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Good Evening!

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PAMPA — Gray County commissioners' court Thursday opened five bids for renovation of the Holland Wing of White Deer Land Museum.

Low bidder was Southwest General Contractors of Amarillo with \$155,295 for the total project. Four items can be omitted from the job at a savings of \$15,023, bringing the bid to \$140,272, according to board chairman Larry Franklin.

Commissioners voted to table action on the bid until Dec. 29 when they expect to hear from officials of Ensign-Tunnell as to whether the bid is within stated specifications.

The museum board will also report on efforts to raise the \$7,000 to \$22,000 shortfall between the low bid and the available \$133,000 for the project.

Franklin noted no Pampa firms bid on the job and no tax dollars are being spent on the project.

For those who may wish to contribute to completion of the project, gifts may be sent to Gray County Treasurer Scott Hahn, Gray County Courthouse, Pampa.

STATE

McALLEN (AP) — A Donna man convicted of fatally stabbing a woman because he thought she was a werewolf and a vampire was sentenced Thursday to 50 years in prison.

Rafael Nunez, 33, had claimed to be an angel sent to fight evil. He was convicted Wednesday in an Edinburg courtroom of stabbing 22-year-old Paula Hernandez three times in the heart in 1993.

State District Judge Fernando Mancias sentenced Nunez, 33, after a short hearing.

"I'm not surprised by the judge's ruling," said Ofelia de los Santos, one of Nunez's court-appointed defense attorneys. "If we had gone to the jury for punishment, which we elected not to, I think it would have been a lot higher than that."

A central issue in the trial was whether Nunez is legally insane or faking his eccentricities.

Despite the verdict, Ms. de los Santos maintains Nunez is insane. She said she hopes the prison system can diagnose him properly to avoid future problems.

WEATHERFORD (AP) — A grand jury has decided not to indict a truck driver who plowed into the back of an overcrowded van, killing 12 children and two adults.

Richie Darrell Ware was cleared Thursday for the fiery July 3 wreck on an interstate about 30 miles west of Fort Worth. Prosecutors never said what charges he could have faced.

A Department of Public Safety investigation found that Ware was fatigued and didn't brake his empty 18-wheeler or swerve to avoid the van.

The van had just pulled off the shoulder into traffic when the truck slammed into it at more than 60 mph. The wreckage of the van flew 600 feet.

Ware and Refrigerated Transport Inc. of Dallas, for whom he was driving, settled a lawsuit filed by families of the victims for an undisclosed amount.

Ware, 38, is not sure whether he fell asleep or was knocked out by the impact of the collision, his lawyer said.

TYLER (AP) — An argument over Christmas money led to the killing Thursday of a man and a murder charge against his wife.

Siegfred Jackson, 30, was stabbed to death around 4:25 a.m. at the couple's home, said Sgt. Tom Deal.

Verelene Martin Jackson, 27, was jailed in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

Mrs. Jackson wanted some money back from her husband so that she could finish her Christmas shopping, said Deal.

"The woman claims the husband was hitting her several times with his fists. During that time, they ended up in the kitchen. That's when she grabbed a knife and stabbed him," said Deal.

It was the 19th homicide of the year in Tyler. The record for annual murders is 20, set in 1980, according to Deal.

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Clinton offers tax breaks for college, IRAs

By RON FOURNIER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Casting his net for millions of middle-income voters, President Clinton is offering a few hundred dollars in tax cuts to Americans raising children, paying tuition and saving for retirement.

A key Republican today called it "a small step in the right direction."

But the White House insisted the president's proposal was fairer to the middle class and more economically responsible. "We're talking about how it's paid for; they aren't," Labor Secretary Robert Reich said today.

Chief of Staff Leon Panetta, noting that Republicans had not explained how they would finance tax relief, said every plan should be measured by whether it was "fully and honestly paid for so that the deficit does not increase."

But Republicans mocked Clinton's attempt to move toward the political cen-

ter and join a bidding war for middle-class support after Democrats were drubbed in the November midterm elections.

"He's now joining in with the Republicans," Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, a Senate GOP leader, said today on NBC's *Today* show. "I think it was a small step in the right direction."

"We welcome the president to help us lead in a new direction," GOP Sen. Fred Thompson of Tennessee said in the Republican response to Clinton's speech. "But if he will not, we welcome the president to follow."

White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta appealed for bipartisan support today, saying on *CBS This Morning*: "For both parties, if they are serious about trying to help working families, this is an opportunity to work together."

Meanwhile, an ABC News poll taken after Clinton's speech found that 75 percent of those who heard the address approved of his plan to cut taxes, but most

said he was proposing it because the Republicans forced him into it.

With Republicans firmly in control of Congress and Democrats asserting their independence from their politically hamstrung president, whatever tax cut emerges in 1995 likely will bear little resemblance to the package Clinton unveiled on television Thursday night.

And the president stands to lose more than gain in the upcoming battle: He will be criticized if a tax cut hurts the economy and may be forced to watch Republicans seize credit if it's a success.

Calling his \$60 billion package a "middle-class Bill of Rights," Clinton promised to pay for it with deep budget cuts that hurt programs, not people. "I want a leaner, not a meaner government," he said.

Playing catchup with Capitol Hill, Clinton proposed a smorgasbord of tax breaks and deductions that would give middle-class families:

— Up to a \$500-per-child tax credit for

all children below age 13 in households earning up to \$75,000 a year.

— A tax deduction of up to \$10,000 a year for college or other post-high school education. Families making less than \$120,000 qualify.

— A tax deduction of up to \$2,000 for putting money into individual retirement accounts. Families making up to \$100,000 qualify, up from \$50,000 now.

