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Good Morning!

LOCAL

PAMPA — A vacant mobile home is reported to be a total loss today after it was discovered engulfed in flames about 5 a.m. Saturday. Eight firefighters battled the blaze three miles west of Price Road on Kentucky. The cause of the fire is unknown, said Battalion Chief Dave Turner. No injuries were reported.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly six in 10 Americans believe the world will come to an end or be destroyed, and a third of those think it will happen within a few years or decades, according to a poll released Saturday.

The survey, conducted for *U.S. News and World Report*, also found 61 percent believe Jesus Christ will return to earth, and 44 percent believe there will be a final battle of Armageddon, with true believers whisked off the planet and called into heaven. Almost half — 49 percent — said they believe there will be an Antichrist.

The poll found that born-again Christians were almost twice as likely to have these beliefs than others surveyed. The survey of 1,000 people was commissioned by the magazine for an upcoming cover story on trends in religious beliefs. It had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

STERLING HEIGHTS, Mich. (AP) — An autoworker accused of killing his supervisor and wounding a co-worker at a Chrysler Corp. plant was ordered held without bail Saturday.

Clarence Woods, 48, of Sterling Heights will be arraigned Monday on charges of murder, attempted murder and using a firearm in a felony, Police Chief Thomas Derocha said.

Following an argument Friday over a work assignment at Chrysler's Sterling Stamping Plant, Woods took a .38-caliber revolver out of a duffel bag, shot the two men and walked away, Derocha said.

Police arrested Woods at the plant shortly after the shooting, Derocha said.

Woods, a 20-year employee at the plant just north of Detroit, was arrested last year on an assault charge. The charge was dropped after the man he allegedly attacked with a knife didn't show up for a preliminary hearing, Derocha said.

Willie Ruffin, 54, died at a hospital soon after the shooting. Eddie Williams, 65, was in stable condition Saturday with gunshot wounds in his arm and chest.

WORLD

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon (AP) — Iranian-backed guerrillas fired rockets at pro-Israeli militia in southern Lebanon Saturday, killing one militiaman and wounding another, security sources said.

The Shiite Muslim Hezbollah guerrillas fired Katyusha rockets and mortar shells at a South Lebanon Army militia position, the sources said on condition of anonymity.

An SLA militiaman was mortally wounded in the attack. He died while being flown by an Israeli helicopter to a hospital in northern Israel. Another SLA soldier was slightly wounded.

The attack occurred in the center of the 440-square-mile security zone that Israel occupies in southern Lebanon to protect its northern border from attack.

Hezbollah vows to undermine Arab-Israeli peace talks by escalating attacks on the zone, which is patrolled by 1,200 Israeli troops and 2,500 SLA militiamen.

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao suffered a humiliating setback Saturday when his Congress Party lost power in three states, including his own, and was in a tight race in a fourth.

The results don't affect Rao's government, but the elections were considered a referendum on his leadership and brought calls from within his party for him to step down.

Opposition parties, saying he has lost his mandate to govern, called for early general elections, which aren't scheduled until 1996.

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USDA closings affect Carson, Roberts

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

In a governmental sleight of hand, the Agriculture Department will be closing almost 100 farm offices in Texas, but not all of them will close.

"We'll be co-locating with the NCRS," said Nancy Manley, program assistant for the Farm Service Agency in Miami. "We don't know where yet."

Manley explained that the NCRS, Natural Resources Conservation Service, which used to be the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), and the Farm Service Agency (FSA), which used to be the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), will share offices in Roberts County.

An office spokesman for the Carson County FSA said a similar move had been undertaken in Panhandle.

Eddie Weingart, acting county executive director in Carson County, confirmed that the soil conservation service was relocating to the Agricultural Stabilization and

Conservation building. He said the SCS had moved from its location on Euclid Street to the building housing the ASCS offices on U.S. 60 last February. The ASCS office has been in that location since 1986.

Both offices were leased, Weingart said.

"Amarillo has federal buildings," he said, "but in these smaller towns, the office space is usually leased."

As part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's reorganization, the FSA has taken over part of the duties of the Farm Home Administration (FmHA) and the Federal Crop Insurance Service (FCIS).

In early December, the USDA announced that Texas would shuttle almost 100 offices, taking one of the biggest hits in the department's decision to close 1,070 field offices nationwide. The USDA also said it would keep 219 offices open in the Lone Star State, more than any other single state.

The Associated Press reported that Texas will drop from 317 to 219 offices, a

loss of 98. Other states losing a proportionally larger number of offices are Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia.

USDA offices on the list that are located in the Texas Panhandle include Roberts County, Carson County, Hansford County, Moore County, Oldham County and Parmer County. There are also several offices on the list that are located on the South Plains, including Lubbock County.

The plan tendered by Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy is part of a larger streamlining effort that could cut the agency's payroll by 11,000 people and save \$3.6 billion over five years.

Weingart said that the Carson County ASCS office had dropped two people in the past year and a half. Eighteen months ago, they cut back one person, then they lost another last April. They are now operating with six people, Weingart said.

"We'll still be able to do the job," he said.

Weingart said the Carson County peak load begins this month with disaster pay-

ment sign up. It will continue throughout the sign up for next year's farm program and run through mid-July.

USDA says farmers will be better served by fewer locations, because service centers for commodity programs, crop insurance, loans and some conservation programs will be put under one roof. The new consolidated Farm Service Agency will do most of the work of four, according to the Associated Press.

Harold Bob Brown, executive director of the Farm Service Agency in Texas, said the key is to focus the number of service centers that will be open.

"With (approximately) 220, we're going to be able to continue providing excellent service to our producers, and that's the point," he said. "To me, if we can become more efficient and still provide the service and save \$3.5 billion, by God, let's do it."

All regions of Texas will be affected, leaving some farmers to drive farther, Bennett said, but ultimately, they should spend much less time in an FSA office.

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That Night



That Night, a Christmas pageant presentation by the music ministry of the Central Baptist Church, made its debut Saturday night. The show will continue with performances at 7 p.m. today, Monday and Tuesday. Playing the part of the Virgin Mary is Lisa Mitchell with Kevin Howell as Joseph. The part of Baby Jesus is being played by four different babies who are May Allison, Clay Brook, Austin Farrar and Claire Hopkins. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Economic forecasters say no recession in '95 despite slowdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy is expected to slow down next year but does not appear headed for recession, economists say.

"A 'soft landing' but no recession is still the best bet," said Robert J. Eggert Sr., who conducts a monthly survey of business forecasters for *Blue Chip Economic Indicators*. The Sedona, Ariz., newsletter was released Saturday.

"Soft landing refers to slowing the economy without braking it into a recessionary nose dive — the goal of the Federal Reserve in boosting interest rates six times so far this year.

By slowing economic growth to about 2.5 percent annually, the central bank hopes to keep inflation under control.

The gross domestic product, the broadest measure of economic activity, was growing at a brisk 3.9 percent annual rate during the July-September quarter.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress last week that although prices at the consumer level remain well-behaved, inflationary pressures are beginning to show up in the cost of some raw materials.

Many analysts read into his remarks the possibility the Fed might nudge rates even higher unless price strains ease.

The *Blue Chip* economists, however, see little inflation ahead.

The consensus of the 53 participants in the survey earlier this month calls for year-over-year inflation of 2.7 percent in 1994 and

3.4 percent in 1995. Consumer prices rose 2.7 percent last year, the smallest gain since a 1.1 percent increase in 1986.

That prediction comes despite a consensus forecast for economic growth of 3.9 percent this year, the survey's highest projection so far this year and up from 3.8 percent in the November poll.

"More than 80 percent of the 53 economists ... raised their 1994 real GDP forecast," Eggert said. Real GDP is the gross domestic product, the total output of goods and services within the United States, adjusted for inflation.

"Many cited the government's upward revision to the third quarter growth rate, the continued sharp gains in employment and the November rise in disposable personal income," he said.

The government changed its initial growth estimate for the third quarter from a 3.4 percent annual rate to 3.9 percent and said that 350,000 jobs were created in November. Disposable personal income — income after taxes — jumped 1.4 percent.

The consensus forecast sees economic growth decelerating to 2.9 percent in 1995.

Eggert said the forecasters believe the moderate easing would result from slowing in productivity, job creation and government spending.

The *Blue Chip* forecasters represent banks, businesses, forecasting services, universities and Wall Street firms.

American Eagle grounds flights from Chicago hub

CHICAGO (AP) — American Eagle grounded all 41 ATR commuter airplanes at O'Hare airport on Saturday, a day after the government banned the turboprop aircraft from flying in icy weather.

The temporary shutdown of operations affects thousands of travelers across the nation since Chicago is the hub for departures and arrivals from throughout the Midwest.

The airline said 290 flights in and out of O'Hare International Airport were canceled Saturday. American Eagle serves 32 cities from the airport, the nation's busiest.

The American Airlines subsidiary said the planes will be grounded until at least Dec. 15, when it expects to replace the ATR-72s and ATR-42s with Swedish-built SAAB 340 planes. Full service in and out of Chicago may not be restored until January, the company said.

The Federal Aviation Administration on Friday banned ATRs

from flying in icy weather after wind-tunnel tests by the plane's France-based manufacturer found that control of the plane could be lost in certain foul weather conditions.

Ice forming on the wings has been suspected in the Oct. 31 crash of an American Eagle ATR-72 in Roselawn, Ind., that killed all 68 people aboard. The cause of the crash is still being investigated.

American Eagle decided it was better to ground all flights than to inconvenience customers daily with last-minute decisions about cancellations, company spokeswoman Laura Hurd said.

"We're working hard to restore service in a prompt manner and organized way," Hurd said. "By phasing in the largest markets first, we hope to inconvenience the fewest number of passengers during the holiday period."

American Eagle has the nation's largest ATR fleet and O'Hare is its Midwest hub, where only ATRs are used by the company.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

LOFTIN, Toxey Hall — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Canadian.

Obituaries

TOXEY HALL LOFTIN

CANADIAN — Toxey Hall Loftin, 79, of Canadian, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 1994 in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in First Baptist Church of Canadian, with the Rev. Jack Lee, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Stickle-Hill Funeral Directors.

Mr. Loftin was born June 23, 1915 in Prentiss, Miss. He married Alice Estelle Rippy on July 2, 1936 in Rayville, La. They came to the Texas Panhandle in 1954, and moved to Canadian from Perryton in 1972. Mr. Loftin worked for Baker and Taylor Drilling Co. from 1954 until his retirement in 1982. His interests were gardening, fishing, hunting, his family and church.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Willis Lester Loftin Jr., J.P. Loftin and Kenneth Loftin.

Survivors include his wife, Alice, of the home; a daughter, Shirley Smith of Canadian; two brothers, Joe Pat Loftin of Clinton, Miss., and Floyd Loftin of Greenville, Miss.; four sisters, Louise Taylor of West Helena, Ark., Christine Jones and Bert Bullock, both of Prentiss, Miss., and Claudia Berry of Panama City, Fla.; three grandchildren, Sabre Cofer and Sharie Moelling, both of Amarillo, and Michelle Serr of Seattle, Wash.; seven great-grandchildren; and 15 nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be made to favorite charities.

ROBERTA 'JO' TUBB

Roberta "Jo" Tubb, 90, of Pampa, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 1994. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Tubb was born Oct. 28, 1904 in Smith County, Tenn. She married Fountain "Jack" Tubb on July 15, 1933 in Carthage, Tenn. He died July 10, 1992. Mrs. Tubb came to Pampa in 1941 from Hickman, Tenn. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a sister, Jon Fuller of Allen, Texas; a brother, H.G. Williams of Athens, Tenn.; and several nieces and nephews.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests in the 32-hour reporting period which ended at 3 p.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY, Dec. 10

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported public intoxication in the 2100 block of Gwendolyn.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported domestic violence - assault on Route 1.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported a fire at Gray Road 2 and Gray Road E.

Mary Harrison reported theft at McLean Care Center, McLean.

Arrests

SATURDAY, Dec. 10

Ronald Dean Sanders, 42, Rt. 1, was arrested on a charge of domestic violence - assault.

Dwayne H. Barnes, 1000 N. Dwight, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls in the 32-hour reporting period which ended at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Dec. 9

8:01 a.m. - Three units and seven firefighters responded to a smoke scare at 1117 Terry.

SATURDAY, Dec. 10

5:17 a.m. - Three units and eight firefighters responded to a structure fire three miles west of Price Road on Kentucky. An unoccupied mobile home was destroyed in the fire.

10:06 a.m. - Two units and three firefighters responded to a good intent call at 745 W. Wilks. Problem was an improperly vented space heater. Carbon monoxide had leaked into the house. No injuries were reported from the fumes.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions	Jess Subia
Pampa	Stinnett
Marilee Alexander	Jimmie Creacy
Lillian Skelly	Roy Record
Nola Enloe (rehab)	
Dismissals	SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
Pampa	There were no admissions reported.
Levi Cox	Dismissals
Jacquelyn Hieronymus and baby boy	Shamrock
Joseph Nabors	Verlone Mayfield

North Korea, U.S. discuss diplomatic offices

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - With an eye on a skeptical Republican Congress, U.S. and North Korean officials resolved most technical issues Friday to clear the way for establishment of low-level diplomatic offices in their capitals.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Hubbard said that after a week of "cooperative and constructive" talks the two sides had resolved how to deal with cases involving their citizens who are arrested or have accidents in each other's country.

They also dealt with what sort of communications facilities the offices would have.

Of particular interest to the United States was how diplomatic staff would travel to North Korea. U.S. officials requested that they be allowed to cross the demilitarized

zone between North and South Korea.

"The North Koreans pointed out that they don't grant that right to any other country in North Korea, that they'd have to consider that very carefully," said Hubbard, who said the issue remains unresolved.

It was the first time a North Korean delegation has been in Washington for government-to-government talks. Hubbard said a U.S. delegation will go to the North Korean capital of Pyongyang early next year to look at possible sites for a U.S. office.

Establishment of liaison offices in Pyongyang and Washington was part of the agreement under which North Korea is committed to freezing its nuclear program in exchange for technical and economic aid.

The provisions of that agreement have been questioned by key members of the Republican-controlled Congress that will take office in January, including Republican

Leader Bob Dole of Kansas and Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina, the incoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"We believe we have very good answers to the questions that Senator Helms and others might ask, and that the overall agreement is in our interest and is in the interest of peace and security in the region," Hubbard said.

He also said that the North Koreans "are interested observers of the American political scene as it affects this framework."

Hubbard said the representation in each office will be "the lowest level" allowed by the international agreement governing establishment of diplomatic relations.

"These will be diplomatic officials but not at full ambassadorial level," he said. "The chiefs of the liaison offices will not be accredited by the respective heads of state, as is the case with full diplomatic relations."

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 32-hour reporting period which ended at 3 p.m. Sunday.

FRIDAY, Dec. 9

Rick F. Paulus of Brown's Shoe Fit, 216 N. Cuyler, reported forgery.

Everett Jacob Tarbox, 321 N. Gray, reported theft.

Emmit Ray Calfy, 534 S. Reid, reported aggravated assault.

SATURDAY, Dec. 10

Domestic violence - assault by contact was reported in the 600 block of Davis.

Cpl. Donny Brown reported criminal mischief in the east alley of the 2100 block of Hamilton.

Arrests

FRIDAY, Dec. 9

Curtis Ray Anders, 17, Amarillo, was arrested on a charge of speeding, failure to appear. He was taken to Gray County jail where he was released on bond.

SATURDAY, Dec. 10

Christopher Clements, 18, 1334 Coffee, was arrested at Frost and Reid on a capias pro fine warrant.

Brandon Scott, 18, 1600 Dogwood, was arrested at Pampa High School on four capias pro fine warrants. He paid fines and was released.

Teri L. Furgerson, 21, Lefors, was arrested at Starkweather and Foster on three warrants. She was released on cash bond.

Stacy Alexander, 25, 916 S. Nelson, was arrested on two capias pro fine warrants. He paid fines and was released.

Rex Rose, 48, 505 N. Gray, was arrested on a warrant alleging aggravated assault.

Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

12-STEP SURVIVORS GROUP

A 12-step survivors group for victims of incest and sexual abuse meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 669-7403 or write SIA, P.O. Box 119, Pampa, 79066-0119.

12-STEP SURVIVORS GROUP

A 12-step survivors group for victims of incest and sexual abuse plans to meet at 7 p.m. Monday. For more information, call 883-2097 or write SIA, P.O. Box 903, White Deer, 79097.

T.O.P.S. #41

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

TOASTMASTERS

Pampa's Toastmaster Club will meet 6:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the cafeteria of Coronado Hospital.

VFW CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post is starting to collect canned goods for the Christmas food baskets that will be distributed during the Christmas Holidays. VFW members are asked to bring canned goods to the Veterans Service Office located at 123 W. Foster or the Freedom Museum U.S.A. The VFW will stop collecting canned goods on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Gray County Democratic Club is to meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, for a covered-dish dinner and meeting. A representative from Shephard's Crook Nursing will be guest speaker on health care. Public invited.

COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION

Gray County commodity distribution is set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the National Guard Armory east of Pampa.

CORONADO NURSING CENTER CHRISTMAS DINNER

Coronado Healthcare Nursing Center will have its Christmas dinner and party for residents and their families and friends on Friday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. in the dining room. Families attending are asked to bring a large salad, vegetable or dessert. The center will furnish meat, sweet potatoes, rolls and drinks. Families bringing gifts for the residents are asked to have them properly marked and place them under the Christmas tree. Feel free to bring cameras. For information, call 665-2665.

PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Pampa Area Cancer Support Group for individuals, families and friends who have been touched by cancer meets the third Thursday of each month from 7-8 p.m. in the conference room of the Medical Building at Coronado Hospital. Speaker for the Dec. 15 meeting will be Jerald Kelley, of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, who will conduct an open forum. For more information, call 665-4742, 669-7619 or 665-8628.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700

Perot, doctors key Gulf War Syndrome research on Navy SeaBee battalion

By DUNCAN MANSFIELD
Associated Press Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Activist billionaire Ross Perot and a team of doctors came here Saturday to begin an intensive study of a Navy Seabee unit reportedly experiencing a high rate of the mysterious Gulf War Syndrome.

"We've got either studies of the symptoms they are having or we have studies of their exposures," said Dr. Robert Haley, head of epidemiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

"But we don't have good studies that link the two," said Haley, who is leading the Perot study. "This is really sort of the next generation."

The Naval Reserve's 24th Mobile Construction Battalion, based in Huntsville, Ala., was selected because an earlier Navy survey found symptoms in as many as 200 of the 775 members who served in Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield in 1990-91.

Those symptoms, not all of which may be found in this particular unit, range from rashes and fatigue to cancer and birth defects in the veterans' children.

No single source has been identified. But some of the suspects are vaccines to combat gas warfare, chemical warfare itself, radiation from depleted

uranium munitions warheads and exposure to burning oil.

Perot has been quietly trying to get to the bottom of the syndrome for more than a year - financing a registry of 1,500 affected veterans, underwriting elaborate exams for several of them at the Mayo Clinic, and now the study of this Seabee unit.

He avoided reporters Saturday, meeting privately for about 20 minutes with the 120 veterans who turned out to answer long questionnaires.

"This is for the veterans, and I really don't want to talk to the media," the former presidential candidate told radio station WIVK as his car left a parking lot after his appearance.

A second screening will be held Sunday in Birmingham, Ala., for veterans who couldn't get to Knoxville. The unit has current and former members in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas. Among those attending Saturday was Larry Perry, 47, of Albermarle, N.C., who says his "whole central nervous system is collapsing."

Perry said he started feeling ill in January 1991 while still in the gulf. "A lot of us started getting sick then, and we have been sick since."

Howard Bowman Jr., 54, of Kodak, Tenn., is wracked by ulcers and rashes. "Damn right I am mad," he said.

Charles Waller of Nashville had to

pause when simply asked his age.

"Uh, ... 47," he said. "I got to stop and think. My memory is not what it used to be. I have trouble remembering stuff that would be very easy for most people to recall."

Waller blames his gulf experience. He also suffers from fatigue, rashes, pains in his joints and arms. "You feel like you are in the body of an 80-year-old man."

He recalls a missile exploding over his unit. The explosion was officially recorded as a sonic boom from an airplane, but he fears he was exposed to chemicals.

Waller and the other vets hope something will come out of Perot's study, though nearly four years after the war they have doubts. "I don't care about the benefits," he said. "I just want my health back."

Results from the questionnaires will be tabulated in about 60 days, and later published, Perot aide Mike Morris said.

Haley said the complicating factor is that many of the symptoms, such as fatigue, could be expected among any group of 25-45 year olds four years later.

"The question is what of this is different than you would expect and which of it is related to things that happened in the gulf. And the later, at least, hasn't been defined yet," the doctor said.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Increasing high cloudiness today, with a high of 50 degrees. Gusty south winds 15 to 25 mph. Partly cloudy tonight, with a low of 25. Monday, variable cloudiness and a high of about 45. Saturday's high was 40.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Today, becoming mostly cloudy. Highs 45-50. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs 50-55. South Plains: Today, becoming mostly cloudy. Highs 45-50. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in mid 50s.

North Texas - Today, increasing cloudiness and continued cool.

Highs 45 to 50. Tonight and Monday, cloudy and slightly warmer. Lows 32 to 38. Highs 48 to 54.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Today, partly cloudy. Highs in upper 50s to near 60. Tonight, increasing cloudiness. Lows near 30 Hill Country to mid and upper 30s south central.

Monday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the 50s to near 60. Coastal Bend: Today, partly cloudy. Highs in upper 50s to near 60. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in low to mid 40s. Monday, mostly cloudy. Highs in low to mid 60s. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Today, partly cloudy. Highs in upper 50s to low 60s. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows near 50 coast to mid 40s inland. Monday, most-

ly cloudy. Highs in mid to upper 60s.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Today, variable clouds. Breezy and warmer northeast. Highs mid 30s to 40s mountains and north, mid 40s to mid 50s east central plains and southern lowlands. Tonight, decreasing clouds. Lows zero to low 20s mountains and northwest, upper teens to around 30 east and south. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs upper 30s to near 50 mountains and north, upper 40s to around 60 east central plains and southern lowlands.

Oklahoma - Today, partly cloudy. Highs in mid 40s to low 50s. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows low 20s to around 30. Monday, dry. Lows 25 to 35. Highs 40s to upper 50s.

City briefs

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WHAT DO you want for Christmas? A new home will please the whole family. - JoAnn Shackelford Realtor-First Landmark Realty. 4 months selling, 3 homes sold. Let me show you Pampa! 665-7591, 665-0717. Adv.

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SUNTROL 3M Auto Tint - A great gift idea! Gift certificates available. Windshield replacement and repair. 703 W. Brown, 665-0615. Adv.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, videos, top ten Christian best sellers. All great ideas for gift giving. The Gift Box Christian Bookstore, 117 W. Kingsmill. Adv.

EASY'S POP & Cheese Shop, let us make your cheese, fruit and vegetable trays for your party or your next get together. Adv.

SALE ALL Fall and Winter sportswear and separates, buy one at regular price, get second one of equal value or less for 1/2 price! Images, 123 N. Cuyler. Adv.

PAMPA SKATETOWN will be open Sunday 11th, 2-5 p.m. for \$2. All proceeds go to Toys For Tots. Adv.

YOUTH COWBOY Jackets. RSVP only. T-Shirts & More, 111 W. Kingsmill. Adv.

BUY HERBALIFE, Discount prices. Call Misti 665-3337. Adv.

ESTEE LAUDER Holiday gift sets for men and women. Complete line of cosmetics and fragrances. Images, 123 N. Cuyler, Downtown. 669-1091. Adv.

GREAT GIFTS, great prices for the golfer in your family at David's Golf Shop. Gift certificates always a great idea! Adv.

ROLANDA'S SILK Flowers & Gifts is unique and affordable. Adv.

STOCK LIQUIDATION Sale. Open Sunday 1-5, VJ's Fashions & Gifts, Pampa Mall. Adv.

DALLAS COWBOY Hats as seen Thanksgiving Day Game, RSVP only, \$24.99. T-Shirts & More, 111 W. Kingsmill. Adv.

GIVE AS a gift or make your Christmas Dinner Special with Watkins vanilla and spices at 2325 Mary Ellen, 665-3375. Adv.

LEFORS HIGH school is having a Mexican Fiesta Dinner Sunday December 11 from noon-2 p.m. Lefors High School cafeteria. Adults-\$4, Children under 10-\$2, Senior citizens-\$3. Adv.

NOW OPEN: Sheryl's Hair Barn. Owner Sheryl Flaharity Lester. Walk-ins welcome or call for haircut appointment. 2214 Gwendolen. 665-7986 or 665-6725. Adv.

HENHOUSE GIFTS, 2314 Alcock. Open Monday-Saturday, 9-6. Bunnies on Swing and Christmas items. Adv.

20% OFF All Merchandise thru December 31, including layaways, jewelry, firearms, CD's, etc. Merry Christmas Pampa Pawn, Tuesday-Friday 11-6. Saturday 10-2. 208 E. Brown. Adv.

25% OFF boxed Christmas Cards, The Gift Box, 117 W. Kingsmill. Adv.

KEVIN'S IN the Mall, Sunday 11-2 p.m. Honey clove glazed ham, French lemon chicken, Chicken fried steak. 669-1670. Adv.

SHARKS TOOTH Dallas Cowboy Hat, Troy Aikman, Just arrived at T-Shirts & More, 111 W. Kingsmill, 665-3036. Adv.

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Club of Scientific Hobbies encourages study of science for youths

The Pampa Chapter of the Club of Scientific Hobbies (COSH), a national scientific, non-profit organization for youth ages 9 to 18, will be holding two meetings in Pampa this week.

The Pampa Chapter will have its regular monthly meeting from 6-7 p.m. Thursday at the Lovett Memorial Library auditorium. The topic will be marine biology.

On Saturday, there will be an aerospace workshop from 1-3 p.m., also at the library auditorium. The workshop will include discussion of NASA, rockets and aircraft, with some hands-on demonstrations.

The Texas Panhandle Area COSH is headed by Sam Aldouri, president, an Amarillo geophysicist. Aldouri said 15 Amarillo area scientists are involved in directing COSH activities for the Panhandle area chapters at Pampa, Borger, Canyon, Amarillo and Highland Park.

Aldouri said the purpose of the organization is to encourage students in the study of science. Organization divisions include archaeology, aerospace, aviation, astronomy, computer, geology, chemistry,

biology, math, agriculture, medical studies and physics.

Aldouri organized the Club of Scientific Hobbies in Tulsa, Okla., in 1981. He feared science literacy among youth would become a major problem in the future. He thought that "if you had something to attract them to science, like many are attracted to sports, it would help them to become scientists in the future" and to maintain the United States' leadership in science and technology.

From Oklahoma, the organization spread to California in 1982, New Mexico in 1987 and Texas in 1988. By June 1989, COSH became a non-profit scientific organization to serve young Americans between the ages of 9 and 18. COSH was chartered by the State of Texas, and its national headquarters were located in Amarillo.

The Texas State Technical College in Amarillo supported COSH in 1990 by furnishing an office and meeting facilities to serve as the national headquarters. In the same year, COSH became the first and only scientific organization representing the United States in MILSET (Movement for Leisure Activities in Science

and Technology). Headquartered in France, MILSET's membership includes 60 countries, among them Canada, France, Russia, Venezuela and Morocco.

Aldouri said the Pampa Chapter of COSH currently has 10 members. Debbie Douglas serves as Pampa coordinator. Both are looking for more Pampa area youth interested in scientific studies, either as a future career option or as a hobby interest.

Students wanting to participate in COSH activities are invited to attend either of the meetings this week. Those wanting more information may contact the COSH headquarters at (806) 335-2316, Extension 534.

Membership dues are \$24 per year, which includes all local activities, outdoor activities insurance, a COSH button, an ID card and badges. A newsletter is also sent to members. Membership dues scholarships are available.

Aldouri said COSH is not a school program, but instead is a national community movement to attract youth to study science and to help them become scientists. The organization and its activities also encourage

the students to work together to achieve these goals and to learn that science is not boring.

COSH also builds relationships between American youth and practicing scientists, Aldouri said. COSH's atmosphere is flexible, relaxing, positive, dynamic, transferable and cooperative, he added. There are no competitions and there are no tests or examinations.

The goal is simple, Aldouri said: To bring together students from all levels, interests, income brackets and social backgrounds united in the love of advancing the human quest for knowledge and science.

Activities include films, experiments, demonstrations, field trips, projects, science shows, guest speakers and an annual science expo. In addition, members participate in tours, science camps and international exchanges with young scientists from other countries.

The organization is funded through donations from individuals, businesses and groups. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information, contact COSH at P.O. Box 94, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Hemisphere leaders vow free trade agreement by year 2005

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Leaders of the hemisphere's 34 democracies pledged Saturday to create the world's largest duty-free zone, setting the year 2005 as the deadline to negotiate a Free Trade Area of the Americas.

"The agreement is specific and concrete," President Clinton said as he lined up with all the hemisphere's leaders except Cuba's Fidel Castro to announce the pact. "Talks will begin next month."

The pact would create a free-trade zone stretching from the northernmost reaches of Alaska and Canada to Argentina's Tierra del Fuego at the southern tip of South America — a potential market of 850 million people.

In addition, they adopted a program of more than 100 action items, including environmental cooperation, anti-corruption measures, anti-narcotics and money laundering efforts, and steps to promote democracy, education and health care.

U.S. officials were effusive in praising the solidarity among nations whose relations in the past have suffered from misunderstandings and tension. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said there had been an "extraordinary degree of economic and political cooperation."

The proposal for a hemispheric free-trade zone would build on the North American Free Trade Agreement among the United States, Canada and Mexico. NAFTA was adopted last year after a bruising fight in Congress for Clinton.

"None of us — none of us — underestimates the hard work ahead," Clinton said after a morning work session at a villa overlooking

Biscayne Bay. "But from the leaders of our hemisphere's largest economies to the smallest, we believe the rewards will be great and very much worth the effort."

After announcing the agreement during an outside picture-taking ceremony, the leaders waved giddily at photographers and raised each other's arms in a victory gesture.

Although the pact sets a 2005 deadline for negotiations to conclude, it also calls for "real progress before the end of the century," Clinton said. That was a bow to Argentina and other countries that had pushed for a deadline of 2000.

The leaders promised to help smaller countries that would have a hard time meeting the deadline, Clinton said.

A full implementation date — when there would actually be free trade throughout the hemisphere — was not determined. But the leaders set a timetable beginning next month for trade ministers and other officials to start work, building on about a dozen existing accords within the hemisphere, including NAFTA.

While the leaders worked behind closed doors, Cubans took to the streets by thousands to call on leaders attending the Summit of the Americas to jointly denounce Castro. They marched from Miami's Little Havana district about 12 blocks to the Orange Bowl, many waving signs denouncing Clinton for not putting Cuba on the summit agenda.

Mrs. Clinton joined with other first ladies, meanwhile, at a symposium on children's issues within the hemisphere, warning that "our children are shouldering burdens rarely encountered by older generations."

Clinton also signed a separate

agreement to form a joint environmental partnership with Central American nations to protect biodiversity, promote efficient energy use and strengthen environmental laws.

He called the alliance "a remarkable sign of the powerful transformation" toward environmental protection in Central America and called on other nations to follow their lead.

"So many of the challenges we face no borders and we must unite to meet them," Clinton said.

In the broader summit discussions, the leaders rejected an initial U.S. proposal to require environment and labor standards as part of future trade accords, settling instead on less direct language that says trade and environmental policies should be "mutually supportive." On another sensitive matter, they agreed to promote worker rights as economic integration proceeds.

Administration officials said they considered the environmental and labor language a victory in light of strong Latin opposition to any linkage.

Aside from the trade aspect, the leaders promised to phase out lead in gasoline, strengthen laws on pesticides and pollution prevention, and include biodiversity protection in forestry, agriculture and coastal management.

Carol Browner, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, lauded the environmental focus of the summit. "There's never been anything like this," she said.

U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor said the agreement to establish the free-trade area was approved without dissent. Under the plan, tariffs, quotas and other trade barriers would ultimately be eliminated within the Americas.

Chemical-safe building makes residents sick

By DARA AKIKO TOM
Associated Press Writer

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP) — Residents moved into Ecology House this fall to escape the chemicals that had made them ill. Instead, they got more of the same — headaches, pain and sleepless nights.

Resident Jan Heard sleeps with her head near an open window at the building, the nation's first federally subsidized housing complex for people with chemical sensitivities.

"Dorothy Robertson has taken to sleeping outside on her patio or at a friend's home. Marta Sonnenblick sleeps on her bathroom floor.

"This was a miracle and now it's a nightmare," Heard said. "They have just let us sit here and get sicker."

The complex houses people with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity-Environmental Illness, a puzzling disorder in which people become allergic to a wide range of substances from perfume to cleaning solvents.

In its most extreme form, the illness can cause temporary paralysis from just a whiff of perfume or from being near electrical appliances. For some sufferers, smelling ammonia, shampoo, roses or a new carpet can cause what appears to be a drunken stupor.

Each one-bedroom apartment in Ecology House's 11-apartment com-

plex comes with a high-powered ventilation system, water filtration systems, tile floors, metal kitchen cabinets and no fluorescent lights. The idea is to make everything sterile.

But all eight residents say the unsealed concrete walls are making them sick.

"Lots of stuff is shedding from these stupid walls," Sonnenblick said as she wiped the wall and showed a fine white coating on her palm. "What really frustrates me is that it's not that hard to fix."

Sonnenblick, a registered nurse, said there are dozens of safe sealants available, though she noted that people can react differently to each one.

Professional cleaners on Wednesday began wiping the walls and vacuuming the units, but the board is reluctant to apply a sealant. "Not everybody tolerates sealers," said Katie Crecelius, a consultant who worked on the building.

