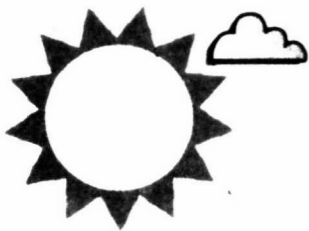


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Zella Mae Brown, 94, rancher.
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World Briefly

EU agrees to 'talk Turkey' next year

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Turks on Friday welcomed the European Union's historic decision to open membership talks with their country next year, but some worried about the compromises Turkey will need to make to become the first Muslim nation in the bloc.

European Union leaders agreed late Thursday to open talks with the country on Oct. 3, 2005, talks aimed at eventual EU membership, something Turkey has dreamed of for decades.

Turkish officials have yet to react to the EU decision. But on the streets of Istanbul, it was welcomed — with reservations.

"Our standard of living will improve as will human rights," Mutlu Gunel, a 20-year-old business student, said at a loud, smoky bar in Istanbul. "But I wonder if the EU will always be making new impositions. Now it's Cyprus, later it will be something else."

Many Turks have expressed fears that the EU regards itself as a Christian club and will keep putting barriers before Turkey aimed at dragging out the negotiating process, which is already expected to take at least a decade.

Entering the EU is expected to give a boost to the Turkish economy and reinforce the country's pro-Western orientation.

It would also be seen by many Turks as the stamp of approval that Muslim Turkey, already a long-standing member of NATO, is a full-fledged member of the West.

Many newspapers hailed the gesture but expressed concern about the deadlock over Cyprus.

"A date with heavy conditions," read the headline of the daily Cumhuriyet.

Audit: Pampa ISD financially healthy

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Editor

Pampa Independent School District's financial status received a clean bill of health following an audit by a local certified public accounting firm, board members learned this morning.

"That's about the cleanest we can give," Gary Brown of Brown, Graham & Co., said regarding the audit at the 7 a.m. special board meeting in the Administration Offices.

In a management letter accompanying the audit, auditors pointed out a purchase order practice that could become a problem to a district.

Brown explained that auditors tested 40 disbursements made during the past fiscal year. He said 24 of those 40 showed an invoice that was dated before the purchase order. "The district could be obligated before the expenditure was authorized," Brown said.

"Procedurally, this ought to be cleaned up a little bit so that the purchase order is issued first,"

Brown said that Business Manager Carol Fields had pointed out the problem to the auditor.

Positive points revealed by the audit included a net profit of more than \$2 million for the district.

"That's a pretty good year," Brown said. "Not all districts can say that."

The general fund showed an increase of \$502,478.

"Any time the general fund increases, that's a good thing," the CPA said.

He also said that tests showed the district was "adequately collateralized" through the year.

The budget was "properly amend-

ed" through the year, Brown said, and the self-insurance fund showed a net increase of approximately \$66,000.

The tax collection rate was "pretty good," he added.

Overall, the district showed total assets of \$21,559,038 and total liabilities of \$10,748,508 leaving net assets of \$10,810,530 for the year, according to the report. With restricted funds taken out, the total fund balance is approximately \$6.9 million.

"That's a good fund balance," Brown said. "That leaves about three months reserve which is what I believe TEA wants you to have."

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Cattlemen argue ruling in IBP case

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Courtroom 2F in the Frank M. Johnson U.S. Courthouse here once again rang with complaints of cattlemen accusing the nation's largest beef packer of manipulating cattle prices.

Three appellate judges of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals — Emmett Cox, Edward Carnes and Richard Mills — today heard oral arguments in the class-action lawsuit against IBP, now Tyson Foods, concerning allegations that the packer used marketing agreements to illegally force down the price of cattle.

The issue is whether this panel will accept that the jury was the judge of fact, said Randy Beard, an Alabama attorney with a ranch north of Childress.

Beard is one of the cattle-

men's legal team that brought suit against IBP, claiming the packer illegally manipulated the cattle market for their own gain and to the detriment of cattlemen.

After a four week long trial and more than a week of deliberations, an Alabama jury here awarded an estimated 30,000 cattlemen more than \$1.2 billion in damages in the lawsuit.

The issue is whether three appellate judges of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals will accept that the jury was the judge of fact.

U.S. Senior District Judge Lyle E. Strom set aside the jury's verdict in April, say-

ing that as a matter of law, IBP manipulated the market but within the bounds of the law, having justifiable reasons to do so.

Bill Baumgartner, one of IBP's attorneys from Chicago, said after today's oral arguments that the case turned on whether there was evidence that a reasonable

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Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

Santa greeters

Jana Gregory, Laura Thomason, and Cindy Nickell, left to right, wear Santa hats as they greet visitors to the Pampa/Gray County Red Cross chapter's Christmas open house Thursday afternoon. Gregory serves as executive director of the local Red Cross. Nickell of Borger is executive director of the Hutchinson County Red Cross chapter and Thomason is a local volunteer.

Police recover JFK artifacts in drug raid

DALLAS (AP) — A police card bearing Jack Ruby's nine fingerprints is among the items unexpectedly turned up in a drug raid on a Dallas apartment.

One of the fingerprint boxes is blank, reflecting Ruby's missing left index finger, lost when it was bit off in a fight.

It's unclear whether the prints were taken after the club owner shot accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald in the old police headquarters basement, or whether the fingerprint card was made in an earlier arrest.

Police found the card and other police-related memorabilia including Bonnie and Clyde autopsy photos in Michael Roppolo's apartment in a raid on March 24, 2003.

Roppolo was convicted of drug possession in November last year and received a five-year probationary sentence.

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Kindergarten carolers

Kindergarten students at Travis Elementary School get in the Christmas spirit Thursday morning while singing "Looks like Santa" during the school's annual Christmas band concert and caroling program.

Judge : Plano ISD will allow religious gifts

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Last year, school officials told 9-year-old Jonathan Morgan he couldn't give classmates Christian-themed candy canes at his elementary school's "winter break" party.

On Thursday, a federal judge told him he can.

U.S. District Judge Paul Brown in Sherman ordered the 52,000-student Plano school district to let students distribute "religious viewpoint gifts" at school parties scheduled for Friday.

"It's a huge win for students in Plano schools and it's a big bolster for Jonathan," said Doug Morgan, Jonathan's father. "He really feels affirmed that exercising his right of religious expression in public is appropriate."

Brown's four-page order came a day after the Morgans and three other families filed a federal lawsuit accusing the district north of Dallas of banning

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Kelly Vigil's homeroom is shown with President Miguel Tapia, Vice President Juan Martinez, and Secretary Mitch Simon. Bottom row: Mitch Simon, James Lawyer, Whitley Hernandez, Noah Cotton, Ryan Smith, Trey William, Tatiana Rios. Middle row: Jose Resendiz, Chelsey Sides, Aaron Silva, Julia Silva, Dallan Budd, Emitta Munguia, Shelby McCollom and Mrs. Vigil. Back row: Natosha Goode, Zoie Baten, Miguel Tapia, Kyle Keith, Curston Finney, Cassie Doyle, Juan Martinez, Jessica Vargas.

PJH almost doubles goal for '04 canned food drive

Pampa Junior High's 2004 food drive almost doubled its goal of 2,500 cans with a total of 4,354 cans brought in, school officials announce. Each year the PJH Student Council sponsors the food drive, says Herman Vinson, school counselor. This year's donations will go to the local Salvation Army, he said. "This was a worthy goal since that would represent three cans per student and staff. The response of the stu-

dents and the faculty was overwhelming. The city of Pampa can be proud of our students who wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a full cupboard for the New Year," Vinson said. In conjunction with the food drive, a contest was conducted to build up enthusiasm. Every homeroom which met the school goal of three cans per student would receive a certificate and a

coke party. One homeroom from each grade receives popcorn. The homeroom with the most cans per student would receive a pizza party. Kelly Vigil's 6th grade reading class won with a total of 856 cans. The 7th grade brought in the most cans with a total of 1,655 cans and received five additional minutes for their lunch period for two days after Christmas holidays.



Pampa Junior High School Student Council's Executive Board poses with food collected in the drive. Back row: Kelby Doughty, Beninda Salderina, Atziri Murgado, Keisha Crowell; Front row: Robert Douglas, Rachel Heuston, Sheridan Little, Evan McElwain.

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He told authorities that a relative who used to work for the department gave the materials to him. Items marked as trial evidence include photos of Ruby shooting Oswald and what appears to be a drawing of a map containing important assassination-related

locations, such as Dealey Plaza and the street in Oak Cliff where Oswald was accused of shooting to death Officer J.D. Tippit hours after President John F. Kennedy's assassination. Police say the items related to the assassination of Kennedy appear to be authentic and apparently were taken from police archives several decades ago. They are to be included in a new police headquarters museum.

