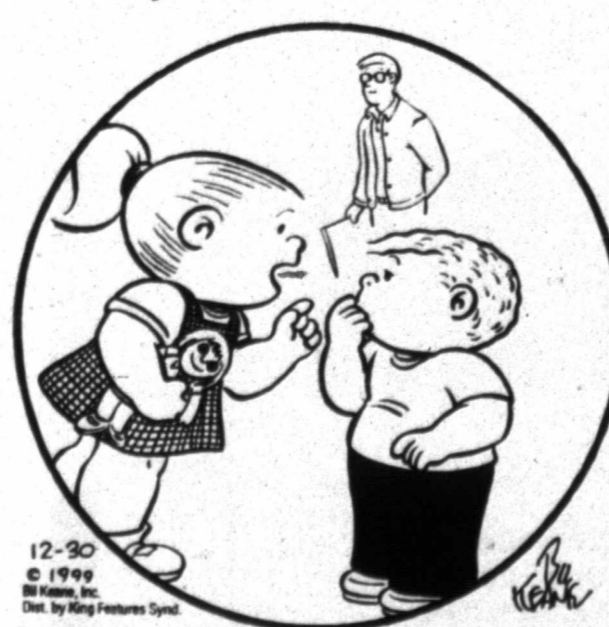
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Marmaduke



"Look, Winslow, this isn't the time for a world record for most consecutive woofs."

The Family Circus



"Daddy likes cardigans 'cause he can take them off without mussing his hair."

SPORTS

Notebook

BASKETBALL

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Trevor Huffman hit two three-point baskets in the final 1:54 against Texas-El Paso to help Kent defeat the host Miners 90-80 in the championship game of the 39th Annual Sierra Providence Sun Classic Basketball Tournament Wednesday.

Huffman, who earned the tournament's MVP award, finished the game with 26 points — including a perfect 4-for-4 from beyond the 3-point arc and hitting 10 of his 11 free throw attempts.

FOOTBALL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — LaVar Arrington, who had 14 tackles in Penn State's Alamo Bowl victory over Texas A&M, appears ready to leave school a year early for the NFL.

The junior All-American and winner of the Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker is expected to announce soon that he will enter the draft.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Stanford All-American receiver Troy Walters dislocated his right wrist in practice and will not play in the Rose Bowl against Wisconsin. Walters set Pac-10 and Stanford records for career receptions (244) and receiving yards (3,986) this season. He won the Biletnikoff Award as nation's top receiver with 74 receptions for 1,456 yards and 10 touchdowns. He was also Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year and a first-team Academic All-American.

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — The Miami Dolphins' regular-season finale Sunday at Washington appears to be meaningless — aside from perhaps being Dan Marino's final game.

Regardless of whether the Dolphins (9-6) win or lose, they'll make the playoffs if Seattle or Kansas City loses. If Seattle and Kansas City win, Miami's season is over, regardless of how it does against the Redskins.

"You don't see this situation very often in this league," Marino said Wednesday. "It's a little strange. Hopefully, things will work out for us."

Marino, 38, offers no hint as to whether he'll retire after the season, but his recent play suggests it might be time. In five games since returning from a neck injury that sapped his arm strength, he has thrown 11 interceptions and led Miami to just one win.

"I've struggled a little bit coming back from that," he said.

That's as close as Marino comes to acknowledging that he might no longer be up to the job. He said he feels fine physically and remains confident in his skills, but his quarterback rating of 69.1 is by far the lowest of his career.

Too often, Marino looks flustered and his arm looks tired, a combination that produces bad decisions and ugly passes. He threw for three touchdowns Monday night in a 38-31 loss to the New York Jets, but he also threw two costly interceptions, and four potential interceptions were dropped. In the fourth quarter, when Miami needed a comeback, he went 6-for-19.

"There are times he looks like the Dan of always," said Redskins receiver Irving Fryar, once Marino's favorite target in Miami. "And there are times he looks like he does struggle."

Washington coach Norv Turner remembers well the first time he coached against Marino. Turner was an assistant with the Los Angeles Rams in 1986 when Marino threw for 403 yards and five touchdowns to help Miami win 37-31 in overtime.

