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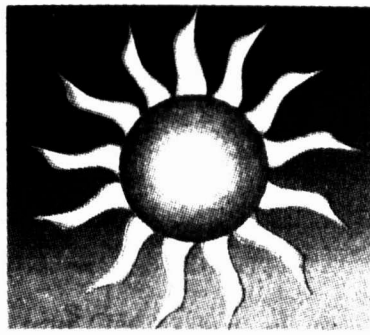
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**WHEELER** — During this season of giving, the residents of Wheeler Care Center are thinking of those who are not as fortunate as they are.

The residents of Wheeler Care Center are sponsoring a Coat Drive to benefit The Salvation Army. The staff and residents of WCC will gather, sort and size all coats and deliver them to the Pampa Salvation Army on Dec. 22.

The residents are enlisting the support of the community to clean out attics and closets for warm clothing. When the coats are gathered, area residents can drop them by the facility in Wheeler at 1000 S. Kiowa, or call the center at (806) 826-3362 and staff members will come get them.

**PAMPA** — A third Pampan has thrown his hat into the ring for the position of sheriff.

Tim D. Roberts, 2000 Hamilton, filed designation of campaign treasurer on Nov. 22. He named Kathy Beck, 1125 E. Frederic, as his campaign treasurer. Roberts plans to run as a Democrat.

Roberts joins retired Department of Public Safety license and weights trooper Don Copeland and incumbent Randy Stubblefield in the race.

As of press time today, Stubblefield had not filed the designation of campaign treasurer report. He switched from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party on Nov. 3.

Copeland named Herman Law as his campaign treasurer. He announced he intends to run as a Republican for the top county law enforcement spot.

**PAMPA** — The Cable Advisory Commission will meet Thursday at 4 p.m. in room 201 of the Pampa City Hall.

Items on the agenda include information on the new owners of the local cable franchise, Marcus Cable Operating Company. Information will include meeting the new manager and discussion of expectations for the cable system when the current franchise agreement expires.

Also on the agenda: discussion of a list of perceived problem areas from former board member Tom Mechler, as well as status on replacing Mechler on the board.

Meetings are open to the public.

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — There were an average of 655 crimes a day in Mexico City in October, the highest ever for the city, the La Jornada newspaper reported Wednesday, quoting figures from the attorney general's office of the Federal District.

It said so far this year 180,000 crimes had been reported, 34 percent more than for all of 1994 and that there had been 23,000 arrests this year.

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## City extends parking rules for disabled

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS  
News Editor

If a proposed ordinance providing specific dimensions and signs at parking spots for the disabled passes on second reading, law enforcement of handicapped parking spaces will be extended to private property.

Pampa city commissioners Tuesday passed on first reading an ordinance which specifies the size and marking of parking spaces for the disabled. It provides that private property owners who designate the special parking spots shall comply with the requirements.

The current ordinance does not describe dimensions and signs and is not applicable to private parking areas. State statutes now allow the city to extend enforcement to private property, said City Attorney Don Lane.

By reworking the ordinance, law enforcement officials may issue citations on both public and private property when non-disabled people use the designated spaces.

"To me, this is a quality of life issue for those who are disabled," said City Commissioner Faustina Curry, who with her colleagues voted unanimously for the ordinance.

However, questions arose about the ordinance.

Commissioner Jeff Andrews asked Lane to find out if a designated parking space for the disabled may later be changed to regular parking and if to do so violates the Americans with Disabilities Act. Lane promised to get the information before the Dec. 12 meeting.

Commissioners learned city employees will need to bring public parking places for the disabled into compliance should the ordinance pass.

Police Chief Chuck Flemings told commissioners he received

calls about enforcement of the disabled parking spaces, particularly after people learned about the big push for enforcement in Amarillo. Whether a spot complies with the ordinance or not will be up to code enforcement officer David McKinney.

The ordinance requires:

- Angle parking shall be at least 96-inches wide with the parking access aisle at least 60 inches wide and if van accessible, the parking access aisle shall be at least 96 inches wide.

- Parallel parking spaces are discouraged unless situated so that people entering and exiting vehicles will be out of the traffic flow. If parallel parking is located where vehicular traffic exists, the space shall be designed and located so users are out of the traffic flow.

- Each accessible parking space shall be designated as reserved by a vertical sign showing the symbol of accessibility. For van accessible spaces, the van-accessible designation shall appear below the accessibility symbol.

- The signs must be 60 inches or more above the ground or paved surface so they cannot be obscured by a vehicle parked in the space.

- Anyone who owns or controls property used for public parking who designates parking spaces for the exclusive use of the disabled shall conform to the sign and size requirements.

- Offenses and penalties provided for in Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes shall apply.

In other action, commissioners reappointed Neil Quattlebaum to the Gray County Appraisal District's board of directors.

Richard Stowers was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Jim Morris on the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's board of directors. Morris tendered his resignation effective Nov. 15, citing personal commitments.

## Justices make it easier for courts to declare Miranda violations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today made it easier for people who say their rights were violated during police interrogations to win federal court challenges of their state court convictions.

Ruling 7-2 in a case from Alaska, the court gave federal judges broader power to second-guess state courts on the question of whether a criminal suspect was "in custody" when questioned by police.

The decision sent back to lower federal courts for more study the case of a man who confessed to killing his ex-wife nine years ago by stabbing her 29 times.

The high court's landmark 1966 ruling in *Miranda vs. Arizona*, well-known to fans of police movies and television programs, requires officers to inform suspects in their custody of their right to remain silent or have a lawyer present before responding to questions.

At issue in the case decided today was how much deference a federal court must give to a state court determination that a suspect who made incriminating remarks was not in custody and therefore had not been entitled to a *Miranda* warning.

If the custody issue is merely a factual one, a high degree of def-

## It's all Greek to them ...



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Shalyn Garner laughs as she places an extra laurel on Stephanie Clark during class at Pampa Middle School this morning. The two sixth graders, along with the rest of their classmates in Jan Baxter's class, are studying ancient Greek history. To get a feeling for the times, the students dressed in togas, made laurels and ate Greek food.

## Brady hospitalized after heart seizure

WASHINGTON (AP) — James Brady, who was shot in the head in the 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan, was in a northern Virginia hospital today after suffering a heart seizure at an oral surgeon's office.

The former White House press secretary was "having a dental procedure and basically went into cardiac arrest," said Christine Tea, night nursing supervisor at Fairfax Hospital just outside Washington.

She said Brady, 55, arrived at the hospital at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday and was admitted to the cardiac care unit.

Brady was in critical condition and on a respirator when admitted. However, he spent a comfortable night, nursing supervisor Judy Hathaway said today,

and his condition was upgraded to serious and stable.

Brady's wife, Sarah, canceled an appearance at a news conference today at D.C. police headquarters, where a study was released indicating that 36 percent of the fatal shootings of law enforcement officers since January 1994 were committed with guns now banned under a year-old assault-weapons prohibition. Mrs. Brady is fighting Republican efforts to overturn the ban.

