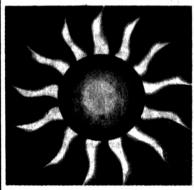
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PAMPA — The annual community Thanksgiving Worship Service which is sponsored by the Pampa United Ministerial Alliance will be on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church. Pastors from different community churches will conduct the service with music from area choir members. All are invited.

AUSTIN (AP) — Famed novelist Larry McMurtry says the sun is about to set on his fiction-writing career.

The author of "The Last Picture Show," "Texasville" and "Lonesome Dove" told Texas Monthly for its December issue, "I've written enough fiction.

"I have one more novel I'd like to write," McMurtry, 61, said.

In place of fiction writing, McMurtry has taken up selling books and remains interested in nonfiction and essay

With his sister, McMurtry has opened Booked Up, in Archer City, near Wichita Falls. He owns another bookstore in Arizona.

"Working in rare books and antiquarian books is a progressive thing," McMurtry said. "You don't always get better as a writer, you get old, you get tired, you exhaust an original gift.

"But in books, you're dealing in knowledge. The older you get, the better you get. It's almost the opposite of being a writer," he said.

HOUSTON (AP) — A Montgomery County judge was wrong when he refused to release an affidavit used to get a search warrant in a murder investigation.

The unanimous ruling by the 9th Texas Court of Appeals said District Judge Fred Edwards erred in July when he sealed the affidavit and refused to release it to the Houston Chronicle and Conroe Courier.

The judges said Texas courts have no inherent right to ignore state laws and noted that state law makes no exceptions when it states that such affidavits - sworn statements used to obtain the search warrant — are public information once the warrant is executed.

- Jack Bennett Sr., 70, retired employee of F.E. Jones
- George Marshall Clark, 79, retired employee of Cabot
- Rosa Laubhan Johnson, 84, operated Laubhan Hardware and Grocery Store.
- · Lockie Williams, 90, former employee of Thomas Nursing Home.

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Over objection, PISD oks siren funds

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY **Staff Writer**

It's official

The Pampa Independent School Board will donate \$10,000 to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for a Pampa siren warning system.

By a vote of 6-to-1, the school board approved an interlocal agreement between the City of Pampa and the district for the operation of an emergency warning siren system to provide for the safety of students in the event of severe weather or other emergency situations.

However, before the approval of the siren agreement, board member Dr. Jay Johnson expressed concerns and explained why he would vote against the

"I'm not in favor of the agreement even though I know it's a good a thing for the

children,"

work" LEPC

Chairman Ken Hall has put into fund raising for the siren the Pampa ISD's facilities budget. project.

financially," Johnson said.

He explained that community members have already contributed to the project have and been given the opportunity to do so. And those who haven't, he said, will be anyway, when the school district donates the money.

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"But I don't know that we should do this - it's not our place to support this

money as we "hard weather or other emergency situations.

The designated \$10,000 will come out of

We can never be too responsible for saving taxpayers' money," said board member Pat Kennedy.

Johnson's objections spurred more discussion on the matter.

"Does the city really need the school's money?" said board member Lee Porter. Porter's question sparked further discussion led by Superintendent Dawson the role the school district plays in Pampa For example, Orr said, the school's track, tennis courts and school gyms are available free for public use.

"Technically, we don't need lighted tennis courts," Orr said.

School tennis matches are not played at

night, he explained, it's for public use.
On the other side, the M.K. Brown facilities are available to the school district free of charge, and the city helps with shoveling snow for the district.

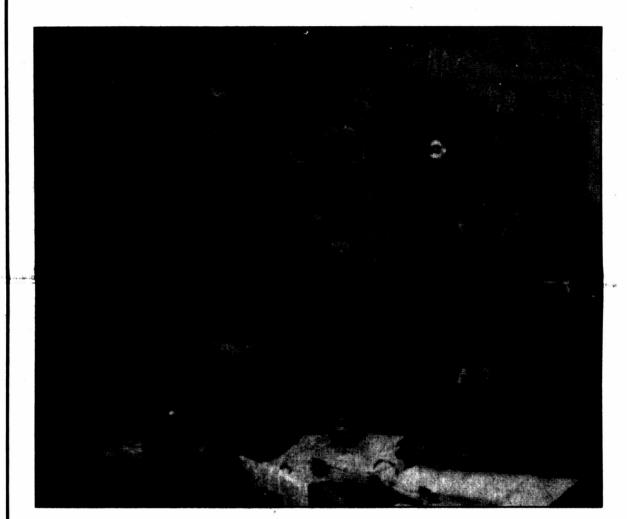
The city also researches delinquent properties on behalf of the school district, Business Manager Mark McVay said.

To some extent, "the school district and other local entities are intertwined," said

"But your contraried opinion brought out some good issues - concerns about

saving the taxpayers money and what the Orr and Board President John Curry about city does for us," Curry said to Johnson.

In the true spirit...



Melanie Kirksey (standing) signs up for the Meals on Wheels Share-A-Meal program with staff member Juanice Fergerson. Kirksey and others like her will share a plate from their Thanksgiving table with someone who will be alone on Thanksgiving Day. The program will share with over 50 people this year. Due to what a spokesman called "some very generous people" the sharing list is full.

McLean cattle feeder named to TCFA board

ed about being named to a one year stint on the Texas Cattle Feeders Association's board of direc-

Neal Odom, of McLean Feedyard, finishing a three year term on the board, was elected to a one year term this week in Austin during the association's annual convention.

"I'm not only excited, but I'm real proud to be on the board of directors of Texas Cattle Feeders,"

Also elected to one year terms were W.A. Attebury

A McLean cattle feeder said today that he is excit- of Amarillo; Richard Bretz, Kingsville Randy Brown, Gruver; John Gillcrist, Canyon; Jay Gray, gonzales; Scott Keeling, Hereford; John Van Pelt, Tulia; Mark Polhemus, Clayton, and Jim Waterfield, Canadian.

"I've really enjoyed my first two years," Odom said. "I lack one year of my three year term. I'm excited about the thing TCFA has been doing, is currently doing and will be doing in the future.

Bob Sims of Hereford was elected president of the organization. Jim Schwertner of Schwertner was named president-elect, and Paul Hitch of Guymon, Okla., was elected vice president.

Where were you

really remember where they were when President Kennedy was assassinated 34 years ago this

An overwhelming 85 percent could remember where they were, what they were doing or whom they were with, according to a Harris Poll released today. Nearly as many could remember where they were when they heard about the Oklahoma City bombing and the O.J. Simpson acquittal.

Ninety-seven percent could remember their whereabouts when they heard that Princess Diana had died. That's "about as close to everyone as you can get in a public opinion survey," said a report by Louis Harris and Associates, which took the poll of

NEW YORK (AP) — So ... how many Americans 1,011 Americans on Sept. 10-15.

Princess Diana died Aug. 31 in Paris. For those who need a refresher - Kennedy was slain in Dallas in 1963, the Oklahoma City bombing happened April 19, 1995, and Simpson's criminal trial acquittal came Oct. 3, 1995.

Women were slightly more likely than men to remember their situation, the poll found, especially where they were when they heard about the Simpson verdict, the bombing and the death of Elvis Presley on Aug. 16, 1977.

Only 46 percent of Americans old enough to remember could say where they were when they learned of Presley's death and the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Youth facility goes to Mart

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Youth Commission Board has voted to build its new juvenile correction facility in Mart, a small community east of Waco.

That's the facility that Pampa sought to draw here but the city's proposal did not make the first cut of about 40 locales vying for the youth

The selection Thursday immediately got criticism from South Texas representatives who said the criteria for the facility should have included geographic considerations.

"The criteria were flawed," said state Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, who spoke on behalf of Cotulla, which the selection committee ranked

Cotulla and Falfurrias were the only cities to make the final cut from the South Texas region. Falfurrias ranked eighth on the committee's recommendation list. Ms. Zaffirini said the selection was not political, but showed a lack

f sensitivity and insight by the board. There already are eight juv facilities surrounding Mart, and none around Cotulla, she said. "Our proposal was not a Cotulla proposal, it was a South Texas pro-

posal," Ms. Zaffirini said. The senator and several speakers argued that it is important for juve-

nile offenders to be close to family members and their community. "These Hispanic children need to live in a Hispanic community," she

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Rifle raffle funds set to assist VFW

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY Staff Writer

Local veteran Gale Harden's "Top O' Texas Gun Show" could mean a new wall for the Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) building. Harden has offered to donate raffle proceeds to the VFW for a \$1,000 gun at his show next weekend.

Substantial structural problems in the VFW building's north wall became evident when the former adjacent, old von Brunow building wall was torn down for the construction of a new city park - Dr. V.E. von Brunow park.

Grav County Veterans Services Officer John Tripplehorn said the veterans didn't realize the Brunow wall was protecting their recently acquired building's wall. "If we had known, we would have fought it tooth and nail," Tripplehorn said.

Veterans are petitioning the community for help and/or solutions for the wall problem because of a lack of funds on their part.