"He hit the game-winning touchdown pass, one of his many," Turner said. "He put on an unbelievable show."

UT quarterbacks to split time against Hogs

Cotton Bowl

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Major Applewhite insists he's not looking past the Cotton Bowl against Arkansas.

While many view the plan for both Applewhite and highly touted freshman Chris Simms to play for Texas on New Year's Day as a precursor to next season, the sophomore starter doesn't want to discuss it.

"It seems ridiculous to try to predict the future when you have an Arkansas ballclub that's sitting here fired up and ready to whip you," Applewhite, the Big 12 offensive player of the year, said Wednesday.

"Why are we thinking about

August? It's time to play football Jan. 1, not August 2000." No decision has been made on how the two quarterbacks will split time, but Texas offensive coordinator Greg Davis said both would play and that Simms would see action in both halves.

Davis denied, however, that the bowl preparations are providing any kind of head start for spring practice, saying that the most important issue for the Longhorns (9-4) is beating Arkansas (7-4) on Saturday. "Winning is most important. We can sell all of those

other things in spring training," Davis said. "Coach Mack Brown and I have played two quarterbacks in the past. We are about winning the game, that's all we're about so we are not opposed to playing two quarterbacks."

"If we have two guys who can go in and win, we'll certainly do that." Applewhite has started 12 of 13 games, throwing for 3,357 yards and 21 touchdowns.

When Applewhite had a stomach virus before the regular-season finale against Texas A&M, Simms, the son of former NFL quarterback Phil Simms, got his only start and played the first three quarters in the 20-16 loss.

Applewhite finished the A&M game and then played in the entire Big 12 title game, a loss to Nebraska.

Applewhite has no problem with the plans for the Cotton Bowl.

"It's an opportunity to get Chris in the ball game, give him some experience. You have to have backups that are able to play if you want to be a national championship caliber team," Applewhite said. "This is a reward for the way Chris has played and this is an opportunity to get us better as a football team."

While the two quarterbacks have shared snaps in practice, only Applewhite took part in Wednesday's news conference

featuring key offensive players from Texas.

Applewhite has the experience and weighs the same as Simms at 210 pounds, but the freshman has a four-inch height advantage and is a lefty.

Senior offensive guard Roger Roesler says the offense is the same regardless of which quarterback is playing. And he believes this week will be a preview of things to come.

"Yeah, I think it's definitely the start of a big rivalry that is going to continue into next year," Roesler said. "It's been fine, they're friendly about it. That's just football. Definitely it will carry over, I'm sure."

Pampa girls win at Ardmore tourney

ARDMORE, Okla. — Pampa's Lady Harvesters downed Lawton, Okla. 51-41 Wednesday to advance to the consolation championship of the Ardmore Tournament.

Pampa played Byng at 1:30 today.

Lindsay Narron led Pampa in scoring with 12 points, followed by Joy Young with 10.

Latasha Lewis was high scorer for Lawton with 15 points. Candace Harrison and Shameka Jackson had 8 each.

The Lady Harvesters led by six (22-16) at intermission and were ahead by as much as 15 points in the second half. Narron scored 8 of her 12 points in the second half to help keep Pampa on top.

Others scoring for the Lady Harvesters were Emily Hartman with 7 points, Ashley Derington 6, Jennifer Lindsey 4, Vaughn Evans 4, Cali Covalt 4, Charity Nachtigall 2 and Chasity Nachtigall 2.

Pampa is 9-5 for the season

and Lawton is 3-2. Pampa fell to El Reno 44-43 in the first game of the tournament.

BURLESON — Fort Worth Southwest eliminated Pampa 100-64 Wednesday from the Fort Worth Lions Club Tournament.

Freddy Battles scored 22 points to pace the Raiders' scoring attack. Charles Hunt followed with 19.

Adam Rodgers was the top scorer for the Harvesters with 12 points. Jesse Francis and Gary Alexander had 11 each and Russell Robben 10.

Halftime score was 49-37, FW Southwest's favor.

Others scoring for Pampa were Victor Brooks 8, Casey Owens 4, Kirk George 3, Stephen Vanderpool 3, Derek Williams 1 and Reece Hartman 1.

The Harvesters have a 5-10 record while FW Southwest is 7-8.