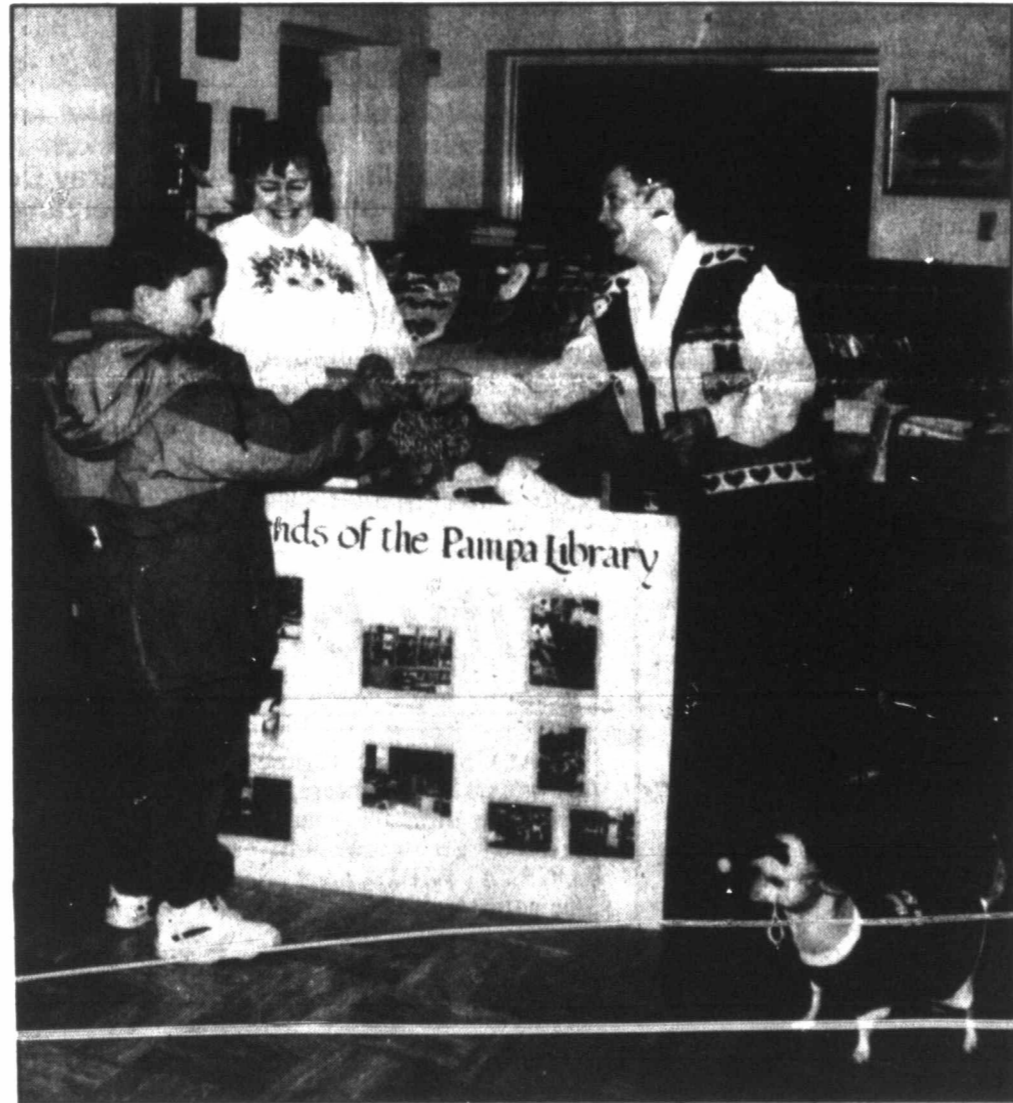
— Flexibility to withdraw money from IRA accounts without penalty to pay for college education, purchase a first home, cope with catastrophic illness or care for an elderly parent.

— Job training vouchers worth \$2,000 to \$3,000 for workers to use at the job center of their choice.

Republicans could hardly restrain their derision.

"He gives a \$500 per child tax credit until the child's 13. Lord have mercy, it's just at that point that they start getting really expensive," said incoming House Majority Leader Dick Armye, R-Texas.

Candy cane treats



Hunter Lewis, left a second-grader at Austin Elementary School, takes a free candy cane from Pampa Friends of the Library board members Mary Beth Bingham and Vera Plunk. Bingham and Plunk, who brought her chihuahua dog Brutus to play Santa, handed out the candy canes at Lovett Memorial Library from 3-5 p.m. Thursday to give a holiday treat to library patrons. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Canyon fork lift firm to locate in Pampa, PEDC directors told

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Members of Pampa Economic Development Corporation learned Thursday a Canyon business expected to employ about 22 people is slated to move to Pampa thanks to a \$304,000 grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in conjunction with the Texas Department of Commerce.

The grant money is to be used to exercise a PEDC option on the purchase of the 50,000 square foot Sandra Corporation building, 822 E. Foster, in order to house Fork Stork Manufacturing. The business manufactures hydraulic operated fork lift trailers and equipment trailers. The grant includes a \$29,000 administration grant.

In other PEDC action, board members discussed an Amarillo Economic Development Corporation small business interest rebate program as a possible model for use by Pampa businesses looking for assistance. The program will be discussed at the next meeting, members decided.

The board voted to authorize members Vic Raymond and Benny Kirksey to purchase two-year

Treasury bills in early 1995. Kirksey reported at current rates by investing about \$395,000 in the bills, an estimated \$17,500 could be earned in interest. The money is now invested in a bank savings account at 3.1 percent interest, he said.

In other action, the board:

- Agreed to study the mileage agreement relative to Ippel's reimbursement for vehicle use.
- Agreed to spend \$9,200 to \$9,500 to advertise in *Area Development* magazine in 1995.
- Agreed to set up three committees within PEDC - existing business committee with Kirksey and Raymond; executive committee with Bill Waters and Vic Raymond; and prospect committee with Jim Morris and Wayne Stribling.

The board learned that a Small Business Administration loan guarantee on behalf of Industrial Compressor Systems, on which PEDC now has a loan guarantee, has been refused.

Ippel told board members PEDC is well secured, the company has recently obtained a contract with Chevron and has work in progress. He told members he believes the application can be resubmitted successfully.

American Eagle suspends its flights in Midwest cities

CHICAGO (AP) — In the midst of one of the year's busiest travel seasons, American Eagle has grounded flights serving six Midwestern cities because pilots want more training before flying in icy weather.

The commuter airline, faced with two deadly crashes in six weeks, today canceled flights from Chicago and five other cities until Jan. 4.

Yet more holiday travelers were affected by Kiwi International Air Lines' decision to indefinitely suspend its 42 daily flights between Newark, N.J., and Atlanta, Chicago, San Juan, and three Florida cities following government questions about its pilot training records. It's booking passengers onto other airlines.

And in New York, the FBI said today it is investigating recent vandalism of several jumbo jets belonging to Tower Air, which flies to Israel, Europe and U.S. cities.

American Eagle grounded its entire Chicago-based ATR turbo-prop fleet Dec. 9, then resumed Midwestern service Thursday with a different model. Concerns about the safety of ATR planes were prompted by the Oct. 31 crash of an American Eagle ATR-72 that killed all 68 people aboard.

Federal investigators suspect ice on the wings may have contributed to the disaster; the Federal Aviation Administration has grounded ATR planes in icy weather.

Further aggravating travelers' worries, an American Eagle Jetstream 3200 crashed near Raleigh, N.C., Tuesday, killing 15 of 20 people aboard.

The commuter line has shifted its ATR planes to warmer climates and brought 12 Saab planes into Chicago from Miami, Nashville, Tenn., and Raleigh, N.C.

James Dixey, associate professor of aviation management at Purdue University, said the Saab is an excellent plane to fly in ice and snow.