Reading a statement from the Brady family, Handgun Control, Inc. president Richard Aborn said Brady was "conscious and doing very well."

Mrs. Brady said she expected her husband to be released from the hospital in two or three days. She credited the oral surgeon

and his staff with saving Brady's life.

Brady, Reagan's first press secretary, was critically wounded during the 1981 assassination attempt. He kept the title of press secretary throughout Reagan's two terms, although he suffered brain damage, paralysis, short-term memory impairment and slurred speech.

His wife became involved in gun-control efforts in 1985, but Reagan and Brady did not endorse her efforts until 10 years after they were shot.

"I had to be hit on the head," Brady said in November 1993, as President Clinton was signing the law, named for Brady, that requires a five-day wait and background check before a handgun can be sold.

## Former Spearman resident new director of Tralee Crisis Center



Linda Town is the new director of Tralee Crisis Center.

By MELINDA MARTINEZ  
Lifestyles Editor

For the past three months, Linda Town has been heading up the Tralee Crisis Center as the new director.

"After four years of undergraduate studies, and at the age of 35, I graduated from Oklahoma Panhandle State University with a BS (bachelor of science) in psychology," said Town. She is now working on a master's degree at West Texas A&M University in Canyon with an optional concentration in criminal justice.

Originally from Spearman, Town has been working with battered women for approximately 14 years. In Spearman, she helped organize a support group

for victims of family violence.

"It was a private support group," explained Town. "For women and children of domestic violence."

She said it was a gradual pulling together of families of domestic violence.

This group setting, Town said, created a comfortable, trusting atmosphere and allowed individuals the opportunity to gain confidence in disclosing what was going on in their own lives. Members who were involved were also directed to service agencies that could help them.

As she interacted with other women and helped them move away from the circumstances that they were in, she said, "It helped open my own eyes to the situation I was in."

contending that police coaxed him into it without giving him the standard *Miranda* warning.

Police had not given a *Miranda* warning. But they said Thompson had been told he was not under arrest and was free to leave the police station whenever he wished.

He left after confessing, but was arrested a few hours later.

His tape-recorded confession was used as evidence at his trial, and Alaska courts upheld his convictions.

Thompson then turned to federal courts for help, in an appeal lawyers call a "habeas corpus" petition.

As a formerly battered woman, Town said she understands the reasons why it is so difficult to get away from a situation involving domestic violence.

"I know it's not easy to get away," Town said. "But, it is possible."

Involvement with victims of domestic violence does take a certain kind of a person.

"Actually," said Town. "You have to have a passion for it."

She added that she wants the women she has had the opportunity to help to know that there is a light at the end of the tunnel — a light that can be reached if they work hard enough to get there.

Being the victim of domestic violence, Town added, "shouldn't kill your dreams."



## Community Calendar

### November

30 - PANHANDLE TRANSIT to sponsor "THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS" to be presented at the Pampa Middle School at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Panhandle Area Transit at 665-0081.

### December

1 - TOYS FOR TOTS TIME. Helping children to have a brighter Christmas. People may take toys to the following places: Central Fire Station, 203 W. Foster; Rural/Metro office, 120 N. Gray; or to 203 E. Tuke. For more information, call Tony Davis at 665-3442.

1 - HOSPICE OF THE PANHANDLE to celebrate the "Tree of Love" lighting at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Dee Dee Laramore at 665-6677.

1 - PAMPA POST OFFICE presents "Customer Appreciation Day," 9-11 a.m. Coffee, punch, cookies, doughnuts, soft drinks to be served. Also, stop by to say goodbye to retiring Jim Lummus.

1-3 - FESTIVAL OF TREES, M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Open Friday from 6-9 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Forrest Cloyd at 665-4186.

2 - CHRISTMAS PARADE, 10 a.m. For more information, contact the Pampa Chamber of Commerce at 669-3241.

2 - TASTE OF PAMPA, Pampa Mall, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

2 - "NUTCRACKER" performance, 7 p.m., M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Presented by the Pampa Civic Ballet with guest artists Cornel Crabtree and Gina Patterson. Students \$2, adults \$4. For more information, contact Jeanne Willingham at 669-6361.

2-3 - "SHINE, JESUS, SHINE", a free children's musical, 7 p.m. Bible Church of Pampa, 300 W. Browning.

2-5 - "THAT NIGHT: A CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR," 7 p.m. daily, Central Baptist Church, Starkweather and Browning. Call 665-1631 for information.

5 - PAMPA UNITED WAY BOARD MEETING, Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 5 p.m.

7 - HISPANOS UNIDOS MONTHLY MEETING at 6:30 p.m. at 824 S. Cuyler.

10 - A CHRISTMAS TREE EXHIBITION from 1-5 p.m. at the Lovett Memorial Library auditorium. Free, open to the public. Exhibition of decorated, sculptured and handcrafted trees in all sizes. Sponsored by the Pampa Garden Club. For more information, call Ruth Barrétt, 665-5050; Mary Ann Bailey, 669-6975; or Thelma Bray, 665-1180.

11 - WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM is sponsoring MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHY in concert to celebrate the museum's 25th anniversary, 7 p.m. M.K. Brown Auditorium. Ticket sales available from Action Realty from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at \$25 for the concert and \$25 for the reception. For more information, contact Greta Arrington at 665-4143.

18 - BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS BOARD MEETING, Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 7 p.m.

21 - PAMPA CANCER AREA SUPPORT GROUP regular meeting, 7-8 p.m., Coronado Hospital Medical Building (NOT the hospital). For more information, call Kathy Gist at 665-4742 or Emily Washington at 669-7619.

23 - CHRISTIAN COWBOYS to host supper at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. Bring desserts only. For more information, contact John or Carolyn Stokes at 665-7896 or Jim or Cathleen Greene at 665-8097.

25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS from the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce.

Note: Civic clubs, organizations, church groups and others wanting their special meetings and activities listed on the community calendar should contact the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard, or call 669-3241.

## President signs bill ending 55-mph limit

WASHINGTON (AP) - Drivers, mark your calendars: on Dec. 8, the 55-mph speed limit is history.

President Clinton on Tuesday signed the \$6 billion National Highway System bill, which ends federal speed limit and motorcycle helmet laws, but he made clear that he had serious misgivings that the new law might lead to more accidents, highway deaths and injuries.

He signed it because he believes it will strengthen the nation's transportation system, providing jobs and economic opportunities, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

"I am deeply disturbed by the repeal of both the national maximum speed limit law and the law encouraging states to enact motorcycle helmet use laws," Clinton said in a written statement.

But Steve Carrellas of the National Motorists Association's New Jersey office said, "Most states are prepared to deal with it (speed limits)."

All it means is "changing the numbers on the signs to reflect the reasonable behavior of the vast majority of people," Carrellas said in a telephone interview.

The federal speed cap comes off in 10 days, ending limits that began in 1974 as an energy-saving measure during the Mideast oil embargo. When highway deaths dropped 9,000 the following year, the law was proclaimed a life saver.

States later were permitted to set a 65-mph limit on rural interstates. States that failed to comply faced the threat of losing federal highway funds.