The current VFW building was only recently refurbished and acquired after the old VFW on highway 152 was destroyed in the tornado two years ago.

Harden will donate a \$1,000 Rugar 378 magnum rifle with two boxes of ammunition and a set of dies for making ammunition. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$2 each during the two-day gun show at the Sportsman's Club, 1501 S. Barnes Street.

"Mr. Harden's generosity is appreciated by the VFW, along with all the other calls of financial and moral support received from the community," Tripplehorn said.

The VFW is still considering wall repair options including brick, stucco and wall siding.

"We're coming up with prices to see whether we can swing it or

Crime Stoppers Most Wanted felon named

Boyd Scott Pilgrim, 35, is this week's Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers Most Wanted felon. If you know where he is, call 669-2222. You will remain anonymous and there is no Caller ID.

He's wanted for a violation of probation for possession of a controlled substance and Crime Stoppers officials say Pilgrim is hiding out and making it difficult to find him. His last known address is in Oklahoma City.

Pilgrim is a white male, is 6' tall, weighs 145 pounds and has brown hair and blue eyes. He is to be considered armed and dangerous.

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Services tomorrow

BENNETT, Jack Sr. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Stinnett. CLARK, George Marshall — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Pampa.

JOHNSON, Rosa Laubhan — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Higgins. **RAINEY**, Dorothy Meers Nelson — Graveside services, 3 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

WILLIAMS, Lockie — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Quail Cemetery, Quail.

Obituaries

JACK BENNETT SR.

BORGER - Jack Bennett Sr., 70, a former Canadian resident, died Thursday, Nov. 20, 1997. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Sunset Memorial Cemetery at Stinnett with the Rev. Leonard Forsythe, pastor of Bible Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bennett was born at Follett. He married Trula Mae Dodson in 1972 at Childress. He had been a Borger resident since 1972, moving from Canadian. He was a welder and worked for G.E. Jones Electric prior to retiring in 1995. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving during World War II.

He sang country and gospel music and belonged to the Country Music Association in Nashville, Tenn. He was a member of Assembly of God Church in Denver, American Legion Post #671 and Sheriff's Association of Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Trula; two sons, Jimmy Bennett of Sayre, Okla., and Tommy Bennett of Wilson, Okla.; two stepsons, Archie Ray Campbell of Lawton, Okla., and Harvey Dodson of Farmington, N.M.; two stepdaughters, LaWana Dodson McMullen of Phoenix, Ariz., and Kathleen Dodson Johnson of Cortez, Colo.; two sisters, Louise Carroll of Canadian and Ruth Humphry of Raleigh, N.C.; three brothers, the Rev. Dewayne Bennett of Sanford, theh Rev. Don Bennett of Fort Stockton and Edmond Bennett of No Tree; 18 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

GEORGE MARSHALL CLARK

George Marshall Clark, 79, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First United

Methodist Church with the Rev. Jim Teeter, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Michael Moss, pastor of First Assembly of God Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery with graveside rites courtesy Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. Burial will be

under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa Mr. Clark was born May 7, 1918, at

Stephenville. He enrolled in the Masonic Home and School in 1927 and graduated from the institution in 1937. He attended Lon Morris College at Jacksonville for a year prior to moving to Pampa in 1938. He married Hazel Riley on Sept. 3, 1987, at Chillicothe. He worked for Cabot Corporation, retiring in 1980 after 42 years of service.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving as a sergeant during World War II. He had been a member of the Methodist Church for over 50 years and was involved in all church committees. He was a lay leader and delegate to the annual conference for several years and taught Sunday school for more than 30 years.

He petitioned Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 and was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason in 1941. He passed to the degree of Fellowcraft in 1942 and became Master Mason in 1942. He served the lodge as Tiler in 1959, as Junior Warden in 1962, as Senior Warden in 1963 and as Worshipful Master in 1964. He attained life membership in 1973 and received an endowed

membership in 1986. He was active in the Grand Lodge in various capacities over the years. He was a member of Masonic Graduates Advisory Committee from 1971-79, serving as chairman in 1977 and 1978. He was District Deputy Grand Master in 1974. Grand Pursuivant in 1979 and Grand Senior Deacon in 1981. He was a member of the Grand Officers Report in 1981 and 1982 and served as chairman in 1981

He was a member and chairman of the Grievance and Appeals Committee #3 in 1984, 1985 and 1986 and was District Masonic Relations Officer in 1991 and 1992.

He was regional chairman of Masonic Home and School Development Program in the 1970s. He belonged to the Royal Arch Chapter, the Council of York Rite Masonry and the Knights Templar Commandery. He was a life member of El Paso and Lubbock Scottish Rites Consistory, having been invested 32nd Degree Knight Commander Court of Honor.

He served on the Tiling and Reception Committee as Degree Master. In addition, he was a member of Khiva Shrine, was a life member of Royal Order of Scotland, was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Patron two times.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John

Survivors include his wife, Hazel, of the home; two daughters, Frances White of Pasadena and Barbara Sue Moreland of Mounds, Ill.; a son, Steven McDaniel of Amarillo; a brother, Joel Clark of Fort Worth; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 522 Red Deer and requests memorials be to Masonic Home and School, 3600 Wichita, Fort Worth, TX 76105; or to St. Paul United Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065.

ROSA LAUBHAN JOHNSON

HIGGINS - Rosa Laubhan Johnson, 84, died

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1997, at Shattuck, Okla. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ryan Burns and the Rev. Monte Kreis, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Booker, officiating. Burial will be in Higgins under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Johnson was born May 17, 1913, in Ellis County, Okla., to Alex and Hanna Laubhan. She moved to Higgins as an infant, where she attended school and worked in the family grocery store. She worked for Montgomery Ward in Oklahoma City for several years. She married Knox Johnson on Aug. 4, 1946; he died Nov. 26, 1974. The couple moved to Temple following the tornado that struck Higgins in 1947. They returned to Higgins to operate Laubhan Hardware and Grocery

She was a member of the Higgins United Methodist Church and of the Order of the Eastern Star, receiving a 50 year pin from Higgins Chapter #300. She served the chapter as Worthy Maton and was on officer at the time of her death. She volunteered as a Pink Lady at Newman Memorial Hospital at Shattuck, Okla.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ronnie Ray Johnson, in 1971.

Survivors include a son Donnie Johnson of Higgins; a sister, Norma Lee Laubhan of Higgins; and two grandchildren.

The body will be available for viewing from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

LOCKIE WILLIAMS WELLINGTON - Lockie Williams, 90, aunt of a Shamrock resident, died Thursday, Nov. 20, 1997. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Quail Cemetery at Quail with the Rev. Elvis Pitts, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Adams Funeral

Ms. Williams was born in Cooke County. She had been a Wellington resident since 1920. She was a laundry worker for Thomas Nursing Home and was a member of First Baptist Church Survivors include three nieces, Isabell Marchant of Shamrock, Morene Childers of Wellington and Alene Dollar of Denver, Colo.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Thursday, November 20

11:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of South Faulkner on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical

5:42 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to CMC for a patient transfer back to a residence.

8 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of W. 25th on a medical call and transported one patient to CMC.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department made the following agrest during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, November 20 Jana Elizabeth Turlington, 23, 1031 N. Sumner, No. 119., was arrested on Potter County warrants for no motorcycle helmet and theft.

Stocks

The following grain quo		Chevron84 5/8	up 7/16
provided by Attebury Grain	of Pampa.	Coca-Cola63 9/16	up 1/16
		Columbia/HCA .29 15/16	dn 1/4
Wheat	2.92	Enron38 7/8	up 11/16
Milo	4.18	Halliburton55 1/2	up 9/16
Corn	4.76	Ingersoll Rand40 3/16	up 1/16
Soybeans	6.44	KNE47 5/8	up 1/16
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Edward Jones & Co. of Par	npa.	Wal-Mart40 1/16	up 1/8
Amoco94 1/4	up 5/8	New York Gold	304.00
Arco83 5/16	up 7/16	Silver	5.38
Cabot26 5/8	up 5/16	West Texas Crude	19.20
Cabot O&G21 7/16	up 1/8		

Fires

The following calls were made by the Pampa Fire Department during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, November 20 3:25 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 420 W. Kingsmill on a carbon monoxide alarm.

5:23 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 1313 Starkweather on a carbon monoxide alarm.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL Pampa Area Literary Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

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

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN Clean Air Al-Ateen will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd.

For more information, contact 669-0407. ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

Efforts are under way to form a support group for parents of children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder or attention deficit disorder. Those interested are asked to call Connie at 665-1206, or after 6 p.m.

and weekends, 669-9364. ST. MARK'S CHURCH

St. Mark's will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

YOUTH

But John Odam, chairman of the site selection committee, said more than 80 percent of the youth sent to TYC come from homes within 200 miles of Mart. Only 31 percent of the youths come from areas within 200 miles of Cotulla, he said.

Among criteria considered were an available and diverse workforce, access to hospitals and emergency services and whether there was community support for the project.