Police also found a photo inventory of Oswald's belongings, which were seized from his rooming house on the day of the assassination. That picture features items such as shoes, a bar of Lux soap, Russian flash cards, black sunglasses, gloves and assorted clothing. Another photo documents socialist propaganda found at the home where Oswald's wife had stayed.

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Christmas and religious expression from their children's classrooms. The judge said his initial review of the lawsuit and testimony at a hearing Thursday convinced him the plaintiffs would suffer "irreparable" damage and "immediate" injury if he did not act. He cited "a substantial likelihood that Plaintiffs will prevail on the merits." Richard Abernathy, the school district's attorney, said he respected the judge's order. He said the order was unnecessary because the district had decided to allow the distribution of all materials.

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Audit

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Superintendent Barry Haenisch congratulated Fields "for not only meeting our goal of increasing the fund balance by \$250,000, but exceeding it." The board, with the exception of Charles Smith who was absent from the meeting, unanimously approved the audit report. In other action this morn-

ing, the board approved a local policy regarding compensation and benefits after members determined that the wording encompassed both straight time and overtime pay. Board members also approved a change to the 2004-2005 budget reflecting expenditures from the food service fund. Fields explained that approximately \$291,000 shown in the fund balance would be spent for supplies to meet Texas Department of Health requirements. The

expenditures would leave a fund balance that better met state requirements, she said. Tamara Kay Walton was approved for hiring as a Pampa Middle School teacher. The board met in executive session discuss hiring a head football coach to replace Heath Parker who resigned to take over as head coach at Tascosa High School in Amarillo. The board reconvened about 30 minutes later but took no action on the matter.

IBP

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jury could conclude that IBP used marketing agreements to force down the price of cattle, whether there was a legitimate business justification for IBP's actions, whether everybody in the class was injured and whether the plaintiffs in the case, the cattlemen, could prove damage to the class. In 1996, 10 cattlemen filed suit against IBP, accusing the world's largest packer of using captive supplies, cattle committed to IBP more than seven days prior to slaughter without a negotiated price, to manipulate the cash cattle market in violation of the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921. That number was later winnowed to six, but in 2001, the suit was granted class action status to include anyone who sold cattle to IBP in the cash market from Feb. 1, 1994, to Oct. 31, 2002.

Joe Whatley, who represented the cattlemen in the oral arguments, wants to reinstate the jury's verdict and seek an injunction preventing packers, specifically IBP, from using marketing agreements. Whatley said today he wants the return to the cash market where cattle are bought on a bid basis.

A decision by the panel of expected sometime next appeals court judges is spring.

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Viewpoints

Use shark homing device to find Bin Laden

Every now and then, mostly then, Closet Writer experiences writer's block over what to scribe. The block is not a matter of subject, for God knows, there is always something happening these days that's worthy of a word or two thousand. It's content, the meat of the subject, that I want arousal from you, the reader — pro or con — and, I hope the following words ignite a thought or two.

Hamid Karzai, president of Afghanistan, was quoted by the Associated Press that "Bin Laden is hiding in the area (Afghanistan — Pakistan border); and it's only a matter of time until he is captured or killed."

Mr. Karzai must possess profound insight. After all, he is a president, isn't he? I assume only presidents can know about Bin Laden's whereabouts for there are many rocks and caverns in Karzai's area to hide under and in. From what I read, Mr. Karzai is in the know about Osama. Perhaps Mr. Karzai will lead our troops to Bin Laden's cave, and put an end to the nightmare? But wait. Closet Writer has found a way to track Bin Laden down. No, there's no 800 number to call. Please read on.

The answer to uncovering Bin Laden is found in the January '05 issue of "Popular Science." In the

magazine is a feature article titled, "The Great White Homing Device." Great White referring, of course, to the one and only nemesis of shark species. Aren't terrorists and sharks of a similar species? I believe so, and the following is a surefire means of finding the world's numero uno terrorist.

A scientist, A. Peter Klimely of the University of California hit on a fantastic idea to track the Great White Shark. Dr. Klimely has created a pop-up archival trans-

mission tag that uses an ambient light sensor to track movements hundreds of feet below the surface. A satellite reads the transmissions from the tag and relays exact location back to Dr. Klimely's computer. Sharks — terrorists, underwater — underground — have you grasped it yet?

All our armed forces has to do is take one or two hundred captured enemy combatants, plant the Great White Homing Device somewhere within the combatant's body — any cavity

will do — and release them in the area of the Afghan/Pakistan border. Don't bother with the Geneva Convention. Osama certainly will not. Ramsey Clark and William Kuenstler are dead, so our own citizens won't rat on us — us being the naïveté United States — play fair no matter if it kills us USA. Where was I? It's that ADD thing common to so many Boomers and I'm certainly not exempt from the affects.

Terrorists, like sharks, feed in numbers, right? A few of the released terrorists with the Great White Homing Device somewhere within the confines of their bodies — any cavity will do —

will eventually make their way underground to Osama, being the loyal terrorists that they are. Once the Great White Homing Device is recorded by satellite any number of feet underground by our watchful soldiers. Send in the bunker buster missiles and — wham. Fail safe, I tell you. This would be humane to you NOCLU ACLU'ers because Osama and his ilk would be buried; therefore, emitting no stench. And, even better, saving a gazillion dollars in the made for TV trial if Osama were to be captured alive.

It's been a year since our
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Dennis Palmitier
Columnist

Today in History

Editor's Note: The "Today in History" for today, Dec. 17, was inadvertently published on Thursday's Viewpoints page. Following is the Dec. 16 "Today in History" that should have been published on Thursday.

By the Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 16, the 351st day of 2004. There are 15 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 16, 1944, the World War II Battle of the Bulge began as German forces launched a surprise counter-attack against Allied forces in Belgium.

On this date:

In 1653, Oliver Cromwell became lord protector of England, Scotland and Ireland.

In 1770, composer Ludwig van Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany.

In 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea overboard to protest tea taxes.

'Life means progress, and progress means suffering.'

— Hendrik Willem Van Loon
Dutch-born journalist and lecturer (1882-1944)

In 1809, Napoleon Bonaparte was divorced from the Empress Josephine by an act of the French Senate.

In 1916, Gregory Rasputin, the monk who'd wielded powerful influence over the Russian court, was killed by a group of noblemen.

In 1950, President Truman proclaimed a national state of emergency in order to fight "Communist imperialism."

In 1960, 134 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-8 and a TWA Super Constellation collided over New York City.

In 1985, reputed organized-crime chief Paul Castellano was shot to death outside a New York City restaurant.

In 1986, Ronald W. Pelton, a former National Security Agency employee convicted of selling defense secrets to the Soviet Union, was sentenced by a judge in Baltimore to life in prison.

In 1991, the U.N. General Assembly rescinded its 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism by a vote of 111-25.

Ten years ago: The White House and Republicans traded barbs over whose tax plan was fairer to the middle class, a day after President Clinton presented a package of proposed tax cuts. White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers announced she was leaving her job at the end of the year.

Five years ago: Israel and Syria ended two days of inconclusive peace talks in Washington and agreed to resume early in the new year.

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Pencils and other lethal weapons

America's public schools are now government schools, and they are in the hands of imbeciles.

When school officials found a pair of scissors in 10-year-old Porsche Brown's book bag, the fourth grade student at Philadelphia's Thomas Holme Elementary School was handcuffed and hauled off to a police station even though the school district admitted she did not threaten anyone with them or even display them.

The scissors were discovered when students' belongings were being searched for

property missing from a teacher's desk. The school's excuse for this absurdity: Porsche violated a rule against having dangerous weapons in her possession. So they called police and had her handcuffed and taken to the police station in a filthy paddy wagon.

"They handcuffed her and she said (the handcuffs) were tight on her wrist and they took her out and she

was put into a paddy wagon," her mother Rose Jackson told NBC 10.

"She said there was blood in the back of the wagon and it smelled like urine," Jackson added. "It was dark in there."

Now if this isn't crazy enough, consider the fact that nobody ever told Porsche or her mother that having pair of scissors in school was forbidden. And that's not all: "I received a

letter of things she needed for school and scissors were on there," Jackson revealed.

At the police station cops realized that Porsche had committed no crime and they released her.