While advocates for higher speeds and those contending that such rules should be left to the states were happy with the measure, other reaction ranged from concern to fear of highway carnage.

Texas is expected to raise its speed limit to 70 mph on some interstates and highways when the federal speed limit is dropped, which would occur 10 days after the bill is signed.

"Those who support sending power back to the states have cause to celebrate today," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Irving. "Now when you drive from Dallas to El Paso, the federal government won't be riding shotgun with you."

Safety advocates such as Ralph Nader and former surgeon general C. Everett Koop have warned that deaths could jump by as much as 6,000 annually at higher speeds.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said that while Clinton was "very concerned about highway fatalities," the president felt a veto could cost states nearly \$6 billion in "necessary highway improvement projects," including finishing missing links in the Interstate Highway system.

The measure provides highway funds for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1.



Storyspinner Loralee Cooley will be presenting tales during the Cowboy Country Christmas show Dec. 9.

## All-Star Jubilee to present Cowboy Country Christmas

The All-Star Jubilee will be holding a Cowboy Country Christmas at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, featuring area talent.

The show will be held in the John Stokes barn east of Pampa, located across from the Schwann's warehouse on Hwy. 60.

Admission is \$3, with chili, cowboy stew and cobbler available for additional cost.

Performers include The Good News Band, with members from Pampa and Lefors; Charlie and

Kiwi Hutchinson, from Fritch; Cross Wind, from Pampa; and Carol Ziegelgruber and Cindy Nunn, both from Pampa.

In addition, storyspinner Loralee Cooley will be presenting some tales, and Linda Burt will be demonstrating a spinning wheel. Both are from Pampa.

Those wanting only to attend the concert may bring their lawn chairs to sit in the heated barn for the performances.

For more information, call 665-7896 or 665-2213.

## Prices slashed on Gingrich's book

ATLANTA (AP) - The publisher of House Speaker Newt Gingrich's current book, *To Renew America*, has cut the price of the \$24 former bestseller by \$9 through January and is offering a rebate to stores for each copy sold.

The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, in today's editions, said industry experts indicate that sales of the

book are in trouble. HarperCollins, the New York-based publishing house owned by Rupert Murdoch, is offering bookstores a \$5 credit for each copy of Gingrich's book that is sold.

A spokesman for the publisher denied that book sales were falling below company expectations but declined to release sales figures.

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## Explosives found in Pantex reservoir

AMARILLO (AP) - Traces of high explosives discovered in ground water near the nation's nuclear bomb assembly plant may require a cleanup or other control measures, regulators say.

The explosive, RDX, was found in a test boring at a level of 77 parts per billion, said Johnnie Guelker, environmental restoration project manager. It is the first off-site contamination linked to the Energy Department weapons plant, officials said Tuesday.

Boyd Deaver, with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Amarillo, said the levels do not pose a health risk.

Plant officials projected in March that high explosive conta-

mination eventually would leave the Pantex site because plant boundary samplings had detected contaminants, said Gary Baker with Pantex environmental subcontractor Battelle-Pantex.

But he told the *Amarillo Globe-News* no contamination has yet been detected in the Ogallala Aquifer, which serves as a water source for much of the High Plains.

The contaminated water was detected at a depth of about 280 feet in a perched aquifer above the Ogallala.

The upper-level reservoir is an intermittent water-bearing layer that is not normally used for drinking purposes, said officials.

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## 'Toy Story' captures top seat

By JOHN HORN  
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — *Toy Story* sparked the greatest holiday weekend in box-office history: \$158.5 million worth of tickets sold.

Disney's computer-animated comedy led the field over the five-day Thanksgiving weekend, earning \$39.1 million, Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. said Monday.

The previous mark was set during the five-day Fourth of July weekend earlier this year, when ticket sales totaled \$154.5 million. The previous Thanksgiving high, \$140.1 million, was recorded in 1992.

*Toy Story*, the first feature film to be animated completely by computer, was not the sole reason for the record weekend.

The new James Bond movie *Goldeneye* took in \$26.2 million for second, and *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls* earned \$18.7 million in third place. The new robbery story *Money Train* collected \$15.5 million in its debut weekend for fourth place.

Not all critics have embraced director Martin Scorsese's *Casino*, but it has attracted some very positive reviews and debuted reasonably in fifth place with \$14.5 million. *The American President*, a romance pairing Michael Douglas and Annette Bening, improved 85 percent from a week ago, making \$13.1 million in sixth.

Only one new film, the assassination drama *Nick of Time*, bombed over the Thanksgiving weekend. It earned \$3.9 million, landing in ninth place. In limited release, Al Pacino's *Two Bits* flopped.

The top 10 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Wednesday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. *Toy Story*, Disney, \$39.1 million, 2,457 locations, \$15,902 per location, \$39.1 million, one week.
2. *Goldeneye*, MGM, \$26.2 million, 2,667 locations, \$9,838 per

BOX OFFICE		
Top weekend movies		
Weekend of November 24-26		
All dollar figures in millions		
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross	
1. <i>Toy Story</i> \$39.1, one week, 2,457 screens	\$39.1	
2. <i>Goldeneye</i> \$26.2, two weeks, 2,667 screens	\$26.2	
3. <i>Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls</i> \$18.7, three weeks, 2,705 screens	\$18.7	
4. <i>Money Train</i> \$15.5, one week, 2,522 screens	\$15.5	
5. <i>Casino</i> \$14.5, one week, 1,616 screens	\$14.5	
6. <i>The American President</i> \$13.1, two weeks, 1,508 screens	\$13.1	
7. <i>It Takes Two</i> \$6.4, two weeks, 1,581 screens	\$6.4	
8. <i>Get Shorty</i> \$4.4, six weeks, 1,522 screens	\$4.4	
9. <i>Nick of Time</i> \$3.9, one week, 1,849 screens	\$3.9	
10. <i>Home for the Holidays</i> \$2.9, four weeks, 1,000 screens	\$2.9	

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. AP

location, \$57.2 million, two weeks.

3. *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls*, Warner Bros., \$18.7 million, 2,705 locations, \$6,918 per location, \$86.3 million, three weeks.

4. *Money Train*, Columbia, \$15.5 million, 2,522 locations, \$6,154 per location, \$15.5 million, one week.

5. *Casino*, Universal, \$14.5 million, 1,616 locations, \$8,988 per location, \$14.5 million, one week.

6. *The American President*, Columbia, \$13.1 million, 1,508 locations, \$8,692 per location, \$26 million, two weeks.

7. *It Takes Two*, Warner Bros., \$6.4 million, 1,581 locations, \$4,074 per location, \$12.6 million, two weeks.

8. *Get Shorty*, MGM, \$4.4 million, 1,522 locations, \$2,912 per location, \$62 million, six weeks.

9. *Nick of Time*, Paramount, \$3.9 million, 1,849 locations, \$2,103 per location, \$3.9 million, one week.

10. *Home for the Holidays*, Paramount, \$2.9 million, 1,000 locations, \$2,895 per location, \$14.5 million, four weeks.