Instead, the board may bake the building with high-powered heaters

to set the walls so they don't shed, Crecelius said.

The illness is controversial and some argue it is all psychological. What has puzzled doctors is that each person has different reactions to different chemicals. It is unclear how many people have the illness, but some researchers and advocates estimate that about 15 percent of the U.S. population is prone to it.

The Ecology House is a joint project of three nonprofit groups dedicated to people with chemical sensitivities.

Residents began moving into the \$1.8 million complex, in an upper-middle class neighborhood with a view of San Francisco Bay, in mid-October.

Pack 'N' Mail owners



Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Gold Coat Benny Horton, center, welcomes Latricia and Perry Rogers as the new owners of Pack 'N' Mail, 1506 N. Hobart. Pack 'N' Mail offers mailing and packaging services for overnight letters, packages, money orders and other similar services. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

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Closings

Not everyone was as enthusiastic about the reorganization.

"It's bad news for our agency," said Gail Chandler, a spokeswoman for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Temple.

Because 42 NRCS offices will close or move and share offices with other USDA agencies, some demands may not be met, Chandler said.

"There's a possibility that we may not be able to, say, get up to someone's property to help them solve an erosion problem because we have 20 requests before that, and it's going to take several weeks to get there," she said.

Carson County will retain the two SCS conservationists it has had in the past.

Mark Ely, the district conservationist, and Steven Riff, range conservationist, moved to the ASCS office building in February.

Riff said the agency was still going through a transitional phase. It has dropped from over 1,000 employees to just over 700 the last few years, Riff said.

"We're still finding out what's going on ourselves," Riff said.

While many of the offices on the closure list will simply relocate, some will indeed close.

"The nearest office to here that is scheduled to close is in Guthrie," Weingart said. "Farmers there will have to drive to Paducah."

Steve Pringle, legislative director for the Texas Farm Bureau, an association of farmers and ranchers, said the state fared well in the closures overall, although some will be unhappy.

"I think obviously there was a desire by everyone in the country to bring about more efficient service from the government," Pringle said. "Overall it would appear that these moves can increase the efficiency of

USDA services and continue to maintain those services that farmers come to expect."

The offices sprouted up, according to the Associated Press, because of laws enacted in the Depression era, when 6.8 million farms operated nationwide. Today, the country has fewer than 2 million farms, fewest since before the Civil War.

Better highways and telecommunications also have made it easier for farmers to get information and reach government offices.

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, is cautiously optimistic.

Although he voted against the reorganization plan earlier this year, he said, "In an effort to save money where you can't justify keeping an office open, it's not right for me to complain or anyone else."

"We need to do what all we can to reduce costs."

Reggae singer, mother killed in cooking gas explosion

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Reggae singer Garnet Silk and his mother were killed when a tank of cooking gas exploded in their home in central Jamaica, police said Saturday.

Shotgun pellets hit the 25-pound gas cylinder in the house near the town of Mandeville, causing the blast and fire on Friday. The shooting apparently was accidental, police said.

The 28-year-old Silk, whose real name was Garnett Smith, and his mother, Dulcie Grey, 53, were killed.

Silk's brothers, Omar Scott, 17, and Paul Cassanova, 20, were hospitalized with various injuries, as was a visitor to the house, Phillip Williams, 31, police said.

Two other people at the house were unhurt. Sources who refused to be identified said Silk was building a house nearby for his mother but that the project was plagued by the theft of materials.

The sources said some of the people in the house apparently were practicing how to use weapons to deal with the thefts when the shotgun went off.

Congratulations

Wm. Todd Berry, son of William J. & Donna Berry of Pampa, recently passed the California Bar Examination and is now a practicing attorney in Bakersfield, California. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and obtained his law degree in May 1994 from California Pacific School of Law. He, his wife Terri, and their two sons, have lived in Bakersfield, California for the past 7 years.

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Opinion

Bringing Mexico back from disaster

Carlos Salinas de Gortari entered the Mexican presidency six years ago with an ambitious agenda. In his inauguration speech, he promised "to modernize our politics, our economy and our society." Essentially, Salinas promised Mexico to the world. And, just as important, he delivered.

As he left office on the first of this month, Salinas handed over the reins of a country that has established itself as a global trade power, having forged agreements with Europe, other Latin American countries and the Pacific Rim nations, on top of the North American Free Trade Agreement with the United States and Canada. He did so largely by expanding the focus of national output, from dependence solely on oil to a major manufacturing base.

In 1988, Mexico was considered a lowly Third World country on the level of Cambodia and Ethiopia. Disease, poverty and a crumbling economy were exacerbated by widespread corruption. Mexican officials, members of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), generally were known for wholesale profiteering and embezzlement of the nation's wealth, particularly oil revenues.

Salinas, an Ivy League-trained economist, acted fast. He staged purges of various agencies. These included a complete replacement of border customs personnel, long considered particularly corrupt. More importantly, he privatized many government-held enterprises, including banking and communications. This freed up control of means of exchange and speeded up financial transactions, which invited business exchanges.

The president also invited foreign investment to capitalize on an enormous pool of workers that had been largely untapped. Today, many of the major automakers have plants in Mexico, and thousands of maquiladoras have built up the economy, particularly along the border.

New foreign investment, privatization and domestic austerity measures rapidly reduced the country's budget deficit from 15 percent of the gross national product, or total revenue production, in 1987, to an actual budget surplus by 1992. To the Mexican citizen, that meant a drastic slowdown of inflation and devaluation of the peso, as well as a 15 percent income tax cut in 1992.

The influx of capital from around the world has brought the country back from the brink of economic disaster. Much of the money has been distributed throughout the nation through the Solidarity program, which has helped build schools and hospitals and strengthen the infrastructure in outlying areas.

Still, some domestic needs require attention, as recent unrest attests. Much of the nation's wealth has yet to trickle down to some areas. Living conditions in many poor colonias and communal farms have improved little in the past six years.

New president Ernesto Zedillo will have to face these domestic issues. But stabilization of the country's economy has brought Mexico far, and Zedillo has a strong economic base from which to help the nation develop further.

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Those things that sound good

At the heart of much of what's wrong in America is the decades-long process of replacing things that worked with what sounds good. Take arithmetic. During the early 1940s, when I was in elementary school, we learned our numbers by rote. The teacher would call on different students to recite parts of the multiplication table. That kind of "oppression" was replaced by the new math. Its result: If stores didn't have cash registers that automatically compute the customer's change, they'd be out of business.

How about crime? When criminals were seen as wicked people, as opposed to sick, and we responded by punishing them and locking up habitual offenders (three-time losers) for life, there was less crime. But the psychobabblers convinced us to switch our emphasis from punishment to rehabilitation. As a result, criminals control the streets, and law-abiding citizens must be ever watchful of their lives and property.

In the process of civilizing children, a well-justified spanking was seen as a valuable tool. Summers were the worst time for a spanking. Windows were open, and all of your playmates could hear you pleading, "I'll be good. I won't do it anymore." The next day, you'd face their taunts and ridicule. The psychobabblers go us again. We were told that children ought to be allowed to express themselves and that spanking is child abuse. Now many children have no reservation about using the foulest of lan-



Walter Williams

guage to adults; often that adult is the parent. In a fashion, my mother went along with that expression business. We had expression sessions: I expressed myself, and she picked up a strap and expressed herself.

How about welfare? In the North Philadelphia housing project, where I grew up, most were poor. But just about all of my neighborhood playmates lived with two parents with either one or both working. Today's Richard Allen project is different. Most kids live in female-headed households. Instead of work, welfare has become the way of life. Years ago, being on welfare was considered a disgrace. Today, welfare has become a "right" somewhat like those guaranteed by our constitution. For many, employment is a trek down to the mailbox for a "paycheck." As a result, we've immunized many poor people to the traditional

cure for poverty - opportunities and a robust expanding economy.

Few politicians have the courage to say that we've made many mistakes over the last several decades and that we have to return to the common sense basics of our elders. Instead, they and the "experts" try to continue in their attempt to convince us that it's external factors that explain the anti-social behavior so prevalent today rather than gross individual character flaws. But as Abraham Lincoln warned, "You can't fool all the people all the time." Increasing numbers of Americans are wising up to the fact the liberals have sold us a rotten bill of goods.

Some of this recognition is seen in the popularity of calls for truth-in-sentencing, our increased willingness to build more prisons and put criminals away for a longer time. Americans are developing increased resistance to educationist demands to dig deeper into our pocket to fund government schools. More are interested in school choice plans. There's building public resentment against people who choose laziness, excuses and welfare as a way of life.

We don't have to become excessively punitive to restore some of the common sense of yesteryear. We simply must stop believing those half-baked theories that only academics can believe and understand and get back to practices that work.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 11, the 345th day of 1994. There are 20 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 11, 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne in order to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson.

On this date:

In 1719, the first recorded sighting of the Aurora Borealis took place in New England.

In 1792, France's King Louis the 16th went before the Convention to face charges of treason. (Louis was convicted, and executed the following month.)

In 1872, America's first black governor took office as Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback became acting governor of Louisiana.

In 1928, police in Buenos Aires thwarted an attempt on the life of President-elect Herbert Hoover.

In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind.

In 1946, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established.



Talking turkey about people

Charley Reese

Now that the Thanksgiving meal is safely digested, it's safe to remind everyone that the turkey did have to be killed before you could eat it. I suppose the city kid has one advantage over the country kid. The city kid doesn't get attached to the turkey before he eats it.

Truth is, though, it's not that easy, even for a sentimentalist, to get attached to a real turkey. They look somewhat ridiculous. Maybe they are smart, like Benjamin Franklin said, but they are not all that friendly to humans. Maybe that's because they are smart.

I have been fond of several turkeys but in all cases only after they appeared on the table, done to a golden brown, and stuffed with corn-bread stuffing. A turkey, I have to say, is one bird that is definitely more beautiful cooked than it is alive.

Thanksgiving was originally a rural holiday, a celebration of the completion of the harvest. It loses something when it moves to the city where we are insulated against the rhythms of farm. There is no harvest in a city. There is no planting time. There is no need to be overly concerned about the weather.

The seasons become less important as we city folk do the same work in the spring as we do in the winter. The cave where I work (commonly called a modern office) looks exactly the same day or night, winter or summer. City life does not strike me as a healthy way to live, though I don't know how most of us can avoid it.

We lose, too, the appreciation of labor involved in preparing a feast when most of what we eat is prepackaged. There is a lot of work involved in killing a turkey, plucking all its feathers, gutting it and then cooking it. There is a lot of work in gathering vegetables from a garden and canning them. My mother used to work very hard just feeding us, but she was, like most of her contemporaries, proud of her cooking skills. Our eating was, so to speak, the climax of her performance, and she, like any opera star, waited somewhat anxiously for the verdict of her audience. It was always a standing ovation. She expected that, of course, and of course we would have faked it even if we hadn't liked the food. Yet we played the ancient ritual flawlessly at each meal.

Now we have to use our imaginations in order to appreciate the labors involved in our good meals. Someone somewhere had to raise the turkey, kill it, pluck it, prepare it for freezing. There is a lot of stoop labor, probably by Mexicans, in the cans of vegetables we can so easily open. There are a lot of lonely hours on the highways by truckers transporting the food.

There's much straining and lifting by warehouse

workers. There is the work and the worry of the farmer, borrowed money planted in the ground, and success or failure dependent on the weather or wandering insects during the long weeks between sowing and reaping.

The line of human labor between the seed and our lips is a long one and it is interwoven with all the other lines of labor and assistance that are involved in every aspect of our lives. It is profoundly true that we are all interdependent. Our lives are affected by so many others and our own lives in turn affect still others. Only the pitifully deluded imagine themselves to be independent or self-made.

A grateful heart is not so much a virtue as it is a characteristic of an intelligent and perceptive person.

The lines of labor and assistance to us even extend back into time. We owe our existence to the fact that all our ancestors, no matter what their circumstances, survived long enough to do the necessary begetting that eventually beget us, to use the Biblical word.

The neat thing about realizing how many people have helped and contributed to our lives is that it proves we are not alone and never can be. Everything around us that we can see or touch connects us to other humans. We are part of a great whole that extends endlessly both into time and space.

This time it's turnabout for the men

When Ruth Seward took a factory job in the summer of 1985, she was annoyed by the pictures of scantily clad women that lined the factory walls. But rather than whine about the injustice of it all, Seward enacted a more direct retaliation: At her work station she placed a small black-and-white picture of the Soloflex man, the muscular hunk used in the body-building advertisements.

Her co-workers were not amused. "They just revolted. They couldn't believe I'd do that, and they plastered the walls with even more women," says Seward, now a grants coordinator in a Seattle AIDS clinic.

These days, Seward's former colleagues have a lot more to contend with than the Soloflex man. Now they've got a naked Sylvester Stallone on the cover of Vanity Fair. They've got a luscious construction worker taking it off in Diet Coke ads. They've got Marky Mark's washboard abs staring down at them from billboards and bus stops.

The male form is suddenly everywhere. And while women may be enjoying this celebration of the V-shaped chest and eight-pack stomach, it's making some men a little nervous. In fact, American men are fretting about their bodies in way we've never seen before. Gym membership among American men is up 30 percent in the last six years, according to the research firm American Sports Data. The Wall Street Journal reports that sales of Belly Buster, a men's product that claims to dissolve fat cells, far outpace the sales of a similar product for women. And Dr. Joseph Pober, a New York City plastic surgeon, says he has seen an



Sara Eckel

increasing number of heterosexual males entering his office. Currently 20 to 25 percent of his patients are male, up from 13 percent in 1992 and 10 percent in 1990. Pober also notes that men's reasons for getting plastic surgery are changing.

"Traditionally men have had plastic surgery for business purposes," says Pober. "They want to make their eyes look more alert or their jaws look more powerful in order to keep or advance in their jobs. Now younger men are looking at pictures of Marky Mark and the Diet Coke guy and thinking 'I want to look like that, too.'"

If men now want to look like the hunks in underwear ads, they have some pretty good reasons. At least that's what a recent Psychology Today survey on male appearance found. Though personality and intelligence still rate highest on women's lists of what they desire in a man, the survey found that a small but significant number of women place a very high value on physical attractiveness.

What makes this group significant, says

Psychology Today editor Hara Marano, is its defining characteristics. "These women are financially secure, independent, confident," says Marano, who believes that since economic independence is a relatively new phenomenon among middle-class women, this trend will grow. Now that men aren't needed for money, she says, "lots of other characteristics come into the picture, and body is one of them," she says.

It would be easy to gloat here. After all, men have been judging women by their looks for centuries, and, as many readers have told Marano, "turnabout is fair play." And, if women are beginning to select mates based on physical appearance, rather than financial prowess, that's not an entirely bad thing for men. "I'd much rather be valued for my personal beauty than the amount of money in my bank account," says a man I know.

But, ultimately this amounts to "equality by subtraction," as one advertising executive put it. In the end, excessive beauty worship debilitates everyone (except, perhaps, the truly stunning). Men are even starting to suffer from the same types of eating disorders that have wrought havoc on young women's health for decades.

So perhaps, now that men and women alike suffer from the beauty cult, we should all agree to relax a bit, let ourselves get a little thick around the waist, a little gray along the temples. Maybe, now that we all know how it feels to be judged by our bodies, we can end this nonsense.

And if not, well, turnabout is fair play.

Berry's World



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Letters to the editor

Ignorance doesn't help

To the editor:

As with any community service organization, donations and volunteers are needed for the success of their program. One other requirement for Planned Parenthood is that the community use its services.

Two stories emphasize my point: A few years ago a 13-year-old girl came into Planned Parenthood. "I need a pregnancy test," she said. The counselor asked, "When was the last time you had intercourse?" "Well," she said, "I don't really know whether I have done it or not."

A 17-year-old girl left the clinic in tears after being diagnosed with both chlamydia and HPV after her second sexual experience with her only boyfriend.

Of the number of adjectives which could be applied to these cases and others like them, the most appropriate is IGNORANCE. These girls could have been and should have been counseled by their parents. However, Planned Parenthood believes that most parents are just as shy and inept at teaching their children about sex as their children are about being taught by their parents. Apparently, children get more misinformation from their peers than correct information from their parents. Jack Benny, the comedian who might have attended school about the turn of the century, made the succinct observation that there was sex education in his school. *It was called RECESS!*

People of all ages and sex are encouraged to seek counsel in the local clinic. There, they will find knowledgeable and understanding counselors. In addition, they will be offered pamphlets, films and other educational materials. Women are offered physical examinations and basic health care.

A knowledgeable, sensitive, trained and tactful educator is available for groups, including schools, churches and civic clubs. Seminars can be arranged for mixed groups or groups separated by age or sex. Planned Parenthood would be glad to provide the names of groups which have participated in its programs. I hope Pampans will be concerned enough to make some calls.

J. Kirk Duncan

Pampa

Like a thief in the night

To the editor:

This letter is addressed to the person or persons who, between 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, went to "horse alley" and entered the FFA livestock pens and killed and then removed my son's Hampshire show pig.

I just want you to know that if you did this because your family was starving and you could not afford to buy food for them, then you needed him more than my so did and I hope you enjoy him. On the other hand, if you did this for any other reason, my opinion of you, not that you would care, changes drastically.

I hope, if the latter is the case, that you are very proud of yourself for (1) taking away a hog that was a livestock project for a 15-year-old boy who was looking forward to competing in the livestock shows with that hog. And (2) for taking a hog that, on today's market, you could have purchased legally for approximately \$50.

One more thing, I hope, for your sake, if you ever have a son who is working hard to achieve a goal, that no one sneaks into your lives, like a thief in the night, and steals his dreams.

Christy Hoganson

Pampa

Thanks for the parade

To the editor:

The 1994 Christmas Parade was an overwhelming success thanks to the many people who donated their time and support. There were 70-plus entries in the parade, 40 more than the last parade.

I would like to thank the people of the Parade Committee, Paula Goff,

Study finds gaps in literacy abilities of college graduates

WASHINGTON (AP) — College graduates generally are more literate than high school graduates, but most nevertheless would have trouble understanding a bus schedule or writing a creditor about a billing error, a new report says.

Although the United States prides itself on having the best system of higher education in the world, literacy levels among its graduates vary widely, according to a report by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N.J.

Only 42 percent of college graduates participating in a study were able to write about an argument made in a long newspaper article or contrast the views expressed in two editorials about technologies available to make fuel-efficient cars.

Only 11 percent of four-year graduates and 4 percent of two-year graduates reached the highest levels of literacy, where they were likely to be successful at summarizing two ways lawyers may challenge prospective jurors.

Half couldn't read a bus schedule or use a pamphlet to calculate the yearly amount a couple would receive in supplemental security income.

College graduates "are certainly more literate, on average, than those who do not go to college or do not graduate," the report said, "but their levels of literacy range from a lot less than impressive to

mediocre to near-alarming."

At the same time, the report's authors, Educational Testing Service researchers Paul E. Barton and Archie Lapointe, conceded there were few ways to measure the quality of a college education and called on educators to come up with more.

The authors looked at three sources of information for their report. Findings from the 1992 National Adult Literacy Study showed, among other things, that the most literate college graduates work the most weeks each year.

The higher the literacy, the higher the earnings, and parents' education levels greatly influenced the levels reached by their children, according to the study.

To gauge the effects of college on cognitive development, the authors relied on "How College Affect Students" by Ernest Pascarella and Patrick Terenzini, a report that summarized the results of 2,600 separate studies. It found that college had a positive impact on verbal and number skills, oral and written communication, critical thinking and intellectual flexibility.

The scores of tests college graduates take to get into graduate school — the Graduate Record Examination and the Graduate Management Admission Test — showed that literacy has risen among students who go on to study for advanced degrees.

Linda Duncan, Jack Shelby, Jay Holmes, Floye Christensen and if I forget anyone else.

Special thanks to the Chamber of Commerce and Coronado Center for their support; Mike Parker for the use of Coronado Inn for a meeting place; KGRO-KOMX; Pampa Police Department, for which they were a big help; Red Cross volunteers for help and for the volunteers that walked in the parade — if someone would have got hurt, they would be there.

And a very special thanks to everyone that participated and the spectators that lined the streets through the parade route.

Once again, thank you to everyone and have a Merry Christmas.

Parade Chairperson,
Tanita Olson

Schools need prayer

To the editor:

Now that the elections are over, banners are taken down and the votes recounted, it is time to focus on the soul of America. The people have spoken, the failed socialistic agendas are part of the past. The spirit of America is in need of attention, and the future of this cause is in our hands.

For three decades, American lawmakers have successfully taken God out of our classrooms and sanitized the public to the point we have a whole generation of children growing up without some kind of godly influence, good moral commandments to live by, knowledge of our spiritual heritage or a moral compass to guide their lives by. Has the great experiment of the past been successful when we are reminded everyday of the escalating school violence? Gangs and other unacceptable behaviors distract educators from their job as teachers and leans them toward a more disciplinary role. Is this a favorable outcome for our anti-god, anti-religious legislation?

The same group responsible for this religion whitewash is now trying to bar the latest attempt of the school prayer amendment. Don't these folks get it? Can't they see the effects of the omission of God from school, or do they not want to admit it?

The fallacy that this amendment will cram religion down our throats bears no merit, as the term voluntary exempts those who choose not to participate. As for the argument that a Christian prayer waters down religion, could it be better than what we have now?

No educator needs to put on the robes of the ministry. But allowing prayer lends hope to the student beyond passing a math test. It gives the pupil the confidence of being in God's family, a stronger sense of belonging than a membership of a gang that leads to destruction or incarceration. It is the kind of joy that lasts a lifetime.

At this point in our history we need to take advantage of the moment, contact our representatives and relay the sentiment that we need to get our schools back on the right track. It is then that God may begin to bless this country as he did in the time of our founding fathers when our Creator was included in the shaping of our country.

Tom Thweatt

Amarillo

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Elders defends statements as opponents celebrate her firing by President Clinton

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The foes of Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders' social views are celebrating her firing by President Clinton. But Elders, defiant to the end, said she does not regret saying school children should be taught about masturbation and suggested that her remarks were misinterpreted.

"People have taken a lot of things I've said in a most unusual way," she said Friday in a telephone interview from her home outside Washington.

Incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who has repeatedly assailed Elders' views, called her "a remarkably destructive person" who has long deserved removal from office.

And Rep. Marge Roukema of New Jersey, the most senior Republican woman in the House, said, "Great! What took her so long?" after Clinton demanded and received Elders' resignation.

White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said Clinton acted because Elders had ignored repeated warnings from administration officials to moderate her public statements. "This was one too many," he said.

He cited previous Elders statements in which she said the government should consider legalizing drugs, consider "teaching five-year olds to use condoms" and for saying that anti-abortion Catholics have "a love affair" with fetuses.

Her firing stemmed from her remarks Dec. 1 at a World AIDS Day conference in New York, when she was asked whether taboos about the public discussion of masturbation should be lifted.

Elders said: "As per your specific question in regard to masturbation, I think that is something that is a part of human sexuality and it's a part of something that perhaps should be taught. But we've not even taught our children the very basics. And I feel that we have tried ignorance for

a very long time and it's time we try education."

Elders said on Friday she had intended to explain her belief that masturbation is a natural act that would have to be included in any comprehensive discussion about human sexuality. But she does not believe young people should be taught how to masturbate.

"Heavens, no. That's not what I was trying to say. You can't teach people how to do that, just like you can't teach them how to have sex," she said.

"I don't regret what I said," she told The Associated Press. "I could have said it better."

Elders would not say whether she thought politics played a role in her firing. "I'm not enough of a politician to know the answer to that," she said.

Elders, who served in Clinton's Cabinet in Arkansas, pointedly refused to characterize her discussion with the president, although her resignation letter said she and Clinton still share a "strong mutual respect for each other."

In the interview, she said, "It was an honor for me to serve as surgeon general and without the president I would not have had that honor."

Elders said in her letter that she planned to return to Arkansas and speak out on social issues.

"In Arkansas, I always did the very best I knew how," she said in the interview. "It may not be the best somebody else could do, but it was my very best."

Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., the incoming head of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, called Elders' resignation "necessary and long overdue."

"Throughout her tenure in office, Dr. Elders has engendered needless controversy — due largely to her tendency to make dramatic statements on issues which she has not fully considered and which are peripheral to the public health mission," Kassebaum said.

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GOP admits difficulty of increasing defense spending

By JOHN DIAMOND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans are anxious to boost defense spending with their new majority power, but admit that their own agenda of cutting taxes and eliminating the deficit might make that impossible.

At most, the Republicans may reshuffle White House priorities to boost weapons such as the "Star Wars" antimissile system, the B-2 stealth bomber and the C-17 transport plane, at the expense of such Democratic favorites as defense conversion and the Seawolf submarine.

"We realize we're not going to get large increases in defense spending," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. "But what may be in the cards is a significant rearrangement of priorities."

The Republican "Contract With America" proposed by incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich urges "restoration of the essential parts of our national security funding." For the short term, the document suggests this can be accomplished at no cost.

"There's not a dime's worth of defense spending increase in the contract," said Rep. Dick Armey, R-Texas, soon to be Republican majority leader.

Instead, the contract would establish a commission to examine the nation's defense spending needs and make recommendations in 1996.

Of immediate concern for President Clinton is GOP criticism of U.S. military deployments to

Haiti and Rwanda, of NATO's inability to improve the situation in Bosnia, and of the negotiated truce with North Korea over the development of nuclear weapons.

"I think the president should know that the Republicans who control the Congress have a much different view on areas like Haiti and Bosnia and North Korea," said Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., the incoming Senate majority leader. But the budget quandary facing the Republicans remains.

The Defense Budget Project, a Washington-based research group, said the balanced budget amendment — the No. 1 legislative priority for the House Republicans — "would create tremendous pressures to make deeper cuts in defense spending, especially if the balanced budget requirement were combined with the large tax cuts also included in the Republican plan."

Hoping to stop Republican criticism, Clinton early this month proposed spending \$25 billion more for defense over six years to raise military pay and improve readiness. He will also ask the new Congress for \$2 billion in emergency funds to add to this year's \$253 billion Pentagon budget. That money would help pay for the Haiti, Rwanda and Persian Gulf deployments.

On Friday, Defense Secretary William Perry said the Pentagon will squeeze \$7.7 billion out of its top weapons programs by canceling a troubled missile effort, cutting some money from the Air Force's F-22 fighter jet and building only two prototypes of

the Army's high-tech Comanche helicopter.

And a study commissioned by the Air Force said the Pentagon should scrap plans to buy more C-17 transport planes and instead buy cargo versions of the Boeing 747. The report, by the Rand Corp., a California-based think tank, says the government would save billions and deliver more equipment to a battlefield faster with 747s than with the fleet of 120 C-17s that the Air Force envisions.

Faced with his own budgetary pressures, Clinton has proposed delaying most of the \$25 billion increase until after the year 2000. Even with the additional money, Pentagon spending would drop to \$244 billion next year, fiscal 1996, and \$241 billion in 1997 before starting a climb through the end of the century.

Republicans reacted with muted praise for what would be a roughly 1 percent defense spending increase. And they warned that \$25 billion might not be enough.

Perry, who could use the additional money if Congress gave it to him, said he's not counting on it.

"I think the arithmetic is going to be compelling," he said. "I am not expecting an increase in the budget."

Defense analysts and weapons makers predict that Republicans will cut pet Democratic programs such as defense conversion and shuffle funds into weapons systems. Star Wars, the space-based antimissile system initiated by President Reagan, is high on the list of winners.

AFL-CIO head walks out of meeting

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas AFL-CIO president Joe Gunn angrily walked out of a committee meeting and has accused employers of trying to exclude labor in the running of state job-training programs.

The incident occurred Friday after the Texas Council on Workforce and Economic Competitiveness pushed for consolidation of job-training programs under an unspecified "workforce agency."

Labor representatives wanted the programs consolidated under the Texas Employment Commission. The commission is composed of three commissioners and each one represents either employers, workers or the public.

But the workforce council declined to name the TEC as the job training agency.

Gunn said workforce council Tom Frost of San Antonio "steamrolled the

panel" into recommending measures that would end worker participation in the running of state job programs.

Frost, chairman of Cullen/Frost Bankers Inc., a bank holding company, refused to comment, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported. But several employer council members criticized TEC's performance, according to the newspaper.

Gunn walked out of the meeting, and was joined by two other labor representatives, Pat Lane of Fort Worth and Ralph Merriweather of Austin.

"We are prepared to negotiate over the functions of the TEC in the Legislature, to throw out the bad, keep the good and seek efficiencies," Gunn said. "But we will never abandon the principle that a state agency that affects the daily lives of workers should retain worker representation in its governance."

House GOP reduces size of committees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are downsizing two of the biggest and most powerful committees in the House, and Democrats who are on the losing end of this complain their voice is being smothered.

The Appropriations and Ways and Means committees are the most sought-after committee assignments in Congress. By reducing their sizes, Republicans will force off some Democrats who have been serving on them for years.

Appropriations — the spending panel — will have 32 Republicans and 24 Democrats, four fewer seats overall than in the Congress that just ended.

Ways and Means — which sets taxes — will have 21 Republicans and 15 Democrats, two fewer members overall than previously.

"We tried to be as responsive as we could (to the Democrats)," incoming Majority Leader Rep. Dick Armey, R-Texas, said Friday.

He said Democratic leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri agreed to the Republican-Democratic ratios for each committee.

But Gephardt's office immediately released a statement saying the committee structure shows the Republicans' "prime motivation is control, not public policy."

"By shutting out Democrats with years of experience on crucial committees that represent the vital needs and interests of their districts, the Republicans are smothering the voice of the American voters themselves," said Gephardt.

He acknowledged that Republicans, as the majority party, have a right to a "decisive majority on virtually every House committee." His office confirmed that he had signed off on the breakdown announced by the Republicans, although not completely satisfied with it.

Democrats have not yet made committee assignments, but Gephardt's office said several members who have been on Appropriations and Ways and Means for years will have to step aside because of the reduced size of the committees.

Armey touted the number of freshman Republicans on the Big Two.

"Our freshman Republicans are the majority makers, and one of the ways we are changing business as usual around here is putting first-term members on key committees ordinarily reserved for more senior members," said Armey.

Republicans also set ratios and assigned GOP members to the Agriculture, Banking, Budget, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Natural Resources, Rules, Science, Small Business, Transportation and Veterans' Affairs committees.

Armey said a chairman had not yet been selected for the ethics committee, so committee members could not be named.

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Clinton blasts orphanage plan for welfare children

By KIM I. MILLS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anyone who advocates putting children in orphanages to get them off welfare is "dead wrong," President Clinton said Saturday, taking a swipe at an idea championed by incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

"We have to change welfare so that it strengthens families and not weakens them," Clinton said in his weekly radio address, delivered from the Americas Summit in Miami. "There is no substitute, none, for the loving devotion and equally loving discipline of caring parents."

But the GOP declined to back away from the orphanage idea, which came under assault last week from Democrats and child welfare experts. In the Republican response to Clinton's radio address, Rep. Susan Molinari of New York defended the concept.

"Incoming Speaker Newt Gingrich knows it will take bold decisions and courageous ideas if we're ever going to get a (welfare) system that offers work, offers hope, and yes, perhaps through the creation of small orphanages and group homes, offers safety and security to abused babies and lonely and isolated children," she said.

And she said Clinton's proposals for reforming welfare strongly resemble those offered by the GOP.

"Only, under our plan, we would allow the governors to make most of the important programmatic decisions, custom-tailoring the programs to their states to best help their people in need," she said.

But Clinton, saying he has worked on welfare reform since he was first elected Arkansas governor 14 years

ago, said there are a lot of ideas about how to do it. "Some are really good, and some are just political attention-getters," he said.

Without identifying Gingrich by name, Clinton said there are "some people out there who argue that we should let some sort of big, new institution take parents' place, and we should even take children away from parents as we cut them off welfare, even if they're doing a good job as parents, and put those children in orphanages."

"Well, those people are dead wrong."

This was the first time the president himself spoke out about Gingrich's orphanage idea, which the speaker-to-be repeated on national television last weekend.

In a proposal controversial even among Republicans seeking radical welfare reform, Gingrich has suggested taking savings generated by denying aid to mothers on welfare to provide services to children, including promoting adoptions and establishing orphanages or group homes.

Meanwhile, a Time-CNN poll released Saturday found that 78 percent of respondents believe the welfare system is in need of fundamental reform. But 52 percent said they thought it would be unfair to cut off welfare benefits to people after two years, even if they have no other source of income — a 7 percentage point increase since last May. The poll had an error margin of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

Last week, Clinton invited governors and mayors to meet with congressional leaders at the White House in January to begin fashioning a bipartisan approach for overhauling America's costly welfare system.

New owners



Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Gold Coat representatives Benny Horton (far left) and Scott Hahn (far right), welcome the Edmondsons, Dennis (center left), his son Andy, his daughter Angie and his wife Jan, who are the new owners of the Duncan Street Diamond Shamrock and the community. The family-owned gas station offers both full and self service plus a service garage. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Three bodies found from sunken ship

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP) — A second crewman was rescued and at least three bodies were recovered Saturday as a desperate race against the elements continued for survivors of a sunken Ukrainian cargo ship.

Most of the crew members aboard the Salvador Allende, which sank Friday, have been spotted in lifeboats, life rafts or survival suits, but rough seas have prevented rescues.

Six merchant vessels were at the scene, 150 miles northeast of Bermuda and 1,200 miles east of New Jersey.

"Trying to maneuver a vessel of that size through 20- to 30-foot waves to effect the rescue of a person or persons is nearly impossible. It's not like you bring a small boat alongside someone," said Petty Officer Chris O'Neil, a U.S. Coast Guard spokesman in New York.

But the Coast Guard said the seas had subsided to about 12 feet on Saturday afternoon.

Rescue planes dropped food, water and flotation devices to some of the survivors, O'Neil said. A Coast Guard cutter from Boston is heading to the scene.

"Time is the critical factor," he said. "The faster you can get to someone, the less you have to worry about hypothermia, sea sickness and other factors."