Pampa plays at Randall at 7:30 on Tuesday night.

Basketball champs



(Special photo)

J & J Motor Co. won the 5th grade Pampa Optimist Club Girls Basketball League title and the Tournament championship by going undefeated this year. The 6th grade team came in third place. Members of the J & J team are (front row, from left) Chandon Wilson, Brooke McGraw, Haley Skinner, Erika Silva and Angela Mechelay; (second row, from left) Britteni Rice, Autumn Darden, Cassidy Tice, Felicia Urban and Wendy Clark; (third row, from left) Breanna Beasley, Tawanna Ellis, Tyanna Ellis and Alexa Silva; Coaches are Jeff Skinner and Rogena Rice. Not pictured is coach Darin Rice.

K-State claims Holiday Bowl

SAN DIEGO (AP) — There have been many exciting plays that have won the Holiday Bowl. Never before has there been a winning drive like this one.

The most famous play was Jim McMahon's desperation, 41-yard pass for BYU in 1978. Then there was Eddie Stinnett's halfback pass to Steve Young — yes, that Steve Young — in 1983, also for Brigham Young.

But there haven't been drives like the one that Jonathan Beasley capped with a 1-yard keeper to give No. 7 Kansas State a 24-20 win over the Washington Huskies on Wednesday night in another entertaining Holiday Bowl.

"We needed one drive somewhere along the line," the junior quarterback said.

And what a drive it was, going 92 yards in 20 plays and eating 9 minutes, 54 seconds. It ended on Beasley's third TD run and the fifth lead change, coming with 5:58 to play.

"You wouldn't think it would take you 20 plays to go the length of the field," said Beasley, the overlooked quarterback in this matchup. "But I'm glad we ate up some clock, because we spent a lot of time fumbling the ball out here and getting penalties and putting ourselves in harm's way on more than one occasion."

They escaped with an 11-1 record and a much happier ending than last year, when an upset loss in the Big 12 championship game knocked the Wildcats out of national championship contention and all the way down to the Alamo Bowl. A lackluster effort in that game led to a loss to unranked Purdue.

The loss by the Huskies (7-5) dropped the beleaguered Pac-10 to 0-3 in bowls this year. The Pac-10 is 1-7 in bowls during the last two seasons, the only win coming when Arizona beat Nebraska 23-20 in last year's Holiday Bowl. The Huskies have lost five of their last six bowls.

Texas Fishing Report

BAYLOR: Water clear; 50 degrees; No activity on the lake due to poor weather conditions.
 GREENBELT: Water murky; 52 degrees; White bass are fair on orange and white slabs fished in 40 to 45 feet. Few fishermen out.
 MECKENZIE: No report this week.
 MEREDETH: Water stained; 54 degrees; Black bass are good on slabs. Crappie are slow on minnows. White bass are good on slabs (fish are suspended in 48 to 58 feet of water). Smallmouth bass are slow on minnows fished by the dam. Walleye are fair on minnows fished off the bottom by the dam.
 PALO DURO: Water fairly clear; 48 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows fished near the bridge in shallow water. Walleye are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shad fished in the channels.
 ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 52 degrees; Black bass to 5 pounds are good on jig and pork combinations fished in the creek channels in 22 to 28 feet. Smallmouth and spotted bass are slow. Few fishermen out.

KEMP: Water stained; 55 degrees; Black bass are slow. White bass are good on white and chautreaux slabs fished in 30 to 45 feet.
 NOCONA: Water clear; 58 degrees; Black bass are fair on chrome jiggging spoons fished in 15 to 25 feet of water. Also try black and blue jigs fished in 10 to 18 feet. Crappie are good on jigs and jiggging spoons fished in 15 to 40 feet. White bass and hybrid stripers are good on chrome jiggging spoons fished in 15 to 40 feet. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.
 OAK CREEK RESERVOIR: Water clear; 56 degrees; Black bass are fair on minnows, jigs and spinnerbaits fished in 10 to 20 feet. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. White bass are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Channel and blue catfish are slow.
 O.H. IVIE: Water clear; 58 degrees; Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Trap fished in the grass in 2 to 10 feet. Also try black/blue jigs fished off the rocky points. White bass are good on slabs and jiggging spoons fished in 35 to 42 feet and at night in the Colorado River in 20 feet. Catfish are slow.
 POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 54 degrees; Striped bass are fair on Sassy Shad and bucktail jigs fished at night under lights in the coves. Fishing reported generally slow.
 SPENCE: Water stained; 53-56 degrees; Black bass are slow. Striped bass to 16 pounds are very good on cut baits fished in 2 to 10 feet. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on cut baits fished in 1 to 6 feet. Yellow catfish are good on nightcrawlers fished in 6 to 8 feet.
 STAMFORD: Water stained; 54 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on night-crawlers and minnows fished in 5 to 12 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

