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## Gray grand jury hands up 14 indictments

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

A Gray County grand jury handed up 14 indictments Thursday in 223rd District Court, including one second-degree felony and six third-degree felonies.

Frederick Lee Tate, 25, was indicted for possession of marijuana. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$25,000. On Oct. 31, 2004, Tate allegedly possessed 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds of marijuana.

Luis Andrew Cano, 21, was indicted for having a prohibited sub-

stance in a correctional facility and escape. Bond on each of the third-degree indictments was set at \$3,000, for total bond of \$6,000. On June 16, 2004, Cano allegedly took marijuana into Gray County Jail. Also on that date, he allegedly escaped from the custody of Pampa Police Officer Joey Williams while under arrest for the felony offense of violation of probation.

Terry Wayne Hoskins, 50, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000. On Sept. 12, 2004, Hoskins

allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated. He was convicted on Jan. 30, 1986 in Hays County and on Oct. 20, 1995 in Gray County of driving while intoxicated.

Dennis Lee Jenny, 44, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000. On July 20, 2004, Jenny allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of methamphetamine.

Robert James Portella, 30, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-

degree felony was set at \$7,500. On June 21, 2004, Portella allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of methamphetamine.

Charles Fredrick Sidelnik, 49, was indicted for possession of marijuana. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$15,000. On April 2, 2004, Sidelnik allegedly possessed 50 pounds or less but more than five pounds of marijuana.

Monique Chauntal Burwell, 22, was indicted for possession of mari-

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## Visitors from Canada



Geese line the shore at Recreation Park Lake to take a break from riding the waves. The migratory birds arrived recently and have become annual visitors at the lake.

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

## Drug bust one of largest in state history

A routine traffic stop which resulted in a Mexico man being arrested for transporting a huge amount of heroin and cocaine on Dec. 7, turned out to be one of the state's largest heroin seizures in history.

Jesus Manuel Ruiz-Oregon, 30, of Dguez Sinaloa, Mexico, was arrested on drug charges by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on Interstate 40 near Groom. Found in a hidden compartment of his vehicle was 8,500 grams of heroin worth an estimated \$1.3 million.

"The heroin seizure was not only a record amount for our area, but now stands as the fourth largest heroin seizure made by DPS troopers in state history," Trooper Wayne Beigle of Amarillo DPS said.

The record heroin seizure

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## Lighting contest deadline Friday

"Light up the Night," a Christmas lighting contest conducted by the Chamber of Commerce, is open to any business or residence.

The cost to enter is \$10 and the winner will receive \$100 in Pampa Bucks. The deadline to enter is Friday and the winner will be announced at the December Chamber luncheon at noon on Dec. 19.

The Pampa Show Choir will perform at the luncheon, which is \$10 per person and is open to the public.

Call 669-3241 to make reservations or for more information.

## Christmas Parade in Lefors Saturday

The Lefors Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a Christmas Parade at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. All entries will gather at the Senior Citizens Center parking lot. Decorated bikes, horses, cars, 4-wheelers and floats are welcome. Santa Claus will be the Grand Marshal.

Also this weekend the Lefors Action Group will host the 3rd Annual "Lights of Lefors" decorating contest. All lighted homes will be judged and special recognition signs will be placed in the front yards of the winners.

No entry or reservations are needed for either event. For more information, call, Karen Noble at 835-2291, Linda Stanton at 835-2815, or Susan Oldham at 835-2438.

## Soldier relief campaign continues

By KERRI SMITH  
Staff Writer

Donations for the "Socks for Soldiers" campaign will continue through Dec. 19.

The campaign collects items that are donated to soldiers overseas.

Carolyn Miller, president of the Socks for Soldiers organization, will be in Pampa at 7 p.m. Dec. 19 for the Downtown Business Association's festivities to accept the items that Pampanos have given. The event will be held in front of Rheams Diamond Shop, 111 N. Cuyler.

The Millers will be collecting these donations in conjunction with the Shop Downtown Pampa and Win drawings. This will be held at 7 p.m. in front of Rheams

Diamond Shop, 111 N. Cuyler. Two winners will be drawn to receive \$500 in Pampa Bucks.

Miller and her husband Doug will take these items and mail them to servicemen and women overseas. Recipients of these care packages will include local soldiers. To add a person or troop to the mailing list, call the Millers at 806 352-7899. They accept the names, addresses and number in the unit.

Items that are best to donate are white crew socks, disposable razors, eye drops, lip balm, foot powder, snack foods, drink mixes, wet wipes and travel size toiletries. Drop boxes have been placed at Centramedia, Joys

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## Candlelight vigil planned at cemetery

Memory Gardens Cemetery will hold the Fourth Annual Christmas Candlelight Service Monday. This will be held in honor and memory of loved ones that have been lost.

"This memorial service is open to the public and can be in honor of loved ones

lost this year or in previous years," General Manager of Memory Gardens Daniel Zuniga said. "When the attendees leave the mausoleum after the service, they will see luminarias lighting the cemetery. It is a beautiful sight."

The service will be held at

6 p.m. at the Chapel of Peace Mausoleum on the west side of the cemetery, but the luminarias will be lit until midnight, weather permitting. Memory Gardens is located at the corner of Price Road and 23rd Street. For more information, call Zuniga at 665-8921.

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NEXT DAY FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Mostly sunny</b>	<b>Mostly sunny</b>	<b>Mostly sunny</b>
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32.	Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.	Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 36.

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Obituaries

PAMPA, Texas — Doris Mae Cole, 81, of Pampa, died Dec. 11, 2006, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cole was born April 5, 1925, in Ada, Okla. She married T.D. Snow on Feb. 3, 1945, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on Sept. 16, 1994. She later married Don Cole on Feb. 10, 1996, in Pampa.

She was a bookkeeper for

Dunlaps, retiring in 1988. She was a member of Hobart Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Don Cole of Amarillo; three daughters, Darla Sutton and husband Garry of Alvin, Sharron Gordon and husband Kenny of Elk City, Okla., and Kay Herring and

husband Robert of Pampa; one son, John Snow and wife Rhonda of White Deer; six grandsons, Jim Cahill of Amarillo, Robert Herring, Jr., Thomas Herring and Steven Gordon, all of Pampa, Adam Snow and Andrew Snow, both of White Deer; two granddaughters,



Cole

Cindy Johnson of Independence, Kan., and Kim Childress of Stinnett; 10 great-grandchildren; one sister, Paula Swain of Security, Colo.; and one brother, Floyd Scott of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Carman Scott and Dub Scott.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

Eula McDaniel, 84

Eula McDaniel, 84, of Pampa, died Dec. 9, 2006, at Plainview. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. McDaniel was born Jan. 3, 1922, at Roaring

Springs. She married her late husband, Fennis A. "Mac" McDaniel, on Dec. 16, 1938. She moved to Pampa in 1963 and was a Baptist.

Mrs. McDaniel was also preceded in death by a sister, Lilly McLaughlin.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna M. Jones of Pampa; a son, Clifford Ray McDaniel of Italy, Texas; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: American

Heart Association, 6605 I-40 West, Suite A-6, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

Ruby Jewel Walker Payne, 101

died Dec. 8, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m. today, Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church with Dr. Dana Moore officiating.

Burial will be in Llano Cemetery under the direction of N.S. Griggs & Sons Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Payne was born in Colorado City, Texas, and raised around Carter, Okla. She married Sterling Payne on Dec. 23, 1925. He preceded her in death in 1972. They moved to Childress County from Oklahoma in 1928. In 1940, they moved

to Wellington, Texas, to family farm where they raised their six children.

After retirement in 1960, they moved to Amarillo. After Mr. Payne's death in 1972, she lived with her daughters Jeanette and Marie in Amarillo and Sylvia and Catherine in Pampa.

Mrs. Payne was a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church and a past member of the Rebekah's. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting and making baby blankets for the Amarillo Crisis Pregnancy Center. She was also preceded in death by three daughters,



Payne

Jeanette Tickner in 1995, Blonde Field in 1995 and Catherine McClain in 1999; five brothers; two sisters; and two grandsons, Gary Porter and Michael Johnson; and one great-grandson, Michael Cave.