The 450-foot ship was heading to Helsinki from Texas with a cargo of rice when it sank early Friday in waves as high as a five-story building.

One crewman was picked up by the tanker Torungen late Friday and was in good health.

"He's very lucky, God bless him," said Capt. Lee Im, the tanker's skipper.

The second crewman was rescued Saturday by a U.S. Air National Guard helicopter, which was heading toward Shearwater, Nova Scotia.

Quake shakes central Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A strong earthquake off the Pacific coast sent panicked people rushing out of swaying buildings in the capital Saturday. There were no reports of injuries.

Buildings were damaged in Mexico City and in the south. At the airport in the beach resort of Zihuatanejo, 190 miles southwest of Mexico City, part of the roof collapsed and windows shattered, sending tourists scrambling outside.

The quake had a magnitude of 6.3 and was centered in the ocean, 165 miles southwest of Mexico City, said Russ Needham, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo.

It started about 10:20 a.m. (10:20 a.m. CST) and lasted more than a minute. In the capital, which has an estimated population of 21 million, buildings shook along Reforma Avenue, the main east-west thoroughfare.

The quake was felt in the west

coast states of Guerrero, Oaxaca and Jalisco and the central states of Puebla and Mexico.

"I was so scared; everything just began shaking," said Sonia Arizpe, a street vendor whose aluminum coffee cart started rolling away.

In September 1985, large sections of Mexico City's downtown were destroyed and at least 10,000 people killed by two quakes with magnitudes of 8.1 and 7.6.

A quake with a magnitude greater than 6 can cause severe damage if it is under a populated area.

Quakes of 3 to 4.5 magnitude occur about six times a week in Mexico, said Carlos Valdez Gonzalez, a quake expert at the National Autonomous University of Mexico. Mexico is prone to frequent quakes because of two major geographic faults offshore in the Pacific.

Francisco Lopez, a Los Angeles businessman visiting Mexico City, was nonchalant.

"I've been through plenty of quakes in L.A. and this was no big deal," he said. "We've had a lot worse than this."

Stranded pygmy whale euthanized

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A pygmy sperm whale found beached near Port Aransas has been euthanized, marine experts said.

The 12-foot adult male whale was discovered alive early Thursday in the surf about 10 miles south of Port Aransas, said Graham Worthy, director of the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network.

Worthy said the whale was extremely ill and probably would not have survived long if attempts had been made to move it to a water tank. The whale was in pain and would have suffered more with the stress of being moved, he said.

The whale had large swollen spots on his body, an infection in his intestinal area, bone problems and had recently lost a lot of weight, he said.

It was the third whale to wash up on a Texas beach this year. A beaked whale beached itself on Mustang Island in October, and a second beaked whale washed up this spring on South Padre Island.

Scientists believe illness causes many marine strandings.

After it was euthanized, the approximately 850-pound whale was moved into a truck and the animal was hauled and taken to a lab at Texas A&M University-Galveston for a necropsy, similar to an autopsy.

Pygmy sperm whales live 200 to 300 miles off the Gulf coast and tend to inhabit deep water, sometimes diving 3,000 feet, Worthy said.

They eat squid, crabs, shrimp and fish and sometimes accidentally ingest plastic, which can block their digestive systems, starving them to death.

Record numbers of marine mammals have been found stranded on Texas beaches this year.

The whale found Thursday was the 284th marine mammal found so far, said Elsa Haubold, operations coordinator for the stranding network. A virus believed to have caused a surge in dolphin strandings in the spring probably was the main reason for the record, officials said.

Lugar wants critical look at farm programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Agriculture Committee will have to abandon its fortress mentality and take a critical look at all farm programs next year, the committee's incoming chairman says.

Members who vote to save pet programs are "going to do have to do so in broad daylight" and answer to all voters, Sen. Richard G. Lugar, R-Ind., said Friday.

Voters will demand that members "act like normal businesslike Americans, not people who are sent here to protect a particular crop or group of people or sectional interests."

Briefing reporters, Lugar released nearly nine pages of questions his committee will raise when hearings begin in January on the 1995 farm bill.

The list questions basic assumptions of income- and price-supports programs, government lending, disaster relief and other programs that farmers have relied on since the 1930s.

Lugar said he wants proof that the programs work — and that they are fair.

"Why should taxpayers subsidize farmers when they do not subsidize other small businesses, when they have a failure rate hovering around 50 percent?" Lugar asked.

He also asked whether it was fair for some crops to be subsidized and others not, and for government payments to go to farmers who earn more than most Americans.

While he is undertaking a broad review and saying traditional farm programs could be abolished, Lugar insisted he was just gathering information and not taking a stance.

Even by raising the questions, he has touched off alarms. Lugar first indicated a bottom-up review of programs in a letter last week to incoming Budget Committee Chairman Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M.

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Business

Airlines feel pinch from cheap fares

By DAN BLAKE
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Cheap air fares and sales that pile up on each other have meant bargains for fliers, but low prices are catching up with the airline industry again.

Steep discounting years ago forced dramatic restructurings and prolonged bankruptcies at the nation's biggest airlines. This time, the low prices are hurting the cheapest airlines that some have touted as the future of U.S. aviation.

Southwest Airlines said fourth-quarter earnings would be disappointing. Continental Airlines is still losing money on its attempt to imitate Southwest. Newark N.J.-based Kiwi International is cutting

salaries and other expenses aimed at reducing overhead by \$1 million each month.

The worries beset airline industry stocks on Thursday. Southwest, which had fallen 15 percent on Wednesday, dropped 37 1/2 cents Thursday to close at \$17.12 1/2 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Continental's class A stock was off almost 29 percent Thursday, ending at \$9.25, down \$3.75 on the NYSE. The airline's chief financial officer said lower earnings estimates by Wall Street analysts were accurate and that Continental would ground 15 jets next month, making it a smaller airline overall in 1995 than this year.

United Airlines, which has started competing with Southwest, saw the stock of parent UAL Corp. fall

\$4.37 1/2 to close at \$87.62 1/2 in NYSE trading.

Perhaps the biggest boon to airlines in the latest recovery — cheap fuel — might be getting more expensive. United told analysts it expects per-gallon costs to increase 7 percent next year to 63 cents.

While analysts predict Southwest's long-term outlook is strong, some predict the slow winter travel months, combined with low fares, will take their toll on old and young airlines.

"Continental is going to get hit hard, Trans World is going to get hit hard. ... It's going to hurt not only start-ups but some commuters," said Steve Lewins, transportation analyst at Gruntal & Co. Inc.

Airlines have been tripping over themselves trying to offer the latest

fare sale. Just this week, Northwest and Delta airlines announced similar sales within minutes of each other.

Sales have gotten so common with at least one new round of discounting announced each month, that travel agents report passengers who won't buy at full prices are confident a sale will come along soon enough.

Even Southwest has been holding more fare sales. Southwest added 30 percent more seats to its route network in the past year and held sales in hopes of boosting traffic enough to keep up.

Just this week, the airline cut prices 50 percent from Cleveland, Chicago, Houston and other cities.

Minding your own Business

By Don Taylor



Ideas: what a steal!

When you start a new business you are automatically granted a license to steal. Now hold on just a minute, I'm not suggesting that any business has a right to break any law or take advantage of consumers. The license to steal I'm talking about is legal and doesn't amount to ripping off customers.

Actually, there are two "it's ok to steal" permits issued to every business. Understanding these permits and using them to build your sales is good business. In addition, using these licenses is legal, moral and ethical.

Who granted these rights? Who issued these licenses in the first place? The founding fathers of our country granted the rights and approved the system. They founded our nation as a democracy, based on the economic rules of capitalism and free enterprise. This system still gives bright men and women a license to steal.

Grand theft — Ideas

The authorities will not charge you with grand theft or larceny if you steal good ideas or concepts from others. Use some caution in this area. You may not use (steal) copyrighted material without permission. You cannot steal trademarks and service marks or any items covered by patents.

However, no one can protect ideas and concepts. You have a license to steal good ideas and adapt them to your business operation. Concepts can be copied, modified and used at will.

Some of America's greatest success stories borrowed their success concepts from others. Dale Carnegie, the author of "How to Win Friends and Influence People," admitted using his license to steal. Carnegie said, "The ideas I stand for are not mine. I borrowed some from Socrates. I swiped some from Chesterfield. I stole some from Jesus. And I put them in a book. If you don't like their ideas, whose would you use?"

Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton also used his license liberally. Sol Price, who founded the Price Club warehouse stores in 1976, said this about Mr. Sam: "He is notorious for looking at what everybody else does, taking the best of it, and then making it better."

Henry Ford also stole good ideas. Ford did not invent the assembly line concept as many folks incorrectly believe. It had been used in other industries for many years. He just adapted the concept to making cars, and of course the rest is history.

So if you want to succeed, keep your eyes open. Look for good ideas that you can adapt to your situation. Determine how you can improve products or devise new methods to deliver services. Use your "ideas" license.

Purloining customers

Yes, your license to steal also gives you the right to purloin customers. However, you do not have the right to take customers by force. Instead, you must steal them by appealing to their main motivations: The need for value and their desire for personal respect.

Today's customers have better information and are less likely to be completely loyal to any business. Therefore, all business owners must stay focused on giving their customers good reasons and distinct benefits for doing business with them.

If you don't offer an advantage — value, service, convenience, variety, quality, ambience, product knowledge, etc. — you make it easy for others to steal your customers. Of course it works both ways. Observe your competitors. Where are they weak? How can you serve their customers more effectively? When you find your competitors' weaknesses you can steal their most valuable asset — their customers.

Writers also have a license to steal. I admit that I stole the idea for this column from a colleague. When I offered to give him credit for the idea, he said, "Don't bother, I read it in a book!"

Tex-Pool investors panic

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — More than \$300 million, or about 8.4 percent, of a Texas government investment pool was withdrawn by investors Friday after a newspaper report said the fund had some of the same risks as the troubled Orange County, Calif., investment fund.

State Treasurer Martha Whitehead hastily called a news conference to try to ease investor fears about the TexPool fund. The state Treasury-run pool had total investments of about \$3.3 billion after the day's withdrawals.

"TexPool is sound and will remain sound," Mrs. Whitehead said. "This morning we had more than \$300

million pulled out of TexPool by our investors. This was unnecessary."

About \$348 million was withdrawn and \$42 million was deposited Friday for a net decline of \$306 million, officials said.

TexPool is a short-term investment fund for more than 1,300 governmental entities, such as cities, counties, municipal utility districts and school districts.

The Wall Street Journal reported Friday that TexPool had some of the same interest-rate risks that brought down an investment pool in Orange County.

"We did not anticipate or believe that our investors would panic," Mrs. Whitehead said.

Chamber Communique

The Chamber of Commerce is grateful to all 68 entries that participated in this year's Christmas Parade. Everyone was so helpful in making this event so successful.

The support received and the response was very positive as shown on the many smiling faces watching the Pampa High School Band, all the floats, cars, bicyclists and motorcyclists, horses, Army vehicles, seeing "Mrs. Pampa" and waving to Mrs. Jack Back being chauffeured in Steve Giles' Rolls Royce, laughing at the funny clowns and waving to all the many children in the parade.

All of this added to Santa Claus coming to Pampa on the 1959 fire truck. Our many thanks to all who participated and to all who came to the parade.

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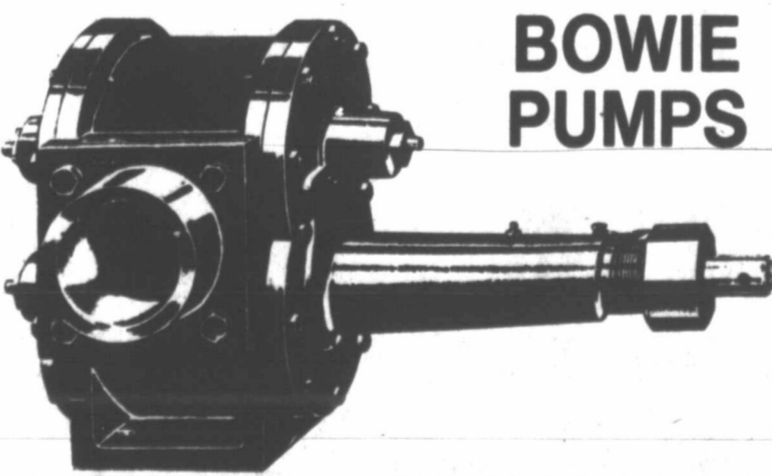
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Chechnya braces for invasion

By CHRIS BIRD
Associated Press Writer

GROZNY, Russia (AP) - Rocket-laden trucks joined Russian troops on the border of the breakaway republic of Chechnya on Saturday while frightened civilians fled in cars piled high with their belongings.

More troops also massed on the Chechen side of the border a day after President Boris Yeltsin authorized the use of force against the separatists.

Officials declined to give the size of the buildup but the chief of Russia's regional border guard told the newspaper *Pravda* his forces increased by at least half.

Russian warplanes flew over the Chechen capital of Grozny, drawing anti-aircraft fire but the fighters were out of range at high altitudes.

Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev said his people were determined to fight for their independence.

"Islamic battalions are forming in each village," Dudayev said in a telephone interview with the newspaper *Izvestia*. "Islamic militants from around the world - instructors and fighters - have joined them."

Chechnya, a mostly Muslim enclave of 1.2 million people, lies on Russia's strategic southern rim in the rugged Caucasus Mountains.

It boasts a feisty president, an ancient warrior culture, one of the former Soviet Union's most ruthless mafias and an abiding hatred of Russia, which conquered it in the late 19th century after a long, costly war.

Moscow has long condemned the Chechen government as a criminal regime and says his fighters are gangsters and terrorists. It wants Dudayev, a former Soviet air force general, out and has refused to recognize independence.

Yeltsin sent in troops once before, in late 1991, after Chechnya declared its independence during the Soviet collapse. The Russian forces retreated in the face of stiff opposition but Moscow has continued the fight by backing Chechen rebels.

The opposition leader, Umar Avturkhanov, told the ITAR-Tass news agency that he has no plans to attack Grozny, but that force is the only way to resolve the conflict.

"We are ready to avenge those killed. We will take all measures to help disarm Dudayev" and his forces, Avturkhanov said.

Water was shut off Saturday in Grozny and food supplies ran low. Many residents said word from Moscow that Yeltsin was having nose surgery meant Russia would invade and Yeltsin would plead ignorant of the attack.

On the main road west of Grozny, a city of 300,000 before secession, civilians fearing air raids drove out in search of shelter with relatives in the countryside. At least seven Russian army trucks loaded with rockets moved toward Chechnya from North Ossetia farther west.

Moscow officials said talks set for Monday in Vladikavkaz, west of Chechnya, would go on. Poles have shown most Russians oppose military involvement in Chechnya.

E. coli outbreak hits West Coast

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sausage makers and the government are trying to find out what caused an outbreak of E. coli bacteria linked to salami that made at least 18 people sick in California and Washington.

The industry pledged to immediately test whether E. coli O157:H7 can survive the process used to make dry sausages like salami, which only involves meat curing, not cooking, the Agriculture Department announced late Friday.

The department then will decide "whether process modifications ought to be adopted to ensure the safety of fermented products," said Thomas Billy of its Food Safety and Inspection Service.

The unprecedented industry move came as health officials said Friday that 19 people in Seattle-King County have come down with E. coli-O157:H7. Twelve have been laboratory-linked to salami recalled a week ago and three others are strongly suspected.

Three other cases didn't come from the salami and a fourth is unlikely, the health department's Dr. Russell Alexander announced late Friday.

In California, doctors have linked two E. coli cases in Sacramento and one in Sonoma County to the salami. A fourth case is suspected but hasn't been confirmed, said Dr. Ben Werner of the California Health Department.

Four patients are hospitalized, the most serious a 2-year-old King County girl who was listed in satisfactory condition Friday.



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Notebook

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Derrick Foster scored three touchdowns, two during a 23-point outburst in the second half, as La Marque came back to beat Corpus Christi Calallen 36-14 in the Class 4A semifinals Saturday.

La Marque (15-0) plays Stephenville, which beat Corsicana 28-6 Saturday, next week for the state title.

Calallen (13-2) led 14-7 at halftime and held that lead until late in the third quarter, when they lost three fumbles that each resulted in La Marque touchdowns.

La Marque's Russell Byrum started the rally with a 40-yard field goal with 1:21 left in the third quarter, cutting the deficit to 14-10.

On the ensuing kickoff, Calallen's Brandon Bonds fell as he tried to field the ball at the goal line, pinning the Wildcats inside the 1.

On the next play, La Marque middle linebacker James Burnett returned an interception 4 yards for a touchdown, giving La Marque a 16-14 lead. A 2-point conversion attempt failed.

Less than a minute later, Calallen lost a fumble on its own 8-yard line. Foster scored from 5 yards out for a 23-14 lead and added a 16-yard TD run with 10:45 remaining after another Calallen fumble.

Foster led all runners with 102 yards on seven carries.

Defensive lineman Austin Adami recovered a La Marque fumble in the end zone and Wes Danaher scored on a 1-yard plunge to put the Wildcats up, 14-0.

A 60-yard TD run by Foster made it 14-7.

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — The Plano Wildcats moved into the Texas high school football history books the old-fashioned way — they ran it.

Running on 64 of 65 plays, the Wildcats rolled up 373 yards on the ground and rolled over Katy 28-7 in the Class 5A Division I title game on Saturday, claiming a record-tying seventh state championship.

Plano (12-3), appearing in its second straight Division I final and its fourth title game in 10 years, avenged a loss to Converse Judson in last year's championship game. The Wildcats tied Brownwood's record of seven state titles.

"This is such a big win that you forget about what happened last year," said Plano running back Derrick Williams, who carried 22 times for 199 yards, including touchdown runs of 5 and 42 yards.

"This is a big win for the school and for the players," Plano coach Gerald Brence said. "We didn't want to lose this two years in a row."

Katy (13-2) trailed only 6-0 after the first half. But Plano, making its ninth appearance in a state title game, took control in the third quarter, scoring twice to go up 21-0 while allowing Katy to cross midfield only once.

"We handled the atmosphere for this game very well," said Plano quarterback Scooter Asel, who carried 22 times for 85 yards and also scored twice.

A Katy fumble at its own 22 with 2:53 left in the third quarter set up Williams' 5-yard TD run that gave Plano its second score of the period and left the Tigers defeated.

"Plano did a good job preparing for us," Katy coach Mike Johnston said. "They have been here nine times. They played a great game and we didn't play our best. But I am very proud of our kids."

Katy's only touchdown came on a 5-yard run by John Oncken with 1:29 left.

The Wildcats attempted only one pass all game, and it fell incomplete. They relied on their offensive line to open holes for the running stampede of Williams, Asel and John Spae, who carried 17 times for 81 yards.

Katy, which used the pass brilliantly to defeat two-time defending state champion Converse Judson in the semifinals last week, ditched its aerial attack in favor of Bill Jatzlau, who ran 27 times for 121 yards.

Plano scored the only points of the first half on a 3-yard sneak by Asel early in the second quarter. The extra point attempt failed.

Asel also scored on a 4-yard TD run with 3:40 left in the third quarter and ran for a two-point conversion.

Katy's best drive of the first half failed to produce any points. After quarterback Rob Peters connected on passes of 33 yards to Marshall Schroeder and 24 yards to Jeremy Schneider, Katy had first-and-goal at the Plano 9.

Three plays later, Peters appeared to score on third-and-goal from the 3, but the Tigers were flagged for holding, pushing them back to the 10. After an incomplete pass, Matt Easton missed a 27-yard field goal wide left into a gusting 20 mph wind.

The Tigers, which finished with 264 yards of offense, were also unable to capitalize after recovering a Plano fumble at their own 43 with 9:17 left in the first quarter.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — Youngstown State coach Jim Tressel said his team was living up to fans' expectations by returning to the NCAA Division I-AA championship game.

Mark Brungard threw for two touchdowns and passed for a third Saturday to give the defending champion Penguins a 28-9 semifinal victory over Montana, sending them to the division finals for the fourth straight year.

"It feels great to get back to the national championship game. It's what is expected by the fans around here," Tressel said.

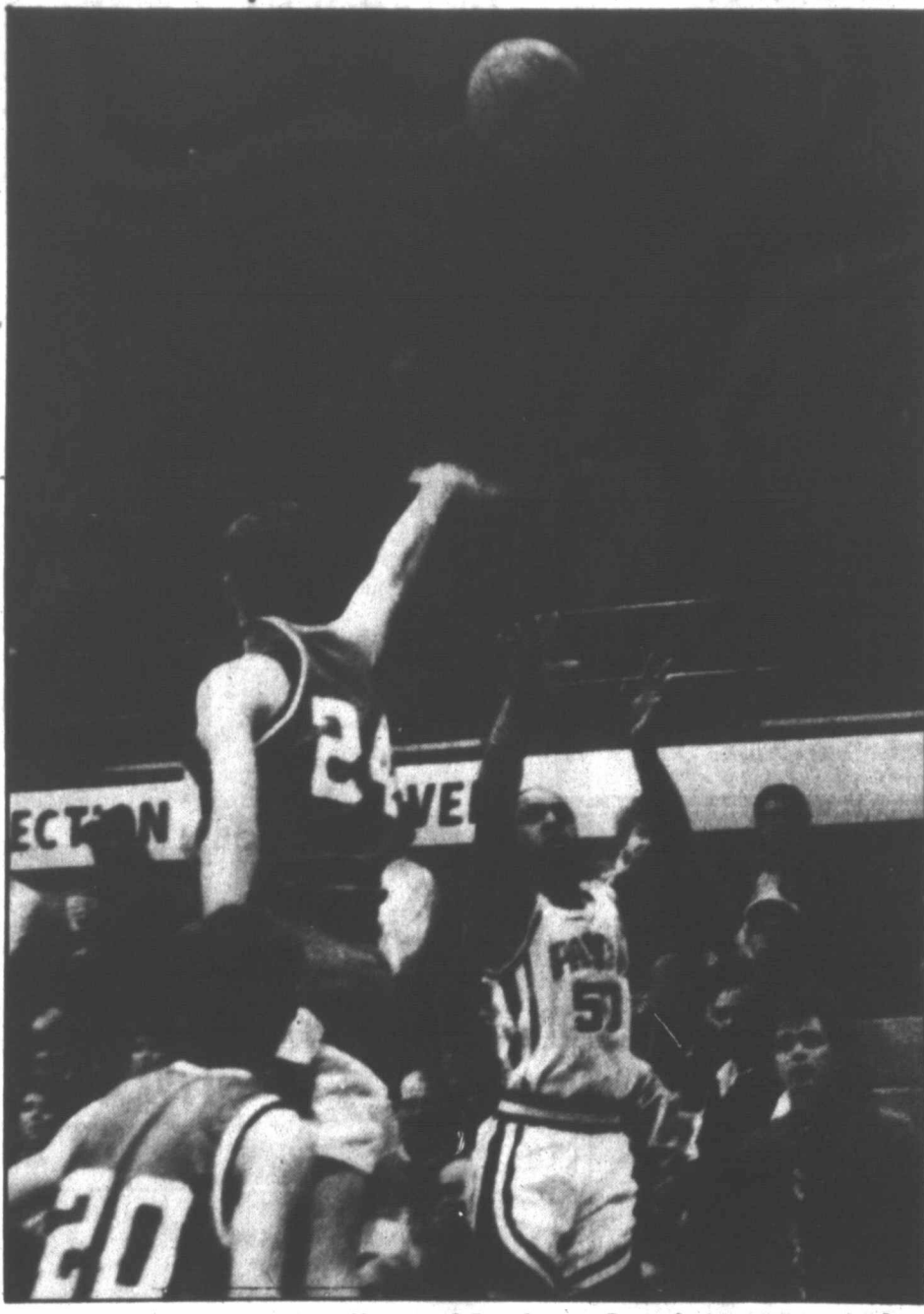
The Penguins (13-0-1) will play Boise State for the division championship next Saturday at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va.

Youngstown State and Marshall met for the division crown in each of the past three years, with the Penguins winning in 1991 and 1993 and the Thundering Herd taking the title in 1992. Boise State won the championship when the Broncos made their only title game appearance in 1980.

Brungard completed 12-of-19 pass attempts for 127 yards and 190-pound Shawn Patton, who Tressel said is "the hardest-running skinny guy I've ever seen," rushed for 142 yards in 26 carries and scored twice for Youngstown State.

Bert Wilberger was 23-for-44 for 211 yards and one touchdown for the Grizzlies (11-3), but the Penguins held Montana to 36 yards on the ground while Youngstown State ran for 244 yards.

Pampa bombs Childress, 90-63



Pampa's Duane Nickelberry hits from 3-point range against Childress. Nickelberry finished with 19 points. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Harvesters stretch record to 10-2 going into Tuesday night tilt with powerful Tascosa

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvesters showcased their firepower from long range Friday night, lighting up the McNeely Fieldhouse scoreboard with 13 3-point goals in rolling past Childress, 90-63.

Leading the bomb squad was junior guard Rayford Young, who connected on a half-dozen 3-point attempts and finished with 34 points. Senior guard Duane Nickelberry followed with five 3-pointers and 19 points. Coy Laury and Jason Weatherbee each tossed in a 3-point goal as the Harvesters led by as many as 31 points against Childress, which saw its record drop to 7-3.

"We felt pretty good about this win because this is supposed to be one of Childress' better teams," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale. "We shot the ball real well and that makes a difference."

Pampa's defense also forced 24 turnovers, 14 in the first half to help get Pampa off to a 23-11 first-quarter lead. Pampa held Childress' big post player, 6-8 David Seal to only three points in the first half.

"I thought Robert Bremerman did a great job guarding him," Hale added. "Robert is really coming on strong and we played some good team defense on Seal. We didn't allow him to run loose out there."

Nickelberry, Pampa's all-district player from last season, has played only sparingly because an ankle injury suffered in a pre-season scrimmage.

"My ankle seems to be doing all right

now. It stung a little bit after Coy (Laury) stepped on it during the game, but it's okay," Nickelberry said.

All five of Nickelberry's 3-point goals came in the first half.

"They were playing off of me a little bit. They weren't expecting me to shoot," Nickelberry said. "It was a good shooting night by everybody, especially Rayford. He's a great shooter."

James Sparkman led the Bobcats in scoring 22 points while Seal ended up with 17.

Laury added 11 points and led the Harvesters in rebounding with 9. James Wilbon came off the bench to toss in 10 points. Childress had a 40-34 rebounding edge on the Harvesters, but the Harvesters had 10 fewer turnovers than the visitors (14-24).

Pampa travels to Amarillo Tuesday night to take on Class 5A powerhouse Tascosa, which has a 10-2 record.

"Tascosa is supposed to have the best team they've ever had. They've got some big-time players and a lot of depth," Hale said.

Tipoff time is 7:45 in the Tascosa Activity Center.

Pampa 90, Childress 63

Individual scoring
Pampa: Rayford Young 34, Duane Nickelberry 19, Coy Laury 11, James Wilbon 10, Devin Lemons 7, Jason Weatherbee 5, Robert Bremerman 4; Three-point goals: Young 6, Nickelberry 5, Laury 1, Weatherbee 1.

Childress: James Sparkman 22, David Seal 17, Lametrus Turner 7, James Foster 6, Kevin Hodges 5, Jason Keys 4, Mat Bryant 2; Three-point goals: none.

Lady Harvesters win consolation title at Texhoma Classic

LAWTON, Okla. — The Pampa Lady Harvesters won the consolation title in the Texhoma Classic by beating Lawton MacArthur, 46-32, Saturday.

After leading by only two, 21-19, at halftime, the Lady Harvesters broke the game open in the second half. Pampa scored 13 unanswered points to take a 20-point lead (46-26) with three minutes to go in the contest.

Serenity King and Misty Scribner led Pampa's scoring attack with 13 points each. Michelle Hall led MacArthur with 11 points.

Also scoring for Pampa were Tashia Wilson 9, Jennifer Jones 6, and Kristi Carpenter 5.

The Lady Harvesters hit 15 of 25 free throw attempts. MacArthur was 6 of 25.

Pampa opens District 1-4A play Monday at Hereford. The Lady Whitefaces are currently

playing in the 1-27 Tournament in Abernathy and were playing for fifth place Saturday. Hereford, led by Mindy Davis' 18 points, defeated Petersburg, 52-40, Friday.

Pampa's record is now 4-7.

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Pampa's Lady Harvesters bounced back in the consolation round of the Texhoma Classic to defeat Wichita Falls Hirschi, 54-41, Friday.

The Lady Harvesters had

opened the tournament Thursday with a 73-60 loss to Lawton High.

Pampa was in front the entire game against Hirschi, jumping out to a 15-3 first-quarter advantage.

"We were real pleased with our first quarter," said Pampa assistant coach Bill Osborne. "We had been having trouble getting started."

Jennifer Jones was high scorer for Pampa with 14 points

while Tashia Wilson chipped in 10.

"Our team defense was great. That's what won it for us," Osborne said.

Others scoring for Pampa were Misty Scribner with 7, Jane Brown and Candace Natchigall, 6 each; Kristi Carpenter 5, Serenity King 4 and Erin Alexander, 2.

Dana Hughes was high scorer for Hirschi with 15 points.

McLean girls beat Lakeview

MCLEAN — Heather Hess scored 25 points as McLean overpowered Lakeview, 69-26, in girls' basketball action Friday.

McLean's record is now 3-6 for the season.

Angel Harris chipped in 15 points for the Tigerettes.

Lakeview won the boys contest, 73-64.

Steven Rodriguez was high scorer for Lakeview with 16 points. Monty Joiner also had 16 points for McLean while teammates Jeremy Crutcher and Blake Crockett had 14 points each.

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VALLEY — Misty Homen scored 24 points to lead Groom past Silverton, 53-32, Friday in the girls' championship semifinals of the Patriot Invitational.

Groom led by 16 (31-15) at the half.

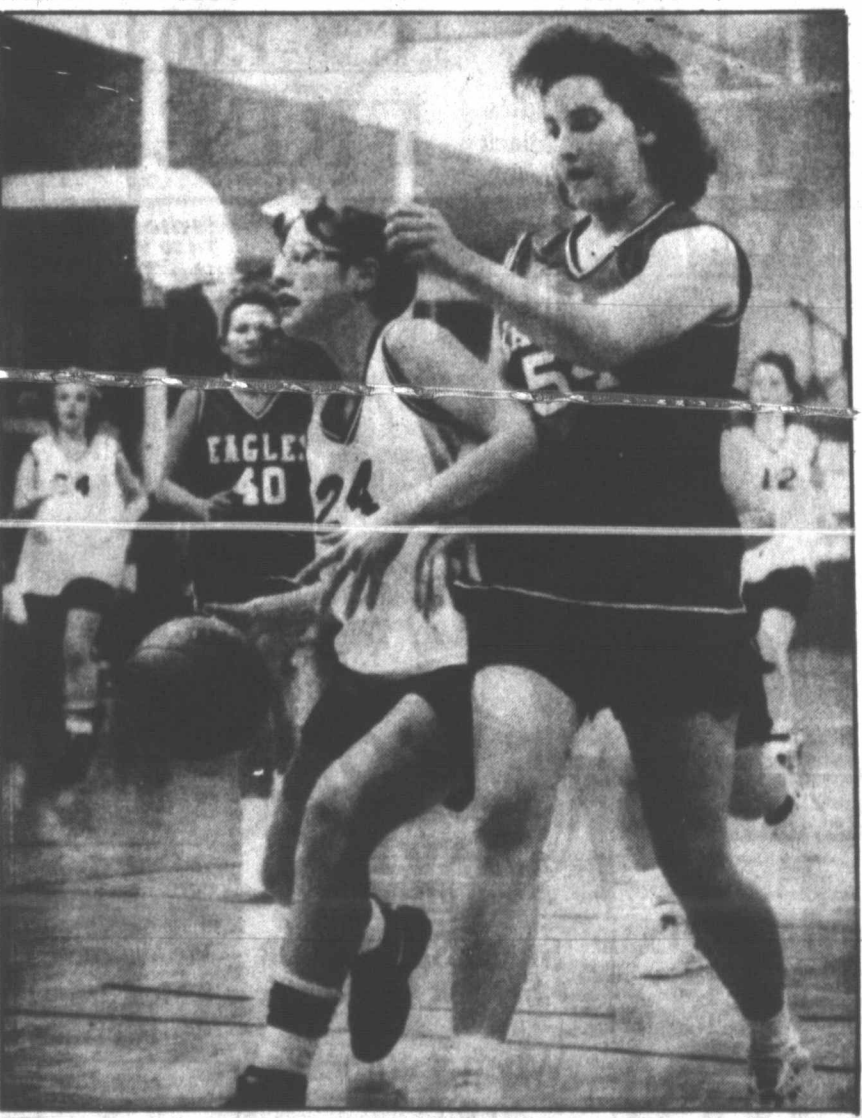
Melanie Fiemel added 16 points to Groom's attack.

Groom beat Silverton in the consolation semifinals, 67-52.

Bo Burgin had 17 points and Bryan Crowell 15 to lead the Tigers.

Groom led, 29-23, at halftime.

Silverton's high scorer was Brunson with 12 points.



McLean's Angel Harris (24) tries to get by Lakeview's Chastity Jarrel in a girls' basketball game Friday night. Harris scored 15 points as McLean won, 69-26. (Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Heisman Trophy goes to Salaam

NEW YORK (AP) — Rashaan Salaam almost left Colorado after his freshman season and was only a part-time starter as a sophomore. Now, he's the Heisman Trophy winner.

Salaam, who led the nation in rushing, scoring and all-purpose yards, captured college football's top award Saturday night by a comfortable margin over runner-up Kijana Carter of Penn State.

The 6-foot, 215-pound junior is the first Colorado player to win the Heisman and the first running back to get the award since Barry Sanders in 1988.