The school's excuse — weapons are banned from the premises and scissors could be used as a weapon. But a No. 2 lead pencil can be used as a deadly weapon. Jammed into someone's eye and into the brain it could kill the victim. Are No. 2 lead pencils banned? Of course not. Just about any-

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Michael Reagan
Columnist

America loses because of a nanny

One day a person who has hired an undocumented domestic worker might be able to join the Cabinet.

However, someone who pays little heed to the immigration and tax laws cannot be homeland security chief in an era of global terrorism. The notion is as alien as the millions of undocumented workers who clean America's homes, mind its children and tend its gardens.

Former New York City Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik should have known better than to hire an undocumented nanny and not scrupulously pay her payroll taxes. He certainly should have known before

President Bush nominated him that he could not pass Senate muster.

For more than 10 years, a string of mostly female nominees has been deprived of high office because they resorted to affordable child care. Kerik did not even have the excuse of being hard-up for money. After resigning his police job, he earned millions as a consultant.

It is perhaps not surprising that the issue only arises concerning domestic workers, usually in families with mothers who fill demanding

jobs. Captains of industry become Cabinet secretaries, and no one questions whether their company ever hired an illegal immigrant, or had the lawn of its headquarters mowed by one.

In Texas, home to a significant portion of the nation's undocumented workers, nominees for state office are rarely subjected to scrutiny regarding their household help.

Kerik's lack of experience as administrator of a huge government bureaucracy also was questioned. But

Cabinet secretaries spend too much time giving speeches and promoting administration policies to be hands-on administrators.

Administration is performed by their deputies and by the senior civil servants who stay on no matter who lives in the White House.

Kerik would have brought to the post field experience and knowledge of the bad guys, what they can do and how to prevent them from doing it. His experience one day might be sorely missed.

Meanwhile, nannygate will claim candidates for high office as long as the United States is host to millions of illegal aliens who readily find work here.

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soldiers found Saddam Hussein in his special underground cavity. I was awakened to an interesting little snippet from TSN News by my clock-radio alarm Monday a.m., telling me that Saddam's appointed lawyer was quoted as saying Saddam is on a hunger strike.

Are we supposed to be alarmed by Saddam's lack of appetite? I don't know about you, but I feel there are more deserving people that need food more than Saddam. What did I write in re: "Made for TV trials?" There's more.

What is alarming to me about Saddam's supposed diet or lack of, is his attorney. TSN told me Saddam's attorney is French. French. Wouldn't you know it. If the article is true, about the French attorney that is, I can just visualize the upcoming "Paris Trial" for Saddam.

You see, I remember the way the French assisted the North Vietnamese to sway world opinion by giving the Viet Cong and Ho Chi Minh free press and a soap box to propagandize against the United States. The French. The very country the United States bailed out of Vietnam.

Why, for the life of me, are certain politicians in our Congress, certain

politicos within the Democratic Party, certain left-thinkers across our great nation, concerned over what the French think about the United States? God bless you Kevin — and yes, I just don't know anymore.

Three major newspapers tell me "Flu Shots Arrive as Demand Slows." Remember, it was George Bush's fault that there was a flu vaccine shortage, according to John Kerry during the presidential campaign.

According to the television press when the shortage became public, the potential for mass hysteria and epidemic could be the end result.

Oh, woe were we, particularly our senior citizens. The TV news channels all aired video footage of the elderly lined up at clinics to get their flu shots and interviewed those "affaired for the worse" if they were to be denied their shots.

What happened? Bush was re-elected; people understand that President

Bush can be a lot of things, but he isn't a pharmaceutical quality control chemist for a British company; and, winter has not been severe enough to aide the spread of the flu virus and help create an epidemic as the CDC first reported.

Tsk-tsk-tsk. What's that, there is adequate flu vaccine now? Where's an epidemic when you need one?

In closing, Pampa native Jeff Jones left for Afghanistan last Saturday, upholding his commitment to serve our country in time of war when called upon. Is a war serious business? No doubt, and Jeff is fully aware of that fact.

I'm sure concern is with him and his wife Stephanie for his safe return back to Pampa, as it is with his family, friends, and fellow workers.

I'll tell you this: Not once did I see Jeff Jones waiver with his orders and destination when they were discussed. The man rose up with true grit.

That's what America is about, folks. Godspeed, Jeff Jones.

Dennis Palmittier is a Pampa native, a Pampa High School graduate and a pharmaceutical sales representative.

You see, I remember the way the French assisted the North Vietnamese to sway world opinion by giving the Viet Cong and Ho Chi Minh free press and a soap box to propagandize against the United States.

Weapons

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thing can be used as a weapon. A detective once showed me a fountain pen like the one he said had been used to kill someone. These laws are ridiculous. Sure, ban guns and daggers and explosive devices, but scissors?

If this were an isolated incident it might be considered an aberration. But this kind of nonsense is becoming commonplace in our idiotic government school system. Drugs are banned and a child can be expelled for having an aspirin.

The school, however, doesn't hesitate to force kids to take drugs to make them more docile and manageable. And those drugs have been shown sometimes to provoke students to kill themselves or their classmates.

In Montgomery County, Pa., honor student Chris McCarthy was expelled from class for the remainder of the school year at Upper Moreland High School for mistakenly bringing a pocketknife to class.

Said his dad David: "This kid has been jerked around because a penknife was in his pocket. This kid has never had a demerit or detention in 10 1/2 years of school."

A 5-year-old kindergarten was handcuffed by police at Thurgood Marshall Academy, a St. Louis charter school.

His mother admitted her son has had trouble adjusting to his first year of school but complained that "he didn't do anything to deserve to be handcuffed. He is only 5," she added. "Suspend him or do whatever, but you don't handcuff him."

Sam Morgan, the principal of Thurgood Marshall Academy, said he wanted to teach the boy a lesson to try to improve his unruly behavior.

"I'm trying to scare this kid straight," he said. "I would not be doing my job if I were not trying to get him on the right path."

These are all assaults on America's parents who have lost control of what were once "public" schools but have now been taken over by big government ...

Add to these outrages the current attempt by government schools across the nation to ban all mention of Christmas — the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, who I guess is not considered politically correct.

These are all assaults on America's parents who have lost control of what were once "public" schools but have now been taken over by big government and a host of imbecilic educrats who can't tell a pair of scissors from a deadly weapon.

These things will continue to happen until more and more parents yank their kids out of the government schools, or even better, take their schools back.

Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

Calendar of Events

The next Pampa Area Singles dance is scheduled from 8 p.m.-12 midnight Saturday, Dec. 18 at M.K. Brown Auditorium with Indian Summer. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. Snacks welcome. For more information on this dressy occasion, call 665-7059.

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Dec. 23 and Jan. 31, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

Amarillo League of Celtic Nations will celebrate the Scottish New Year on Friday, Dec. 31 in the 42nd Street Red Room, Best Plaza, 4301 Western, Amarillo. Festivities will kick-off at 9 a.m. Admission will be \$8 for adults, \$15 for couples and \$5 for children 5-12 years of age. Children 4 and under get in free. The whisky tasting will be extra. The league will allow \$1 off paid admission for each person bringing two cans of food for donation to High Plains Food Bank.

Southwest Farm & Ranch Classic will be staged Feb. 3-5 at Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock. The new indoor show will feature unique events, entertainment and demonstra-

tions along with a large exhibit area of commercial agricultural exhibits and displays. Show goers will be able to pick and choose from a full schedule of entertainers and family programs each day of the event. Local health organizations will conduct health checks and a blood drive is planned Saturday. If interested in exhibiting or attending the show or for more information, call (806) 798-7825 or e-mail swcclassic@cox.net.

The Second Annual Playwrights Showcase of the Western Region is Aug. 12-14, 2005, at Red Rocks Community College in Lakewood, Colo. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2005. Registration forms and more information are available at www.rccc.edu/playwright-showcase on the Internet.

North American Grain Congress, the first joint conference of National Association of Wheat Growers and National Grain Sorghum Producers, will be Feb. 19-22, 2005, at John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel & Casino in Reno, Nev. Register by Feb. 1 for an early birth discount. To register, log onto www.graincongress.org on the World Wide Web.

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Getting ready

Jared Burr, Brendon Woelfle and Colton Landrum are all dressed up as shepherds in the final rehearsal for their part in Hi-Land Christian Church's upcoming Christmas program, "Fear Not," to be presented this Sunday, Dec. 19, at 10:45 a.m. The church is located at 1615 N. Banks. The public is invited.