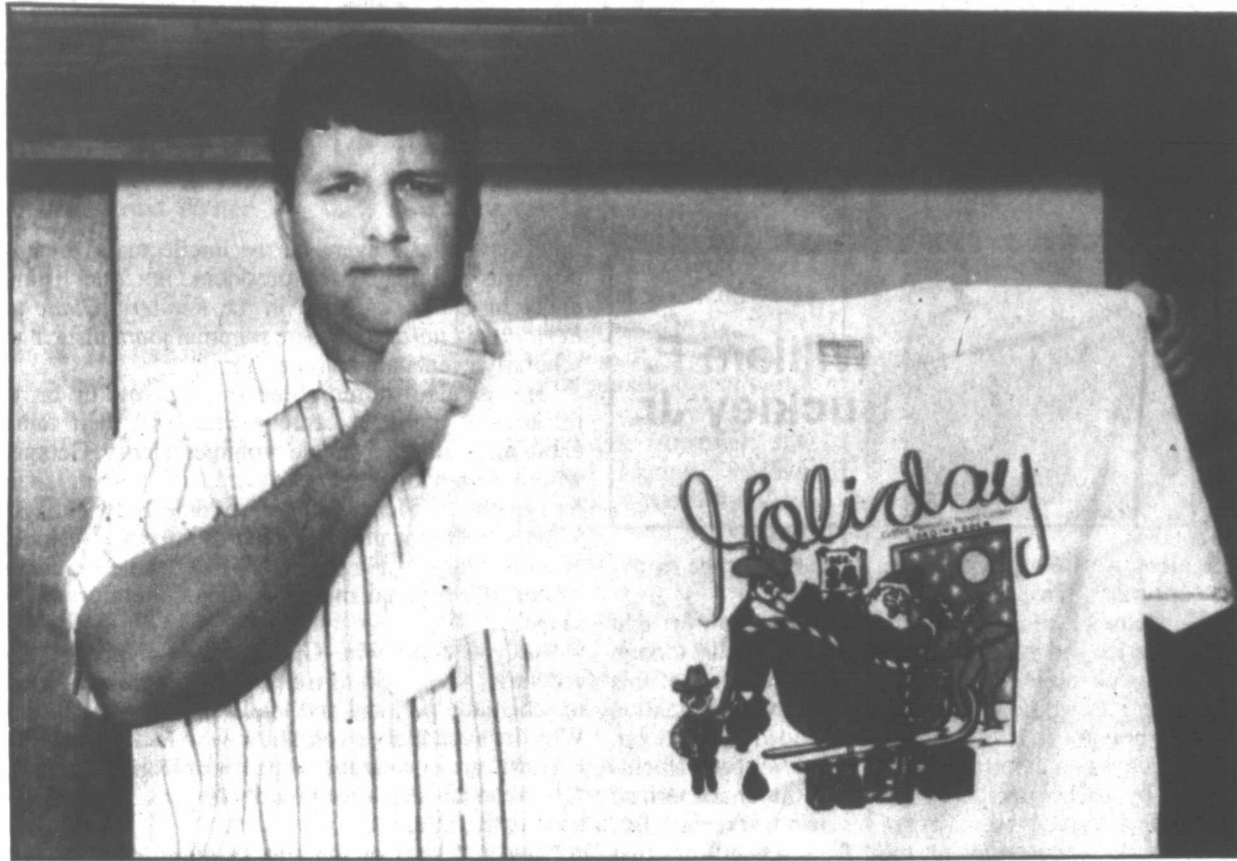
"They build those airplanes to fly in the Arctic Circle," he said.

American Eagle said it was told by the Allied Pilots Association that the Saab pilots needed more training to fly in cold weather.

The association did not return repeated calls placed by The Associated Press today.

The airline canceled all flights in Chicago; Green Bay and Madison, Wis.; Toledo, Ohio; Traverse City and Lansing, Mich.; and some flights from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, spokesman Al Comeaux said.

Christmas Blood Drive



Mark Erpelding displays one of the "Holiday Hero" T-shirts that will be given to donors who give blood Monday during the Knights of Columbus annual Christmas Blood Drive at Pampa Mall. Staff members from the Coffee Memorial Blood Bank of Amarillo will be at the mall from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday. Donations will assure that area hospitals have enough blood on hand to meet major medical emergencies in the weeks ahead. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Yeltsin gives Chechens 48 hours to disarm

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian troops closing in on the Chechen capital hammered surrounding regions with artillery early today, while the leader of the separatist republic agreed to resume peace talks with Moscow.

It wasn't clear if Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev was signaling a readiness to compromise as Russian tanks were poised at the edge of his capital, Grozny.

But his willingness to reopen talks he had suspended on Wednesday provided some hope that a bloodbath could be averted.

Dudayev's vice president, Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, cast doubt on a peaceful settlement, however. He told Russia's Interfax news agency today that high-level talks could begin only after the Russians withdraw from Chechnya, an unlikely precondition for any negotiations.

President Boris Yeltsin of Russia

extended by two days — until midnight Saturday — his ultimatum that the rebels disarm or face dire consequences. Russia also warned foreigners to stay out of Chechnya, saying it could not guarantee their safety.

An estimated 10,000 to 40,000 Russian soldiers, supported by tanks, warplanes and helicopter gunships, rolled into Chechnya on Sunday to oust what Moscow considers to be a "criminal" regime.

The confrontation is a big gamble for Yeltsin. Fears persist that Russia could become embroiled in a prolonged occupation similar to the Afghanistan debacle in the 1980s.

Dudayev has urged the 1.2 million residents of his predominantly Muslim republic to fight to the death.

Chechen forces have fought the Russian troops all week with artillery shells, tanks and guns. According to some regional officials sympathetic to the Chechen cause, hundreds of

civilians have been killed.

"We will never give up our weapons," declared Yusuf Shamshudin, the Chechen foreign minister, who kept his Kalashnikov rifle on a nearby windowsill of his office as he spoke. "We will never let the Russians into Grozny."

Moscow said late Thursday that it had succeeded in its goal of fully blocking off Grozny while waiting for "illegal armed bands" to lay down their weapons.

Grozny residents awoke today to a 30-minute barrage of artillery to the north as Russian troops hammered surrounding regions.

Chechens had shown little evidence of complying with the Kremlin's earlier ultimatum to lay down their arms by Thursday, even though Moscow said Russian soldiers had entered the northern and western outskirts of Grozny and were advancing from the east.

Feds examine Houston's street-closing ordinance

HOUSTON (AP) — A plan to close streets in certain neighborhoods violates the Civil Rights Act, some Houston residents complain.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is investigating whether the plan is effectively isolating affluent whites from minorities.

At least 10 residents have complained that the ordinance violates the Civil Rights Act.

A HUD spokesman in Washington told the *Houston Chronicle* he believed the preliminary probe launched last month is the first investigation by the department into street closures.

Mayor Bob Lanier's 2 1/2-year-old street-modification ordinance is

supposed to help reduce crime and curtail cut-through traffic. Residents can petition to block off their street with barricades, one-way signs or traffic islands.

Although several minority neighborhoods have received such street modifications, the ordinance has faced tough criticism from some minorities who believe it is being used against them.

The complaints were made to HUD in part because residents believe HUD-administered Community Development Block Grant funds were used to help pay for street closures, said Frank Longoria, HUD management liaison officer in Fort Worth.

The department could launch a

full-scale investigation if it finds evidence the ordinance is discriminatory and HUD-administered funds were used directly or even indirectly in the street closings, he said.

Page Cullison, a spokeswoman for Lanier, said Thursday no HUD funds have been used to pay for street closings.

HUD funds are delivered to the city's community development division, while the public works department performs the division's work in low-income areas, she said. Public works is involved in the street closings.

Houston City Attorney Benjamin L. Hall III said he has no problem with the investigation.

Housing starts up 6.9 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing starts shot up 6.9 percent in November, the largest increase in eight months, as new construction rebounded from the previous month's decline.

The surprising surge was attributed, in large part by analysts to unusually warm weather in the Northeast and Midwest. They said they still expect rising mortgage rates to put a damper on single-family construction.

"There may be a December payback for the temporary spike in November housing starts," said economist Jose Rasco of Merrill Lynch & Co. in New York City. "In any case, the outlook is for a decline in residential construction in 1995."

The Commerce Department said today that builders broke ground on 1.54 million units at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, up from 1.44 million in October. With one month remaining in the year, starts are 14.2 percent higher than they were through the first 11 months of 1993.

The November gain is the biggest since starts rose 14.4 percent in

March. Single-family construction rose 3.7 percent last month at a seasonally adjusted rate of 1.2 million.

In October, starts declined 4.6 percent, revised from an earlier 5.2 percent estimated dip. That drop had been the first in four months.

Applications for building permits — often a barometer of future activity — fell 1 percent in November to a 1.38 million rate.

Regionally, starts increased in the East, Midwest and South, but fell in the West.