Salaam credited his teammates for helping him win the award. "It's all of us," he said. "I'm just representing the whole offense."

Salaam rushed for 2,055 yards and 24 touchdowns, and helped fourth-ranked Colorado go 10-1. He joined Heisman winners Sanders, Mike Rozier and Marcus Allen as the only Division I-A players to rush for 2,000 yards in a season.

Salaam received 400 first-place votes and 1,743 points in balloting by the media and former Heisman winners. Carter, whose 7.8-yard per carry average was best among

the top runners, got 115 first-place votes and 901 points.

Alcorn State quarterback Steve McNair was third, the best finish by a Division I-AA player since Gordie Lockbaum of Holy Cross was third in 1987. McNair, who set NCAA records for total yards in a season (5,799) and career (15,887), received 111 first-place votes and 655 points.

Penn State quarterback Kerry Collins, the country's leading passer, was fourth with 101 firsts and 639 points. It was the first time since 1983 that teammates finished in the top 5.

Browns edge by Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — A rusty Troy Aikman was just an inch away from victory despite a bad day against the Cleveland Browns.

The Browns intercepted two Aikman passes, sacked him twice, recovered a critical fumble and watched a last-minute Dallas rally end at the 1-inch line as they beat the Cowboys 19-14 Saturday to virtually assure themselves of a wild card berth.

"Cleveland seemed to be one step ahead of what we were trying to do all day," Aikman said. "My knee didn't bother me but a slick ball did. Also I didn't feel I threw the ball well at any point."

Cleveland (10-4), which got four field goals from Matt Stover, will get one AFC wild card spot if Denver loses or is tied by the Los Angeles Raiders or if Buffalo loses or is tied by Minnesota on Sunday. If that doesn't happen, the Browns still get in should Kansas City lose or be tied by Miami on Monday night.

Dallas (11-3) has already clinched the NFC East title, but the loss damaged its chances for home-field advantage throughout the playoffs as they seek a record third consecutive Super Bowl. The Cowboys are one loss behind San Francisco, which beat them 21-14 earlier this season.

Aikman, wearing a brace to protect his sprained left knee, was less nimble and less accurate with his passes after a two-week layoff in which the Cowboys won with Jason Garrett and Rodney Peete playing quarterback.

Still, he was able to lead Dallas 47 yards and 11 in-

ches downfield in the final minute. On the final play of the game, Aikman completed a pass to tight end Jay Novacek, but he seemed to slip as he caught the pass and Eric Turner made the tackle. Time expired before the Cowboys could get set for another play.

"My feet kind of went out from under me on the wet turf," Novacek said. "The turf was super slick today but it was the first time I slipped all day. It was a bad time to do it."

"We knew Novacek was their go-to guy in that situation," Turner said. "Troy likes him there. I knew that and I thought I kept him out of the end zone. I made the play, looked at the referee, looked at the clock and saw it tick down 3...2...1. It was the best feeling I've ever had on a football field."

The Browns, who have the best defense in the NFL when it comes to preventing points, led 16-7 with 12:44 to play after Stover's third field goal, a 43-yarder after Don Griffin's interception.

But Dallas rallied behind Emmitt Smith, who scored on a 4-yard run to cut the deficit to 16-14 with 6:21 remaining to cap a 78-yard drive.

Aikman fumbled on fourth-and-1 from the Dallas 17 and Cleveland converted it into Stover's fourth field goal, this time from 32 yards with 1:49 to play for a 19-14 lead.

Dallas had no timeouts, but Kevin Williams returned the kickoff 42 yards to set up the final drive in which Aikman completed passes of 19 and 14 yards to Michael Irvin and 15 yards to Williams.

Scoreboard

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

USA BASEBALL—Named George Doig media relations director.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with Matt Nokes, catcher, on a one-year contract. Designated John O'Donoghue, pitcher, for assignment.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with Ed Smith, outfielder, on a minor-league contract.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Acquired Aldo Pocerilli, first baseman, from the St. Louis Cardinals to complete an earlier trade; assigned Pocerilli to Greenville of the Southern League.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Sent Brian Barnes, pitcher, outright to Edmonton of the Pacific Coast League.

NEW YORK METS—Announced that Bob Apodaca, pitching coach at Norfolk of the International League; John Tamargo, manager at Binghamton of the Eastern League; Rafael Landestoy, manager at St. Lucie of the Florida State League; Dave LaRoche, pitching coach at Pittsfield of the New York-Penn League; and Bobby Floyd, Chuck Hiller, Rich Miller, Al Jackson and Ken Berry, roving instructors, will return. Named John Gibbons manager and Dave King pitching coach at Kingsport of the Appalachian League; Howie Freling manager and Ray Rippenmeyer pitching coach at Columbia of the South Atlantic League; John Stephenson manager in the Gulf Coast League; Ron Gideon manager at Pensacola; Bill Latham pitching coach at Binghamton; and Randy Niemann pitching coach at St. Lucie.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with Mackey Sasser, catcher, and Milt Hill, pitcher, on minor-league contracts.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Named Lou Brock special instructor. Named Chris Maloney manager; Rich Folkers pitching coach; John Lewis coach; and Brad Bluestone trainer at St. Petersburg of the Florida State League; and Roy Silver manager; Ray Seay pitching coach; Keith Smith coach; and Bert Boyd trainer at Peoria of the Midwest League.

BASKETBALL

Continental Basketball Association

PITTSBURGH PIRANHAS—Signed Jo Jo English, guard.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed Thomas Williams, defensive tackle, off their practice squad. Placed Alton Montgomery, defensive back, on injured reserve.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed Paul Francisco, tight end, off their practice squad.

HOCKEY

Central Hockey League

MEMPHIS RIVERKINGS—Placed Paul Reas, goalie, on injured reserve. Signed Bill Davidson, defenseman, and Mike Gregoria, goalie.

OKLAHOMA CITY BLAZERS—Placed Ron Aubrey, left wing, on the retired list. Signed Tom Frye, right wing.

SAN ANTONIO IGUANAS—Signed Mark Yamoni, defenseman. Waived Ross Harris, left wing.

Colonial Hockey League

FLINT GENERALS—Announced that Kyle Reeves, right wing, has been recalled by Fort Wayne of the International Hockey League. Suspended Phil Huber, center, for leaving the team and placed him on the inactive roster. Activated Todd Humphrey, playing assistant coach-left wing, and Stephen Brochu, defenseman, from injured reserve.

East Coast Hockey League

ECHEL—Voided the Dec. 8 trade between Roanoke and Erie because Andrei Kozlov, sent from Erie to Roanoke, is on the injured list and league bylaws prohibit the trading of any players on the injured list.

ROANOKE EXPRESS—Announced that Pat Fenschweiler, center, and Nick Wohler, defenseman, have been recalled by Minnesota of the International Hockey League. Added Chris Taylor, center, to the roster.

International Hockey League

CINCINNATI CYCLOPES—Signed Sergei Khramin, left wing, and Yuri Krivokhija, defenseman.

SWIMMING

U.S. SWIMMING—Named Richard Quick and Skip Kenney coaches for the 1996 Olympic Games. Dr. Rick Sharp, director of the International Center for Aquatic Research, and Chris Martin and David Marsh coaches for the 1995 Pan Am Games.

COLLEGE

BOSTON U.—Named Debbie Solfaro softball coach.

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON—Signed Ralph Lundy, soccer coach, to a four-year contract.

FRAMINGHAM STATE—Named Michael Strehen football coach.

LENOIR RHYNE—Announced the resignation of David Patterson, women's soccer coach, to become women's soccer coach at the University of Maine.

PACE—Named Tim Kelly full-time assistant baseball coach.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Thomdale 43, Burkeville 13
Tyler John Tyler 45, Arlington 20
Plano 28, Katy 7
Atlanta 25, Abilene Wylie 0

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Albion 38, Wash. & Jeff. 15
Westminster, Pa. 46, Lambuth 6
Arkansas 94, Murray St. 69
Virginia 67, Rice 50
Albion 70, Wabash 68
Baldwin-Wallace 84, Capital 79
Ball St. 85, Butler 77
Bowling Green 79, Loyola, Ill. 59
Denison 75, Eastham 64
Heidelberg 73, Marietta 57
Hillsdale 78, Wayne, Mich. 57
Lake Superior St. 99, Northwood, Mich. 96
Nebraska 96, Michigan St. 91, OT
St. Louis 83, Creighton 56
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W. Michigan 75, Ill.-Chicago 72
Miami 67, Florida A&M 53
N.C. Charlotte 76, S. Illinois 70

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

The list of the winners of the Heisman Trophy with their school and position:

1935—Jay Berwanger, Chicago, HB
1936—Larry Kelley, Yale, E
1937—Clint Frank, Yale, HB
1938—Davey O'Brien, Texas Christian, QB
1939—Nile Kinnick, Iowa, HB
1940—Tom Harmon, Michigan, HB
1941—Bruce Smith, Minnesota, HB
1942—Frank Sinkwich, Georgia, HB
1943—Angelo Bertelli, Notre Dame, QB
1944—Les Horvath, Ohio State, QB
1945—Doc Blanchard, Army, HB
1946—Glenn Davis, Army, HB
1947—John Lujack, Notre Dame, QB
1948—Doak Walker, SMU, HB
1949—Leon Hart, Notre Dame, E
1950—Vic Janowicz, Notre Dame, HB
1951—Dick Kazmaier, Princeton, HB
1952—Billy Vessels, Oklahoma, HB
1953—John Lattner, Notre Dame, HB
1954—Alan Ameche, Wisconsin, FB
1955—Howard Casady, Ohio State, HB
1956—Paul Hornung, Notre Dame, QB
1957—John David Crow, Texas A&M, HB

1958—Pete Dawkins, Army, HB
1959—Billy Cannon, LSU, HB
1960—Joe Bellino, Navy, HB
1961—Emie Davis, Syracuse, QB
1962—Terry Baker, Oregon State, QB
1963—Roger Staubach, Navy, QB
1964—John Huarte, Notre Dame; QB
1965—Mike Garrett, Southern Cal, TB
1966—Steve Spurrier, Florida, QB
1967—Gary Belan, UCLA, QB
1968—O.J. Simpson, Southern Cal, TB
1969—Steve Owens, Oklahoma, HB
1970—Jim Plunkett, Stanford, QB
1971—Pat Sullivan, Auburn, QB
1972—Johnny Rodgers, Nebraska, FL
1973—John Cappelletti, Penn State, HB
1974—Archie Griffin, Ohio State, HB
1975—Archie Griffin, Ohio State, HB
1976—Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh, HB
1977—Earl Campbell, Texas, FB
1978—Billy Sims, Oklahoma, HB
1979—Charles White, Southern Cal, TB
1980—George Rogers, South Carolina, HB
1981—Marcus Allen, Southern Cal, TB
1982—Herschel Walker, Georgia, HB
1983—Mike Rozier, Nebraska, TB
1984—Doug Flutie, Boston College, QB
1985—Bo Jackson, Auburn, TB
1986—Vinny Testaverde, Miami, QB
1987—Tim Brown, Notre Dame, WR
1988—Bryant Stender, Oklahoma State, RB
1989—Andre Ware, Houston, QB
1990—Ty Detmer, Brigham Young, QB
1991—Deshaun Howard, Michigan, WR
1992—Gino Torretta, Miami, QB
1993—Charlie Ward, Florida State, QB

Lions down Jets

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — While Barry Sanders was going backward much of the time, the Detroit Lions took a big step forward Saturday.

The Lions (8-6) enhanced their playoff chances with an 18-7 victory over the sliding New York Jets. After Art Monk set an NFL record for consecutive games with a reception on New York's first play, the Jets rarely did much against the league's 23rd-ranked defense.

Sanders gained 127 yards, many of them as Detroit clinched the win with Jason Hanson's fourth field goal, a 23-yarder with 3:02 remaining. Sanders was thrown for a loss nine times, but also had runs of 29, 27 and 22 yards as the Lions remained in the middle of the NFC playoff chase with their third straight victory.

Dave Krieg completed 18 of 24 passes for 189 yards, at one point hitting 11 straight, and found Sanders for a 6-yard TD.

The bungling Jets (6-8) fell for the third straight week. Their main highlight was Monk's 5-yard catch on the game's opening offensive play. He caught the short pass from Boomer Esiason on a crossing pattern, giving him 178 consecutive games with a reception, breaking Steve Largent's NFL mark. Largent was on hand to congratulate the 15-year veteran.

Other than one long drive in the second quarter, though, the Jets did nothing offensively. Their defense, often crowding the line with eight men, did a decent job on Sanders, who now has 1,721 yards in his bid for a 2,000-yard season. But New York's attack showed little interest in keeping alive the team's flickering playoff hopes.

The Lions didn't use Sanders much to get their first score, Hanson's 37-yard field goal. Krieg hit Herman Moore for 14 yards and Brett Perriman for 20 on the drive, while Sanders gained only 2 yards.

The star runner was busier on the next scoring drive, a 79-yarder on which Sanders rushed for 24 yards and caught a 5-yard pass in the front corner of the end zone. It was his first TD reception this season.



New York Jets' wide receiver Art Monk catches a 5-yard pass from quarterback Boomer Esiason on the first offensive play of the game Saturday against the Lions. Monk set the NFL record for receptions in consecutive games with the catch. (AP photo)

Seahawks prepare for emotional game with Oilers

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks will have two opponents on today: the Houston Oilers and their own emotions.

The Seahawks (5-8) are trying to make the playoffs while they battle their emotions concerning the injury to teammate Mike Frier, who was paralyzed in an auto accident on Dec. 1.

"You really feel the weight of it," safety Eugene Robinson said. "You watch film and see Mike moving and making plays but there is no moving for him now. It's shocking."

The Seahawks tried to put the accident aside last Sunday and it didn't work. They were intent on concentrating on playing the Indianapolis Colts but lost 31-19.

"We thought the Indianapolis game would be therapeutic because when you're thinking about football, you can't be thinking about the accident," Robinson said.

"It makes you understand how fragile life is. I went home that first day and hugged my wife and kids. It's scary knowing you can go from a healthy person one minute to death or injury the next."

The Seahawks probably couldn't be playing a more sympathetic opponent than the Oilers.

Last December, the Oilers had to grapple with the death of defensive tackle Jeff Alm, who committed suicide after seeing a friend killed when he was thrown from a car driven by Alm.

"It makes you realize this is just a game and we are real people," Oiler defensive tackle Mike Teeter said. "Things can happen to football players too. We're not immune to the things that happen to everyone else."

"That's what we saw with Jeff and that's what the Seattle players are seeing now."

The auto accident was the most tragic in a series of injuries that have slowed Seattle's attempt to reach the playoffs.

Chris Warren, the AFC's leading rusher, suffered cracked ribs in the accident and backup running back Lamar Smith is out with ankle and back injuries from the collision.

The Seahawks also have lost starting quarterback Rick Mirer with a broken thumb.

"I felt going into the season we were going to be a lot better than last year and I still feel we are better, although our record doesn't reflect it," Seattle coach Tom Flores said.

"You have to be lucky with injuries and hope you are getting healed for the stretch run. We are getting worse, like losing Rick."

The Oilers have had their share of distractions this season, too. Coach Jack Pardee and assistant head coach Kevin Gilbride were fired on Nov. 14 and replaced with defensive coordinator Jeff Fisher and tight ends coach Dick Coury.

The Oilers have lost nine straight games for a 1-12 record. A 1-15 finish would break the club record (2-

14) for losses in a season.

But Fisher still has hope. "It's harder to lose 10 games in a row than it is to win 10 games in a row," Fisher said. "At some point, someone is going to make a play to win a football game. I don't see this team going 1-15."

The Oilers defense, ranked No. 11 in the NFL, will get a chance to rattle inexperienced quarterback Dan McGwire, who has completed 18 of 28 passes this season, mostly in the Colts game when he replaced Mirer.

With their final two games against Kansas City and the New York Jets, the Oilers wonder if this is their last hope for victory this season.

"We'll get it this weekend, it's our only chance," safety Bubba McDowell said. "Then we've got Kansas City and the New York Jets so it's our only chance realistically. Kansas City and New York are two teams going after a play-off spot."

Georgia gridders receives Harlon Hill Award

SHEFFIELD, Ala. (AP) — Chris Hatcher was only a sophomore when his coach told him he would one day be recognized as the top small-college player in the country.

Considering Hal Mumme was trying to sell a pass-oriented offense in a part of the country that believes in smash-mouth running, Hatcher figured it was just a motivating ploy.

Friday night, though, Mumme's words became reality. Hatcher, the record-setting quarterback at

Valdosta State (Ga.), was awarded the Harlon Hill Trophy as the best player in NCAA Division II.

"Coach Mumme," Hatcher said as he stood next to the 63-pound trophy, "you were right."

Hatcher was an overwhelming choice over New Haven (Conn.) running back Roger Graham, who won the Harlon Hill last year. Graham couldn't match Hatcher's staggering passing numbers: 321 of 430 (75 percent) for 3,591 yards and 50

touchdowns with only nine interceptions. He led the Blazers to an 11-2 record and their first appearance in the Division II playoffs.

Valdosta State employed a run-oriented I-formation when Hatcher was a freshman, but Mumme arrived after that season intent on installing a passing game modeled after Brigham Young's.

"He came in and tried to sell the offense to us," Hatcher recalled. "He told me, 'If you stick with this,

I'll make you a Harlon Hill winner. I thought he was just saying it to say it."

Hatcher, a product of Southern football, was admittedly skeptical of Mumme's razzle-dazzle ideas. So was the city, which has one of the nation's top prep football programs, Valdosta High School.

"It a run-dominated area," Hatcher said. "Most schools love to run. Valdosta High School is the same way. They like to run."

Rangers' Canseco traded to Red Sox

By GLEN JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Kevin Kennedy doesn't hit or throw. He only manages.

But the new skipper of the Boston Red Sox has already helped the team on the field. He's attracted slugger Jose Canseco to the squad.

"The only reason I considered Boston is because of Kevin," Canseco said Friday after he was reunited with his former manager in a trade between the Red Sox and the Texas Rangers.

Boston got the designated hitter-outfielder in exchange for outfielder Otis Nixon and minor league third baseman Luis Ortiz.

Kennedy, who managed Canseco in Texas before he joined the Red Sox in October, said he plans to use the right-handed power hitter as a designated hitter, although he will be available as an outfielder.

Canseco hit 31 home runs with 90 RBIs in 111 games of the strike-shortened season. The former AL MVP and Rookie of the Year batted .282 and stole 15 bases.

In June, Canseco showed he is comfortable playing in Fenway Park, especially with its famed "Green Monster" in left field. The 37-foot-high wall sits only 315 feet down the line from home plate.

Canseco blasted four home runs, three doubles and 10 RBIs in a three-game series between the Rangers and the Red Sox.

"I've always thought Boston lacked right-handed power hitters," Canseco, 30, said in a telephone

news conference from his home in Miami. He said that at least two of his home runs in that June series would have been outs in other ballparks.

Canseco has one year left on his contract, calling for \$5.1 million. He said he hoped he would finish his career in Boston but said he wouldn't talk contract until after the strike is settled.

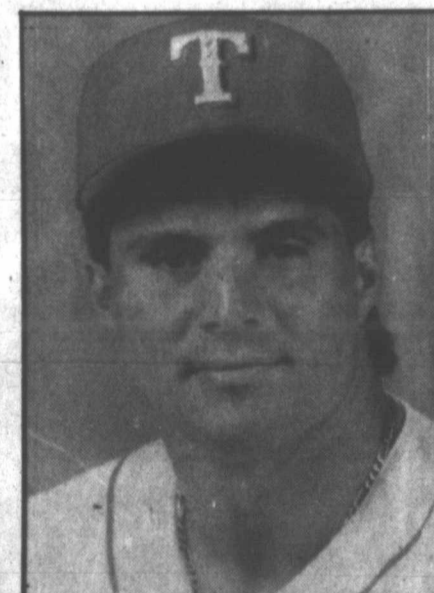
Nixon, 36 next month, said he feels like he still has considerable mileage left in his legs, noting he had 42 stolen bases in 103 games of the strike-shortened season. He was on pace to break Boston's record of 54 steals set by Tommy Harper before the work stoppage.

"I really enjoyed playing in Boston, but I'll tell you, it won't take me long to get used to Texas," Nixon said in a separate telephone news conference from his home in suburban Atlanta. "I talked with them (the Rangers) when I was a free agent."

The Rangers have made the acquisition of starting pitching the focus off their offseason plans. There was speculation that the Rangers wanted a pitcher along with Nixon, possibly reliever Ken Ryan or starters Gar Finnold or Nate Minchey.

But Minchey was traded Thursday to St. Louis for second baseman Luis Alicea while Texas, with a 5.45 ERA that was the second-worst in the majors, was said to be close to signing free agent starter Kevin Gross.

"We feel that this deal is the first step in attaining our goal of improving the defense and pitching of the Texas Rangers," general manager



Jose Canseco
Doug Melvin said. "Otis Nixon provides us with a legitimate leadoff hitter with the potential of stealing 50 bases and with an outstanding defensive center fielder. Luis Ortiz was one of Boston's top prospects who give us additional depth in the infield."

Boston is thought to be seeking Houston's Steve Finley to replace the void left by Nixon's departure.


Red Sox pitcher Roger Clemens, appearing at a movie premiere in Providence, R.I., said he was pleased by the deal.

"This will be great. I think Dan Duquette is doing a great job. All we need now is a couple of frontline pitchers and when and if we get back to playing ball, we'll have a good team," Clemens said.

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All he wants for Christmas...



Arron Holmes, 6, has lost all of his front teeth in the past two months. This last one was with the help of his dad, Joe Holmes. With Christmas nearing, he may be recalling the old Christmas song, "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth" — or is four or five teeth? Whatever, Arron confesses it would be nice to be able to eat an apple or corn on the cob again. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Cemetery faces loss of water

SAN DIEGO, Texas (AP) — Officials are turning off the tap at the cemetery in this small South Texas town amid allegations of abuse, including graveyard car washes.

For now, watering will be allowed only on Saturdays.

Officials in this city of just over 5,000 say that some people have been excessive in their water consumption, with some even filling up 55-gallon drums to take home.

In the roughly four months since the Duval County Conservation and Reclamation District installed water meters, this city 50 miles west of Corpus Christi has been billed more than \$1,000 for water at the burial ground.

"Once we saw the bills, it was in our best interest to go ahead and limit water use at the cemetery," Mayor Alfredo E. Cardenas said.

Several weeks ago, hundreds of water spouts went dry except between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturdays. So many of gravesites, plants and trees might start looking a little less green.

But the change doesn't bother Maggie Rangel, who visits her parents' graves every Sunday.

"I personally don't care about the water," said Rangel, 68. "The city is trying their best to save their money and the water. I heard that people were out there washing their cars, and that's not right."

Rodolfo Bazan, the water district's general manager, said there has been a lot of abuse in the past.

"Since the water was free, people just used as much as they pleased. ... People would wash their cars (at the cemetery) and haul water to the ranch," he said in Saturday's editions of the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*.

"This had to be done. You just can't let everybody help themselves and not pay for it."

For years, the city was charged a flat monthly rate of \$25 for water. That changed in August when about 500 meters were installed at homes, businesses, the school and the cemetery.

The bill at the 5,000-grave site was a whopping \$1,000 the first month due to a billing error. It was eventually lowered to \$239, said City Administrator Jose Jimenez. Since then, the bills have been \$431, \$237 and \$136, he said.

Rylander sworn in for RRC post

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Carole Keeton Rylander, the first woman elected to the Texas Railroad Commission, was sworn into office Saturday and promised to "shake the rafters of the Austin bureaucracy."

Mrs. Rylander defeated Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers, a Democrat, in last month's general election, 52 percent to 44.9 percent. The Libertarian candidate received 3 percent.

Ms. Nabers had been appointed to the job by Gov. Ann Richards.

Rylander was able to take office immediately after the election results were certified because she ran for an unexpired term. She faces re-election in 1996.

At the swearing-in ceremony held in the Capitol's Senate chamber, Rylander, 55, promised to streamline the Railroad Commission.

She said the commission should remove its trucking division, which she called obsolete because of the deregulation of intrastate trucking.

And, she said, regulations on the oil and gas industry should be reduced.

"My No. 1 priority will be less regulation, less taxation and less government mandates," she said. "The oil and gas industry has had to re-engineer itself, now we must re-engineer the Railroad Commission as we prepare for the 21st century."

She said the November election showed that Texans want a more efficient state government. "We are going to shake the rafters of the Austin bureaucracy from top to bottom," she said.

Rylander's election was part of a GOP sweep of the three-member commission. James E. "Jim" Nugent, a Democrat who has served on the commission since 1979, was defeated by Republican Charles Matthews.

Rylander and Matthews will join Republican Barry Williamson, who was elected in 1992.

U.N. officials: Serb fuel blockade causing crisis

By ROBERT H. REID
Associated Press Writer

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — U.N. military operations in Bosnia and vital humanitarian aid shipments threatened to grind to a halt because of a Serb fuel blockade, U.N. officials said Saturday.

The risks of a wider war grew with the formal announcement by rebel Serbs in Croatia that they would help Bosnian Serbs repel a Croat offensive in western Bosnia. Serbs and Croats in Croatia fought a six-month war in 1991.

The Serb grip on the U.N. mission held firm as they released 187 peacekeepers held for two weeks — and took replacement hostages. They also prevented the U.N. commander in Bosnia from reaching a besieged enclave.

European Union leaders, ending a summit in Germany, said they would be forced to withdraw their peacekeepers if the U.N.'s work in Bosnia continued to be impeded. They said they would do so only reluctantly, warning that a pullout could lead to full-blown warfare.

The fuel blockade threatened U.N. military operations and has halted distribution of humanitarian aid to government enclaves surrounded by Serb-held territory, said Lt. Col. Jan-Dirk

von Merveldt, a U.N. spokesman.

A classified U.N. document obtained by The Associated Press said "operational capability" in the capital of Sarajevo would end Sunday without another fuel shipment.

Fuel supplies were so low that most U.N. vehicles were grounded and power cuts were ordered in some areas, Von Merveldt said.

The U.N. force "regards such restrictions as a direct attack on their troops and on those to whom we are responsible, the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina, as surely as if it were a military action," he said.

Serbs in neighboring Croatia, meanwhile, were blocking the commander of U.N. forces in Bosnia, Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose, from crossing Serb-held territory to reach the Bihac area of northwestern Bosnia.

Rose had hoped to visit the 1,200 Bangladeshi peacekeepers in Bihac who themselves have been blocked by Serbs besieging the area. He later returned to U.N. headquarters in Zagreb.

The government-held Bihac enclave, squeezed between Serb land in Croatia and Bosnia, has been under siege for over a month by Bosnian and Croatian Serb rebels, backed by Muslims loyal to a renegade local Muslim leader.

Three NATO airstrikes last month failed to deter the Serb assault.

Instead, the Serbs have held hundreds of peacekeepers hostage as insurance against further airstrikes and severely restricted U.N. movements. That has sped planning for a withdrawal of the 24,000-member U.N. force, possibly early next year.

The Serbs on Friday allowed 187 peacekeepers detained at U.N. weapons collection points for more than two weeks to leave, but only in exchange for replacement troops.

The Serbs said they will allow the peacekeepers to make regular shift rotations but that they will be restricted to their camps and not permitted to conduct patrols.

Efforts to get fuel into Sarajevo on Saturday failed. A convoy carrying 30 tons of fuel was stuck at the airport because Serb commanders, who must clear passage of any U.N. vehicles into the city, had gone home, U.N. officials said.

Bihac, Sarajevo and the three eastern U.N. "safe areas" of Zepa, Gorazde and Srebrenica — all surrounded by Serb-held territory — are dependent on Serb goodwill for any fuel or aid they receive.

Sarajevo on Saturday received its first aid convoy since Nov. 19, consisting of 540 tons of food. The United Nations had warned Friday that food stocks in the capital would run out by Tuesday.

Texas Woman's University to admit male undergraduates

DENTON (AP) — Texas Woman's University isn't changing its name — just its admission policy.

The school's regents voted 6-1 Friday to admit men to all undergraduate degree programs for the first time in the school's 91-year history.

The lone dissenting vote was cast by a male regent, Don Reynolds, who called his decision "agonizing."

About 100 angry protesters demonstrated against the proposal before the vote. Some held signs reading, "Support women at TWU. No new policy!" and "It's white male paranoia, stupid!"

TWU had been the larger of the last two state-supported universities in the nation with a predominantly female student body. The other, Douglass College in New Brunswick, N.J., has an all-female student body but shares faculty with Rutgers University.

The policy change is effective immediately, although the registration deadline for spring courses has passed. In March, men's applications

will be accepted for admission to all undergraduate courses in the summer.

Texas Woman's new president, Carol Surles, called the policy change "inevitable."

Regents said that recent litigation by women seeking admittance to all-male military academies prompted the vote.

"I think it was not a matter of 'whether' but 'when,'" Ms. Surles said of the policy change. "I realized when I came aboard that some challenges had been made to the admissions policy."

Said Reynolds, a Fort Worth stockbroker: "What needs to be clear to everyone is that we all have the same goal; we just disagree on the philosophy of how to get there."

Many students said the value of a single-gender school will be forfeited. In the past, the school has cited various studies to show that women more readily assume leadership roles at all-women colleges and that alumnae tend to achieve higher academic degrees.

The vote prompted quiet tears

from more than a dozen students.

"It's a great loss for TWU," said one of the students, undergraduate Amiesha Brown. "It's not the same. They can say the mission won't change, but it won't be the same."

Sophomore Amy Nickum, speaking for the local National Organization for Women chapter, presented a petition bearing 850 signatures from opponents of the policy change.

But some regents rejected assertions that the university's character will fundamentally change.

"I find it sad to think that all may be lost because men are sitting in a classroom where they already are," said regent Cheryl Wattle, a Dallas

attorney. "We have to look forward. ... Sometimes the fight needs not to be fought."

Texas Woman's, about 35 miles north of Dallas and Fort Worth, had limited enrollment almost exclusively to women in undergraduate programs under exceptions provided under Title IX of the Higher Education Act Amendments of 1972.

Since then, men have been allowed to earn degrees in all health science programs but not in the general division, which includes undergraduate programs in the college of arts and sciences, education, human ecology and the school of library and information studies.

SPEAKING TRUTH IN LOVE

"But speaking truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him, who is the head, even Christ;" (Eph. 4:15.) Beyond question, the apostle was referring to the initial "speaking" of the complete truth which was done by the Holy Spirit through inspired men. Peter wrote: "knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man; but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Pet. 1:20-21.) Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to His apostles and that He would guide them into all the truth (Jn. 16:7-13.) Now, today we have the completed revelation of truth in the volume we call the New Testament. By teaching the same truths revealed therein, we speak the same truth that the apostles and Christ did.

No one can speak the truth in love without first, last and always loving the truth of God for what that truth is and for what it is able to do. Jesus said the knowledge of the truth frees from sin (Jn. 8:32.) He also said that God's word is truth (Jn. 17:17.) However, so much emphasis has been placed upon the word "love" that

the "truth" is often obscured. To most people, "speaking truth in love" is to overlook sin and error in that which people believe, teach and practice. In other words, to them to "speak truth in love" means to tolerate sin and error. Yet, one cannot love the truth of God without exposing false doctrine and false teachers. Neither can one love the truth of God without trying to inform people about their lost condition and teach them the truth which they need to be freed from sin (Rom. 3:23; 6:23.)

The gospel of Christ, the truth of God, is able to free man from sin and save his soul (Rom. 1:16-17; Jn. 8:32; Jas. 1:21.) Nothing could be more essential to the salvation of man's soul than the truth of God. The Roman brethren were made free from sin because they obeyed from the heart the form of teaching which was delivered to them (Rom. 6:17-18.) The "form of teaching" is obviously the gospel of Christ. People realize purification of their souls by obeying the truth (1 Pet. 1:22-23.) Thus we can see the importance of speaking the truth in love.

— Billy T. Jones

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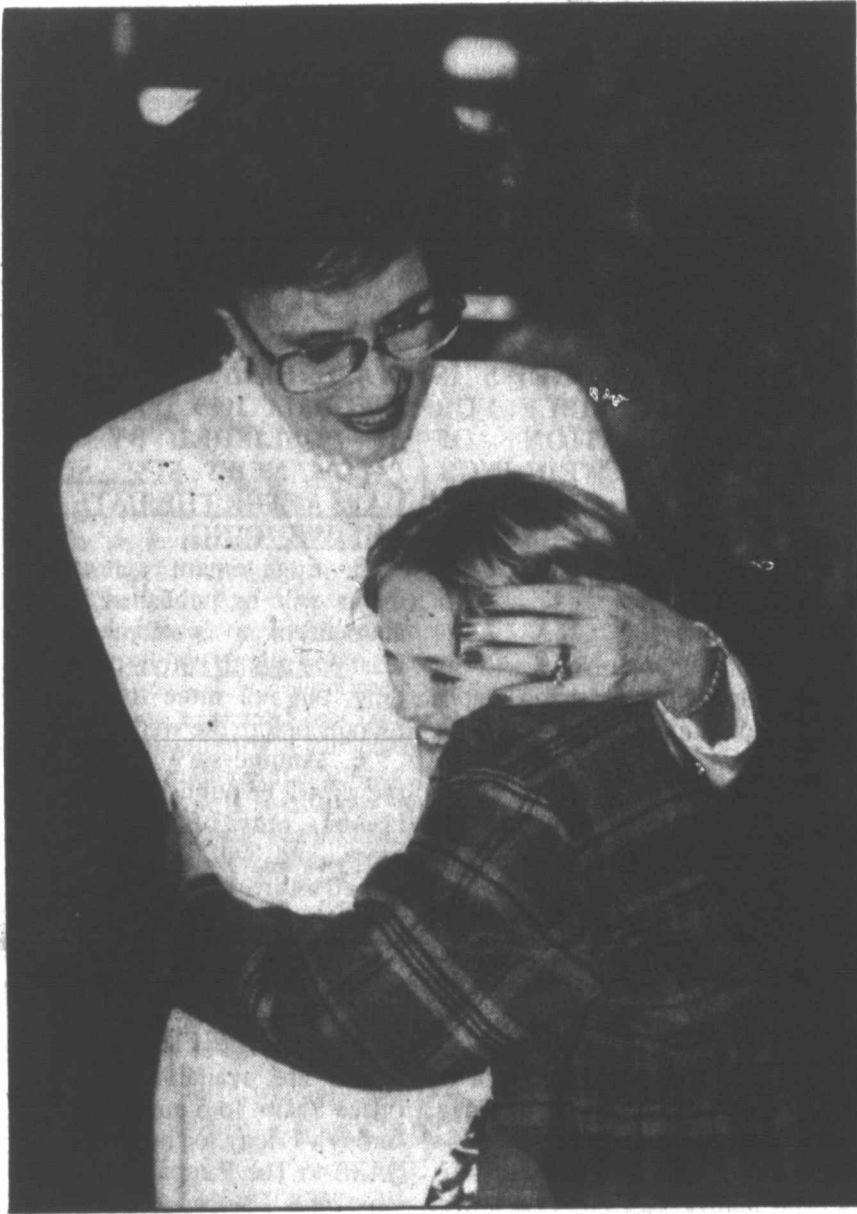
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Lifestyles

We'll miss you, Louise



April Taylor, 9, gets a hug from Louise Fletcher, retiring publisher of *The Pampa News* at Fletcher's reception last Tuesday. April is the daughter of Beverly and Keith Taylor.

