

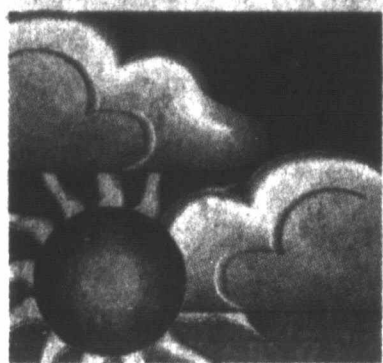
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weather details.

PAMPA — Two area residents, Davie Gipson of McLean, and LaHoma Davis of Pampa, will be featured in a new cookbook, *Green Thumbs in the Kitchen*, published by Green Thumbs Inc.

"The cookbook contains recipes from a simpler time when most food was home grown and grocery stores were not the convenience they are today," said Diane Cowan, spokesperson for Green Thumb Inc.

Gipson's recipe for vanilla pudding and Davis' recipe for french dressing are only two of the many recipes in the 272 page cookbook.

Proceeds from the sales of the cookbook will support Green Thumb's training and employment programs for older workers.

Green Thumb Inc., a senior community service employment program, provides part-time employment and training for seniors 55 and older and then helps them find permanent full-time positions.

Through the Green Thumb program, Gipson has found work with the Devil's Rope Museum and Davis is working at the Pampa Social Security Administration Office.

Green Thumb Inc. has been active in Texas since 1970 and operates in 132 rural counties, serving almost 900 senior workers.

ALAMO (AP) — Shorted Christmas lights triggered a house fire that killed two young girls and badly burned two other siblings, firefighters said Friday.

The dead, identified as 9-year-old Brenda and 11-year-old Carina Rodriguez, tried to hide from the flames Thursday night in separate closets, said Edinburg Fire Chief Johnny Economedes.

Economedes said an older brother, rescued one sister from the flames then re-entered the house to search closets for the other girls. He burned his hands in the process.

Juan Rodriguez, 16, was hospitalized along with his 7-year-old sister, said Economedes.

Economedes said neighbors saw what they thought was lightning around the eaves of the house after the children's mother took another youngster to a hospital. The teenage boy was left in charge.

"They had put Christmas lights around the roof. The neighbors thought they saw lightning, but it was the lights arcing badly - then a big flash," said Economedes. "The lights shorted out, and the whole house all around was on fire."

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Economists see growth slowing down for 1997

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of just 2.1 percent in the third quarter, a sharp slowdown that many economists believe could last through most of 1997.

The Commerce Department said that the increase in the gross domestic product, the nation's total output of goods and services, during the July-September quarter was down dramatically from a 4.7 percent growth rate in the second quarter.

The new figure represented a tiny 0.1 percentage point increase from a 2.0 percent estimate a month ago. The government said that a slightly larger increase in business inventories contributed the bulk of the upward revision.

The new figure was very much in line with economists' expectations. They also believe the economy is growing at around a 2 percent rate in the current quarter and they are forecasting growth likely will continue at that modest pace through next year.

Growth between 2 percent and 2.5 percent is considered by many as ideal for an economy now in its sixth year of expansion because it provides enough activity to absorb new entrants into the labor market. Growth at a faster pace, with unemployment already at a seven-year low, would threaten inflationary

wage and price pressures. Signs of a slowdown and the prospects that this development will keep the Federal Reserve from boosting interest rates have been a major contributing factor to the sharp runup in stock prices lately.

While Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan worried aloud two weeks ago that "irrational exuberance" might be taking over, the market after a brief dip has shaken off those concerns. Analysts believe the central bank isn't worried enough to start raising interest rates to prick a speculative bubble.

New evidence of economic slowing on Thursday helped send the Dow Jones industrial average soaring 127 points, second biggest point gain on record although only 2 percent of its total.

Stocks surged again when the market opened today, rising by more than 75 points. After the initial burst of enthusiasm, a rush to take profits trimmed the gains. In late-morning, the Dow was up 33 points.

Today's report showed that inflation was well-contained in the third quarter with a price measure tied to the GDP rising at an annual rate of just 1.7 percent, the slowest pace in four years.

In addition to revising the overall GDP figure, the government revised its estimate of corporate performance. After-tax profits fell by 1.4 percent in the third quarter, the biggest decline since the first quarter of 1994. A month ago, the

department estimated that after-tax profits had fallen by an even bigger 2.6 percent.

The 2.1 percent growth rate in the third quarter, while a sharp slowdown from the 4.7 percent jump in the second quarter, actually returned growth to where it started the year. The first quarter GDP increase was 2 percent.

The slowdown in the third quarter reflected a big dropoff in consumer spending, which grew at a barely perceptible 0.5 percent rate, the weakest performance in nearly five years.

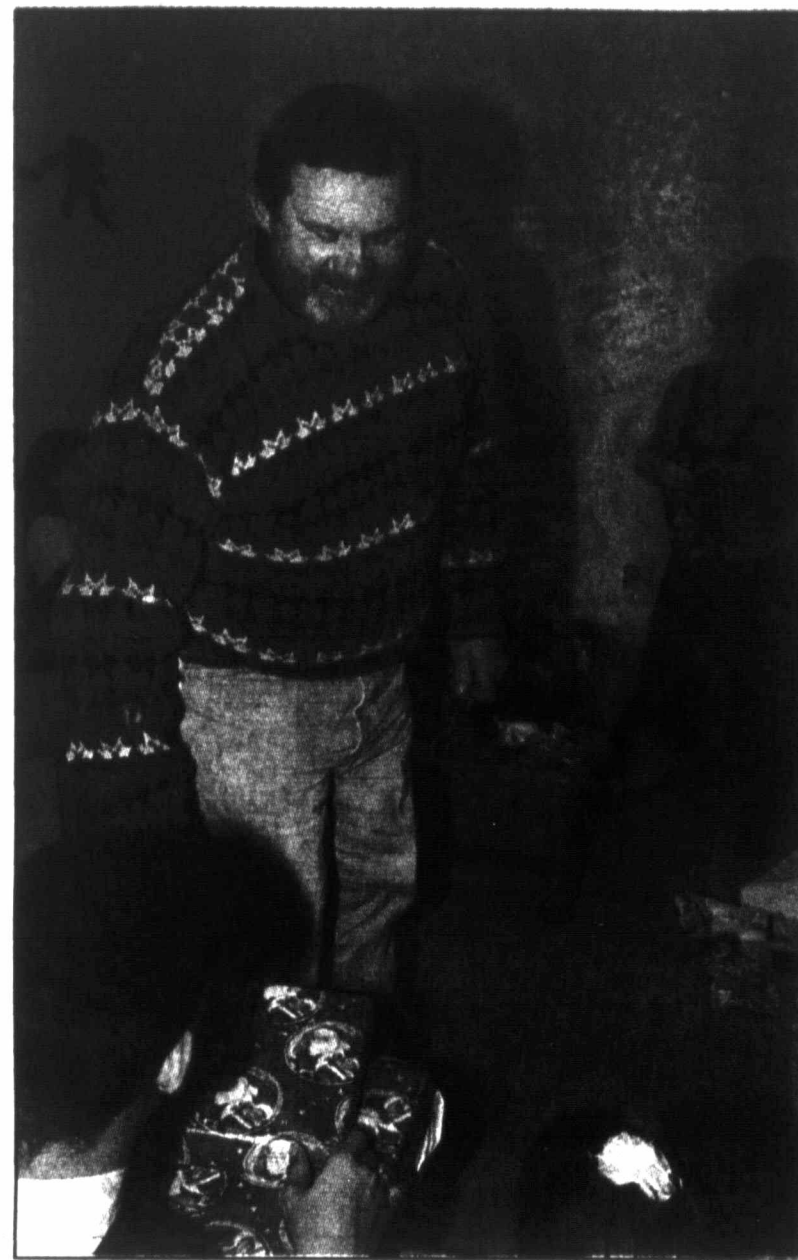
Consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of economic activity and this sector will have to rebound in the current quarter for the forecast of 2 percent growth to become a reality. With less than a week to go, reports on retail sales activity have been generally upbeat, in sharp contrast to the dismal Christmas performance a year ago.

Business investment in new plant and equipment continued to be a sign of strength in the third quarter, rising at an annual rate of 17.5 percent. Analysts believe, with profits starting to come under pressure, these investments will slacken in 1997.

Residential construction posted a decline at a 5.2 percent rate in the third quarter, reflecting the exhaustion of pent-up demand.

The country's trade deficit, which has worsened considerably this year, subtracted \$22.7 billion from growth in the third quarter.

Genesis House party



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

The GoldWing Road Riders motorcycle association in Pampa adopted Genesis House for the second year as a Christmas project, purchasing gifts for the residents. At a party held Thursday night, GWRR member Preston Pairsh helps Genesis House administrator Sharon Braddock hand out gifts. Food was provided by GWRR members, and music was provided by Jack and Carolyn Selby, A.D. Boyd and Steve DeVoll, all of Pampa, and J.B. Duckworth and Dixie Sims of Lefors. Genesis House residents were taken shopping for clothes and shoes by Braddock and House parents Lucy Mallard and Jolene McIntyre. In addition, some surprise gifts were provided by GWRR.

The sounds of Christmas



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Patrons in the lobby of Boatmen's First Pampa Banking Center enjoy some holiday entertainment provided Thursday morning by the Travis Elementary School choir. Boatmen's and other Pampa banks have been having school choirs in their lobbies to provide some Christmas holiday entertainment.

Parents need to make a plan to help avoid holiday stress

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Parents who deal with children on a day-in, day-out basis often find the added financial and emotional demands of the holiday season to be the final straw which pushes them close to the brink of child abuse.

According to Diana Bartlett, Children's Protective Services supervisor, "There are ways for parents to combat the added stresses of the holiday season."

"Granted, the holiday season adds considerable stress to parents' lives," Bartlett said. "With kids being out of school and wired up about Santa, parents are likely to reach their limits a little quicker."

She recommends that parents get kids involved with the holiday preparations and the idea of giving instead of just receiving.

'... The holiday season adds considerable stress to parents' lives. With kids being out of school and wired up about Santa, parents are likely to reach their limits a little quicker.'

"Most kids like to give, and if they can wrap something and get into the spirit of giving it often helps calm them down."

Bartlett said that all parents need to be able to recognize their breaking point and have a plan of action before a crisis situation arises.

"This is especially hard for single parents of small children. Too often they don't have someone to take the kids or have a place to escape to. They still need a plan."

She said that often the number of reports of child abuse or neglect seem to increase during the holidays, but she feels that may be the result of well-meaning people coming across families in bad situations.

"Often we get calls on suspected abuse or neglect because families are living in inadequate housing or without utilities. This is a circumstantial problem, not a case abuse or neglect," she said.

CPS guides say that abuse includes willful acts which result in the mental, physical or emotional impairment causing substantial harm or threat to a child. Neglect is exposing a child to these threats or putting them in a dangerous situation.

Bartlett said the CPS offices has resource connections to help families overcome many circumstances that some people consider abusive and that the Pampa area has many organizations to help parents.

Bartlett encourages parents to find a friend or group who is willing to listen when circumstances cause some rough times.

"Neighbors are often an overlooked resource," she said. "Sometimes neighbors can provide a much needed break by volunteering to watch the kids for an hour or so. Sometimes they're just good listeners."

Bartlett said that most communities offer a number of aides for parents and the Pampa area is no exception.

Among these services are Big Brothers-Big Sisters, parents day out at many churches and several hotlines for people in near crisis situations.

"The best way to curb the incidence of holiday abuse is to keep plans simple, take advantage of breaks, don't let things get under your skin, take a few deep breaths and tell yourself nothing is worth ruining the holiday over," Bartlett said.

Company warns people to be careful about suspicious calls

Officials at NTS Communications long distance telephone company advises residents that several reports have been received from local long distance subscribers being contacted by a "hacker" trying to induce them into giving personal information, such as their long distance credit card calling number.

One customer, Karen Weeks, reported that a man called her Tuesday evening, about 9:30, telling her that someone was using her calling card and had charged more than \$700 against her long distance bill.

"He sounded professional and advised me he needed to know my account number in order to cancel my original calling card number and issue me a new one..." in order to close out the current over-charges, Weeks said. However, he avoided giving

any personal identity or what authority he held with the company, nor did he acknowledge any business information about her account, according to Weeks.

Weeks said when she told him she would have to confirm his information with her local telephone office, he hung up.

According to a spokesperson at the NTS Pampa business office, their tracking service indicates the man is calling from New York City, securing credit card information or telephone calling card information to "steal" from the owner. A complete investigation report is not available.

Pampa citizens are cautioned about giving pertinent information to anyone calling under suspicious circumstances and calling after general business hours.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HOMER, Agnes E. - Mass, 10 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Groom.
WILLIAMS, Mae Elliott "Jackie" Pogue - 11 a.m., New Hope Baptist Church, Pampa.
WILLIAMS, Norma Marie Thetford - 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
 Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB
 Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamison at 669-2945.

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

MOBILE MEALS
 Southside Senior Citizens Center mobile meals menu for Saturday, Dec. 21, will be closed due to the death of the former center director, Mae Williams.

PAMPA SHRINE CLUB
 The Pampa Shrine Club will have its Christmas dinner and meeting at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at the Sportsman's Club. For more information, call President James H. Lewis at 669-8056.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
THURSDAY, Dec. 19

7:35 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Denver on a medical assist. No one was transported.

11:08 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport one patient to the 1400 block of Charles.

11:25 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of North Ward on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

11:59 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Duncan on a motor vehicle accident. Two patients were transported.

12:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Duncan on a motor vehicle accident. One patient was transported.

12:37 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport one patient to a local nursing facility.

3:22 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport one patient to a residence in the 1100 block of Huff Road.

6:21 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility to transport a patient to North West Texas Hospital.

7:00 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility to transport one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

9:34 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo to transport one patient to a local nursing facility.

11:02 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa

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| Wheat | 4.22 | |
| Milo | 3.98 | |
| Corn | 4.78 | |

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

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| Occidental | 22 7/8 | up 1/4 |
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

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| Magellan | 80 8/4 | |
| Puritan | 17 2/8 | |

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

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| Amoco | 81 1/8 | up 1/4 |
| Arco | 134 3/8 | up 1/4 |
| Cabot | 25 3/4 | NC |
| Cabot O&G | 18 3/8 | up 1/8 |

Fires

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

THURSDAY, Dec. 19
 7:34 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to the 100 block of Denver on a medical assist.

11:27 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 521 N. Ward on a medical assist.

12 p.m. - Two units and three personnel responded 900 N. Duncan for a hazard removal.

12:04 p.m. - Four units and seven personnel responded to 900 N. Duncan to a car accident.

3:56 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 1125 S. Huff Rd. on a medical assist.

4:36 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to 812 W. 25th on a smoke scare.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Dec. 19
 11:58 a.m. - A 1995 Ford pickup driven by Marisol Martinez, 22, 426 N. Crest, collided with a 1993 Chevy Silverado pickup driven by Leona Diane Lumley, 31, Pampa. Lumley was cited for failure to control speed.

12:07 p.m. - A 1993 Chevy Cheyenne pickup driven by Justin Kory Harris, 18, 2348 Duncan, collided with a 1978 Chevy Silverado pickup driven by Don William Waincott, 19, 409 N. Dwight, in the 100 block of East Harvester. No citations were issued.

Emergency numbers

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| Energas | 665-5777 |
| SPS | 669-7432 |
| Water | 669-5830 |

Holiday songs



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

The Pampa High School Women's Choir, under the direction of Susie Wilson, performs Christmas songs in the lobby at Boatmen's First Banking Center. Boatmen's and other financial institutions in Pampa have been featuring various school choirs in the past two weeks in observance of the Christmas holiday season.

Authorities say toddler was framed in death

ATLANTA (AP) - A woman who grew up being told that she killed her baby brother when she was a toddler got authorities to reopen the case. Their conclusion: Her stepfather killed the boy and framed her.

Jan Barry Sandlin, 46, will face murder, aggravated assault and cruelty to children charges in the 1971 death of 4-month-old Matthew Golder, DeKalb County prosecutor Lee Anne Magone said Thursday after the grand jury indictment. He is to be extradited from Florida, where he is in prison for armed robbery, she said.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Sandlin denied

any wrongdoing in the case.

Ms. Magone, the head of the district attorney's Crimes Against Children unit, said Tracy Rhame thought for 25 years that she had thrown her brother Matthew from his crib.

Ms. Rhame, now 27, married and living in Savannah, asked the police for details of her brother's death when she was 17. It was not until 1994 that her search for answers began in earnest, Ms. Magone said.

The breakthrough came when she asked the DeKalb County medical examiner for copies of the autopsy records and none were found.

Medical Examiner Joe Burton became interested enough to check the baby's hospital records, and determined that the injuries were not consistent with a fall from a crib. The coroner at the time had ruled the death an accident.

"In 1971, the county had an elected coroner who really wasn't qualified to make the determination of cause of death. There was no examination, no autopsy and no interviews," Burton said today.

He said the medical records showed the baby died from multiple blows to the head. The evidence was not consistent with a fall from a crib, he said.

Police report

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

THURSDAY, Dec. 19
 The manager of a grocery store at 300 E. Brown reported a forgery between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Dec. 14.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Doucette. A 57 string of Christmas lights were taken.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Foster. Amount of damage is unknown.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following incident and arrest for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Dec. 19
 Gray County sheriff's deputies responded to a reported theft under \$20 at Hwy. 152 West.

Arrest
 Troyce Glen Brewer, 28, Courtyard Apt. #117, was arrested on one Gray County warrant of theft by check, and one Randall County warrant for theft by check.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, clear with a low in the middle 20s, southwesterly and gusty winds up to 25 mph.

Saturday, clear with a high in the mid 60s, continuing gusty winds. Thursday's high was 31; the overnight low was 16.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, increasing high clouds in most regions, generally clear in south. Windy early, decreasing after midnight. Lows from low to mid 20s. Saturday, partly sunny to clear. Highs in upper 50s to mid 60s. Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows in mid 20s to around 30. South Plains: Tonight, clear. Lows 25-30. Saturday,

sunny and breezy. Highs from 60-65 northern portions of the rolling plains to around 70 South Plains. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s.

North Texas - Tonight, increasing cloudiness. Not as cold with lows 27 to 38. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Windy west and central. Warmer with highs 61 northeast to 72 southwest.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in low to mid 30s. Saturday, partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in upper 50s to low 60s. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in mid 30s inland to mid 40s coast. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in low to mid 60s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly

cloudy. Lows in low to mid 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy and windy. Highs in mid to upper 60s.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, generally clear. Lows near 5 to mid 20s mountains and northwest with mostly 20s lower elevations east and south. Saturday, mostly sunny with some high clouds. Much warmer southeast. Breezy to windy east and southwest. Highs upper 30s to upper 50s mountains and northwest with mid 50s to near 70 lower elevations east and south.

Oklahoma - Tonight, clear to partly cloudy. Lows mid 20s to low 30s. Saturday, clear to partly cloudy and windy. Warmer with highs 50 to 60.

City briefs

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DR. CHARLES Ashby has retired as of 11-30-96. If you have any questions regarding medical records, please contact the Medical and Surgical Clinic, 1701 N. Hobart, Pampa, Tx. or call 806-665-8471. Adv.

KNIGHTS OF Columbus Deep Fried and Smoked Turkeys for the Christmas Holidays. To order call Jay Zimmer, 665-0750 or Neal Hoelting, 669-9514. Adv.

DANCE to the music of Jerry Sparks, Saturday 21st, 8:30-1 a.m. Members and guests. Moose Lodge. Adv.

EARLY ADVERTISING Deadline for the Pampa News, for December 24 and 26th. Questions-669-2525.

FOR SALE - Practically new Full Set of Drums. Bought \$1500, will take \$1,000. 669-1244, after 6 p.m. 669-1216. Adv.

DON JONAS Calligraphy, Scripture-mated and framed. Booth 820 Cottage Collection. Adv.

NEED AUTO Glass replacement or repair? Call Suntrol 3M Auto Tint. Insurance claims welcome. Visa/MasterCard. 703 W. Brown, 665-0615. Adv.

REBECCA ANN'S - 1521 N. Hobart, 40% off - excluding hose. No lay-aways. No refunds. No exchanges. Adv.

RELIABLE HOUSEKEEPING Non-smoking. With references. Call 665-7481. Adv.

3M AUTO Tint. Great Gift Idea! Call Suntrol 3M Auto Tint & Auto Glass. Visa/MasterCard, 703 W. Brown, 665-0615. Adv.

CREATURE COMFORTS - Your last minute gift headquarters. 115 N. West. 669-PETS. Adv.

B&B FLEA Market, 915 W. Wilks, 806-665-4303, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Hobart meat saw, bar bells, like new gas dryer, furniture, appliances and collectibles. Adv.

CHIROPRACTOR; Robert R. Loerwald D.C. Back Pain, Neck Pain, Non Force Treatment. 669-7676, 1716 N. Hobart. Adv.