## Christmas Tour of Homes set in Panhandle

PANHANDLE — The Antigone Club of Panhandle will sponsor a Christmas Tour of Homes Sunday, Dec. 3, from 2-5 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased at War Memorial Building, 5th and Main Street (across from the Carson County Courthouse) or in advance from any Antigone member. Refreshments will be served at the War Memorial Building on the day of the tour.

Proceeds are used to fund various community service projects, including the Antigone Memorial Scholarships, Christmas Angels to provide gifts and necessities for children in need, Bicentennial Park and Christmas baskets for elderly and shut-ins.

The tour of homes sponsored by the Antigone Club will feature four homes that mix the convenience of modern living with the warmth of tradition.

The home of Carol and Jimmy Don Mitchell, 202 Charles, is full of personal memorabilia and reminders of their growing up in Panhandle. Examples of this are the trophy cases they purchased from the original high school. When they added on in 1994, those cases became the cabinets that encompass the fireplace. The kitchen has counter stools from Elizabeth Franklin's barbecue and a round wood burning stove from the old First National Bank of Panhandle. The playhouse in the backyard is the old weigh station at Lee Switch.

Other aspects of their home that make it unique are varied collections. Their son Jimmy Joe's room has western memorabilia and ink drawings from working cowboy/artist Brian Asher. Their daughter Julie's room now houses a collection of quilts, vintage clothing and antique dolls. The sun room contains a collection of cast iron cookware used for campfire cook-offs. And throughout the house are reminders of special moments and cherished friendships from their years in Panhandle.

The home of Dale and Peggy Roselius at 802 Euclid was built in 1959. Dale and Peggy moved into the house in 1963 with their son Danny and daughter Cindy. Many changes have taken place in the house throughout the years. The primary change was made in 1979 when Dale and Danny added a family room with fireplace, a master bedroom and bath. The interior is filled with a variety of antiques, needlework, paintings, photographs and stained-glass windows. Dale and Peggy are also proud to display of the assortment of treasures they have received from their students.

Opal Herndon's home at 1108 Maple is the third home she has built. A lot of experienced planning went into meeting the changing needs of her family. The floor plan was designed to be



The home of Jimmy Don and Carol Ann Mitchell at 202 Charles is one of the homes featured in the Antigone Club's Christmas Tour of Homes.

both convenient and comfortable at large family gatherings. The family room, dining room, music room (Opal's favorite) and entry have 10-foot ceilings.

Other features include a "barn" ceiling in the breakfast room and one of the bedrooms and a "pan" ceiling in the master bedroom. Walls and woodwork have all been painted light colors to maintain the openness, freshness and casual elegance. Family heirlooms, such as the rocking chair with which Opal's parents started housekeeping, and Gabe's memorabilia in the sun room add a personal touch. In keeping with the traditional decor, the Christmas tree is laden with favorite family ornaments collected over the years.

Wayne and Wanda Hood's home at 500 Country Club Lane sits on a spacious corner lot facing the Panhandle Country Club.

This lovely home boasts 3500 square feet, which is occupied by three bedrooms, two and a half baths, two wood burning fireplaces, cathedral ceiling with rustic wood beams, basement, sun room, office, studio, spacious walk-in closets, wet-bar, breakfast nook, parquet wood floors, oversized laundry room and two-car garage.

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## Three state legislators join alliance to work with Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twenty-four House Republicans, including three from Texas, are banding together in a new group that will seek to form alliances with conservative Democrats. The new GOP gathering, called the Mainstream Conservative Alliance, was to be unveiled today at a Capitol news conference. The Texas members are Reps. Henry Bonilla of San Antonio, Larry Combest of Lubbock and Greg Laughlin of West Columbia. The alliance is patterned after a caucus of

conservative House Democrats formed earlier this year. That group, which includes 22 members, is known simply as the Coalition. Texans in the Coalition are Reps. Pete Geren of Fort Worth, Ralph Hall of Rockwall and Charles Stenholm of Stamford.

But unlike the Democrats, who have expressed dissatisfaction with the liberal leanings of their party's leadership, the Republicans insist their group isn't being created because of tensions within the GOP.

"In early discussions with Speaker (Newt) Gingrich when I joined the Republican Party, he suggested to me to look for ways to have better communications with Democrats that were likely to vote with us," said Laughlin, a former Coalition member who switched parties last summer.

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## Official guilty of tolerating harassment

FORT WORTH (AP) — A federal agency has demoted a top regional official who a judge found had condoned sexual harassment at a Houston office.

Christopher Browne, Fort Worth administrator of the Securities and Exchange Commission, was named Tuesday as a senior trial counsel.

Last month, a Houston judge determined that Browne

allowed harassment in the SEC's now-closed office in the city, which he oversaw from Fort Worth.

Houston attorney Mary L. Sinderson, whose client sued the SEC on accusations of sexual harassment and racial discrimination, was pleased with the personnel change.

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## Nation briefs

### Newark boots 'Star-Ledger' from city hall offices

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — City officials evicted *The Star-Ledger* from its office in City Hall just hours after the newspaper said it would go to court seeking documents on an official targeted by a federal corruption probe.

Business Administrator Glenn A. Grant said Tuesday that the timing was coincidental. The newspaper has had an office next door to council chambers for at least five decades.

Grant said the city's administration was expanding and needed the space for its public relations staff. The city might find space for *The Star-Ledger* in another building, but not before Friday's eviction, he said.

The newspaper's attorneys are considering ways to fight the eviction, Willse said. The newspaper did not pay rent for its office in the ornate building, constructed in 1906, but "we'd be happy to," he said.

The *Star-Ledger* was seeking documents about vendor contracts concerning Jackie Mattison, chief of staff to Mayor Sharpe James. Mattison, James and Police Director William R. Celeste have long acknowledged they are under investigation.

### Plant that pioneered Double Bubble Gum closes

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In 1928, a junior accountant at the Frank H. Fler Co. developed the gooey pink substance that was to become the joy of school children and the bane of their teachers — bubble gum.

Sixty-seven years later, Fler Corp. has closed the plant where Walter Diemer's creation — Double Bubble Gum — was first mass-produced and will instead focus on sports and collectible trading cards.

Fler is the latest in a string of companies that have abandoned factories and towns they called home for decades and moved their production elsewhere.

Double Bubble and other candy will be made in an existing Fler factory in Byhalia, Miss., company spokeswoman Sonia Moyer said.



(Square House Museum photo)

Juanita Nichols, who resides on Gray Ranch, shows her paintings "Blue Quail" and "Bobwhite Quail," part of the "Home Is Where the Art Is" exhibition at Carson County Square House Museum.

### Square House Museum showing 'Home Is Where the Art Is' exhibit

PANHANDLE — The Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle has organized an unusual holiday art show this year, titled "Home Is Where the Art Is." For the first time, the artistic talent of three area ranching families will be combined into a multi-media exhibition. The three ranches — Duncan, Hayhook and Gray — are adjacent to each other, situated in southern Hutchinson and Roberts counties.