Missionaries to speak here



The Greers

James and Dana Greer are to be guest speakers at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1304 N. Banks, at 10:50 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 19. The Greers are missionaries in Tanzania, East Africa, among the Makonde people. For the past three years, the couple has been living in the bush in Newala, but have recently taken a position as Strategy Facilitator of the Coastal Cluster. They are responsible for 16 families in the areas of pastoral care and working with each of the families on strategies to reach their People Group for Christ. They have relocated to the capitol city of Dar es Salaam with a population of three million. The public is invited to come hear their story.

No Christmas cards in Pampa

So how did you feel when you heard that Macy's and Bloomingdale's had dumped "Merry Christmas" for "Happy Holidays" or "Seasons Greetings"? Did you hear their explanation of why they took this direction?

"There are many diverse cultures represented in American society today whose views we also recognize and respect. Phrases such as 'season's greetings' and 'happy holidays' embrace all of the various religious, secular and ethnic celebrations that take place in the November/December period."

Federated Department Stores (owner of Macy's & Bloomingdale's) admits to bowing somewhat to the dictates of modern-day political correctness, noting: "Because these expressions of good will are more reflective of the multi-cultural society in which we live today, they tend to be used more and more frequently across all segments of society. In fact, few if any national retailers or businesses now take a different approach to celebrating the season."

Now if you are like many, you just said to yourself something like, "Oh, that's just those crazy 'big city' folks acting like idiots." If that is what you thought, let me burst your bubble.

Today, Dec. 13th, I talked to a man who told me that his wife (manager of a business right here in Pampa) had been contacted by the home office and told that she could no longer (she did in previous years) send out Christmas cards to their customers. She was told that she could send out "Happy Holidays" cards, but not "Merry Christmas" cards. That didn't happen in New York City or Chicago or Dallas, but right here in Pampa.

Christians, it's time to wake up and do something.

We live in an increasingly hostile and alien environment right here in the good old USA and even right here in Pampa, Texas. And it isn't just the hostility from unbelievers that is the problem. Just as big part of the problem is the lackadaisical apathy of Christians. We don't seem to look for opportunities to hold up Jesus Christ before our town.

Did you know that there were 90-plus entries in this year's Pampa Christmas

Parade? Do you want to know how many entries had Jesus clearly visible for all to see? After talking to several who watched the parade as well as the Chamber of Commerce, out of 90-plus entries there were only four with Jesus clearly visible for all to see. Only four.

Have we all forgotten what season this is? Have we forgotten that it was a CHRISTmas parade? Where was Jesus?

Now it doesn't surprise me when unbelievers choose to have floats and displays with Santa and reindeer and elves and everything else under the sun that has nothing to do with the "real" meaning of Christmas. But what in the world are Christians thinking? Can we not see Jesus being kicked out of parades and stores all over this country? Are we blind to the number of companies who are taking Christ out of our Christmas? Well, if you aren't blind and you can see what is going on in our country, then get Jesus back into everything you are a part of.

If you belong to an organization that is going to have an entry in next year's Christmas Parade, do your best to get Jesus on that float. There ought to be 50 nativities in that parade, not just two. Jesus should be all over the place. After all it is his season. And don't send out "Season's Greetings" cards, send out Christmas cards with the birth of Christ on them.

If you are a Christian and you are going to wear something for Christmas, don't settle for trees and Santa and elves; get something with Jesus on it. If you are going to put up Christmas decorations at your house, get Jesus up there. If Jesus isn't there it will just be another set of "Season's Greetings" decorations.

And, furthermore, throughout the whole year ask Jesus to show you ways to get his name out in front of the people. A minority of people want to erase the name of Jesus from every public setting.

Well, what are you going to do about it? Start looking for ways to hold His name up high before the people.

Hey kids, how can you hold His name up high at school? Adults, how about at work? In your neighborhood?

Lord Jesus, show us ways to lift Your name high, especially in our lives. God bless.

Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian



A minority of people want to erase the name of Jesus from every public setting.

Southside Ministerial Alliance to sponsor Christmas musical

Pampa Southside Ministerial Alliance will sponsor the musical, "Christmas In The Hood," at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 19, at Macedonia First Baptist Church, 441 Elm. The Southside community have come together to help provide a happy Christmas with gifts to some child or children who otherwise may not have the opportunity, organizers say. The public is invited to participate in the festivities. Members of the Pampa Southside Ministerial Alliance include Macedonia First Baptist Church, St. Mark C.M.E., Open Door Church of God in Christ, Progressive Baptist Church and New Hope Baptist Church.

Celebration of Lights service a community-wide observance

Pampa Downtown Kiwanis Club will sponsor "A Celebration of Lights" service at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Clyde Carruth Rodeo Pavilion at Recreation Park. A press release from organizers said the service is planned not only in support of Celebration of Lights but to "provide individuals an opportunity to get together and simply celebrate the joy of Christmas with believers." The service will begin with the Salvation Army Bell Choir followed by Kelly Rushing, Central Baptist Church, leading in some of the Christmas carols," the release said.

"Jerry Lane will then share the Christmas story that will be followed by a special time of sharing 'Silent Night.' Barry Loving of First Christian Church will read Scripture of Jesus being the light of the world. The service will close with Lonny Robbins of Trinity Fellowship Church leading in prayer," the release stated. The service is open to the entire community and all are urged to attend.

Zion Lutheran sets Christmas services

Zion Lutheran Church of Pampa will be celebrating Christmas Eve with a Christmas Cantata and Candlelight service Friday, Dec. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Holy Communion service will be Saturday at 9 a.m.

The Rev. Prof. Chad Bird from Concordia Theological Seminary will be guest preacher on Sunday, Dec. 26, regular service.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My fiancée, "Monique," has put me into financial ruin. It's all because of this girl she has been hanging around with, "Tracy." Monique's friends have warned her to stay away from Tracy because she's bad news.

Abby, the two of them have been kiting money. Monique has also forged my name on my own checks, and sold my personal items -- things left to me by my grandparents. For years, people have urged me to press charges.

Monique and I have two children, 3 and 2. I spoke to a lawyer and I will have no problem getting full custody. Monique is on one year's probation and has to pay restitution because she stole from her employer. She is American; we live in Canada. With all the stuff that's happening, Monique may have to leave the country.

Monique's parents have told me I should press charges. She has abandoned our kids while I was at work. Children's Aid got involved, and I didn't know the kids had been taken from us until I got home from work. Luckily, we got them back.

Monique wasn't like this until she met Tracy. Should I press charges, or should I just say goodbye, take the kids and go my way? A mutual friend says Monique told her that if I do that, she will forget the kids, and find a new guy and have kids with him. -- STRESSED, OUT IN CANADA

DEAR STRESSED OUT: I'm glad you wrote and I'm pleased to help end your ambivalence. Listen to your common sense as well as to what Monique's parents are urging you to do. Protect yourself and the kids. Press charges. Tracy is not responsible for your fiancée's behavior. Your fiancée appears to have no conscience. Jail time won't help her mend her ways, but it will slow her down and make it more difficult for her to take

advantage of her next victim.

DEAR ABBY: Last week, we invited a couple for dinner this week. Two days before the party, I called to confirm the time and they said they'd be here.

On the evening of the dinner, they showed up two hours late without even a phone call. They said the husband had to work late. Neither of them offered an apology. We had tried twice to contact them before we finally decided to go ahead and eat. They seemed offended that we did.

Were we wrong to assume they weren't coming? If you haven't heard otherwise, how long should you wait for guests before eating without them? -- TIRED TO WAITING IN VIRGINIA

DEAR TIRED OF WAITING: You were not wrong to assume that your guests were no-shows and to have eaten dinner. That they failed to call and inform you that they had been delayed was rude. Thirty minutes is long enough to wait for tardy guests -- or less if there's danger the meal will be overcooked.

DEAR ABBY: My beautiful wife, "Doreen," turned 41 a couple of months ago. Since then she has had extra piercings in her ears and has taken to wearing thumb rings, toe rings and ankle bracelets. Yesterday she pierced her navel. I am embarrassed for her. We have a 13-year-old daughter who is also embarrassed for her. How do I tell Doreen she looks silly? -- NOT SO HIP IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NOT SO HIP: Your wife's fetish brings new meaning to the term "heavy metal." It shouldn't be necessary to give her a lecture. Just walk in carrying a powerful magnet. That should send a message.