Red Raiders hold off Oral Roberts

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Andy Ellis scored 23 points and Texas Tech shook off a determined Oral Roberts team for an 84-70 victory Wednesday night.

Texas Tech (7-2) won for the seventh time in its past eight outings. The Red Raiders overcame a pair of 9-point deficits in the first half and withstood a final charge from the Golden Eagles (5-6) late in the game.

A follow-up shot by Tech's Brodney Kennard staked the Raiders to a 52-43 lead in the early stages of the second half, but Oral Roberts, fueled by the 3-point shooting of Eric Perry, cut the gap to 55-51 with just more than 14 minutes remaining.

A Perry free throw at the 11:49 mark capped a 16-7 rally for Oral Roberts and tied the game at 57.

The Red Raiders eventually pushed the lead to 74-64 on a pair of Ellis free throws with 4:11 remaining. The Golden Eagles got no closer than 4 points the rest of the way as

Tech scored on its final five possessions of the game.

Oral Roberts started quickly, jumping to a 19-10 lead midway through the first half. However, Tech scored nine points during a span of just more than a minute left in the half and took a 31-28 lead.

The Red Raiders, who hit only one of their first seven shots, finished the half by con-

verting 16 of their final 23 and claiming a 40-33 advantage at intermission.

Joining Ellis in double figures for Tech was Mario Layne with 18, Rayford Young with 16 and Kennard with 12.

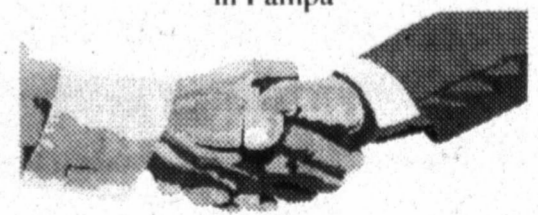
Reggie Tate led Oral Roberts with points. Derrick Taylor added 15, Perry had 12 and Nathan Binam had 11.

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Stuart Little (PG)
 Fri. & Sat. 7:05 & 9:05
 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:05
 Daily Matinee 1:50

2nd Week
Bicentennial Man (PG)
 Fri. & Sat. 7:00 & 9:30
 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:00
 Daily Matinee 1:45

3rd Week
Deuce Bigalow, Male Gigolo (R)
 Fri. & Sat. 7:10 & 9:00
 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:10
 Daily Matinee 1:55

5th Week
Toy Story II (G)
 Fri. & Sat. 7:05 & 9:05
 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:05
 Daily Matinee 1:50

Rogers returns to Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Like his buddy Rafael Palmeiro a year ago, Kenny Rogers is returning to the Texas Rangers.

In his return to Texas after five years in Baltimore, Palmeiro hit .324 with 47 home runs and 148 RBIs in 1999.

Rogers, a left-handed pitcher who signed a three-year, \$22 million contract with the Rangers on Wednesday, hopes to be able to make a similar impact in Texas after four years away.

"I want to do the same things and have the same success," Rogers said Wednesday.

"It's not a secret that I wanted to come back," he said. "I want to go out and do the same thing I did the first time, and hope it will last longer than the three years."

That's what the Rangers are expecting from Rogers, who had a 70-51 record in his first seven major league seasons in Texas. He was 17-7 in 1995 before signing a four-year, \$20 million deal

with the New York Yankees that he never completed.

"Last year about this time, we were able to sign a player that wanted to come back to Texas to make us a better team in Rafael Palmeiro," owner Tom Hicks said. "Now another former Ranger wants to come home."