Immediate survivors include two daughters, Marie Porter of Amarillo and Sylvia Sanders of Pampa; one son, John Otis Payne of Spring Branch, Texas; one brother, Oran V. Walker of Prescott, Ariz.; 17 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and 28 great-great-grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: Pleasant Valley Baptist Church Media Center or Activity Center, 555 E. Hastings, Amarillo, TX 79108; or to BSA Hospice.

John Potts, 76

John Potts, 76, of Pampa, died Dec. 12, 2006, at Pampa. Services are pending

with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. —Sign the on-line regis-

ter book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

Emergency Services

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Monday, Dec. 11

Michelle L. Kline, 32, of Great Barrington, Mass., was arrested by GCSO on a grand jury indictment for interfering with child custody.

Jimmy Claude Davis, 61, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

Terry Glen Honeycutt, 38, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of North Faulkner by Pampa Police Department on capias pro fines for expired license, possession of drug paraphernalia, parked facing traffic, no driver's license, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Lori Ann Stallings, 27, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of West 30th by PPD for forgery of checks.

George Thomas Reames Jr., 35, of Canadian was arrested by Roberts County for running a stop sign, no driver's license, and a fugitive warrant out of Beckham County, Okla., for failure to appear.

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## United Way donation



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ConocoPhillips made a \$1,000 donation Monday to the Pampa United Way. Pictured from left are Michael Ramirez, Projects and Operations Lead of ConocoPhillips; Katrina Bigham, Executive Administrator of United Way; and Joe Faltinek, Field Supervisor of ConocoPhillips. Bigham said the United Way is within 23 percent of its goal.

## Record

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Tuesday, Dec. 12

Edward Lee Briley Jr., 28, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Roy Gene Noble, 44, of Pampa was arrested in the 1300 block of Duncan by PPD for assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

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

Four traffic stops were made.

Motorist assistance was rendered at an unreported location.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 300 block of West Francis and the 400 block of Powell.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 400 block of North Nelson, the 500 block of Magnolia, the 100 block of West Kingsmill, the 1300 block of East Kingsmill, the 900 block of Finley, and the 900 block of Reid.

Agency assistance was rendered at McLean High School.

Warrant service was attempted on three occasions, resulting in at least one arrest.

A welfare check was made in the 100 block of North Sumner.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 700 block of North Hobart and the 800 block of South Sumner.

A suspicious person call was received from the 400 block of North Faulkner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of East Brown and the 800 block of West 23rd.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of Charles. Three tires on a vehicle were cut, resulting in damage estimated at \$660.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 500 block of North Nelson. Two wooden doors were broken, two doors were glued shut, animal feces was placed in two rooms, and window screens were torn or missing. Estimated cost of damage is \$470.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1500 block of Williston and the

1300 block of Duncan.

Failure to register as a sex offender was reported in the police department lobby.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Theft was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported at Hastings Books, Music and Video, 1205 N. Hobart. Taken were five country music compact discs, for an estimated loss of \$91.

Burglary was reported in the 500 block of North Christy.

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Saturday, Dec. 9

12:56 a.m. — An unknown vehicle and driver collided with a parked 1997 Honda Civic, owned by Linda Lopez of Orange, Calif., in the 700 block of North Christy. The unknown vehicle and driver then left the scene. No injuries were reported and no citations were issued.

Sunday, Dec. 10

12:16 p.m. — A 2006 Toyota Matrix, driven by Harry Jay Holmes, 60, of 1916 Evergreen, and a 2003 Toyota Corolla, driven by Gary Don Tabor, 44, of 2221 Christy, collided in the 200 block of North Ward. No injuries were reported. Holmes was cited for failure to yield right of way from a private drive.

## Charges

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juana. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$10,000. On July 15, 2005, Burwell allegedly possessed five pounds or less but more than four ounces of marijuana.

Joseph Robert Crain, 28, was indicted for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,500. On Nov. 2, 2004, Crain allegedly unlawfully appropriated cash valued at \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000 from Albert

Kent Sweet with intent to deprive the owner of the property.

Maria Azucena Martinez, 33, was indicted for two counts of possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felonies was set at \$2,500 each, for total bond of \$5,000. On Nov. 7, 2004, Martinez allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine and less than one gram of cocaine.

Juan Jose Mejia Jr., 20, was indicted for attempt to take a weapon from a peace officer. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000. On April 13, 2005,

Mejia allegedly attempted to take Pampa Police Officer Colby Brown's firearm.

George Willey Price Jr., 42, was indicted for possession of marijuana. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$10,000. On July 9, 2005, Price allegedly possessed five pounds or less but more than four ounces of marijuana.

Gary Allen Stevens Jr., 28, was indicted for possession of marijuana. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$15,000. On July 15, 2005, Stevens allegedly possessed five pounds or less but more than four ounces of marijuana.

## Socks

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Center and The Pampa News.

For questions regarding the Socks for Soldiers campaign, call 806 352-7899 or write Socks for Soldiers, c/o Doug or Carolyn Miller, P.O. Box 20147, Amarillo, TX 79114.

## Drugs

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occurred in south Texas in 2002 when 34,000 grams was seized following a traffic stop.

"Last year, area troopers seized over \$22 million in drugs, \$1.4 million in cash

and vehicles worth over \$152,000 in 149 seizures," Beighle said. "So far this year, area troopers have made 144 seizures."

To date, Amarillo area troopers have seized more than \$17 million in drugs, \$3 million in cash and seized vehicles worth more than \$57,000, according to a DPS report.

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# Viewpoints

## There is something special about Christmas trees

Christmas trees have always held a special magic for me.

When I became big enough to hang ornaments on the lower boughs of our tree, I took charge of the tree trimming at our house.

We always had a real tree in a stand with water to keep it from drying out. There were lots of glass balls of various colors, with some other types mixed in. And lots and lots of tinsel.

It was as much of a present to me to decorate and gaze at the tree as to see packages under it. My parents strung the lights on the tree and placed ornaments on the upper branches that I couldn't reach. But after that, the tree was mine, all mine.

And I wasn't content to

decorate the tree just once. Oh, no. I would carefully place each ornament in just the right spot, making sure I didn't leave any bare patches or crowded ones. Tinsel had to be applied one strand at a time, spaced as carefully as the ornaments.

Then, after I had exhausted my supply of ornaments and empty branches, I would step back and admire my creation.

I got so much enjoyment out of tree trimming that I would take the ornaments and tinsel off the branches I could reach and go through the whole process again, sometimes fitting in several decorating sprees between the time the tree entered the house and the day it finally, sadly, had to leave.

I sometimes think it must

have been a minor miracle that those poor trees managed to hang on to most of the needles on their lower branches. I certainly did my best to try to wear out those branches.

After I grew up and established my own home, I continued the real-tree tradition for a number of years. Some of those years were textbook examples of why it really takes two people to select a Christmas tree.

Sometimes I wound up getting the tree by myself. I would do my best to try to step back to get a good look at the tree while at the same

time holding it upright. I'd make my selection with a deep breath and hope for the best.

I'd wrestle the tree home and do what the experts advised: I'd get out a bow saw and saw off the bottom bit of the trunk so as to have

a freshly exposed surface. This was recommended so that the tree would draw enough water to keep from drying out for a while.

Next would come the tree stand. One nightmare year, I realized the trunk of the tree was too fat for the stand. I hacked at that trunk, sawing off slices from the sides,

until it fit in the stand.

The real moment of truth would arrive, when it was time to stand the tree upright in the stand and hope it had a straight trunk and didn't topple over.

I remember one year I waited a bit too long to get a tree, with the result that the choices left were not exactly beauty queens. There was one little tree that looked so woebegone that I bought it out of pity. That tree had the worst case of scoliosis I ever saw. Its trunk was a perfect S. I think I finally had to resort to some stout fishing line to hold that tree in an upright position after it was placed in the stand.

Another year, I saw a tree that was about as short as it was wide, making it resemble an evergreen tumble-

weed. Some strange quirk in my character led me to take it home. That was the year of the Christmas ball, rather than a Christmas tree.

Somewhere along the way, I got tired of the battle to get a good tree, and joined the converts. I bought a perfectly-shaped, just-the-right-size tree that came in pieces that could be taken apart, stored in its box, and used year after year, with no watering or needle cleanup needed.

I felt guilty for a while, as though I was cheating at Christmas. But I have enjoyed the artificial tree every bit as much as the real ones, with less hassle and fewer errors of judgment.