Although starts have slipped from the cyclical high of 1.61 million units last December, the industry remains strong as the economy continues to expand.

Many analysts had expected starts to drop to an annualized rate of about 1.4 million in November as rising mortgage rates took their toll on consumer demand.

According to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., rates for 30-year mortgages averaged 9.17 percent in November, up from 8.93 percent in October and from a 25-year low of 6.74 percent in October 1993.

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Naked driver's death, wreck leaves questions

By TOM HAYS
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — As Julia Allan got ready for work before dawn, Michael Weeks walked the streets of Staten Island stark naked.

Allan, a devoted grandmother, and Weeks, a part-time bartender, were strangers. But by sunrise, they would share a coffin of melded metal and a story as perplexing as it is tragic.

Investigators believe Weeks deliberately caused a head-on collision that killed the two motorists on Dec. 2.

Worse yet, police concede that two patrol officers stopped a naked Weeks 15 minutes before the wreck, then let him drive off. The two officers were suspended pending the outcome of an investigation.

This week, a police spokesman confirmed to The Associated Press that three days before the crash, Weeks' parents told police their son was suicidal and asked for him to be committed to a psychiatric hospital. Three officers went to Weeks' home, but left him alone after deeming him "in control."

"The whole situation is disgusting," said Allan's oldest daughter, Laura. "It was so obvious this man needed professional help. This didn't have to happen."

When not enjoying her grandchildren, Allan, a 57-year-old native New Yorker, worked part-time at a supermarket. She also planned Laura's January wedding. "My shower was supposed to be the morning after the accident," Laura said.

Weeks, 27, who was single, moved to the borough of Staten Island from Florida with his family about 10 years ago, friends said. After his parents returned south, he stayed and worked sporadically while studying to be an insurance broker.

His passion was bodybuilding, said a friend who would only give his name as Arty. "He really took care of

his body," Arty said. "He wouldn't even drink soda, you know?"

He last saw Weeks two days before his death. A broker's test that Weeks planned to take that weekend "was all he could talk about," Arty said.

"Everyone's making him out to be a monster. But suicide doesn't fit," Arty said.

Weeks' landlord, however, saw hints of turmoil. Manny DeMayo, who rented Weeks a room for \$75 a week, said he overheard Weeks arguing on the phone with his parents about money.

Three days before the wreck, Weeks' parents called police and asked for him to be committed, said Officer Scott Bloch, a police spokesman.

A sergeant, two officers and an ambulance crew went to Weeks' room, but "found no justification to remove him," Bloch said. "The guy was coherent, well-groomed, polite, in control."

The same could not be said for Weeks on the morning of Dec. 2. Callers to 911 reported a naked man running in traffic near an intersection miles away from Weeks' home.

Officers Vincent Lavio and Joseph Bonamo arrived at 5:37 a.m. as Weeks, still naked, was getting in his car.

By 5:52 a.m., Weeks was speeding along a four-lane boulevard. It was still dark when he purposely swerved over the yellow line and slammed into Allan's car, police said.

The impact propelled Allan's car back 20 feet into another car driven by an off-duty transit police detective. Investigators found no skid marks.

"He was coming directly at us, not braking at all," said Detective Robert McMillan, who suffered a neck injury. "There was no way the poor woman could get out of the way."

Three days later, police brass suspended Lavio and Bonamo.

It's a puzzle



Malcolm Denson, sitting, and N.H. "Red" Jones work on putting a Christmas jigsaw puzzle together while visiting at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center on Thursday morning. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Gramm offers tax rebate proposal to help families

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Republican Sen. Phil Gramm, an all-but-declared 1996 presidential hopeful, has his own ideas for a tax rebate for the American people.

The White House, as well as House Republicans and Democrats, have weighed in with differing plans for a middle-class tax cut.

Gramm's version, which was endorsed earlier this year by GOP Senate candidates, would double families' dependent exemption for children from \$2,500 to \$5,000. He presented it at a Capitol news conference on Thursday, half a day before President Clinton unveiled his version.

For a family of four earning \$38,000 or less annually, the doubled exemption advocated by Gramm would mean \$750 less in payments to the Internal Revenue Service each year.

Gramm said he would pay for the tax rebate by cutting the discretionary budgets of the departments of Education, Energy, Labor, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development and Transportation by 16 percent over five years.

"I believe if we let working families keep more of their own money to invest in their own children, in their own future, they will do a better job than the government has done

in spending their money for them," Gramm said of his proposal.

"Gramm, one of Clinton's fiercest congressional critics, signaled that any White House plan that cuts taxes by less than the \$107 billion proposed by House Republicans is 'going to be a non-starter.'"

In a prime-time address, Clinton proposed a \$60 billion mix of new credits and deductions, mainly for families with children and college students. The proposal, which revives Clinton's 1992 promise of a middle-class tax cut, would result in the trimming or elimination of scores of federal programs.

"I am glad that the president is beginning to at least hum along as we sing our song of less government and more freedom," Gramm said. But he drew the line at any tax cut less than \$107 billion.

"The president is not going to come in now and hijack this train," Gramm said.

In their "Contract with America," House Republicans are pledging child tax credits for families earning up to \$200,000 a year. House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt this week proposed a tax break for all workers earning up to \$75,000 annually.

Gramm's plan to double the child exemption comes from the "Contract with America"-type pledge that Senate GOP candidates informally endorsed earlier this year.

Rocket launch delayed after fuel leak

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A fuel leak forced 12 workers off a rocket pad Thursday for the second time since August and delayed a launch.

About 350 gallons of fuel spilled from a Titan 4 rocket before dawn, forcing workers to evacuate as they prepared for Saturday's launch.

Nobody was injured, said Air

Force spokeswoman Maj. Ingrid Bradley.

The Air Force was to launch the Titan 4 and its missile warning satellite in September, but it was delayed because the satellite became contaminated with paint chips, synthetic fibers and other materials.

Bradley said the Saturday launch has been moved to no earlier than Tuesday.



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Cisneros seeks to block tapes in lawsuit case

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP) — Henry Cisneros' legal dispute with his former mistress has brewed into a showdown over fraud law and what constitutes an oral contract.

Attorneys were scheduled to make arguments today before a judge who could dismiss the lawsuit against the U.S. Housing Secretary.

A court filing Thursday asked state District Judge J. Blair Cherry to strike tape-recorded telephone conversations from the evidence. The tapes and transcripts — made by Linda Medlar in an attempt to prove Cisneros agreed to pay her \$4,000 a month — aren't complete or accurate, the motion said.

Ms. Medlar accuses the former San Antonio mayor of breaking an oral contract to make monthly payments for damages she suffered after their extramarital affair made headlines. She filed a fraud and breach-of-contract lawsuit in July seeking \$256,000 and unspecified punitive damages.

Cisneros contends no contract ever existed. He has said he paid her occasionally — about \$200,000, total — out of compassion after their relationship was revealed in 1988.

Floyd Holder, who will argue the side of Medlar at today's hearing, predicted two points from opposing counsel.

"That the contract's not in writing, and by George, if you mess around with a public figure you ought to expect it to become public," Holder said. "I'm going to say that's baloney."

Holder said he expects Cherry to rule this month on the defendant's motion for summary judgment, which could determine whether the case goes to trial.

Attorneys for Medlar say she accumulated 86 tapes of her conversations with Cisneros over the years. Inside Edition broadcast portions of the tapes this fall as part of a paid interview with the Lubbock woman.