Palmeiro lobbied for the signing of Rogers, who last year encouraged him to re-sign with the Rangers.

Rogers wanted to return to Texas, and that was made possible by unsuccessful contract negotiations with free agent Aaron Sele.

Sele has refused the Rangers' offer of salary arbitration, and the team has pulled a four-year, \$28 million offer off the table. Sele (33 starts) can negotiate with Texas through Jan. 8.

"This came about for a fear I had about not having anybody," Sele said. "My fear was going about this and ending up with no starting pitcher."

Sele could still wind up staying with the Rangers, but Melvin said that any action would have to be initiated by the pitcher.

Texas hasn't had a left-handed starter since trading Darren Oliver in July 1998, but now possibly has two with the addition of Rogers and 26-year-old Justin Thompson, acquired in the deal that sent Juan Gonzalez to Detroit.

Rogers has a career record of 114-78, the .594 winning percentage the second-highest among available free agent starting pitchers. He was a 39th-round draft pick of the Rangers in 1982, and broke into the majors seven years later.

On July 28, 1994, Rogers pitched one of only 14 perfect games in modern major league history, beating the Angels 4-0.

Rogers was 5-1 with a 4.03 ERA for the New York Mets in the final two months of last season after going 5-3 with a 4.30 ERA for the Oakland Athletics.



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Scoreboard

PRO FOOTBALL

National Football League
At A Glance
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All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Indianapolis	13	2	0	.867	417	302
y-Buffalo	10	5	0	.667	289	223
Miami	9	6	0	.600	316	316
N.Y. Jets	7	8	0	.467	289	300
New England	7	8	0	.467	279	281

Central	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Jacksonville	13	2	0	.866	372	210
y-Tennessee	12	3	0	.800	345	288
Baltimore	8	7	0	.533	321	257
Pittsburgh	6	9	0	.400	281	273
Cincinnati	4	11	0	.267	276	436
Cleveland	2	14	0	.125	217	437

West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Seattle	8	8	0	.500	329	279
Kansas City	9	6	0	.600	352	281
San Diego	7	8	0	.467	257	310
Oakland	7	8	0	.467	349	291
Denver	6	9	0	.400	308	306

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Washington	9	6	0	.600	422	367
N.Y. Giants	7	8	0	.467	281	332
Dallas	6	9	0	.400	281	359
Arizona	6	9	0	.400	221	433
Philadelphia	4	11	0	.267	234	326

Central	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Tampa Bay	10	5	0	.667	250	229
y-Minnesota	9	6	0	.600	375	318
y-Detroit	8	7	0	.533	305	259
Green Bay	7	8	0	.467	308	317
Chicago	6	9	0	.400	266	321

West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-St. Louis	13	2	0	.867	495	204
Carolina	7	8	0	.467	376	368
Atlanta	4	11	0	.267	251	351
San Francisco	4	11	0	.267	266	419
New Orleans	3	12	0	.200	247	389

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Games

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

OPEN: Cleveland
Monday's Game
San Francisco at Atlanta, 9 p.m.
End Regular Season

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College Bowl Games
At A Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

Saturday, Dec. 18
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Payout: \$1.2 million
Utah 17, Fresno State 16
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Hampton 24, Southern U. 3

Wednesday, Dec. 22

Mobile Alabama Bowl
Payout: \$750,000
Texas Christian 28, East Carolina 14

Saturday, Dec. 25

Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Gray 22, Blue 22, tie
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Payout: \$800,000
Wake Forest 23, Arizona State 3
Oahu Bowl
At Honolulu
Payout: \$800,000
Hawaii 23, Oregon State 17

Monday, Dec. 27

Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Payout: \$750,000
Marshall 21, Brigham Young 3

Tuesday, Dec. 28

Alamo Bowl

At San Antonio
Payout: \$1.2 million
Penn State 24, Texas A&M 0

Wednesday, Dec. 29

Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Payout: \$750,000
Syracuse 20, Kentucky 13
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Payout: \$1.8 million
Kansas State 24, Washington 20

Thursday, Dec. 30

Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Payout: \$750,000
Boise State (9-3) vs. Louisville (7-4), 3 p.m. (ESPN2)
Micronpc.com Bowl
Payout: \$750,000
At Idaho State (9-3) vs. Clemson (6-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 31