If you are a real tree devo-

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**Marilyn Powers**  
Staff Writer

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 12, the 346th day of 2006. There are 19 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 12, 1906, the Senate confirmed Oscar Straus to be President Theodore Roosevelt's Secretary of Commerce and Labor; Straus became the first Jewish member of a presidential cabinet.

On this date:

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

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

In 1897, "The Katzenjammer Kids," the pioneering comic strip created by Rudolph Dirks, made its debut in the New York Journal.

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

In 1917, Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Neb.

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

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

In 1963, Kenya gained its independence from Britain.

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

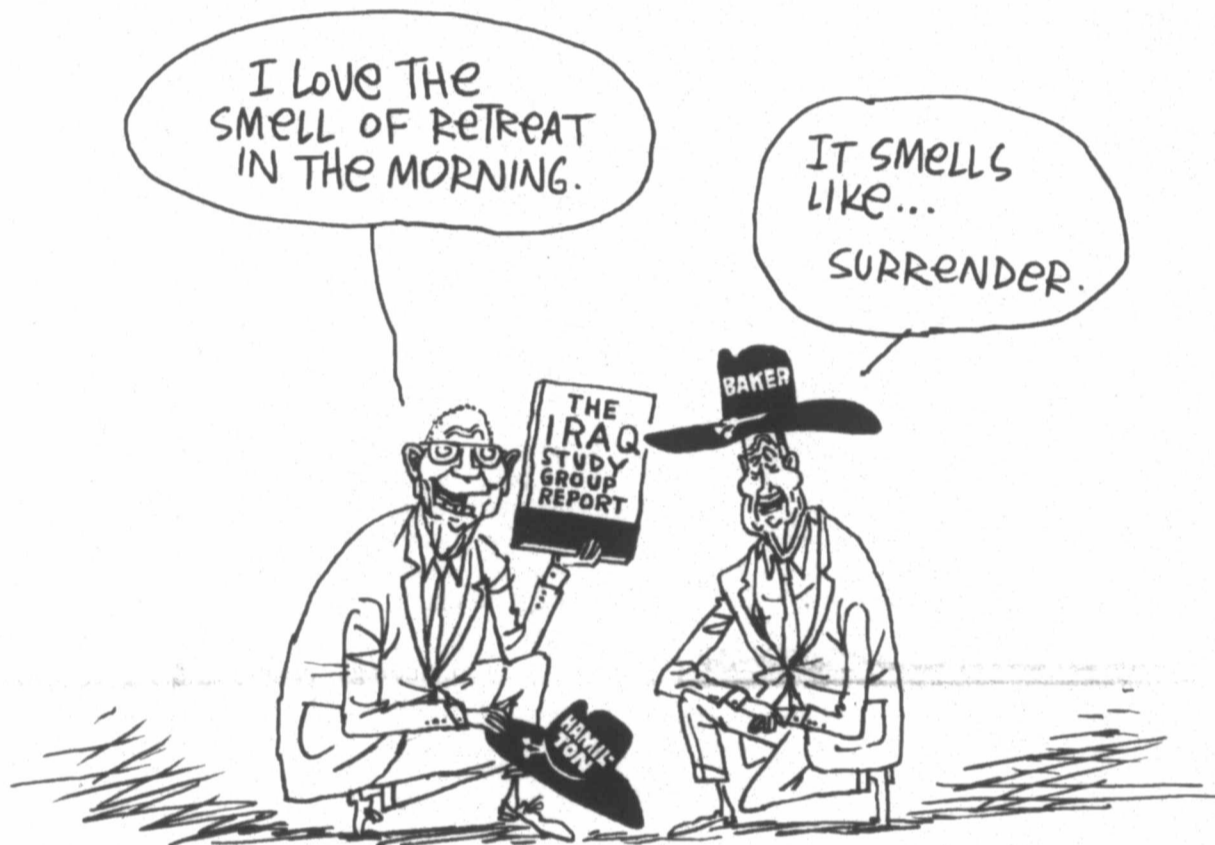
In 2000, a divided U.S. Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election, transforming George W. Bush into the president-elect.

Ten years ago: Hollywood power broker Michael Ovitz resigned as Walt Disney Co.'s No. 2 executive.

Five years ago: A bus ambush killed 10 Jewish settlers, prompting Israeli warplanes to strike back; Yasser Arafat bowed to long-standing Israeli demands by ordering closed the offices of the militant Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Gerardo Hernandez, the leader of a Cuban spy ring, received a life sentence in federal court in Miami for his role in the infiltration of U.S. military bases and the deaths of four Cuban-Americans.

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American author and publisher (1856-1915)



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## Friedman: The passing of a great man

Nobel Laureate and Professor Milton Friedman, at age 94, recently succumbed to heart failure. While the man is gone, those of us who hold personal liberty as society's highest end will always remember his steadfast support of the principles of personal liberty.

Professor Friedman, above all, was an economist's economist. During his professional life, his research on statistical techniques, consumption behavior and monetary theory became part and parcel of today's accepted wisdom among economists. His research on monetary theory and the role of money in an economy has provided central banks worldwide with the knowledge, whether they use it or not, for monetary stability.

Professor Friedman will surely be remembered for

these intellectual contributions, but what he'll be remembered for the most is his steadfast support for personal liberty. In 1947, he joined with Friedrich Hayek and 40 other free-market academics, mostly economists of international distinction, to form the Mont Pelerin Society. The Society's founding purpose was to reduce the academic isolation among liberty-oriented scholars at a time when socialism was seen as the wave of the future.

The Mont Pelerin Society now boasts more than 500 members worldwide, eight of whom have been Nobel Laureates. I'm proud to be a member.

Friedman's first big step into public policy issues, as an indefatigable defender of personal liberty, came in his 1962 book "Capitalism and Freedom." In it he argued that educational vouchers

were the solution to poor education; free markets make racial discrimination more costly; government regulations are the primary sources for harmful monopolies; and Social Security is an unfair and unsustainable system. At the time, these weren't popular ideas, even seen as heresy, but today they are much more widely accepted.

In 1980, Professor Friedman co-authored "Free to Choose" with his wife, Rose Friedman, which was

written as a follow-up to his 10-part PBS series with the same name. Among the topics discussed: The Great Depression was not a failure of capitalism, as so often claimed, but a failure of government, mainly the Federal Reserve Bank and the U.S. Congress; our welfare system creates permanent wards of the state; and we should decriminalize drugs by treating abuse as a medical problem.

Friedman made a major intellectual contribution to the formation of a voluntary army. In testimony before President Nixon's commission on eliminating the draft, Gen. William Westmoreland said he did not want to command an army of mercenaries.

Mr. Friedman interrupted, "General, would you rather

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Dec. 4

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on the NFL and cable companies:

Should a TV fan root for the National Football League or for cable companies Time Warner, Charter and Cablevision in their feud over carrying the NFL Network?

It's sort of like choosing sides in a shoot-off between two skunks: Neither one's very appealing.

It's going to be ugly.

And the bystanders are likely to get the worst of it.

If your only interest in pro football is watching the local team on free broad-

cast TV, then no sweat, you're set. (As long as the games sell out at least 72 hours before game time, that is. NFL blackout rules, you know.)

But cheeseheads don't just live in Green Bay. Patriots loyalists venture well beyond New England. And, well, aren't the Dallas Cowboys America's team?

In other words, NFL fans love their cable TV.

Proof? ESPN reported in October that the largest audience in cable history was the 16 million viewers who watched the New York Giants best the Cowboys on Monday Night Football.

But customers of Time Warner, Charter and Cablevision can't count on cable for an NFL Network package of

eight games that opened with Chiefs-Broncos on Thanksgiving Day. The NFL wants the network on expanded basic cable; the companies want to run it on a more expensive sports tier.

Both sides in this game of chicken are claiming the role of viewers' advocate.

Why, NFL honchos ask, should fans have to pay for a premium package when most cable operators are putting the NFL Network on expanded basic without raising fees?


But follow the money.