GUNS FOR Sale - Ruger GP100 357 and Glock M20 45. Call 665-6231. Adv.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS and stocking stuffers. Lots of ceramics, jewelry, tools, toys and much, much more all for \$1 each at the Dollar Store, Coronado Center. Adv.

VISIONS OF vintage goodies dancing in your head? Shop with santa! Dreamy low prices! Trash & Treasure, beside Marcus Cable. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Friday 5-8 p.m. Hand breaded catfish, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

GET YOUR orders in before Monday at noon for fruit and gourmet food and candy baskets. We deliver. Call Watson's Feed & Garden, 665-4189. Adv.

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NEED LAST minute gifts and stocking stuffers? Great selection of old fashioned candies, cocoa, flavored coffees, chocolates (including sugarless) salsas and popcorn still available at Watson's Christmas Shop, Hwy. 60 East, 665-4189. Adv.

RUSTY COOPER & Silver Creek Band Saturday 21st, \$5 person; \$9 couple, 9-1 a.m. Landmark Club. Adv.

CHRISTMAS SALE - all items 10% off, Bottle Shop, 714 E. Frederic, 669-6410. Adv.

GREAT CHRISTMAS Gift already assembled - Weslo Cardioglide, \$150. 665-0666. Adv.

COLD WEATHER is here, let us be your furrier! Custom orders welcome. We have fur trimmed ultra suede casual fun jackets in stock. Images, 123 N. Cuyler, 669-1091. Adv.

TEXAS TECH, A&M, UT and Dallas Cowboy checker sets still available at Celebrations, 665-3100. Adv.

OPEN HOUSE Creature Comforts, 115 N. West, Sunday 1-4. Specials, door prizes and many gift ideas. Adv.

GUYS GIVE your wives a set of AmWay waterless cookware for Christmas \$620. 883-2461. Adv.

PICTURE FRAMES, wind-chimes, angels, bears and lots of other collectibles are at Celebrations Gift Shop, next to Watson's Feed & Garden, 665-3100. Adv.

CHRISTMAS DINNER - Pampa Senior Citizen's Center, 10:45-12:45, Monday 23rd. Adv.

ZACH THOMAS Dolphin Jerseys have arrived!! Only \$39.95. Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler. Adv.

CHRISTMAS DANCE - Refreshments served, 7-9 p.m. tonight, Pampa Senior Citizen's Center. Adv.

HACKEY SACKS, darts, wool socks and other great stocking stuffers at Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler. Adv.

Iraq claims arrest of team working for CIA

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Iraq said today it had arrested members of a sabotage and espionage ring working for the CIA.

A brief dispatch on the official Iraqi News Agency said those arrested "gave full confessions on their activity against Iraq, its people and its leader President Saddam Hussein."

It said their confessions would be broadcast later tonight on Iraqi television.

The agency did not say how many were arrested or give further details about their alleged involvement with the American intelligence agency.

In Washington, the CIA refused to comment on the Iraqi report. A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was possible that as a propaganda maneuver the Iraqis will expose some people they had taken into

custody a long time ago. Iraq's state-controlled press said last month that Iraqi Kurds working for international charities in northern Iraq were really CIA agents. But it was not clear if the latest claim referred to the Kurds.

The announcement came eight days after Saddam's eldest son, Qdai, survived an attempt on his life while driving his car at the heart of Baghdad, the Iraqi capital.

Qdai, 32, strongly hinted in a television interview from his hospital bed Tuesday that Iran was behind the assassination attempt. Iran has dismissed the charge as "theatrics."

Accusing foreign countries of carrying out espionage and sabotage is not uncommon in Iraq, where strong anti-West sentiments, particularly in the government-controlled media, exist since the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Relations between Iraq and the United States hit rock bottom following the invasion of Kuwait in 1990. A U.S.-led coalition force threw Iraqi forces out of Kuwait in February 1991 after an intensive, six-week air campaign.

The United States also has been a strong advocate of keeping crippling U.N. trade sanctions on Iraq until it fully complies with resolutions adopted by the world body's Security Council.

These include dismantling Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, paying war reparations and accounting for hundreds of people who disappeared in Kuwait in 1990-91.

On March 28, state-run Iraqi television announced that security authorities had detained six Iraqis spying for Kuwait. Their mission was to attack U.N. personnel so Iraq would be blamed, it said.

Federal judge upholds Yellowstone bison plan

HELENA, Mont. (AP) - A federal judge has refused to halt a government plan to thin out the growing bison herd in Yellowstone National Park.

In rejecting a suit filed by five conservation groups, U.S. District Judge Charles C. Lovell said Thursday that the capture-and-slaughter program helps the National Park Service control the herd and get rid of diseased animals.

The groups had argued that the policy violates the Park Service's obligation to conserve wildlife and scenery in the park.

The ruling came in a suit filed

Sept. 17 by the Sierra Club, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Gallatin Wildlife Association, Jackson Hole Alliance for Responsible Planning and the American Buffalo Foundation.

The Sierra Club said Lovell's decision will be appealed.

"This case is about whether Yellowstone National park is a refuge for wildlife or a slaughter place," said Jim Angell, an attorney for the Sierra Club.

The plan is an attempt to deal with the problem of a growing bison herd and the animals' tendency to wander from the park in search of winter forage.

Some bison are believed to carry brucellosis, and the livestock industry fears the disease will spread to cattle from wandering bison. Brucellosis causes cows to abort.

The plan requires killing all bison exposed to brucellosis and all pregnant bison captured near West Yellowstone from Nov. 1 through April 30.

Bison heading west from the park would be captured and sent to slaughter, while those heading east would be allowed to roam on national forest land, where no cattle graze. Bison are shot if they roam onto private land.



(Special photo)

Community Christian School of Pampa teachers are greeted by Dr. John Schimmer (center) at the Association of Christian Schools International convention in Dallas. Schimmer is president and regional director of ACSI. Pampa teachers attending the meeting are Jo Kochick, left, Lynn Smith, administrator of CCSP, Dottie Fraser and Sharon Morris. Not pictured are Myra Carlisle and Debra Kogler.

Community Christian School representatives attend Christian schools convention in Dallas

Teachers from Community Christian School of Pampa recently attended the Association of Christian Schools International regional convention in Dallas.

According to Lynn Smith, administrator of CCSP, there were 225 seminars, over a two-day period, from which to choose, focusing on subject matter topics and special emphasis topics, including Christian philosophy of education, computers and technology, cooperative learning, learning differences and spiritual life.

Dr. O.S. Hawkins, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas,

was keynote speaker for the convention. First Baptist Dallas is known for its many ministries including First Baptist Academy. Dr. Hawkins' address was titled "Christian Education: An Ecotonic Moment in Time."

Dr. Kenneth Smitherman also addressed the 3,000 teachers and administrators attending the convention. He is president of the Association of Christian Schools International, and his speech was on "Building Below the Waterline." He urged teachers to build strong academic and spiritual foundations in their schools and in their students.

Community Christian School

of Pampa is a member of ACSI, which provides extensive services to member schools including teacher and administrator training, curriculum resources, achievement testing resources and competitive events for students, Smith said.

Local teachers attending the regional convention were Smith, Jo Kochick, Dottie Fraser, Sharon Morris, Myra Carlisle and Debra Kogler.

Persons desiring information about the school may inquire with Administrator Smith, by calling 806-665-3393. The school is located at 1200 S. Sumner Street.

Astronomer, scientist Carl Sagan loses battle with bone marrow disease at 62

SEATTLE (AP) — Astronomer Carl Sagan, a gifted storyteller who extolled and explored the grandeur and mystery of the universe in lectures, books and an acclaimed TV series, died today at age 62 after a two-year battle with bone marrow disease.

Sagan died of pneumonia at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, where he had a bone-marrow transplant in April 1995, said center spokeswoman Susan Edmonds. The center had identified his disease as myelodysplasia, a form of anemia also known as preleukemia syndrome.

Sagan helped transport an ivory tower realm into the living rooms of ordinary people, enthraling millions with his vivid writing and flamboyant television soliloquies.

He won the Pulitzer Prize for Literature in 1978 for *The Dragons of Eden: Speculations on the Evolution of Human Intelligence*.

In 1980, his 13-part Public Broadcasting Service series *Cosmos* became the most-watched limited series in the history of American public television, a record since surpassed by *The Civil War*.

The series turned him into a national celebrity. Comics parodied his references to "billions

and billions" of stars. While purists complained that he sometimes oversimplified and made significant interpretive errors, Sagan never shied away from the label of science popularizer.

"I wear the badge proudly," he said in a 1994 interview with *The Associated Press*.

Aside from his flair for making scientific ideas comprehensible and exciting, Sagan built up an impressive research record and always insisted that scientific investigation was his top priority.

"From when I was a little kid, the only thing I really wanted to be was a scientist, to actually do the science, to interrogate nature, to find out how things work," he said. "That's where the fun is. If you're in love, you want to tell the world!"

In his early 20s, Sagan deduced from experimental models that Venus, long considered a habitable planet, was actually a forboding place with a surface heat of about 900 degrees.

While teaching astronomy at Harvard in the 1960s, he established that fierce winds that sculpted the landscape, not seasonal changes in vegetation, explained the bright and dark patterns detected on Mars.

Harvard never offered him tenure, so when Cornell asked in 1968 if he would set up a laboratory for planetary studies, Sagan promptly accepted.

Having helped design robotic missions for NASA since the late 1950s, Sagan made use of space-mission data in lab simulations to draw lessons about dust storms on Mars or the greenhouse effect of Venus.

He was always performing on the high wire, racing from the lecture circuit to spacecraft observations of planets to his writing desk in Ithaca, N.Y. When he got stuck on one project, he moved on to the next, letting his subconscious go to work.

"When you come back, you find to your amazement, nine times out of 10, that you have solved your problem — or your unconscious mind has — without you even knowing it," he once said.

Sagan began publishing at the age of 22, his early work mostly academic papers and books.

He began experimenting with the popular market in 1973, publishing *The Cosmic Connection: An Extraterrestrial Perspective*. The same year, he was off exploring the Hollywood star cluster, making the first of 25 appearances on NBC's *Tonight Show with Johnny Carson*.

Lawsuit filed by Nora Linares against Lottery Commission stalls business before the board

AUSTIN (AP) — A lawsuit filed against the Texas Lottery Commission by the agency's executive director has stalled business before the board.

Nora Linares filed the suit against the three-member panel Wednesday.

On Thursday, Commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers said the case poses "a number of communications issues," and canceled the commission's scheduled meeting, where more questions were expected to be raised about Linares and the lottery's main contractor, GTECH Holding Corp.

Among the questions being asked is how Mike Moeller, a friend of Linares now in federal prison, got a \$30,000 job with GTECH shortly after the company won a 1992 contract to run the lottery.

Linares claims in her lawsuit that the commission has barred her from defending herself and the agency during weeks of controversy and has interfered with her daily work as executive director.

But an attorney for Linares said the lawsuit should not have stopped Thursday's meeting.

"The lawsuit over here simply says she wants the right to respond to things that she is being accused of. How can that in any way, shape or form interfere with the ongoing business," Gary Richardson said after the meeting.

Gov. George W. Bush, who appointed Miers as chairwoman, said he hopes the lawsuit wasn't meant to stall the board's investigations.

"We must let the sun shine in at the lottery commission. I support a full investigation and full public disclosure of the facts," he said.

Linares has referred questions to her attorneys. They have said the commission has required Linares to speak through her attorneys or to submit written statements to the commission

before releasing them publicly.

Linares is asking a state district court to lift the alleged gag order and to rule that the commission cannot interfere with her running of the lottery.

Miers has denied any gag order had been imposed.

Questions swirling around the agency haven't involved the games, which bring in more than \$3 billion a year.

GTECH spokesman Bob Rendine on Wednesday said the company was ready to discuss Moeller's work, but said he did little in New Mexico, where he was hired, and nothing in Texas.

Moeller worked for GTECH for five months between 1992 and 1993.

Rendine said the former Texas agriculture official Moeller was

hired by J. David Smith, a former national salesman who's been convicted of defrauding the company.

Moeller apparently collected income and population data in New Mexico for Smith and researched potential hunting trips, Rendine said, adding that GTECH doesn't know of any hunting trips having been taken.

Rendine said cancelling Thursday's meeting only "prolonged the agony."

Another question that has surfaced involves security investigation files Miers reported as missing from the lottery. Spokesman Steve Levine said most of the files weren't missing and others should have been described as incomplete.

Miers called that explanation insufficient.

Smallest quintuplet to spend Christmas at home

LUBBOCK (AP) — The smallest of five babies born to a West Texas woman in September has left the hospital to join her quintuplet siblings in time for Christmas.

Aleksis Ann Taylor, daughter of Brent and Deshonna Taylor, went home to Snyder Thursday after three months in the neonatal intensive care unit at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

The baby and four others were born Sept. 21. Aleksis was the smallest, weighing only 1 pound, 3 ounces and was 11.5 inches long. On Thursday, she weighed three pounds, 16.5 ounces and measured 16.5 inches.

The Taylors brought the other four infants — Jacob Dee, Zachary Dameron, Kenedy Michele and Jonah Patrick — and their four-year-old son Joshua to a Thursday news conference.

"When we get home this afternoon, it will be the first time in five months and two days that we've

had everybody under the same roof since Deshonna went into the hospital July 17," said Brent Taylor, sports editor at the Snyder Daily News.

"To get this little one home today is beyond words."

He said Thursday was the couple's ninth wedding anniversary.

"Nine years, six kids, but only two birthdays," he said.

The proud parents said they've been busy taking care of their booming family.

Feeding the babies, not including Aleksis, takes an 1 1/2 hours every three to four hours. The babies use 40 to 50 diapers and consume 32 to 36 bottles of formula every day.

"We were doing OK with four," Mrs. Taylor said. "I could take care of two while (Brent) took care of two. With this fifth one coming home, I don't know how we'll handle it."

California joins other states in objecting to settlement

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The state of California has joined at least three other states in objecting to a settlement with the Prudential Insurance Co. of America over sales abuses by the company's agents.

California's objections, filed in U.S. District Court here on Thursday, claimed the settlement makes it too difficult for policyholders to get money back and will not fully reimburse them for the money they lost, today's *Los Angeles Times* reported.

State officials from Florida,

Massachusetts and Texas also filed objections to the settlement, the newspaper said. Lawyers for numerous individual Prudential customers also filed objections. Thursday was the last day for states and individuals to declare they would not participate in the settlement plan of the class-action lawsuit.

New Jersey insurance regulators led a multistate task force that forged the settlement with Prudential regarding the sales abuses that could bring at least \$410 million — and perhaps over

\$1 billion — to 10.7 million policyholders. The policies in question were sold between 1982 and 1995.

Forty-five states and the District of Columbia agreed to the proposed settlement, New Jersey officials said.

State Banking and Insurance Commissioner Elizabeth Randall has said the settlement stipulates if another state is able to wrangle a better deal for Prudential customers, those in all states would be offered the same.

Several lawsuits claim Prudential defrauded customers through agents who persuaded customers to use the built-up cash value of older life insurance policies to finance more expensive ones.

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Texas Editorials

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on political corruption:

In their recent book, "Dirty Little Secrets," detailing contemporary political corruption, political scientist Larry Sabato and reporter Glenn Simpson observe:

"The last two decades have produced greater regulation of politics than occurred in all of the preceding two centuries, and yet many critics contend that the problems are worse now than they have ever been." Then they ask this question: "Is the logical step really more regulation?"

The post-Watergate campaign reforms featured spending and giving limits and taxpayer financing of presidential campaigns. This led to the growth of political action committees and reliance on "soft money" for political parties, back-door spending by non-political ideological groups — and even bigger advantages for incumbents than before.

Messrs. Sabato and Simpson propose what they call deregulation plus: No public funding, no spending limits, no contribution limits — but requirements for full and prompt disclosure of political spending would be tightened.

Adjunct outfits such as employee organizations also would have to disclose their political-related spending. That way, voters would now where candidates get their money and in what amounts, make judgements accordingly and be able to watch for post-election payoffs.

Of course, the only sure way to reduce corruption and the influence of money in politics is to reduce the size and power of government to grant favors and give out goodies.

However, until the president and Congress are ready to do that — not just talk about it — tightening disclosure laws would be far more useful than implementing more of the same kinds of rules that provided us with the present mess.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on TV ratings system:

The proposed ratings system for television programming falls short, just like the movie rating system from which it was derived.

Worse than that is the attitude expressed by Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, in response to criticism of the proposed system. Valenti says the ratings devised by the TV industry are the ones that will be used, period. If Congress attempts to force the industry to use some other ratings system, he says, TV will go to court.

The telecommunications bill passed this year, Valenti points out, does not force the industry to rate its programming. It allows voluntary rating, which has led to the proposed system that misses the mark.

Valenti's position seems to be that the television industry will only do the right thing if forced, and then only after a legal battle. Surely there are other folks in the industry who understand what a public relations gaffe this is.

The six-category system proposed by Valenti is weak and confusing and substitutes the industry's judgment based on meaningful information about sex, violence, etc., contained in specific programs. To Valenti, it is the vendor who is right, not the customer.

The similar movie rating system has led so much criticism that the TV industry should have learned something from the bad example. If Valenti is to be believed, the industry only learned that it could ignore the requests for content information sought by parents and others concerned about the programming that comes into their homes.

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"Good news — SIRI The missing Gulf War Pentagon log has turned up — on a table in a bedroom at the White House."

Booting up a freedom policy

In downtown Washington there is a brand-new office where the proprietors finally figured out how to get a computer screen to properly display the characters of the Tibetan alphabet. It may be all Tibetan to you, but perhaps there is an on-screen message there that can help sharpen the flickering image of American foreign policy.

On the global scene, America is in a remarkable and weird position. Never in history has there been a nation so influential. We are "No. 1" economically, militarily, geo-politically, ideologically, politically, culturally, linguistically, demographically, scientifically, educationally and technologically. We are called, quite correctly, "the world's only super-power."

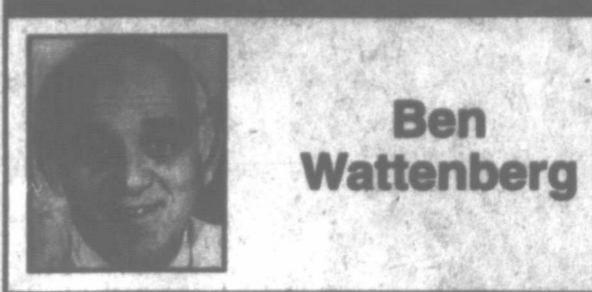
We're No. 1 — so what? What can we do with all that influence? In theory, we want to promote and defend our views and values around the world. We believe in them. A world based on political and economic liberty enhances our security and well being. Foreign policy thinkers are a-twitter with ideas that would shape a "post-Cold War" strategy.

The action is now with President Clinton. He has chosen Madeleine Albright, a smart, tough lady, a Democrat and a democrat, as his secretary of State-designate. But toward what end?

Perhaps while we're all planning how to cross that bridge to the next century (always a healthy exercise), we might think about wrapping up the unfinished business of this one.

Folks, the Cold War may be over, but there are still lots of powerful communists around, threatening world peace and American security. China is the world's most populous nation. It is a major nuclear power, and building its military rapidly. It supplies arms to renegade states. It scares the hell out of its neighbors. The Chinese government is intensifying its crack-down on human rights, all the while flipping the bird to what is amusingly called the court of world public opinion.

If there is to be another superpower in the next century, it will probably be China. For the moment, China is doing very well economically. But if it gets richer, and stronger, without becom-



Ben Wattenberg

ing more free — the next century may well be as turbulent as this one, or more so.

We have tried to link trade with some advance in Chinese political liberty. China told us what we could do with that. President Clinton folded a tough hand. There are American jobs linked to the China trade. There is a potential market there of 1.2 billion people. The case is made that China's booming economy, growing within a market framework, will lead toward democratic evolution. Maybe. But the Nazis had a market economy so strong it almost allowed them to destroy the world in the early 1940s.

We didn't win the Cold War just because we had military power and alliances. There was a war of ideas going on. Part of the message came from the outside, telling those trapped inside how a free world worked. But part of the ideological firepower was aimed at what was going on inside the communist countries. For four decades Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty broadcast into the Soviet Union and its satellites. This was "surrogate" broadcasting, telling listeners in unfree countries what their news would sound like if they had a free press.

I served as vice chairman of the Board of RFE/RL during the 1980s. We knew the broadcasts were very useful, and so testified to the Congress. But not until the Cold War ended did we understand how truly influential the Radios were. We then heard it directly from Lech Walesa, Vaclav Havel, Andrei Sakharov, Natan Sharansky and the other dissident heroes of our time.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 20, the 355th day of 1996. There are 11 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 20, 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed as ownership of the territory was formally transferred from France to the United States during ceremonies in New Orleans.

On this date:
In 1790, the first successful cotton mill in the United States began operating at Pawtucket, R.I.

In 1860, South Carolina became the

first state to secede from the Union.

In 1864, Confederate forces evacuated Savannah, Ga., as Union Gen. William T. Sherman continued his "March to the Sea."