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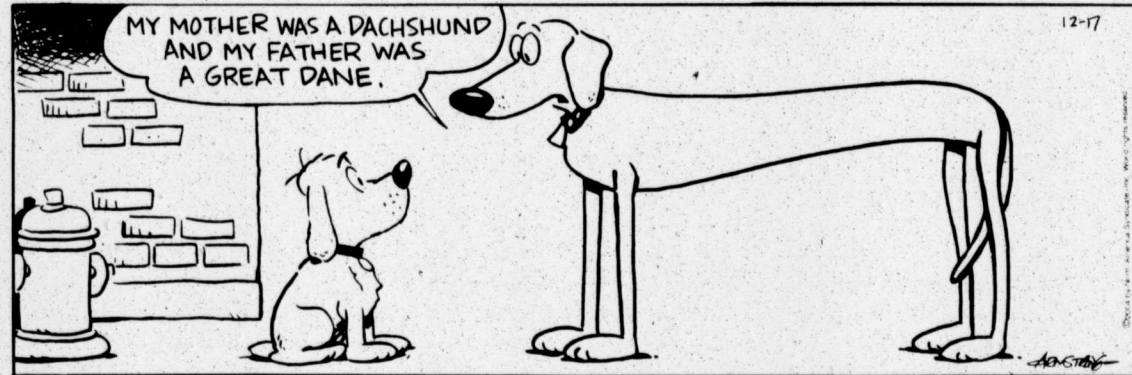
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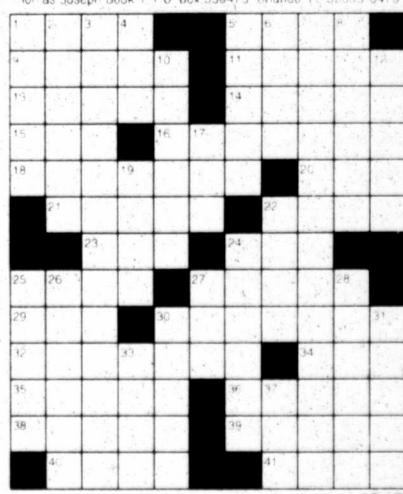
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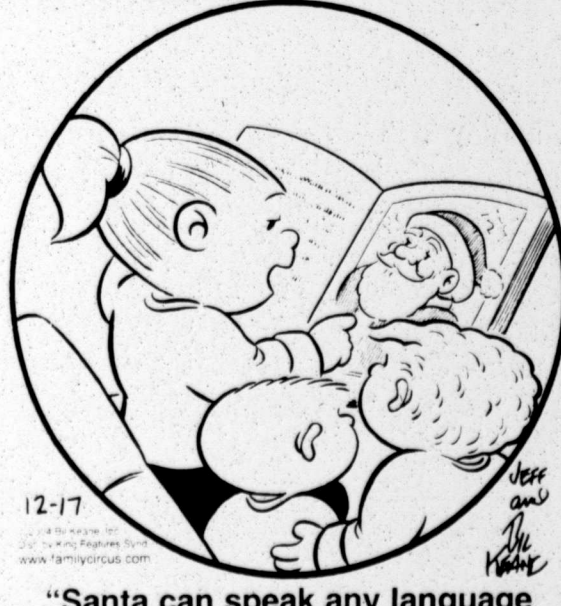
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Sports Day



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE
 Junior guard Callie Cobb, #20, drives through a couple of Lady Bulldog defenders in Tuesday night's win over Borger. Cobb had 17 points in the game.

Plenty of incentive for Pampa in Clovis tomorrow night

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
 Sports Editor

Another tough test on tap tomorrow night when the Harvester boys' basketball team visits the undefeated Clovis Wildcats. Game time is set for 8:30 p.m.

The Wildcats are 5-0 to this point thanks in large part to the defense. Clovis is allowing opponents just under 40 points per game, while holding them to less than 35 percent from the field. Intimidating stats for visiting teams for sure.

Pampa's only losses to this point (10-3) have come against 5A teams. Two of the three losses were to Amarillo High. The other to Hobbs, New Mexico. The Harvesters do have a 5A win to their credit. They defeated Tascosa 60-54 in a Dec. 7 home game.

Wildcat senior post Tigg Bunton is averaging 20 points so far this season.

Clovis has faced its share of zone defenses to this point, as teams attempt to handcuff Bunton and Dominique Easterlin in the post. Head Coach J.D. Isler says zone defenses such as Pampa's tend to force his team to take shots from the perimeter. Still, Isler believes the Wildcats would be up to the task. Isler also plans to take exploit his teams' size advantage. "Besides a 6-7 post (Jarett Kotara), they aren't very tall."

Among the motivating factors for Pampa tomorrow night should be the thought of knocking off another 5A team while improving to 11-3. The thrill of being the opponent's first blemish of the season. And — oh-by-the-way — Head Coach Jeff Reed is a Clovis High School graduate.

Two games in three days for 6-8 Lady Harvesters

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
 Sports Editor

The Lady Harvester varsity basketball team has a court appearance in Clovis tomorrow night. Pampa and the Lady Wildcats will tip off at 7 p.m.

Clovis, undefeated at 8-0 as of today, will face 13-2 Lubbock Coronado at home tonight. A tough, physical outing against the Lady Mustangs by Clovis tonight could work to Pampa Head Coach Troy Fry and his team's favor. Clovis Head Coach Mike Watters calls his teams' game tonight the, "Biggest challenge of the year."

Fry knows how good the Lady Wildcats are. "Clovis is a very strong team," he said. "I know that they have defeated several teams by a large margin. I feel if we just play hard and smart by taking care of the ball and rebound well we have a great chance for a win."

The Lady Harvesters are coming off a big 82-71 win over Borger this past Tuesday. A game in which sophomore guard Britteni Rice

posted 30 points.

"Britteni had a solid game Tuesday night," said Fry. "She shot 17 of 18 free throws, with five field goals and one 3-pointer. She created a lot of her attempts by driving to the basket and scoring while getting fouled."

"Two wins before Plainview would really boost our confidence."

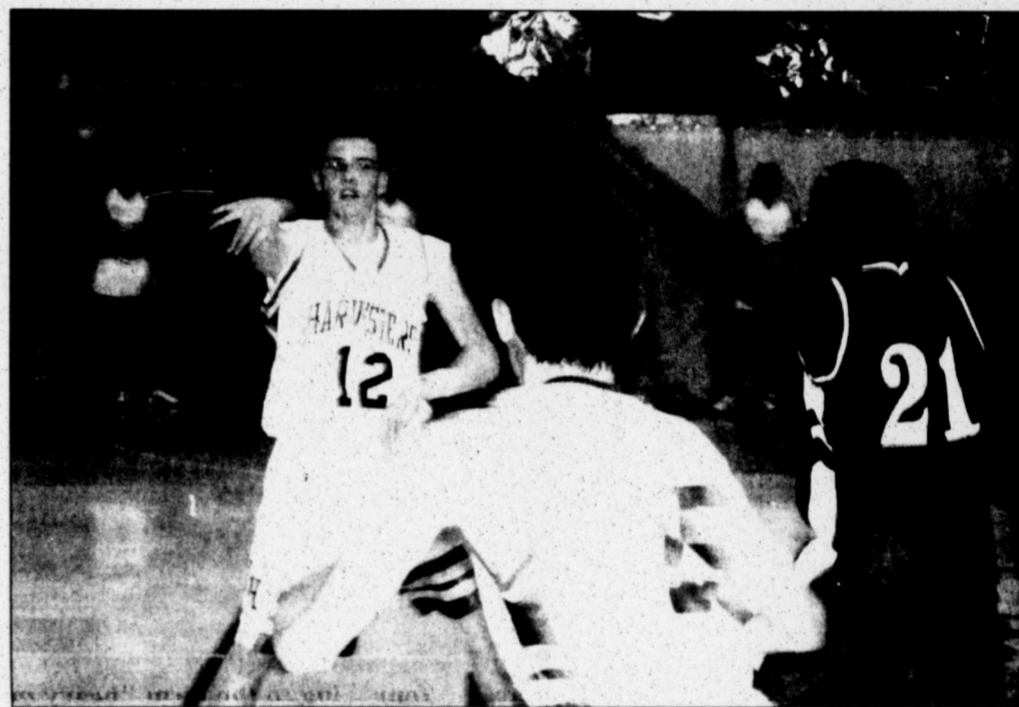
— Troy Fry
 Head Coach, Lady Harvester Basketball

A win in Clovis tomorrow night would be huge for this team. And a win on the road is always a little sweeter. What would it mean for Fry and his team to string a couple of victories together before facing Plainview at home next Monday night? "Two wins before Plainview would really boost our confidence. It's not the most important thing to win Saturday, but to play well and have our mind set ready for Plainview. I believe we will put together two

good games this weekend and carry our momentum into the Caprock Tournament," said Fry.

The Caprock Tournament is scheduled for Dec. 29-31.