Those tapes spawned a Justice Department inquiry into what Cisneros told the FBI. Investigators are looking at whether Cisneros understated the amount of the payments during background interviews conducted during his 1992 nomination to President Clinton's cabinet.

Thursday's motion says the tapes and transcripts must be stricken from the lawsuit because they relate to evidence that would be inadmissible at trial.

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Religion

Bible Church children set Christmas play

Children of the Bible Church of Pampa, 300 W. Browning, will present "Three Men and a Baby" at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Twenty-nine children will present the play directed by Ronna Raber and Sue Fatheree. Solos will be sung by Carrie Coutts, Meghan

Lewis, Kellie Mullican and Shay Chapman. A trio of Mandy West, Brenna Coutts and Kendra Raber will perform. Puppeteers include Laurie Berzanskis, Johanna Coker and Mandy West. Erin Raber is the narrator and Rebecca Fatheree is "Gruffy

Bear." Jenny Fatheree will provide lighting for the performance. Sets were constructed by Craig and Ronna Raber. Refreshments will follow the Saturday performance. A nursery is provided.



Justin Curtis has his face painted by Rhonda Chapman as children of the Bible Church of Pampa, 300 W. Browning, prepare for their annual Christmas program at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. (Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Religion briefs

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II affirmed that the right of women to participate in all areas of public life must be guaranteed, by law if necessary.

The pope, in a recent statement released by the Vatican, said women should participate in all areas of public life but still maintain "their unique role within the family."

John Paul recorded his views in his annual message for the World Day of Peace, which the Roman Catholic Church marks each Jan. 1.

Referring to church opposition to abortion, John Paul called on society to protect "the indisputable right to life, which every person enjoys from the very moment of conception."

The pope lamented that some women are "victims of a materialistic and hedonistic outlook which views them as mere objects of pleasure, and does not hesitate to organize the exploitation of women, even of young girls, into a despicable trade."

He also deplored a "dramatic increase" of violence in the world, noting that women and children are often victims of "outrageous and barbaric behavior."

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) — A minister says he put a live, "bloody" Jesus on a parade float at an annual city Christmas celebration to illustrate a point. But some in the community are outraged.

"We weren't out there trying to stir controversy," said the Rev. Terry Haynes, pastor of the 70-member Door Christian Fellowship Church. "We were out there trying to identify the whole meaning of Christmas, and the ultimate meaning is Jesus did give his life, God gave a gift."

The float featured a young man depicting the crucified Jesus, wearing a loin cloth and blood-like makeup all over his face and body.

Haynes said his church has not received any complaints, but Lights

Fantastic parade coordinator Diane Dorsey said she has received plenty.

"I'm not saying this was an inappropriate float," she said, "but it certainly was perceived that way by a lot of people."

The Lights Fantastic started in 1991 as a family oriented Christmas parade sponsored by the city and a host of business and other groups. This year, more than 40 floats and three-dozen other entries wound through downtown while about 25,000 people watched.

CHEBOYGAN, Mich. (AP) — A church once threatened with closing will stay open as a mission church.

"It's the best Christmas present we could have," Rich Jankoviak, chairman of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church pastoral committee, said after parishioners voted recently to become a mission church.

When details are worked out, Sacred Heart will become a mission church of St. Anthony's Parish in Mackinaw City, with Stanley Szczepanski serving as deacon under the Rev. Leonard Joys of St. Anthony's. When the diocese tried to close it in 1992, Sacred Heart was a mission parish of St. Francis of Alverno.

Bishop Patrick Cooney had at one point proposed closing the church or giving it oratory status, meaning it would be an official place of prayer.

Members of the 140-family parish voted to accept another option — missionary status. Sacred Heart was established in 1885 in Riggsville in Cheboygan County.

"The bishop has come out here and made peace with all the people," said Kashamer Tryban, 83, a lifelong parishioner.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Pentecostals are gaining members across South Carolina and North Carolina.

While this corner of the Bible Belt

is still dominated by the button-down approach of other Protestant denominations, Pentecostals have increased their numbers and visibility.

Membership in the Church of God, one of the biggest organized Pentecostal movements, has increased to 54,000 from about 40,000 in the past five years in North Carolina.

In South Carolina during the same period, the number has increased from 34,000 to 39,000.

The Rev. Bill Sheeks, head of the western North Carolina office of the Church of God in Charlotte, believes the Pentecostals' highly emotional style of faith is striking a more powerful chord among those for whom quiet prayer and sermons are not enough.

"We clap our hands, we're joyful, we weep," said Sheeks. "They like that more than a standard service."

Fun night at Pampa FBC

First Baptist Church of Pampa extends an invitation to the public to attend Family Fun Night at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the church's fellowship hall.

Scheduled for showing is "City Boy" a production of Feature Films for Families to be shown on an 8 ft.-by 8 ft. screen. Refreshments will be served. The entertainment is free. Children are to be accompanied by an adult. "City Boy" is about Nick, 17,

who is searching for his father. The boy is employed by a logging company in a forest known as Limberlost. Through relationships with new associates and his adventures in his new environment, the boy learns the value of personal honesty and integrity and discovers what defines true friendship. In the end, Nick must choose between his own safety and the lives of those he has come to love.

Live nativity at Lefors FBC

LEFORS - First Baptist Church plans to present a live nativity during two evenings prior to Christmas.

The live nativity is planned for 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in

front of the church, according to Tula Ellis, organizer of the event. Ellis said the public is invited to enjoy the scene and hot chocolate and coffee will be served.

Fellowship breakfast at Macedonia

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, is to host its monthly fellowship breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday.

The menu includes pancakes,

sausage, bacon, toast, eggs, juice and coffee. The Rev. I.L. Patrick invites the public attend. For more information call 665-4926. Donations accepted.

Single Christmas service set for Dec. 25

Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, will celebrate a Christmas service at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 25.

The Rev. Paul Nachtigall will

preach at the service, which is the only one scheduled for the day. A nursery is provided. For more information call 669-6509.

Skellytown Church of Christ offers services

Skellytown Church of Christ, Fourth and Roosevelt, offers a discussion format Bible class at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. morning worship each

Sunday. Evening worship begins at 6 p.m. Sundays. Dale Meadows is church minister. The public is invited.

Lefors First Methodist to host candlelight service

Lefors First Methodist Church is to hold a community candlelight communion ser-

vice at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. The public is invited.

What is the meaning of Christmas? It is different things to different people. To some it is trees & presents; to others family & friends; to others cider in front of a roaring fire; and to others it is a time they do without because they cannot afford to "do" Christmas.

Although Christmas means different things to different people, the Bible is clear on what Christmas means. At Highland Baptist Church we have been looking at "The Meaning of Christmas" the past two weeks. This Sunday, December 18 we will be looking at "The Meaning of Christmas: JOY. It is my prayer that each person in Pampa will find the joy offered through Jesus Christ this Christmas season.

We invite you to come worship with us at Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, this Sunday, December 18, and find "The Meaning of Christmas: JOY. JESUS, JESUS, JESUS, there IS something about that name!!!