In 1879, Thomas A. Edison privately demonstrated his incandescent light at Menlo Park, N.J.

In 1946, 50 years ago, the Frank Capra film *It's A Wonderful Life*, starring James Stewart and Donna Reed, had a charity preview showing at New York City's Globe Theatre, a day before its official world premiere.

In 1968, author John Steinbeck died in New York at age 66.

In 1987, more than 3,000 people died in a double explosion which occurred when the *Dona Paz*, a Philippine passenger ship, collided with the tanker *Vector* off Mindoro island.

Ten years ago: About 30,000 students marched through the streets of Shanghai, demanding freedom and democracy in the biggest demonstration in China since the era of the Cultural Revolution.

Five years ago: New York Gov. Mario Cuomo announced he would not be a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, saying his first responsibility was to

deal with his state's budget problems. Robert Bardo, the obsessed fan who'd stalked actress Rebecca Schaeffer before killing her, was sentenced in Los Angeles to life in prison without parole.

One year ago: An American Airlines Boeing 757 en route to Cali, Colombia, slammed into a mountain, killing all but four of the 163 people aboard. In Bosnia-Herzegovina, NATO began its peacekeeping mission, taking over from the United Nations.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director George Roy Hill is 74. Rock musician Peter Dinklage is 51.

Is Electoral College redundant?

Walter Mears AP Special Correspondent

popular vote outcomes.

That's because the electoral vote does not reflect shares of the popular vote; it is state winner take all, although Maine and Nebraska award electoral votes by congressional district.

The congressional district system is one of the proposals advanced in the name of reform. States could make that change themselves, but the major ones won't, since the current system strengthens their hands in national campaigns. Margins don't matter. A narrow victory in a major state pays off with all its electoral votes, and that steers strategy.

The electoral vote system has drawn more proposed constitutional amendments than any other single subject.

The alternative most often proposed is to abolish the electoral system in favor of direct, popular vote election of presidents. That's the one that's come closest; a popular vote amendment passed the House in 1969, but was blocked by a Senate filibuster the next year.

That followed George Wallace's 1968 attempt to deadlock the Electoral College with his third party campaign. He carried five southern states and got 46 electoral votes, but Richard Nixon won a majority anyhow.

Advocates of changing the system pointed to the deadlock that could have happened had a handful of votes, as few as 60,000, gone against Nixon in the

most closely divided states. Still, all but the landslide elections are subject to that kind of calculations. Switch about 600,000 votes to Dole in the right states and he could have had an electoral majority while losing the popular vote.

Those are hypothetical exercises. The real one was on Monday. The Electoral College, which never actually convenes, elected Clinton and Vice President Al Gore to their second terms. The electors, chosen by their political parties to represent their tickets in the Nov. 5 election, met in state capitals to cast their votes, sign six copies and send them off to be ritually counted and announced to Congress by Gore on Jan. 9.

"It's a historical artifact that has provided stability," said Sam Coppersmith, the Democratic state chairman in Arizona, where Clinton won and the electors were Democrats for the first time in 48 years.

"I don't think anybody disagrees that it's an outdated and antiquated process," Gov. Frank Keating of Oklahoma, a Republican, said after his state's electors cast their lost-cause votes for Dole. "It's anachronistic, but it certainly does work."

But the advocates of change were on the case. "It's a crazy, crazy system," Secretary of State Ken Hechler of West Virginia said. He said the Electoral College was outdated, outmoded and should be eliminated.

Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill., said he will propose a Constitutional amendment to switch to popular vote elections. "It seems antiquated, arcane and just nonsense to continue the system," he said.

But there is no real impetus for change. And come Dec. 18, 2000, the Electoral College is sure to be back for its next one-day stand, to elect Clinton's successor.

O.J. notoriety is an insult to other victims

There are no flowers adorning the grave of Rene Hurtado. There was no memorial ceremony to mark the second anniversary of her murder, this past June 11. There has been no public outcry that her killer be brought to justice.

The 22-year-old Los Angeles native happened to be parked outside a convenience store when a bullet pierced her windshield, mortally striking her in the chest and barely missing her 18-month-old baby, whom she was holding at the time.

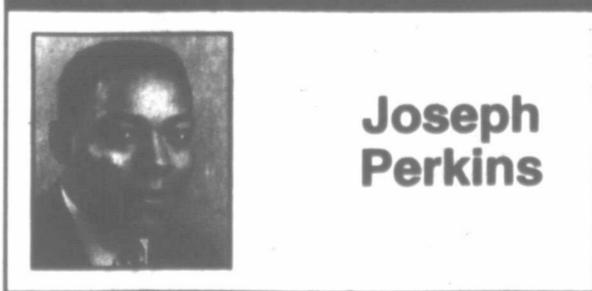
Barely a day after Hurtado's gunshot death, another Los Angeles woman was murdered. Her killer approached her outside her home, slit her throat and left her for dead. Meanwhile, inside the victim's home, her two young children lay sleeping.

But, unlike Hurtado's killing, the entire nation is transfixed by Nicole Brown Simpson's murder. The public demands — rightfully so — that her killer be positively identified and punished to the fullest extent possible.

The media has led the charge, devoting more than a billion words to her murder case in newspapers and magazines and more than a million minutes of television coverage. In contrast, Hurtado's murder has rated only one small newspaper story.

But was Nicole's life more sacred than Rene's, her death any more tragic? Do Nicole's children suffer the loss of their mother any more than Rene's baby? Does Nicole's family grieve any more than Rene's?

It really is sad commentary on our times that the public only becomes outraged about a murder when either the victim or the killer is some kind of celebrity. This stands in stark contrast to the Judeo-Christian values upon which this nation



Joseph Perkins

was founded, which hold that all lives are equal in the eyes of the Creator.

By the same coin, all murderers are equally wretched. And when they take an innocent life, they should pay the forfeit for their crime. But the reality is that in this crime ridden country in which we live, roughly half of killers are not even brought to justice. And, of those who are charged, few ultimately receive punishments commensurate with their crime.

Indeed, the *Los Angeles Times* published a series recently in which it studied 9,442 willful homicides between 1990 and 1994. It found that a suspect was arrested and charged with murder or manslaughter only 47 percent of the time.

Moreover, only 16 percent of the slayings ended with murder convictions, and another 14 percent in convictions for the lesser charge of manslaughter. Furthermore, only 3.5 percent of killers were sentenced to life without parole and a scant 1/2 of one percent received the death penalty.

So Nicole Brown Simpson's killer is hardly the only one in Los Angeles who has gotten away

with murder (or faced only token punishment). Yet, one would think so from the public's mass indignation about the acquittal last year of her husband, who was charged with taking her life.

The point is that the law abiding do a disservice to the 20,000 or so yearly murder victims in this country when they express their outrage in only a select few, usually notorious cases. This encourages police and prosecutors to devote a disproportionate amount of time and resources to solving high profile murders, while giving short shrift to nonsensational slayings.

But again, each innocent life is equally precious. And those who value life should rage, rage against each and every murder and lament the death of each and every victim.

That is the only way to send a message to those sworn "to serve and protect" the public from violent criminals that a 47 percent arrest rate in murder cases is totally unacceptable. It is the only way to get it through to district attorneys that they are failing the public when only half the killers they prosecute are convicted of murder, while the other half are able to plead to lesser charges.

In death, Nicole Brown Simpson has become a martyr, the symbol of murder victims unavenged. But Rene Hurtado is no less a symbol. She represents the vast majority of murder victims, who are treated as little more than entries on a police blotter, whose deaths receive little, if any, public notice.

But every single murder that occurs in Los Angeles, and every other violent metropolis in this country, should provoke a public outcry, no matter who the victim is or is not. There should be flowers on Rene's grave.

Aiding the Salvation Army



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Students at Austin Elementary School set a goal for each student in each class to bring two cans of food for the Salvation Army food drive. Classes received a giant candy cane when the goal was reached. Britney Reagans, Eric Kincaid and Chris Jimenez of Jayne Jones' third grade class accept a giant candy cane from Salvation Army volunteer LeRoy Rossiter.

State briefs

Man sentenced for killing wife by setting her ablaze

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas man has been sentenced to life in prison for killing his wife by dousing her with gasoline and setting her ablaze.

Jurors decided Thursday that Robert C. Magee Jr., should serve that prison term for the death of Crystal Magee, 21. He must serve at least 30 years before he is eligible for parole.

Prosecutors had sought the life sentence, saying that Magee had shown no remorse for setting his wife ablaze in the couple's bed. Their two children were inside the apartment at the time.

Defense lawyer Steve Miller cited Magee's lack of a criminal record, his military record and pointed out that he had provided for his family in asking jurors for a lighter sentence.

Several witnesses testified that the victim named her husband as her assailant during the seven hours between the time she was set ablaze and the time she died in a hospital seven hours later.

Magee told jurors that his wife had attempted to throw the gasoline on him after he told her he wanted to end their marriage. He claimed that she got gasoline on herself while they struggled. He said she ran into a bathroom and he found her on fire when he opened the bathroom door.

Cigarette machines to be banned from most public places

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — City Council members have voted to ban cigarette vending machines from most public places in an attempt to cut down on underage smoking.

Council members voted unanimously Thursday to take the action. The ban will take effect in ten days.

"This is a real victory in the fight against underage smoking," said Councilman Robert Marbut, who spearheaded the effort designed to make it harder for youths to get their hands on cigarettes.

Five of the six council members who had earlier voted against the measure said they changed their minds after talking with either constituents or members of health groups.

Each of the five council members said they had talked to representatives of either the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Department of Public Safety predicts 25 holiday deaths

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Public Safety is urging motorists to celebrate the holidays with good cheer — but without the spirits.

Issuing a forecast of as many as ten traffic deaths over Christmas and 15 at New Year's, DPS officials said Thursday that enforcement efforts would be stepped up.

"All available troopers will be on Texas roadways to help ensure safe travel," said Col. Dudley M. Thomas, DPS director.

"They will be especially looking for drivers who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, drivers who are speeding, and drivers and passengers who are not properly seat belted," he said.

ST. NICK OF TIME by Jimmy Johnson



Web offers season's greetings electronically

DALLAS (AP) — Less than a week before Christmas and still haven't mailed all your Christmas cards?

No need to panic — you can now send family and friends electronic greetings, courtesy of the Texas Department of Commerce's tourism division, without the unpleasant, last-minute trip to the post office.

The department's tourism division has devised a holiday World Wide Web site, through which visitors can create online postcards for free.

"Right now, with everything going high-tech, we just wanted to make sure we were out there setting the pace for tourism," said Cristina Castro, marketing director for the department. "We wanted to make sure that we could share the holiday spirit with everyone else."

The site started Monday and will be available through early January.

Browsers at the Texas Holiday site can make a holiday-themed postcard for anyone with an e-mail address. There are several Texas images to choose from, including the San Antonio Riverwalk and holiday lights in Marshall.

After picking out a card, postcard givers can add music — *Jingle Bells*, *Silver Bells*, or *Deck the Halls*, along with a personal message.

Once the postcard is finished, the recipient receives an e-mail message letting them know that it's waiting for them on the web site.

The page also features information on holiday events in Texas, Texas holiday stories, and a chance to trim a tree online. There are also some recipes, including regional favorites like Texas chili and flan.

The Texas Holiday site is linked to the department's main web site, TravelTex, which offers state travel information.

The holiday site received about 200 hits its first day on the web, Castro said. The main site receives about 10,000 hits a day, she said.

Jim Walton of Arlington, an engineer with Bell Helicopter Textron, already has sent about a dozen postcards.

"It's one of the best sites on the web," Walton said of the holiday site and accompanying TravelTex site.

Agents struggled with high costs during time of Pitts' alleged spying

WASHINGTON (AP) — At the time the FBI says Earl Pitts volunteered to sell secrets to Moscow, his fellow New York FBI agents were quitting in droves to escape cost-of-living pressures.

In the mid-1980s when the bureau paid the same salaries throughout the nation, "the New York office had a problem retaining agents," FBI spokesman Joe Valiquette said. "People resigned right and left to enter the private sector because they couldn't afford the cost of living."

"Quite a few agents could only find housing they could afford in Pennsylvania," Valiquette added. "They commuted two hours each way (through New Jersey) to Wall Street daily. Others resigned rather than transfer to New York."

Rank-and-file agents and bureau executives, particularly in New York, clamored for years for regional cost-of-living allowances.

On Oct. 1, 1988, the first FBI cost-of-living allowances were instituted in New York and gave agents there a 25 percent raise. Agents transferring to New York thereafter were given a \$20,000 moving allowance.

The raise came a year and nine months after Pitts and his wife, an FBI file clerk, were transferred to New York on Jan. 3, 1987, from an assignment in rural northern Virginia.

The pay increase also came a year and two months after Pitts wrote a Russian official at the United Nations volunteering to sell U.S. secrets, a grand jury has charged.

"The only motive we have for him so far is money," a federal law enforcement official said Thursday, requesting anonymity.

A federal grand jury charged in a 12-count espionage indictment Thursday that Pitts sold FBI secrets for \$124,000 cash and \$100,000 in an account in Russia

during 1987-92. Pitts' attorney, Nina Ginsberg, said he will plead innocent.

Also on Thursday, law enforcement officials told The Associated Press how FBI agents slipped a phoney FBI property tag on a hidden camera to preserve their undercover sting operation designed to catch Pitts spying.

Thanks to that misleading maneuver, Pitts continued selling secrets to undercover bureau agents posing as Russian spies for more than a year after he discovered a surveillance camera hidden in his office, the FBI said.

Pitts' discovery of the video camera in the ceiling of his office at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., was one of the more hair-raising moments during the 16-month undercover operation that culminated in his arrest Wednesday.

An FBI court affidavit gave this account:

On Aug. 26, 1995, a cooperating former Russian U.N. official and an undercover FBI agent visited Pitts in Virginia and enlisted him to resume the spying he had stopped in 1992. They paid him \$15,000.

On Aug. 29, the FBI secretly watched him count that money in his Quantico office and hide it behind a ceiling panel. Agents later observed him preparing computer disks of secrets for the purported Russians.

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Poll: Public getting message air bags can kill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The vast majority of adults believe it is dangerous for a child to ride in a car's front passenger seat when it has an air bag, according to an Associated Press poll.

Suggesting the public has gotten the message that air bags can kill or injure children, 83 percent of those polled said the passenger-side air bag made the ride more dangerous for children age 12 or under.

Yet seven in ten said they wanted at least one air bag in their car, indicating they also recognize that air bags have saved the lives of hundreds of adults.

Air bags, which deploy up to 200 miles per hour, have saved more than 1,600 lives. But the force of a deploying air bag has been blamed for the deaths of at least 32 children, mostly by delivering a knockout blow to the head and neck in low-speed accidents they otherwise would have survived.

In the poll, even more adults — 88 percent — said it was important when a car had dual air bags to put small children in the back seat. Only ten percent said it was not important to put a child age 12 or under in the back seat all the time.

The high percentage was consistent across all types of adults — young and old, with or without college educations and those with or without small children.

This year, automakers, the government and insurance and safety groups have undertaken a public information campaign stressing that children age 12 and under should sit in back seats.

"No question the message is getting out," said Art Spinella of CNW Marketing Research in Bendon, Ore. "I'm impressed that many people knew" to put a child in back, said Mike Flynn of the University of Michigan's Office for the Study of Automotive Transportation. Although he warned there can be "a disconnect between what people know and the way they actually behave."

Automakers and government officials believe changing behavior is essential to preventing more deaths of children from air bags. They also have said repeatedly that air bags should be used with seat belts so children are not pulled toward the dashboard in pre-impact braking.

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Chinese arms dealer attends White House event for Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the federal investigation into Democratic fund-raising expands, presidential aides are scrambling to determine how they allowed a Chinese arms dealer into the White House residence earlier this year for an event rewarding political donors.

A government official, speaking on condition of anonymity late Thursday, told The Associated Press that Wang Jun attended a coffee where President Clinton played host Feb. 6 to Democratic donors and dignitaries.

An initial review has determined that Democratic National Committee officials asked the White House to clear entry for Wang, who reportedly heads both an arms trading company controlled by the Chinese military and an investment conglomerate controlled by the Beijing government, the official said.

Presidential aides apparently were unaware of Wang's ties to the communist regime, and a background check was not done, the official said.

Wang's visit to the White House occurred at a time when the United States was accusing China of selling nuclear weapons technology to Pakistan and cruise missiles to Iran.

The White House is investigating the possibility that Charles Yeh Lin Trie, an Asian American businessman and longtime friend of the president, played a role in getting Wang inside the White House, the officials said.

Trie, who raised money for the Democratic Party and for the president's legal defense fund, also was cleared in for the event. But presidential aides are uncertain yet whether Trie attended because Secret Service records do not list an entry time for him.

"We are extremely concerned about why this individual got into the personal residence of the president," the official said. "We

are investigating to determine who is responsible, and who invited him."

Another official said there was no evidence yet that Clinton had any direct conversations with Wang during the event, which was held in the residential area of the executive mansion but not directly in the first family's living quarters.

The Wang latest revelation came as a Justice Department investigation into Democratic Party fund-raising expanded Thursday to the president's legal defense fund. Subpoenas for documents were issued to the White House and the fund, lawyers confirmed.

Trie has emerged as a central player in the growing controversy over foreign-linked campaign donations. He has not returned calls left at his office in Little Rock, Ark., where he first met Clinton two decades ago.

Earlier this week, the Clintons' Whitewater legal defense fund disclosed that it had returned more than \$640,000 in donations that Trie delivered this spring because of suspicions about their origins.

Lawyers for the fund said they became suspicious when different money orders bore identical handwriting and some money order donations from donors in different cities were in sequential order.

Trie already has acknowledged one of his companies improperly used foreign funds to make a \$15,000 donation to the Democratic Party.

Both the White House and Clinton's legal defense fund, which was created two years ago to help defray the Whitewater-related legal expenses of the president and his wife, pledged to cooperate with the investigation.

"We're cooperating with the Justice Department inquiry, and we trust and expect that the (defense fund) trustees will as well," said Lanny Davis, special counsel to the president.

World briefs

Italians mourn passing of national screen star

ROME (AP) — A shroud covers part of the darkened Trevi Fountain. Candles burn on church altars.

A woman came home from work and changed into black.

The homeland of Marcello Mastroianni said farewell in ways public and personal to the actor described by one fan simply as "the face of Italy."

Mastroianni, 72, died of cancer on Thursday at his home in Paris and the news raced across Italy like the raw winds blowing hard from the north.

Loredana Bisotti, a Rome graphic designer, left her office early for lunch. She returned dressed in black. "It seemed the only appropriate thing to do," she said.

Two long strips of black material hung today over the white marble of the Trevi Fountain, where a steamy Anita Ekberg lured him into the cool waters in the 1960 film "La Dolce Vita" in one of the enduring scenes of Mastroianni's 50-year career.

Mother Teresa slips back into routine

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Mother Teresa rose early for prayers with the other nuns of her order today, her first morning at home after nearly a month in the hospital.

"Mother is getting acclimated to her usual routine," said Meera Kumar, a longtime friend who visited the 86-year-old Nobel peace laureate today.

Mrs. Kumar said Mother Teresa spent a short time signing letters in her office after the prayers.

Mother Teresa, who had a heart attack Nov. 22, was released Thursday from the B.M. Birla Heart Research Center. She was to be given oxygen and chest massages at the Calcutta headquarters of her Missionaries of Charity order, where she lives and works.

Tarun Praharaj, one of her doctors, said they were still worried that the nun could develop a new lung infection, in part because of Calcutta's polluted air.

Singing Christmas carols



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Patrons at FirstBank Southwest have been entertained by various school groups caroling in the bank's lobby. Above, the Pampa Middle School Sixth and Seventh Grade Boys Choir singing Christmas songs during their appearance at the bank Wednesday morning.

Peru decides not to meet rebels' demand

LIMA, Peru (AP) — As mediators ferried between government officials and rebels holed up in a diplomatic compound with 375 hostages, local media reported today that Peru has tentatively decided not to meet the rebels' main demand.

After a Thursday night meeting, President Alberto Fujimori's Council of Ministers tentatively decided to back his proposal "to not accept the appeal to free any terrorist imprisoned in a Peruvian penitentiary," Radioprogramas radio and Channel 5 television reported.

The two stations, which are owned by the same company, said the reports were based on a fax from a government official.

It was not possible to independently confirm the reports. Phones at government offices were not answered this morning. It was unclear why the government would release a tentative decision by the Council of Ministers. The disclosure could be a trial balloon to gauge reaction to a controversial measure.

In Geneva, Red Cross

spokesman Ruben Ortega said the organization had no comment on the report.

The Red Cross has now taken over the lead role as go-between for the rebels and the government, its workers passing through police lines to ferry fruit, bread, ham and cheese to the rebels and hostages.

The hostage crisis began Tuesday night when two dozen Tupac Amaru rebels seized hundreds of guests at a party at the Japanese ambassador's house. They have released nearly 200 hostages, mostly women, but about 375 men still are being held.