The NFL Network already reaches 40 million homes, and the league wants a bigger potential audience, which it can get on a basic tier. The broader

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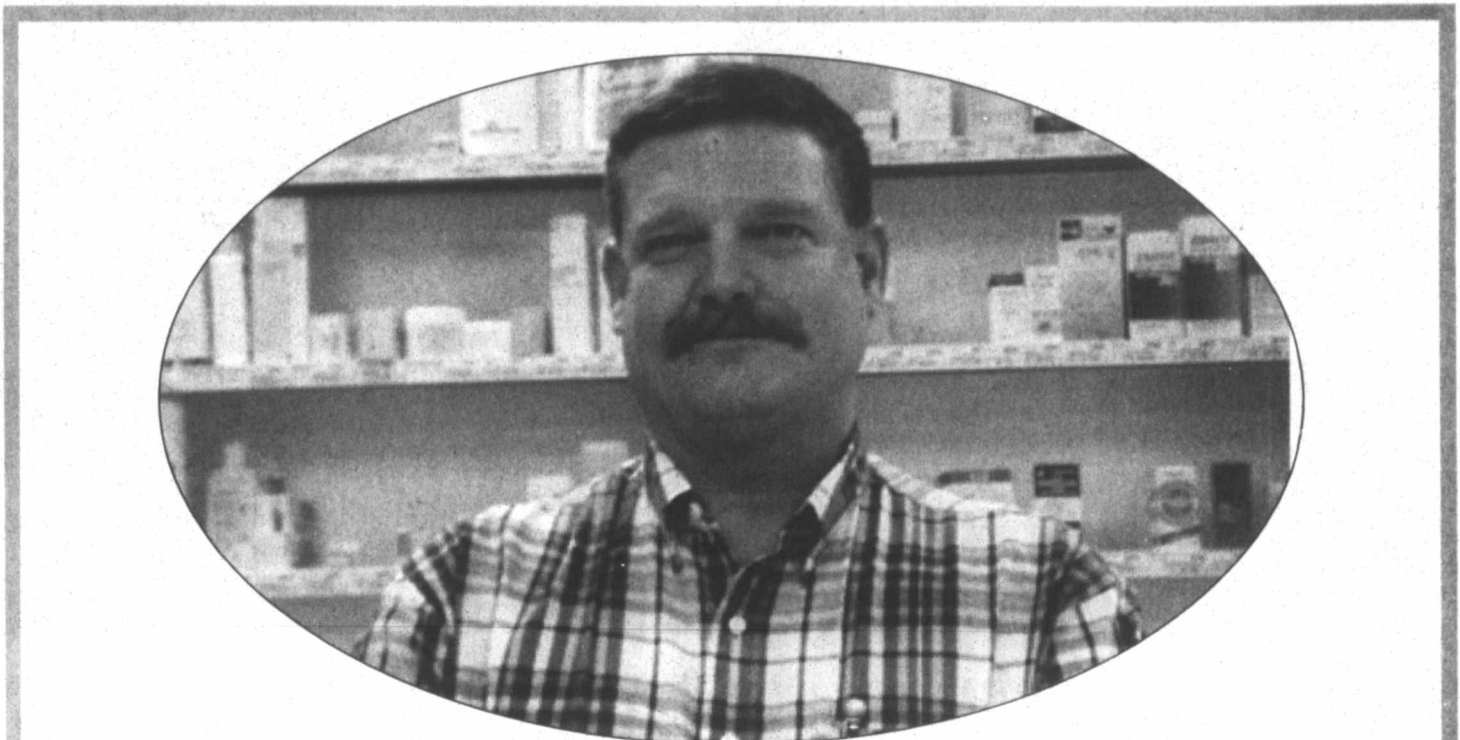
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any concerns about interactions with their medications. It is important to us to know them and their needs."

"If any person has questions about the over-the-counter medications and possible reactions with their prescriptions, I would be more than happy to assist them."

Long time customers know that the staff at B&B Pharmacy will do all they can to meet the needs of their customers. New customers will find the personal service appealing to them.

"We want to provide our customers with their needs," said Roark. "New customers are always welcome."

The store covers almost all insurance plans.

B&B also provides free prescription delivery service.

The pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays. The business is closed on Sundays and holidays.

B&B Pharmacy is located at 300 N. Ballard, and their phone number is 665-5788.



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## Williams

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command an army of slaves?" Gen. Westmoreland replied, "I don't like to hear our patriotic draftees referred to as slaves." Mr. Friedman then retorted, "I don't like to hear our patriotic volunteers referred to as mercenaries. If they are mercenaries, then I, sir, am a mercenary professor, and you, sir, are a mercenary general; we are served by mercenary physicians, we use a

mercenary lawyer, and we get our meat from a mercenary butcher." Whether one agreed or disagreed with Professor Friedman, they found him to be a friendly, witty and tolerant person. My first encounter with him occurred during the mid-1960s while I was a graduate student at UCLA and he was a visiting lecturer. I've since forgotten my statement to him during a lecture, but I recall he had patiently replied, "Walter, you don't really mean that," and proceeded to show me why. During my guest-hosting stints on the Rush Limbaugh show, Professor Friedman was a guest on several

occasions. His responses to caller questions demonstrated the real teacher in him — the ability to explain complex phenomena in a way that ordinary people can readily understand. In terms of his scholarly output and worldwide contributions to ideas on liberty, Professor Milton Friedman was the 20th century's greatest economist. —Dr. Williams serves on the faculty of George Mason University as John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics.

## NFL

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your reach, the more advertisers will pay, especially if you're reaching that coveted demographic of young men with more disposable income than self-restraint. On the other side, the cable companies claim to be protecting customers from across-the-board price increases. With the NFL Network on

a sports tier, "only our customers who want this high-priced product will have to pay for it," says Time Warner Cable on www.nflgetreal.com. But follow the money. The NFL wants 70 cents per subscriber for the NFL Network, up from 20 cents in 2005. The cable companies figure that it's easier to recoup that at a profit from customers already willing to dig deeper for their football fix. Congress is looking into whether NFL broadcast bigfooting warrants

tinkering with the league's antitrust exemption. Another Senate Judiciary Committee hearing is scheduled for early December. But don't expect a price break soon. The NFL and the cable companies will wrestle until they agree on a per-subscriber price, and cable customers will pay it in the end. The question is how much and who'll feel it. And which corporate giant will get to celebrate in the end zone.

## Events calendar

- **Western Hot Oil** and Leadership Perryton will present guest speaker Phillip Van Hooser of Princeton, Ky., at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Frank Phillips College Allen campus. Hooser's topic will be "Six Secrets of Service Professionalism." For more information, call (806) 435-6575.
- **Students have** until 4:30 p.m. Thursday to register for the 2006 Winter Session at Clarendon College. "Federal Government," "U.S. History," and "Healthful and Effective Living" are being offered online between today and Jan. 12. Courses are subject to a minimum enrollment requirement. No financial aid or scholarships apply for these courses. To register or for more information, call (806) 874-3571 or 1-800-687-9737.
- **Christian Fine Arts Society's** entry deadline for its free poetry contest is Saturday. Fifty prizes, including a \$1,000 grand prize, will be awarded. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 1012 Beechwood Dr., Nappanee, IN 46550, or log on to www.freecontest.com on the Internet.
- **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio,

- diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., Dec. 20, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.
- **The Comprehensive Breast Center** of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Dec. 20, Hemphill County Hospital, in Canadian; and Dec. 26 and Jan. 23, Shepard's Crook Nursing Center, 916 N. Crest, 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.
- **CASA** (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of the High Plains will

- hold an informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Brown Alliance for Children, 315 N. Ballard, in Pampa. CASA volunteers serve as special advocates in court cases involving neglected or abused children. The volunteers help ensure that such children find safe, permanent homes, assisting the courts and the often overburdened child welfare system so that no child falls through the cracks.
- **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live On Stage" has released its current concert schedule. The schedule is as follows: "Puttin' on the Hitz, A Salute to Irving Berlin," 7:30 p.m., Feb. 15, Borger High School Auditorium; Bronn and Katherine Journey, harpist and vocalist, 7:30 p.m., March 19, M.K. Brown Auditorium. Membership fees are \$30 for adults, \$70 for families; and \$15 for students. For more information, call 665-0343 or 665-2631.
- **Just Between Friends** in Amarillo, a children's and maternity consignment shop, will be collecting donations of gently used winter coats or stuff animals for the Eveline Rivers Christmas Project. The shop donates a portion of its profits to the Project and many consignors donate unsold items to the charity. For more information, call (806) 353-0516.