The \$19.5 million maximum-security facility will hold 330 youths when opened in 1999. It could be expanded to 660 beds if needed. When fully staffed, the estimated payroll will be \$10 million.

Youths committed to TYC represent about 2 percent of the juveniles arrested each year in Texas. Some 4,500 juveniles are in TYC custody at 14 insti-

tutions and contract care programs statewide. Steve Robinson, commission executive director,

said that there is a possibility that the facility would be co-ed because of an increase in the number of female offenders

Other sites vying for the facility were Littlefield. Marshall, Mexia, Hamlin, Texas City, Falfurrias, Bonham, Plainview, Rockdale, Amarillo and Jefferson County.

Littlefield Mayor Howard Head said while he was disappointed by the selection, he felt the city was treated fairly.

"We fought the good fight and our city will benefit from the experience," he said.

Some speakers criticized the format of Thursday's meeting because the selection committee, which backed Mart, gave a 30-minute presentation. Other cities had only five minutes to make their case.

Head said while Littlefield only had five minutes during the meeting, the site selection committee listened to hours of testimony before forming its recommendation.

The reason? The operator of the card —

Transactive Corp. — has its profits tied to

the number of welfare recipients and

there's been a sharp decline in the number

of poor Texans receiving welfare.

Lone Star Card operators could bail out of contract

HOUSTON (AP) — Operators of the Lone Star Card, which replaced paper food stamps in Texas, have threatened to sue the state and bail out of their contract on short notice, state officials say.

The reason? The operator of the card — Transactive Corp. — has its profits tied to the number of welfare recipients and there's been a sharp decline in the number of poor Texans receiving wel-

Fewer poor people means less profit for Transactive, which is owned by GTECH Corp., the company that runs the state's lot-

State budget leaders are angered by the threat, and officials at the Texas Department of Human Services say even a temporary return to paper food stamps could disrupt benefits to poor people.

"There is only one problem here. The Lone Star card works so well, has cut so much fraud and has dropped so many people off of welfare that the contractor is losing money," said John Sharp, Texas comptroller. "That's tough."

Transactive signed a sevenyear contract with the state in 1994. The state has the right to quit the contract on 90 days notice, DHS officials say.

The company is claiming a breach of contract under the deal and is threatening a lawsuit, Human Service Commissioner Eric M. Bost told the Houston Chronicle

Transactive would say only

that it is reviewing all remedies of the House Appropriations to the situation and that includes

options," said spokesman Marc

The Lone Star Card, which it.' looks like an ordinary credit card, transfers both food stamp and cash welfare benefits to merchants electronically.

according to the number of people using the card, is demanding

and the federal laws do not allow this year. for any kind of sliding scale in relation to these contracts."

"It's instances like this that payments of about \$2.6 million. raise questions about privatiza- GTECH Corp. has sued the tion," said state Rep. Robert Texas Lottery Commission in a Junell, D-San Angelo, chairman separate contract dispute.

Committee. "What the Lone Star Card did is exactly what we We are considering all of our wanted it to do, which was to reduce fraud and if that means less welfare recipients, then so be

Gov. George W. Bush was en route to the Republic Governors Association meeting in Florida and could not be reached for The company, which is paid comment, Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan said.

"I know the decision to negotian immediate change in contract ate was DHS' to make," he said.

Transactive President Gregory "Transactive nor the state of L. Coler told DHS officials in a Texas is in fault in this matter. letter in September that a 39 per-The responsibility for this matter cent drop in combined food lies with the federal govern- stamp and cash welfare rolls has ment," Palazzo said. "There are meant the company is short \$1 onerous federal rules that require million a month and had that the contractor be compensate endured an overall shortfall of ed on a per case per month basis \$17.4 million through August of

The company believes DHS is "in breach of the contract" Should the state offer a safety because, at the time the contract net to contractors for times when was put up for bids, the state welfare rolls are on the decline? erroneously projected monthly

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST Tonight, variable clouds. Low near 32. Northwest wind 10-20

mph. Saturday, mostly sunny. High 60. Northwest wind 10-20 **REGIONAL FORECAST**

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle

Tonight, variable clouds. Low near 30. Northwest wind 5-15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. High in the upper 50s to 60. Northwest wind 10-20 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, fair. Lows 30-35. Saturday, sunny. Highs 60-65. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos -Tonight, fair. Lows around 35. Saturday, sunny. Highs around 65. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, fair. Lows around 35. Saturday, sunny.

Highs around 65. Far West Texas Tonight, fair. Lows 35-40. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs Guadalupe 60s. Mountains/Big Bend Area Tonight, fair. Lows 25-40. Saturday, sunny. Highs 50s Guadalupe Mountains to 80 Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, fair. Lows 36 to 42. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs 63 to 69.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, fair skies. Lows from the lower 30s northwest Hill Country to mid 40s south central. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 60s. Southeast Texas and Upper partly cloudy. Lows in the mid Saturday, fair skies. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

upper 60s to near 70. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows lower 50s coast to upper 40s inland. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s to lower

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO - Tonight, partly cloudy north with a few light snow showers mountains with a slight chance of light snow and/or light rain lowlands. Mostly fair skies south Lows near 10 to upper 20s mountains and north with mid 20s to mid 30s lower elevations south.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows mid 20s Texas Coast — Tonight, fair to northwest Oklahoma to upper southeast Oklahoma. 30s40s inland to upper 50s coast. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs

City briefs

24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv. BRICK REPAIR - Harley Knutson, 665-4237, mobile 663-6476. Adv.

EMERGENCY JAIL Release

GOLF SALE at Hidden Hills great selection of ladies and mens complete sets of clubs at low prices, spikeless golf shoes, by Nike and Foot Joy, Nike shirts, Izod jackets, and all sorts of winter caps and mittens. Select your Christmas presents now. Call 669-5866. Adv.

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ATTENTION ADVERTIS-ERS - Early Deadlines for Classified & Display ads in Pampa News are for Fri. Nov. 28th display - Tues. Nov. 25th, 12 noon. For Sun. 30th display -Wed. Nov. 26th 12 noon. Fri. Nov. 28th classified - Wed. Nov. 26th, 4 p.m. We appreciate your cooperation and wish you and your family & friends a Happy Thanksgiving!

Coronado Center has shipments arriving weekly thru Christmas. All merchandise is \$1, all day, everyday. Adv. LET US help you with your

DOLLAR

Christmas List. Cole Creek open Thurs., Fri., Sat. - Closed Thanksgiving holiday. Adv. DON JONAS Calligraphy -Holiday Productions - Amarillo

Civic Center, Nov. 22, 23rd. Adv. **JUST IN** Time for Holiday Gift List. Twice Is Nice - new shipment of Sterling & Stone Jewelry. Large selection of Charms &

Bracelets. Adv. PRUNING, TRIMMING, raking. Family Lawn Care 665-3257.

DANCE AT McLean Country by The Schneiders. Members and guests welcome. Adv. GARAGE SALE Sat. 9 - 2.

1706 Grape. Little Tykes, misc. **COMPLETE LEGO** Sets with

instructions. Cottage Collection.

PAMPA SHRINERS Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, tonight, 7 p.m., Sportsman Club. Members and guests invited. Adv.

SATELLITE ARTS & Crafts Festival, County Expo Bldg. Perryton, Tx. Nov. 22 9-7 p.m. 23rd 10-4 p.m. See classified ad.

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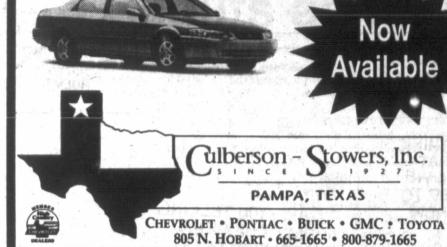
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Jamie Juan.



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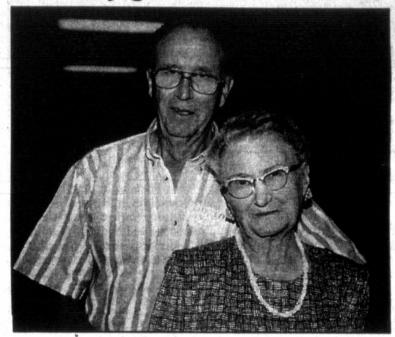
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Birthday girl is 95!



Bob Smith of Lewisville was among those who honored his mother, Rosalie Smith, when she celebrated her 95th birthday Nov. 15 with a surprise party at Hughey House. Thirty-seven family members from Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas came to the event. She is an active member of St. Paul's Methodist Church and enjoys cooking, quilting, sewing and reading. Smith, who has lived in Pampa since 1930, still drives to run her errands. She worked at Love Laundry and Dry Cleaning for about 20 years and later was a private duty nursing for many years.

Shuttle Columbia to launch satellite

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) - A solar observatory that had malfunctioned 1 million miles from Earth was up and running in time for the astronaut's planned release of a sun-watching satellite from the space shuttle Columbia.

NASA ordered the crew to wait until today to try dropping the Spartan satellite overboard for two days of flight. The delay was forced by voltage problems that shut down another solar observatory - the 2-year-old Soho - hours before Columbia blasted off Wednesday.