The rebels' main demand has been freedom for 300 of their jailed comrades. They also want transportation to a central jungle, a commitment to change the government's free-market economic policy and the payment of an unspecified "war tax."

On Wednesday, they threatened to kill the hostages one by one until the government met their demands.

"We are clear: the liberation of all our comrades, or we die with

all the hostages," a rebel who did not give his name told a local radio station. "If the government does not give in, we will begin to execute them."

The rebels let their deadline pass without killing any hostages, and did not publicly reiterate the threat Thursday.

Many leaders of the Tupac Amaru are in jail. Its chief, Victor Polay, was captured in June 1992 and is serving a life sentence. Other top commanders conceded defeat and surrendered in July 1993.

The rebels freed four hostages for medical reasons Thursday, including one man in a wheelchair, Red Cross spokesman Steven Anderson said.

The remaining hostages are from at least 28 countries. Six are Americans, according to a diplomatic source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Fujimori issued a statement Thursday night saying he had assured several heads of state, including President Clinton, that his main goals were to end the crisis and "preserve the health and life" of the hostages.

Canned food drive



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Pampa Middle School students recently collected about 500 canned food items for the local Salvation Army. Shown here are representatives from each grade, including eighth grader Amy Newhouse (front left), seventh grader Ashley Freeman and sixth grader Max Simon (back left), as well as PMS Mayor Celeste Stowers.

Valujet gets go ahead

ATLANTA (AP) — Valujet won federal permission to use other airlines to fly passengers to Dallas and two Florida vacation spots after selling about 15,000 tickets it couldn't honor itself.

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Clinton keeps Pena in new Cabinet post

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a surprise shift that helped diversify his Cabinet, President Clinton tapped outgoing Transportation Secretary Federico Pena to head his second-term Energy Department and chose Arkansas native Rodney Slater to replace him. The Associated Press has learned.

Filling the last of his Cabinet vacancies, Clinton also selected Andrew Cuomo, son of former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, for housing secretary and White House aide Alexis Herman to be labor secretary. All four must be confirmed by the Senate.

Pena was asked to jump Cabinet seats after Clinton tentatively settled on federal energy regulator Elizabeth Moler to replace Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary. Realizing he was about to appoint a 14-member Cabinet with no Hispanic representation, Clinton considered his options late into the night.

He finally turned to Pena, a Hispanic, who aides said was a stronger manager than Moler, having been in charge of the Transportation Department since 1993.

A senior White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said early today that Pena, Slater, Herman and Cuomo were offered the jobs late Thursday, and accepted.

Slater, 41, is the Federal Highway Administrator. Cuomo, a deputy to outgoing Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros, is considered the administration's "homelessness czar." Herman, like Slater, is black; she is responsible for soothing and energizing Democratic constituency groups for the White House.

Promising a Cabinet that "looks like America," Clinton put four blacks, two Hispanics, three women and no Republicans in his 1992 Cabinet. Counting newly nominated, returning members and Thursday night's picks, the second-term Cabinet would have three blacks, one Hispanic, four women and a Republican.

Pena's name was not on the list of tentative picks circulated Thursday evening by aides who thought Clinton had made up his mind. After reviewing the names, concerns arose in the White House about whether Hispanics were under-represented. Clinton and his inner circle of aides went back to work and came out of a post-midnight meeting with Pena's name.

Pena told chief of staff Leon Panetta after the election that he did not want to serve a second term at transportation. It was widely assumed he was leaving the administration. However, two administration officials said Pena's name had been mentioned for various posts, including Cabinet seats.

Faced with the prospect of Clinton naming a Cabinet with no Hispanics, Pena accepted the job.

In another nod to powerful Hispanic groups, Clinton decided to name Aida Alvarez, director of federal housing enterprise oversight at HUD, to replace Small Business Administration Director Phil Lader, the senior official said.

Clinton already has nominated another Hispanic, Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M., as U.N. ambassador. Richardson and Alvarez will not be in the traditional Cabinet, but their posts were made Cabinet-level by presidential fiat.

In other developments expected today:

— Federal Reserve Board member Janet Yellen will be nominated to replace Joseph Stiglitz as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, two administration officials said. She was offered the job, and accepted.

— Bruce Reed, a centrist Clinton aide, will be named domestic policy adviser, replacing Carol Rasco, who is moving to the Education Department, aides said.

— Former chief of staff Mack McLarty has decided to stay at the White House as a presidential counselor. An administration official said McLarty will be special envoy to Latin America, with a seat on Clinton's influential National Economic Council.

Slater, the nation's top highway official, served on the Arkansas Highway Commission for five years when Clinton was governor. One of the president's most loyal aides, he has not been shadowed by controversy like many Arkansans who moved to Washington in 1993.

Christmas Food Festival



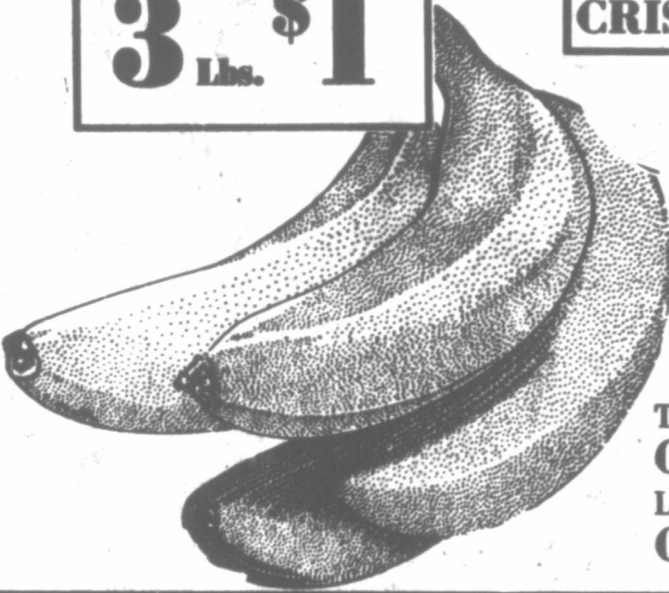
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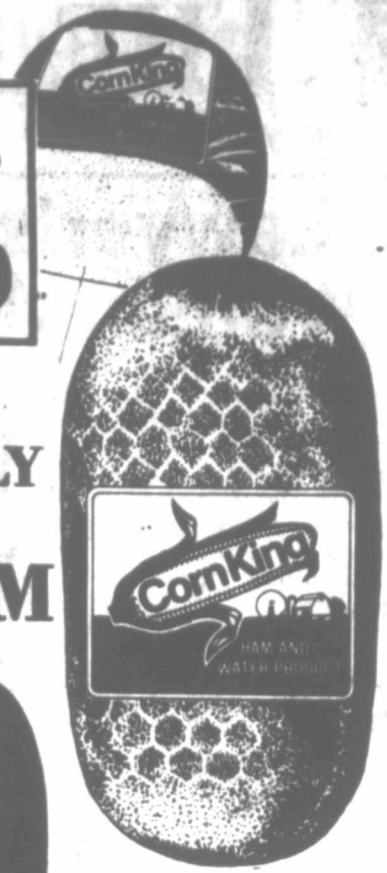
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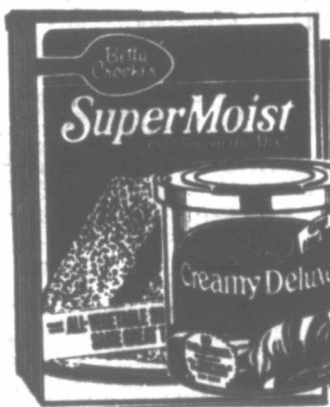


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It turns out that my lawyer's wife is a terrible gossip. She discussed the problems in my marriage with anyone who would listen. (I understand that I am not the only client she has talked about.)

I am devastated. Now the whole town knows. I am sickened that our children will hear the things from which I tried so hard to protect them. It has made the situation even worse between my ex and me.

I thought that lawyers were required to keep everything confidential. The damage has been done to me and my family, so there's nothing I can do, but I would like to know what you think.

BETRAYED

DEAR BETRAYED: Your attorney has violated the American Bar Association's code of professional conduct, which dictates that everything a client says to an attorney must be held in strictest confidence, a very serious infraction.

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DEAR ABBY: I have never seen my problem in your column and must therefore believe others are not as affected as I am concerning this issue.

I am afraid of dead people. I am a white, 60-year-old female, well-educated and a product of the Deep South.

I can go to a wake or funeral as long as others are around, but I will not go into a room alone where there is someone lying in a casket.

My mother is elderly, and I live in terror of her death because I know I will be expected to kiss her. This is something a lot of families in the Deep South do.

As much as I love my mother, the thought of having to kiss her dead lips is terrifying to me.

When I was 8, I was held up over my dead great-grandfather and made to kiss his cheek. It was like kissing a cold piece of marble.

I am a Christian and don't think I am abnormal, but this is something I cannot share with anyone.

My mother and sisters have no problem kissing our dead relatives, but I just can't do it. Am I abnormal?

ASHAMED: Abnormal? No. Traumatized, yes. Children should not be forced into gestures of affection, as you were. When the time comes, do not worry about kissing your deceased mother. If anyone comments, say, "I want to remember kissing her warm cheek when she was alive."

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you might experience more stress than usual in your personal relationships. People who usually back you up might try to block you instead.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If everything doesn't proceed according to plan today,

don't make matters worse by pointing the finger at others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not let peer pressure force you to do things against your best judgment today. It is better to stand alone and be right than to bend to the will of the majority.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The spotlight will be on you today, whether you welcome it or not. Do not behave in a manner that could tarnish your image. Critics will be watching.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Usually, you're pretty good at gauging the abilities and limitations of others. Today, however, you might expect too much from people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not let a friend's material wealth cause you to be discontented today. You might be more aware of what others have and ignore your own blessings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your willingness to give people the benefit of the doubt is one of your best attributes. Today, however, you might judge harshly without good reason.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 22, 1996

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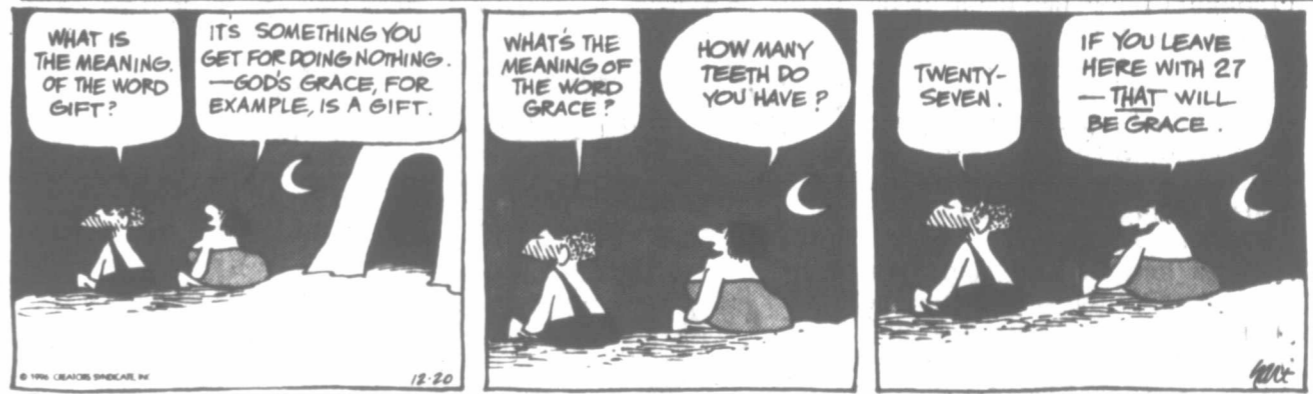
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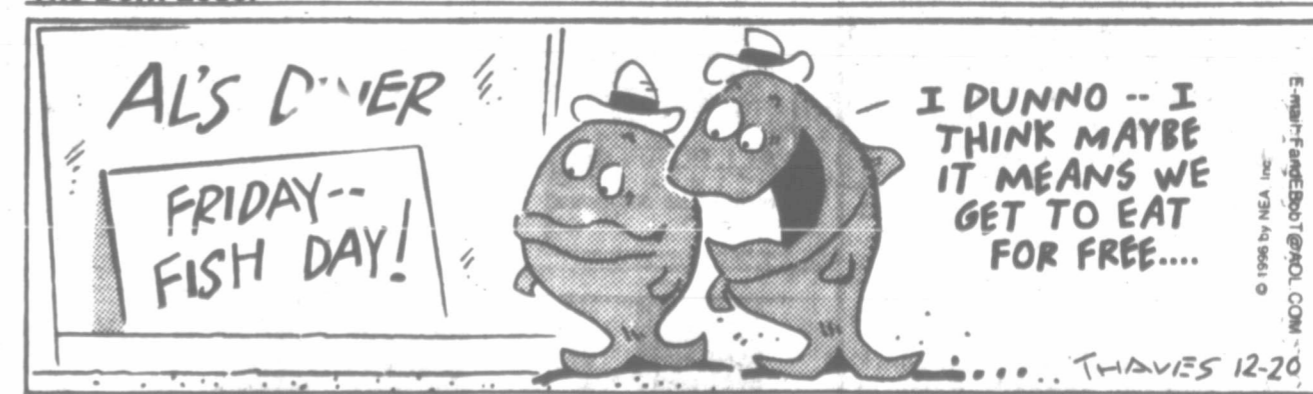
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Man slashes doctor who treated daughter for leukemia

NEW YORK (AP) — Eleven years after a man attacked a nurse at a hospital that treated his daughter for leukemia, he returned and slashed the girl's doctor and four other people with a razor, police said.

James Aaron Rowe, 39, also cut himself in the neck and wrist before being subdued Thursday. None of the wounds was life-threatening, said Dr. Robert Kelly, chief medical officer for New York Hospital.

In 1985, Rowe was committed to a mental facility after slashing a nurse treating his daughter, Natima Rowe. His daughter died in 1991 at age 12. He eventually pleaded guilty to the attempted murder and served eight years in prison.

"Apparently he was dissatisfied with the treatment," Deputy Inspector James Campbell said.

On Thursday, Rowe showed up at the hospital's pediatric hematology clinic, asked for the doctor who had treated his daughter, and slashed the doctor in the face along with a nurse, two other hospital workers and an adult visitor, police said.

Pepperidge Farm recalls cookies due to peanut allergy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pepperidge Farm Old Fashioned Lemon Nut Crunch cookies are being recalled because they could pose a serious risk to people with peanut allergies.

The cookies may contain peanut butter, due to a manufacturing error. Even a small amount of peanuts or peanut butter can cause a life-threatening reaction in people allergic to the nut.

Norwalk, Conn.-based Pepperidge Farm said no consumers have reported illness. The cookies do list walnuts as an ingredient on the package label, but not peanut butter.

Consumers who are peanut sensitive should not eat any of the cookies bearing the production code PRUP2636, PRUP3506 or any production code beginning with the letters PWO.

They may return the cookies to their grocery store for an exchange or refund, or call Pepperidge Farm at 1-800-637-7698.

Survey reveals Americans lives made easier by ... VCR

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — The internal combustion engine? Satellite communication? The computer?

Nope. When asked in an MIT survey to name the invention that has made life easier, Americans picked the videocassette recorder.

The survey of 1,008 adults was conducted in November by an MIT board that administers an award for innovation and invention.

Eighty percent of the respondents said the VCR had simplified their daily lives. Computers and cellular phones tied for second with 50 percent and voice mail and pagers tied for third with 38 percent.

Twelve percent cited the Internet as the No. 1 invention that made Americans' lives more complicated.

The survey also found that most people feel inventions such as personal computers, cellular phones, voice mail and the Internet have no impact on their lives.

The margin of error was four percent.

Police search for thief who made off with Santa suit

PLANTATION KEY, Fla. (AP) — Santa didn't want to have children bugging him for Nintendo 64s and "Ickle Me Elmos" while he was eating lunch, so he switched into street clothes as a disguise.

But while he was eating, somebody ran off with his suit.

"That will teach me to keep my pants on," Santa told Monroe County Sheriff's deputies investigating Wednesday's theft.

Santa was working for the sheriff's department at the time, flying from appearances in the chopper. That's where he left his ted suit.

"Fortunately Santa was able to borrow a similar suit from someone and was able to make his next appearance on time," a statement from the department said.

Monroe County officials are offering a \$1,000 reward for information about the missing Santa suit.

Oakland school board declares 'Ebonics' second language in move many educators predict will become national trend

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Levi Smith doesn't want his three children speaking Black English with phrases like "He be at the store," even though the Oakland School Board says it's a legitimate language.

"There's no 'we be doin' this' in our home," says Smith, who is black.

But many black students in Oakland do use the language, prompting a school board decision to officially recognize Black English, also known as Ebonics — a term combining "ebony" and "phonics."

While the district is believed to be the first in the nation to vote for such recognition, it could become a trend. Los Angeles Superintendent Sid Thompson said his district — the nation's second largest behind New York — is prepared to follow Oakland's example.

Just what impact the board's unanimous decision will have in the classroom remains to be worked out. Possibilities include placing Black English-speaking students in classes that will help them

learn standard English. Wednesday night's vote also creates a program to train teachers to understand Black English.

"It's not to have the teachers teach Ebonics. It's to have the teachers understand the language," McClymonds High Principal Willie Hamilton said. "It happens with other non-English-speaking or limited English proficient students, and we felt the same should be done for African-American students."

The board is expected to apply for federal funds for bilingual programs to cover the cost of training teachers, even though the government has rejected such requests in the past.

Members insist the vote was sparked not by the lure of federal money, but by the dismal scores posted by black students — who make up 53 percent of the 52,000-student district, but 71 percent of those enrolled in special education courses.

"Whatever we are using now is not working," school board member Toni Cook said.

Shirley Watson, a black teacher at Oakland High School, said teachers should understand the origins of Black English, which has roots in Africa. Students still must learn standard English, "but not in a way that puts them down," she said.

But some critics call the acceptance of Black English racist, saying it creates a lower standard for black students. Others say the school board should be concentrating on more tangible needs — like providing adequate books and supplies.

"It is a Band-Aid on a wound that is gushing blood," said Jeff Duncan, a part-time English teacher. "A Band-Aid is better than nothing, but I'm really tired of the school board having such low expectations for its students."

Many students, he said, think recognizing Black English makes them look stupid.

"We are like lab rats," said 18-year-old Shawn Kemp, a senior at McClymonds High School. "At a white school, you don't see them talking about white English. ...

Do I seem like I'm speaking another language?"

Shana Woods, a 17-year-old junior from nearby Emeryville, said she hoped the policy would not spread to her district.

"I would agree with respecting it but not correcting it," she said. "But I don't really want teachers to understand it. That's the whole point of it — for them not to know what we're saying."

The American Speech, Language and Hearing Association has classified Black English as a social dialect with its own lexicon and syntax.

In Black English, words lose a "d" following a vowel, so "good" becomes "goo," and the final "th" is sometimes replaced with "f," so "with" becomes "wif." Also, the verb "to be" is not conjugated, as in "He be at the store," and speakers use double or triple negatives — "I'm not going back there no more."

As for Smith, an Oakland father of three, he said the rules will remain the same in his home.

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FOOTBALL

DALLAS (AP) — All those Kansas State fans who can't wait for the Cotton Bowl now have a place to learn all about the New Year's Day contest on the Internet.

Cotton Bowl sponsor Southwestern Bell unveiled Thursday its fact-filled spot on the World Wide Web, which is accessible at <http://cottonbowl.com>.

Game history, stadium facts and ticket information for the Jan. 1, 1997, contest between Kansas State and Brigham Young are some of the facts available through the colorful web page.

Access to the page could jam up if as K-State fans greet it as they have the game, buying a game-record 35,000 seats.

"We wanted to commemorate the history of the Cotton Bowl and find a fun way to inform all the fans who will be in the Dallas-Fort Worth area for the game," said Bob Casali, president and chief executive officer of Southwestern Bell Internet Systems, which developed the site.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Dallas coach Barry Switzer and Denver coach Mike Shanahan were rehearsing old times last spring in NFL meetings at West Palm Beach when Shanahan gave his former boss a tip.

"You need to play more coverages in the secondary," Shanahan told Switzer. "You're too predictable. If I know you're going to play man-for-man on every down, I can get into formations that will pick you apart."

Shanahan worked briefly as an assistant coach under Switzer at Oklahoma before moving on to bigger and better things as one of the hottest young coaches in the NFL.

If Denver and Dallas meet in the Super Bowl, Shanahan might regret giving the hint to his old boss.

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — A "family approach" to Kansas State star Clint Canty's off-the-field troubles will allow him to play in the Cotton Bowl, coach Bill Snyder says.

The All-American cornerback could start against Brigham Young on New Year's Day, but only "if he's good enough," Snyder said Thursday.

"Chris Canty will play," Snyder said at a news conference. "I think it's the right thing to do."

Canty was arrested early in the morning of Dec. 9. He had an outstanding warrant for unpaid parking tickets when he was stopped for speeding on campus.

The arresting officer said he smelled alcohol on Canty's breath, and Canty's blood-alcohol content tested over the Kansas legal limit of 0.08 percent. Canty pleaded innocent to the charge in city court Wednesday.