Insight.com Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Payout: \$750,000
Boston College (8-3) vs. Colorado (8-5), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Payout: \$1 million
Oregon (8-3) vs. Minnesota (8-3), 2:15 p.m. (CBS)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Payout: \$1.2 million
Colorado State (8-3) vs. Southern Mississippi (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Payout: \$1 million
Mississippi (7-4) vs. Oklahoma (7-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 1

Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Payout: \$1.9 million
Georgia (7-4) vs. Purdue (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Cotton Bowl
Payout: \$2.5 million
At Dallas
Texas (9-4) vs. Arkansas (7-4), 11 a.m. (FOX)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Payout: \$1.4 million
Georgia Tech (8-3) vs. Miami (8-4), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Payout: \$3.8 million
Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan State (9-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Payout: \$12 million
Stanford (8-3) vs. Wisconsin (9-2), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Payout: \$11-13 million
Michigan (9-2) vs. Alabama (10-2), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Sunday, Jan. 2

Fiesta Bowl
At Tampa, Ariz.
Payout: \$11-13 million
Nebraska (11-1) vs. Tennessee (9-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)
Tuesday, Jan. 4

Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Payout: \$11-13 million
Florida State (11-0) vs. Virginia Tech (11-0), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 15

East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
4 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 22

Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
2:30 p.m. (TBS)

Hula Bowl
At Kahului, Hawaii

4 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 29

Grigiron Classic
At Orlando, Fla.

2 p.m. (ESPN2)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday's Major College Basketball Scores

By The Associated Press

EAST
Fairfield 75, N. Illinois 63
St. John's 95, Sacred Heart 66
Syracuse 90, Hartford 69

SOUTH

Austin Peay 72, W. Kentucky 68
Kansas St. 74, Georgia St. 61
Liberty 82, Covenant 51
Miami 80, Quinnipiac 66
Mississippi 98, Prairie View 74
Mississippi St. 86, Idaho 81
Norfolk St. 67, Old Dominion 64
Pittsburgh 65, New Orleans 62
South Florida 94, Harvard 63
Tulane 76, Howard 63
Vanderbilt 81, William & Mary 60
Winthrop 87, S.C.-Aiken 63

MIDWEST

Dayton 78, Miami, Ohio 70
Marquette 63, Coppin St. 55
Ohio St. 79, American U. 43
SW Missouri St. 59, Creighton 58
Wis.-Green Bay 59, Drexel 54
Wisconsin 62, Temple 44

SOUTHWEST

Texas Tech 84, Oral Roberts 70
Texas-Pan American 74, N. Iowa 68

FAR WEST

BYU 57, UC Santa Barbara 48
Denver 83, Louisiana Tech 76
E. Washington 112, Cascade 86
Long Beach St. 83, Albany, N.Y. 45
Montana St. 108, Alaska-Fairbanks 72
S. Utah 72, Carroll, Mont. 68
Southern Cal 85, Northwestern 44

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ASU-Fiesta Bowl Holiday Classic
Championship
Arizona St. 93, Penn St. 85

Third Place

Bucknell 70, Manhattan 66
Al-College Tournament
First Round
Arkansas St. 64, Valparaiso 56
Oklahoma 94, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 41

COMCAST Lobo Invitational

First Round
New Mexico 68, Alabama St. 47
St. Joseph's 83, Lafayette 81, 2OT

Cable Car Classic

First Round
Butler 43, La Salle 36
Santa Clara 60, Texas A&M 48

Capital City Classic

Championship
Weber St. 68, Georgia Southern 60

Third Place

Stetson 66, Florida A&M 62
Dr Pepper Classic
First Round
Chattanooga 70, Radford 56
Youngstown St. 80, Tennessee St. 73

Golden Bear Classic

Championship
Penn 74, California 71

Third Place

Portland St. 62, Boston U. 58
Gossner Foods Classic
Championship
Utah St. 68, San Diego 65

Third Place

Idaho St. 80, Mercer 73
Holiday Inn Express Tournament
First Round
Maine 84, Long Island U. 63
Stony Brook 49, Army 45