The Sunday edition of *The Pampa Daily News* cost a dime; the weekday paper cost 5 cents. Congressman Ben Guill came home to Pampa for the

Labor Day weekend. The Pampa manager of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. pleaded with hunters not to shoot at birds sitting on telephone wires because too many bullets were missing the birds and hitting the wires.

All that information was on Page One ("Pee-Eye," as they call it in the news business) of *The Pampa Daily News* on Sept. 1, 1950, the same day a tall 17-year-old brunette named Louise started her job as secretary to the newspaper's publisher.

"Louise Fletcher almost quit the same day she started," recalled Mary McDaniel, a longtime friend of Fletcher, who rose from secretary to publisher of *The Pampa News* during a career that spanned almost 45 years. Fletcher is retiring at the end of the month.

"Here was this girl, not even 18 yet and very innocent, and she heard someone use that term 'pee-eye' and she got upset because she thought it was a vulgar term that's used to indicate that someone is angry or irritated," McDaniel said. "She was going to quit until someone told her it was newspaper talk for Page One."

Fletcher was honored last week at a reception attended by more than 200 people, including community leaders and executives from the corporate headquarters of Freedom Communications Inc., the newspaper's parent company. The Associated Press sent a reporter from Lubbock, and the Amarillo

Globe-News also covered the event.

The editorial staff of *The Pampa News*, meantime, was sneaking around trying to keep Fletcher from finding out that the Lifestyles page of today's paper would be used as a tribute to her.

People who have worked with Fletcher at the newspaper and in the various community activities know her as a hard-working, even-handed

"She's a very special person," said Mae Williams, director of the Southside Senior Citizens Center, who has known Fletcher about 15 years. "She's kind and considerate and her soft voice will win the hearts of anybody."

Those who know her say Fletcher has a particular soft spot in her heart for old people and children.

Maggie Ivey of the Salvation

Army has worked with Fletcher a number of years on the monthly Golden-Agers luncheon.

"The Golden-Agers program is her favorite thing," Ivey said. "She comes in here, this elegant-looking lady, not a hair out of place, and she just grabs plates and starts serving people. But before she will eat herself, she goes out there and hugs

everyone of those people, and she asks how they are doing. To me, that's typical Louise."

Mary McDaniel said that Fletcher, upon learning that a woman in her 90s had never in her life had a birthday party, organized a party and gave the woman a corsage.

At her reception last week, Fletcher said that during her years as publisher, "my family gave a lot."

"I owe a lot to my husband Ernest, my son Mark, my daughter-in-law Rhonda and my two grandsons, Bradley and Jarrett," she told the crowd.

McDaniel described Fletcher as "the perfect grandmother."

"She'll do anything those boys tell her to do," she said. "And when they are at her house, she lets them eat off the good china and drink from the good crystal. She figures, so what if they break it. It can be replaced."

No tribute to any woman who has juggled a successful career with the demands of motherhood would be complete without a Mom Story.

"When I was little," Mark Fletcher said, "I was kind of accident-prone, and I was always coming home banged up or cut up or something. And Mom would always ask, 'Well, are your jeans torn?' I guess it was like I would heal but the jeans wouldn't. It became a kind of a joke."

"In 1990 I was in a motorcycle accident. I was laying in the hospital all banged up, with broken ribs and a bruised kidney and in pretty bad shape. Mom came rushing through the door, and I could see she was very distraught."

"Before she could say or do anything, I mumbled, 'Mom, my jeans are OK.'"

"Then she smiled."



Rhonda, Louise, Ernest, Mark, Bradley, and Jarrett pose for a family picture at Louise's retirement reception.

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From your friends at The Pampa News

Perignon credited with producing champagne

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The man who invented champagne would be dismayed at today's bottles with their popping corks and all those bubbles.

Don Perignon is credited with first producing champagne. Tom Claire wrote in an article in the current issue of Country Living, but he worked hard to try to get the bubbles out of the bottle. This Benedictine monk, the cellar master at a northeastern French monastery from 1668 to 1715, considered the bubbles the mark of an unfinished, undeveloped wine.

What he did not realize was that the bubbles were the product of a second fermentation, caused by the climate of the Champagne area.

The controlled production of sparkling Champagne did not occur until the mid-19th century, after Louis Pasteur discovered the microbiological relationship of yeast and sugar to fermentation and the Industrial Revolution allowed

English manufacturers to mass-produce strong, tightly sealable glass bottles.

These developments allowed vintners to control the must — the fermenting Champagne juice — by restricting its access to oxygen, by treating it to measured amounts of sugar and yeast, and by corking it to allow natural effervescence in the form of carbon dioxide to build. Only then could the bubbles produced by the secondary fermentation be held inside the bottle.

Today we call this the "methode champenoise."

When the methode champenoise assured the marketers of Champagne that they had a consistent product, they made the rounds in France, Great Britain, Russia and the United States.

They presented their wine with such éclat that everyone from ambassadors to butlers and chambermaids became convinced that truly special affairs had to be celebrated with Champagne.

The commercial success of Champagne inspired everyone to seek a piece of the action, and today

champagnelike wines are bottled around the world. By agreements between governments, Champagne with a capital C generally is reserved for use on the sparkling wine from the Champagne district of France.

German vintners use the words Sekt and — or vin mousseux (sparkling wine) on their labels. American vintners generally label their "classic method," "methode champenoise" or "fermented in the bottle." Sparkling wines from Italy are labeled "metodo classico," "metodo tradizionale" or "spumante."

Champagne-style wine from France that is produced outside the Champagne region may be labeled "vin mousseux."

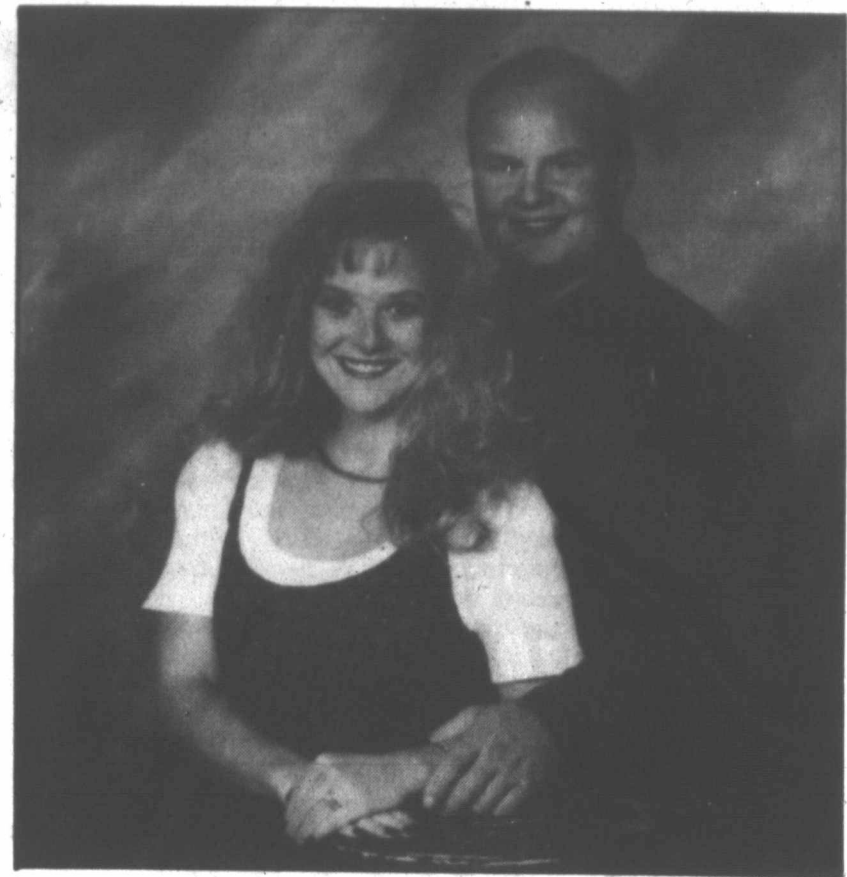
The style of the wine corresponds to the amount of sugar the winemakers have added and generally is represented on the label by the words "brut" (literally "raw" in the sense of unadulterated), "extra sec" (very dry), "sec" (dry), "semi-sec" (semi-sweet) or "doux" (sweet).

Brut and dry champagnes generally make the best aperitifs and

appetizer accompaniments, while sweet Champagnes are best reserved for desserts.

Champagne labels generally tell you the type of champagne in the bottle. Blanc de blancs, for example, are made complete from chardonnay grapes and are especially dry and light. Blanc de noirs have been made from a combination of white and dark grapes, usually chardonnay, pinot noir and pinot meunier. Rose indicates that during the initial pressing of the grapes some crushed skins of dark grapes were allowed to color the must or that the winemaker later added some red wine from a similar vintage prior to bottling.

Most bottled Champagne is non-vintage, meaning it was not produced totally from grapes harvested in the same season. This is indicated on the label by the initials "NV," or just by the lack of a date. Vintage Champagne always prominently displays a date. Because most Champagne is nonvintage, Country Living reported, Champagne houses traditionally try to create products that are similar year after year.



Everitt-Sanders

Marnie Everitt, Lubbock, and Dale Sanders, Clovis, N.M., plan to marry Jan. 21, 1995 at First Baptist Church in Idalou.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Lee J and Sandy Everitt, Idalou, and the prospective bridegroom is the son of Ronald Sanders and Christine Preston and the grandson of Darlene Vespestad and the late Dale Vespestad, all of Pampa.

She plans to graduate this month with a degree in multidisciplinary studies from Texas Tech University.

He is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in computer science and is employed with ENMR Telephone Cooperative in Clovis, N.M.

Favorite toys — as rated by the kids

By SIOBHAN McDONOUGH
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — With so many toys on today's market, parents can rightfully ask, "What are the best toys — the ones that will entice a child to play, think, create or move about?" Some studies of kid-tested toys may provide answers — just in time for Christmas.

Some 6,000 new toys were introduced on the market this year, according to the Toy Manufacturers of America. Add that to the old reliables — Barbie, G.I. Joe, LEGO, Matchbox Cars, Play-doh and so on — and perhaps it won't be a shock to learn that the industry sold \$7.5 billion in retail.

In announcing its 1994 Parents' Choice Awards, the Parents' Choice Foundation in Waban, Mass., noted that "toys that won't help your youngsters grow emotionally, academically, physically, aesthetically just don't cut it. For those parents who well know their children's college education will be soaring to \$100K a year and with competition for the best schools remaining intense, there is not a whit of sense in blowing one penny."

Roughly \$325 is spent per child on toys each year, said Jodie Levin, a TMA spokesperson. Unlike last year, when anything relating to dinosaurs was a great holiday gift, there is no dominating theme in the toy industry this year, Levin said. The hottest selling items: dolls, activity toys and action figures. (TV Guide's Parents' Guide to Children's Entertainment says the most popular action figures

are Power Rangers from Bandai America. For dolls, Kay-Bee Toy Stores is doing flips over Gymnast Barbie by Mattel, with completely bendable body parts.)

Although buying toys for the holidays may be daunting, shoppers can consider the results of studies by TMA, Parenting, Child, Parents or Sesame Parents magazines to find out some of the best kid-tested and kid-pleasing toys.

In all of the studies, children pushed, squeezed, sat on and manipulated a wide range of toys including dolls, vehicles, games, puzzles, activity toys, infant and preschool toys, stuffed toys, ride-ons and action toys.

While age and developmental status influenced how a child reacted to a toy, at least 10 toys were repeat winners in several of the studies.

"Fun factor and long-term play value are two key things that make for a successful toy," said Bob Domine, Child magazine contributing editor and toy editor of FamilyFun magazine.

In the third annual FamilyFun magazine T.O.Y. Awards, 700 children, ages 9 months to 10 years of age, tested 117 previously screened toys for a total of 7,400 hours.

The challenge was to sift out the 39 best toys.

"All too often, there are many toys that kids just have to have and a week later, the toy finds its way into the closet, completely forgotten," says Domine, who is the parent of 2-year-old Paige.

Paige, like several other kids,

found the Magic Smoking Grill (Playskool, \$39.99) one of her favorites. "Kids love to emulate adults and use fantasy play props," Domine said.

The kid-size grill "smokes" and makes sizzling noises. It comes with a spinning spatula, tongs, plastic hamburgers, hot dogs and buns, a chicken leg, condiments, shish kebab set with skewers, play marshmallows and veggies.

Activity toys also scored high in popularity.

With the Up & Down Roller Coaster (Step2, \$80), young children can go whizzing down a hilly runway in a little car. "This is the first time a child could have his own roller coaster in his back yard or home. It gives them a new play opportunity they never had before," Domine said. This toy is popular among 3 year olds.

The Nerf Jarts set (Kenner Products, \$19.99) is another pleaser, best for kids 3 to 6 years old. With this toy, kids aim soft, aerodynamic "jarts" at a target.

Another attention-grabber: Don't Get Rattled! (Milton Bradley, \$20). Kids 4 and 5 years of age use a small pickax to retrieve the most golden nuggets from a treasure chest without "waking" the plastic snake coiled in the middle. The snake makes a startling spring-release reaction when it is disturbed.

The radio-controlled Ricochet (Kenner, \$79.99 plus \$30 battery pack), with its huge, inflatable tires and two-sided chassis, rebounds off any obstacle and keeps going. Dual

joysticks allow kids to power the rear wheels independently from the front ones or together. The toy's durability gives kids plenty of wreckless stunts to perform.

Zolo (The Ertl Co., \$20, \$30 or \$40, depending on size) is a collection of bright, oddly shaped objects that kids 8 to 10 years old can piece together.

Elefun (Parker Bros., \$22.99) is a pint-size pachyderm with butterflies in its stomach. When it's switched on, the trunk towers 4 feet into the air and spouts a colorful array of butterflies. As the butterflies come pouring down, kids catch as many as they can.

This year, Mattel's Barbie doll is transformed into a highly respected pediatrician, Dr. Barbie (\$17). She comes with a doctor bag, stethoscope, bandages and baby patient. "There's a lot of play value with a doll that has accessories," Domine said. "Also, it's a toy that provides a role model."

Mouse! Mouse! Get Outta My House (Pressman, \$17) is an action game for 5 to 7 year olds. In this board game, each child takes turns using a catapult to spring plastic mice out of his or her house and into an opponent's. Four players take part in the action.

And of course, a "preferred toys" list wouldn't be complete without a computer toy.

Precomputer Thinkbook (VTech, \$69.99) is a learning toy recommended for kids 8 to 10 years old. The Thinkbook tantalizes kids with history, math, spelling, vocabulary and BASIC programming.

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Unusual museums in unusual places

By JENNIFER MERIN
For AP Special Features

NEW YORK (AP) — Wherever you go around the world, offbeat museums displaying inspiring or amusing collections of odd things can be the highlight of your trip.

They may be hard to find, tucked away down some big-city side street or located unexpectedly in small towns. So whenever you arrive at a new destination, ask the local tourism office or your hotel concierge to recommend the most unusual museum in town.

The concierge at the Clock Tower Resort in Rockford, Ill., about 60 miles northwest of Chicago, won't hesitate a minute before recommending the Time Museum. It houses a priceless collection of 1,200 watches, clocks and other devices illustrating technological developments in time-keeping.

Pieces range from an ancient Chinese sundial dating back to sometime between the 10th and third century B.C., to an atomic clock like those used today to keep the world's official time.

Each piece shows innovation. An early pendulum clock from 1657 was designed by Christian Huygens and built by Solomon Coster. It shows that the pendulum regulated time-keeping. A rare Abraham Louis Breguet watch, called Sympatque, sits overnight in the top of a clock and while its owner sleeps, is reset and wound for the next day.

The most unusual clock, built in Augsburg, Germany, in 1600, shows a king riding in an elephant-pulled chariot. His huge belly has a tiny clock placed where his navel would be. When the clock strikes, the king rolls his eyes, licks his lips and drinks from a tankard, while elephants pull the chariot along a table and other figures built around the chariot

dance.

The coggie at Amsterdam's Golden Tulip Barbizon Palace Hotel in the Netherlands suggests the Kattenkabinet, or Cat Museum. It is a magnificent 17th-century mansion located on the Herengracht, one of Amsterdam's canals, in one of the most prestigious residential sections of town. The mansion is a perfect place for cat fanciers to pay homage to images of their furry friends.

The Kattenkabinet's permanent collection shows cats in art and culture throughout the ages and around the world, ranging from representations of the Egyptian cat deity, Bastet, to cats that were maligned as witches' beasts during the Middle Ages and burned at the stake.

There's nothing stuffy — or stuffed — in the museum. The museum was founded by Bob Meijer in memory of his red tom, John Pierpont Morgan (1976-1984).

The concierge at Montreal's Hotel du Parc in Canada thinks Nouveau Musee Pour Rire — The New Museum of Laughter — is the best bet for a giggle.

Located in an old warehouse, the museum has exhibitions illustrating various forms of humor. It features clowning and circus, storytelling and sitcoms, cartoons and buffoons that are both entertaining and educational.

The exhibition is presented in 14 scenes or environments within a historical framework, beginning with storytellers in ancient Athens, continuing with Commedia dell'Arte characters in a 16th-century Venetian piazza, and on to cinema comedians. The displays consist of sculptures, recordings and filmed images.

In Tokyo, the concierge at the Four Seasons Hotel directs guests to the Ramen Museum in Shin Yokohama, about 20 miles south of Tokyo, for a tasteful experience.

Ramen is one of Japan's favorite

foods, and exhibitions at the new Ramen Museum illustrate the history and cultural significance of noodle-making and eating.

The museum's first floor features an interactive computer gallery with ramen information and trivia games, a display of ramen regalia, including bowls from 320 of Japan's hottest ramen restaurants and an exquisite selection of chopsticks.

The chopsticks-on experience is offered on the museum's top two floors, which have been designed to resemble old-fashioned shop-lined streets. There you'll find walk-in models of typical ramen restaurants that serve steaming noodles in eight styles from different regions of Japan.

* IF YOU GO: The Time Museum is at the Clock Tower Resort, 7801 E. State St., Rockford, Ill. 61125; phone (815) 398-6000 or (800) 358-7666 for resort information. Open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens, \$1 for persons from 6 to 18 years of age, free for children under 6. Rooms at the resort cost from \$53 per night, double occupancy. For information about other sites, contact the

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Ways to prevent bacteria at buffet table

A popular way to celebrate holidays or any party occasion is to invite friends and family to a buffet. However, this type of food service where foods are left out for long periods leave the door open for uninvited guests—bacteria that cause foodborne illness.

Foodborne bacteria are everywhere but a few types especially like to crash parties. Bacteria can be found on people's hands and steam tables.

Unlike microorganisms that cause food to spoil, harmful or pathogenic bacteria cannot be smelled or tasted. Prevention is safe food handling. If illness occurs, however, contact a health professional and describe the symptoms.

Here is a list of bacteria to watch out for and some tips to help you have a safe holiday party:

(1) *Staphylococcus* ("staph") bacteria are found on our skin in infected cuts and pimples, and in our noses and throats. They are spread by improper food handling. Prevention includes washing hands and utensils before preparing and handling foods and not letting prepared foods — particularly cooked and cured meats and cheese and meat salads—sit at room temperature more than two hours. Thorough cooking destroys "staph" bacteria but staphylococcal enterotoxin is resistant to heat, refrigeration and freezing.

(2) *Clostridium perfringens* ("perfringens") is called the "cafeteria germ" because it may be found in foods served in quantity and left for long periods of time on inadequately maintained steam tables or at room temperature. Prevention is to divide large portions of cooked foods such as beef, turkey, gravy, dressing, stews and casseroles into smaller portions for serving and cooling. Keep cooked foods hot or

Homemaker's News By Donna Brauchi



cold, not lukewarm.

(3) *Listeria Monocytogenes* — Because *Listeria* bacteria multiply slowly at refrigeration temperatures, these bacteria can be found in cold foods typically served on buffets. To avoid serving foods containing *Listeria*, follow "keep refrigerated" label directions and carefully observe "sell-by" dates on processed products, and thoroughly reheat frozen or refrigerated processed meat and poultry products before consumption.

Safe food handling tips always include washing your hands before and after handling food. Keep your kitchen, dishes and utensils clean also. Always serve food on clean plates — not those previously holding raw meat and poultry. Otherwise bacteria which may have been present in raw meat juice can cross contaminate the food to be served.

If you are cooking foods ahead of time for your party, be sure to cook foods thoroughly to safe temperatures. Cook fresh roast beef to at least 145 degrees Fahrenheit for medium rare and 160 degrees F. for medium doneness. Bake whole poultry to 180 degrees and poultry breasts to 170 degrees. Ground turkey and poultry should be cooked to 165 degrees. All other meat, fish, and ground red meats should be cooked to 160 degrees.

Divide cooked foods into small shallow containers to store in the refrigerator or freeze until serving. This encourages rapid, even cooling.

Reheat hot foods to 165 degrees. Arrange and serve food hot in the oven (set at 200-250 degrees) or cold in the refrigerator until serving time. This way foods will be held at a safe temperature for a longer period of time. Replace empty platters rather than adding fresh food to a dish that already had food in it. Many people's hands have been taking food from the dish, which has also been sitting out at room temperature for awhile.

The two hour rule should always be observed. Foods should not sit at room temperature for more than two hours. Keep track of how long foods have been sitting on the buffet table and discard anything that has been there two hours or more. Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Hot foods should be held at 140 degrees or warmer. On the buffet table you can keep hot foods hot with chafing dishes, crackpots, and warming trays. Cold foods should be held at 40 degrees or colder. Keep foods cold by nesting dishes in bowls of ice. Otherwise, use small serving trays and replace them often.

When the party's over, discard any foods that sat for two hours or more on the buffet table. Other leftovers can be refrigerated or frozen in shallow containers. Leftovers are safe in the refrigerator for four days. In the freezer, they are safe indefinitely, but most will have the best quality if used within two to four months. Remember, always thoroughly reheat leftovers to 165 degrees.

For more information on food safety, contact your Gray County Extension Service.

There's more to the magic of mistletoe

By COUNTRY AMERICA
A Meredith Magazine
For AP Special Features

In a story he shared with Country America magazine, John Plesak of Abilene, Texas, tells why he believes there's more to mistletoe than meets the eye — or the lips!

Mistletoe. My first memory of it is probably similar to yours. Yes, it involves kissing. I was a boy and my dad was kissed at a neighbor's Christmas party. I was surprised, but my mom chuckled and explained that dad was standing under a mistletoe sprig. I learned there was more to Christmas tradition than Santa Claus!

After becoming a teacher in Texas, I learned there is much more to learn about mistletoe.

Worldwide, there are more than a thousand species of mistletoe, and most are found in the tropics. All mistletoes are parasites, taking water and minerals from a host plant, usually a tree. Biologists believe mistletoes evolved in areas where water was scarce or the soil lacked miner-

als. Many mistletoes are quite different than those used for decorations here in the United States. In the Holy Land, mistletoe growing on acacia trees has such brilliant red flowers that the tree seems aflame. Some people have thought this was Moses' burning bush. Australia has a mistletoe that is tree-like and can grow to 35 feet. It blooms around the holidays and is Australia's Christmas mistletoe.

My favorite is the juniper mistletoe. It grows on juniper and cypress trees from northern Mexico into Texas' Trans-Pecos region and on to Oregon. I like it because it's beautiful. It has pendulous, leafless clumps and many thin branches that remind me of something from a coral reef.

The American mistletoes, also called Christmas mistletoes, grow on trees such as oaks, elms, maples, cottonwoods, and mesquites from central New Jersey south to the Gulf Coast, west to New Mexico and into California. Their broad-leaved branches form spherical clumps. One of the largest reported was the size of a cow and

weighed 50 pounds. Most of the clumps I have seen were the size of beach balls.

Because mistletoe grows on trees, during the 17th and 18th centuries it was thought to grow from within the tree. Even today, some folks think it is a fungus. It isn't. It's just a lovely plant.

In the fall, mistletoe produces spikes of berries. Within each berry is a seed coated with a sticky substance. The berries of American mistletoes are eaten by songbirds such as bluebirds and mockingbirds. Some of the seeds stick to the birds' bills, but birds are tidy eaters — they wipe the seed off on a nearby branch where they can sprout. Seeds are also deposited in bird droppings.

For 5,000 years, mistletoe was revered around the world for having special, even magical, powers. Why? Probably because in winter, when other plants looked dead, the mistletoe, above the ground between heaven and earth, was green and bearing fruit. Among the wonders attributed to mistletoe were the abilities to find buried treasure, keep witches away and prevent trolls from souring milk. All that and kissing, too!

Skin loses its elasticity as we age

By DR. MICHAEL FREEDMAN

NEW YORK (AP) — What causes bags and rings under the eyes?

Bags occur when fluid accumulates in the area under the eyes, an area where the skin is thinner than anywhere else on the body.

With advancing age, and possibly with some help from heredity, this puffiness may become more prominent, or even permanent, since the skin loses its elasticity and sags as we grow older.

Also, certain medications, such as corticosteroids, or allergic reactions (to cosmetics, smoking or air pollution, for example) may worsen matters.

When your eyes are tired or irritated, accumulated fluids also make eyes puffy. And thyroid, kidney or heart disease also can increase fluid retention, which may be particularly noticeable around the eyes.

Besides avoiding certain irritants, there is little one can do about the puffiness. In severe cases, however, sagging tissue or excess fat under the eyes can be removed surgically.

As for those dark circles under the eyes, the problem seems to be a family trait and worsens with

age. They seldom are a symptom of an underlying medical problem. The bluish-black tint is blood passing through veins just below the surface of the skin, and it may appear darker when the eyes are tired.

The dark circles can usually be covered with special cosmetic concealers, but regular makeup bases often are effective, too.

On a similar subject, a rhytidectomy, the medical term for a face lift, is a cosmetic plastic surgery procedure for the removal of wrinkles.

In a full face lift, the skin of the entire face is undermined or detached from its connections. The incision begins in front of the ears and extends above and around behind the ear into the scalp.

The skin is then pulled back just enough to tighten it and the excess is removed.

Face lift patients look black and blue and swollen for the first week after surgery. After two weeks, any bruising that is left can usually be hidden by makeup.

A face lift is usually good for six to 10 years, depending on individual circumstances. Sometimes there can be a loosening of skin during the first six months to a year, and the patient will have to

undergo a "minilift" or tightening.

But don't forget. The face doesn't stop aging. Age and gravity are our enemies, and we tend to droop and sag as we get older.

If you suffer puffiness of the eyelids associated with age and eyestrain, the procedure to correct it is called a blepharoplasty and is frequently performed with the face lift.

By the way, patients who have a better result with a face lift are those who have angular facial features, who are not fat and who have fairly elastic, thin skin, fair complexions and long faces rather than round ones.

If you are overweight and have a lot of fat in your upper neck and under your jawline and cheeks, your looks will not be improved by a standard face lift.

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WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Toasts, jelly, fruit or juice and choice of milk.
Lunch: Pig in a blanket, black-eyed peas, spinach, oranges and choice of milk.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Pancakes, syrup, fruit or juice and choice of milk.
Lunch: Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas, mixed fruit and choice of milk.

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Lunch: Barbeque wieners, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, cheese, rolls, fruit and milk.

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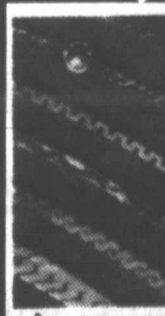
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Pampa sees revival of an old tradition — the Santa Day Parade

Holiday is the time of the year when sweethearts gather under the mistletoe, children whisper in Santa's ear and the daily routine becomes more complicated. It's not too complicated for a Santa Day Parade!

Hooray for the revival of an old tradition! The Santa Day Parade last Saturday was a tremendous success in every sense of the word. Great participation was phase 1, divided by a large group of onlookers all along the way. Who were the cowboys on the cowboy float? They wore boots, chaps and big cowboy hats while they hovered around a real live fire on their truck. Aromas from the coffee pot wafted through the air and up the noses of parade watchers.

Mrs. Pampa, Pam Story, served as parade marshal and leader of the long parade. Pam was her regal, natural beautiful self while waving and smiling to the crowds from beginning to the end of the parade.

Dr. Megann Walsh entered two floats to make room for about 200 of her "children." One float was a gingerbread house with Christmas floating from inside, and the other was a snow man with a bed of hay. FYI Megann is a pediatrician, loved by all of her children.

The Rev. M.B. Smith conducts a religious service at the Pampa Nursing Center every Friday afternoon with group singing of hymns an important part of the service. One resident, Pauline Ridgeway Thorton always joins in the singing and by her participation encourages others to sing, too. Lyde Gilchrist is one of the singers.

A few hours after the Saturday morning parade, members of Altrusa, Inc., conducted a shopping spree for residents of both nursing homes, in which residents selected a gift or two. Club members in turn wrapped the gifts in Christmas wrap. While Pat Johnson was playing Christmas carols at the Pampa Nursing Home, Pauline started singing the words with Pat. Pat liked what she heard and asked Pauline to come to the piano and sing. Pauline, without hesitation, wheeled her wheelchair up close and sang lustily with a big smile on her face. She knew all of the words of every song, too!

The Nutcracker presented by the Pampa

Civic Ballet on Saturday evening by the Pampa Civic Ballet was considered by an A-one performance, superb in every detail, well worth making a trip from any Panhandle town to hear.

Belated 91st birthday wishes to Lucy Smith, who had two birthday celebrations, each a total surprise, last weekend. Her only birthday wish, with no hope of having it come true, was to have her family around her, and it happened! Vergie and Red Horton hosted a surprise birthday dinner in their home on Saturday. Children and spouses attending in addition to Vergie and Red were J.N., Jr. and Mary from Irving; Annett and Bob Horton, Grapevine; Don and Barbara Smith, Amarillo. Vergal and Patsy Smith of Mesa, Ariz., Pat and Raymond Smith of Austin and Ronnie and Diane Smith of Amarillo were unable to attend. That made four of her seven children. All but five grandchildren and one great-grandchild came. In spite of the "unables", there were 22 present for the dinner.

About 100 relatives and friends attended the surprise birthday party on Sunday afternoon at Hi-Land Pentecostal Church. While cameras clicked and video cameras ran, relatives and friends took time to express their appreciation for Lucy and to laugh some, too.

Lucy at 91 is still self-sufficient and is always glad to see her relatives and friends, who drop in and out at all hours to check on her and to visit, too. She and her little Chihuahua dog, Giner have good times together. Congratulations on a mile-stone birthday, Lucy!

Birthday congratulations to Edwin Simmons, who was 86 last Tuesday! He and Anabel still maintain their office where Edwin is a CPA and Anabel does her share, too. They celebrated the milestone birthday with dinner at the Sirloin Stockade with their son Paul and a niece and her husband, Ruby Jo and J.D. Wilbanks of Spearman. Edwin continued to receive cards and phone calls

long after the big day. Nursery workers of Central Baptist Church were guests in the home of Mary and Jerry Guinn for a Christmas dinner as an act of appreciation for the work they do. Mary is the director and Ruby Foote her assistant. Jane Meyer, who loves to cook for crowds,

anyone who wishes to eat with them. Serving times are from noon until 2 p.m. on Christmas Day. Here are a few of the staggering figures. Molly Mitchell will prepare mashed potatoes for 400 and deliver meals with her father, Jack, while Wanda will be involved in several places. Jack will also conduct an early morning devotion. Clifton and Frankie Fletcher and boys and Laura Underwood and children will be in the work crew, too.

Bob Adcock and Jack will deliver for Meals on Wheels. Picture this! Someone will cook five pounds of bacon to flavor the green beans.

Ruby and Bob's children are Laura and Danny Boone and two children from The Woodlands; Joe and Cindy Adcock and two children, Heath, Ohio, Andrew DeLoach (Derrel has to work), Ft. Worth; and Randall Adcock from Pampa. Cindy and Andrew will have a corner for storytelling and books for the children.

Between 2 and 2:15 p.m. there will be a Christmas devotion for workers and diners, too.

The meal is free to all as a part of the ministry of the church. What a beautiful way to put Christmas in the heart where it belongs.

Among a number of guests for the Thanksgiving holidays visiting Berniece and Grady Havenhill and great-grandchildren Ryan and Eric of Ft. Worth. Berniece and Grady were only too happy to pick them up at the airport in Amarillo.