By Thursday evening, ground controllers had Soho back in busi-

Scientists want to compare measurements taken by Sohowhich studies the sun from 92 million miles away - and Spartan, which astronauts will set loose to make simultaneous observations. The spacecraft will look at the thin outer layer of the sun's



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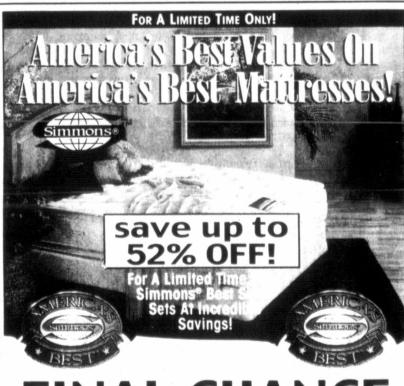
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Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:

Waco Tribune-Herald on boosting racial diversity in colleges: If a positive side can be found coming out of the federal court ruling that struck down race-based college admission policies in Texas, it likely will be that Texas will gain the edge on the rest of America in new ways to boost minority enroll-

Efforts to obtain ethnic diversity on Texas colleges were thrown into a tailspin when the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the University of Texas Law School's racebased admission policy was unconstitutional. That ruling was followed by Attorney General Dan Morales' ruling that struck down race-based admission policies and scholarships to all Texas colleges and universities.

Texas colleges lost many minority students to out-of-state schools that still use race-based admission policies and scholarships. Texas is diminished by this loss of future minority leadership.

To combat diminished minority enrollment, the Texas Legislature took steps to ensure diversity on state campuses by granting automatic admission to state universities to the top 10 percent of high school graduates. It remains to be seen if this will bear fruit, but it was a creative and worthwhile attempt to increase racial diversity on state campus-

In addition, Texas college administrators got together in an attempt to find ways to obtain needed racial diversity on their campuses. Baylor University Chancellor Herbert Reynolds properly deemed the undertaking the "morally correct" thing

And last Thursday, the University of Texas Board of Regents considered dozens of steps designed to boost racial diversity on UT system campuses.

The rulings that ended the use of race in admissions decisions, scholarships and in assigning financial aid cut off \$5.6 million annually for minority grants and scholarships at UT-

As a result, UT officials now are looking for new methods to provide private scholarship funds for minorities while launching more aggressive recruiting and outreach pro-

New admission policies also are being considered that include the education level of the applicant's parents and whether the applicant is a first-generation college student. In addition, factors such as "commitment to pubic service, leadership" could be used as an admissions factor along with test scores and grade point averages.

If the day comes when race-based admission policies are struck down nationwide, current praiseworthy efforts to sustain minority enrollment in Texas should put the Lone Star state ahead of the curve.

Austin American-Statesman on Austin's water supply:

Heedlessly enjoying a river-run water supply, Austinites may find it hard to engage with the trials of groundwater-depen-

The scrupulous apportionment of water that flows above ground, contrasted with a Wild West anarchy that has ruled use of water that flows beneath the ground, may seem like q perplexing, yet hardly pressing, issue.

But in fact, recently proposed rules governing use of the Edwards Aquifer will have impact outside the five counties in •which they apply.

Fears of the ultimate effects of unregulated pumping from the underground reservoir led the Texas Legislature in 1993 to create the Edwards Aquifer Authority to limit pumping. The authority includes Bexar, Hays, Uvalde, Medina and Comal

In late October, the authority's board adopted proposed pumping rules The public will have a chance to comment in writing and in hearings to be held in the affected counties in December. .

The rules need to assure citizens that the authority is acting decisively and speedily to preserve a great natural resource, despite any temporary discomfort that change will cause for some users. The interests of a wide community, and of future generations, should govern the board's decisions. Unrestricted pumping has gone on too long.

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Promise Keeper pros and cons

Several weeks ago, I wrote a column about the Promise Keepers, the evangelical Christian men's group that is enjoying enormous popularity. The group has received a lot of praise for its ability to rally men to commit themselves to being better husbands and fathers, but also has been criticized for encouraging men to reclaim their role as the head of the family.

After that column was published, many Promise Keepers challenged me to ask women how they feel about the Promise Keepers. So I asked women if they would want to be married to a Promise Keeper. Here is what they said:

Many Promise Keeper wives wrote in to describe the wonderful changes that have taken place in their husbands since joining the organization. "My three daughters have seen a dad responsive to their feelings," writes a woman who describes herself as a "Promise Reaper." goes out to the community, the state, the country and then the world."

Indeed, there were a surprising number of women who wrote in support of the male leadership role. "I am willing to 'submit' myself to someone who is looking out for my best interest instead of just his, loves and cares for me, would lay down his life for me," writes one

A Massachusetts woman describes herself as a former feminist who has seen the light: "YES! YES! YES! I would like for every woman to be involved with a man who believes in the honorable promises that the Promise Keepers out- licks my floors and toilet bowls clean - no way the fact that he truly likes himself."



Sara Eckel

Sara Eckel is a nationally syndicated columnist

line. With a foundation like that in their relathe pain many of us 'older' women experi-

And Jan says in an e-mail that even though who is more attentive and compassionate and lifetime – she had a master's degree and four marriage. They were very wrong about that." years of Peace Corps experience under her belt years younger than I) may make decisions with ties. which I disagree, but he has to give an account to God for his choices.

Finally, several women said that they would love to see their husband take charge and give men?" asks Joanna from Kansas. them a break: "Yes, I would love for him to reader. "I could use the vacation!"

don't (care) if one of these 'Promise Keepers'

would I be married to one," writes Valerie in an

"My answer is an emphatic NO WAY. Sounds like a bunch of men looking for sheer numbers to unite their home-life power trips,' writes Gretchen from Indiana (who, incidentally, reports that her Promise Keeper ex-husband is delinquent in his child-support pay-

"I find it very strange that the Promise Keepers and their wives don't believe two rational, grown people who love each other tionships, hopefully they will avoid much of can't come to a mutual decision," writes C.P., whose conservative Christian parents were very disappointed when she discovered feminism. "They said I would be a very unhappy she has experienced a lot of autonomy in her woman some day and would not have a good

"I think it is great that these men are so before she married at the age of 31 - she is involved in working hard on their family situa-"It is time for men to take up the reins of lead- happy to submit to her husband. "The presi- tions," writes Kathy, a 65-year-old grandmothership - and it starts in the home ... (It) then dent of the United States makes decisions er of 11. "However, I do not believe that it has which I do not like but I am bound by them. My to relate to whether they are the 'boss' in the husband (who has less education and is eight family - that seems to point up their insecuri-

Indeed, many women noted this paradox. "Do men have no better self-image that they have to have authority over women to be

Finally, Patricia proffered an alternative defibecome the leader of the household," writes a nition of masculinity: "My husband is a man in the true sense of the word. (He) is my best But for every reader who pined for a Promise friend, my partner ... My husband does not Keeper, there was one who said no thanks. "I need to the 'head' of the household, which stems from his confidence, self-assurance and

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 21, the 325th day of 1997. There are 40 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 21, 1877, inventor Thomas A. Edison announced the invention of his phonograph.

On this date: the 12th state to ratify the U.S.

woman to serve in the U.S. Senate. In 1942, the Alaska highway across Canada was formally opened. In 1964, New York's Verrazano

In 1969, the Senate voted down the nomination of Clement F. Haynsworth to the Supreme Court, the first time since 1930 that a candi-In 1789, North Carolina became date for the nation's highest court was rejected.

Narrows Bridge opened.

In 1973, President Nixon's attor-In 1922, Rebecca L. Felton of ney, J. Fred Buzhardt, revealed the General. Georgia was sworn in as the first existence of an 181/2-minute gap in

ings related to Watergate.

In 1980, 87 people died in a fire at Las Vegas, Nev.

was arrested, accused of spying for Israel.

In 1991, the U.N. Security Council chose Boutros Boutros-Ghali of Egypt to be the new Secretary-

In 1995, the Dow Jones industrial years.

one of the White House tape record- average closed above the 5,000 mark for the first time.

Ten years ago: An eight-day siege the MGM Grand Hotel-Casino in began at a detention central in Oakdale, La., as Cuban aetainees, In 1985, former U.S. Navy intellialarmed over the possibility of being gence analyst Jonathan Jay Pollard returned to Cuba, seized the facility and took hostages.

Five years ago: Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., issued an apology but refused to discuss allegations that he'd made unwelcome sexual advances toward 10 women over the

Tax overhaul drive gearing up

With friendlier faces, open doors and "We Work For You" lapel buttons, the Internal Revenue Service is trying to show it can solve problems for troubled taxpayers. But they're still the tax collectors, the maze-like code is more complicated than ever, and the Republican campaign to change the whole system is just beginning. So "problem-solving days" at IRS offices

began with a backdrop of GOP demands for wholesale tax changes. "Every day should be problem-solving day for the American taxpayer, not just once a month at best," said Rep. Bill Archer of Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. "As grass-roots support for tax reform grows, the roots of the income tax system will be turned up and replaced with a new, fair and simple federal

As the new IRS program began, drawing nearly 6,300 taxpayers in 33 cities to what are to be monthly open office sessions for taxpayers who need help, Archer in Houston and fellow Republican congressmen in dozens of other cities took the occasion to stage rallies for a 1998 overhaul.