Pampa takes a 6-8 record into Clovis tomorrow night.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE
 Braydon Barker, #12, sends a pass off to Harvester teammate Clayton Hall, #15, during Pampa's 67-43 win over Borger Tuesday night.

TIME CHANGE

Wrestling matches scheduled tonight, moved to tomorrow

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
 Sports Editor

Due to testing conflicts, the Pampa Wrestling duel meet at River Road originally scheduled for this evening has been changed. That meeting will

take place tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. at River Road.

This will be the team's last meet prior to the holiday break.

Pampa will compete at the Hereford Duels, Jan. 7 and 8.

William & Mary QB wins Payton award

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — William & Mary quarterback Lang Campbell won the Walter Payton Award on Thursday night as the top offensive player in Division I-AA.

Campbell received 40 first-place votes and 315 points from a panel of Division I-AA sports information directors and media.

Sam Houston State quarterback Dustin Long finished second with 17 first-place votes and 185 points. Appalachian State wide receiver DaVon Fowlkes finished third with eight first-place votes and 151 points.

Campbell, the Atlantic 10 offensive player of the year, threw for 3,037 yards and 21 touchdowns, with just one interception, during the regular season.

He also ran for 201 yards and seven touchdowns.

He led William & Mary to a share of the Atlantic 10 title with a 9-2 regular season record, but the Tribe lost to James Madison in the semifinals of the Division I-AA tournament.

James Madison plays Montana for the Division I-AA championship Friday in Chattanooga.



Swim fans

Pampa Swim Team members flash awards won in Seminole recently. The team is competing at a meet in Midland this weekend. Unfortunately, The Pampa News was unable to identify all members pictured as of press time.

Johnson on verge of joining Yankees, Hudson an Atlanta Brave

By JOSH DUBOW
 Associated Press

On a day of big movement in baseball, the New York Yankees are on the verge of claiming the biggest prize of all.

The Yankees closed in on completing a blockbuster three-team trade that would send Randy Johnson to New York, Javier Vazquez to the Los Angeles Dodgers and Shawn Green to the Arizona Diamondbacks, a source told The Associated Press.

"It is going to happen," a source familiar with the negotiations said on the condition of anonymity.

Earlier Thursday, the Atlanta Braves made another huge pitch for success, getting Tim Hudson in a trade from Oakland, and the Seattle Mariners signed another slugger, agreeing contract with All-Star third base-

man Adrian Beltre.

After blowing a 3-0 lead in the AL championship series to Boston last season, the Yankees set out in the offseason to upgrade their starting pitching. They are close to finalizing contracts with free-agent pitchers Carl Pavano and Jaret Wright, but the Big Unit is the player they coveted most to match up against the Red Sox and his former teammate, Curt Schilling.

The five-time Cy Young Award winner is in the final year of a contract that will pay him \$16 million next season. He has a no-

trade clause and it was unclear if the Yankees had to agree to extend his deal to make the deal go through.

Johnson, 41, wanted out of Arizona so he could pitch with a contender. He went 16-14 with a 2.60 ERA and 290 strikeouts last season for the Diamondbacks, who finished 51-111.

Johnson has 246 career wins and is third all-time with 4,161 career strikeouts.

Fox Sports and Newsday reported on their Web sites that the other players involved in the deal are Yankees prospects catcher Dioner Navarro and third baseman

Eric Duncan, who are going to Los Angeles, and Dodgers pitchers Brad Penny and Yhency Brazoban, who would be sent to Arizona.

None of the teams would confirm the deal.

"We're still in conversations with a lot of different clubs about a lot of different possibilities," Dodgers general manager Paul DePodesta said. "We have talked about some three-way deals and some four-way deals. I don't know if it's going to happen or not."

Green, who is also owed \$16 million in the final year of his contract, hit 91 homers in 2001-02 but dropped to just 47 over the last two seasons. He batted .266 with 28 homers and 86 RBIs in 2004.

Vazquez, 28, struggled in his one season in New York, going 14-10 with a 4.91 ERA. He is owed \$35.5 million over the next three years.

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— Paul DePodesta
 General Manager, LA Dodgers

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Pampa, others MIA from Class 4A All-State-List

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The Class 4A All-State high school football team, released Thursday, as voted on by The Associated Press Sports Editors based on regular-season performance. Players are listed in alphabetical order at each position.

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE: OFFENSIVE LINE:
 — LANCE CALLOWAY, Wylie, Sr., 6-3, 250. Graded 94 percent, 60 knockdowns.
 — ELIJAH GENSCHOW, Aledo, Sr., 6-4, 320. Graded 91 out at 90 percent, no sacks. Total yards this season 2,047 rushing, 1,966 passing for Aledo.
 — LEE GRIMES, Brownwood, Sr. 6-6, 310. 47 pancake blocks, committed to Texas A&M.
 — JAMES TYSON, Killeen, Sr., 6-4, 270. 60 pancake blocks, top lineman on team that averaged 314 rushing yards per game.
 — LOUIS VASQUEZ, Corsicana, Sr., 6-6, 310. Texas Tech commit had 56 knockdown blocks, graded 91 percent for offense that averaged 345 yards per game. **ENDS/RECEIVERS:**
 — JON BAUER, Corsicana, Sr., 5-10, 185. 57-1,199-16, 24-206-2 rushing, 2-3 passing for 90 yards and 2 TDs.
 — DAVID NELSON, Wichita Falls Rider, Sr., 6-6, 200. 60-1,012-7; verbally committed to Notre Dame and has been selected to the U.S. Army All-American Bowl. **QUARTERBACK:**
 — TODD REESING, Austin Lake Travis, Sr. 6-0, 175. 195-3,126-29. 330-5 rushing.
RUNNING BACKS:
 — FRED LOREDO, Edcouch Elsa, Sr. 5-8, 185. 201-2,030-29. Also scored four return TDs.
 — COREY ROBERTSON, Denison, Sr., 6-1, 210. 225-1,653-27. 12-208-2. Also returned three kickoff and one punt for TDs. Was first team all-state in 2003 after rushing for 2,057 yards and 29 touchdowns.
 — JAMAR WALL, Plainview, Jr., 5-11, 178. 308-2,033-28. 10-113 receiving.
KICKER:
 — HUNTER LAWRENCE, Boerne, Jr. 5-9, 160. 12-of-15 FGs, 37-of-40 PATs, 37-of-61 kickoffs were touchbacks.
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Todd Reasing, Austin Lake Travis.
FIRST TEAM DEFENSE: LINEMEN:
 — JAUDIS EATON, Bay City, Sr., 6-4, 235. 77 tackles, 30 for loss, including 9 sacks, 2 FF, 3

blocked kicks.
 — DeMARCUS GRANGER, Dallas Kimball, Sr., 6-3, 330. 65 tackles, 25 for loss, 15 sacks, 30 pressures, 10 FF, 4 FR for team that allowed 127.1 yards per game. Was first team all-state in 2003.
 — PHILLIP JONES, Lewisville Hebron, Sr., 6-5, 245. 99 tackles, 18 for loss, 5 sacks, 2 FF, 2 FR, 4 PBU, 1 blocked punt return for TD.
 — BRIAN WEST, Beaumont Ozen, Sr., 6-3, 255. 98 tackles, 15 TFL, 10 sacks, 4 CF.
LINEBACKERS:
 — MATT LEBLANC, Port Neches-Groves, Sr., 6-0, 185. 131 tackles, 15 TFL, 6 sacks, 5 FF, 1 INT. PA News Super Team linebacker.
 — BRANDON OGLETREE, McKinney, Jr., 6-0, 210. 127 tackles, 10 for loss, 2 INTs, 1 TD return, 1 sack, 1 FF, 1 FR, 2 blocked punts.
 — TROY SHERMAN, Wichita Falls, Sr., 5-11, 225. 121 tackles, 38 solos, 12 TFL, 3 FF, 1 sack. 3-year starter and District 5-4A Defensive MVP.
BACKS:
 — KEENAN CLAYTON, Sulphur Springs, Sr., 6-2, 210. 111 tackles, 4 INTs, 2 FR, 2 defensive TD returns. Oklahoma commit.
 — KOREY MANGUM, La Marque, Sr., 5-11, 185. 37 tackles, 2 INT., 1 for TD, 12 PBU, 3 blocked kicks, 3 TFL, allowed only 2 completions.
 — TRAVIS SAWTELLE, San Antonio Alamo Heights Sr. 6-0, 180. 98 tackles, 3 INTs, 1 blocked kick. Scored five return TDs, (2 kickoffs, 1 INT, 1 FR, 1 punt).
 — L.J. WILLIAMS, Dallas Hillcrest, Sr., 5-10, 180. 67 tackles, 9 INTs, 3 FF, FR, 10 PBUs for 8-1 team.
PUNTER:
 — PANCHO ARELLANO, Uvalde Sr. 5-8, 150. 41.5 average.
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: DeMarcus Granger, Dallas Kimball.
SECOND TEAM OFFENSE LINEMEN:
 — KYLE GILLIS, El Campo, Sr., 6-2, 240.
 — CHRIS LAMAR, Taylor, Sr. 6-1, 295.
 — TATE NEWBERRY, New Braunfels, Sr. 6-5, 310.
 — MICHAEL THOMPSON, Dallas Lincoln, Sr., 6-4, 350.
 — RAUL VALENZUELA, El Paso Del Valle, Sr., OL, 6-3, 240.
ENDS/RECEIVERS:
 — RAVIN HARRIS, San Antonio McCollum, Jr. 5-