Michael J. Heiring visited his brother Robert J. Heiring for the annual white-tail deer hunt hosted by the Kruitz Properties bordering the Black River in Greenwood, Wisc. The brothers filled their permits early in the season, but stayed with the hunting party to assist with the success of the remaining registrations before returning to Marshfield, Wisc. to spend the holidays with their parents. While no trophies were taken, the adjacent Castle Properties reported a 12 point doe was tagged. That could

prove to be a contender for a world record, according to the Boone & Crocket standard of measure.

The talk of the town since Tuesday has been the retirement party hosted by *The Pampa News* for Louise Fletcher, retiring publisher. The crowd, some of whom came for a minute and left, was estimated to be around 200 people, and maybe even more. While Louise will be missed at *The Pampa News* building, she will still be visible in the community in her church, the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, as a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board and as a worker and promoter of the Golden Agers' monthly luncheon, the Pampa Sheltered Workshop, and as a worker and believer in the future of our community. She and her husband Ernest will continue to be an integral part of Pampa. With the continuance of her community service, there is no reason to say, "Ta, ta!" In the same breath we praise Louise, let us also welcome the new publisher, Wayland Thomas, and vow to support him in his new role. "Welcome aboard, Wayland, and your lovely wife, Jeannie!"

Many have commented on how handsome Louise and Ernest's two grandsons, Bradley and Jarrett, sons of Mark and Rhonda Fletcher, are. They were every inch polished gentlemen, who helped with the party in every way possible. The audience loved the way they took their bows at Louise's suggestion. Rhonda's new longer and fluffier hairdo, ever so pretty by the way, kept her from being easily recognized even by former coworkers.

An added P.S.: Good luck, Louise, in all you do. We know your strict but short code of ethics will always be there: "Right is right, and wrong is wrong."

Do get those exteriors decorated for Christmas before the judges make their first, second and third selections for best decorated residential decorations by tomorrow night. Get your entry forms in the News office by 5:30 p.m. Monday. Winners will be notified in time to attend a reception and presentation of awards at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Chamber of commerce office. See you next week, Katie.



Peeking at Pampa
By Katie

Collecting from deadbeat dads:

Private agencies find a thriving new business

EDITOR'S NOTE — An estimated \$14 billion is owed to 9 million children by divorced spouses behind in their child-support payments, officials say. Now private collection agencies are tracking down deadbeat dads that have eluded government agencies. But, like bounty hunters, they expect to be rewarded.

By **ROBERT WELLER**
Associated Press Writer

Rebecca Morricks of Grand Junction, Colo., grew so frustrated over her husband not paying support for their three children that she set up her own collection agency.

In business less than a year, her company called Trak-Ex is working on \$1 million in collections, taking a 25 percent commission.

Now when a deadbeat dad tells her the check is in the mail, "It's in the mail," she says.

"I do it to help the mothers," Morricks said. "I've been there and I know they need help. My real goal is to mend relationships. If these men are paying, maybe they'll see their children and be the father their children need."

Charlie Drake of San Antonio, Texas, who believes he "gave birth to the industry" in 1988, says his Children's Support Services gets more than 50 percent of the money it goes after.

Government agencies were only able to collect from deadbeat dads or moms 19 percent of the time in 1993.

"They create excellent laws, but they don't use them," Drake says.

Congress passed a law in 1992 making it a federal crime to cross state lines to avoid paying child support, but a recent check showed only five people had been prosecuted. An estimated \$14 billion is owed to 9 million children, officials say.

Private companies have moved in to fill the gap. Some have slick recordings on 800 numbers promising "extraordinarily high success" rates in "each and every state."

At least two states, Mississippi and Utah, have hired private agencies to help them collect. California has authorized collection agencies to cross state lines to garnish the earnings of delinquent parents.

"Government can't do everything. We could use their help," says Kathy Stumm, director of Colorado's Child Support Enforcement Division.

Richard Casey Hoffman, a former assistant Texas attorney general and now president of Child Support Enforcement of Austin, says the government should focus on welfare

cases. "Incredible as it may sound, Ivana Trump would be eligible for free services in 35 of the 50 states and pay only a token fee in the other 15," Hoffman says.

Drake says there are 49 companies in a national association of companies that collect child support at offices in 29 states.

Most require a small application fee, ranging from \$25-\$35, and charge a 25 percent commission if they are successful. The agencies

information from relatives and neighbors," Morricks says. "She might call and ask what they see in the deadbeat's driveway."

Many times the deadbeats are there for the picking if local authorities will budge from their offices. She recently called police in Michigan about a deadbeat and was told they had already checked. Morricks says she gave them his address and he was in jail in 24 hours.

Most of her clients, like Jesse Opp of Wichita, Kan., live in other states.

"She did a really good job," Opp says. "I've finally

gotten somewhere. He was years behind. I had been trying to go through the courts but they are so backlogged it takes them a year to even get going."

Her present husband, Roger, now is using Morricks to try to recover money owed by his previous wife for running up their credit cards when

they divorced.

Dan Price, who has been in the collection agency business in Casper, Wyo., for 25 years and in child-support collections for three, doesn't believe private agencies will eliminate the problem. He says he has had so much trouble getting cooperation from authorities that he no longer solicits new child-support clients.

Drake is more optimistic. "We've

just had a record-breaking month," he says.

Drake says new legislation in Maine, Massachusetts and South Dakota that allows authorities to take driver's licenses away from deadbeats will help.

And it can be very satisfying. Hoffman recalls a Texas deadbeat who moved to Colorado and set up his answering machine to play "All My Exes Live in Texas." Once

tracked down, he skipped back to Texas.

But Hoffman's staff nailed him. "We took great delight because he was such a wise guy."

Morricks measures her success in how her three children have grown strong without their father. Her youngest, Nate, 13, plays a tough game of football. "Before every play he thinks about his dad," she says.

If these men are paying, maybe they'll see their children and be the father their children need. — Rebecca Morricks

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Entertainment

A trip to the rock 'n' roll vault: Live Beatles

By LARRY McSHANE
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Before they suddenly became THE BEATLES!!!, they were simply The Beatles — a pretty good rock 'n' roll band from Liverpool. Thirty years later, the proof is in their playing.

The Beatles Live at the BBC is a two CD-set of 56 live, never-before-released Beatles performances dating to their early 1960s heyday. While the recordings predate Beatlemania, their release has started a second swell of Fab Four fever.

When Live at the BBC went on sale recently in England, all 300,000 copies sold out within a week. People flew in from other countries to get their copy. Lines were reported at British record stores.

The Fab Four is enjoying similar success on this side of the Atlantic — the first new Beatles' release in more than two decades shipped platinum, with 1.4 million copies ordered. The album went on sale in the United States last week.

Live at the BBC is a happy accident, a collection of rare tracks

recorded by a legion of unidentified producers and engineers, dug out of the BBC's archives in 1981 after nearly 20 years of obscurity.

The man who did the digging was Kevin Howlett, a self-described "Beatle baby" and recent college graduate who landed his first job with the BBC. When he unearthed the tapes, he compared it to discovering "Tutankhamen's tomb."

"Virtually the first thing that was given to me was, 'You're a Beatles fan, aren't you?'" Howlett recalled. "Would you like to sort of investigate and see what we've got in the archive?" ... I was absolutely amazed."

The set is like a vintage jukebox loaded with classic American rock 'n' roll — all played by the Beatles.

Previously unreleased gems include The Fab Four covering Chuck Berry ("Johnny B. Goode," "Sweet Little Sixteen"), Ray Charles ("I Got a Woman"), the Coasters ("Young Blood"), Buddy Holly ("Crying, Waiting, Hoping"), Elvis Presley ("That's All Right (Mama)"), Little Richard ("Lucille") and Phil Spector ("To

Know Her Is to Love Her").

There's also a previously unheard Lennon-McCartney number, "I'll Be on My Way." The recordings are the original mono performances, unenhanced by remixing or studio tricks.

"They do show how good the Beatles were as a band," George Martin, the band's longtime producer, said of the tracks. Martin served as executive producer for the two-CD set.

"It's interesting to listen to them 30 years later, because they have a spontaneity which the studios didn't have," said Martin. "I think they're a different kettle of fish."

The set was culled from early Beatles performances on such BBC programs as *The Saturday Club* and *Teenagers' Turn*. Some even earlier tapes, featuring Pete Best on drums, were lost, Howlett said.

Finding the tapes was one thing; getting them released was a little more involved. The surviving Beatles and Yoko Ono eventually reached an agreement clearing the new material, just 13 years after it first surfaced.

McCartney went as far as to provide a written endorsement: "Even though it was a long time ago, I still have very pleasant memories of the session. Have a wonderful launch."

Along with the new songs came some old stories. Howlett found an audition report after the Beatles' first BBC visit in March 1962, from a producer who offered these remarks: "Not as rocky as most. Kind of country and Western, with a tendency to play music. ... John Lennon, yes; Paul McCartney, no."

The '60s tracks have a distinctly '90s tie-in: Each two-CD set includes an order form for Beatles memorabilia, although nothing as novel as the Beatle wigs and Beatle boots snapped up by the original Beatlemaniacs.

With so much interest in this album, will there be a *Live at the BBC, Volume II*?

"I don't think so," said Martin. "I think you've got the very best of it here. Mind you, I might be wrong. In 10 years time, someone will dig something else up."

"I must confess, when I signed them, I didn't think they'd last more than 25 years."

Christmas specials galore

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Santa's television gifts tend to range from ho-ho-ho to ho-hum.

But with all the movies and specials on this season, most viewers should be able to find something appealing. Or at least to pass the time 'til Mr. Claus drops the real goods down the chimney.

Here's a shopping guide to holiday program highlights on cable and broadcast TV.

MOVIES:

The Kid Who Loved Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 17, Lifetime. A struggling jazzman adopts a boy and finds the odds stacked against him. Stars Michael Warren, Vanessa Williams, Cicely Tyson. (Repeats Dec. 19, 23, 25).

A Christmas Romance, Sunday, Dec. 18, CBS. Olivia Newton-John and Gregory Harrison star in the story of a widowed mom who teaches an arrogant banker the meaning of love and holiday spirit.

One Christmas, Monday, Dec. 19, NBC. Katharine Hepburn, Henry Winkler, Swoosie Kurtz and Julie Harris star in this Truman Capote story about a young boy's search for his estranged father.

Aaron Neville's Christmas in New Orleans, Monday, Dec. 12, Family Channel. Neville and Linda Rondstadt, Take 6, the Neville Brothers and Irma Thomas perform. (Repeats Dec. 25).

Christmas in Washington, Wednesday, Dec. 14, NBC. Helen Hunt hosts, with performances by Anita Baker, John Secada and Kathy Mattea. Traditional carols and gospel songs also will be featured.

Christmas at Home with the Stars, Saturday, Dec. 17, ABC. Aretha Franklin, Toni Braxton, Kenny G., Vince Gill and Amy Grant perform holiday songs at home.

Gospel Christmas, Wednesday, Dec. 21, PBS. The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and top gospel choirs and soloists from the Atlanta area are joined by the Pointer Sisters.

Opryland's Country Christmas, Thursday, Dec. 22, CBS. Clint Black, Vince Gill and Emmylou Harris are among the stars in a celebration of Nashville's holiday traditions.

A Riders in the Sky Christmas, Monday, Dec. 19, TNN. The trio of Ranger Doug, Woody Paul and Too Slim celebrate with Western music and comedy. Reba McEntire joins

in a radio melodrama. *Bob Hope's Christmas Show: 'Hopes for the Holidays'*, Wednesday, Dec. 21, NBC. Bob Hope and wife Dolores open their Palm Springs home to guests including Tony Bennett, Lindsay Wagner and Mark Curry.

Kathie Lee ... Looking for Christmas, Wednesday, Dec. 21, CBS. Kathie Lee Gifford and guests including Vanessa Williams and Tony Randall mark the season with song, dance and comedy.

Disney's Christmas Fantasy on Ice, Friday, Dec. 23, CBS. Bronson Pinchot hosts this ice skating show starring Katarina Witt, Scott Hamilton and others.

Television's Christmas Classics, Friday, Dec. 23, CBS. Marie Osmond hosts this collection of holiday moments from TV series and specials past, including Bing Crosby singing and Jack Benny joking.

Countdown to Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 24, NBC. Al Roker of *Today* hosts this fictional live-action report from Santa's workshop and en route to America aboard his hot new sleigh.

The Walt Disney World Very Merry Christmas Parade, Sunday, Dec. 25, ABC. Joan Lunden and Regis Philbin host the event that includes Mickey and the gang and a performance by Olympic skater Nancy Kerrigan.

Bah! Humbug! Sunday, Dec. 25, PBS. Newsmen Robert MacNeil hosts this performance of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" starring James Earl Jones and Martin Sheen. Dickens' life and era also are examined.

ANIMATION: *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, Monday, Dec. 12, TNT. The one-hour story of Dr. Seuss' (Theodor Geisel's) infamous Grinch is followed by a look at how the special was made. Phil Hartman hosts.

A Garfield Christmas Special, Wednesday, Dec. 14, CBS. The eccentric feline (with voice provided by Lorenzo Music) reluctantly goes to the country with owner Jon and dog Odie.

Father Christmas, Wednesday, Dec. 21, PBS. A year in the life of Santa Claus, based on British author Raymond Briggs' books and featuring the voice of British comedian Mel Smith.

Twas the Night Before Christmas, Wednesday, Dec. 21, CBS. Joel Grey narrates this animated musical about a kindly clockmaker, a friendly family of mice and a sensitive Santa Claus.

Turntable Tips

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in this week's issue of *Billboard* magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

TOP SINGLES

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1. "Here Comes the Hotstepper," Ini Kamoze (Columbia) (Platinum)
2. "On Bended Knee," Boyz II Men (Motown)
3. "Another Night," Real McCoy (Arista)
4. "Always," Bon Jovi (Mercury) (Gold)
5. "Creep," TLC (LaFace)
6. "I'll Make Love to You," Boyz II Men (Motown) (Platinum)
7. "Secret," Madonna (Maverick)
8. "All I Wanna Do," Sheryl Crow (A&M)
9. "I Wanna Be Down," Brandy (Atlantic) (Gold)
10. "You Want This - 70s Love Groove," Janet Jackson (Virgin) (Gold)

TOP ALBUMS

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1. *Miracles: The Holiday Album*, Kenny G. (Arista)
2. *Boyz II Men* (Motown) (Platinum)
3. *Merry Christmas*, Mariah Carey (Columbia)
4. *Hell Freezes Over*, The Eagles (Geffen)
5. *MTV Unplugged in New York*, Nirvana (DGC)
6. *The Lion King Soundtrack*, (Disney) (Platinum)
7. *Smash*, Offspring (Epitaph) (Platinum)
8. *Dookie*, Green Day (Reprise) (Platinum)
9. *My Life*, Mary J. Blige (Uptown)
10. *Duets II*, Frank Sinatra (Capitol)

COUNTRY SINGLES

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1. "Pickup Man," Joe Diffie (Epic)
 2. "Take Me As I Am," Faith Hill (Warner)
 3. "When Love Finds You," Vince Gill (MCA)
 4. "Untanglin' My Mind," Clint Black (RCA)
 5. "The Big One," George Strait (MCA)
 6. "Now I Know," Lari White (RCA)
 7. "When the Thought of You Catches Up With Me," David Ball (Warner)
 8. "If You've Got Love," John Michael Montgomery (Atlantic)
 9. "Not a Moment Too Soon," Tim McGraw (Curb)
 10. "We Can't Love Like This Anymore," Alabama (RCA)
- ADULT CONTEMPORARY SINGLES**
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1. "All I Wanna Do," Sheryl Crow (A&M)
 2. "Secret," Madonna (Maverick)
 3. "I'll Make Love to You," Boyz II Men (Motown)
 4. "Turn the Beat Around," Gloria Estefan (Crescent Moon)
 5. "Circle of Life," Elton John (Hollywood)
 6. "I'm the Only One," Melissa Etheridge (Island)
 7. "Wild Night," John Mellencamp & Me'Shell Ndegeocello (Mercury)
 8. "If You Go," Jon Secada (SBK)
 9. "But It's Alright," Huey Lewis & The News (Elektra)
 10. "Come to My Window," Melissa Etheridge (Island)
- R&B SINGLES**
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1. "Creep," TLC (LaFace)
 2. "Before I Let You Go," Blackstreet (Interscope)
 3. "Practice What You Preach," Barry White (A&M)
 4. "On Bended Knee," Boyz II Men (Motown)
 5. "Here Comes the Hotstepper," Ini Kamoze (Columbia) (Gold)
6. "I Wanna Be Down," Brandy (Atlantic) (Gold)
 7. "Be Happy," Mary J. Blige (Uptown)
 8. "I Belong to You-How Many Ways," Toni Braxton (LaFace)
 9. "U Will Know," B.M.U. (Mercury)
 10. "If You Love Me," Brownstone (MJJ)
- MODERN ROCK TRACKS**
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- (While the other charts are based on retail sales, this list is compiled from radio station airplay reports.)
1. "Bang and Blame," R.E.M. (Warner Bros.)
 2. "Buddy Holly," Weezer (DGC-Geffen)
 3. "About a Girl," Nirvana (DGC-Geffen)
 4. "Zombie," The Cranberries (Island)
 5. "Doll Parts," Hole (DGC-Geffen)
 6. "When I Come Around," Green Day (Reprise)
 7. "Better Man," Pearl Jam (Epic)
 8. "Interstate Love Song," Stone Temple Pilots (Atlantic)
 9. "Landslide," Smashing Pumpkins (Virgin)
 10. "Supernova," Liz Phair (Matador)
- LATIN TRACKS**
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1. "No Me Queda Mas," Selena (EMI Latin)
 2. "La Media Vuelta," Luis Miguel (WEA Latina)
 3. "Me Duele Estar Solo," La Mafia (Sony)
 4. "Ni El Primero Ni El Ultimo," Los Rehenes (Fonovisa)
 5. "Te Amo, Te Amo, Te Amo," Sparx (Fonovisa)
 6. "Mi Forma De Sentir," Pedro Fernandez (Polygram)
 7. "Te Amo," Los Mier (Fonovisa)
 8. "No, No y No," Vicente Fernandez (Sony)
 9. "El Colesterol," Fito Olivares (Fonovisa)
 10. "Asi Es La Vida," Luis Enrique (Sony)

Top videos

SALES

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1. *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, (Disney)
2. *Speed*, (Fox Video)
3. *Jurassic Park*, (MCA-Universal)
4. *The Flintstones*, (MCA-Universal)
5. *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, (Touchstone)
6. *Nirvana: Live! Tonight! Sold Out!* (Geffen)
7. *Tombstone*, (Hollywood)
8. *The 3 Tenors in Concert 1994*, (A Vision)
9. *Black Beauty*, (Warner)
10. *Playboy: 1995 Video Playmate Calendar*, (Playboy)
11. *Sleepless in Seattle*, (Columbia TriStar)
12. *Playboy: Girls of Hooters*, (Playboy)
13. *Aerosmith: Big Ones You Can Look At*, (Geffen)
14. *An Affair to Remember*, (Fox)
15. *Penhouse: Party with the Pets*, various artists (A Vision)
16. *My Fair Lady: 30th Anniversary*, (Fox)
17. *Yanni: Live at the Acropolis*, (BMG) (Platinum)
18. *Dead Can Dance: Toward the Within*, (Warner-Reprise)
19. *Beethoven's 2nd*, (MCA-Universal)
20. *Barbra Streisand: Barbra in Concert*, (SMV Enterprises)

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- Check all cords for frayed or bare wires, cracked insulation, loose connections and damaged plugs or light sockets.
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- Unplug lights before making any repairs or replacing light bulbs.
- Don't overload circuits with too many plugs!
- No lights on metallic trees.
- Keep your tree fresh by trimming the base and keeping plenty of water in the tree stand.
- Turn off all lights before leaving or going to bed.
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- Avoid outdoor electrical lines when hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees.
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Some Bosnian children find their families, but Dina only has hope

By SNJEZANA VUKIC
Associated Press Writer

MOSTAR, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Adisa Muratagic, 10, glanced at broken windows and a shattered wall in her small apartment, one of very few that survived the fighting on Bulevar Street, the former front line in Mostar.

"I'm home with my Mum and sister, and that's all that matters," she said.

After nearly a year away, Adisa is back home, where a March cease-fire between Muslims and Croats brought an uneasy peace between ethnic factions whose fighting wrecked much of the city.

For much of the time she was gone, she and her family feared the worst.

She was evacuated to Zagreb, the capital of neighboring Croatia, after her left arm was hit by a sniper's bullet last New Year's Eve. Then she went to a rehabilitation center in Krapinske Toplice, in northern Croatia, and waited in vain for her mother's call.

Adisa worried her mother, Angelina, was dead.

But it turned out her mother simply had the wrong telephone number. Without a phone of her own, or contacts who could give her the right information, Mrs. Muratagic could only hope.

"I simply prayed to God that someone was taking good care of Adisa,"

said Mrs. Muratagic, 32, an ethnic Croat whose Slav Muslim husband died seven years before Bosnia's war began in April 1992.

Mother and daughter were reunited via the International Red Cross system for relaying messages through its delegates in Bosnia and 112 other countries. Despite the tension still gripping Mostar, and the danger of fighting erupting with nearby Serbs, Adisa returned home in September.

She is one of the fortunate children struck off a list compiled by the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees of some 2,000 "unaccompanied" children — young refugees known to be separated from their parents.

Last March, UNHCR announced "Operation Reunite," a project aimed at tracing what the agency estimated could be as many as 40,000 missing children. Computer centers were set up across former Yugoslavia and in Paris to coordinate the search.

Later calculations lowered the estimate of possible lost children to 10,000. But the agency does not have nearly that many names because registrations have been conducted in only a handful of countries and are incomplete.

Few parents have used the centers. One problem is poor communications, like those that kept Adisa and her mother apart. Word of the system has not reached many refugees who straggled into cities from rural areas or who

still live in the hinterlands, struggling for survival under siege or amid warfare.

"This system will work better when peace comes, when all roads will be reopened and newspapers will reach all areas," said Alexandra Zivkovic of Unaccompanied Children in Exile, an aid group in Zagreb.

The war in Bosnia has displaced an estimated 2.1 million people from their homes. Thousands of parents scrambled to send their children from combat zones. Statistics justify their fears.

Approximately 17,000 children are among the 200,000 people reported killed or missing in the war, according to Bosnia's Muslim-led government. Some 34,500 more children were wounded, the government says.

Despite that toll, some families have been determined to reunite as fighting ebbed in some areas after the Muslim-Croat cease-fire and the end to the Serb bombardment of besieged Sarajevo.

In August, 17-year-old Neja Sprzo and her brother, Mustafa, 16, returned to their battered home in government-held Sarajevo, 500 yards from the front line. They had left Sarajevo in April 1992, expecting to return the following week.

After more than two years of safety living with their grandmother in an apartment in Zagreb, the teen-agers and grandmother came back.

But the bus service between Zagreb

and Sarajevo — which resumed after Serbs stopped artillery attacks on the capital — took them only as far as Pazaric, about nine miles southwest of Bosnia's capital.

Their anxious father walked out of the city, then trekked back with his children and a guide past Serb positions on dangerous Mount Igman. They crawled through the improvised tunnel below Sarajevo airport, moving carefully and silently to avoid Serb fighters and U.N. peacekeepers.

"I lived two years for a return, and I don't regret it," Neja said. "I choose war and a besieged city instead of peace in our refugee exile in Zagreb, but I feel I made the right decision."

"We thought it would be only for a week or two and wanted to get them out of the war zone, but it lasted too long," said Neja's mother, Pehka, 39. "The danger is less now, so we decided it's better to share it than to be separated even longer."

The risk is high, since Neja has yet to learn war rules.

"Two days ago, I walked through the streets, and somewhere close a mortar (shell) fell. Everybody started to run, but I just stood there," she said by telephone from her home. "I didn't feel fear; I just cannot perceive the danger."

She is only scared by the blood stains on the road to her school, she said.

The parents of 14-year-old Suada Omercevic and her sister, Mirsada, 12,

also tempted their children back, although their home in the village of Ribnica, near Zavidovici in north-central Bosnia was destroyed by Bosnian Serbs. Fighting still rages near their shelter with friends in nearby Maoca village.

"They said they had already forgotten what their daughters look like," said the girls' aunt, Rasema Omercevic, 43, who cared for them for 2 1/2 years in Zagreb.

In that time, the girls talked only twice to their mother when she managed to call with someone's mobile telephone.

"I do not know where and how they would live — there's still fighting there, there's no school, no food nor money," the aunt said. "But they were so impatient to get together again."

Dina Hrbinic, 13, would be happy for such a chance.

In the spring of 1992, Bosnian Serbs expelled all non-Serb inhabitants of Dina's native Foca, in southeastern Bosnia. Dina and her handicapped brother, Elvedin, 11, walked more than 40 miles with their aunt and uncle before they could get a bus to Croatia.

Dina's mother, Magdula, was in the

hospital in a part of Foca cut off by Serb forces. Her father died years ago.

Since then, Dina has sent a dozen messages to parts of Bosnia where her mother was rumored to be. Negative answers came from everywhere, except Gorazde. No reply at all came from that eastern enclave isolated by Serb troops, and Dina clings to the possibility that her mother found refuge there.

The separation and hopeless search, and the burden of refugee life, caused depression that recently hospitalized Dina for 15 days.

"She began seeing her mother's face through the window. She would run out, but, of course, it was just imagination," said her uncle, Zaim Aljic. "And more often, she would hear her mother's voice calling her."

Dina lost interest in anything, became reluctant to speak, and sat for hours.

"She never cried, she never showed her emotions, ever since we left Foca," Aljic said. "She was just thinking and thinking about her mother, torturing herself."

"I only hope we will be with my Mum again. When the war ends," Dina whispered.

Gatesville Drive-In still stays open

By JAY THOMAS REX
Temple Daily Telegram

GATESVILLE — Several decades ago they were referred to as "passion pits" and a place "nice girls" would never go on a first date.

But Audie Palmer, owner of what is thought to be Texas' last drive-in movie theater operating year-round, said the Gatesville Drive-In does not have the propers of yesteryear.

"I don't think that's the kind of people who are coming to drive-ins anymore," Palmer said. "We run a lot of family-type movies, so we predominantly get the families. We have some couples who come out, but I don't think that they are doing anything out there. People come out here to watch the movies."

Gatesville Drive-In, located on state Highway 36, may be the last of a dying breed. Gene Palmer, who bought the drive-in in 1965 and turned the operation over to his son in 1990, said the number of drive-ins remaining in Texas could be counted on one hand.

"There aren't too many of them left," the elder Palmer said. "I checked with some people who keep up with theaters a couple of years ago and they said there were only three or four left that operate year-round."

He said there were 300 drive-ins in Texas when the Gatesville Drive-In opened in 1950, including two in Bell County.

He should know. Gene Palmer was a charter employee of the Gatesville Drive-In.

"When it first opened, I helped direct traffic," he said. "But after people started to learn how things operated, they didn't need me anymore."

It could be said that Gene Palmer's job as a lot attendant set the stage for the rest of his life.

He is still in the film industry, selling first-run

movies to theaters across Texas. "I don't know, (movies and film) are something that I've always enjoyed," Gene Palmer said. "So maybe that was instrumental in getting me involved, but I can't really say."

There's a reason the Gatesville Drive-In may be the last of a dying breed. There isn't a strong market for drive-ins these days and Audie Palmer has felt the sting of technology.

"I think that a lot of it has to do with cable television and home videos," he said. "I don't really think that many people are going to the indoor theaters, I think that people are just staying at home to watch movies these days."

But Audie Palmer said things are looking up — at least for his drive-in.

"Things have really been a lot better recently," he said. "I don't think that drive-ins will ever come back to where they were in the '50s and '60s, but it's working for us."

Audie Palmer said attendance on a given night is impossible to predict, making the operation a costly one.

"It's really strange," he said. "One time we'll get 10 cars and the next time we'll get 100. We have a lot of regulars who come out every time they get the chance, but it's really impossible to say how many people will come out on any given night."

So what will the future bring for the Gatesville Drive-In? Audie Palmer said that is equally hard to predict.

"We should be able to make it. I think we have a perfect location for something like this," he said. "I don't see drive-ins as a thing of the future, but one here and there should be able to survive."

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The Pampa News
December 11, 1994

TO: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the City of Pampa, Texas intends to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to release Federal funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 42 U.S.C. Sec. 301 et seq. for the purchase of an existing pre-engineered structural steel light industrial building commonly known as 822 East Foster.

Environmental Assessment Activity
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A. Installation of electric overhead crane
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Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such a request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the City of Pampa has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a Statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by the City of Pampa which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the Community Services Office, Room 205, Pampa City Hall, 200 West Foster/210 West Kingsmill, Pampa, Texas and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and noon and between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons, disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City by bringing them to the above address or mailing them to the Community Services Division, City of Pampa, P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 79066-2499. Such written comments must be received at one of the two addresses specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the sixteenth day after this publication, as specified in the preceding sentence.

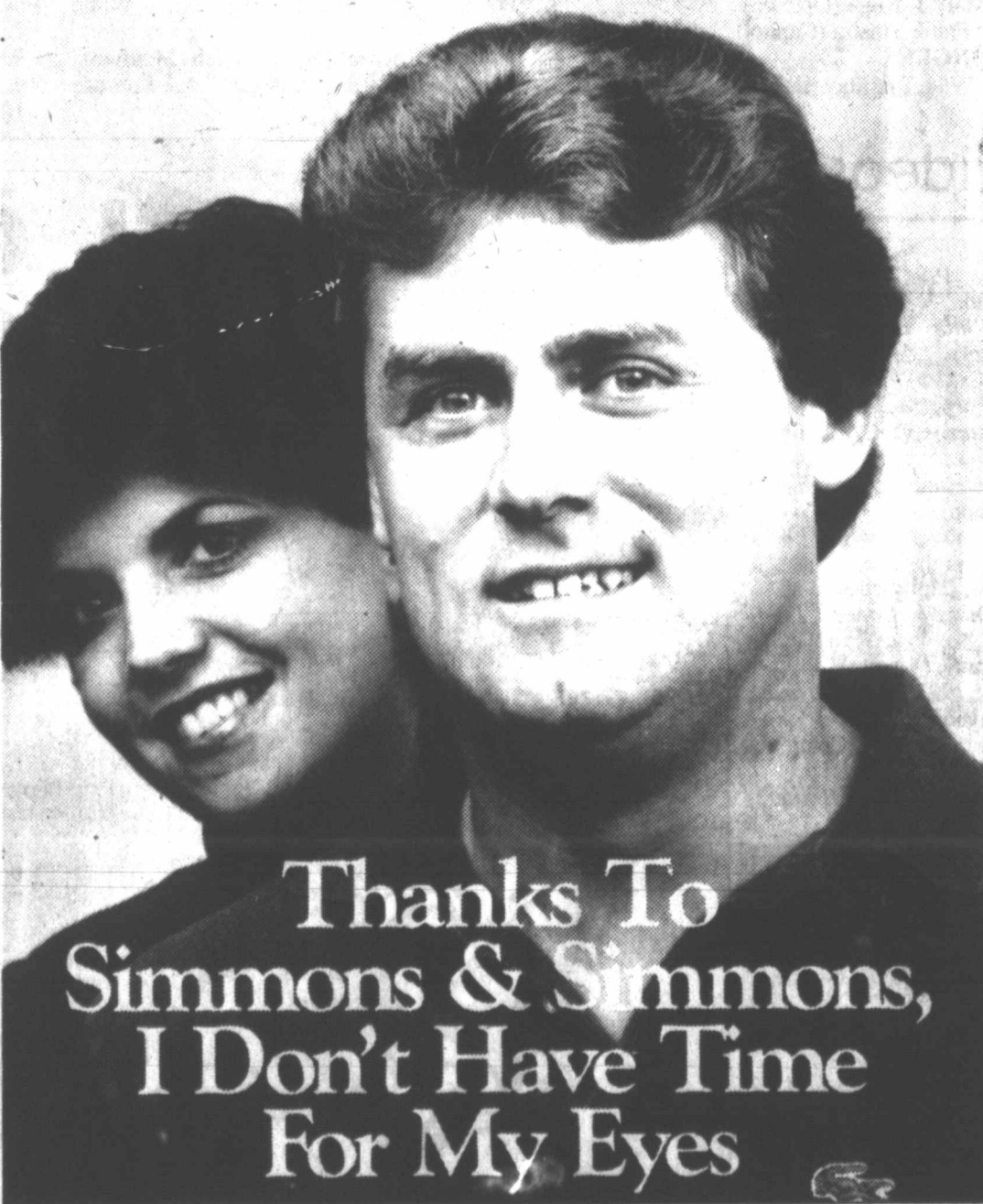
Release of Funds

The City of Pampa will undertake the activities described above with Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of its Program Year 1994 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Pampa is certifying the TDHCA that Ms. Faustina Curry in her official capacity as Mayor Pro-Tem consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Pampa may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. TDHCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, Texas 78711-3941.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those described in 24 CFR Part 58.75 will not be considered by the TDHCA. No objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by TDHCA.

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'Twas the days before Christmas' — for PC buyers

By VIVIAN MARINO
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — For millions of households, this will be the high-tech holidays.

Personal computers and equipment will deck the halls, and dens, of many homes thanks to a dramatic drop in prices and the availability of more sophisticated systems.

But will novice users be spending the new year fumbling through thick manuals or software programs they can't operate?

PC sellers say they've gone out of their way to make things easier for the first-time buyer with simplified setup directions, pre-installed software and a small army of technicians on hand for around-the-clock calls.

"One of the things we're focusing on is the ease of use," said Jay Sudkamp, brand manager for Aptiva, IBM's new multimedia consumer PC line. "We strive for instant gratification."

Sudkamp says Aptiva buyers should be able to assemble and operate their new computers within 15 minutes. Everything needed comes in one large carton, from PC components to telephone jack wires, along with a color brochure that explains the installation procedure, he said. A toll-free number for technical support also appears boldly on the package.