## Trees

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tee, by all means have one. Just be sure to practice Christmas tree safety so your holiday won't turn to horror with a fire. If you hang your ornaments on an artificial tree, don't feel guilty. A tree can be a beautifully decorated Christmas tree no matter whether it needs to be watered or comes in boxed pieces.

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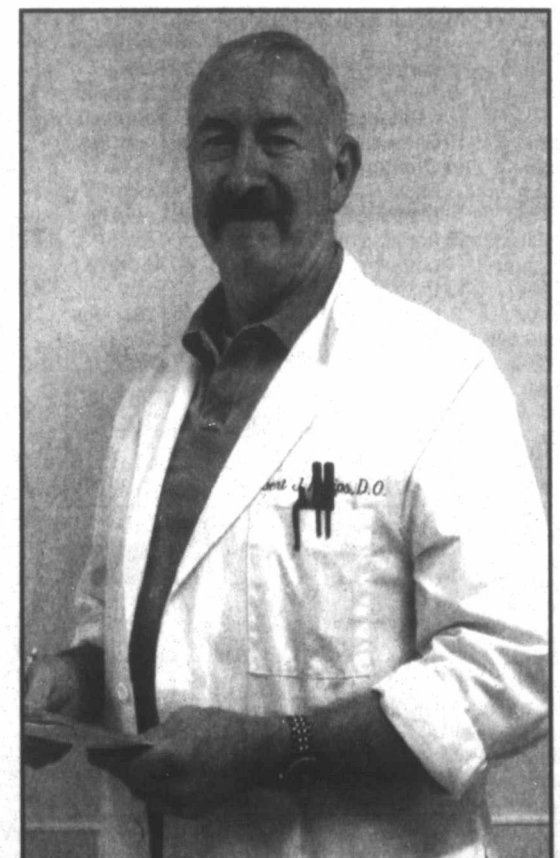
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 35-year-old man, deeply and madly in love with a 36-year-old woman who has two kids. I'll call her Whitney. We would both like our relationship to lead to marriage and more kids, but something -- or rather someone -- has put a damper on things. Whitney has been talking to this other man (who she thinks is gay) for quite some time. A few weeks ago, he finally asked her out. She declined, but did not tell him she's involved with anyone else. When we discussed it, and when I told Whitney he has crossed the line by asking her out, she argued that she is not attracted to him and he's gay, and then she accused me of not trusting her. I am not a controlling person. I never minded her talking to him before he asked her out. But the fact that he did, and they talk to each other daily and she does nothing to avoid talking to him, makes me uncomfortable. It has shaken my trust in her. This has seriously affected our relationship, although she doesn't realize it. I don't want to see Whitney get hurt by some guy who may be looking for just one thing. Does this look innocent to you? Can a gay man be attracted to a woman? And more important, can a woman be attracted to a gay man? - - **CONFUSED IN LANCASTER, PA.**

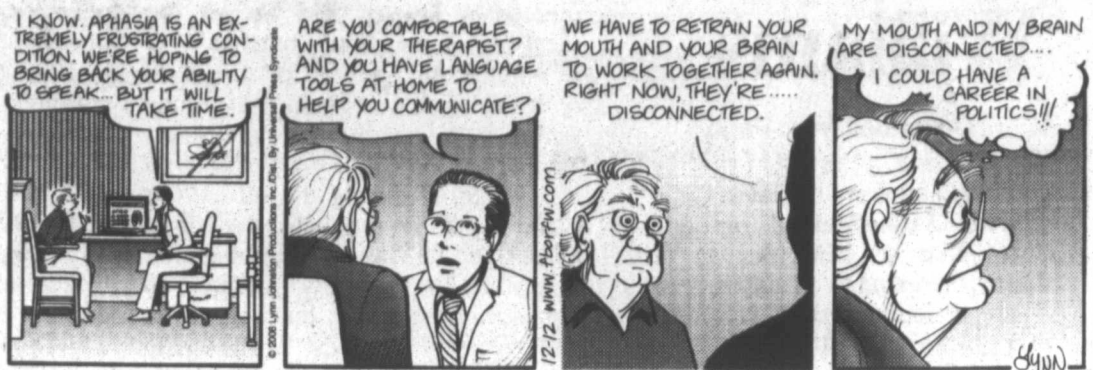
**DEAR CONFUSED:** Let me answer your questions in reverse order. Can a woman be attracted to a gay man? Absolutely! I can think of quite a few "out" gay men whom women find attractive. Among them are Rupert Everett, George Michael, Lance Bass, Richard Chamberlain and Neil Patrick Harris. And gay men can be attracted to -- and have a lot in common with -- women. I know that firsthand. But the attraction has everything to do with common interests, a similar sense of humor and a mutual understanding. It is not sexual. As a good (gay) friend once told me, "Never try to change a queen. It won't

work." Although you say you are not a controlling person, you appear to be insecure in your relationship with Whitney. For heaven's sake, your lady friend has not tried to hide anything from you. She has told you she talks to this man, and how often, and what she has and has not told him. Even if she had a ring on her finger, she has a right to spend time with whomever she wishes. So calm down and let this play out. The "one thing" he may be looking for may be friendship, and it's something that eventually you could offer him, too.

**DEAR ABBY:** My teenage daughters went to a birthday party for a friend. It was a slumber party, and on the spur of the moment, one of the girls suggested they play "strip poker." Abby, the host girl's mother not only allowed it, but actually joined the game! The mother is a single parent, and only females were present in the home. The girls found the game great fun and plan on doing it in the future at slumber parties. I told them that I do not feel this was appropriate, but they reminded me that I have always told them there was no reason to be shy about their bodies with other girls, so I was stumped to explain why I disapprove. I am still not comfortable with the idea of such an activity. Please tell me what you think. -- **APPALLED IN CARMICHAEL, CALIF.**

**DEAR APPALLED:** I see no harm in a group of young women playing strip poker at an all-girl slumber party. However, for the host girl's mother to abdicate her role as a parent in an attempt to act like their contemporary was, in my opinion, a lapse of judgment. Tempting as it may have been for this single mother to try to be "one of the girls," she should have refrained because she's not one of the peers.

## For Better Or For Worse



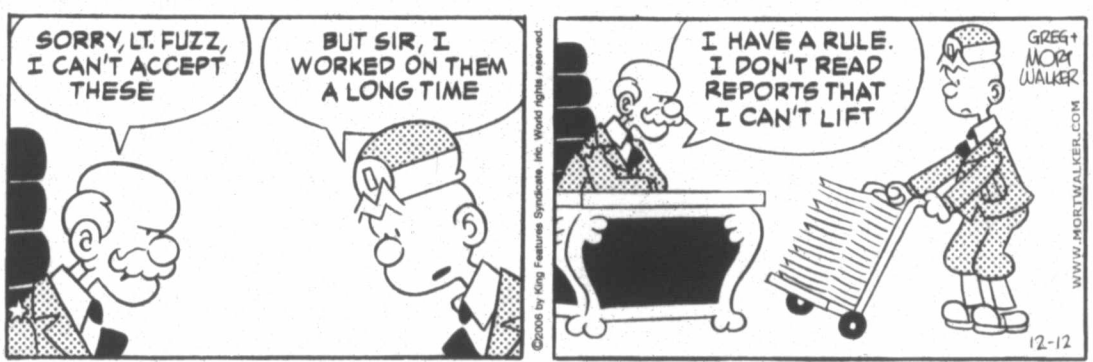
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## Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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6 Garden pest

11 Considering everything

12 New Zealand native

13 American office ritual

15 Leaf lifter

16 Building addition

17 Compass dir.

18 Sales pitch

20 Mean-spirited

23 Tackles the quarterback

27 Pennsylvania city

28 Potting need

29 L.B.J., for one

31 Peter Pan's friend

32 Stately home

34 Sleuth Spade

37 Lazy fellow

38 Rx payer

41 Hit Fox series

44 Edmonton player

45 Heart outlet

46 Grabs

47 Peevish

**DOWN**

1 Print unit

2 Shortly, in poems

3 Flat floater

4 Pole worker

5 Nodding, perhaps

6 Strolls

7 Links number

8 Scratches the surface?

9 Some nest eggs

10 Sea wall

14 Quarterback

15 Manning

18 Iron output

19 Powerful beam

20 Trawling need

21 Common verb

22 Inverted nine

24 Take in

25 Tease word

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19 Aussie marsupial

33 Habit inhabitant

34 Espy

35 La Scala song

36 Dairy buy

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# Sports Day

## Britteni Rice will have to wait for scoring record

By **DONNY HOOPER**  
Special to The News

Britteni Rice will have to wait a little longer to have a shot at breaking the all-time scoring record for Pampa High School.