Many pieces in the show consist of paintings, drawings and photographs of this part of the central Texas Panhandle.

The Duncan family represents the largest component of artists. Estelle Duncan of Amarillo is a noted sculptor; one of her four pieces in this show is a bust of the museum's founder, Jo Randel. Her three daughters — Alice Gustafson of New Castle, Colo., Donna Weathers of Amarillo and Patsy Ward of Duncan Ranch — have contributed oil paintings, pencil drawings, pastels, acrylics and embossing.

There are also contributions from four other members of the Duncan family, for a total of eight different artists.

Juanita Nichols, who resides on Gray Ranch, will be partici-

pating with her daughter, Marcia Morgan of Borger. These two specialize in oil paintings of ranch landscapes and still lifes. One painting is a collaboration between mother and daughter. A whimsical and three-dimensional aspect to Nichols' repertoire includes animals painted on rocks of various shapes and sizes.

B.J. Winters of Skellytown specializes in color photography, and her subject matter is quite varied, ranging from scenes on the Hayhook Ranch and from New Mexico to a fashion shoot. Her versatility is shown in works in charcoal, pencil, oil and acrylic.

"Home Is Where the Art Is" is a warm and wonderful seasonal tribute to family, to art and to the Texas Panhandle, museum officials claim. It can be seen in the Hazlewood Arts and Education Building auditorium through Jan. 2.

The public is invited to a reception for all artists on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 3-4 p.m. in the gallery. Refreshments will be served.

The Square House Museum, located at the intersection of Texas Hwy. 207 and 5th Street in Panhandle, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and from 1-5:30 p.m. Sunday.

## Bomer proposes plan that would cost homeowners thousands for each claim

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas homeowners could lower their insurance premiums by paying a share of repair costs when they file damage claims, under a new plan by state regulators.

Currently, policyholders are liable only for their deductibles — usually a few hundred dollars per claim.

Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer told *The Fort Worth Star-Telegram* Tuesday that in exchange for agreeing to cover a share of claims, homeowners could expect to pay lower monthly premiums.

In outlining the plan being considered, Bomer likened it to the way many health insurance claims are paid. He said he intends to make the "co-payment" proposal during a public hearing to be held in the Dallas-Fort Worth area in February.

Many health care plans limit the amount covered by insurers to 80 percent, with policyholders picking up the remaining 20 percent.

Bomer says the proposal, never before attempted in the United States, is part of a number of possible solutions he is considering or has already adopted in an effort to increase the availability

of homeowners' insurance in North Texas and along the Gulf coast.

Several insurance companies began limiting their homeowners' coverage in North Texas this year after two devastating spring hailstorms, including one that is now considered the nation's worst ever.

"This would be designed to try to get homeowners and companies away from the idea of using their homeowners insurance as a maintenance policy, but to use it as a catastrophic loss hedge," Bomer told the newspaper.

John Hildreth, head of the Texas branch of public watchdog group Consumers Union, said Bomer's proposal is part of an "alarming" trend that represents "a massive shift in costs from insurers to consumers."

Under the proposal, policyholders who meet their deductibles on homeowners policies would be required to pay a percentage of the remaining claim. That could amount to as much as 20 percent of the claim in addition to the deductible, Bomer said.

It has not been determined whether such a system would be

optional or limited to specific lines of coverage, but Bomer said consumers who used it would benefit by paying lower premiums.

"This may never come to fruition, but I'm going to throw the idea out there," Bomer said.

The insurance commissioner said that after he gauges the reaction, he could drop the idea or make it a formal rule as early as in the summer. However, the rule would have to be published and another public hearing held before it could be enacted.

"It will bring the availability up by actually lowering the exposure that companies have, so it will allow them to write more business," Bomer said.

If a 20 percent co-payment were adopted, the owner of a \$100,000 home with a \$500 deductible might be required to pay \$1,400 for a \$5,000 claim. Under the current system, that same homeowner pays only \$500.

But if that same home were destroyed by fire, the homeowner might be required to pay \$20,400 under the proposed system, but only \$500 under the current system.

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## State briefs

### Hidalgo trial of six officials winds down

**McALLEN (AP)** — One of six Hidalgo County officials facing federal charges had demanded a \$250,000 bribe from an architect for jail construction, according to court testimony.

The architect, Joseph Santopetro, told a South Texas jury on Tuesday that suspended County Judge J. Edgar Ruiz asked him for the kickback after he presented a proposal last year for the county jail.

"I was very surprised. ... I truly was not prepared for something like that," said Santopetro, who has designed more than 35 jails in Texas. "I said, 'You understand that we're talking about a quarter of a million dollars.' He said, 'Yes, I understand.'"

Santopetro testified during the government rebuttal phase of the corruption trial that the size of the monetary demand "frightened" him. Ruiz had earlier contended he never took a bribe from anyone.

Federal prosecutors also Tuesday lost a bid to introduce evidence of witness tampering into the trial.

### Stockman urges court to stop FEC investigation

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Concerned that a federal agency's inquiry could hurt his re-election chances, U.S. Rep. Steve Stockman is urging a judge to end the investigation.

The freshman Republican, in a federal lawsuit filed in Beaumont, contends that Federal Election Commission staff members or political rivals violated the law by divulging information about the inquiry on a newspaper.

An FEC spokesman confirmed to the *Houston Chronicle* and other newspapers in July 1994 that Stephen Clifford, a campaign consultant to Friends of John LeCour, filed the complaint against Stockman.

### Former televangelist splitting with second wife

**DALLAS (AP)** — His multi-million-dollar ministry muted by legal challenges, Robert Tilton is now divorcing his second wife.

Leigh Tilton, a fellow evangelist and Tilton's wife of 21 months, moved out of the stately parsonage of Word of Faith Family Church & World Outreach Center, according to divorce papers filed on Nov. 20.

The couple did not preach Sunday and apparently did not announce the split to their congregation. Farmers Branch-based church officials did not immediately return a telephone call today from The Associated Press.

Only two months ago, the couple and Mrs. Tilton's 3-year-old son moved into the parsonage, valued at \$681,000, in an exclusive development in the North Dallas suburb of Addison.

### TBC sponsors beef promotion

**AUSTIN** - Half a million Texas consumers will discover how beef can warm their winter nights through a special beef promotion by the Texas Beef Council (TBC) that started Nov. 6 in 1,620 Texas supermarkets.

TBC's promotion, titled "Recipes for Chilly Nights," features recipe center displays that offer beef serving ideas to consumers who may not have come to the supermarket specifically for beef.

"TBC and Beef Industry Council research indicates beef recipe center displays increase impulse beef purchases by 20 percent among recipe takers," says Robin Murphy, TBC retail manager. In addition, almost 70 percent of shoppers taking beef recipes expect to cook one within two weeks, Murphy added.

Consumers are drawn to the recipe center in participating meat departments by a four-color photo that invites shoppers to take advantage of new and easy beef meal ideas. Within the recipe center are one-page printed pieces that feature recipes and color pictures of three beef-stuffed squashes, soup, stew and chili. The recipes were created to appeal to consumers looking for one-dish meals during cold weather months.