Holiday Stores/Touch America Bobcat Classic

First Round
Mississippi St. 86, Idaho 81
Montana St. 108, Alaska-Fairbanks 72

Outrigger Hotels Rainbow Classic

Semifinals
Hawaii 76, Colorado 74
Oregon 70, Gonzaga 64

Consolation Bracket

Villanova 63, Bradley 62, OT
Wake Forest 84, Ohio 78

Sierra Providence Sun Classic

Championship
Kent 90, UTEP 80

Third Place

Murray St. 80, Rhode Island 74
Stanford Invitational
First Round
Davidson 50, Columbia 47
Stanford 119, New Hampshire 60

State Farm Good Neighbor Classic

Championship
Coll. of Charleston 69, Tennessee Tech 56

Third Place

Hampton 75, Charleston Southern 57



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Happy Holidays from the
Pampa News

Twisters mark century of weather-related tragedy

By MIKE DRAGO
Associated Press Writer

WACO, Texas (AP) — Bertha McCall had grabbed her purse and was headed out to buy groceries when the telephone rang.

A friend was calling with word that a deadly tornado had struck San Angelo, some 200 miles to the west, and was barreling toward Waco. Mrs. McCall decided to stay home. Her children would soon be returning from school. She called her husband, Cecil Berry, at the family's furniture and appliance store near the corner of Fourth Street and Franklin in downtown Waco.

"I said, 'Please come home. I just feel like you ought to come home,'" Mrs. McCall, now 81, says of the events of 46 years ago as late-afternoon church bells toll outside her home near Lake Waco.

"And he said, 'No, I'm going to stay here.'"

"I knew he wasn't coming. I could just tell. When you're married 21 years to somebody you just know what they're going to do, or what they're not going to do," she says.

Berry, along with Mrs. McCall's brother and sister-in-law, were among 114 people killed in the twister that devastated downtown Waco on May 11, 1953. Nine hundred homes were damaged and 150 destroyed. Nearly 200 other buildings were leveled.

The storm was one of the deadliest to strike Texas in a century of weather disasters ranging from Great Galveston Storm of 1900, which killed up to 8,000 people, to deadly heat waves of the late 1990s.

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The worst single day for Texas tornados was Sept. 20, 1967, as Hurricane Beulah made landfall near the mouth of the Rio Grande. Beulah spawned 67 twisters that day and 115 over a three-day period.

But one insurance industry expert said that, by far, the most financially draining disasters are hailstorms.

"Obviously when you talk about hurricanes you talk about size, intensity and injury," said Jerry Johns, president of industry group Southwestern Insurance Information Service.

"But hailstorms far exceed any other type of storm in terms of money. For example, a 30-second hailstorm in a moderately populated area would cost between \$2 million to \$5 million."

A May 1996 hailstorm that swept across Fort Worth and Dallas cost insurers \$1.1 billion in damage to vehicles, roofs and other property, he said.

Some of the most complete tornado destruction came on May 22, 1987, when a multiple-vortex tornado virtually wiped out the West Texas town of Saragosa. Thirty of 183 people who lived there were killed and 121 were injured. Three-fourths of the town was destroyed.

Peggy Walker was sewing in her Saragosa home that day when the electricity went off. Outside a front window she saw her heavy wooden porch

bench spinning about four feet off the ground. "I knew what was happening," Mrs. Walker recalls. She hid in a bedroom closet and held tight to the knob as storm pressure threatened to blow the door open.

Seconds later, Mrs. Walker emerged to find the back of her house gone and the front in tatters. Her husband, who was out in a barn, survived by hiding in his pickup truck in the collapsed structure.

Some of the Walkers' neighbors didn't fare as well. An elderly woman living in a mobile home behind them perished.

The Waco storm hit Mrs. McCall particularly hard, taking her husband, brother Garfield Nemmer and Nemmer's wife, Francis.

"Supposedly I lost more than anybody," Mrs. McCall says. "I lost the whole business and three of my family."

Garfield Nemmer had been picking up his wife after her first day on the job at Berry's store, B&H Furniture and Appliance. The three took refuge under mattresses, but that couldn't save them

from an adjacent three-story, brick-and-board building that collapsed on the store.