The senior Lady Harvester was recently recognized for breaking the record at the Tascosa game where she surpassed Yolanda Brown's 1,644 career points but new information was passed on to

Pampa High School that Brown did not actually hold the record.

It was brought to their attention that Nikki Ryan is the current holder of the honor, scoring a total of 1,889 points during her four-year career on the Lady Harvester Basketball team.

Ryan is the all-time leader not only in career scoring but in most points scored in one season (638) most steals in a career (290) and

most rebounds in a career (1,054).

Stewart Smith, Athletic Director at Pampa High School, said that the information that was available to his staff did indicate that Yolanda Brown was the record holder and that new information surfaced following the announcement of Rice becoming the new points leader.

"Our records that we had available indicated that Brown's record was the one she beat but new infor-

mation was provided after the fact to us that showed otherwise," Smith said. "We certainly feel bad for Nikki and Britteni both and are glad to have things straight now."

Smith feels that Rice still has a good chance to break the record with as many games as the Lady Harvesters still have on the schedule.

"With the way Britteni has been playing over the last four seasons, I

feel like she has a really good shot at the career scoring record."

Rice is averaging 23 points a game for Pampa.

Both the Pampa boys and girls teams will host the Borger Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs tonight at Clifton McNeely Fieldhouse beginning at 6 p.m.

## Freshman girls demolish Borger, 70-25

By **JORDAN REAGAN**  
Sports Editor

With their tenth game under their belt and an impressive 9 and 1 record, the Freshman Lady Harvesters have much to be proud of after Monday night's game.

With the help of double figure scorers, Cheyenne Collins with 16, Shelbie Watson and Samantha Pearson with 15, and Emilie Troxell with 13, Pampa defeated Borger, 70-25.

By the end of the first quarter, the Lady Harvesters were only up by 6 points, 23-17, but when halftime came around, the gap grew even wider, 38-19.

Kicking off the second half, several good steals by Watson and 6 points by Collins helped the team finish the 3rd quarter with a 56-21 lead.

When the final stanza rolled around, Pampa was well in the lead, and with many of Pearson's game high 7 rebounds, the girls finished the game ahead by 44 points.

This is the Freshman girls' ninth win this season, their only loss being to Canyon. The Lady Harvesters will take a break for the rest of the week, until they hit the road on Saturday to Palo Duro, scheduled to play at 10:00am.



Freshman Cheyenne Collins leaves Borger in the dust after stealing their ball during the first quarter. The largest point contributor in the game, Collins sank 16 points Monday night.

## SPORTS BRIEFS 3rd place in tourney

By **The Associated Press**  
**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona State introduced Dennis Erickson as the man to lead the Sun Devils' football program out of mediocrity.

The hiring marks the third Pac-10 coaching job for Erickson. He previously had stints at Washington State and Oregon State.

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — New Mexico offensive coordinator Bob Toledo is taking over at Tulane.

Toledo coached at UCLA from 1996-2002, compiling a 49-32 record that included a school-record 20-game winning streak and two Pac-10 championships.

**HOCKEY**  
ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Blues, last in the NHL standings again, fired coach Mike Kitchen and replaced him with former Los Angeles Kings coach Andy Murray.

**SOCCER**  
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Freddy Adu was traded Monday from D.C. United to Real Salt Lake, ending a sometimes tumultuous three-year run in Washington for the highly touted teenager.

The 17-year-old will move to an MLS franchise in need of a marketable star as it hopes to boost attendance and gain support for a new stadium.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Air Force, Notre Dame and Oregon moved into The Associated Press' Top 25 for the first time this season.

The only other time Air Force made the rankings was in the poll of March 9, 2004. The Falcons were gone the next week after losing to Colorado State in the quarterfinals of the Mountain West tournament.

UCLA and Pittsburgh held the top two spots in the poll for the third straight week.



On Dec. 9 the Pampa Junior High 7th grade B team brought home the 3rd place trophy from the Plainview Tournament, beating the Plainview B team 34-30. Back row, from left: Zach Hernandez, Coach Kaleb Snelgrooves, Dusty Spear, Jaden Howard, Brendon Burrell, Collin Killgo, Austin Hinkle, Colton Henderson, Daniel Hulsey. Front Row, from left: Laketon Harris, Landon Powell and Logan Karbo.

## Harvesters take on Borger tonight

By **JORDAN REAGAN**  
Sports Editor

After Monday night's success over Borger with the Freshman girls, the Varsity and JV Boys and girls hope to have similar results.

Tonight, the Pampa Harvesters take on the Borger Bulldogs, starting at 6pm at Pampa High School.

First up are the Lady Harvesters. Varsity will play at McNeely and JV will be in MPAC.

Shortly following the ladies, the Varsity and JV boys are also playing. Same as the girls, JV will be in MPAC and Varsity will be at McNeely.

## Devin Hester puts Bears over Rams with long TD returns

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Devin Hester is just a rookie, yet he's already been dubbed "The Man" by teammates. He certainly was the Chicago Bears' main man in St. Louis, where he set an NFL record for kick return touchdowns.

The high-stepping youngster got his fifth and sixth returns for touchdowns this season, a 94-yard kick-off runback in the second quarter and a 96-yarder in the final period of Chicago's 42-27 victory Monday night. With the win, the NFC North champions (11-2) earned a bye for the first week of the playoffs.

"He's spectacular, man. He's prime time, baby," running back Cedric Benson said. "He's been doing that in college. I was a fan of his in college."

Added linebacker Lance Briggs: "I guess you can call him 'The Man.' Give him the status and all that goes with that. He's an impact player in this league. He's something special. Get your popcorn ready, you know he's going to put

on a show."

Many of the Bears put on a show in all but eliminating the Rams (5-8) from playoff contention. Thomas Jones keyed the running game that dominated the decisive third quarter and Muhsin Muhammad made several clutch catches. So did Bernard Berrian as beleaguered quarterback Rex Grossman silenced the critics — for now.

But Hester was the most spectacular, and he doesn't expect his heroics to end anytime soon.

"It's the NFL and a team is not going to bow down to one player," Hester said. "They'll continue to kick to me."

They're fools if they do.

"It's like the gates of Heaven opening up for me," he added. A second-round draft pick, Hester also has three punt return touchdowns and ran back a missed field goal 108 yards against the Giants to tie the longest play in NFL history. But he'd returned only six kickoffs all year before his

historic romps.

"The story of the game is Devin Hester," Bears coach Lovie Smith said. "It's time we start looking at him as an offensive player. There are a lot of good offensive rookies in the league making big plays, but who has had as much impact as Devin Hester has in the league as a rookie right now?"

Hester struggled to find a position in college at Miami, but he's been a sensation with the ball in his hands on kick returns for the Bears.

He came through the middle on the first runback, then swiftly cut to his left untouched and sped down the sideline, high-stepping like a drum major the last few yards while holding up the football for the raucous Bears fans.

"I almost thought we were back at Soldier Field," Smith said.

Hester outdid himself in the fourth quarter when it appeared the Rams might try an onside kick. The only Bear standing deep, he went straight up the center of the field, again untouched, and turned

around at the Rams 20 looking for pursuers. No one was there.

"He's explosive, you can see that on film," St. Louis cornerback Ron Bartell said. "They did a great job, we didn't do what we were supposed to do, and we paid for it."

"It's real dejecting. You stress it all week and you practice it all week."

Carrying a 14-13 lead into the second half, the Bears outgained the Rams 191 yards to 31 in the third quarter. They scored on Jones' 30-yard run and Muhammad's superb fingertip catch of a 14-yard pass from Grossman.

Grossman was 6-for-19 for 34 yards in a win over Minnesota last week and had thrown six interceptions and no touchdowns in the last two games, but was 13-for-23 for 200 yards and two scores against St. Louis. Aside from the fade pass to Muhammad, he hit Berrian on a perfect slant pattern for a 34-yard score late in the second period.

"The best way of describing it is

efficient and decisive and getting the ball to guys I needed to," Grossman said.