Archer advocates a form of national sales tax to supplant the income tax; other options include a flat tax, or a drastically remodeled replacement for the current code.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who hasn't picked one, said the IRS and the tax laws need very fundamental reform."

Walter Mears AP Special Correspondent

Gingrich told his constituents in Roswell, Ga., that the IRS open houses weren't an answer. "Frankly, it was a public relations gimmick designed by the White House," he Then again, everybody has their gimmicks.

The Republicans' is to depict the IRS as a Democratic problem, not theirs. "Abuses by the IRS are DOA in the Republican Congress, Sen. Don Nickles of Oklahoma said in a GOP radio address. Perhaps, but some of the stories of taxpayer abuse that stirred the issue, and a half-approved reform bill, date from Republican administrations.

They had to have taxes collected, too. And people with problems still have a code to

"But if people get the help they want, they for them," Charles Rossotti, the new IRS commissioner, said at the agency's Baltimore

passed it 426-4, displaying the power of an we had better do it right," he said.

issue that gained momentum after Senate hearings on IRS abuses. The measure creates an 11-member board to oversee the IRS, and defines new taxpayer rights in disputes with

Republicans seized the issue when the Democratic administration initially resisted sweeping change, then shifted in a compromise. A broader tax overhaul also is a GOP talking

point. President Clinton may weigh in with a proposal of his own in the State of the Union message, since the tax debate will be a major piece of the 1998 election campaign.

"The present tax code is about 10 times longer than the Bible, a lot more complicated and, unlike the Bible, contains no good news," Nickles said. "Imagine the good things we could do by starting over and constructing a code that is more simple, more flat and, most importantly, more fair.'

Imagining probably is about as far as that the IRS officials who opened their doors to will get in an election year. There will be another tax vote, though, on the IRS bill. It would have passed the Senate with little or no dissent this year, but Sen. William V. Roth, will at least respect the job we are trying to do chairman of the Finance Committee, prevented action, even though he said it would have

been easy and politically expedient. Roth said he wants more protection for tax-Nickles said Congress is going to overhaul payers facing audits or IRS collection orders, the way the agency does business, a bill await- and on other points. "The truth is that we will ing action next year in the Senate. The House get only one real chance to reform the IRS and

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Girl Scouts announce Woman of Distinction

outstanding area women with its third annual "Woman of Distinction" awards at the Woman of Distinction Banquet held in Amarillo.

Winners were selected based on their individual contributions to the five "Worlds of Girl Scouting": World of the Arts, World of the Out-of-Doors, World of People, World of Today and Tomorrow and World of Well Being. The winners - who have been involved in Girl Scouting either as a girl or as an adult - are Quincy Taylor of Vega, Judy Flanders of Borger, Margaret Formby of Hereford, and Laura Landess and Rebecca King, both of Amarillo. They are honored for their leadership, influence and achievements through service to their communities and the lives of young women.

-Laura Landess was selected as a Woman of Distinction for the World of the Arts and was nominated by T.A. Reynolds. Landess has shown through her choice of careers, that she is one to make a difference in the future by making a difference in the lives of today's youth. An Amarillo native, Landess was recently recognized as the Amarillo Independent School District's Secondary Teacher of the year. She has taught art at Caprock High School for nine of her 12 years teaching, and has been a mentor to many young people inspiring their creativity and helping them to believe in themselves and in their dreams. She made a particular impact on Caprock High School students by securing grants for computers and software for an electronic media program into the school's curriculum. She and her students then went on to Austin to present the program and highlight its success

to senators and representatives. As an only child, Landess felt that Girl Scouting gave her the sisters that she never had. With her parents encouragement, she became a Brownie Girl Scout in the first grade. "I have so many fond memories of my time in Girl Scouts. I know for me, it provided friends, fun, and taught me many good morals and values that helped to make me the person that I am today, "Landess said. "I think Girl Scouts has also grown in its effectiveness as it become more involved with community service and social

community is evident not only in what she does in the classroom, but what she does outside it. She has given her time caroling at baskets to children in the hospital, giving out coloring books and crayons to children at the homeless shelter, gathering and widows and shut-ins.

committee member of the National Scholastic Art Contest for the Texas Panhandle Region, Committee Art Representative Learning Center, a member of the Texas State Teachers Association. and a member of the Texas High School Art Club, as a mentor to four ninth grade students Building Leadership Team and as the chairperson for the Spring 97-98 Texas Panhandle Invitational Student Art Competition.

of Distinction Award. I was thrilled to be recognized by my peers this year as the AISD but to be recognized by Girl Scouting not just as a teacher, but a

World of People. King is the 47th Association. District Attorney of Potter and

that Girl Scouting came to King's childhood home in Comanche, Texas. After the death of King's nursing homes, delivering Easter younger sister, King's mother decided that Girl Scouting would help her girls to work through their loss and begin exploring their world. Soon after her Girl sending personal hygiene items Scouts came to Comanche, Texas, to the home for runaways and so did a new Girl Scout Little delivering singing valentines to House. With money that the girls vidows and shut-ins.

In the past, Landess has been a raised from fundraising projects and the strong hands of some of the dads in town, the girls soon had a place to meet. King's mother was so dedicated to Girl Scouts that she insisted that the girls for the Advanced Academic wear their Girl Scout pins on their high school graduation gowns.

After receiving her bachelors degree from McMurry College, Panhandle Art Educators King began her working life as a Association. She currently serves secondary school teacher in as the sponsor for the Caprock Dalhart and Comanche. Next she served as county judge of Dalham County from 1977-82, of the "You Can Pass" mentor and then from 1982-84 she served club, as the art advisor for the as City Manager of Post, Texas. She then went on to pursue a career in law and obtained her jurisprudence doctorate from Texas Tech School of Use. She is "I feel extremely honored to also a certified Texas Peace have been selected for the Woman Officer, and has done graduate work at the University of Vermont, Colorado State University, and the International Teacher of the Year as a teacher, Language School in Saltillo-Mexico. In addition, she is a certified Texas law enforcement woman, is an incredible humbling instructor and is a member of the

The Texas Plains Girl Scout issues that affect girls and young values and principles she learned Council recently presented five outstanding area women with its control of the altar guild. The Texas Plains Girl Scout issues that affect girls and young values and principles she learned as a girl and young woman to what Girl Scouts has given to what Girl Scout experiences, and it was she is currently enrolled in a prooutstanding area women with its outstanding area women wi King's mother was the reason tant it is that they continue to to give back to my girls what my give what they gave me to the girls of this world."

-Judy Flanders, Borger mayor, is a Woman of Distinction recipient for the World of the Out-of-Scouting is about as a Brownie Girl Scout during her grade the changing needs of gi school years. "What I remember ter serve their interests." most was Girl Scout Day Camp in the 5th grade. I really enjoyed all of the activities and being in the out-of-doors camping out. It was a real adventure for me."

Colo., and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado and her masters degree in American History from to Borger in 1968, when her husband's job brought him to the Panhandle. When her daughter Development Program. Lara, became a Brownie Girl Scout in 1977, Judy became an assistant troop leader. She then conducting day camp and eventually became a council board

"Becoming a troop leader made me appreciate all the time and National Convention. She is also preparation my own troop leader very committed to giving her invested in me when I was a girl. time to St. Peter's Episcopal I knew first hand the self-confi- Church of Borger as an organist

troop leader have given me as a girl," comments Judy. "There is an even larger population of girls today who can benefit from Girl Scouting because of the values Doors. She first learned what Girl that it teaches girls. Girl Scouting should continue responding to have been chosen from among so the changing needs of girls to bet-

Flanders has served as member of the Borger City Council since 1978 and has been the mayor for nine years. She is a past president for the Texas Municipal League Flanders was born in LaJunta, of Region II, a board member of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, president of the Tri-Community Concert Association, diocesan officer for George Washington University in Episcopal Church Women, and is Washington, D.C. Flanders came an appointee of Gov. Bush to the Regional Review Committee of Texas Community

Her past honors include being named a Borger Citizen of the Year, a former board member of went on to become a troop leader, the Quivira Girl Scout Council, Chamber of Commerce Ambassador and delegate to the Triennial Convention Episcopal Churchwomen

gram for effective lay ministry as the head of the church search committee for a new rector.

Flanders is a human resource representative with Phillips Petroleum Company and is a history instructor at Frank Phillips College. "I feel very honored to many outstanding nominees. I will consider this a very important honor for the rest of my life."