10, 155.
 — FRED ROBINSON, Austin Lake Travis, Sr., 5-8, 160.
QUARTERBACK:
 — JAKE BROWN, Ennis, Sr., 6-0, 170.
RUNNING BACKS:
 — CONNELL DAVIS, Gregory Portland, Sr. 6-3, 210.
 — BRODERICK FRANKLIN, Paris North Lamar, Jr., 5-9, 185.
 — CHAD LONG, El Campo, Sr., 5-8, 165.
KICKER:
 — BLAKE BAUBLITS, McKinney North, Jr., 5-10, 160.
SECOND TEAM DEFENSE LINEMEN:
 — SCOOTER HEIM, Corpus Christi Calallen, Sr. 6-2, 260.
 — HECTOR HINOJOS, El Paso Riverside, Sr., DL, 6-2, 260.
 — RON MOHICA, Nederland, Jr., 6-0, 295.
 — ALEX ODIARI, Lewisville Hebron, Sr., 6-1, 225.
LINEBACKERS:
 — DUSTIN EARNEST, Texarkana, Jr., 6-2, 220.
 — BROCK HESSE, Mesquite Poteet, Sr., 5-11, 208.
 — DARIN SMITH, Nederland, Sr., 5-8, 180.
BACKS:
 — ARKEITH BROWN, El Campos, Sr., 6-2, 170.
 — RUEBEN FLOWERS, Corpus Christi Flour Bluff, Sr. 5-10, 170.
 — JAHMEEL HOBSON, El Paso Andress, Sr., 5-9, 160.
 — RAY SIMS, Corsicana, Sr., 5-11, 200.
PUNTER:
 — TROY CATES, McKinney North, Sr., 6-1, 170.
HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE:
LINEMEN: Corey Goolsby, Gregory-Portland; Adam Hollingsworth, McKinney; Aaron Kelley, Texarkana; Drew Oldis, Boerne; Cameron Raschke, Kerrville Tivy; Tyler Stein, Medina Valley; Marcus Taylor, Richmond Foster; Brock Unruh, Corpus Christi Calallen; Reginald Youngblood, Houston Washington and Luis Zarate, El Paso Parkland.
ENDS/RECEIVERS: Brik Brinker, Wolfforth Frenship; Kelvin Fields, Sherman; Garfield Hicks, Hewitt Midway; Jahmeel Hobson, El Paso Andress; Corey Kenyon, Stephenville; Anquon McCuin, Paris; Terrell Nicholas, San Antonio Sam Houston and Rudy Ramirez, El Paso Austin.

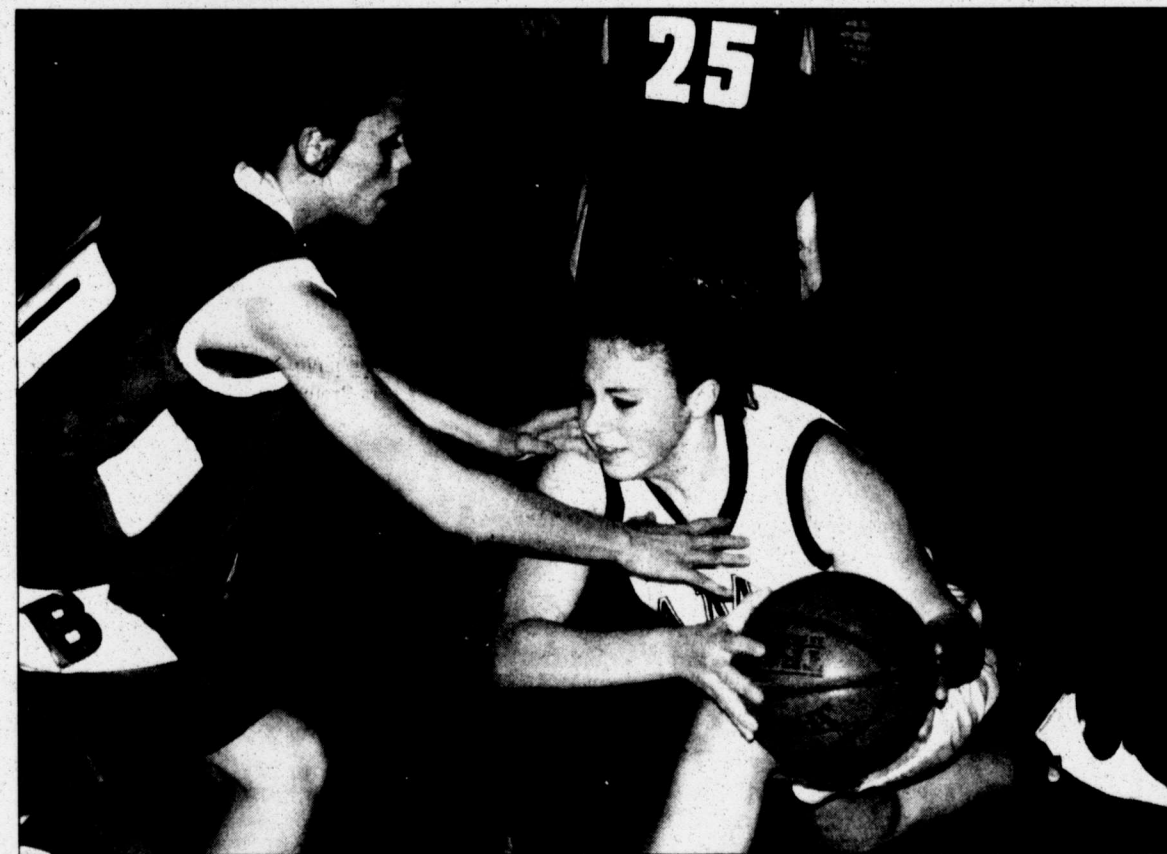
QUARTERBACK: Trey Carter, Sherman; Chase Gibson, Wylie; Jeremy Goodson, Lamar Consolidated; Dustin Hood, Nederland; Martin Parra, El Paso Andress; Justin Pitrucha, Lewisville Hebron; Jevan Snead, Stephenville and Blake Szymanski, Wichita Falls Rider.
RUNNING BACKS: Andrew Bratton, San Antonio Southside; Ryan Christian, Aledo; Josh Cook, Port Neches-Groves; Keith Gilliam, Kilgore; J.R. Hauser, McKinney North; Sergio Kindle, Dallas Lincoln; Luke Lagera, Austin Lake Travis; Alex Miranda, Clint Mountain View; Jackie Robinson, Marshall; Jonathan Smith, Beaumont Ozen; Jerald Turner, El Paso Andress and Derek Robinson, Lewisville Hebron.
KICKER: Cole Jones, Greenville.
HONORABLE MENTION DEFENSE:
LINEMEN: Marcus Brown, Paris; John Cawthon, Hewitt Midway; DeAnthony Chamberlain, Sherman; Brad Darwent, Gregory Portland; Bryan Glass, Paris; Robbie Gleason, Boerne; Andrew Gonzalez, Edcouch-Elsa; David Gross, Wichita Falls; Bret Hadlock, New Braunfels Canyon; Jameon Hardeman, Dallas Kimball; Marcus Harris, Sherman; Marcus Jackson, Sherman; Andre Jones, El Paso Andress; Lorenzo Jones, McKinney; Juan Rangel, Edcouch Elsa; Michael Rhines, Little Cypress-Mauriceville; Steven Riddick, El Paso Chapin; Austin Shields, Wylie and Luke Swadley, McKinney.
LINEBACKERS: Casey Allen, Gregory-Portland; Terrance Flagg, Bay City; Tyler Hayes, San Angelo Lake View; Ruben Hernandez, El Paso Riverside; Terrell Hughes, Sherman; Kyle Jonas, New Braunfels; Antonio Jones, Dallas Lincoln; Sergio Kindle, Dallas Wilson; Britton Maxwell, Brownwood; Scooter Means, Denison; Kyle Richards, Denison; Brandon Smith, Richmond Foster; Kenneth Stephens, El Paso Andress; Quentin Sterling, Killeen; Luke Swadley, McKinney and Jody Walker, New Braunfels.
BACKS: Braxton Amy, Richmond Foster; Gabriel Claudio, Gregory-Portland; David Costanzo, El Paso Chapin; Geoff Hayth, Dripping Springs; Courtney Herndon, Dallas Lincoln; Josh McKinney, El Paso Parkland; Chris Petrosky, Boerne; Corey Robertson, Denison; Jeffrey Turnbull, El Paso Riverside and Johnny Valdez, New Braunfels.