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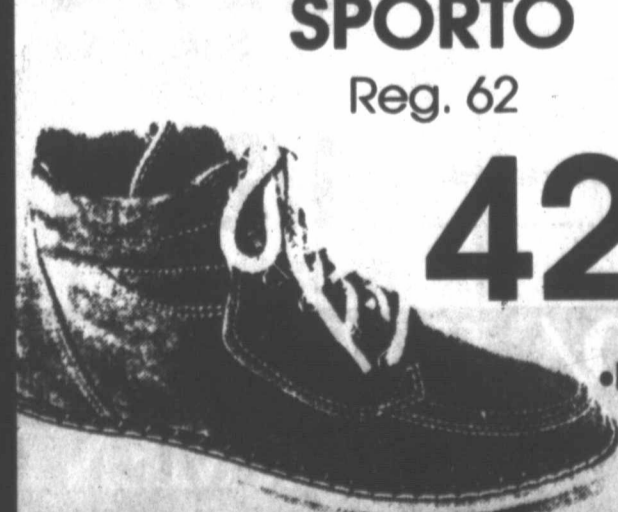
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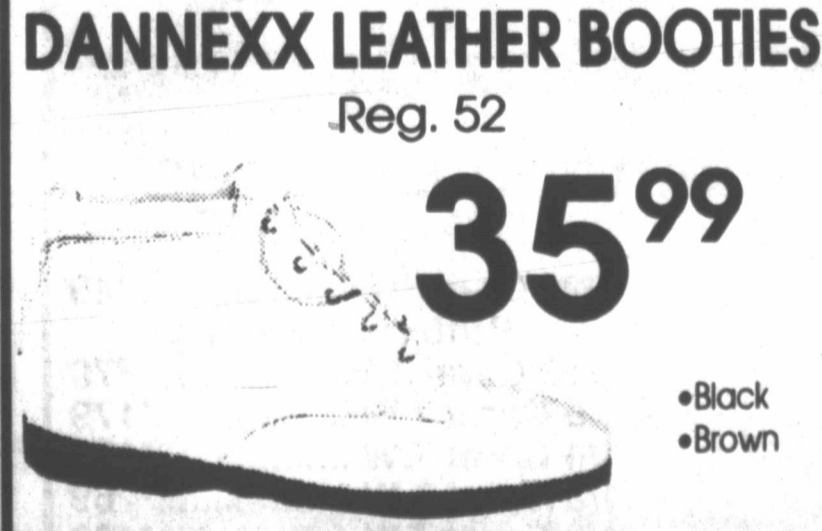
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Follow the star: Christmas lights up Hill Country ranch

By RALPH WININGHAM
San Antonio Express-News

BOERNE (AP) — The Christmas spirit twinkles and glows and sings across the back 40 acres of Jerry Hagee's Hill Country ranch, where 600,000 lights make up a backyard display gone super nova.

Improving on last year's 500,000 lights and requiring about eight miles of wiring and 3,000 extension cords, the Hagee family's four-month labor of love is called the "Follow the Star Christmas Lights" display.

It has become an international attraction just three miles east of Boerne off Texas 46, and about 30 miles north of San Antonio.

"We plan to keep on going until we have 1 million lights, but you can't add that many in one year," Hagee said during a tour of his one-mile display that is open to the public through Jan. 1.

"This has been so rewarding. What else could anyone do where 99.99 percent of the comments from people have been positive?"

"Christmas is such a special time, especially for families and children. Being able to share that experience

with so many people has made our holiday so much better," he said.

This is the third year the presentation has been open to the public. Last year's display attracted visitors from every state in the United States and from as far away as England.

Admission \$3 per person, with children under 3 years old admitted free. The drive-through presentation is open from 6 to 10 p.m. weeknights and from 6 to 11 p.m. weekends and holidays through Jan. 1.

In addition to the dazzling lights, the attraction features musical presentations, and animated and live characters, including animals. Thirty lifelike mannequins were recently installed to replace painted figures.

"The mannequins add new life to the displays," Hagee said. "Our big problem was finding mannequins with the right facial features."

"Did you know it is impossible to find short, plump mannequins with pointed ears that we could use as elves?"

"That is something we will have to work on next year."

Hagee said interest in the display was so high in 1993, he has hired traffic control officers to direct traf-

fic this year, and the Texas Department of Transportation has installed directional signs on Texas 46.

"We really had no idea the response would be so great," he said, pointing out that the display route handles about 13 cars every 40 seconds.

"At capacity, it takes about 30 to 45 minutes to see the display. But when people get in here, they seem to lose track of time."

"The Christmas spirit here is like magic, where time doesn't mean anything. I don't know how many people there have been who have asked to just turn around and go back through the display," he said.

While Hagee and his family members work seven days a week from August to November to design the displays, run wire, install lights, paint, and take care of the other jobs, their family labor is founded upon Hagee's extensive experience in the tourist industry.

Before Hagee purchased the 750-acre Star H Ranch in 1992, he created and operated one of Oklahoma's top tourist attractions, Arbuckle Wilderness, for 15 years.

"This lighting display was meant to be hobby, but it isn't a hobby anymore. We are really putting a lot of work into it that is our way of supporting this community that has been so supportive to us."

"There is such an upbeat, positive nature of people of South Texas," Hagee said.

Hagee's display has been a welcome attraction in Boerne, prompting some local businesses to stay open at night to take advantage of the increased traffic.

"I don't think anyone was prepared for the success he has had," said Paul Kirtley, spokesman for the Greater Boerne Chamber of Commerce.

"The 'Follow the Star' display has put Boerne on the map. We are getting calls from everywhere asking for information on the display," he said.

"Any time you have this much traffic coming to the area, it is good for everyone," he added.

Among the featured presentations scattered across the display trail are frolicking elves who dance and sing through the magic of lights and a sound system.

Botched raid settlement reached

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The government will pay \$2.75 million to a man who suffered permanent injuries when federal agents shot him during a drug raid that was based on an informant's false tip.

Under the agreement reached Wednesday, Donald Carlson, who was shot three times in 1992 after opening fire on the agents who battered their way into his home, will receive \$2.5 million plus \$250,000 placed in a medical trust fund.

"This brings to a conclusion a very painful chapter of my life," the former computer executive said from Dallas, where he now lives. "But it does not make up for what I went through."

Customs Service and Drug Enforcement Agency agents were told by informant Ronnie Edmond that they would find 5 1/2 tons of cocaine in two houses in Poway, 20 miles north of San Diego. The first house was empty.

Agents broke down Carlson's front door with a battering ram. No drugs were found.

Carlson, who said he was roused from his sleep and thought he was being burglarized, grabbed a revolver and opened fire, wounding one agent. He was shot while standing in his doorway with the gun in his hand.

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Greenville's Bald Brigade helps celebrate Christmas

By MIKE KEARNS
Greenville Herald-Banner

GREENVILLE (AP) — Glowing Greenville, a holiday lighting tradition in this Northeast Texas city 50 miles up Interstate 30 from Dallas, has some strictly un-official mascots.

The Bald Brigade, made up of some of the city's leading citizens, is a group of men from all walks of life who have (or have not) one common strand: no hair on top of their heads. And they reflect a lot of light in keeping with the celebration's image.

The Brigade was organized four years ago to march in the annual Jaycees Christmas Parade, which kicks off the season in early December.

Every year the Brigade comes up with a drill of sorts as members carry their folding chairs and buffing rags to polish their chrome domes in syncopated rhythm. Some members bring their own "Buffettes," usually wives, who do the polishing. Gimme caps lined with fake fur also are part of the props.

For the first time this year, the group even had its own mobile lighting crew for better reflection.

They considered a theme song, such as "O Comb All Ye Faithful," or "We Wish You A Hairy Christmas," but once it was determined that no one in the group

could sing, the theme song idea sort of went away.

The unit does not appear to have any formally elected leadership, but Clay Woods, a Greenville furniture builder, and Ronnie Green, who owns a church furniture building business, organized this year's performance.