—Quincy Taylor of Vega, a Woman of Distinction for the World of Today and Tomorrow, is owner, editor and publisher of the Vega Enterprise. "Women in small rural communities having limited access to Girl Scouting and other opportunities have a responsibility to live their lives in a positive productive manner. Through the actions of adults, children observe that choices can be made in the direction their lives can take. Through the strong foundation afforded her through Girl Scouting, Quincy actively fulfills her responsibilities for family, community, and young people. Quincy is one who's leadership assures that family values will remain a priority in Oldham County," says Joan Harwell, manager of the Oldham County Chamber of

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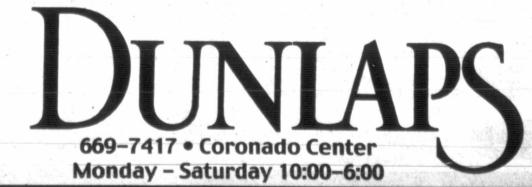


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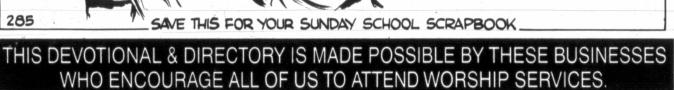
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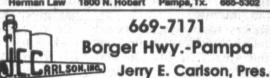
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Minister's musings

Proverbs 17:22 says, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." (King James Version) The word "merry" comes from the Hebrew word which means "to brighten up, to cheer up, to cause to rejoice." In other words, it is a heart that chooses to be cheerful, a heart that chooses to rejoice. We can either look at the bright side of things (which this word suggests ... "to brighten up"), or we can wallow in the negative things of life. It's our choice. Unfortunately, life usually has plenty of negative things to focus on. Sometimes we have to stop and deliberately look past all the negatives to find the positives. But, fortunately, the positives are always there, too, even if we have to look a little harder to spot them. The effort is well worth it because "the merry heart will doeth good like a med-

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We are one of those few nations in the whole world that has a holiday especially set aside for giving thanks. The pilgrims are the ones who started this wonderful tradition that became a national holiday. They were thankful for just being alive after mov-



By Rev. Roger A. Hubbard

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for those two things? Of all the people in the world, we probably have the most for which to be thankful. See if you can name five more things right now for which you are truly thankful. Ultimately, I think God needs to be the person who receives our thanks because the Bible says in James 1:17, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights ..." Life itself and a clear mind are miraculous gifts from God.

Just being alive and having good health are things to stop and thank God for, but if you have a family to spend Thanksgiving with, then let the rejoicing begin! You have a lot to be grateful for. When you gather for

mission first before you call on someone to pray. Maybe they wouldn't feel comfortable. If you cannot find someone, do it yourself!)

But speaking of families, one of the common characteristics of holidays is loneliness. Many people will spend Thanksgiving and Christmas alone. After checking with your spouse, together you can think of someone to invite over for Thanksgiving, someone who doesn't have a family, or at least cannot be with their family for the holiday. Or, maybe you could take them a plate of food from your bountiful table. Could you plan to stay and visit while they eat it ... because it is NO FUN to eat alone on that Thursday? Or, simply skip one quarter of the football game and go visit them for a few minutes. A big part of Thanksgiving can be giving someone else the opportunity to become thankful,

And, if you are one of those who will still spend the holiday alone, please remember that you are never totally alone ... God is with you, Hebrews 13:5. And, if you don't feel very loved, take a moment to look again at the cross of Christ and His empty tomb. I Corinthians 15:3-4 says, "... Christ died for that you have your mental capacity to read. Why not pause this season and thank God

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The advisory so angered DeGeneres

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munity, Eisner said, adding, "I think it

Religion briefs...

St. Mark to celebrate anniversary

St. Mark CME Church at 406 Elm welcomes all to an anniversary servi ce Nov. 23, at 3 p.m. The special guest speaker will be the Rev. Phillip Randal of Johnson Chapel AME Church in

Rev. Patterson guest speaker Sunday

Thomas Patterson, assistant pastor of New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church of Oklahoma City will be the guest minister Sunday at the 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. services at New Hope Baptist Church at 912 S. Gray. For more information, call 665-



Annual Thanksgiving worship service Tuesday

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service sponsored by the Pampa United Ministerial Alliance will be Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church. Pastors from different community churches will conduct the service with music from area choir members. Everyone is invited.

Cremation is OK; scattering ashes isn't

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — The Archdiocese of Santa Fe has warned members that scattering ashes of loved ones is improper, indeed for-

Catholics have sprinkled their relatives' ashes on mountains, rivers, oceans and other places since the church approved cremation in the 1980s. But reports of odd funereal practices prompted Archbishop Michael Sheehan to write a pastoral letter reaffirming

Roman Catholic Church policy.
Entitled "To Honor the Dead," the letter noted that Pope John Paul II has called U.S. customs "the culture of death." The letter stated that abortion and euthanasia have cheapened life.

The church teaches respect for human life and for the body after the soul leaves it in death. Remains, either the body or its ashes, must be buried or placed in a mausoleum blessed by a priest, he

Sheehan said he became alarmed when he learned of the ways ashes were being handled. In one case, he said, they were divided among family members. In another, they were mixed with clay to make memorial pots.

Carter defends Mormans

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Jimmy Carter, in opposition to Southern Baptist leaders, says Mormons should be considered part of the Christian community.

The Deseret News reported that the former president, speaking in teleconference with religion writers, said leaders were wrong to imply The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is a non-

He said they "are trying to act as the Pharisees did, who were condemned by Christ, in trying to define who can and who cannot be

Eisner: Accusations by Disney boycotters are 'ridiculous'

NEW YORK (AP) — Disney chairman "ridiculous" and said a boycott by Southern conflicted Baptists hasn't shaken Disney's bottom line.

Sunday. Portions of the interview were made available Wednesday.

organize a boycott against Disney's "anti-Christian and anti-family direction.

'That's ridiculous. We're not pushing any blind. agenda," Eisner told CBS' Lesley Stahl.

The Baptists were angry about Disney's policy of giving health ben- of the interest groups angered by the sprawling Disney Co. efits to same-sex partners of employees, allowing "Gay Days" at its theme parks and permitting the star of the ABC show "Ellen" to come out as a homosexual. ABC is owned by Disney. They also objected to Disney's "Pocahontas" because it did not deal

with the historical character's conversion to Christianity.

"When somebody says Pocahontas is anti-Christian or anti-Jewish or anti-black or anti-Native American, I say inside deep down, They're nuts.' They really are," the Disney chairman said.

"She didn't become a Christian in the legend until after our story ended," he said. "(Pocahontas) is one of the most pro-social movies made in the 75 years of the history of the Disney Company."

As for "Ellen," Eisner said he thought the show's homosexual story line has been very well done. He said a recent advisory placed at the beginning of an "Ellen" episode where the star, Ellen DeGeneres,

A Catholic group is urging a response to the boycott. Michael Eisner called charges that his company promotes an anti-Christian agenda boycott of the ABC show about a "Nothing that she briefly threatened to quit. priest, "It hasn't had a financial effect," Eisner said

Sacred," while the National forewarn viewers who might be uncom-

in an interview to air on "60 Minutes" this Federation of the Blind objects to fortable and parents who don't want Disney making the live-action their children watching something that is against what they believe in. Leaders of the 15 million-member movie, "Mr. Magoo," saying the Protestant denomination voted in May to bumbling nearsighted cartoon was arranged by the homosexual comcharacter is offensive to the would be a tragedy for us to exclude

It's almost impossible to keep track

A Catholic group is urging a boycott of the ABC show about a conflicted priest, "Nothing Sacred," while the National Federation of the Blind objects to Disney making the live-action movie, "Mr. Magoo," saying the bumbling nearsighted cartoon character is offensive to the blind.

A spokesman for the Southern Baptists said Eisner's comments were no surprise, but that the boycott may particularly be felt during considered an acceptable person in the eyes of God. the holiday shopping season.

"If I were Michael Eisner and I were the head of that company, would say (the boycott) didn't have any effect. That's to be expected," said spokesman Dwayne

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"Nancy" and her husband have been married 23 years. They are both well-educated. He is a professional and Nancy has worked off and on to supplement their income. They have three children, one in college and two in high school.

Abby, their main problem is that they are heavily in debt due to his excessive use of credit cards. Nancy has allowed the situation to continue for many years, claiming she has no control over him. He manages their money and feels that as the primary wage earner, he has the right to control their finances. They have gone to credit counselors, but have never gained control of their debt situation.

Now they are having trouble qualifying for a mortgage, and their son who is in college is being held liable for \$3,900 in telephone charges his roommate incurred.