The 1,620 recipe centers in Texas supermarkets will hold 500,000 recipe pages. The centers, which will be displayed until mid-December, will lead into a Christmas beef promotion that will take place until the end of the year. In this promotion, consumers may request a free Beef Holiday Recipe Kit by calling 1-800-284-BEEF. The kit includes roasting instructions and 25 festive beef recipes.

## Fort Hood troops consider Bosnia

By NINA REYES  
Austin American-Statesman

**KILLEEN (AP)** — Ask a soldier what he thinks about U.S. military involvement in the region of the world that used to be Yugoslavia, and the first answer you get is purely official.

"Wherever they tell me to go, I go," said Douglas Washington, a 38-year-old Army sergeant who is a veteran of the Persian Gulf conflict.

But in interviews with more than a dozen soldiers Monday night at the Fort Hood Army post, the second answer — the personal response — contained the diversity of opinions that reflects the debate nationally over President Clinton's decision to send 20,000 American troops to Bosnia. The 45,000 soldiers stationed at Fort Hood, which is northwest of Austin, just outside Killeen, are not scheduled to take part in the peacekeeping effort.

"I've seen in the newspapers all the atrocities they've done to the children, and it's time for somebody to go in there," Washington said. "I think they should go try to stop it, if nothing else, to save a kid's life."

But across the room of the sports bar at Fort Hood, where soldiers gathered Monday night before the presidential address, another Persian Gulf veteran said he saw things completely differently.

"This has been going on for a really long time — these people have been at each other's throats for a long time — and it'll end up like Beirut," said Gregory Sikes, a 37-year-old master sergeant in the Air Force. "I really do think that when we pull out, things are going to go right back to the way they were."

The lack of a clear objective in Bosnian mission was an issue for many of the soldiers at Fort

Hood, although some said the straightforward rules for operation — shoot if shot at, for example — were a relief. But most, even those who said they personally support the effort, doubted that a year of keeping the warring factions apart would result in a lasting peace.

"My personal feeling is that if they want of fight, they should fight," said James Singleton, a 25-year-old Army specialist with seven years of service. "We're playing sheriff to the world, and I don't think we should go over there and do that. How long is that going to last?"

As the president appeared on several of the more than 30 television screens in Fort Hood's Sports Dome and he laid out his objectives, conversations over pool cues or a plastic pitcher of beer continued unabated.

Gordon Sanders, a 40-year-old veteran with 20 years in the Army, was one of the few who paused to listen to the gist of the presidential address. He was serving his fellow soldiers from the center of a beer kiosk, and when there was a break in the customer line, he turned to the four-sided, big-screen television that hung from the center of the room.

Sanders, a sergeant first class, said that while he personally doesn't want to end up as a Bosnian peacekeeper, he supports U.S. military involvement.

"We've got the firepower, we've got the expertise, and the other factions there, they'd think twice before messing with us," he said.

Lt. Col. Randy Schoel, public affairs officer for Fort Hood, said that no units from the post are scheduled to ship out for the Balkans.

"We have not been alerted for any units from Fort Hood to prepare for a deployment," he said. "But in coming days, weeks, months, plans could change."

## Police say woman sold son to dealer to settle drug debt

**DETROIT (AP)** — To some neighbors in an area thick with prostitution and drugs, the 15-year-old boy appeared normal, even happy. Police, however, have begun to unravel the story of a teenager who spent months with drug dealers and users — a world where, authorities say, his mother sold him to settle her \$1,000 crack cocaine debt.

Acting on an anonymous tip, police found the boy early Tuesday morning in a small, run-down house. A man found with him, described by police as a drug dealer with a long record, was arrested. Police said the mother gave her son to a different dealer, who was still at large.

"He's crying a lot," said the boy's grandmother, who saw her grandson Tuesday for the first time in months. She said he appeared addicted to crack. He had lost a lot of weight but seemed otherwise OK, she said.

The boy told TV station WKBD in suburban Southfield on Tuesday that he went willingly to work for a drug dealer, but left when the man mistreated him. He then went to work for another dealer, he said.

"It's hard out there," he said, adding that he was not forced to

deal drugs to pay off his mother's debt. In fact, he said, his mother asked him not to go.

But Sgt. Shelley Foy of the police child-abuse unit said she was convinced the boy was sold and that he went along with it to protect his mother. She said his response was common in neglect cases involving drug-addicted parents.

The boy's grandmother said she talked to him for about 10 minutes at a juvenile detention center. She said he told her, "Mama, I need help."

"He's as sweet as he can be," the grandmother said. "He's got one hangup: It's his mother. He loves her."

The boy appeared in juvenile court and was charged with delivery of cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to deliver and truancy. His next court appearance was scheduled for Dec. 13.

The boy had been living with his grandmother until he disappeared several months ago, but the mother had custody. The grandmother said she planned to ask the juvenile court to give custody to her. Foy said the whereabouts of the boy's father were unknown.

His 33-year-old mother was already in jail on an unrelated burglary charge and could face charges over her son.

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## Parental Prying Seems More Like Meddling Than Concern

BY AN ABBY "Irritated in Ohio" wrote to say she was upset that her 15-year-old husband phones his parents twice daily. You couldn't understand why that irritated her. Obviously, you never had to deal with nosy parents. Consider yourself fortunate.

I am a university professor in my late 30s, married for more than a decade, with older children of my own. I live several hundred miles from my parents, who sound very much like "Irritated" in-laws. My parents expect a weekly telephone report of my activities. If I don't call, I too, get the "guilt trip."

When we travel, we're instructed to call upon our return, so my folks will know we're not "lying dead on the highway somewhere."

Mother and Dad pry into our lives. They insist on knowing what my wife and I do, what we buy, how much we spend, and what we're having for dinner, etc.

Their interest goes far beyond idle curiosity. It's always followed up by my father passing judgment on whatever we did. The last time they visited, he revealed that his father asked how much money I make, how much I save, and what my bank balance is.

My parents treat my married siblings the same way, even asking questions about their sex lives. When we protest that we're being treated like children instead of responsible adults, they act as if they've been wounded.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

My wife says there's still an umbilical cord between my parents and me. I've tried to be more assertive by waiting for them to call me, so I won't have to spend my money on long-distance calls that amount to nothing more than 45 minutes of meddling.

I love and respect my parents, but there are boundaries, and they don't know where theirs should be. I suspect you will find that there are many others in the same boat.

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DEAR 30-PLUS: I was taken aback by the number of letters I received that echoed your sentiments. Keeping the lines of communication open is of great importance, but it should never be at the expense of the privacy of adult children. More on this tomorrow.

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column for years and you are one of my favorite people, but I was very disappointed in your response to the mother whose daughter was insulted by a blind date who told the girl that he could never marry her because he didn't want to have ugly children — then he pointed to her long nose and weak chin.

In your response you said that noses and chins could be corrected.

Abby, I'm not blaming you for going along with what is accepted as "beauty" in our society, but we all need to be a little more free-thinking.