Ohio State 77, Texas Tech 71

DALLAS (AP) — These are the kind of games Ohio State has to enjoy since there will be no postseason.
 Tony Stockman had 23 points, with three 3-pointers in the stretch in which the Buckeyes regained the lead, in a 77-71 win over Texas Tech and alumnus Bob Knight on Thursday night.
 "Games like this will motivate us," Stockman said. "Beating a good team like this on the road is something to get excited about."
 After hitting five 3-pointers, Stockman made four free throws in the final 28 seconds to seal the nationally televised win for the Buckeyes (7-2).
 The Buckeyes played just their second game since Dec. 1, a stretch during which the school imposed a one-year ban on postseason play in response to \$6,000 the university said former coach Jim O'Brien gave a recruit who never played there.
 "It's nice to come out here and get a road win, especially against a tournament-bound team," said Terence Dials, who had 17 points and 10 rebounds. "This boosts our confidence so much."
 Texas Tech (5-2) had won four straight games by an average margin of 37 points since its only other loss, an 83-68 defeat at TCU on Nov. 23.
 Knight played on Ohio State's national

championship team in 1960 and was interested in coaching there after O'Brien was fired in June. But athletic director Andy Geiger didn't interview Knight and hired Thad Matta from Xavier.
 In his fourth season at Texas Tech, and under contract through 2009, Knight didn't talk about his alma mater after the game. But he said earlier this week that he still has fond feelings about Ohio State.
 He probably didn't have the same kind of feelings about his current team Thursday night.
 After tying the game at 71 following five straight points by freshman Martin Zeno, the Red Raiders didn't score again in the final three minutes.
 "We had a chance to win with the score tied, and they played better than us in the last three minutes," Knight said. "You're not going to beat teams like this making the mistakes we did."
 Sylvester tipped in Stockman's missed 3-pointer for the go-ahead basket with 2:43 left. The Red Raiders missed five shots and had a turnover their last six possessions.
 Texas Tech, which trailed by 13 in the first half, didn't lead until Curtis Marshall's 3-pointer with 9:45 left made it 56-55. The teams then traded baskets before Ohio State had four straight 3-pointers.

Out of my way



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE
 While a Lady Bulldog player seems to take a 'hands-on' approach to defending, Pampa's McKensie East looks for a passing lane in during Tuesday's 82-71 Lady Harvester win over Borger. Pampa is in Clovis tomorrow night to face the 8-0 Lady Wildcats. That game is scheduled to get started at 7 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004:
 More and more, you mobilize your anger and frustration to get work done. You have a tendency to act out. As long as your outlet remains positive, don't worry. If you cause yourself problems or if arguments ensue, work on voicing your feelings. Remember, anger is the stage after hurt. Express your hurt rather than allow rage to develop. Family, home and domestic life remain high priorities. Add your unique creativity into your life. Tack on more fun and naughtiness to your life. Don't always be so self-disciplined. If you are single, you will tumble into a whopper of a love affair. If you are attached, bring out the romance in your bond. Replay some of your first dates. ARIES is always fun.
 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)
 **** Use the morning for you. By the afternoon, the Moon slides into Aries, encouraging you to reach out for others. Think of those who are at a distance. Make plans to get together. Accept an invitation that involves music and/or a new experience. Tonight: Just ask.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 *** Meet a friend for brunch. Fatigue or a need to be alone marks the afternoon and evening. Recycle and recharge. Write a letter or get cards ready to toss in the mail. A loved one you confide in helps you. Tonight: Get extra sleep, if possible.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Touch base with a parent or someone you might have been avoid-

ing. By the afternoon, you have cleared out obligations. Let your hair down and be a wild thing. Others enjoy being around you. A relationship heats up. Tonight: Just don't be alone.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ****
 Meet someone halfway. Don't let others intimidate you. You could be overwhelmed by all that you need to do. Don't trigger; detach. Make a point of getting some extra work done or some errands taken care of. Tonight: You are the lead actor.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Indulge a loved one, even if you feel a bit uncomfortable. Let go of tension and enjoy this person, as he or she is here with you now. Try something new this afternoon. Don't get uptight. Go for adventure. Tonight: Follow the music.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 *** You do not have any control over others. This thought might not be a new realization. Accept facts. Let others reveal themselves. You have your choice of plans. Design your afternoon with a loved one or dear friend. Tonight: Heat up the night.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***
 Put the finishing touches on a project, whether it is work or personal. Accept an invitation to meet up with others. A Christmas party delights you and warms up the emotional climate. If you are single, someone attractive draws in closer. Tonight: Go with the flow.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Make the most of the daylight hours, when others or that special someone relishes hanging with you. Add more caring to a relationship. Use your imagination with your choices. Plan to chill out later. Tonight: Don't push yourself.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Be careful when dealing with a family member. He or she might be unusually uptight or difficult. Instead, reach out for someone special you don't often chat with. Use your imagination as you get into the holiday spirit. Tonight: Anything is possible. Love the one you're with.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Run errands during the daylight hours. A partner or loved one could be unusually withdrawn. Share a fun happening with this person. Opt to make it an early day. Handle Santa matters late in the afternoon. Tonight: Choose an easy dinner.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Juggle your finances. You might want to do more for others that is experience-oriented and less expensive. Offer a backrub to a loved one for Christmas. A get-together with others might go on and on. Why shouldn't you enjoy yourself? Tonight: Swap stories and jokes over egg-nog.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** The daylight hours demand more than usual. You find someone you look up to to be quite difficult. Quickly clear the way for better times. Your smile wins the moment. Curb spending if you can. The holidays require a lot of thought. Tonight: Stick to your budget.
BORN TODAY
 Rolling Stone Keith Richards (1943), actor Brad Pitt (1963), singer Christina Aguilera (1980)

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Orgeron a Rebel; Solich tapped OSU coach; Wannstedt removes name from list of Pitt possibles

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — Ed Orgeron's recruiting success at Southern California helped him land the job as Mississippi's football coach.
 The Rebels hope the 43-year-old Louisiana native can use his ties to the Deep South to lure talented recruits to Oxford and reinvent the Ole Miss program with the tough, punishing defense that became a Southern Cal staple.
 Orgeron was USC's defensive line coach, an assistant head coach for two years and the closest thing the school had to a defensive coordinator — head coach Pete Carroll is in charge of the Trojans' defense. He also was USC's recruiting coordinator for four years.
 Orgeron's hiring capped the Rebels' two-week search for a replacement for David Cutcliffe, who was fired Dec. 1 after his first losing season at Ole Miss.
ATHENS, Ohio (AP) — Former Nebraska coach Frank Solich was introduced as Ohio's new football coach, returning to the state where he grew up and promising to rebuild a program that has gone 11-35 over the past four seasons.
 Solich signed a multiyear deal with a base salary of \$240,000.
 Solich had replaced Tom Osborne, who retired from Nebraska in 1997 after winning three national championships in

four seasons. Solich, an assistant under Osborne from 1979-97, led the Cornhuskers to the national championship game in the 2002 Rose Bowl, where they lost 37-14 to Miami.
 Nebraska was only 7-7 the next year, the school's first non-winning season since 1961. Solich was dismissed the next season despite going 9-3.
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Former Miami Dolphins and Chicago Bears coach Dave Wannstedt decided not to seek the coaching job at Pitt, the school where he played and once was an assistant coach.
 Wannstedt, who resigned as the Dolphins' coach Nov. 9 after a 1-8 start, was believed to be the front-runner to succeed Walt Harris at Pitt.
 But Wannstedt called Pittsburgh athletic director Jeff Long and pulled his name out of consideration.
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