"I know I let the team and Kansas State and the coaching staff and my teammates down," Canty said at Thursday's news conference. "But when I have a chance to play in the bowl game, I want to make it up."

NFL announces new Super Bowl web site

By **JOHN NELSON**
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL would love to break its old Super Bowl Internet record — if it could figure out what the new one is.

The NFL announced on Wednesday that it would reopen Superbowl.com on Saturday in conjunction with Fox, which will televise the game on Jan. 26, and Starwave, the technology company that also manages NFL.com.

Last Jan. 28, the NFL's first Super Bowl web site set a single-day Internet record with nearly 8 million hits. Since then, the web has done a lot of grow-

ing up, however.

"We get as many hits now on a regular Sunday as we did last year on Super Bowl day," NFL Interactive vice president Ann Kirschner said.

In addition, the industry no longer considers hits, or individual clicks on a site, the standard by which to measure use. Instead, Internet providers use page views or estimated numbers of actual users to measure traffic on a site.

"We would absolutely love to break the record again," Kirschner said, admitting she wasn't even sure at this point what the record is.

In fact, the record could be changing daily.

At the same time, the NFL

also announced that IBM would be the exclusive sponsor of Superbowl.com in what is believed to be the biggest online sponsorship ever of an event-specific Internet site. Terms of the agreement were kept confidential.

IBM, in turn, will showcase its new video technology to help the NFL televise news conferences, player interviews and other events surrounding the Super Bowl on its web site.

"There have been a lot of technological advances since last year," Kirschner said. "We've got streaming audio and video."

Most people are now on line with a 28.8 modem. Last year, it

was slower.

"And video over the Internet is coming at us like a freight train, but so far we can just barely hear the whistle."

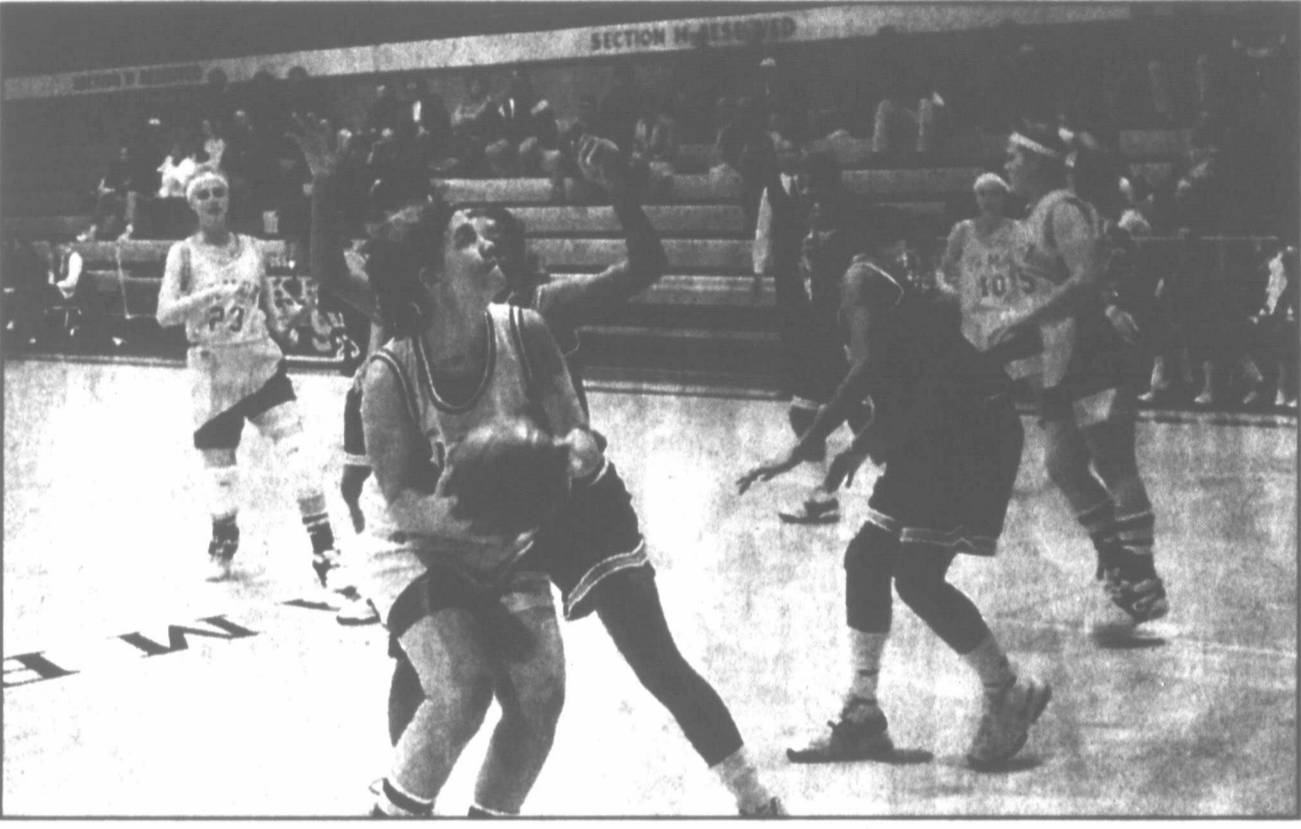
In addition to the IBM video, Superbowl.com will feature Fox announcer Tim Green doing a live "cybercast" of the game, which will include text, audio and photos. Users of Superbowl.com also will be able to access streaming audio analysis by Fox experts and players all week long, live chats with players, the NFL's online Super Bowl store and the IBM-sponsored Super Bowl sweepstakes.

"The Internet has begun to build momentum, and it will explode," Kirschner said.

"Success is assured. It's just a question of how soon it will come. It's all too logical for it to fail."

The NFL's regular-season web site (at <http://www.nfl.com>) now attracts an estimated 125,000 users on an average Sunday with about 540,000 per week. Last Nov. 4, NFL.com played host to more than 100,000 users for the first time on a weekday.

"If you look at when people normally use the Internet, most of it is on weekdays, while people are at work," Kirschner said. "Our biggest day is Sunday, which means people are using the Internet at home. We are bucking the trend."



Pampa's Faustine Curry looks for a shot against Palo Duro Thursday night.

Pampa's Lemons named all-stater

PAMPA — Pampa senior Devin Lemons, who started both ways at the end position, has been named to The Associated Press Sports Editors' Class 4A all-state team.

Lemons, a 6-3, 215-pounder, was named to the first team at defensive end.

Despite missing the first three games of the season due to a fractured jaw, Lemons still had an outstanding season. He had 48 tackles, 20 hurries, three sacks, one blocked kick and one fumble recovery.

Lemons helped lead Pampa to a 10-3 record and a berth in the Class 4A Division I semifinals. It was as far as Pampa had ever gone in the football playoffs.

With Lemons in the lineup, the Harvesters had a 22-5-1 record the past three years. He has verbally committed to Texas Tech.

Lemons was also the leading receiver for the Harvesters with 25 catches for 431 yards and five touchdowns. He carried the ball four times on end reverses and had an average of 11.3 yards. Lemons was also on the kick return team. He averaged 36 yards on five carries with one touchdown.

In Pampa's 31-14 loss to eventual Division I champion Grapevine in the semifinals, Lemons had seven tackles and one quarterback hurry.

Lemons made the first team on both offense and defense on the District 1-4A All-District Team. He was a starter on Pampa's state champion basketball team last season.

DALLAS (AP) — Grapevine won a state title with offense. Defense put La Marque in its fourth-consecutive championship game.

So it should be no surprise which schools were prominent on each side of the ball in The Associated Press Sports Editors' Class 4A all-state teams released Thursday.

Grapevine had three first-team offensive players, plus the kicker, and top offensive player in quarterback Eric Guajardo, while La Marque lineman Roylin Bradley was named the top defender for the second year.

Bradley, a 6-foot-2, 223-pound senior, was the only

first-teamer from La Marque (13-2), which plays Denison (14-1) on Saturday for the 4A Division II title. It's a rematch of last year's championship, won 31-8 by La Marque.

Bradley helped the Cougars get back to the finals as much through his leadership as with his 103 tackles, 12 sacks and eight forced fumbles.

"He came in this year and said, 'Coach, I've got to show those people they were right,'" La Marque coach Alan Weddell said. "Even in practice, he goes out every day trying to get better. That attitude raises the whole team."

Denison also had one first-teamer in D'Nard Whitfield, another defensive lineman.

The seventh annual APSE team is based only on regular-season performance. Votes are cast before the playoffs.

Over those 10 weeks, Grapevine had 4A's most-dominant offense. The Mustangs parlayed their balanced attack into the first-ever Division I title with a 34-19 victory over Hays Consolidated last weekend.

The celebration resumed Thursday with word of all-state honors for Guajardo, offensive lineman James McCarthy, receiver Jack Brewer and kicker Ryan LePori.

"I'd hate to have played without any of them, especially Eric," Grapevine coach Mike Sneed said. "Eric was the biggest question coming into the season and without a doubt he answered it."

"Jack was definitely the leader of our team. He played offense, defense, was our protector on punts and our holder on kicks."

McCarthy's value was that he shielded Guajardo's blind side.

He also played on a bad ankle most of the season, after having played with a cracked hip in last year's playoffs.

"He's just a warrior," Sneed said.

Although protected by McCarthy, throwing to Brewer and handing off to honorable mention running back Tellis Redmon, who dominated the postseason after an ankle injury in the regular season, Guajardo was the linchpin to Grapevine's success.

He was 128-of-213 for 2,004 yards and 21 touchdowns in

the regular season, with just eight interceptions. In the postseason, he was 48-of-85 for 856 yards and 10 touchdowns with two interceptions.

"What set him apart from other people we've had running our offense was that he could throw the deep ball," Sneed said. "Our offense doesn't go unless the quarterback can do the job."

Grapevine scored so often that LePori tried only seven field goals, but he made five of them, including a 43-yarder, and he converted 45 of 47 extra-point kicks.

Corpus Christi Calallen, which lost to La Marque in the semifinals for the fourth-straight year, had three first-teamers in offensive lineman Gabe Garza, running back Woody Chambers and linebacker Jarrett Erwin.

Garza, La Marque's Bradley and Azle defensive back Derek Dorris were the only repeat first-teamers.

Chambers replaced last year's 4A offensive player of the year Wes Danaher as the featured back in Calallen's run-oriented offense and gained 1,899 yards.

He was joined in the first-team backfield by the only two players who outgained him: Terrell's Burnest Rhodes (1,923 yards) and district rival Fred Wallace of Corpus Christi Flour Bluff (2,079).

District 31-4A had two more first-teamers in offensive lineman Jacob Eldridge and punter K.C. Chastain, both from Gregory-Portland.

Division I runner-up Hays Consolidated was represented by offensive lineman Chris Bryant.

Rounding out the first-team offense were Corsicana offensive lineman Billy Yates and receiver Michael Windish of Lampasas, who caught 44 passes for 1,163 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Other first-team defenders included linemen Devin Lemons of Pampa, Wendell Woods of Navasota, linebackers Kevin Aldridge of Jacksonville and Wayne Rogers of Waco University, and defensive backs Bryan Clark of Brownwood, Landon Kribbs of Stephenville and Kendall Williams of Dallas Roosevelt.

Williams is the brother of Dallas Cowboys receiver Kevin Williams.

PHS girls fall to PD in non-district game

PAMPA — Palo Duro turned back Pampa, 62-55, in a non-district girls' basketball game Thursday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Lady Dons, who hit almost 60 percent (22 of 37) of their field goal attempts, was led in scoring by Lakishia Harper with 19 points. Julie Tudman added 10.

For the Lady Harvesters, who are now 8-6 for the season, senior guard Jennifer Jones was the leading scorer with 20 points. McKinley Quarles followed with 10.

The lead seasawed back and forth the first half with Pampa leading, 13-11, at the end of the first quarter and Palo Duro ahead, 28-26, at halftime. The

Lady Dons led by four (42-38) after three quarters and the Lady Harvesters were never able to catch up in the final quarter.

Palo Duro 62, Pampa 55

Palo Duro: Lakishia Harper 19, Julie Tudman 10, Geronica Tucker 8, Deanna Shaw 6, Casey Jackson 6, Robun Henderson 5, April Gardner 3, Tonia Douglass 2, Chastity Phillmore 2, Carmesha Phillips 1; Three-point goals, none.

Pampa: Jennifer Jones 20, McKinley Quarles 10, Faustine Curry 8, Chandra Nachtigall 8, Kristi Carpenter 7, Tina Dwight 2; Three-point goals: Jones 5, Nachtigall 2.

Dons defeat Harvesters

PAMPA — A big second quarter helped give Palo Duro a 63-54 win over Pampa in non-district basketball action Thursday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

There were five lead changes in the first quarter, but the Dons outscored the Harvesters, 18-9, in the second quarter to go up by 13 points at halftime. The Harvesters were never able to recover from that PD spurt.

Brandon Smith, a 6-6 senior, led the Dons in scoring with 20 points.

Lynn Brown, Devin Lemons and August Larson paced Pampa with 12 points apiece.

Pampa outshot PD from the floor, but the Dons had the edge from the foul line. The Harvesters hit 23 of 51 (45.0 percent) of their field goal attempts while the Dons were 24 of 66 (36.3 percent). Palo Duro was 12 of 20 from the foul line. Pampa was 3 of 11.

Pampa went on a run late in the

fourth quarter, cutting PD's 19-point bulge to 10 by scoring 9 unanswered points with 4:22 left in the game. However, the Harvesters weren't able to cut any more off the deficit.

Pampa is now 6-10 for the season while Palo Duro is 11-4.

The Harvesters are entered in the Lions Club Tournament next month in Fort Worth. Their first-round opponent is Boswell at 4:30 Thursday.

Palo Duro 63, Pampa 54

Palo Duro: Brandon Smith 20, Frankie Walzler 9, Charles Cunningham 9, Quincy Taylor 8, Brandon Campbell 8, Rilo Luke 6, Torei Crain 3; Three-point goals: Smith 2, Campbell 1.

Pampa: Lynn Brown 12, Devin Lemons 12, August Larson 12, JaMarious Osborne 7, Shawn Young 4, Tyson Alexander 3, Kaleb Meek 2, Gabe Wilbon 2; Three-point goals: Larson 3, Brown 2.

Carolina favored over Pittsburgh

By **DAVE GOLDBERG**
AP Football Writer

When the NFL schedule came out last spring, the final-week game between Pittsburgh and Carolina looked like a playoff warmup for the Steelers against a second-year expansion team.

Instead, it's a matchup of two teams headed for the playoffs, with the Panthers looking like an NFL power.

Pittsburgh goes into Carolina on Sunday with the NFC Central title clinched. Carolina can win the NFC West with a victory. If New England loses Saturday to the first-round bye, but that's unlikely, so Pittsburgh should know its playoff situation by gametime.

So assume Carolina is more motivated — the line nearly doubled from three points to 5 1/2 (Carolina's the favorite) early in the week.

Remember that Carolina is 7-0 at home. And remember the defensive systems are nearly identical — Dom Capers was Bill Cowher's defensive coordinator before taking the Panthers' head job. So each team's offense has seen a lot of the other guy's defense.

Finally, assume the Patriots will beat the Giants.

PANTHERS, 23-15

New England (minus 9) at New York Giants (Saturday)
Let's get Bill Parcells' first game against his old team out of the way quickly. Actually, it's a wash — there are three Patriots left in New York (Brian Williams, Howard Cross and Rodney Hampton) and three in New England (William Roberts, Dave Meggett and Rob Krutach). PATRIOTS, 27-10

Kansas City (plus 5) at Buffalo
The winner is in the playoffs, the loser is probably out.

BILLS, 14-10
Indianapolis (minus 1) at Cincinnati
The Colts need to win to make the playoffs. The Bengals would like to get to 500.

BENGALS, 24-23
Atlanta (plus 9) at Jacksonville
The Jaguars need to win to make the playoffs. No problem against a team where fliccuts can break out at any time between the quarterback and offensive line.

JAGUARS, 34-9
Minnesota (plus 11) at Green Bay
The only way the Packers lose home field is to lose by 19.

PACKERS, 19-0
Detroit (plus 12) at San Francisco (Monday night)
The problem here is that the 49ers will know by gametime whether they need to win or not. It probably doesn't matter.

49ERS, 27-13
Dallas (off) at Washington
"This is our bye week," says Barry Switzer. REDSKINS, 19-6
Denver (minus 1 1/2) at San Diego
Mike Shanahan is treating this like Switzer — an exhibition. CHARGERS, 23-20

ARIZONA (plus 5) at Philadelphia
At this point, the Cardinals are better than the Eagles. CARDINALS, 24-20

Seattle (plus 4) at Oakland
The Raiders need just eight penalties to break their own NFL record. SEAHAWKS, 20-17

Chicago (plus 2 1/2) at Tampa Bay
The Bucs have their 13th 10-loss season in 14 years, but they can get a plus-500 second half. BUCCS, 17-13

New Orleans (plus 5) at St. Louis (Saturday)
The Rams can make this a clean sweep of the NFC West's rear echelon. They might also save Rich Brooks. RAMS, 24-16

Miami (minus 3) at New York Jets (Saturday)
Now that the Jets have clinched the top draft pick, they can go all out.

JETS, 21-20
Houston (plus 3) at Baltimore
If the Ravens could play their entire schedule at home ... RAVENS, 31-27

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FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

LINEBACK

CHRIS BRYANT, Hays Consolidated, 6-4, 285, Sr. — 38 pins through 6 games for undefeated team that averaged 444 yards per game.
JACOB ELDREDGE, Gregory-Portland, 6-3, 292, Sr. — Best blocker for offense that featured 1,300 yard rusher and 1,800 yard passer; offense averaged 419 yards.
GABE GARZA, CC Calallen, 6-0, 280, Sr. — All-state last year, graded 80 percent this year. Best blocker on 10-0 team with two 1,000-yard rushers and offense that averaged 499 yards.
JAMES MCCARTHY, Grapevine, 6-4, 280, Sr. — Best blocker on offense that averaged 380 yds per game.
BILLY VATES, Corsicana, 6-3, 270, Jr. — Key blocker who kept Corsicans' running game going after loss of Keric Sanford.

QUARTERBACK

ERIC GUJARDO, Grapevine, 6-2, 180, Sr. — 128-213-9-2,004, 21 TDs.

RUNNING BACKS

WOODY CHAMBERS, CC Calallen, 5-10, 180, Sr. — 203-1,899 yards, 27 TDs; second 1,000-yard season.
BURNEST RHODES, Terrell, 5-11, 185, Sr. — 248-1,923, second-most in 4A.
FRED WALLACE, CC Flour Bluff, 6-2, 235, Sr. — leading 4A rusher; 243-2,079, 29 TDs; second 1,000-yard season.

ENDS

JACK BREWER, Grapevine, 6-0, 180, Sr. — 34-559; also moved to RB due to injuries to others and had 122 yds against 5A Flour Mound Marcus.
MICHAEL WINDISH, Lampasas, 5-10, 165, Sr. — 44-1,163, 10 TDs.

PLACE KICKER

RYAN LAPORI, Grapevine, 5-11, 170, Sr. — 5-7 FGs, long 43; 45-47 PATs.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Eric Guajardo, Grapevine.

DEFENSE

LINEBACK

ROYLIN BRADLEY, La Marque, 6-2, 223, Sr. — 103 tackles, 12 sacks, 21 hurries, 8 caused fumbles, 1 fumble recovery. Class 4A defensive player of the year as a junior.
DEVIN LEMONS, Pampa, 6-3, 215, Sr. — 48 tackles, 20 hurries, 3 sacks, 1 blocked kick, 1 fumble recovery (returned it 70 yards); missed first 3 games with broken leg. Pampa went 22-6 in his three years in lineup.
D'NARD WHITFIELD, Denison, 6-3, 215, Sr. — 82 tackles (59 solo, 7 for losses), had sacks and blocked a punt for one of the area's best defenses.
WENDELL WOODS, Navasota, 6-2, 260, Sr. — 81 tackles, 8 sacks; led defense that averaged 148 yards per game; defense only gave up 2 TDs in district play.

LINEBACKERS

KEVIN ALDRIDGE, Jacksonville, 6-2, 240, Jr. — 80 tackles, 29 assists, 6 tackles for loss, 2 fumbles caused, 2 fumbles recovered, 2 INTs, 1 knocked down. Led undefeated district champs in tackles.
JARRETT ERWIN, CC Calallen, 6-1, 220, Sr. — 82 tackles, 30 solo, 5 for losses, 4 sacks, 3 blocked passes, 1 fumble recovery.
WAYNE ROGERS, Waco University, 6-2, 233, Sr. — 116 tackles and 10 sacks through nine games; Runs 4.6 40-yard dash and bench presses 320 pounds.