"We call it solution in a box," he said.

At Apple Computer, it's called "the out of box experience." Apple says it has cut down the average assembly time of its Macintosh computers to under 10 minutes, with the help of its single-box delivery system and enclosed visual aids, including a placemat-size laminated document

that details directions for hardware installation and the finished product.

"Everything a person needs has to be in that box," said Apple spokeswoman Gilda Raczkowski. "The software has to be loaded, the graphic cards pre-installed ... The directions also have to be understandable. For instance, we named our hard disk 'hard disk,' not 'HD.'"

Current Apple ads — one dubbed "The Nightmare Before Christmas," another "The Nightmare After Christmas" — purport to show what can happen if you buy "the wrong computer." They feature hapless parents struggling to get their holiday PCs ready for their families to use.

The ads' message, of course, is that Macs are easier to operate than IBM-compatible computers, which hold the bigger share of the PC market.

To be sure, the industry trend has been toward simplicity this year as PC manufacturers fiercely compete for the two-thirds of the U.S. households that have yet to invest in a personal computer. (Experts believe PC ownership could double in the next 10 years.)

"If they have a good experience with our PC ... we believe they will come back a second time," said IBM's Sudkamp.

Retailers also are striving for consumer loyalty with promises of simplicity and plenty of hand-holding.

"We definitely feel that the growing segment of the computer business is the first-time buyer," said Larry Mondry, executive vice president for marketing at CompUSA, one of the nation's largest computer retailers, with 80 stores in 26 states.

"There's an upswing in the amount of first-time buyers. It's a huge change in the business pattern from the selling

perspective," he said, adding that computer sales have been brisk so far this season.

As a result, CompUSA has been adding specialized services, like beginner computer classes, the cost of which may be refundable with purchase; weekend product demonstrations and software expositions; and three-year extended product warranties. CompUSA also provides its own toll-free technical-support line. (It even has a 900 number for non-customers.)

The chain wants the business of people like John Phillips, an electrician from the New York City borough of Queens, and Khadija Mohammed, a liberal arts student from Brooklyn. Both are first-time PC buyers and were shopping at a New York CompUSA a few days after Thanksgiving.

Phillips, who was looking at IBM-compatible models, wanted a multimedia PC capable of operating the latest CD-ROM programs, including interactive educational software, to help his 13-year-old son.

"You don't want to send him to the library every time he needs to look something up," said Phillips, who's hoping the boy will teach him how to operate the new computer.

Ironically, Phillips makes his living wiring computers for corporate clients, but confides, "I have no idea how to run them."

Ms. Mohammed decided on a Mac since that's the type of computer used in her 6-year-old son's school.

"I want to take my time in making my choice," she said. "I just want to get the most for my money."

The fact is you can get more for your money this year than last.

"This is a very good time to buy a

computer. Prices have gone down dramatically (and) ... there are no major new technologies around the corner that I'm aware of," said Lawrence J. Magid, author of *The Little PC Book*, written for novices.

Buyers today can pick up a desktop multimedia PC operating on a 486 chip for under \$1,500. Some PCs empowered with the ultrafast Pentium chip can be had for under \$2,000, less than half the typical cost a year ago.

Anticipating a rise in sales, PC manufacturers have been beefing up their technical-support crews.

While most say they've simplified their user manuals or added one-line tutorials geared to novices, they concede that most individuals feel more comfortable interacting with a human voice.

"Many people simply don't read their manuals," said David McWilliams, a manager at Packard Bell's new technical-support unit in Magna, Utah.

Packard Bell, whose PCs are among the top selling this season, opened the Utah facility in March with 86 employees. Today the staff totals 771 — 600 of whom have been trained to handle technical calls.

The company expects to double its support staff by next year, said McWilliams.

"We have 110 new hires in training now that will be out on the floor a week before Christmas and in time for the New Year's rush," he said.

Gateway 2000, the popular mail-order PC manufacturer which was criticized a year ago for understaffed technical help lines, opened a support facility in Kansas City this year.

Although the company won't provide staff numbers, it has brought on board enough technicians to handle 60

Where to get help

By The Associated Press

Tips for dealing with computer problems via telephone:

- Jot down the events leading to the problem before calling the manufacturer's technical-support line.
- Keep the order invoice and other facts about the system on hand.
- Stay at the system so the technician can talk you through the problem.
- Call after peak business hours.

If you can't get through:

- Contact the corporate or sales office and ask to be transferred to the technical-support line.
- Fax your detailed question to the technical-support center.
- Message the manufacturer through one of several on-line services, like Prodigy or CompuServe. (Many companies also have on-line bulletin boards with answers to frequently asked technical questions.)
- Contact the store where you purchased the system. (Some chains like CompUSA have their own technical-support lines.)
- Call a PC user group and ask to speak to one of the experts. The Association of Personal Computer Users provides a list of local groups (914-876-6678).
- Refer to some of the many available computer books such as *The Little PC Book*, and the *Dummies and Idiots* series.

CDC: No cases of pneumonic plague entered U.S.

By A.J. HOSTETLER
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — When federal health officials heard about an outbreak of pneumonic plague in India, they alerted quarantine investigators who work at U.S. airports to watch for cases of the dreaded disease.

All direct flights from India were met by health officials at airports in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Honolulu, Miami and Seattle from Sept. 27 to Oct. 27.

In addition to telling officials to spot-check deplaning passengers, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention told U.S. doctors to watch for symptoms of the disease in their patients. Passengers arriving from India received information cards telling them what to do if they fell ill.

The health investigators who met planes arriving from India found cases of malaria and typhoid but no cases of the plague.

The quarantine investigators at the airports identified 13 sick passengers from those flights, but none had pneumonic plague, according to Dr. Roy Campbell of the CDC's National Center for Infectious Diseases.

Six were ill with a virus, three with malaria, one with malaria and dengue fever, one with typhoid and one with liver disease. Another man, who flew into the Dallas-Fort Worth airport, was suspected of having the plague but was merely ailing.

The scrutiny was aimed at tracking whether the disease entered the United States. If any cases of the plague had been discovered at the

airports, the victim or victims would have been treated under quarantine and fellow passengers would have been monitored.

"It (the alert) did what we intended to do," Campbell said last month. "Maybe the risk was lower than we thought."

The suspected cases of plague were reported by the quarantine investigators and state health officials, but about half of the sick passengers came to light when they sought treatment from local physicians.

Symptoms of pneumonic plague are fever, severe coughing and labored breathing.

India's outbreak, the first in 30 years, killed at least 60 people and forced hundreds into hospitals. The disease, which is easily treated with antibiotics, is spread by fleas that

percent more calls than a year ago, said Jim Collas, vice president of customer support.

Calls to technicians include a wide array of questions about hardware (that includes equipment like the monitor and keyboard) and the bundled software packages (like CD-

ROMs and diskettes) that come pre-installed in the machines.

The average waiting time varies by company, although most say they try to answer each technical call within 10 minutes.

They concede it may take longer around the holidays.

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Multicultural program links inner-city kids to Woodstock through pen-pals

By MARY ESCH
Associated Press Writer

WOODSTOCK, N.Y. (AP) — When the four buses arrived at Woodstock Elementary School on a recent morning, they were greeted by children holding signs decorated with rainbows, peace signs and yin-yang symbols.

"Hola," called the children. "Todos los niños sonríen en la misma lengua," declared a banner in the main lobby. "All children smile in the same language."

Indeed, the radiant smiles on the dark faces pressed against the bus windows — children from New York City's Washington Heights neighborhood — matched those on the fair ones waiting eagerly outside.

The Woodstock kids and the New York City kids had corresponded, and now they would have a chance to spend the day together, the latest chapter in an ongoing experiment in multicultural learning.

The idea, said Woodstock

Principal Ronne Marantz, was to bring together children of different cultures so they can develop an appreciation for the diversity of language, customs, geography, and lifestyle not only on a global scale, but within their own state and nation.

"The spirit of multiculturalism really needs to be done one-on-one with kids," said Marantz. "It can't be experienced through textbooks."

The children are growing up in starkly different environments. The town of Woodstock, nestled between Overlook and Ohayo mountains in the Catskills, has 6,290 residents along winding roads lined with stone walls and woods. The population is mostly white, middle class.

The school is on the edge of the village of Woodstock, founded as an arts colony in 1902 by English Utopian philosopher Ralph Whitehead. Today it's still a thriving colony of artists, writers, musicians and shopkeepers.

Salome Urena Middle Academies are in a high-poverty, high-crime inner-city neighborhood 90 miles south of here. But while the neighborhood is poor, the 3-year-old public school offers riches unknown to most schoolchildren.

The 1,350 6th-to-8th graders at Salome Urena choose among five academies: expressive arts; business; law; community service; and science and mathematics. The Children's Aid Society is housed within the school, providing extensive services. There are medical and dental clinics.

"Our school is open seven days a week, and until 11 at night," said Alejandro Soto, a vice principal. "We have a 99 percent attendance rate."

Ninety-eight percent of the population around Salome Urena is from the Dominican Republic. "Many of our children are recent arrivals. They're still struggling with the language," Soto said.

This fall, half of the 310 pupils at

Woodstock Elementary were matched as pen pals with 150 children from Salome Urena. The children exchanged letters and videos; they agreed to meet at Salome Urena to mark the feast of Santo Domingo in February, and to celebrate Thanksgiving in Woodstock.

Kids bounded off the buses in baggy jeans, sweatshirts and untied sneakers. Many upstate children wore similar garb, but there was also evidence of the recent Woodstock reunion festival with plenty of tie-dyed T-shirts and faded overalls.

Pairs of pen pals gathered on the playground for recess.

"They play basketball better," said Daniel Curci, 11, of Woodstock. "And they do those clapping games."

Kadycha Morales, 11, and three friends were doing a complex hand-clapping routine to a Spanish verse.

"My pen pal's school is beautiful, but small," Morales said. "She lives in a house, I live in a building. She eats different food. We eat

rice, beans, chicken." "We're a lot alike," said Joey Carey, a fifth-grader in a tie-dyed T-shirt, sitting beside pen pal William Veras. "We both like sports."

"It's beautiful here," said Veras, a soft-spoken, bespectacled 11-year-old. "Nobody curses or kills each other. You can have your own house, with trees. You can have a dog and the landlord won't bother you."

Back in their classrooms, the Woodstock students gave talks about the mountains; about boating on the Ashokan reservoir, which supplies drinking water to New York City; and about the early days when nearby Kingston

was the state's first capital. At the end of the day, the children sat on the linoleum floor of the cafeteria-auditorium, beneath paintings of John Lennon and the Founding Fathers. They listened to a primary grade kazoo band playing Beethoven's Fifth, and a folksinger warbling peace anthems.

Then they stood with arms around each others' shoulders, swaying along with a guitar-strumming teacher as they sang "People are a rainbow."

"This is so great," said Cynthia Kudren, mother of a fifth-grader. "The more kids learn that we're all just people, the better off we'll be."

AMA: Toughen helmet rules

By IRA DREYFUSS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Medical Association, citing a report that helmet-wearing motorcyclists are less likely to die or suffer severe head injuries, wants more cyclists to ride with their heads covered.

An AMA position statement, and a key study that paved the way for it, appear in a recent issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The study looked at the change in deaths and injuries after California adopted a law mandating helmets. Researchers examined police reports and death certificates for 1991, before the law — and 1992, after it.

After the law, fewer people died, fewer of the deaths were from head injuries, and head injuries in general were less severe, the researchers said.

After the law, crash fatalities dropped by more than 37 percent, to 327 in 1992, said researchers at the University of California at Los Angeles and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety in Arlington, Va.

Head injuries were lower both in those who died and those who lived, said the researchers. Among those who died, the proportion in which the head was the most severely injured body region decreased by almost 25 percent after the law. Among those who lived, the decrease was close to 31 percent.

UCLA researcher Jess F. Kraus had publicized his findings in 1993, but ran into opposition from a statewide anti-helmet group that contended that the legislation violates their rights. Some opponents of the helmet law also asserted that the drop in deaths was a result of rainy weather and of riders giving up biking rather than have to wear a helmet.

But to the AMA's Council on Scientific Affairs, which wrote the AMA position statement, the reason for the drop in deaths and injuries is clear. The most common type of motorcycle crash is head-on, typically with a car, the council's report said. The crashes are likely to cause skull fractures.

Therefore, the council says, it makes sense for modern road warriors to protect themselves as did warriors of old, with helmets.

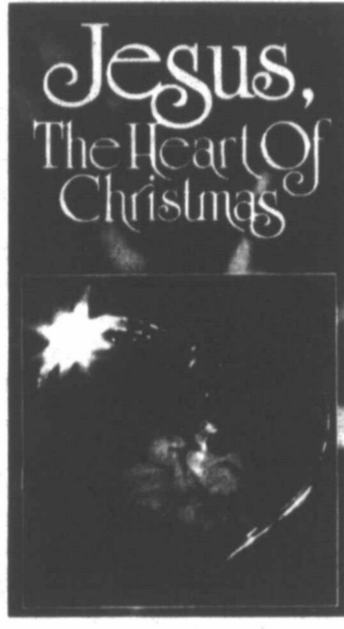
Motorcycle helmets are "designed to cushion and spread the severe forces of head blows in crashes," the position statement said.

The problem is to get more motorcyclists to wear them, the council said. More states should pass laws that make helmets mandatory, it said. In 1993, the last year for which the AMA had publishable data, 23 states and the District of Columbia required helmets of all riders, and 24 required helmets of some, typically those under 18, it said. The others had no requirement.

In California, use went up from 48 percent before the law to 99 percent a year after, the council's report said.

The researchers in the California study found those riders who did not wear helmets after the law took effect accounted for almost 15 percent of those killed or injured.

The AMA report also calls on motorcycle manufacturers and insurance companies to help — perhaps with discounts or vouchers to purchase helmets.



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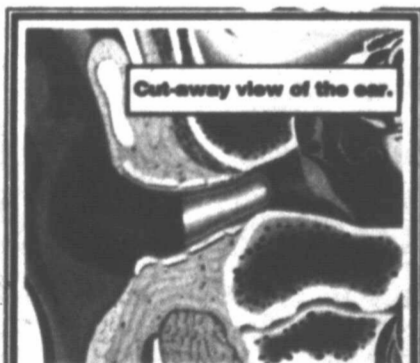
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Debbie Reynolds, Las Vegas entrepreneur, takes time out for TV role

By BOB THOMAS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The whole cast of *Wings* stood aimlessly on the show's air terminal set at Paramount studio, open scripts in their hands. Midway through the rehearsal, Debbie Reynolds breezed into the scene, and the energy level rose measurably.

She was doing a guest stint as the visiting mother of the Chappel sisters (Crystal Bernard and Amy Yasbeck). While the other actors read their lines from the script, Reynolds recited hers from memory. That old MGM training, you know.

The rehearsal over, Reynolds retired to her dressing room trailer outside the stage. At 62 she seemed as brisk and alert as ever despite frequent commutes from her home in Las Vegas.

"I got a call from my agent saying they wanted me to play the mother of these girls on *Wings*," she said. "I guess the girls didn't have a mother; they just were optioned by *Wings*. Six years with no mom? I can't believe that. So I arrived just in time for the stork; the girls are grown, so it's an easy birth."

"I signed to do other guest shots if they like it. If they want an occasional 'Mom,' I can do it. But I can't do a regular show. I'm too committed to Vegas. I have my total investment there, my retirement. That's where I want to be."

To the dismay of her advisers, some members of her family and a host of others, Reynolds two years ago invested all her money in an aging hotel-casino off the main drag, the Paddlewheel. The reason: to fulfill her longtime dream of establishing a museum dedicated to Hollywood's rich past. Over the last quarter century, she has invested a fortune to buy up costumes, props and other memorabilia that were sold off by studios.

"It's been 25 years since MGM had the first auction," she said. "I could never find a home for my collection, so I bought my own place. That's where we're going to open the first motion picture museum in America in January."

Her eyes brightened as she described the place. Visitors will start in an 80-seat, high-tech theater to watch 30 minutes of film clips. An onstage carousel will revolve to reveal scenes from *Mutiny on the Bounty*, *Ben-Hur*, *Gigi*, *Marie Antoinette* and other films.

Two other stages will contain scenes from *Mogambo*, *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, *Easter Parade* and others. Then comes a walk-through displaying costumes of Mary Pickford, Laurel and Hardy and other stars from the silents to the '70s.

"I didn't want a hotel, I wanted a museum," Reynolds explained. "But the museum came with a hotel. It's eight acres, 12 floors, 200 rooms, a casino, two restaurants, and a new theater that I built. (The theater) is wine color, very beautiful, seats 540 people."



Debbie Reynolds, left, poses with actress Crystal Bernard on the set of the NBC series *Wings*. Reynolds played Bernard's mother in a recent episode of the comedy series, but says she's too busy in Las Vegas for a regular show. (AP photo/Paramount Pictures)

"We're sold out every night in the theater, and I've been working the two-hour show for two years straight Oct. 9. I took two weeks off. I wanted to get the museum open, and when that happens, I'm talking to other performers about helping out. I want to start building a family so I can take off a month here, a month there."

"When I bought the property, I did shows in the lobby, two shows a day for free, just to get people to know the property was different. It wasn't the old Paddlewheel with old crummy rooms and the old restaurant. I had motion picture memorabilia all over: the *Good Earth* furniture, Harold Lloyd's Steinway, the beautiful table from *Camille*, *Cleopatra*'s stuff."

"I have both *Cleopatras*, the original with Claudette Colbert and the one with Elizabeth (Taylor) and Richard Burton."

With a stubborn sense of survival born of her poor El Paso, Texas, childhood, Reynolds has come through a lifetime of crises: the betrayal by first husband Eddie Fisher, who ran off with Taylor; the perfidy of second husband Harry Karl, who gambled away his and her money; the years of back-breaking work to recover her fortunes.

No wonder she scored her biggest success as *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*.

Nor could the odds sink her dream of the Debbie Reynolds Hollywood Movie Museum. After paying \$2 million for the sinking Paddlewheel, she needed millions more to rebuild it.

Among her resources: daughter Carrie Fisher, who lent her money;

son Todd, who devoted two years to designing the theater, museum, sound and lighting systems.

A casualty of the Reynolds Las Vegas adventure was her marriage to real estate developer Richard Hamlett.

"I'm separated, and we'll be getting a divorce," she said. "My life will be in my work and my family."

"Marriage again? I don't care for

it. I'd like to spend the time with my family, including my granddaughter, Billie Catherine (Carrie's daughter by agent Bryan Lourd, from whom she is now separated)."

"My schedule really is packed. I love performing, and my work lasts. Marriages do not last. I obviously have no taste in men and make horrendous decisions. So it's better not to make any anymore."



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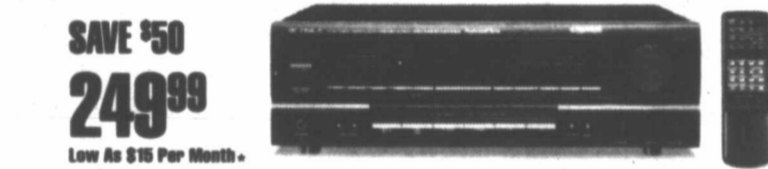
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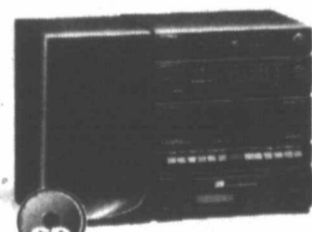
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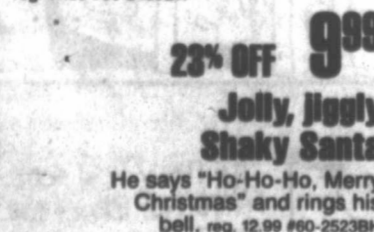
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Food For Thought by

Danny Bainum

The French cook an omelet plain and wrap it around a filling of vegetables, cheese or whatever. The Italians saute vegetables, ham and such, then pour beaten eggs over and cook the whole thing into a big pancake (the top gets broiled). Result: frittata, great for brunch.

There's old-fashioned tuna or salmon salad made with canned fish - and then there's the absolutely super salad made with freshly grilled fish. Marinate with lime juice and olive oil before broiling, then toss with fresh herbs and vegetables and pour over greens. Try it!

Last call for making pesto, the basil-and-garlic topping for pasta, with the last basil in the garden. Process about 1/3 cup parmesan cheese with 3 cloves of garlic; add 2 cups basil, 1/4 cup pignoli nuts, salt and pepper and enough oil to bind it, and buzz again.

You can substitute regular margarine for butter in most baking recipes (though the taste won't be quite the same), but not low-fat or whipped margarine, which has a higher water content.

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Picking an apple every day may not keep lawyers away

DEAR ABBY: I had to respond to Mrs. Koster's response to "Apple Annie." I'm sure her concerns about potential lawsuits — if Annie allows neighborhood children to pick her apples — are well-intentioned. But if that is the way we must live today, it is hardly worth the effort. I personally would take reasonable precautions, and then risk the rest.

Lawyers can always think up the worst possible scenarios. But the fact is, the vast majority of people will live their lives without being sued for anything — except possibly divorce.

JAMES L. DELAY

DEAR JAMES: It does seem a sad commentary that a generous and neighborly impulse must be suppressed because of the realities of an America gone lawsuit-crazy. Yours was not the only letter I received voicing that opinion. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to Mrs. Koster's letter to "Apple Annie," telling her to stop allowing children onto her property, to keep her apples picked, or better (or worse) yet, replace her beloved apple tree with some non-fruiting variety!

As an American kid, I've swiped apples. As the owner of an apple tree, I have had apples "stolen." And as a lawyer, I could stand to make money whenever there is an "apple tree accident."

Abby, the America I love is the



Abigail Van Buren

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America where children on their way home from school can dash into neighbors' yards to swipe apples or swing from the trees. It is not an America of barricades, warnings and walls — where lawyers become rich suing apple tree owners and citizens are impoverished by outrageous insurance premiums.

I would like to tell Apple Annie to keep her fruitful tree and friendly ways. But if I did, I might be sued.

WM. TRAVIS GOBBLE, LAWRENCEBURG, TENN.

DEAR MR. GOBBLE: If more lawyers agreed with you (and me) the only torts we'd read about would be apple torts. Which reminds me... it's been years since I published my famous pecan pie recipe (none better!):

9-inch unbaked pie crust
1 cup light corn syrup
1 cup firmly packed dark-brown sugar
3 eggs, slightly beaten
1/3 cup butter, melted

1/3 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 heaping cup pecan halves

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare the pie crust.

In a large bowl, combine corn syrup, sugar, eggs, butter, salt and vanilla; mix well. Pour filling into unbaked pie crust; sprinkle with pecan halves.

Bake for 45 to 60 minutes, or until center is set. (Toothpick inserted will come out clean when pie is "done.") Cool. If crust or pie appears to be getting too brown, cover with foil for remaining baking time.

TIP: My original recipe stated that the pie should be baked 45 to 60 minutes in a preheated 350-degree GAS oven. If an electric oven is used, it may be necessary to add 15 to 20 minutes to the baking time. (Begin testing pie with a toothpick after 45 minutes.)

The pie can be topped with a bit of whipped cream or ice cream, but even plain — nothing tops this! (Serves 8 to 10.)

P.S. Make two! Everyone will be asking for seconds.

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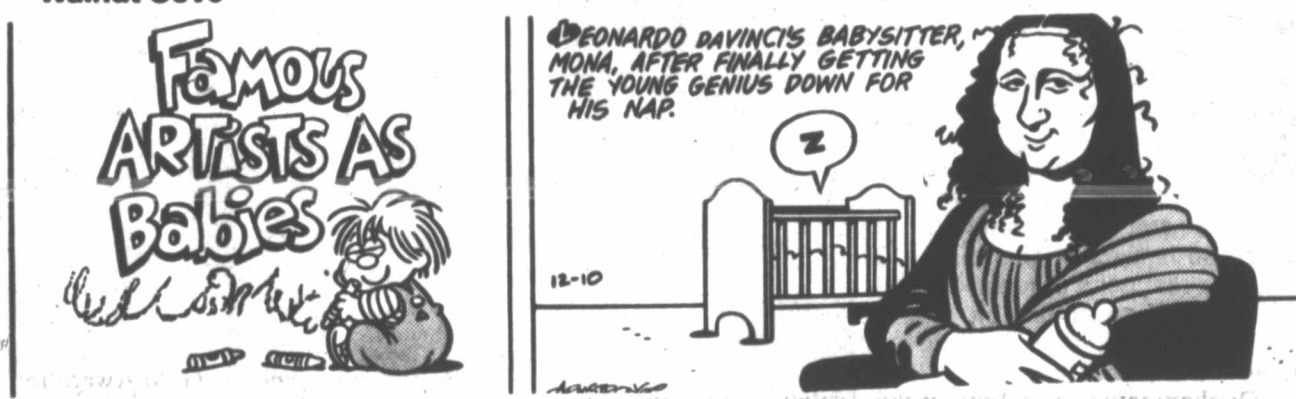
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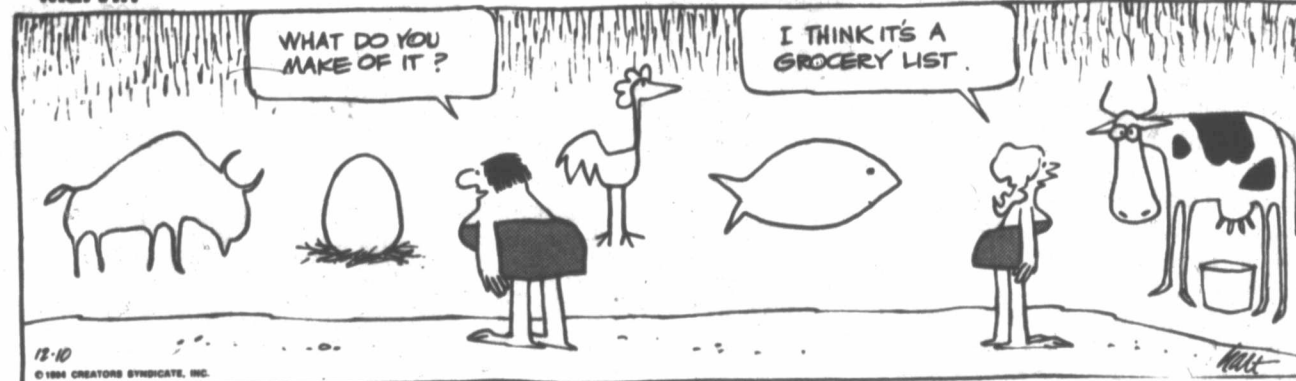
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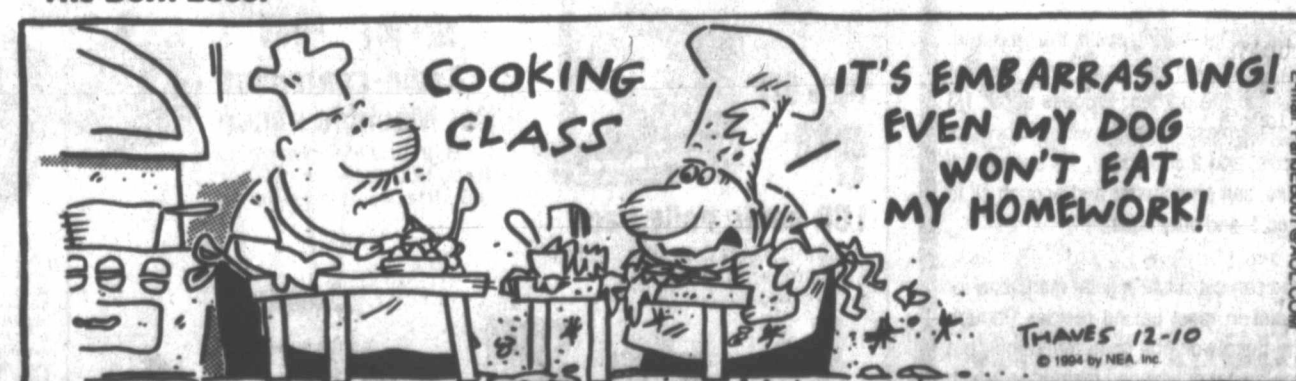
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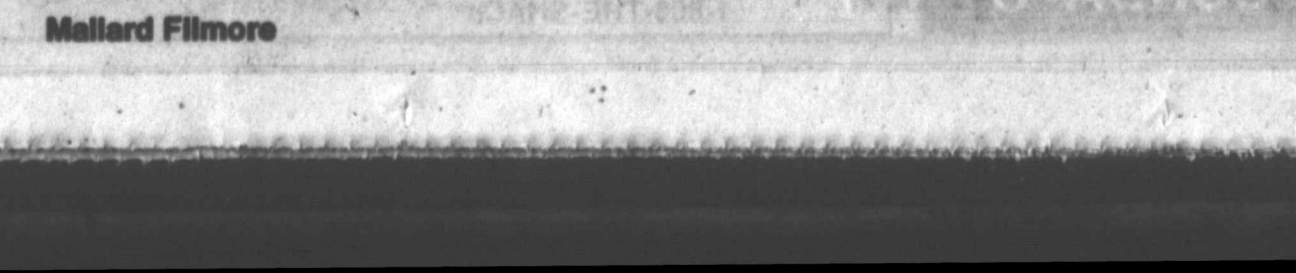
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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 12, 1994

Secret ambitions you've had for quite some time may be fulfilled in the year ahead. Don't give up on them now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Usually you're a good judge of character, but today you might meet someone who is not what you perceive him/her to be. You could be taken in, so be on guard. Astro-Graph year-ahead predictions make wonderful Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail \$1.25 for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you might be the first one out of the starting gate, but as the day progresses, your motivation will begin to fade and you may lose your lead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you want to impress others today, don't pretend to know more than you actually do or take positions you can't defend. No one likes a poseur.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Extravagant urges might surface again today. If your will power isn't strong, it'll be bad news for your budget.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There might be an unusual amount of pressure on something you direct or manage today. You will have to be thick skinned and tenacious to get through the day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Timing is extremely important today. Try to get information from your competition before tipping your hand.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It would be best to stay out of the complicated affairs of a friend today. He/she may seek your advice in hopes of shifting the burden on to you.

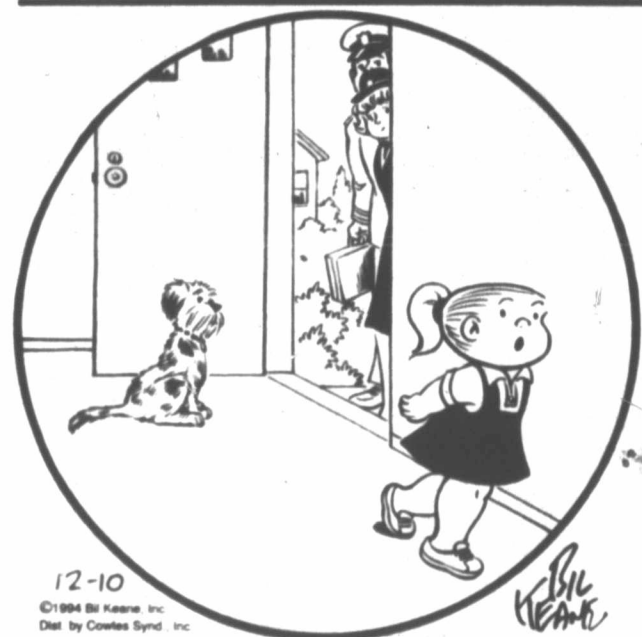
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Keep your objectives simple today. If you start adding whistles and bells, it could fall apart.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Resist using methods today which have proven unsuccessful in the past. Repeating mistakes may result in harsher penalties.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone who owes you a big favor might try to negotiate his/her way out of the debt. This individual is a good salesperson, so be careful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A smooth-talking associate might try to convince you to do something today that's not in your best interest. Think for yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Maintain consistent work habits today. If you start early and finish what you begin, you'll meet your expectations.



"Mommy, some people are here collectin' omelets for the poor."



"What kind of dog is that?" "A woofhound."

The Family Circus



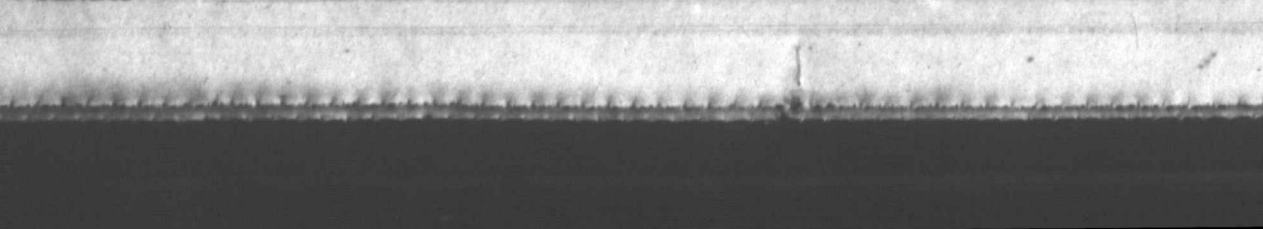
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SAFETY A NO. 1 PRIORITY AT PAMIPA PLANT

Safety and the continual improvement in safety are top priorities at the Pampa plant of Hoechst Celanese.

"We've really had some significant improvements over the last three years," said Weldon Grisham, safety section leader at the Pampa plant.

Safety awareness is one of the main goals the plant has strived toward, Grisham said, and this includes a lot of safety training for employees.

On-site, long-term contractors have been included in the safety initiatives.

Grisham said recognition for good safety performance has helped. During major turnarounds, safety awareness breaks are taken and some groups are recognized for something outstanding that they have accomplished in the area of safety.

The management staff of the plant has also been more involved in showing its appreciation and has formally recognized safety efforts of employees.

"The management commitment to safety at this plant is tremendous," Grisham noted.