The Rams did get a 6-yard TD pass to Torry Holt midway through the fourth quarter, and a 6-yarder to Steve Jackson with 4:41 left. But they barely stung thanks to Hester's heroics.

"To beat a team like that you almost have to play perfect, and we didn't," quarterback Marc Bulger said.

Chicago kicker Robbie Gould missed twice on field goal attempts — from 37 and 49 yards. They were just his second and third misses of the season.

St. Louis marched 99 yards for its first score, converting a fourth-and-1 on Stephen Davis' 16-yard run to the 1 before Holt's double move beat Hester for the score.

A bad snap botched the extra point, then Hester immediately put Chicago ahead.

## 8th grade Green Teams both snag victories

By JORDAN REAGAN  
Sports Editor

Pampa Green Team's Liz Hoelting knocked down 8 points to lead all scorers as the Pampa Jr. High 8th grade B team downed the Demonettes from Dumas 31-21 here Monday afternoon.

Cassie Doyle and Kali Gibson had 6 points each while Ashtin Roberts added 4.

The Green Team girls led by 10 at the intermission and dropped an additional 10 in the second half to seal the win.

In the 8th grade A team action Pampa guard Shaylie Thompson connected on a 15 foot jump shot just seconds into the game to give the Lady Green Team an early 2-0 lead.

With good passing and crisp defense Pampa raced out to a 17-2 first quarter

advantage. The green team took a 24-12 lead into half time.

To start the second half Thompson, who scored a game high 18 points, hit an open Holly Gage under the basket for the easy layup and the first of many Pampa second half field goals.

Two other Pampa players scored in double figures; Kaylee Wyatt and Cori Cook both scored 10 followed by Kay Kirkham, Ashley Holland and Kayla Hughes who all had 6.

Taryn Eubanks tossed in 4 and Holly Gage added 3. Hayle Steser played a great second half pulling down 5 rebounds.

The Demonettes had no answer for the Green Team's great hustle and effort as Pampa left no doubt who was the better team with the final score of 63-24.



Several girls from the 8th grade B team surround the goal, ready to pounce on the rebound. The Green Team came out on top, defeating the Dumas Demonettes 31-21.

## Two-timers Posluszny, Jarrett lead AP All-Americans

NEW YORK (AP) — Penn State linebacker Paul Posluszny and Southern California receiver Dwayne Jarrett overcame adversity to become two-time Associated Press All-Americans.

Posluszny and Jarrett were selected to the first-team for the second consecutive season today, joining Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith and Arkansas running back Darren McFadden on the AP's honor roll.

Smith, the senior quarterback, is one of three Ohio State players on the first team, along with defensive tackle Justin Pitcock and linebacker James Laurinaitis. Big Ten rival Michigan matched the Buckeyes for the most first-teamers with defensive end LaMarr Woodley, cornerback Leon Hall and offensive tackle Jake Long.

Smith and the top-ranked Buckeyes will play Florida in the national title game Jan. 8 in Arizona. The Gators were represented on the first-team by safety Reggie Nelson.

Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn, who finished third behind Smith and McFadden in the Heisman voting, made the second-

team. Posluszny is the first Penn State linebacker to be a two-time AP All-American, quite a feat considering Linebacker U. has produced the likes of LaVar Arrington, Shane Conlan and Jack Ham.

Posluszny returned to Penn State for his senior season after injuring his knee in the Orange Bowl in January. Playing with a bulky brace and trying to adapt to a new position, Posluszny needed a few games to get comfortable in 2006.

"Things were a lot tougher this year," the senior said. "A little more complicated."

In 2005, Posluszny was dominant while playing outside linebacker in a 4-3 defense. To make better use of their personnel, the Nittany Lions shifted to a 3-4 set this season and moved the 240-pound Posluszny inside.

The first few games, Posluszny was healthy but not playing as well as he did last season.

"The knee was fine except the first couple of games they made me wear this really immobile brace. So that was a problem, but we got that taken care of," he said recently. "It was the position switch. I felt so

comfortable playing outside linebacker. It was a little bit harder to get used to everything mentally."

Once he started getting the hang of his new gig, Poz was his old self.

Posluszny finished the regular season with 108 tackles, three sacks and two forced fumbles. He became the second two-time winner of the Chuck Bednarik Award as national defensive player.

Mississippi's Patrick Willis, the Butkus Award winner, is the other All-American linebacker.

Joining McFadden in the backfield is West Virginia's Steve Slaton, a sophomore, like McFadden, who was third in the nation in rushing at 144.4 yards per game.

Jarrett's season was complicated by an early season shoulder injury that forced him to miss a game and limited him in several others. But when the 6-foot-5 junior was at full strength, he was USC's best weapon. He caught 58 passes for 773 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Georgia Tech's Calvin Johnson, another junior and big-time NFL prospect, is the other All-American receiver. He caught 13 touchdown passes.

Minnesota senior Matt Spaeth is the tight end. Long is joined on the offensive line by Wisconsin tackle Joe Thomas, the Outland Trophy winner. Justin Blalock of Texas and Josh Beekman of Boston College are the guards and West Virginia's Dan Mozes is the center.

UCLA's Justin Medlock, who leads the nation with 26 field goals, is the first-team kicker, and California receiver DeSean Jackson, who returned four punts for touchdowns, was selected as an all-purpose player.

LSU's defense, the best in the Southeastern Conference, is represented on the first-team by defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey and safety LaRon Landry.

Cal cornerback Daymeion Hughes, who picked off eight passes and returned two for TDs, and Atlantic Coast Conference defensive player of the year Gaines Adams of Clemson complete the defense.

Baylor punter Daniel Sepulveda, after being a third-team All-American as a sophomore and a second-teamer last year, is a first-teamer this season. Michigan led all schools with six players receiv-

ing All-America honors. Tailback Mike Hart, linebacker David Harris and defensive tackle Alan Branch made the second-team.

Ohio State had five players on the three teams, with guard T.J. Downing and receiver/returner Ted Ginn Jr. making the second team.

Florida had one player on each of the three teams. Cornerback Ryan Smith made the second team and linebacker Brandon Siler was a third-teamer.

The AP All-America team selection panel:

Dick Weiss, Daily News (New York); Jeff Shain, The Miami Herald; Bob Thomas, The Florida Times-Union; Scott Wolf, Los Angeles Daily News; Mark Snyder, Detroit Free Press; Blair Kerkoff, The Kansas City Star.

AP Sports Writers Jeff Litzke (Oklahoma City), Paul Newberry (Atlanta), Andrew Bagnato (Phoenix), Tim Reynolds (Miami) and Ralph D. Russo (New York), and Associated Press Writer Genaro C. Armas (State College, Pa.).

## Airport security won't allow trophy on board

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Troy Smith's Heisman Trophy was shipped home because airport security would not allow the Ohio State quarterback to take it on the plane Tuesday.

Smith wore a black leather jacket with the Heisman insignia on back when he arrived at the airport from New York, where he was presented college football's most coveted trophy.

Eddie George, the last Buckeye to win the Heisman in 1995, had his

trophy get stuck in an airport X-ray machine, losing the tip of its right index finger and bending the middle finger.

"We decided to have it shipped. That's much easier. How times have changed. Eddie carried it on the plane and put it in the seat next to him," sports information director Steve Snapp said.

Smith said he didn't mind.

"No, because Eddie's finger got bent," Smith said. "I don't want that to happen to mine."

## NBA to go back to old leather ball

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA's much-maligned new basketball is being bounced.

After months of complaints from players about the way it gripped, performed and even hurt their skin, commissioner David Stern decided Monday to put the microfiber composite ball back on the rack.

The old leather ball returns Jan. 1, and players who are still upset they weren't consulted can't wait for the change.

"They should have done a little more testing the first time so we wouldn't have had to go through this," Spurs All-Star Tim Duncan said. "Hopefully, they have corrected their mistake, and everything will be good."

The league sent a memo to its teams Monday, telling them that the change would be made for the remainder of the

2006-07 season. In the memo, NBA president Joel Litvin said that Spalding had 450 new leather balls on hand for use.

But Stern's statement made no guarantees the NBA has seen the last of the synthetic ball.

"We will work with our players and our partners at Spalding to determine the best possible ball for the NBA," Stern said.