Woods says the group's free form marching consists of all the members staying on one street.

Another "old-timer" Hubert Lytle, who owns a local rental business, says the best part of being in the Bald Brigade is that "You cannot foul this deal up."

Those who have taken a shine to the Brigade's antics have included lawyers, insurance salesmen, businessmen, corporate executive, retirees and engineers.

The only requirement for membership is baldness on top (fringe around the sides is acceptable). There are no dues and no hair club transplant recipients are allowed.

The group did open its membership to "gonna-be" bald people, but there were no takers. Accepting baldness takes time and a good nature, the members say.

It also doesn't hurt to be totally without vanity, Woods says.

"We just wanted to add some fun ... and we hope everyone ... goes to see all the decorated neighborhoods," Green said. The lights festival continues through Jan. 1.

CDC: Americans are living longer as chronic disease deaths drop

ATLANTA (AP) — Despite the outbreak of AIDS, Americans are living longer than ever — an average of almost 76 years, the government reported Thursday.

The overall death rate in the United States was the lowest ever in 1992, falling to 504.5 per 100,000 people, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. A total of 2,175,613 people died.

The 1992 infant mortality rate reached an all-time low of 8.5 deaths per 1,000 live births, compared with 8.9 per 1,000 in 1991.

The average life expectancy climbed to an all-time high of 75.8, the number of years a person born in 1992 could expect to live. That was up from 75.5 in 1991.

Death rates for 12 of the 15 leading killers dropped in 1992, said CDC statistician Ken Kochanek. But deaths from AIDS jumped sharply and there was little or no change in the rates of death from diabetes and kidney disease.

"Things look very good," Kochanek said. "Unfortunately, the main increase was in HIV," the virus that causes AIDS.

"HIV is definitely holding back bigger gains in life expectancy," he said.

The death rate for AIDS jumped 11.5 percent. AIDS, which killed 33,566 Americans in 1992, rose a notch to become the eighth leading cause of death that year.

The CDC expects the AIDS death rate to jump even higher for 1993, in part because of a change in the government's definition of the disease.

Overall, death rates for the six leading causes of death — heart disease, cancer, stroke, lung disease, accidents and pneumonia-influenza — all dropped in 1992. Adjusted for age, the death rate for heart disease, the nation's No. 1 killer, fell 2.6 percent from 1991.

The biggest drop — a 7.7 percent decline — came in the rate for atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries.

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Pat Kindle admires a piece of art entitled "Curly Sue" at the Pampa Middle School Art Show. Her granddaughter, Kira Chumbley, had a hand in making the craft that resembles a human figure. Selected works of sixth, seventh and eighth grade students were exhibited last night at the school. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Homemakers of Year honored

Gray County Family and Community Education clubs honored their Homemakers of the Year recently at their annual achievement event. They included: Vickie Davis, H.O.P.E. FCE Club; Pam Lash, Evening Stars FCE Club; Pam Millican, Patchworks FCE Club; Maxine Bennett and Boots Barnett, PAM FCE Club; and Ruth Barrett, Progressive FCE Club.

Family and Community Education Clubs are organized to strengthen and enrich families through educational programs, leadership development and

community service. To find out how to become a member of an FCE Club, contact the Gray County Extension Office in the Gray County Annex or call 669-8033. Most clubs meet once a month.

FCE Council officers for 1995 were also installed at the Achievement event. Providing leadership for the Family and Community Education Council in 1995 will be: Virginia Horton, chairman; Renee Stout, vice-chairman; Betty Lash, secretary; Betty Baxter, treasurer; Janice Carter, TAFCE chairman, and Boots Barnett, TAFCE vice-chairman.

Contest wants kids to care

By SIOBHAN McDONOUGH
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Some adults may think they know everything. But a little time spent with a child would make them realize it just isn't so.

"The ocean covers almost three-fourths of the Earth's surface," announced Katrina Grochocki of Bridgewater, N.J., spewing out facts, figures and trivia about her newest and latest favorite subject. "It gives off four times the amount of oxygen than land plants."

After a brief encounter with this bright and lively 10-year-old, an adult learns at least two things: no matter how old you are, you can learn from a youngster, and no matter how young you are, your actions can help change the world.

That's the lesson adults and children got recently when the trendy Planet Hollywood restaurant was briefly transformed into a classroom. Among those attending a breakfast to kick off the 1994-95 Kids Care contest were students, educators, Native American rap artist Litefoot and author Lynne Reid Banks.

"The kids are growing up in a world that others are destroying. If they don't like it, they can change it," said Litefoot, who will star in the movie, "The Indian in the Cupboard," written by Banks. "Kids are the future. Now is the time for them to make changes."

For the past 12 years, Scholastic's Kids Care contest has encouraged more than 50,000 first-through sixth-graders nationwide to work on ways to improve their community and the world, according to Scholastic Inc., co-sponsor of the 12th annual contest, along with Planet Hollywood.

Kids are organizing recycling drives, assisting people who are recovering from natural disasters, working with the elderly and helping to save the environment, Scholastic said.

The contest calls for students to create and participate in a community service project of their choice. The time, effort, creativity and originality the students put into the

project will be judged.

"Through the projects, the kids solve problems and learn by working together, they can improve the world they live in," said Patrick Daley, Scholastic News editorial director.

The contest is designed to motivate youths to take a hands-on approach to issues of the day. "This is the perfect example of that saying, 'I listen, I forget. I do, I remember and it affects me for life,'" said Banks. "This is proactive learning."

The contest is also designed to get children involved in learning.

"It's not a mundane way to learn. Kids are enthusiastic about it. Their social and environmental conscience is heightened," said Katrina Macht, who teaches fifth-graders at Adamsville School in Bridgewater, N.J. "Their efforts are really coming from the heart."

Her class won the Kids Care contest in 1992-93. The students wrote ambassadors of all of the nations that had rain forests and asked for recipes of traditional dishes. They compiled the recipes into a book, "500 Tropical Treats." All of the proceeds went to an organization that helps save the rain forest.

This year, Macht's 20 students shifted their attention to issues relating to ocean preservation. They designed a calendar called "Celebrate the Sea 1995."

The project consists of student-inspired drawings and poetry as well as celebrated quotes about the sea. The students will donate the money raised from calendar sales to an organization that focuses on ocean-related issues.

All entry material and the entry form, available from Scholastic, must be postmarked no later than Feb. 15, 1995. The grand prize-winning class and their teachers will be flown to New York to attend a party at Planet Hollywood.

Paramount Pictures and Columbia Pictures will bring to the screen "The Indian in the Cupboard," directed by Frank Oz, a Kennedy-Marshall-Scholastic Productions film, Paramount

Pictures-Columbia Pictures joint venture release.

* For an entry form, write: Editor, Kids Care Contest, Scholastic Inc., 555 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10012-3999.

TSTC regents to take action on report

The Texas State Technical College Board of Regents has accepted a special report detailing recommendations for the Amarillo campus. Board members will hold a special meeting in Amarillo to act on the report within the next two or three weeks.

The study by Perryman Consultants Inc., finds a definite need for the continuation of a TSTC campus in the Texas Panhandle. The report makes recommendations aimed at maximizing the college's success and support and overcoming problems. Dr. Ronald Abrams, TSTC Amarillo interim president, notes that many of the recommended changes are already underway. Perryman also acknowledges TSTC's recent progress in the areas of campus consolidation, community relations and student services. The consultant writes, "Given this framework, the investigation indicates there are substantial opportunities to enhance the TSTC facility as well as its linkages with the local area."