DEFENSIVE BACK

BRYAN CLARK, Brownwood, 5-10, 187, Jr. — 8 INTs, 15 pass break ups, 27 tackles.
DEREK DORRIS, Azle, 6-2, 180, Sr. — 7 INTs; 3 blocked kicks, caused or recovered 5 fumbles, 85 tackles; all-state in '95.
LONDON KRIBBS, Stephenville, 6-1, 198, Sr. — 75 solo tackles, 103 assisted, 5 INTs, 7 pass breakups.
KENDALL WILLIAMS, Dallas Roosevelt, 5-10, 180, Sr. — 4 INTs (2 TD); brother of Dallas Cowboys receiver Kevin Williams.

PUNTER

K.C. CHASTAIN, Gregory-Portland, 6-2, 225, Sr. — 42.6 average on 18 kicks.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Roylin Bradley, La Marque

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

OL BUBBA COURSEY, Saginaw Boswell, 6-1, 243, Sr.
OL CHAD HANKS, Bridge City, 6-1, 215, Sr.
OL SCOTT KELLY, Brownwood, 6-1, 220, Jr.
OL MARLON LEE, Houston Forest Brook, 6-2, 265, Sr.
OL TONY LUZ, Sweetwater, 6-0, 270, Sr.
E. JESSE GERMAN, Friendswood, 5-10, 185, Sr.
E DONOVAN HENDERSON, Bastrop, 6-0, 180, Jr.
QB PABLO JASS, Lampasas, 6-1, 205, Sr.
RB BYRON JOHNSON, Tyler Chapel Hill, 6-0, 175, Jr.
RB AUDY MITCHELL, Brownwood, 5-10, 195, Sr.
RB LADAINIAN TOMLINSON, Waco University, 6-0, 195, Sr.
PK ERIC PARKS, Dallas Hillcrest 5-10, 175, Jr.
DEFENSE
DL EUSEBIO GONZALES, Edcouch-Elsa, 6-2, 305, Sr.
DL MICHAEL LYONS, Hays Consolidated, 6-3, 220, Sr.
DL JOSH PAGE, Waxahatchie, 6-3, 255, Jr.
DL ALEX PAHLULU, Grapevine, 6-0, 265, Sr.
LB JACK GRAVES, Stephenville, 5-11, 205, Sr.
LB BEN HOWARD, Dallas Lincoln, 6-0, 215, Sr.
LB EVERICK RAWLS, Texas City, 6-1, 180, Jr.
DB JASON McMINN, Waco Midway, 5-10, 165, Sr.
DB ANTWONNE McQUARTERS, Grapevine, 5-10, 170, Sr.
DB DEKENDRICK VIDITO, Jasper, 6-2, 180, Sr.
DB SHEDDRICK WILLIAMS, Sweetwater, 6-0, 170, Sr.
P BROCK RICHARDSON, Nederland, 6-0, 175, Sr.

HONORABLE MENTION

OFFENSE

LINEMEN
Victor Arredondo, Mabank; Phillip Blackmon, Mount Pleasant; Chad Ellis, Port

Neches-Groves: Jason Gardes, Tyler Chapel Hill; Chris Hudgins, Dumas; Logan Hulet, Lumberton; Jason Hunt, Fort Neches-Groves; J.P. Jensen, Hays Consolidated; Cordell Johnson, Waco Midway; Jason Jones, Brownwood; Kevin Jordan, Jasper; Ryan Meyer, Friendswood Clear Brook; Ryan Perdue, Bastrop; Omar Ramirez, Sweeny; David Roquemore, Whitehouse; Canaan Swearingen, Garbarn; Travis Taylor, Schertz Clemens; Kelly Terrell, Stephenville.

ENDS

Lance Coulter, Graham; George Cruz, El Paso Bowie; Jaime Daleon, Gregory-Portland; Jermaine Henderson, Navasota; Carlo Horn, Jacksonville; Marty Jones, Brownwood; Norris McGhee, West Orange-Stark; Roland Ramirez, Uvalde; Brad Triesch, Smithson Valley; Joe Young, Fort Worth Eastern Hills.

QUARTERBACKS

Antre Collins, Taylor; Kyle Dempsney, Stephenville; Collin Freeman, Brownwood; Reagan George, New Braunfels Canyon; Sterling Gilbert, San Angelo Lake View; Dickie Gonzalez, CC Calallen; Grant Sumner, Highland Park.

RUNNING BACKS

Chano Aharado, Edcouch-Elsa; Jason Bluford, Sweetwater; Mike Davis, Fort Worth Western Hills; Martin Dosselt, Gregory-Portland; Corey Harris, Friendswood Clear Brook; Cedric Mitchell, West Mesquite; Telle Richmond, Grapevine; Detrice Spearman, Silsbee; Charles Williams, Cleburne; Shaud Williams, Andrews.

PLACE KICKERS

Shane Armstrong, Friendswood; Mike Meserole, Austin Anderson; Charlie Russell, Canyon; By Turner, Jacksonville.

DEFENSE

LINEBACK

Jermaine Anderson, Texas City; Larry Brown, Dallas Spruce; C.J. Carroll, CC Calallen; Travis Clark, Brownwood; John Craig, Boerne; Gabe Garza, CC Calallen; Eric Hart, Brownwood; Jarrod Kutz, Port Neches-Groves; Chad McCarty, Fort Worth Eastern Hills; Kevin Palmer, Pleasanton; Victor Payne, Jasper; Charles Sias, West Orange-Stark; Kerry Strong, Bridge City; Jason Walker, San Angelo Lake View; Wes Whalley, CC Tuloso-Midway; Shawn Worthen, SA Alamo Heights.

LINEBACKERS

Michael Broadus, New Braunfels Canyon; Carl Clemens, Dumas; Mason Crenshaw, Paris; Chad Dosselt, Schertz Clemens; Maurice Gordon, West Mesquite; Rusty Jenschke, Fredericksburg; Sam Miller, El Paso Parkland; Jared Morris, Brownwood; Justin Smith, Port Neches-Groves; Don Stahl, Boerne; Todd Thompson, Lindale; Rashad Turner, Greenville; John Paul Vasecky, CC Flour Bluff; Jason Watson, Burleson; Tay Weatherpoon, Jasper; Charles Williams, Cleburne.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Chris Baston, Corsicana; Danny Black, Greenville; Colby Douac, Bridge City; Wade Egnon, El Campo; Mike Meserole, Austin Anderson; Kyle Staut, Fredericksburg; Brad Triesch, Smithson Valley; Jaquell Young, Sweeny.

PUNTERS

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Miami | 18 | 7 | .720 | — |
| New York | 16 | 7 | .696 | 1 |
| Washington | 12 | 12 | .500 | 5 1/2 |
| Orlando | 9 | 11 | .450 | 6 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 7 | 16 | .304 | 10 |
| New Jersey | 5 | 15 | .250 | 10 1/2 |
| Boston | 5 | 17 | .227 | 11 1/2 |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|-------|
| Chicago | 22 | 3 | .880 | — |
| Detroit | 19 | 4 | .826 | 2 |
| Cleveland | 15 | 8 | .652 | 6 |
| Atlanta | 14 | 8 | .636 | 6 1/2 |
| Charlotte | 13 | 11 | .542 | 8 1/2 |
| Milwaukee | 13 | 11 | .542 | 8 1/2 |
| Indiana | 11 | 11 | .500 | 9 1/2 |
| Toronto | 9 | 16 | .360 | 13 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Houston | 21 | 4 | .840 | — |
| Utah | 19 | 4 | .826 | 1 |
| Dallas | 9 | 14 | .391 | 11 |
| Minnesota | 8 | 17 | .320 | 13 |
| Denver | 6 | 19 | .240 | 15 |
| San Antonio | 5 | 17 | .227 | 14 1/2 |
| Vancouver | 5 | 21 | .192 | 16 1/2 |

Pacific Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|-------|
| L.A. Lakers | 19 | 8 | .704 | — |
| Seattle | 18 | 9 | .667 | 1 |
| Portland | 13 | 12 | .520 | 5 |
| L.A. Clippers | 10 | 15 | .400 | 8 |
| Golden State | 9 | 17 | .348 | 9 1/2 |
| Sacramento | 9 | 17 | .348 | 9 1/2 |
| Phoenix | 8 | 16 | .333 | 9 1/2 |

Wednesday's Games

Indiana 102, Orlando 95, 20T
 Cleveland 95, New Jersey 81
 Detroit 112, New York 78
 L.A. Lakers 111, Milwaukee 105
 Denver 95, Sacramento 79
 Phoenix 114, Washington 107
 Seattle 106, Portland 102
 Golden State 123, Minnesota 96

Thursday's Games

Toronto 96, Milwaukee 93
 Utah 94, Miami 87, OT
 Chicago 93, Charlotte 72
 San Antonio 115, Houston 101
 Dallas 105, Vancouver 98
 Washington 102, L.A. Clippers 93
 Sacramento 112, Minnesota 105

Friday's Games

New York at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
 New Jersey at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
 Detroit at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
 Utah at Orlando, 8 p.m.
 Vancouver at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Detroit at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
 Atlanta at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Miami at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Orlando at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
 Portland at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Utah at Cleveland, 1:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Indiana, 2:30 p.m.
 Chi. lotte at Boston, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 8 p.m.

Nevada wins Vegas Bowl

LAS VEGAS (AP) — For weeks leading up to the Las Vegas Bowl, Ball State fretted about stopping Nevada's high-powered offense. It turns out the Cardinals should have been spending a little more time worrying about the Wolf Pack defense.

The nation's top-ranked offensive team looked more like a defensive powerhouse Thursday night, containing Ball State until the final minutes, then hanging on for an 18-15 win in the opening game of the bowl season.

While its offense was held four touchdowns below its average, Nevada's defense allowed only 138 yards before a final desperation drive by Ball State made what had been lackluster game suddenly interesting in the final 2 1/2 minutes.

"A lot was said about their offense, but they have an outstanding defense," Ball State quarterback Brent Baldwin said.

Baldwin should know. He spent much of the night trying to get away from Nevada's blitzing defense, which allowed a 62-yard touchdown dash by LeAndre Moore in the second quarter, but little else until the final drive.

Still, Ball State had a chance to tie or win the game after driving 80 yards for a touchdown, then scoring on a two-point conversion to pull within three with 2:26 remaining.

When Raphael Ball recovered the ensuing onside kick, Ball State's offense reverted to form when Baldwin was intercepted by Mike Crawford to seal the Nevada win.

"We just didn't get it done, and I've got to take responsibility myself," Baldwin said. "I didn't play well enough, and when your quarterback doesn't play well, good things don't happen."

Crawford sacked Baldwin three times earlier, but dropped back to grab the interception that sealed Ball State's fate.

"I read his eyes, and when the play was over, I looked in my hands and I had the ball," Crawford said.

Nevada captured its first Las Vegas Bowl in three tries despite an offense that sputtered much of the night behind two quarterbacks.

The nation's top-ranked offense gained 460 yards, but Nevada had trouble getting the ball into the end zone and was hurt by two interceptions. The Wolf Pack more than made up for it with a defensive effort that almost shut down the Cardinals to win before a sparse crowd of 10,118 at the Sam Boyd Stadium.

"I've been telling people all year how great our defense is," Nevada coach Jeff Tisdell said. "Our offense made a couple plays, but tonight belonged to our defense."

Ball State managed to make it interesting at the end, scoring a touchdown on a 27-yard pass to Adrian Reese. Then Baldwin threw the interception that was the end of both an eight-game winning streak and the season for the Cardinals.

"We didn't come up with anything," Ball State coach Bill Lynch said. "After the first two drives, our defense played well, our kicking game was good and we had a chance. But their defense rose up."

Nevada scored the touchdown that made the final difference early in the fourth quarter after Eric Bennett took over for John Dutton. Bennett threw an 11-yard pass to Diamond Wilkins for the score to make it 18-7.

Nevada, which was beaten 40-37 by Toledo in last year's Las Vegas Bowl, led 9-0 after the end of the first quarter and let its defense overcome a shaky offensive performance to win the fifth annual bowl that matches the champions of the Mid-American and Big West conferences.

Ball State gained only 90 yards — 62 of them on Moore's touchdown run — in the first half and couldn't take advantage of prime field position on two early third-quarter interceptions in Nevada territory.

Mavs win without Kidd

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Sixty percent of the Vancouver Grizzlies' victories have come against Texas teams this season.

The Grizzlies were on the verge of improving that percentage Thursday night before a six-minute fourth-quarter drought foiled their chances.

The Dallas Mavericks, with Jason Kidd sidelined by a neck sprain, used a 16-0 fourth-quarter run to beat the Grizzlies 105-98.

"Once they made that run, we didn't make a run back at them in the fourth quarter. That's what hurt us the most," guard Anthony Peeler said.

The Grizzlies are 3-2 against the NBA's Texas contingent, with both losses coming against Dallas. They are 5-21 overall.

On Tuesday, it was the Grizzlies' strong fourth-quarter performance that helped them to a shocking 93-92 victory over the Houston Rockets.

The difference this time around was their inability to hit the big basket in the final quarter.

"Things just went our way last game," said rookie Shareef Abdur-Rahim, who had 23 points. "A lot of times it comes down to making shots at the end. Against Houston they went down, tonight they didn't."

Peeler led the Grizzlies with 25 points, 15 in the third quarter. George Lynch led Vancouver with 10 rebounds.

Looking for their sixth victory of the season and a chance to extend their franchise-best two-game home winning streak, the Grizzlies went cold.

After going 34-for-60 from the field through three quarters, the Grizzlies went 4-for-17 the rest of the way.

The Mavericks had a lot to do with that, especially veteran Derek Harper, who got his first start of the season in place of Kidd.

Harper scored 10 of his season-high 22 points in the fourth quarter. His 11 assists and 42 minutes were also highs for the season.

"I thought he had an outstanding game," Mavericks coach Jim Cleamons said of Harper. "He gave us solid possessions and leadership. He shot the ball extremely well from the 3-point line. Every time I looked up, he was casting one."

Harper, who last week celebrated the birth of his fourth child, scored seven points in the 16-0 run as Dallas went ahead for good, 95-90. After the Grizzlies scored the next four points, Harper's 3-pointer with 4:22 left all but sealed the victory as Vancouver never got within a basket again.

"I have started in the league for 10 years," said Harper, who joined the Mavericks as a free agent in July. "I've played a lot of minutes and I feel comfortable as a starter or backup. Fortunately, I was able to react, and I gave our team a lift."

With Kidd back in Dallas, expected to miss the final two games of the Mavericks' three-game swing through the Pacific Northwest, Cleamons demanded a collective effort to make up for his star's absence.

The Mavericks responded. Chris Gatling led Dallas with 25 points and 10 rebounds, and George McCloud added 21 points.

"We just kind of challenged each other," Cleamons said of his early fourth-quarter pep talk. "I challenged them to win the ballgame and they responded very well."

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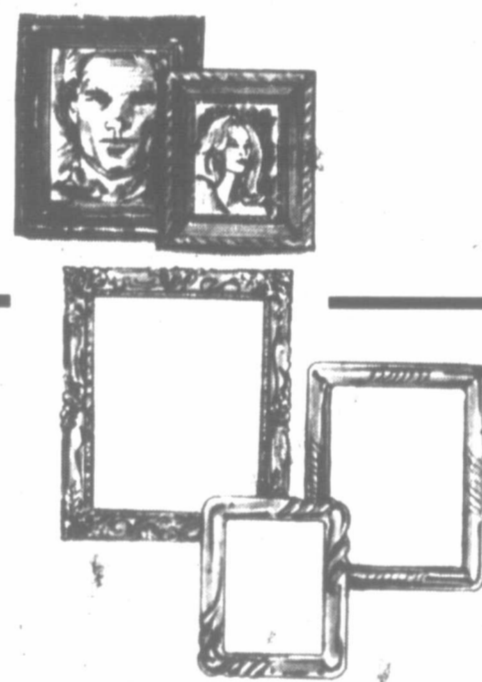
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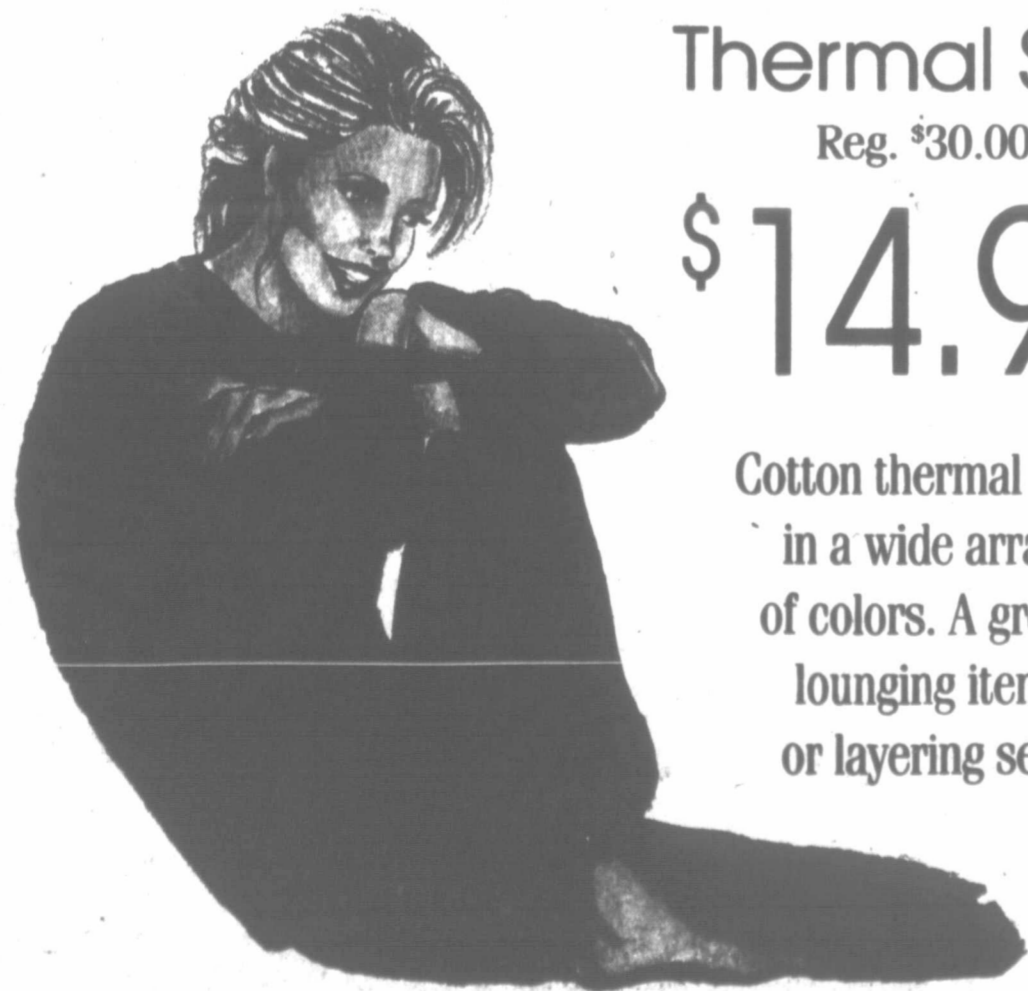
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Love, Caylee Steward
Age 3yrs.

Dear Santa,
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I have been a good girl. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love, Jolana Steward
Age 3yrs.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want a Sooper Nintendo with Donky Konk II Game, a chair like my daddy. Jimmy's chair and something for my whole family. I'm going to leave you a surprise on the table for you.
I love you Santa and Rudolf too!
Love you, James Irvin
Age 7

Dear Santa,
I want a pockuhontis moovy and a stroller. I also want a baby doll, a new VCR cus my uther one broke.
Love, Stephanie Dinges

Dear Santa,
I want a mide duck, I want a power rangers zeo and a nutcracker soldir. I will lev you some milk and cookes.
Love, Ally Garner

Dear Santa,
My name is Marshall and my sister stephenea. We have been good. We wont a ring-a-round rosie doll, or patty-cak doll. How are you doing this year?
Love, Stephenea & Marshall
Age 2 & 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Dillon I hope you know where me live at. I like your reindeer cause they fly. I was good this year, me think so. I was bad only one time. I got a train from you last Christmas, but it got broke. My daddy is trying to fix it. What I really want for Christmas is chair like daddy's, a firetruck & a dump truck. I love you & the reindeer. Be careful & I hope you make it by every kids house on time. I'll make some milk & cookies for you.
Love you Santa, Dillon Slater
P.S. My dogs like you & they wont bite you.

Dear Santa,
My name is Aaron (AKA Bubba). I am 2 yrs. I have been a good boy. I would really like to have these toys for Christmas please. Pehana, Buzz lightyear, cars, and pirate ship, RC car colors. I will leave milk and cookies. I love you!
Love you, Bubba

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashley, I am 3 yrs. old. I have been a very good girl. Can you bring me some toys for Christmas? I want a babydoll, a dinosaur, a movie, Elmo. That's all for now. I love you very much. I will leave milk & cookies on the table.
Love you, Ashley
P.S. Oh yeah I want a macarena song.