I have urged my sister to take control of the money in their family, but apparently she hasn't. Every time a new crisis arises, she seems surprised and angry Abby, what advice can I give

J.A. IN EL PASO, TEXAS

Horoscope

Sunday, Nov. 23, 1997

ahead. Some will unravel slowly, while others could occur in the blink of an eye.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Dom-

inating the conversation won't add luster

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DEAR J.A.: Since your sister has never taken advantage of your wise counsel, stop giving it. Listen to her other problems if you wish, but when she starts to replay this broken record, end the conversation. If she asks you why, tell her that you love her, but that her refusal to handle financial problems is beginning to affect your

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letters in your column about forgiveness, I remembered something that I read in "Reader's Digest" the morning I had my first real argument with my husband. We had been married only a month. It read:

"To forgive is holy. "To forget takes restraint. "To forget what you forgave is

the mark of a saint." Abby, it was true then and it's

K.C. IN PUNTA GORDA, FLA. engaging the imagination. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today,

you might have a hard time keeping silent

about some interesting tidbits you recently heard. Spreading rumors could injure

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Even

though you may be bored to tears today

while having to contend with a pal who

does a lot of talking but never has any-

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Chances

are slim that your co-workers will see

subject arises, don't get involved too

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not use

rationalization and wishful thinking as a

substitute for productivity today. If you

want something done, you'll have to do it

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Before final-

izing plans today, consult with those

included in the arrangements.

Complications could result later if they're

that evoke opposing points of view

thing to say, be tolerant.

not in accord.

GEMINI (May 21-

could be in store for you in the year your point of view today. If a controversial

DEAR K.C.: Thank you for sharing this bit of wisdom. Readers, I urge each of you to adopt this sage philosophy, for who among us does not need to be forgiven more than once in a

DEAR READERS: With Christmas approaching, I have recently discovered an outstanding new reading resource for parents, grandparents, teachers and mentors who want to find books especially for young African American males. Beginning with books for very young children, it progresses to books for high school and adult readers - and contains lively, informative descriptions of more than 100 outstanding works of literature by such authors as Langston Hughes, Walter Mosley, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Frederick Douglass and James Baldwin.

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Adults can create a lifelong love for reading in children by reading to them and with them - and the most powerful way to teach is by

should be avoided today. Solutions to these disagreements will have a life of

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If someone goes out of his or her way to help you today, don't assume that this person knows you're appreciative. Be sure to verbalize your thank-yous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you can't liberate the cash you require for nonessential pursuits today, it's best you face the fact and adjust your plans accordingly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Guard against inclinations today to blame others for situations over which they have no control. You will anger your targets if they are made scapegoats.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Inside information should be taken with a grain of salt today. Believing everything you hear could lead you up a blind alley

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today, don't waste your generosity on the ungrateful. Instead, focus on recipients who are open-handed and as appreciative as you are

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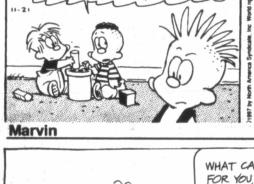




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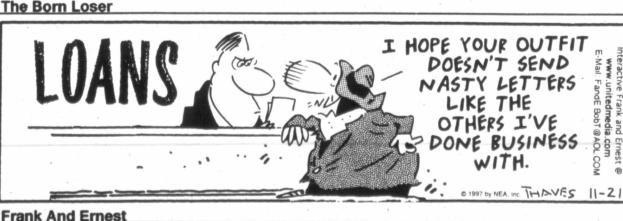
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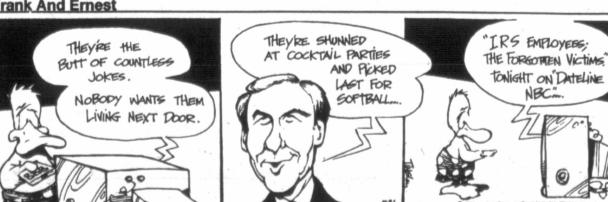
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PERRYTON - Pampa was defeated by Perryton, 39-35, Thursday in the first round of the Perryton Ninth-Grade Boys' Tournament.

"There was a much better team effort than our first game against Dalhart. We played with intensity the first half, but we didn't keep it up for 32 minutes. We're going to keep working on the little things and we'll continue to get better as the season goes along," said Pampa coach Troy Bell.

Kurt George led Pampa scorers with 8 points while Jarod Allen and Bryce Jordan added 7 each.

Pampa meets Canadian at 9:15 a.m. Saturday. If Pampa wins, they play again at 12 noon for third place.

GROOM — Groom teams fell to Memphis in basketball openers earlier this week. Memphis claimed a 58-44

victory in the boys' game. Nick McFalls had 15 points and Randall Johnson 13 to lead the Memphis scoring attack.

Groom's high scorer was Jimmy Chavedo with 14 points. Daniel Treadwell and Josh Evenson added nine points each.

Halftime score was 28-12, Groom's favor.

Amy Odhams poured in 32 points as Memphis defeated Groom, 65-59 in the girls'

Jessica Friemel and Angie Conrad led Groom with 10 points each. Groom trailed at halftime,

30-28. Nicole Johnson added 12

points for Memphis. Groom's next games are tonight at Claude.

In an area girls' game, Miami lost to Higgins, 76-31.

Booker was high scorer for Higgins with 21 points. Erin Locke had 17 points and Mindy McConnell 7 for

Miami is scheduled to play White Deer tonight.

FOOTBALL

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) -Self-imposed sanctions will keep Texas Tech out of the postseason picture this December. Self-imposed futility doomed Oklahoma.

"Playing Oklahoma is like a sleeping giant," Dykes said of the team that has been outscored 176-28 in its last four games, all losses. "They have really good players and they've had a hard time winfor whatever reason."

The Sooners (3-8, 1-6 Big 12). had better wake up if they plan to cripple the Big 12 South title hopes of streaking Tech (6-4, 5-2) on Saturday.

"We need to reach down and find something to play for," Oklahoma coach John Blake said. "It's hard to play when you're out of the bowl picture and hard to play when you don't have an opportunity for a winning season.

"We've got some young kids who have a lot of pride and are still trying to play, still trying to score.

Without injured tailbacks Parker De'Mond Jermaine Fazande, scoring could be tough against Tech's "Swarm" defense, which is allowing Big 12 opponents only 12.8 points per game.

Though self-imposed sanctions resulting from an NCAA investigation will keep Tech playing beyond from Saturday, defensive lineman Chris Kocurek said the Raiders are driven to earn their division title rings.

"We'll go out and do the best we can and take care of what we control ourselves, and we'll keep the rest of it out of our minds," Kocurek said.

For the third straight game, converted safety Brandon Daniels will quarterback Oklahoma's option attack, which replaced a more passoriented system at midstream.

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The transition hasn't been fruitful. The Sooners have scored exactly seven points in each of their last four games.

TCU spoils Mustangs' championship hopes

Dover's passing and a fierce night to cripple the Mustangs' championship hopes and their hope for a bowl bid.

Dover came off the bench to throw two touchdown passes fourth quarter.

SMU (6-5, 5-3 Western Athletic touchdown and got one final threat with an interception by the trip was not in vain. Barry Browning at the TCU 36.

As the curtain dropped on the

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Horned Frogs bounced back 0 lead, but TCU rallied behind interceptions early in the opening drive with a 4-yard touchdown Winless Texas Christian rode Jeff from a quick 10-point deficit to Dover's passing to take a 14-10 knock the Mustangs from a share defense to a 21-18 victory over of the lead in the WAC's entertains lowly Tulsa on Saturday.

The victory ended a 12-game losing streak for the 1-10 Frogs while ending a five-game run by and then sealed the verdict on a SMU, which nonetheless posted superbly executed keeper to its first winning season since score from a yard out in the before an NCAA-imposed death penalty in 1987.

Representatives from the Conference) struck for a late Holiday and Independence scrimmage and he zigzagged Bowls were on hand for the 78th into the end zone. chance with 1:27 remaining. But meeting between the two church the Horned Frogs killed the schools and it appeared early that

> Pass interceptions by Donald Mitchell and Tyree Taylor helped

halftime edge.

Sullivan, who announced his Southern Methodist Thursday Mountain Division. New Mexico resignation last month, jerked starter Derek Canine in the first quarter, and Dover responded with a 7-yard scoring pass to tight end Mike Brown and a bloop screen pass to running back Basil Mitchell that netted 22 yards and a touchdown.

The right-handed Dover flipped the ball left-handed to Mitchell at about the line of

Dover drove the Frogs 65 yards in five plays and set up the first TD with a 45-yard pass to Travis Wilson.

cornerback Donald Pat Sullivan era at TCU, the stake the Mustangs to a quick 10- Mitchell got the first of his two Sanders capped an 80-yard SMU

quarter and Ramon Flanigan guided the Ponies 51 yards in seven plays for the touchdown.

Moments after the Frogs were flagged for a late hit, Flanigan fired a 21-yard scoring pass to wideout Jack Brewer, who was open in the end zone.

Three plays after the ensuing kickoff, Taylor picked off a Canine pass at the 17, but the Frog defense held and the Mustangs settled for a 32-yard field goal by Roy Rios.

After a scoreless third quarter, which was punctuated by three interceptions, Dover took the Frogs on a 13-play, 87-yard drive capped with his TD from the one on fourth down.

But with 3:00 left, Chris

pass to Wendell Washington, then hit Tony Newsome for the 2point conversion.

It was too little and too late.