Just because someone doesn't fit into the so-called standards of what we're told is "beauty" does not mean she or he is not beautiful.

The first time I saw Whoopi Goldberg smile, I saw beauty!

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One of my best friends described me as "a slightly homely Robert Redford!" I considered that a great compliment.

I say, "Just be yourself and you will be beautiful."

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DEAR FRANK: Frankly, you're right: Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

## Horoscope



Thursday, Nov. 30, 1995

Your inventive and creative faculties could be considerably heightened in the year ahead. However, if you want to introduce something new to the marketplace, consult experts because you can't do everything yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** You may find yourself in the middle of two seemingly unrelated situations today. Pay attention because you can derive benefits from both ends. Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead make wonderful Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail \$2 for each and \$ASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O.

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Do not hesitate to think big or to use imaginative tactics to promote your personal welfare. These elements should mesh well today.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Material conditions look favorable for both today and tomorrow. However, guard against the inclination to change things that are flowing smoothly.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** If you are warm and gracious today, you won't have to worry about the impressions you'll make on others, especially people who meet you for the first time.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** If your ingenuity and resourcefulness are not challenged, your day will not be very productive. You will enjoy crossing swords.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Do not ignore a colleague's proposal just because you didn't think of the idea first. You will benefit more from adjusting than from arguing.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Opportunities

for personal benefit could come through unexpected channels today, so keep an open mind and don't rule out any source.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Today's events might take a unique turn, and you may be drawn closer to someone who has never been very friendly. Do not impede these developments.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You do not have to endure a negative situation, even though you have convinced yourself it can't be changed. Try to prove yourself wrong today.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** An alliance looks like it will become even more significant. The common bonds that hold you together will continue to endure.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** A career matter may work out better than you had hoped. Keep your eye on the light at the end of the tunnel.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Keep your schedule as flexible as possible today. Your chart indicates that an exciting development may occur, and you will want to participate.

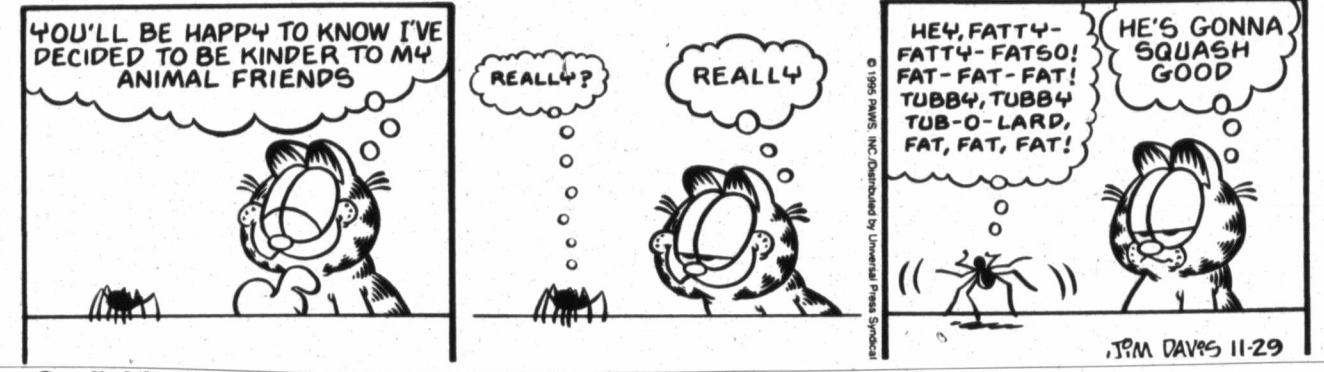
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Calvin & Hobbes



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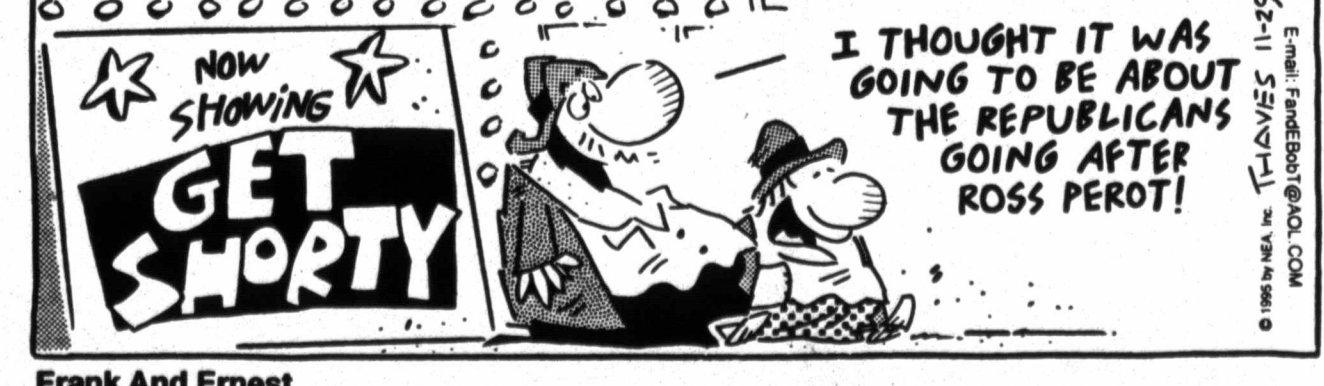
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The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore



"There are a few freckles of rain on the window."



"Did I say you could borrow my doll carriage?"

The Family Circus



Marmaduke



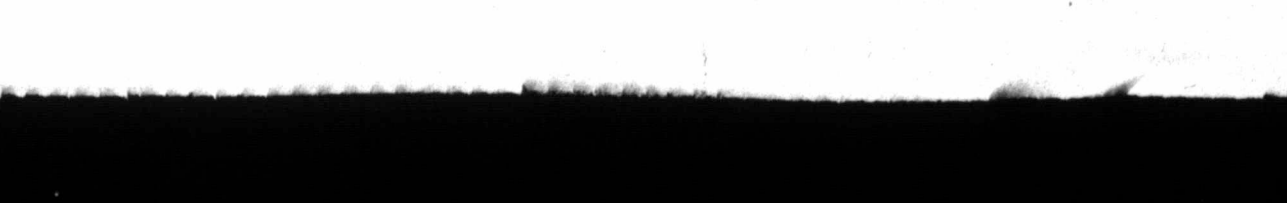
Grizzwells



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Peanuts











## World briefs

### Doctors say premier's health 'difficult'

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Premier Andreas Papandreu was on life support machines today and doctors described his condition as "difficult."

However, Grigoris Skalkeas, vice-president of the Athens hospital where Papandreu is being treated, sought to allay fears that Greece's leader is sicker than has been disclosed.

"We are not hiding anything," he told reporters. "It is obvious that his condition is difficult and all efforts are being made to confront this."

Papandreu, 76, was admitted to the Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center on Nov. 20 with pneumonia and spent much of last week on a respirator. Doctors took him off the respirator Friday and said he was improving steadily.

Late Monday, they had him hooked up to a kidney machine and returned him to a respirator on Tuesday. He remained on both today.