Dear Santa,
My name is Blake Morse. I am 4 years old. I have been a pretty good boy this year. For Christmas I would like you to bring me a Gator Golf game, and a Remote Control Dirt Rider. Also bring me some clothes.
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Thank you, Aaron Pepper

Dear Santa,
I would like a Samantha American Doll with clothes, some winter and fall clothes and ski clothes, Twister, Boy talk, Tokens of friendship.
Love, Angela Mechelay
P.S. Please write back.

Dear Santa,
Doll with clothes, i want a Mickey watch, name necklace, girl talk, cleaning stuff, and Hungry Hungry Hippos.
Lov, Diana

Dear Santa,
My name is Darien Tennison. I have a little sister, Cara and a little brother Zayne.
For Christmas I would like to have a baby doll and stroller. I think Cara would like to have a baby and dishes. Zayne would like to have a truck and a big ball.
Santa we now live in Pampa, Texas. We moved here from Florida.
We will leave some cookies and milk for you, and a carrot for Rudolf.
We love you and all your friends,
Darien, Cara, Zayne Tennison

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I want a Barbie dreamhouse, Easy bake oven, Babt Alive that eats cookies and drinks juice, and Coca-Cola bear. Please bring my baby brother Jared a riding motorcycle and a work bench. Jared and I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas. There will be cookies and milk on the table.
Love, Jessica Miner
P.S. How do your reindeer fly? How do your elves make toys?

The following letters come from second graders at Wilson Elementary School.
Dear Santa,
I hope Mrs. Claws is doing good. I would like a stufed tiger for Christmas. and a sky dancer. and I want some new clothes for Christmas to and I want some perfume to but I want a computer to. and I want a new black fur jacket and a new dress and barbie clothes. and a puzzle. and a game. and I want a silver bell off of your sleigh and a new sled. and a ring. and a chair. and for my mom I want her a TV. I love you Santa.
Love, Tasha

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? I hope they are working hard. For all those good kids and how is Rudolph? I hope he is doing fine flying in the air and pushing your pretty sleigh. I am fine and Heather is fine to and I hope you thike I have been good.
How is Mrs. Clause doing? I hope she is doing good.
Santa I hope you can get me a new tire for my bike please will you get me a new house. Santa I hope you have a good Christmas. I love you.
Love, Megan

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is miss Santa? How is Comit? I would like a new Bike please I would like that very much. Would you get my brother a new baby bed he needs it. Please.

Thanks Santa your the Best.
Love, Jeremy
Dear Santa,
How is Miss. Clause? How are you? How is Rudolph? Is the Northpole cold? How are the elves doing? How are your reindeer?
I want a tapeplayer and I want a computer and I want some macup and jewelrey. I love Santa?
Love, Britnee

Dear Santa,
I hope you think I have been a good kid. I would like a 10 speed.
Love, Faith

Dear Santa,
I hope you think I have been good this year. And I hope you love me. I hope I am on the good lest.
Would you bring me a game for Christmas. I thing you are the best. I love you Santa.
Love, Toria

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing good. How are the reindeer and elves going?
How coold is it at the North Pole? I have been very good this week? I wold like a satll that fite me. and I want a new bareby for Christmas?
I love you very very moch and I hope you love me? Because I love you?
Love, Caylee Diane Willingham

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? I wud like to know is it cold at the North Pole? Pampa is almost let up with lit bolbs. I thank I have not ben good. I am very sad about it. I wel bea a very good girl from naw on. I do not car wut you get me and my bryhday is the 23 ove the 2 moor. I wel be very good ontel Christmas day.
From, Ashley

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the elfs? I am doing fine. How is Miss Clause?
I will like a 18 speed and a mocincon sholl car, a stufat cat that is gray, and a good Christmas. You have a good Merry Christmas.
Love, Kaley M.

Dear Santa,
How are you felling? I hope you aren't sick. Becuse on Christmas Eve there will be lots of children counting on you.
Will you plesie bring me a new bike and the new dancing barbie? And bring Nanny a cow? I love you.
Love, Shaunna

Dear Santa,
How are your elfs doing? How is ms. Clause doing? How are you?
How many elfs are there? I like your shiney boots. How many letters do you have?
I like your house. I like your sleigh too. I like the north pole. I want to ride in your sleigh. I love you man.
Love, Justin Sealman

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is it in the North pole/ Are you checking your list twice?
I would like a selyer phone, a skate broad, a remoat control car, some Toy Story stuff, some football stuff. I love you Santa. I think you are the best.
Love, Ashton

Dear Santa,
How is Miss clos I lov you niche is mean How is rudolph men is he doing good woud you bring me a dog to us? woud you bring me nihgt marrailll? and woud you bring me cres coss ok I got to go by by son to men
Ryan

Dear Santa,
I am doing fine. I hope you think I have been a good kid. Would you bring me a toy? I love you.
Dale

Dear Santa,
I thac I been good this year. I wod lick a mockontro car. And i wod lick a trouck and I wod lick a gt bike and I wod like a bb gon and I wod like one the your ball of the your pret slay. and I wod like a pechr thove the Nor pol. That is ol tho the time i got. I op you av Mre Crssn.
Love, Anthony

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clause doing? Is it cold at the North Pole/ How is Rudolph doing?

I would like a new bike for Christmas. And woud you bring me a computer for Christmas/
I love you Santa. I hope you think I have been a good boy this year. I will write next year.
Love, Matthew Trusty

Dear Santa,
Haw a is it cold up at the North pole I want a rass car That all we gat to go
Love, Ray

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old and I have been a good girl. Can I please have roller blades, knee pads, elbow pads, and a Baby go bye, bye for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies by the tree.
Love, Kylee Wariner

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good. I want a karate suit, Wild West Logos, & magic by Mr. Creeepy, and my sister wants a cheer-leading outfit. I will leave cookies and milk on the table. I will leave corn for the reindeer in the grass. Merry Christmas.
Love, Gregory Wariner
6 years old

The following are from first and second graders at Wilson Elementary School.

Dear Santa,
I want a dog and a horse and a nutcracker soldier. I have been a good boy.
Love, J.D. Pairsh

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I like your toys. How are you doing. I would like a tv and a bike.
Love, Tamara Trevathan

Dear Santa, I have been good. I want a cat and I want a nutcracker. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love, Kasey Wells

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a go cart and a nintendo 64 and a tv and a remote control car a Johnny Ques car.
Love, Cody Groves

Dear Santa,
I want a Doctor Barbie pet. I want a dog and new clothes and dress shoes.
Love, Jessica

Dear Santa,
I was good i want a hot wheels car and I want a super van city and a nintendo 64 and a robot. I will give you bananas and milk.
Love, Walter Everson

Dear Santa,
this year because I want a B-B gun and bring a 22 shotgun for my dad. Please I'll be good. I will give you some treats.
Love, Ray McIntyre

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a box of mortal combat people.
Love, Dakta Gowin

Dear Santa,
I want a new saddle that will fit me for Christmas. And my dad wants a saddle too. Casey wants an army man for Christmas. My mom wants Casey and me to be good all season and I want a puppy. I will give you some milk and cookies.
Love, Caylee Diane Willingham

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a air

evil. My baby brother wants a cap gun. My sister wants diamonds.
Love, Zachery

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a hamster. I want a mouse. I want love from mom and dad.
Love, Daniel James

Dear Santa,
Do you remember me? I want a fox and a motorcycle. I tried to be good.
Love, Dante' Wilbon

Dear Santa,
How are you doing/ What ever you give me. I will like it. Do you remember when you gave me that dallas cowboys necklace. i loved it. thank you Santa i would like same ski boots and some skis. and I would like some snow boots. and I would like some white gel gries.
Love, Stephen McCarley

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. I want some chalk and I want a remote control car and a b-b gun.
Love, Anthony Pendleton

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy for Christmas and ballerina barbey for Christmas and I want a talking bubba and a Polly Pocket.
Love, Destinie Solis

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. A baby so beautiful twin dolls and a stufed tweety and a easy bake oven and a fluffy my come here puppy. Give this picture to rudolph.
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South Texas citrus growers survive freeze; other crops suffer minor damage

HARLINGEN (AP) — South Texas citrus growers, harvesting their largest crop since the devastating freeze of 1989, survived Mother Nature's latest arctic blast, but other farmers were not so lucky.

After a bitterly cold night during which temperatures plunged into the 20s, farmers spent Thursday warily inspecting crops, slicing into fruit and vegetables to check for ice.

"We didn't see anything in there," Delbert Langford, general manager of Rio Farms Inc., said after inspecting his 300 acres of grapefruit and oranges. "It's just cold enough to taste good."

But while citrus escaped unscathed, other crops suffered some damage.

The freezing weather wiped about 30 percent of Bobby Lackey's 300-acre bell pepper crop — an estimated loss of \$250,000.

"Usually we're almost over with harvesting, but

we had some nice peppers left," said Lackey, president of McManus Produce Co. in Weslaco. "The pepper market was just turning around. That's what hurt us the most."

Langford reported slight damage to his soybean crop, and sugar cane growers said they suffered some minor effects from the weather. But the general consensus across the Rio Grande Valley was that farmers once again were lucky.

The region's 1,000 citrus growers are especially concerned whenever the mercury dips below freezing. They are still recovering from freezes in 1983 and 1989 that together killed almost 60,000 acres of citrus.

This year's crop is the biggest since then, with 35,000 acres scattered throughout Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy counties.

"We've made some remarkable progress, but we still are in the recovery process," said Ray Prewett,

executive vice president of Texas Citrus Mutual. "We were able to withstand two major hits in a six-year period. If we were to get another one within the next few years, it would be extremely difficult to bounce back."

Farmers consider the number of hours temperatures dip below freezing in determining the extent of damage to their crops. Significant damage occurs when temperatures fall to 28 degrees or colder and remain there for at least four hours, Prewett said.

In citrus-growing counties, the overnight temperature hit a low of 26 degrees but did not stay there long, he said.

While some citrus trees suffered minor leaf damage, the fruit was not harmed, said Bill Weeks, executive vice president of the Texas Citrus and Vegetable Growers Association.

Winter vegetables such as cabbage, carrots and

onions also survived, he said.

"We were right on the edge of potentially having some problems, but the temperatures didn't get quite low enough and the duration wasn't quite long enough," Weeks said. "It looks like we dodged a big bullet."

While the weather didn't break growers, it did break some records. In Brownsville, the state's southernmost city, the temperature dipped to a record low of 29 degrees. The previous low for Dec. 19 was 31 degrees, set in 1924.

The good news is the worst of this cold blast is over. Temperatures will warm up over the next few days, creeping back into the 60s and possibly 70s by Sunday, said National Weather Service meteorologist Richard Hagan.

The bad news is another cold front could reach the Rio Grande Valley by Christmas Eve, Hagan said.

Teen pot smoking resurges

WASHINGTON — Teenagers' use of illegal drugs is increasing, led by a continuing resurgence in marijuana, according to a nationwide survey done for the federal government. The survey also found a small but worrisome increase in heroin use.

The study of 50,000 eighth, 10th and 12th graders indicated the increase in marijuana use is accompanied by teenagers' casual attitudes toward the drug and their belief that it is not harmful.

Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, who released the survey Thursday, said the Clinton administration was doing its best to send out the message about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

But she added: "Clearly none of us is doing enough."

"To parents (the survey) says: Sit down and talk straight to your children about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. To young people it says: Drugs are illegal, dangerous and wrong. And to all of us it says: Work together to save our children," said Shalala.

The secretary also stressed that the aggressive fight to change current drug trends should include increasing teenagers' awareness about the dangers of marijuana.

Experts have said that long-term smoking of marijuana can damage the lungs and cardiovascular system in ways similar to that of smoking cigarettes. The drug can also cause short-term loss of coordination, reasoning and alertness.

Responding to the survey, several groups of scientists and researchers called on the government to re-evaluate its drug education programs, saying zero tolerance policies alone are too limited and teens should be given accurate information about why drugs are harmful.

"The students who began reporting increased drug use were the ones saturated with prevention education and public service announcements against drugs," said Arnold Trebach, president of the Drug Policy Foundation.

The University of Michigan study, supported by research grants from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, noted that the increase in the proportion of students saying they had used any illicit drug in the previous year continued a steady growth that began in the early 1990s.

Among eighth graders, the proportion using any illicit drug in the previous year has more than doubled since 1991 — from 11 percent to 24 percent. Among 10th graders, it has risen from 20 percent to 38 percent. And for 12 graders it has risen from 27 percent to 40 percent.

Marijuana use has moved up sharply since the early 1990s, the researchers noted.

This year, 18 percent of eighth graders said they had used marijuana in the previous year, compared with just 6 percent in 1991. Thirty-four percent of 10th graders said they had used it in the previous year, compared with 15 percent in 1991. And 36 percent of high school seniors said they had used it in the previous year, compared with 22 percent in 1992.

Daily marijuana use also is up: Nearly 5 percent of high school seniors surveyed said they used marijuana every day, compared with 2 percent in 1992.

Those levels of marijuana use are still below peaks reached in the late 1970s, the survey's researchers noted. In 1978, 50 percent of high school seniors said they had used marijuana in the previous year vs. today's 36 percent.

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Religion

Keeping a tiny, historic church alive is a labor of love

By DEBORAH KOVACH CALDWELL
The Dallas Morning News

ALLEN (AP) — Every other Sunday morning, the Rev. George Anderson and his wife, Hazel, open the front door at St. Mary Baptist Church and wait for visitors.

There haven't been any in more than two years. So the two remaining members of the 109-year-old congregation study the Bible at a table in front of the pulpit. Mrs. Anderson sits at the piano, which is decorated with pink plastic flowers, and plays a few hymns. Then she and her husband pray that the Lord will bless St. Mary with new members.

The last member, an 89-year-old woman, moved to St. Louis last summer to live with her daughter. Most of the other members died or left to attend bigger churches or fell away after their children grew up.

"I'll be here if I have to come down here by myself," said Anderson, 76, as he warmed himself by a gas heater in the tiny church that sits under a canopy of hackberry trees.

For all these years, the Andersons have held onto St. Mary Church, the bedrock of their lives. They pay the light and gas bills every month and keep up with the insurance. And though the building is sometimes a burden, they are as thankful as ever for their beloved little church.

The white clapboard building by Cottonwood Creek is sagging and rotting. Rain has seeped into the ceiling, and the floors list and creak.

A few weeks ago, about 50 volunteers organized by Allen Community Outreach spent the day sprucing up the building with new white paint. The outreach group also hopes to put a new roof on the building and renovate the interior.

"That church embodies the history of Allen," said Glenda May, director of the outreach program. "They are just a wonderful couple, and they have really done so much for the city of Allen. One of the thanksgivings we have is George and Hazel in our community."

Anderson showed off the church's smooth new exterior and said he hoped that with a gussied-up building and a new city park planned across the road, a few new members may come his way.

Mrs. Anderson, 75, said she wanted to see the church designated as a state historic site.

"That is one of my reasons for hoping we can keep the faith and trust in God and keep the church going," she said.

The Andersons have hung on at St. Mary since childhood, when they sat on opposite sides of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings and smiled at each other.

They married in 1948 and returned to Allen in 1950 after they'd both earned bachelor's degrees at Texas College in Tyler. That year they began their teaching careers, she at a grammar school in Prosper, he in a one-room school down the road from St. Mary.

In those days, the church and the one-room school were the hub of the town's small black community on the eastern end of Allen, then a rural area north of Plano.

In the early 1950s, the entire Allen school district had only 150 students and was nearly forced to merge with the McKinney district. But then Mrs. Anderson's father, Haise Williams, came up with a plan.

He built and leased a few small homes on several acres of his property to encourage black couples with children to move to Allen. Meanwhile,

Anderson, who also drove the school bus, sneaked into the cotton and corn fields of adjacent school districts to pick up extra kids to teach.

It worked. Twenty new children started attending the one-room school, and the district stayed open.

In those days, St. Mary had about 40 members. The church's pastor, the Rev. H.W. Howard, led services Sunday morning and evening. Sometimes the women cooked suppers in the church kitchen.

"It was a pretty lively community," Anderson said.

Then in 1964, integration came to Allen. For the town, it was a welcome development. For St. Mary, it was the beginning of the end.

The one-room school closed as its children began attending the formerly all-white grammar schools. The school was bought by a Pentecostal church that today is small but thriving. And Anderson lost his teaching job.

For four years, he worked as a radio dispatcher. During that time, he said, he got his call from God to preach.

After he returned to teaching in 1968, Anderson also accepted a pastor's job at St. Paul Baptist Church in Melissa, a few miles north on State Highway 5. Every other Sunday, he still pastors that congregation of seven members, all of them elderly women.

A few years after Anderson retired from teaching in 1975, he also was named pastor at St. Mary. Next July, the Allen school district will honor his years of service by naming a new elementary school after him.

The last few years of his ministry haven't been easy. Anderson can tick off the names of the parishioners who've left. There was a husband and wife

and their two daughters who decided they needed a church with a youth program. There was his wife's niece and her four children, now all graduated and gone off to other places. Eventually it was just the Andersons and their remaining 89-year-old member.

Then she moved.

"And that left my wife and myself," he said. "So on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, they pray and sing alone. They still order Sunday school literature in case a visitor might want it — although Anderson allows that they're not ordering as much as they once did."

"We sit up at the table and discuss it," Anderson said. "If somebody were to visit and desired to be preached to, we'd do it."

He thinks there are probably enough people in Allen to fill St. Mary, but he figures they want a flashier church.

"I'm an old hard-shell Baptist," he said. "I'm not used to this modern music in church. I'm just from the old school."

His sermons are delivered without fanfare. "I talk strictly about the Bible," he said. "I don't try to shout. I don't carry two or three handkerchiefs with me and wipe off the perspiration."

Signs hung on the church walls are similarly straightforward. The one up front, next to the lighted cross, reads, "Directions to Heaven: Turn right and go straight."

Anderson regards another sign in his church with bemusement — the wooden one that tallies the attendance figures. There, in black and white, is spelled out, Enrollment: 2.

"The only way I'll give up is if I get ill or die, because the church is a joy to me," Anderson said. "I really like to be lasting in anything I do."

ME&H Church of Christ sets Holiday Feast

The Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen, will be having its annual free Holiday Feast for those wanting a place to have Christmas dinner with others.

The ham and turkey dinner, with all the trimmings including desserts, will be held in the church's Fellowship Hall, south of Pampa High School, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Christmas Day.

Everyone is invited to attend and share in the fellowship of the Christmas meal.

Those who are unable to get out and would like to have a Christmas meal delivered to them may call 665-0031 by 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, to make arrangements.

Volunteers from the church, with assistance from others in the community, will be preparing and serving the meal.

Alton Curry, church spokesman for the Holiday Feast, said the annual Christmas meal, which has been held for about 10 years, is a way for the church to say, "We love you, Pampa."

Briefs

PAMPA — First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler, will be presenting "Home for Christmas," a holiday celebration, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Members of the congregation will share their musical and drama talents, and Pastor Mike Moss will share the story of Christmas.

The public is invited to attend the special Christmas service.

BEAUMONT (AP) — A federal judge ruled recently that a program bringing volunteer clergy members into public school classrooms is constitutional.

U.S. District Judge Joe Fisher denied a request filed by an attorney for three anonymous Beaumont Independent School District parents who sought a restraining order to stop the Clergy in Schools program.

"The court feels clergymen may volunteer and serve a very worthy purpose, and have," Fisher said at the end of a hearing. "The court does not find that there's any violation of Constitutional rights."

FORT WORTH (AP) — The president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has canceled the graduate school's scholarly journal, prompting protests of censorship.

The seminary's president, Ken Hemphill, said his decision followed "possible perception of unbalanced treatment" of the journal's spring topic, the Baptist faith. Hemphill said he has not read the articles in the Southwestern Journal of Theology's spring issue, but said his action was influenced by contributions from three high-profile, Baptist moderate scholars.

Power struggle spoiling Christmas at rural South Carolina church

By JESSE J. HOLLAND
Associated Press Writer

REMBERT, S.C. (AP) — There is no Christmas at Mount Pisgah Baptist Church this year.

The sandy brown brick building has no wreath on its doors, no baby Christ in a manger outside. The sign is defaced, the pastor's name scratched out.

A 133-year-old rural black church that withstood Reconstruction, Jim Crow and segregation, Mount Pisgah is now torn by infighting so severe that the pastor gets heckled during sermons, competing collection plates are passed around, and police once had to shut the place down when the arguing got out of hand.

"I've never seen such a mess," said 75-year-old Coleman Dennis, a deacon at Mount Pisgah, which proudly counts county council members and law en-

'Will we be back together before Christmas? ... It doesn't look likely, but you never know. It is the Christmas season, after all.'

forcement officers among its 300-plus mostly middle-class members. "We need to fall down on our knees and pray to God for a solution, because right now, I don't know what we're going to do."

Marvin Hodge was Mount Pisgah's minister for two years until the deacons and board of trustees Oct. 5 voted 17-6 to fire him. They accused him of failing to report church tithes and offerings, raising money in the church's name without turning the proceeds in and divulging private conversations.

The deacons then sued to keep Hodge from stepping onto church property. And an organization of

Baptist churches in South Carolina revoked Hodge's ordination after he demanded the deacons be stripped of their power.