The study also analyzes future work force needs in TSTC Amarillo's primary service area. Perryman finds that, between now and the year 2010, the High Plains region of Texas and the adjacent counties of Oklahoma and

New Mexico will need to fill more than 70,000 job openings in fields served by TSTC Amarillo's present curriculum. Perryman concludes, "Through effective delivery of excellent instruction and cooperation in local job creation initiatives, TSTC Amarillo can remain a vital contributor to its primary service region and an increasingly important catalyst for economic growth and industrial expansion."

The TSTC Board of Regents initiated this study at its July Board Meeting, during which board members noted several adverse factors affecting the Amarillo campus. The Board acknowledged that older facilities on the TSTC Amarillo campus and the spread-out nature of the campus are detrimental to the college's overall image. Perryman indicates that most of these negative factors, can be overcome.

Abrams says he is pleased with the study. "It provides excellent information for strategic planning and endorses the changes already underway." The interim president noted that the board of Regents' overall reaction to the report is positive. After accepting the study, the board voted unanimously to meet in Amarillo to act on its findings.

Association donates funds for shoes

Pampa Firefighter Association Local 3293, in cooperation with Payless Shoes and the Pampa Independent School District, is donating funds to buy shoes for 30-40 needy schoolchildren at Baker Elementary School. The association plans to donate more funds to other schools. In the photo to the right are, Rosella Stout (left), head assistant of the Chapter 1 program at Baker; Dick Crockett, principal; and Doug Pritchett, Ricky Stout and W.D. Thomas all representing the Pampa Firefighter Association.



Newsmakers

Paula L. Hapeman, wife of Eugene Hapeman of Paradise, will graduate with her associate degree in nursing from North Central College of Nursing at Gainesville on Saturday.

Mrs. Hapeman recently was accepted into the Theta Beta Kappa Honor Society.

She is the daughter of W.H. "Red" Holland and the late Hazel Holland of Pampa. She is also the daughter-in-law of Maxine Hapeman of Pampa.

Pamela Dawn Dacus, the daughter of Christine Hodge and Jimmy Dacus, both of Pampa, is set to graduate from West Texas A & M University this evening with a bache-

lor's degree in psychology. She is currently employed with Boatman's National Bank as a commercial teller. Dacus also attended a El Centro Junior college in Dallas for two years. She was on the dean's list for three semesters at WTAMU.

Dacus is a 1986 graduate of Pampa High School. She studied ballet with Jeanne Willingham at Beaux Arts Dance Studio for 10 years and was active in the youth department at New Hope Baptist Church.



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Man dressed by wife does not feel mellow in yellow

DEAR ABBY: I've been told that I look good in blue — every shade from pale blue to royal blue.

My wife thinks I should widen my horizons, and since she does most of the shopping, occasionally she will bring home colors that make me wince.

One time she bought me a yellow shirt with matching yellow pants, a yellow tie and — you guessed it — bright yellow socks!

Abby, I'm 6 foot 3 and heavy; if I dyed my shoes orange, I would have looked like Big Bird hopping down the street.

I think she knew she overdid it when she asked, "You do like it, don't you?"

All I could answer was, "Tweet." Keep in mind she is free to select whichever colors she wants to wear, and she can even choose the color we paint the house. But my question is: At age 45, should my taste prevail, or must I resign myself to having my "horizons widened" in this personal area?

TWEETIE IN BROOKSVILLE, FLA.

DEAR TWEETIE: Your wife's taste seems to be "for the birds." You are old enough to make your own choices, so come the Fourth of July, declare your independence, and do your own shopping.

DEAR ABBY: My husband died



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

three weeks ago of liver failure. We had been married for 18 years. He was only 40 years old. Our children and I are experiencing an immense amount of grief.

Abby, please advise your readers not to say, "Well, at least he's not in pain, or suffering anymore."

People do not realize how that can tear a grieving person apart. It may seem selfish, but I wish to God that I was still taking care of him and helping him through his pain and suffering. At least he would still be with us.

SELFISH IN SEATTLE

DEAR SELFISH IN SEATTLE: Those who use that phrase are thinking only of the release from suffering of the person who has died — not the one(s) left behind to bear the pain of their own grief.

Perhaps the safest thing to say to someone who has lost a loved one is, "I'm sorry about your loss." Period.

DEAR ABBY: I am sending this letter to warn people about a little-known danger to pets during the holiday season.

Jesse, our cocker spaniel/beagle mix, was extremely overweight due to the table scraps and treats we fed her. She got sick the week after Thanksgiving, and we took her to the veterinarian on Friday, and again on Monday and Tuesday. Tuesday evening, Jessie began throwing up, and we took her back to the vet — who immediately hospitalized her. Sadly, our beloved pet passed away on Wednesday.

The vet said she died of acute pancreatitis. He told me that older, overweight dogs are especially at risk over the holidays — with all of the skin from the turkey, ham and other high-fat food "treats" that owners give their dogs.

Abby, please pass this along to your readers. Maybe someone can avoid the heartbreak our family has suffered.

BROKENHEARTED IN GEORGIA

DEAR BROKENHEARTED: I'm sure there are many who give in to the temptation to share the goodies with their pets, so thank you for letting others know about your tragedy. Please accept my condolences on the loss of Jessie.



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Your Birthday

Saturday, Dec. 17, 1994

In the year ahead, try to interact more often with people who can help you reach your personal objectives. The key is to figure out what you can do for them in return for the assistance you need.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might tend to be a bit domineering today. This could complicate an encounter you will have with someone even more forceful than yourself. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this

newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Although inconvenient, meet the commitments you made to people dependent on you. Do not let them down today, especially.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not coerce a friend into agreeing with you today if his/her heart is not in accord. You would have reason to regret it later.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) An important goal is achievable today if you can get past your self-doubt. To win, think like a winner.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A heated exchange is likely with a close friend unless you act cautiously today. If certain topics agitate him/her, avoid discussing them today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone who knows how to manipulate you might convince you to part with something today that you're reluctant to release.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you might have to deal with a gossip who gets under your skin. Try to be tactful and

disregard any of the rumors this person may try to start.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This might become a day of reckoning concerning neglected duties. Several things you've left undone might suddenly demand attention.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Ignore peer pressure today if you're being persuaded to act against your better judgment. Unpopularity is a small price to pay for autonomy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Unpleasant news about your family might be dropped on your doorstep today. Keep a cool head and do your best to maintain harmony in your household.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You might have a short fuse today. Try not to blow up over something unimportant. Harsh words can leave scars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Commercial dealings could be tricky today, so be careful. Act very cautiously especially if someone who did a number on you in the past is involved.

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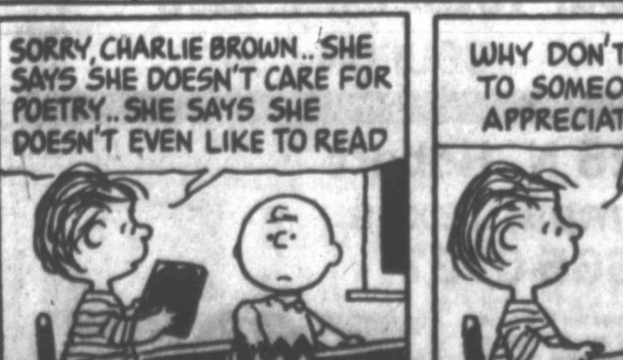
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