"Our players' response to this particular composite ball has been consistently negative, and we are acting accordingly. Although testing performed by Spalding and the NBA demonstrated that the new composite basketball was more consistent than leather, and statistically there has been an improvement in shooting, scoring, and ball-related turnovers, the most important statistic is the view of our players."

Although players praised Stern for listening to their complaints and reacting to them, there were still questions about how the commissioner decided to make the change — apparently again without input.

"I'm glad they went through an in-depth analysis to pick the ball," Dallas owner Mark Cuban said. "I'm glad they went through an in-depth process to get rid of it."

Players have complained about the new ball since training camp, saying it bounced differently than the old one — off the floor and the rim. They also said the synthetic material cut their hands.

"For the league to be successful, obviously the players have to be happy. The basketball is the most important thing to us," said LeBron James, one of several NBA All-Stars who criticized the new ball.

## Stoudemire, Suns keep rolling with win over Magic

By The Associated Press

The Phoenix Suns look simply unstoppable. Amare Stoudemire scored a season-high 30 points and the Suns coasted to their 11th straight victory, 103-89 over the Orlando Magic on Monday night.

It was Stoudemire's highest-scoring game since he had 42 in the Suns' Game 5 playoff loss to the Spurs on June 1, 2005.

Shawn Marion had 19 points and Steve Nash added 18 points and 15 assists for Phoenix, which displayed a stifling team defense in the third quarter. The Suns held the Magic to 28-percent shooting and forced seven turnovers in the period while outscoring them 30-14 to

break open a close game. "Offensively, we were just OK, but I thought the third quarter was the best defense we ever played and that's kind of shocking," Phoenix coach Mike D'Antoni said.

The Suns outscored the Magic 20-3 in the first 8 minutes of the third quarter. The Magic missed eight straight shots and turned the ball over five times during that stretch.

"Potentially, we can always play great defense," Stoudemire said. "Orlando did a great job of hanging with us for awhile, but we put them away when we started playing defense in that third quarter."

Stoudemire had 10 points in the quarter and the Suns

pushed the lead to 21 points before settling for a 85-67 lead at the end of the period.

In other games Monday night, it was: Portland 81, Philadelphia 79; Miami 99, Toronto 77; New Jersey 105, Memphis 92; Boston 97, New York 90; New Orleans 95, Cleveland 89; Chicago 106, Indiana 91; Utah 101, Dallas 79; and San Antonio 103, the Los Angeles Clippers 81.

**Jazz 101, Mavericks 79**  
At Salt Lake City, Carlos Boozer had 31 points and 11 rebounds to help Utah coach Jerry Sloan get his 1,000th win.

**Nets 105, Grizzlies 92**  
At East Rutherford, N.J., Vince Carter put on a long-range show, setting a New

Jersey single-game record with nine 3-pointers.

**Trail Blazers 81, 76ers 79**  
Playing without Allen Iverson once again, host Philadelphia lost its eighth straight game.

Zach Randolph had 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Juan Dixon added 17 points for Portland.

**Spurs 103, Clippers 81**  
Tony Parker scored 21 points, Manu Ginobili added 18 and visiting San Antonio led from wire-to-wire. Reserve Brent Barry scored a game-high 24 points for the Spurs.

**Heat 99, Raptors 77**  
Dwyane Wade tied his season high with 37 points, including individual runs of

11 and 10 points, for host Miami.

**Hornets 95, Cavaliers 89**  
At Oklahoma City, Chris Paul had 30 points and 11 assists to lead the Hornets.

New Orleans had lost seven of its last eight games, but shot 54.7 percent from the field against the Cavaliers, who didn't score for 4 1/2 minutes in the fourth quarter.

**Bulls 106, Pacers 91**  
Ben Gordon scored 23 points off the bench and Luol Deng added 22 to lift host Chicago.

Indiana starters Jermaine O'Neal, Al Harrington and Stephen Jackson all missed the game. Harrington and reserve Marquis Daniels were held out because of a

stomach ailment. O'Neal also was sick, but wouldn't have played anyway because of a hamstring injury. Jamaal Tinsley scored 21 points despite being ill.

**Celtics 97, Knicks 90**  
At New York, Paul Pierce scored 30 points, and Boston held on after nearly blowing a 30-point lead.

Boston led 68-38 early in the third quarter, but the Celtics went cold in the fourth quarter, allowing the Knicks to close within three points with 1:28 to play.

New York's Eddy Curry scored 30 points, his 10th straight game with 20 or more.

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\*\*\*\*\* Finally, you can and will mellow out. Others seem receptive. You are able to clear your desk and understand key people, and they you. Where there was tension, good humor returns. You feel much more at ease in this environment. Tonight: Listen to a pal and share options.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Your sense of accomplishment allows you to take great pride in what you do. A partner or associate clearly supports you. Consider alternatives carefully, even if others are saying it is OK. Tonight: Slow your pace.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Creativity spins from you. You don't need to have all the answers—please understand that. Caring comes forth from a partner or someone you clearly care a lot about. Flow with the give-and-take of a situation. Tonight: Have a good time wherever you are.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Basics do count. Understand that you are coming from a strong foundation and perhaps might not see the complete issue. Listen to suggestions, knowing everyone's perceptions are different. Don't worry so much. Tonight: Easy does it.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* How you approach someone could determine the end result. You know what to do. Right now, the unpredictable element in your life could be tough to work with. Your ability to integrate and understand others could be a landmark. Tonight: Easy does it.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Your perceptions as to how to make money and what your assets are could change substantially given time and discussion. New perceptions occur because of a vibrant talk. Listen more carefully. Tonight: Easy does it.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Your words fall on others like magic, drawing strong reactions and changes. Your charisma somehow comes through in your words, drawing nods all around. Want to plug a new idea? Now is the moment. Tonight: Ask for what you want.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\*\*\* Stepping back will help you understand what is happening. Many opportunities stem from your innate resourcefulness. Centering and appl

ying your energy appropriately could make a big difference. Tonight: Some time to yourself.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
\*\*\*\*\* Your ability to zoom in on what you need might be very important. Meetings, groups of people and interactions in general point the way to success. Do nothing halfway, for your sake. Talk turkey. Tonight: Venture out.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
\*\*\*\*\* Step into the limelight knowing what you want and expect. Sometimes people need to see their options presented through action, not concepts. Keep this fact in mind when chatting with those in power. Tonight: Out and about.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\*\*\* Where your friends are is where you want to be. Aim for what you want, yet, at the same time, know that you need to enlist a partner's support. Friendship takes you in a new direction. Be more forthright with a key partner or associate. Tonight: Quality time with a quality person.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Others present you with options that, up till now, you haven't thought of. Listen to this person and see if his or her rationale works. Looking at the big picture makes all the difference in your attitude, and others' as well! Tonight: Accept an invitation.

**BORN TODAY**  
Singer Ted Nugent (1948), actor Dick Van Dyke (1925), actor Jamie Foxx (1967)

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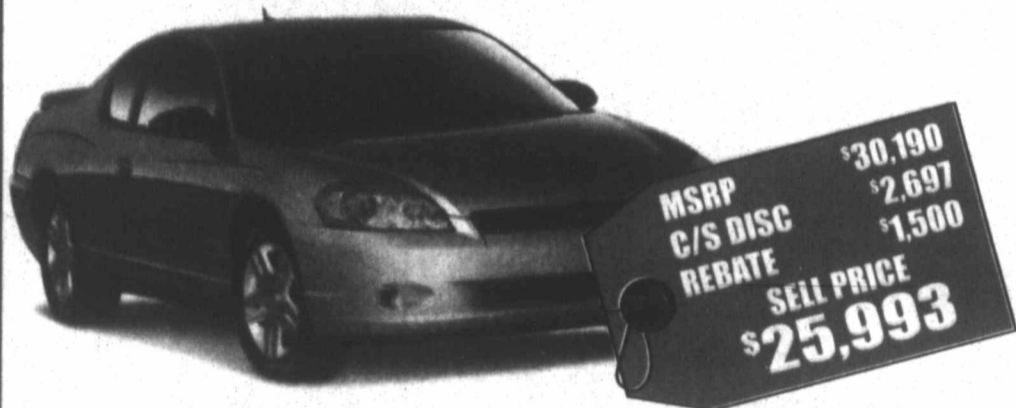
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