Last week, Hodge and his supporters countered with a lawsuit of their own. They argued that while the deacons nominated Hodge, they have no right to fire him because the congregation hired him by a majority vote and has confirmed him every year since then. The church has no written bylaws.

During the furor, the locks have been changed several times to keep people out. There have been shouting matches and spitting, booing, heckling and yelling dur-

ing church services.

Members have passed around competing collection plates, one for those who support the minister and another — during the sermon — for those who want him gone.

The church has not had a regular service for three straight Sundays.

On Dec. 1, more than 20 law enforcement officers quelled a shouting match between Hodge supporters trying to escort him to the pulpit and detractors blocking the front door.

The next Sunday, when the children were to present their Christmas play, state Judge Howard King closed the church, citing a "real threat and danger to the individuals involved" and to the community. King dissolved his order last week, but police shut the church when members started arguing outside before the Dec. 15 service.

Hodge and his lawyer refused repeated requests for comment.

The deacons "are power struck. They've been controlling things for years," said Maggie Lane, a Hodge supporter. "This pastor wants younger people to come in. He wants to give other people a chance."

Naomi Sanders, spokeswoman for the church members who want Hodge gone, countered: "Traditionally, the deacon board has been the highest power in the church. Plus, his ordination has been revoked. Even if he came back here, he couldn't preach anyway."

King has ordered both sides to meet in his courtroom Jan. 2 to work out their problems.

"Will we be back together before Christmas?" Mrs. Sanders said. "To be honest, I don't know. It doesn't look likely, but you never know. It is the Christmas season, after all."

Grammy-winning singer adapts to life as pastor

By ANNIE SHOOMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Every time he brought home a Grammy, it was another award for the Lord. But he was not winning any souls.

Andrae Crouch turned to preaching because it was time. But still today, when he's in the pulpit, his feet tap and his body sways to the music.

As pastor of Christ Memorial Church of God in Christ, the eight-time Grammy winner is one year into a family tradition started by his late father and brother.

"Although I've written a thousand songs about him, I feel like I have met God in a way that I've never known him before," he said. "God gave me excellence in music. My ears became skilled from what I heard. Now I can pass on what I've heard to my congregation."

His Pentecostal church in Pacoima, a northwest suburb that is predominantly Hispanic, is a spiritual oasis from crime and gangs. Crouch wants Hispanics to become a part of the mostly black congregation.

"Black, Hispanic, white, Asian, it doesn't matter," he said. "All that matters is that they must care about Jesus Christ."

Crouch's father, Bishop Benjamin J. Crouch, founded the church in 1951. He died of cancer in 1993.

"We lost a lot of the older people when my father left here," Crouch said. "They were expecting me to be him and I'm not."

Crouch's brother, Pastor Benjamin Crouch Jr., took over, but died only four months later, also of cancer.

For Crouch, the transition from gospel singing to gospel preaching was not an easy one, but he says he just does what comes naturally.

"People never know what to expect in my music," he said. "People don't know what to expect in my church. They just know it will be real. We're carrying on the standard of living for God."

Crouch, who has been winning Grammy awards since 1974, has toured 58 countries. His music has been translated into 21 languages. His latest Grammy was in 1995 for his pop-contemporary gospel album, *Mercy*.

He is also a renowned producer, writer and vocal arranger for stars like Michael Jackson.

With his success in the music industry, it is understandable why preaching came so slowly, he said.

He started singing professionally at the age of 14. He says he is about 47, but will not be more specific — out of respect, he says, for his twin sister, Sandra.

The average age of his congregation is about 35. He claims many don't know his music, but they disagree.

Gidgette Myle-Burris, 30, occupied a pew on a recent Sunday, holding her 2-month-old in one arm and a tambourine in the other. Her three other children were on stage in the church's choir.

"He's a blessed man. He's dedicated, compassionate with extraordinary ability," she said. "I knew his music as a child. I won his album at church when I was 6. We wore that album out."

When Crouch returned from two weeks in Norway in August, the church bulletin board welcomed him home by saying: "We missed you dearly from the bottom of our hearts, to the depths of our soul. We love you!"

While in Norway, Crouch performed and taught music workshops for church choirs from around the world.

"I taught refreshing things for choir directors that felt stale with what they were doing," he said. "As long as the music has the word of God in it, it's contagious."

Sounds of laughter and screams of "Jesus" and "Hallelujah" fill Crouch's church.

"He brings a presence that I can't explain in words," said Willie L. Green, 13, of Burbank. "He's awesome. He brings the spirit alive."

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Club news

Delta Kappa Gamma

Mary Dean Dozier, of Pampa, presented a Christmas meditation to the membership of Delta Kappa Gamma last Saturday at a luncheon at the Hughey House, Pampa's bed and breakfast.

Dozier read several humorous Santa Claus letters and the anonymous serious poem, "One Solitary Life."

Kristi Hutto, one of the owners of the Hughey House, gave some background information about the inn.

The house was built in 1926 by I.B. and Catherine Hughey after they had struck oil. Their daughter Fern, who graduated from Pampa High in 1929, married Johnny Hines. Tim and Kristi Hutto and Kristi's parents, Larry and Lynn Ray, bought the house last May from

the Hines' son, Dan.

Many of the items in the house are original - the beds, some mirrors.

While renovating the house, the Huttos and Rays found in the basement I.B. Hughey's college diplomas of 1921 from a college in Whitewright, Texas, covered in dirt and mud.

The Hughey's at one time boarded teachers.

The Hughey House is located at 301 N. West Street. It has five bedrooms and will accommodate 12 guests.

Delta Kappa Gamma will not meet again until February.

In addition to Dozier, attending from Pampa were Donna Anderson and her daughter, Betty Cain, Jean Casey, Jeanne Depee, Cheryl Free, Sarah Garton, Esther Ruth Gibson, Kay

Harvey, Edyth Jackson, Myrtle Laffin, Mary Lou Lane, Willie Mae Mangold, Lillian Mullinax, Laura Penick, Irene Sanders, JoAnn Shackelford, Jana Vinson, Essie Mae Walters, Ann Watson, Margaret Williams and Suzanne Wood.

Pampa Art Club

The Pampa Art Club met Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the home of Dona Cornutt of Pampa.

The program included the annual Christmas party and exchange of gifts made by members for a person whose name had been drawn at the start of the club year.

Serving as hostess was Dona Cornutt, assisted by Pat Kindle.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 7, 1997, in the home of Sophia Vance.

Common ancestor links flowering plants

COLLEGE STATION - Blade of Bermuda and bunches of broccoli appear to have little more in common than color. But a new study has found that they - and all flowering plants in the world - stem from a common ancestor that existed perhaps 200 million years ago.

The finding, reported in the December issue of *Nature Genetics*, means that breeders who are trying to develop better plants may soon have a much larger storehouse of genetic material to use.

"Down the road, we may be able to treat genomes of all crops as one," said Dr. Andrew Paterson, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station molecular biologist and lead investigator on the project. "If we know the function of a gene in cotton, we will be able to infer what that gene's function in grain sorghum is."

Same goes for turf grass, cactus, oak trees, grape vines and any other 250,000 species of plants classified on Earth, according to a United Nations report on biodiversity.

Paterson and colleagues last year were able to link the world's most important cereal grains - rice, corn and sorghum - to a common ancestor that grew about 65 million years ago, according to *Science* magazine. That was significant, but all of those crops are from the

same family - grasses, or monocots.

The new research links the grass-type plants with the broadleaves, or dicots, to one ancestor that existed sometime between 130 million and 200 million years ago, simultaneously with the dinosaurs.

"The differences among plants are relatively small compared to the similarities," Paterson said.

The discovery comes more than a year after Paterson's group began analyzing DNA for four plants: the Arabidopsis - a small flowering weed that is commonly used by researchers but has no other commercial value; broccoli, sorghum and cotton.

Arabidopsis and broccoli are closely related broadleaves, cotton is a more distant dicot (broadleaf) and sorghum is a grass.

The researcher put DNA sequences for which the genes were already known into a database to see if those sequences would correspond to any other known set, then determined where those genes existed on the chromosomes of each plant.

"If the genes were close to one another in the Arabidopsis DNA, then we looked to see if they also were close in the sorghum more often than we would expect by chance,"

Paterson explained. The answer was repeatedly "yes."

All plants have a basic set of genes that are similar and function in the same way, such as by fixing carbon into sugar, incorporating nitrogen into protein and generally doing things that "make a plant a plant," Paterson said.

This research shows that not only do the genes function in the same ways many of them also are in the same orders along the chromosomes.

Considering that the smallest plant genome, Arabidopsis, is estimated to include 25,000 genes, this is very important information for geneticists. Knowing the order of genes along the chromosome provides researchers with a "genetic map," essentially like a road map, and allows them to engineer improved crops quickly and efficiently.

"Plant breeders eventually will be able to take advantage of an enormous body of information to assist with developing better varieties," he said. "If we can find a gene for fiber quality affecting the development of hairs in Arabidopsis, we know where to go look for the corresponding gene which might improve fiber quality in cotton, for example."

Grass genes could be used in broadleaf plants as well, he said.

Gray County Appraisal District open house



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Alice Petty, chief appraiser of Hansford County Appraisal District, seated in middle, visits with Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris, right, and David Lanier, chief appraiser of Hemphill County Appraisal District, during the open house reception hosted by employees and board members of Gray County Appraisal District on Wednesday from 2-5 p.m.

Keep Texas Beautiful: Avoid holiday waste

"Tis indeed the season to get wrapped up in parties, gift giving, and festive decorations. To keep pace with it all, we need energy.

So what's wrong if we have a few extra gulps of egg nog to wash down the cheese, pepperoni and jalapeno strategically placed on a stone wheat cracker? We've got the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping to burn it off, not to mention a whole new year of resolutions ahead of us.

Until it's time to squeeze into New Year's attire, we don't think much about our waist line during the holidays - nor our "waste" line, for that matter. Of course, it takes willpower to turn down a slice of pumpkin pie and not eat everything on the plate, but where does all the uneaten food go?

"Americans throw away 28 bil-

lion pounds of food waste each year," according to Jesse Garcia, Keep Texas Beautiful president.

And things add up quickly during the holidays. If every guest at grandmother's house left a tablespoon of cranberry sauce on their Thanksgiving plates, that alone is 14 million pounds.

Today, we are reminded to be more aware of ways to reduce waste by recognizing Use Less Stuff Day (ULS Day), a national awareness day sponsored by the ULS Report and other groups such as Keep America Beautiful Inc. and its 500 community affiliates in conjunction with the Christmas holidays.

"This year, Keep America Beautiful and its affiliates are celebrating ULS Day by decking the halls with tips on how to cut down on food waste," Garcia said.

By following these tips, you can have cheerful and fulfilling holidays without creating excessive food waste. And besides being a nice gift for the environment, reducing your "waste" line just may make getting into that New Year's attire a little easier.

Keep Texas Beautiful, the non-profit state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, works to provide grassroots solutions to Texas solid waste and litter issues.

KTB works with Volunteers, elected officials, businesses and state and federal agencies to promote litter prevention, environmental public awareness and education, proper solid waste management and recycling, illegal dumping enforcement and beautification. For more information, call 1-800-CLEANTX.

WT Women raises funds for scholarship

CANYON - WT Women cooked up a plan to raise \$3,000 to endow its academic scholarship at West Texas A&M University. The group met its goal, and a match from the West Texas A&M University Foundation doubled the endowment to \$6,000.

WT Women, a social organization composed of women spouses of current and retired WTAMU faculty and staff and retirees, published the 25th Anniversary Cookbook to celebrate the organization's 25th anniversary and to raise money for the endowment.

But only after beginning the project did organization members learn that their scholarship endowment was eligible for up to \$3,000 in matching money

from the Foundation.

"This was a Christmas gift given to us early," Darlene Brasington, president of WT Women, said. "We were thrilled that the Foundation gave us the matching money. It enabled us to actually double our money. We've got a good scholarship fund started, and it will continue to grow each year."

WT Women established the scholarship several years ago but had never endowed it, choosing instead to set aside a portion of membership dues for the award each year.

Sid Walker, executive director for development, said this scholarship was eligible for up to \$3,000 of Foundation money because it was an existing scholarship that contained less than

\$5,000 in its endowment fund.

"This project would not have been possible without the financial support of our members, the Anniversary Club interest group members or the dedication of time and talents of the entire cookbook committee, chaired by Shirley Haines," Brasington said. "We also want to thank HR's Flowers & Gifts, Thompson's China & Gift Shop, Amarillo Globe-News, Canyon News and anyone who purchased one or more cookbooks."

WT Women printed 500 copies of the cookbook, which was sold out. Brasington said the organization currently has no plans to print a second run of the cookbook, although WT Women may consider a second printing in the fall of 1997.

WTAMU professor publishes 'Tickling Catfish'

CANYON - In his new book, Dr. Jerry Craven admits to having been a redneck. And he admits to being a Texan by birth and a West Texas A&M University professor by degrees. What he will not admit to is that any of the cultural and linguistic quirks discussed in *Tickling Catfish* are fiction.

In a collection of pieces originally written for the *Amarillo Daily News* to amuse his fellow residents of Canyon, Craven talks about the truly colorful quirks of the language spoken by Texans, about the cultural gap between rednecks and professors and about the funny little tricks life plays while you're pulling up stakes, putting down roots, wandering the world and settling into your age.

With titles like "Hawging Over a Fence," "Dawging Haws," "The Marlboro man in Borneo" and "Freeze-Drying Little Brother," Craven's 160-page book is, as he subtitled the introduction, "weird."

Out of context, all of his titles seem weird, but "placed in proper context, of course, almost nothing is absurd," he said.

His daunting tales include hunting in Borneo with a headhunter; an FOF (friend of a friend) story about shooting a mule; and a macho means of snigging a catfish without bait or hook.

Tickling Catfish is available at bookstores or directly from Texas A&M University Press at 1-800-826-8911. Cost of the book is \$14.95.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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Plans and specifications may be obtained from the office of the Construction Manager, Compass

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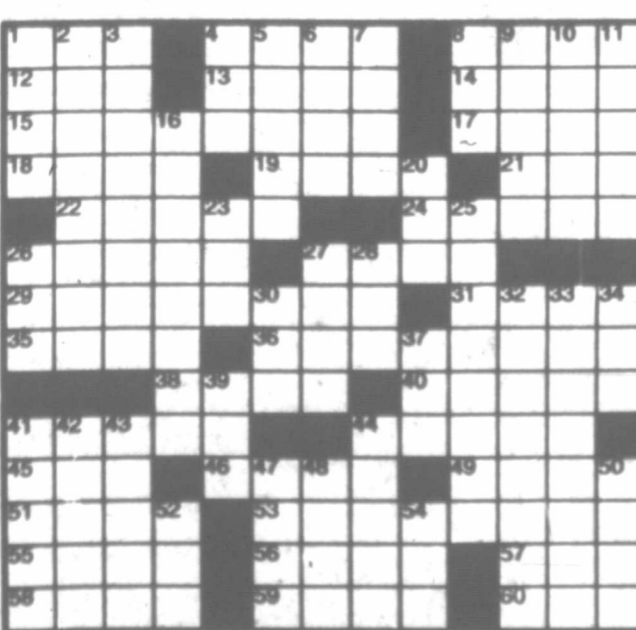
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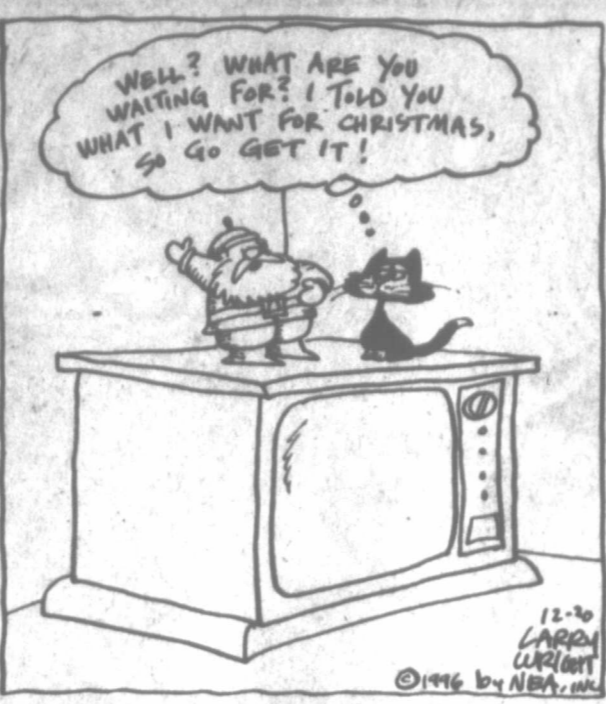
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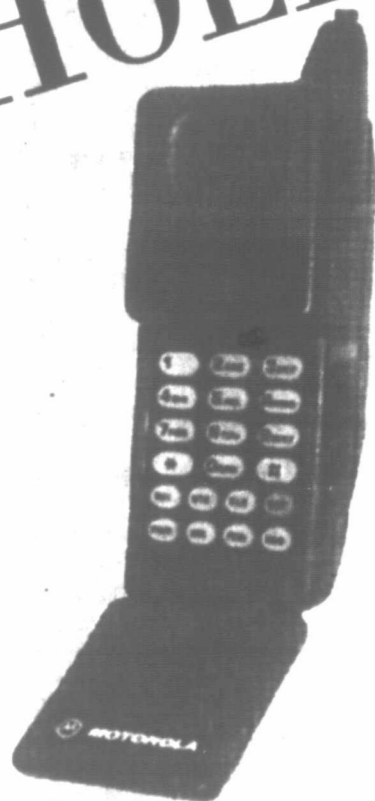
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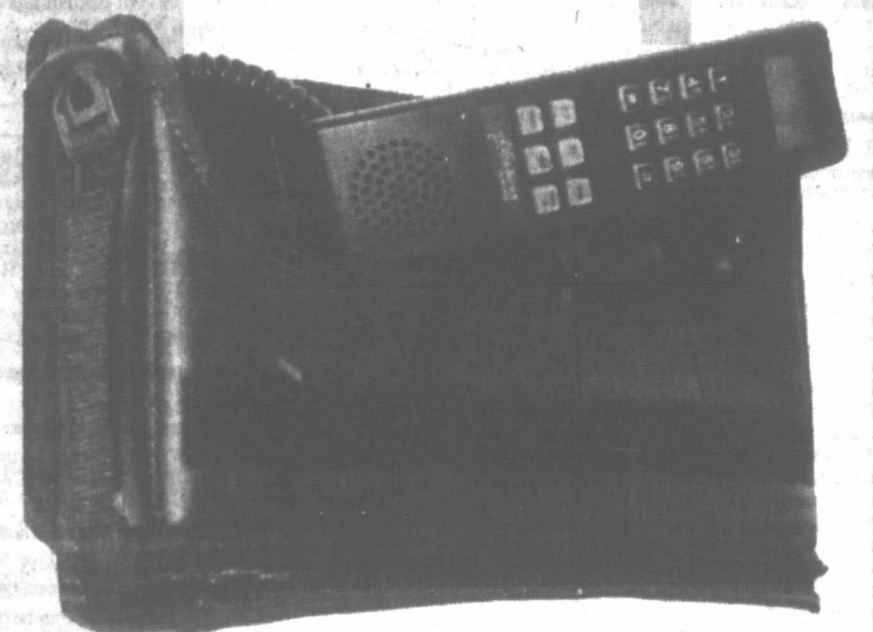
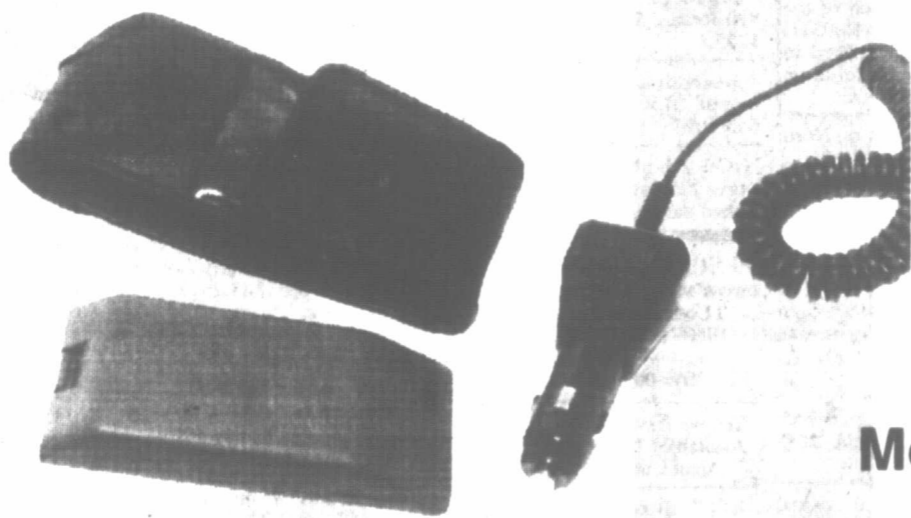
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