Task safety observations have also been instrumental in the continuing safety at the Pampa plant. Grisham said this involves one employee observing another performing a task to try to identify safer ways of performing the job.

"We also have a process called job safety assessment where employees evaluate the hazards of the job prior to beginning the task and by identifying those hazards they will improve safety performance," Grisham said. "We think that is the cornerstone of our safety process here at the plant."

Grisham said the plant has awareness for office safety as well as hard-hat safety.

More awareness is also continually being focused on safety with any job that deals with repetitive motion. "Once you improve in the safety areas of cuts, scrapes and bruises then you have other injuries come up like soft tissue injuries which we are addressing to try to improve our safety."

Dealing with an aging workforce also calls for addressing back injuries and the prevention of those injuries, Grisham said. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations dictate a lot of what types of safety programs the plant safety groups address for employee training, but much of the training is also specific to the type of work at the Pampa plant.

There is currently an ongoing effort in the plant to monitor chemical exposure of the employees to make sure no one is being over exposed to chemicals.

Grisham said air pumps are used to monitor the exposure and that is sent off to be analyzed to check the exposure.

The Pampa plant has begun a process that is aimed more at safety records of outside contractors during the selection process. Grisham said in the past, a contractor might be selected for the low bid, but now the safety records of the contractors are scrutinized and the plant may go with the highest bid because that contractor may have the best safety record.

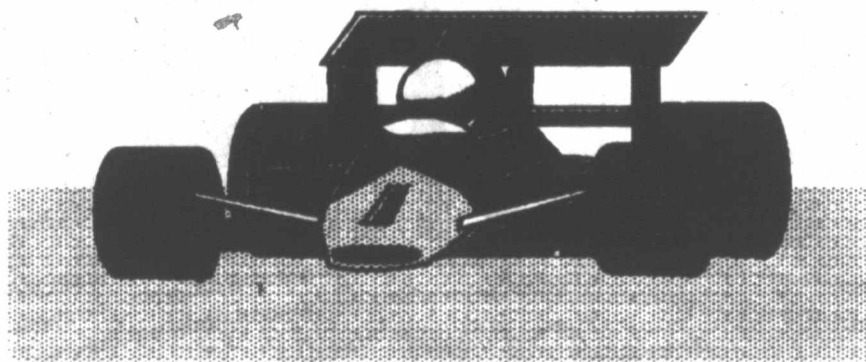
"Working with safe contractors ensures their safety and our safety," Grisham said.

The emergency response organization at the Pampa plant includes a rescue team and a fire team. They receive annual training at Texas A & M Fire School and Texas A & M Rescue School. In addition, 48 hours of training per year per person on the emergency crew is provided in-house.

"We've concentrated on training EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians). We're targeting to have two to three EMTs per shift. We think by having those we will provide the best medical help for the employee if he is injured, whatever the injury may be," Grisham said.

In the area of health, there is a Wellness Committee which has a lot of activities for employees and their families. These include bike races and walks. The company also sponsors partial payment of a membership to the Pampa Youth Center. Health screenings and vaccination programs are also included in the wellness program as are annual physical examinations.

The efforts toward improvement have proved fruitful with numerous awards the company has won for safety. These include the Chemical Manufacturers Association 1993 Lamot DuPont Award; the National Petroleum Refiners Association Merit Safety Performance, and the Gold Award for 1992-93; a Texas Chemical Council Safety Award in 1993; Conrails "Diamond Drop" Flawless Shipment Award 1988-93; and the Hoechst Celanese Richard M. Clarke Award for Environmental, Health, and Safety Administration Excellence 1992.



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HOECHST CELANESE SAFETY SPECIALIST AIDS PAMPA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hoechst Celanese extended a helping hand to the city of Pampa recently by providing training and expertise to the Pampa Fire Department.

That training was made available through Hunter Chisum, a veteran safety specialist at Hoechst Celanese.

Chisum trained the Pampa Fire Department on high-angle and confined-space rescue. High-angle rescue involves rescuing injured victims from an elevation, such as a tall building.

Confined space rescue includes techniques for rescuing an individual from a confined space. A confined space can be described as anything that is large enough for someone to get in but was not designed to occupy them, Chisum said.

"We utilized their training facilities east of town for the hands on and the rest of it was classroom work done inside," Chisum said. Chisum became closely associated with some members of the local fire department through the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Chisum represents Hoechst Celanese on that group.



Hunter Chisum trains fire fighters

The subject of the training, held during September, came up after an incident where the Pampa Fire Department found itself a little short on training and equipment.

After being approached about teaching the fire department on some of the skills, Chisum said he discovered they didn't have some of the equipment that was needed.

Hoechst Celanese, through Chisum's efforts, graciously purchased and donated some equipment to the fire department, such as ropes, stretchers and harnesses.

After gathering the equipment, Chisum led each shift at the Pampa Fire Department with eight hours of hands-on training and eight hours in the classroom. Additional classroom hours were taught by the fire department's training officer, Capt. Paul Jenkins.

Chisum has been associated with the rescue teams at Hoechst Celanese for almost 30 years. His original training came in 1969 when he was sent by the plant to Texas A & M for training that evolved into an industrial-type training. Chisum also instructed at Texas A & M for Hoechst Celanese and also instructed at the plant for a number of years.

Regarding the recent training he conducted with the Pampa Fire Department, Chisum said that type of training utilized ropes and harnesses.

"It's a lot of repelling and a lot of ascending," he said.

The size of the rope and the poundage it is able to carry is regulated by the National Fire Protection Association.

Hoechst Celanese has a mutual aid agreement with the Pampa Fire Department, meaning that if the city needs help, Hoechst Celanese's team would respond and if the Pampa plant needed assistance, the city fire department would respond.

Chisum said it is good business for the local fire department to have knowledge of types of rescue that could be involved in an industrial environment.

Other areas where the Pampa plant has aided the city fire department is through helping to purchase the aerial phone truck and the phone that goes in the truck.

In 1993 and 1994 the Pampa plant invited two firefighters each year to attend the annual week-long industrial fire training at Texas A & M. The training is on a volunteer basis and the city pays the salaries of the firefighters while Hoechst Celanese pays the expenses. Chisum said that since the city and Hoechst Celanese have a mutual aid agreement, the city firefighters are subject to be called to help if needed at the Pampa plant and he believed the training would be beneficial.

All of the working together between Hoechst Celanese and the Pampa Fire Department establishes a good rapport with each of the group's members.

The recent high-angle and confined-space rescue training provided valuable experience for the Pampa firefighters. Some had received some training from their rookie school while others had not been trained in the techniques.

Chisum said he enjoyed working with the Pampa Fire Department members, pointing out that rescue work can be difficult but it is enjoyable.

"They were all very responsive to it and joined right in. We did a lot of hard work, but it was also a lot of fun," Chisum said.



Ray Chisum, 28, and son Bailey, 2, check a new crop on their farm south of Lubbock. Chisum is one of a vanishing breed of young farmers. (AP photo)

Costs discourage young farmers

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer

JAYTON, Texas (AP) — Ray Chisum defied a trend when he bought a used tractor and began raising cotton and grains on some land of his own.

None of his high school classmates stuck around Jayton to try their hand at the farm-and-ranch activity that sustains this tiny town southeast of Lubbock. Chisum, 28, speculates he's the youngest farmer in Kent County.

"Getting started without family and friends would be next to impossible," said Chisum, who took over some of his grandfather's fields and still shares equipment with his father.

"Finances — wisdom, counts for a whole lot," he said. "... If it hadn't been for my granddad and dad, well, I probably wouldn't even tried."

Figures from the U.S. Census Bureau put the average Texas farmer at 56 years old in 1992. In 1978, that average age was 52.4.

The so-called "aging of agriculture" disturbs those who are wit-

nessing young, rural people reject an occupation they consider too costly and risky.

"It's a huge concern," said Nancy Thompson, staff attorney for the Center for Rural Affairs in Walthill, Neb. "It may be one of the most crucial issues facing agriculture."

County agriculture agents and others say new farmers face start-up costs as high as \$500,000 for land and equipment.

Beginners can't secure much affordable credit, some ag experts say. Commodity prices are iffy. Government regulations have mounted.

Net farm income, meanwhile, averages \$23,233 a year, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"It's very difficult to get into farming or ranching and make any money off it anymore," said Robert Kennedy, the TDA's deputy assistant commissioner for finance and agribusiness development.

Young people "are going off to Texas Tech, Texas A&M... and seeing something better in their future than working on the land," Kennedy said. "At some point in the future,

you'll see the family farm disappear, I'm afraid."

Little relief arrived with a program the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority set up for farmers and ranchers between the ages of 18 and 39. The Young Farmer Loan Guarantee Program contained \$2.4 million to help beginners buy feed, seed, fertilizer or equipment.

Some 9,000 people inquired about the loan guarantees of up to \$50,000, Kennedy said. Officials expected to grant 60 awards in 1994, its first year.

Only four applied.

On the federal level, the Rural Economic and Community Development Services — formerly the Farmers Home Administration — provides various types of credit for beginners.

Federal figures in Texas for fiscal year '94 included 203 direct-operating loans worth \$9.6 million and 45 guaranteed-operating loans worth \$4.2 million.

"If you don't have somebody that's giving you a hand, you can't make it," said Phillip Johnson, professor of agriculture economics at Texas Tech University.

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT (BULL)

OUTLOOK: To date, the wheat market has held (on a closing basis) above the important 50% retracement level which we talked about last week. This is positive and tells me the market is still a bull. I've seen many analysts pronounce the wheat bull dead over the past few weeks, but it's hard for me to get too negative on wheat with global supplies so tight. Last week, the International Wheat Council once again lowered their world ending stocks estimate to a very tight 104 MMT. This is the smallest supply since 1980, and about 15% less than 1991-92. That year, March wheat prices peaked at levels over 70 cents higher than this year. The problem the last few months has been export demand, but there are rumors that this will pick up soon. We've also seen stepped up commercial buying in the Chicago, Minneapolis, and Kansas City pits. The commercials can be wrong, and they're many times early, but they're usually on the mark. If better export demand does materialize, this market could make a sustained run back to the highs made a few months ago and eventually even higher!

STRATEGY: Hedgers: OK, if you've been reading me for awhile you're probably sick of hearing about call options. However, I'm going to mention them again because repetition is the mother of success. The "at the money" calls (at this writing the 380 March) are reasonable (now trading in the 12-14 cent range). This is a low cost replacement for the sale of cash wheat, and if you sold your wheat already, it's a low cost way to regain ownership. Cash wheat loses penny for penny as the market breaks—

you really don't know what your ultimate downside is. Options have a limit to the loss—if you pay 13 cents/bu. for an at the money call, this is the most you can lose even if the market falls 75 cents. Since you've sold your cash

wheat, you have the use of the cash, and have greatly reduced your risk. It is my belief prices are going higher and if you agree, then this is a good way to own wheat while simultaneously placing a floor on your risk.

Traders: Last week we recommended buying March Chicago wheat under \$3.80 and/or K.C. or Minneapolis at \$3.81. This was easily done as the market traded as low as \$3.74 in Chicago and down to \$3.77 in K.C. and \$3.80 in Minneapolis. Risk 12 cents on a closing basis and leave the upside open for now.

CORN (BULL/BEAR)

OUTLOOK: You may have noticed I've been devoting less space to corn recently. Corn is our most important crop, and it's not that we're not interested in this market. It's just hard to have a strong opinion at current prices. The supply is large, and mild weather so far is not good for feed usage. Upside appears limited. However, the price is cheap and large loan entries combined with aggressive on farm storage programs, makes the downside appear limited as well. Bottom line, look for a trading range affair.

STRATEGY: Hedgers: Approximately one month ago, we recommended selling May futures against inventory. The objective was to hedge downside risk and help capture carrying charges to give you a positive return for your stored corn. That was the week of Nov. 7 and the timing was good since that week registered the highest prices seen since the summer. If you took this advice, you have at least 10 cents profit in the futures position, and I would cash in now and in effect assume the risk of the market.

place by being unhedged once again.

Traders: Option sellers have sold the March 230 puts & calls and collected a total of 14 cents. We're risking up to 14 cents on this trade and at press time it's showing a modest profit.

CATTLE (BEAR)

OUTLOOK: Last week we talked about the fact that many packers have procured adequate inventory via the use of contract cattle and therefore don't need to be very aggressive in the cash market at this time. As a result, the cash market still appears tired and is weaker than the fundamentals would suggest on the surface. Additionally, the relentless weakness in the hog market, brought on by big supplies, makes for tough competition. Without the harsh variety of weight reducing winter weather which could make for a "weather rally", it still looks like the path of least resistance could be to the downside. Sell rallies.

STRATEGY: Hedgers: Based on a previous recommendation, cattle feeders have been advised to buy the February 69 puts. These options give you the right (without obligation) to sell February cattle at 69. They offer downside price insurance, while still leaving upside potential open.

Cowcalf operators: Previously we recommended selling the January 76 feeder cattle calls for 175 points to generate up to \$875 extra profit per 50,000 lbs.. this strategy worked well for us last summer and fall, however with the recent break in prices the options have lost value, and it appears we missed this one. Recommendation canceled. **Traders:** Last week we suggested going short the December futures at 6975, but by press time the market had already dropped out of this range. This recommendation is now canceled. Now look to sell February at 6785 or better, risking to a close above 69 for an objective of 6590.

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Now, that's one trick buffalo

By JIM ETTER
The Daily Oklahoman

ROFF, Okla. (AP) — The "buffalo gals" in the old, well-known song likely didn't ride an 1,800-pound bison across the arena at a lope, jump it through a ring of fire, put it on a teeter-totter, then have it do the end-of-the-trail stance on a narrow pedestal.

But Chandy Cowley does all that and more with Cherokee Chief, her 11-year-old partner in rodeo specialty acts.

Ms. Cowley and her husband, Alan, both 34, have been hauling Cherokee Chief — the only performing buffalo in Oklahoma and one of only a few in the world, they say — to professional rodeos and similar attractions around the nation for 10 years.

When the Cowleys aren't at home on their southeastern Oklahoma acreage near this small community in Pontotoc County, they're usually on the road, along with Cherokee

Chief, and Esther — a small mule that makes Cherokee Chief feel secure. He doesn't go anywhere without her.

Ms. Cowley and her husband, a veteran animal trainer and arena performer who trained the buffalo, have appeared at rodeos, fairs and various other shows in more than 30 states. Cowley, a former bull rider, has a rodeo clown act.

"I call them 'the Lord of the Plains,'" Ms. Cowley says, explaining part of the reason she likes her act with the bison as she leads it into their yard for a short practice session.

Part Cherokee and Shawnee, she wears an Indian headdress during her performances.

"I want to give something back to the Indians, something that has gone before — the buffalo.

"And the buffalo is the state animal (mammal) — so when we go to other states we feel like, with the buffalo and with me an Indian, we represent Oklahoma."

She says that while her husband did a good job training Cherokee Chief — he's trained other buffalo, including four animals for EuroDisney that were then shipped to France — the animal is not docile by any means.

If not handled carefully, or if spectators at a show come too close and try to pet it, the buffalo's capable of creating unexpected excitement, she said.

"We don't use whips — everything is performed on voice command. We're proud of that," she said, adding that, while she handles it easily, the large creature obviously isn't the type to be made to do something. "With me at 135 pounds, if he wanted to he could run right over me."

But she says Cherokee Chief had his rambunctious moments — like when he went through a heavy barrier once when disturbed by onlookers who ignored warnings by being bolder than they should have been.

"He's a buffalo. And they're the toughest animal breed on earth, I really believe that," she said, then added: "There's nothing cute about a buffalo."



About all Pampans can do is dream of a white almost-Christmas. But not far to the north last week, parts of Kansas were a winter wonderland. This abandoned barn and field of snowy ridges is near Garden City. (AP photo)

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In booming Taiwan, a downside

By DONALD SMITH
National Geographic
For AP Special Features

TAINAN, Taiwan — One of the waiters thinks he looks like James Bond, and says as much.

Tall, curly haired and deeply tanned, Eddy Padiglione of Rome weaves into his lunchtime conversation the names of distant ports that he and his new love will visit — Malta, Monaco and the Greek Islands.

"She will be a great beauty," he purrs in a dark baritone. "She will sail fast and with great style."

Padiglione isn't referring to a woman, but to the sleek, 72-foot sailboat he will command when it is delivered next May by the Ta Shing boatyard here.

Its price tag — \$1.5 million. Taiwan once was regarded as a fountainhead of the cheap and tacky, like Japan just after World War II. Today, the Chinese island is a supplier to the rich and famous.

Along with their new prosperity, however, the Taiwanese are discovering some serious downsides, including environmental pollution and unforeseen social strains.

Taiwan has demonstrated how Confucian ideals like discipline, hierarchy, and respect for order can nurture a powerful economy.

But cheap labor, the chief economic engine powering Taiwan's boom, is disappearing. Manufacturers like the Ta Shing boat-builders find it increasingly difficult to hire workers, especially those willing to do menial jobs for long hours and low pay.

Taiwan's economy has grown at an average of more than 8 percent annually during the past four decades. Although smaller than West Virginia, Taiwan is the world's 13th largest trading power. It is the sixth largest

trading partner of the United States. With \$90 billion in foreign-exchange reserves, Taiwan has the largest pool of cash on hand of any government except Japan's.

Once poorer than their mainland Chinese relatives, the Taiwanese are now 30 times richer, with a per-capita income of \$10,570 in 1993.

Taiwanese wear the latest European fashions and listen to American pop music. Many have graduate degrees from U.S. universities, live in ornate suburban houses and drive German or British luxury cars.

But Taiwan is one of the world's most industrialized and densely populated places. With 10 million motorbikes and 3 million cars, it has 20 times the vehicle density of the United States.

Taiwan's air is worse than that of Los Angeles. Less than 3 percent of its sewage is treated; its urban waterways are malodorous cesspools. Rates of disease, including asthma and cancer, have exploded, as have alcoholism and drug abuse.

The divorce rate has doubled since 1980, becoming the highest in Asia. Increasing numbers of Taiwanese are seeking psychiatric counseling for such maladies as panic attacks.

As fewer and fewer Taiwanese are willing to settle for the cheap wages and sweatshop conditions that produced the island's economic miracle, manufacturers are turning elsewhere for labor — Southeast Asia and even mainland China.

In the past two years, Taiwan has become the single largest investor in Vietnam, with investments totaling about \$1.5 billion, according to Taiwan government officials.

Since the late 1980s, an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 Taiwanese companies have transferred \$20 billion to the

mainland through direct investments — although this trend began slowing in 1994 as many companies discovered difficulties in breaking into domestic Chinese markets.

Southeast Asia and China aren't the only beneficiaries of Taiwanese capital. Taiwanese money-managers make periodic forays outside the island in search of lucrative foreign investments.

In the meantime, the government is taking steps to cope with the ill effects of rapid industrial development. It is encouraging, for example, a movement into less polluting, "knowledge-based" industries such as semiconductors.

Last year, Taiwan was the world's second-largest maker of notebook computers, with total production of 1.3 million units. Many of these were manufactured to fill orders from big U.S. and Japanese companies.

At the same time, some of Taiwan's businesses, like the island's small handful of yacht-builders, are trying to forge reputations as caterers to the wealthy.

Ta Shing enjoyed a heyday as a discount boat-builder in the mid-1980s, capitalizing on Taiwan's then cheap labor.

But as Taiwan's economy continued powering up and labor became steadily more expensive, Ta Shing was increasingly hard-pressed to compete against U.S. and European manufacturers.

This trend has led Taiwan's boat-builders to produce larger but fewer vessels. Ta Shing built only 15 boats in 1993, down from a high of 80 in 1984. The yard now employs 70 workers, a loss of 20 since 1993.

"Maybe this year is the bottom," says Carlos Yen, vice general manager of Ta Shing. "If we want to survive in the future, we will have to produce big boats with high quality and a big price."

A prince of a country

The high life in Liechtenstein

By CLARE NULLIS
Associated Press Writer

VADUZ, Liechtenstein (AP) — This Alpine principality is so small the monarch invites the whole country up to his castle for drinks on National Day.

The capital, Vaduz, has just one supermarket and only one set of traffic lights. There's no railway station. Moviegoers have a choice of two theaters.

Yet, the 62-square-mile nation of lush valleys and beautiful mountains is one of the world's most industrialized states. High-tech factories churn out precision instruments, spaceship parts, false teeth, postage stamps.

Incomes for Liechtenstein's 30,000 people are comfortably high. The government's budget is balanced and the tax rate is decided by the taxpayers.

It is a big change from before World War II, when Liechtenstein was so poor the ruling prince had to sell some of the family jewels to bail out the government.

Only about 300 people are said to be out of work. Crime is virtually nonexistent, and serious offenders are sent to neighboring Switzerland or Austria because there are no long-term prisons in the "Laendli" or "minination."

"We are not a perfect paradise," the ruler, Prince Hans Adam II, cautions. "But because we are so small, the problems are smaller."

Hans Adam, a dapper 49-year-old, has ruled for five years since the death of his father, Franz Josef II, who managed to keep Liechtenstein out of World War II and then steered it from rags to riches.

The prince's 13th-century castle, perched atop a 360-foot cliff, towers

over Vaduz just as his family dominates virtually every aspect of Liechtenstein life.

His powers are unparalleled in any other European constitutional monarchy. He has the final say on any law, can issue emergency decrees, and may dissolve the 25-member Parliament and call early elections.

Unlike his father, who acted only once to quash a hunting law he feared would "turn every garden into a shooting ground," Hans Adam takes a much more hands-on approach.

His interventions occasionally ruffle feathers among politicians and the population, but he still retains overwhelming respect. A devout Roman Catholic with four children, he is untouched by the scandals and gossip plaguing his British friend, Prince Charles.

Hans Adam helped persuade Liechtensteiners to break from Swiss domination two years ago and opt by a small majority in favor of joining the European Economic Area, a 19-nation free trade zone. Swiss voters kept their nation out.

The treaty comes up for a second vote early next year because of revisions to reflect the changed status of a 70-year-old customs union between Liechtenstein and Switzerland. Another close vote is expected among traditionally conservative Liechtensteiners.

The prince and the centrist government argue that Liechtenstein will profit from freer trade. But both also stress Liechtenstein will not seek membership in the European Union.

EU membership would force Liechtenstein to open its borders to European workers and residents.

"With free movement of people, it would turn into a (densely populated)

city state," Hans Adam recently told a group of journalists.

Already 38 percent of Liechtenstein's population is foreign, mainly Swiss, German and Austrian. Strict citizenship laws prevent even long-time foreign residents from fading into the statistics as "natives."

Nearly 7,000 people cross the border every day to work under a tightly controlled labor permit system, which allows Liechtenstein to employ workers for highly skilled jobs that locals can't do or badly paid ones that they won't do.

There are no chimneys belching smoke, but Liechtenstein is heavily industrialized. Just over half the work force is employed in factories. By comparison, Germany has 39 percent of its work force in industry and Switzerland 36 percent.

Less than 2 percent of Liechtenstein's people work in agriculture, which was the mainstay of the economy before World War II.

The rest of the labor force is involved in services like banking and insurance and in investment trusts aimed at foreigners who want to shelter their income from taxes. The tax shelters irk other governments and feed widespread feelings that Liechtenstein is a center for money-laundering.

Hans Adam is defensive about that. "If you try to end one tax haven, the money will flow to another tax haven," he said.

For Liechtensteiners themselves, the personal income tax is 8 percent, thanks to the system of direct democracy in which the people have the final say on national laws.

"We can't raise taxes here," Hans Adam shrugs. "People would vote against them."

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State auditor's report says controls need improvement for agencies and universities

AUSTIN (AP) - State government audits over the past two years raise questions about whether public universities and agencies can ensure they're getting the best results at the lowest price, according to a report released Friday.

The report to the Legislature by the state auditor's office, which

focuses on 1993-94 audits, says agencies and universities "are generally effective at accounting for resources and establishing controls to protect resources from loss, misuse and abuse."

"However, our audits continue to identify concerns about whether state agencies and universities have

controls to help ensure that they obtain desired results at the lowest possible cost," the report concluded.

Auditors have identified issues concerning adequacy of agency oversight functions and insufficient monitoring of performance, the report said.

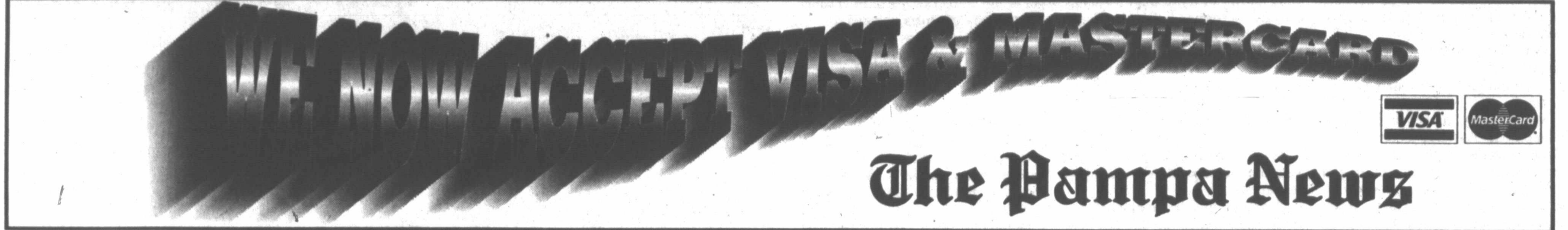
It said there also are concerns about whether agencies and universities have and report sufficient and accurate information to make reliable decisions.

In particular, auditors have found problems with the monitoring of performance of local service delivery providers.

It said most contractors at five health and human service agencies, which contracted for \$2.5 billion in services, were judged by whether their activities followed required procedures, rather than by their results.

The auditor's office said the economic impact of many audit recommendations is difficult to figure.

However, it said that recommendations included a potential \$613.7 million in cost savings or cost reduction opportunities; revenue enhancement possibilities, or lost revenue, of as much as \$173 million; and \$5 million due or overcharged to the state general fund.



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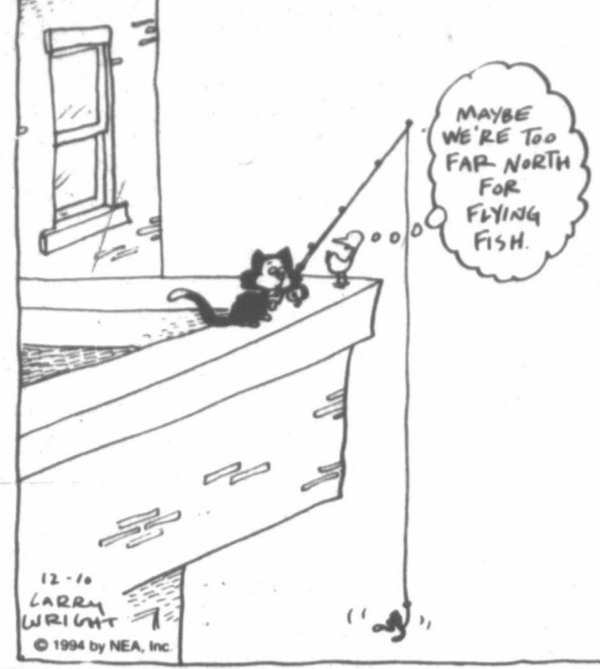
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Parents struggle to deal with son's death by man's drunken driving

By DAVID SIKES
Killeen Daily Herald

KILLEEN (AP) — By her own admission, Ilse Longoria is consumed with sadness and anger over the actions of a man whose choice to drink and drive cost her son's life.

Ilse's passion, spawned by the loss of her son, Robert Michael Longoria, eight years ago, is to never let her child's memory fade nor to abandon her fight against drunken drivers and a society that she says doesn't seem to care.

If the Longoria children were to gather for Christmas, which hasn't happened in eight years, Ilse says it would be a bittersweet experience for her. She simply could not bear the sight of her two daughters and remaining son together — it would be a glaring reminder that her youngest boy is not there, she says.

Robert never said goodbye that summery Tuesday night. His family's farewells he could not hear — all because Michael D. Pitrucha drove drunk on July 15, 1986 — the day celebrations ceased for Ilse. He was 23.

Now, each week, Ilse and her husband, Dino Longoria, go to where their son died alongside Farm-to-Market Road 439, less than a mile outside Killeen. A simple white cross marks the spot they wish Robert had never been. They bring flowers. They sometimes freshen the paint on the discreet wooden memorial or clear the weeds encroaching on their sacred area, but always, they pray and reflect on what could have been for their child.

"At night, I sleep maybe two hours at a time," Ilse says in a thick German accent. "I wake up and think: My Robert is dead. What should I have done? What could I have done?"

Thousands of memorial crosses, including eight in Bell County, stand beside America's streets and highways, placed by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. They are not just for the families, but serve to remind those passing by of the senseless tragedy of each drunk-driving death. The Longorias know only that Robert's cross was donated by a Mr. Poole from Houston who also lost a child to a drunk driver. MADD coordinates placement of the crosses and asks only that surviving family members care for them.

Each time the Longorias make the final curve on their drive to Robert's cross, Ilse's stomach begins to tighten. She looks out the window at what she knows were her son's last sights. She thinks to herself: What were his final thoughts? Did he cry out for me? She shudders. The car stops. As always, a sick feeling comes over Ilse as she and Dino approach the cross. Ilse visits for only a moment before she's overwhelmed by the queasiness, forcing her to scurry back to the car. Next week, she'll do it all again.

For the Longorias, tending to Robert's cross is part of coping with their grief. Dino goes twice a day to the cemetery, once in the morning and again after his wife gets off from work, because since the accident, Ilse hasn't driven a car. Their lives are starkly different now.

"Before we lived — now we just exist," Ilse says. "I think for me it's going to always be like that. Robert's been dead for eight years and I don't feel any better. But I've learned to live with it. It's like when your leg is amputated. You learn to get around and survive, but you never forget that your leg's not there."

Ilse still works as a medical technician at Metroplex Hospital in Killeen. As she has done on all holidays since 1986, Ilse worked on Thanksgiving Day.

In fact, there have been no family gatherings for any occasions at the Longoria home since Robert's death. Ilse said it's too painful to recall the days when her third child brightened her home during those traditionally happy times. She hopes her other children understand as they celebrate at their homes in their own way.

Meanwhile, Dino, a retired Army master sergeant, has buried himself in volunteer work as an anti-crime advocate. For four years, he was the chairman of the Bell County People Against Violent Crimes group and today he is the vice chairman of the state organization.

Each Nov. 11, the Longoria children call their mother to see how she's coping on Robert's birthday. They know she's not like she used to be and she's compelled to keep it that way. She simply refuses to let the memory or cause of Robert's death fade from her memory. She said she needs to hold on to the anger and sorrow in honor of her son and to help prevent similar tragedies.

"It's a normal thing for a mother when she loses a child," Ilse said as her strong German countenance began to wane. As her husband listens, he looks away from his wife's contagious tears and stares sternly. "Even people who are very religious — even when Jesus died on the cross, his mother cried."

Ilse is haunted by a recurring dream in which she and Robert meet in Heaven. He looks into his mother's



Dino and Ilse Longoria pray at a cross that marks where their son, Robert Michael Longoria, died on July 15, 1986 on Farm-to-Market Road 439 about a mile east of Killeen. Their son was killed when a drunk driver hit his car head on. The Longorias visit the cross every week to maintain it and pray. (AP photo/Killeen Daily Herald)

eyes and asks why she didn't do anything to stop the killing after his death. In the dream, she pictures herself trying in vain to convince Robert that she tried.

"It keeps me angry," Ilse said. "It keeps me trying to prevent it from happening again. Even if I don't succeed, I'll keep trying. We need to do that. I'm going to make a difference so maybe someone else will make a difference, too."

Toward that end, the Longorias are collecting signatures on a petition to keep the man convicted of involuntary manslaughter in Robert's death in jail. He was released once and Ilse is determined that he spend more time thinking about what he did. Eight years ago, Pitrucha was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to five years in prison with 10 years probation. The judge also ordered him to pay the Longorias \$8,900 in restitution. He served about three months in jail and has paid about \$165 so far.

Because he has never indicated otherwise to the family, Ilse said she doesn't believe Pitrucha is remorseful.

"The guy never came and said he

was sorry," she said. "He lived right here in Killeen and he never tried to speak to us. I think that would ease the pain a little, but I don't think he's sorry. At least he'd be admitting that he did something wrong."

"If he spent five years in prison, maybe every day of those five years he'd wake up and say to himself, 'I killed someone.' Maybe then he'd give up drinking. If he spent a hundred years in jail I still wouldn't be satisfied, though. But, I think if he gets five years, he should stay in five years. The judge didn't say 'I sentence you to three and a half months.' His punishment just doesn't fit the crime."

Pitrucha was caught driving drunk and his probation was revoked earlier this year. This time, he is expected to get out in June 1995, according to the Texas Pardons and Parole Board. Pitrucha, from the Jordan prison in Pampa, Texas, declined to speak with the Herald about the Longorias or the accident.

"We've got 150 signatures so far," Ilse said. "We're going to try real hard to keep him there this time. We're the ones who have to fight to keep him in jail and I don't think we should have to do that."

But fight they have. The Longorias have spoken to lawyers, district attorneys, judges and politicians in their quest for stronger laws and longer sentences for drunk drivers, especially for those who kill.

"We went to Austin to speak with the attorney general or the governor and all we got was the runaround. They suggested, 'Don't vote for that judge next time.'" Dino said. "I'd like to see some change in the direction of stricter punishments, but people don't seem to care until it happens to them."

The Longorias say that the judge who sentenced Pitrucha wouldn't even talk to them about why he gave such a short sentence.

Ilse says she cannot understand the nonchalance of some Americans who make more fuss over running over a neighbor's cat than the courts did over the violent death of her son. However, when her fight is over, she hopes many will understand her vigilance and when she finally sees Robert again, she can look him in the eye and say without a doubt, "I tried."

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