### China snubs Dalai Lama, chooses candidate for Tibet

BEIJING (AP) — With Chinese leaders watching, Tibetan monks conducted an obscure ritual today to choose Tibet's second-highest spiritual leader in a direct challenge to the Dalai Lama.

China and its supporters in Tibet are trying to strengthen Chinese rule over the restive Himalayan region by naming 6-year-old Gyaincain Norbu as the new Panchen Lama.

The last Panchen Lama, who died six years ago, was the most powerful religious leader to stay in Tibet after the Dalai Lama, the supreme spiritual leader of Tibetans, fled into exile in 1959.

In May, the Dalai Lama recognized another 6-year-old as the Panchen Lama. China denounced the Dalai Lama, purged monks believed to be collaborating with him and set up a new search committee.

The Dalai Lama's candidate, Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, was last seen in July and is believed to have been held until recently at a guest house in Beijing, according to observers of Tibet and exiled Tibetans.

Officials at China's Cabinet, the State Council, and in Tibet refused Wednesday to answer telephone queries on the child's whereabouts.

### Archaeologists uncover tomb, tunnels

HIRBET BURGIN, Israel (AP) — With a mud-caked 9-mm pistol sticking out of his belt, Amir Ganor knelt in the musty underground room and heaved back a flat stone. Behind it lay a chamber where Jewish rebels hid from the Romans during a 2nd century rebellion.

The newly discovered network of underground tunnels, with secret chambers and at least one trap door, was carved into the isolated hilltop some 20 miles southwest of Jerusalem.

In these Judean foothills, the charismatic leader Bar Kochba rallied the Jews to rebel against the Romans between A.D. 132 and 135. The Romans crushed the revolt and sent the Jews into exile.

During the rebellion, families carved underground rooms and linked them with a maze of narrow tunnels. Triangular niches carved in the walls held oil lamps, Ganor said. Some still have soot visible above them.

While similar tunnels have been found, this one had a feature never seen before: Ganor pointed out a slot carved into the soft limestone where a round stone could be rolled to trap any Roman legionnaire who entered. A piece of the stone was still in place.



(Photo by Herb Smith)

Mike McAdoo plays the guitar while a resident of Pampa and guitar teacher for Tarpley's Music.

## Former Pampan named best lead guitarist at Branson, Mo.

Mike McAdoo, former Pampa resident, recently won the award for best lead guitarist at the Branson Entertainment Awards held annually in Branson, Mo.

McAdoo, who has played for eight seasons at Branson, received the award on Nov. 5.

While in Pampa, McAdoo taught guitar lessons at Tarpley's Music.

In his recent career work, an album he recorded with the

Moffatts ended up on a major label, being picked up by Polydor of Nashville. The album is titled *The Moffatts: It's a Wonderful World*. McAdoo also has been playing for the Osmonds for the past three and a half years.

McAdoo also has recorded on projects with Clinton Gregory, Jim Owen and Mel Tillis, Jim Owen and George Hamilton IV, Jim and on his own recordings.

## Microsoft founder: Technology gold rush will turn out some fool's gold

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp. founder Bill Gates is certain of one thing about the future: The current "Gold Rush" of computer and communications technology will turn out some fool's gold.

"We will certainly look back on these years ... and say, 'Wow, what a lot of excesses, a lot of things that really didn't pan out.' And yet some things will come through," said Gates, in Washington to tout his new book.

Using a tongue-in-cheek video, Gates demonstrated the theme that the Internet global computer network is unpoliced,

open to lots of bizarre ideas. He added that he didn't author "90 percent" of material that appears to come from him on the Internet, and ID technology could solve the problem in the future.

The video begins with a Jamaican singer, who appears throughout singing a reggae theme song about the Internet. "It's digital, mon! If cyberspace is your kind of place ... you're state of the art."

It cuts to a priest hearing a confession in Italy. The young confessor is told to do penance on the "Mother Theresa home

## IRS memo raises hackles among frequent flying business travelers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Fresh misery, some predicted. An ill-considered reversal of efforts to simplify government, others suggested. But most shrugged and assumed the taxman had figured a new way to announce, "Gotcha!"

The source of irritation among business travelers at Pittsburgh International Airport was a memo revealed Tuesday that indicated the Internal Revenue Service was eyeing one of their most treasured perks: the frequent flier miles accumulated on brain-fuzzing business trips and applied to personal travel for pleasure.

Imagine the new revenue for the IRS.

Imagine, too, the irate business fliers, who would pay more taxes because work expenses may be deducted only to the extent they exceed 2 percent of adjusted gross income.

Imagine the paperwork, the cost of which seems sure to outrun any tax benefits for government coffers.

Later Tuesday, the tax agency indicated it may be rethinking its advice.

Airlines award passengers frequent-flier miles, or travel credits, to keep them loyal and encourage additional trips, which add more miles toward free future travel.

While the IRS has long held that frequent-flier miles earned through business travel are taxable, it has never tried to enforce the liability — seeming to bow to

the daunting bookkeeping task entailed.

Then, in the "technical advice memorandum" drawn up for one unidentified company that lets its employees keep frequent-flier miles, the IRS advised the firm it should report the full cost of business flights on its workers' W-2 income tax forms.

While the employees could then deduct those additional thousands of dollars of reported income they would have to subtract the value of any frequent-flier miles accumulated for personal travel.

"It just sounds like another ... thing to make everyone's life more complex and miserable," Gloria McBride said Tuesday as she waited in Pittsburgh for a flight to Albany, N.Y.

McBride, who lives in Kennebunk, Maine, takes a business flight at least once a week as field director for the Fresh Air Fund, a New York-based nonprofit group.

Taxing frequent-flier miles would be impossibly complicated, suggested Glenn Taylor of Chicago, an executive with Merck and Co., a drug manufacturer.

"I get frequent-flier miles with my Visa purchases," Taylor said, citing a common variation on how consumers gather miles toward free flights. "How do you differentiate? Is it business or personal?"

Peter Denes, who flies dozens of times a year for his job, said: "It's the exact opposite of what I

thought government was trying to do.

"I feel sorry for our company because we have a lot of people traveling. We're going to need to get another person just to handle this," said Denes, who works for Keller Technology, a manufacturer of custom machinery in Buffalo, N.Y.

Jim Medlock, finance director of the American Payroll Organization, based in New York, said that if the IRS memo were to be applied nationwide, companies would have to keep track of how many miles their employees accumulate, how many they use for personal travel and how much those miles are worth.


"It would be an enormous record-keeping burden to force companies to figure out," agreed Grant Wirth, a partner in the Pittsburgh accounting firm D.G. Sisterson and Co. "It could be an administrative nightmare if they pushed this through and put this in effect on a national basis."

To avoid bookkeeping trouble, Medlock said, companies could either forbid their employees to accept frequent-flier miles, or refuse to let them use them for personal travel.

He said his organization, which represents 13,000 payroll administrators nationwide, would urge the IRS to not base its overall policy on the specific memorandum. He said companies often use such memos to gauge "the back-room thinking" at the IRS.

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