When she heard about the collapse, Mrs. McCall raced downtown through storm debris and fallen power lines. She was kept away from the furniture store by emergency workers who said those inside couldn't have survived.

With the help of a relief fund set up for widows of the tornado, Mrs. McCall managed to reassemble her life, remarrying 11 years later and raising children. She takes great joy and pride in her two decades of work bringing religion to prison and jail inmates. As she shows a visitor lovingly preserved photographs of those lost, however, it's obvious the storm took a lasting toll on her life.

She is asked about the May 27, 1997, killer tornado that devastated Jarrell, 50 miles south of Waco. The monster storm killed 27 people and demolished much of the town. Yes, Mrs. McCall says, she was affected by the tragedy, just as she is every time she hears about tornadoes.

"The tornado is over for Waco," she says, "but it's not over for me."

Cities likely to spread out in new century, not sprout up, with growth

By KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — If current trends persist, the population growth projected for Texas in the coming century will make cities look much like they do now — big and spread out.

Only more so. "That's what we have the land for, and that's what people want," said Jack Inselmann, regional director for American Metro Study Corp. "Builders and developers will continue to build where the consumers want to go."

Because of the state's size land is available to accommodate horizontal expansion, rather than vertical.

Urban high-rise apartments exist, of course. And historic buildings and warehouses in downtown areas increasingly are being transformed into fashionable housing.

But the prevailing Texas attitude seems to be that even people in large cities shouldn't "live all bunched up and close together," so Texans mostly move into new suburban neighborhoods as a city grows, said Inselmann, who analyzes the San Antonio and Austin housing markets for home builders and banks.

The Sierra Club takes a dim view of what it calls "sprawl," or aggressive suburban growth. The environmental group predicts more of it is in the state's future unless dramatic public policy changes occur.

As new houses and shopping centers sprout up in traditionally rural areas, it harms farm land, wildlife habitat and recreation, said Ken Kramer, state director of the Sierra Club.

"How we grow is definitely going to be a key factor in what this new population growth means to us," Kramer said.

Some 3 million people lived in Texas in 1900. In 100 years, the Lone Star State has increased its population by more than 660 percent, to about 20 million people. It is the second most populous state, behind California.

By 2030, the state's population is expected to reach 34 million, according to the Texas State Data Center.

The biggest growth is projected for the "urban crescent" stretching from Dallas-Fort Worth south to Austin, San Antonio and Houston, according to the Texas State Data Center at Texas A&M University.

The Texas Hill Country already is experiencing heavy population increases because of job growth in Austin and San Antonio. Development extends from San Antonio northwest to Boerne and from Austin west to Marble Falls.

Especially popular recently have been larger home lots,

ranging from one to five acres, Inselmann said.

As for location, Inselmann notes that newcomers from big cities out of state may be accustomed to long commutes and don't consider a 30- or 45-minute drive into the city a burden.

But the Sierra Club warned earlier this year that "uncontrolled sprawl" around Austin and San Antonio is threatening the Hill Country, including the Edwards Aquifer, a natural water reservoir beneath it.

As more roads are built, outlying development becomes easier and the "march of suburbia" will continue. So the Sierra Club would like to see the state's transportation policy shift from an emphasis on road construction to light rail, buses and safe pedestrian and bicycle traffic, Kramer said.

But such a change may not come any time soon, Kramer said.

"Unfortunately, I think that's something where we are very behind the curve in Texas," he said.

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- Keep all heaters at least three feet away from flammable materials such as walls, curtains, furniture, and especially beds.
- Be sure your heating equipment is in good operating condition. Check for worn electrical cords, gas leaks or faulty switches.
- Follow all instructions for your heating equipment exactly.
- Have your heating equipment checked out by a qualified expert at least once a year.
- Be sure all heaters, stoves, fireplaces and chimneys are properly installed and insulated. Touch nearby floors and walls. If they are warm or hot, the stove or chimney could be too close and may cause a fire.
- Be sure there is adequate ventilation in any area where there is a heat source. Do not use a generator inside the house to power appliances, including your heater. Do not use charcoal barbecue grills indoors. Generators and charcoal emit carbon monoxide which is odorless and can kill you and your family.

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