SMU-TCU State

SMU— Brewer 21 pass from Flanigan (Rios SMU- FG Rios 32, 6:53

TCU— Mitchell 22 pass from Dover (Rekick), 10:04

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TCU— Dover 1 run (Reeder kick), 10:29
SMU— Washington 4 pass from Sanders
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Miami falls to Silverton

GROOM - Miami was defeated by Silverton, 20-6, in a six-man regional playoff game Thursday

Miami ended its season at 9-3 while Silverton improves to 7-3. Silverton advances to the six-man quarterfinals to meet the winner of Saturday's Borden County-Grandfalls-Řoyalty game.

Silverton avenged an earlier loss to Miami during the regular

Silverton jumped out to a 14-0 lead as Jack Cherry threw a 45yard pass to Jeremy Holt and Trey Ziegler scored on a 7-yard run.

Miami came back to score its only touchdown in the second quarter on a Dustin Howard's 1yard pass to Blake Hurst. The TD was set up on a 30-yard pass from Marshall Flowers to Jose Moreno.

Silverton led 14-6 at halftime. Silverton added one more TD on a 1-yard run by Holt in the third quarter.

Silverton had the edge in total vardage, 296-223. Silverton had a 9-7 edge in first downs.

Holt led Silverton in rushing with 68 yards on 20 carries. Flowers had 73 yards on 16 carries to lead Miami.

Flowers completed 8 of 13 pass attempts for 91 yards. Howard completed 6 of 9 passes for 29

Blake Hurst was Miami's leading receiver with five catches for 27 yards.

Baylor coach takes Huskers

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) Michigan might tighten its grip on No. 1 this weekend if it beats Ohio State, but it might take a little more to convince at least one coach about who's the nation's top team.

Baylor coach Dave Roberts said Thursday in his mind, the best team is Nebraska.

He should know. The Bears are the only common opponent for the Wolverines (10-0) and Cornhuskers (10-0). Baylor lost 38-3 at Michigan on Sept. 20, then lost 49-21 to visiting Nebraska three weeks later.

In a hypothetical national championship matchup between No. 1 Michigan and No. 3 Nebraska, which team would Roberts expect to win?

"I've been asked that question for last four or five weeks," Roberts said. "I can't comment on how they're playing now, but when we played Michigan they were a very, very good football

"They're very quick and very talented. Nebraska, I felt the same way exactly, but they were a little bit quicker defensively," Roberts said in a telephone interview from Waco, Texas.

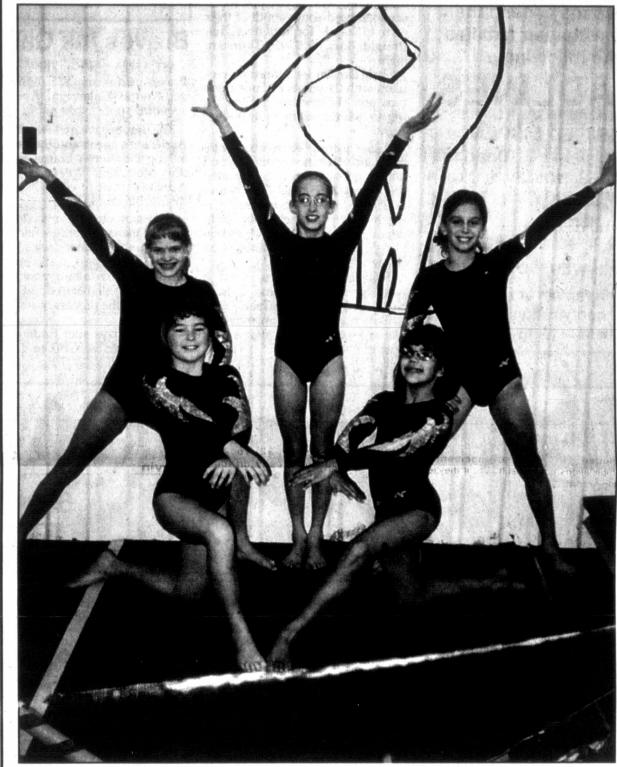
What about Florida State (10-

Roberts said he and his staff were left in amazement after watching the No. 2 Seminoles dismantle previously unbeaten North Carolina in a nationally

televised game last week. "There's really three up there right now: Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska," he said. "We watched Florida State against North Carolina the other night and they looked awesome,

The Bears haven't played Florida State, but Roberts said Michigan and Nebraska are solid throughout...

North State qualifiers



Team Pampa members of Gymnastics of Pampa have qualified for the North State Semi-Finals Friday and Saturday in Tyler. Level 5 gymnasts are (front, I-r) Amy Youree and Ashlee Ferguson; (back row, I-r) Jennifer Hutchison, Alyssa Bromwell and Jaclyn Spearman.

Packers favored over Cowboys

By DAVE GOLDBERG AP Football Writer

schedule might have suspected a letdown at Indianapolis last week. Why? Because this week's game is one the Packers and their fans have been looking forward to since 1993 — against Green Bay. the Dallas Cowboys at Lambeau Field.

That's a long time to look ahead to one game. "I don't know why the schedule comes out that way, but we're

always at Dallas," Mike Holmgren has said every year.

The result: Green Bay has lost its last eight games against the Cowboys, seven at Texas Stadium.

Three of those were playoff games, including the 1995 NFC championship. But the game the Packers were hoping for — the Cowboys at Green Bay in last year's VIKINGS, 20-17 title game — never came off when Dallas got short-circuited in

The Packers are favored by 6 1/2 in what is probably the last game this season in which the Cowboys will be underdogs. It's big for both teams: A win by Dallas could put it in a three-way tie for first in the NFC East if the Redskins beat the Giants; the Packers already are in a three-

way tie for first in the NFC Central. We know the Packers were looking ahead to the Cowboys and Vikings when their defense folded in

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Anyone who looked at Green Bay's Indianapolis. Did Dallas' 11 points in the last two minutes to beat Washington give it the lift it has been seeking all season?

Maybe, but not enough to win in

PACKERS, 20-14 New York Giants (plus 5 1/2) at

The Giants now get into the heavy part of the schedule. They get a good matchup here, their running game against the Redskins' leaky run defense and no receivers for Cris Dishman and Darrell Green to neutralize

But they may be a little too inexperienced for a prime time road win. REDSKINS, 17-15 Minnesota (plus 2 1/2) at New York

The Vikings bounce back — they have

Miami (plus 5) at New England Buffalo is the only team the Pats have beaten since starting 4-0. The Dolphins have done that, too

DOLPHINS, 24-21

Oakland (plus 8 1/2) at Denver Two things work against the Raiders the Broncos have lost twice. One was last week and the other was in Oakland.

BRONCOS, 37-20 Pittsburgh (minus 3) at Philadelphia The Pittsburgh pass rush is not the thing a quarterback making his second start wants to see

STEELERS, 17-9 Kansas City (plus 3) at Seattle

The Chiefs have beaten the Seahawks 12 of the last 13 times they've met — but just 20-17 in overtime earlier this season. CHIEFS, 23-17 (overtime)

Tampa Bay (minus 5 1/2) at Chicago The Bucs are back BUCS, 21-3

Indianapolis (plus 8 1/2) at Detroit The Lions haven't won two straight all vear and both teams have to let down after big wins. LIONS, 31-30

Buffalo (plus 3 1/2) at Tennessee The Bills defense is finally showing signs **OILERS**, 20-6

San Diego (plus 14) at San Francisco The 49ers' scheduling luck continues. 49ERS, 31-13

Jacksonville (minus 5 1/2) at Cincinnati The Jags, out of the spotlight, are playing as well as anyone

JAGUARS, 24-16 Carolina (minus 3 1/2) at St. Louis The Rams may be inching back into the Peyton Manning sweepstakes.

PANTHERS, 24-10 Arizona (plus 4) at Baltimore Forget Vinny. Just run against a defense that surrendered 201 yards last week.

RAVENS, 22-16 New Orleans (plus 4) at Atlanta Can the Saints win three straight? Can the Falcons win two straight? FALCONS, 13-10

LAST WEEK: 9-6 (spread); 8-6-1 (straight up)

SEASON: 79-77-9 (spread); 111-53-1 (straight up)

Workers needed

PAMPA - Workers are still needed for the Top Of Texas Boys' Basketball Tournament

Nov. 28-29 in Pampa. Help is especially needed in the ticket-taking department with a minimum of six workers per session, according to David Robertson, who is helping to organize the tournament.

Robertson said a person does not have to volunteer for the entire tournament, but help would be appreciated in whatever session is convenient.

Robertson can be contacted at 669-9581 or interested persons can call the PHS athletic office at 669-4830.

Robertson urged people who can't help with the various activities to give their support to the tournament by ordering tournament passes. Passes can be ordered by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 669-

Pampa hosts Red Oak, Plainview and Austin Westlake, last year's Region Four 5A finalist, in a round-robin format in McNeely Fieldhouse.

A three-point shooting contest is also planned and awards will be presented for the most inspirational player, top outside and inside defensive players, best sixth man and two academic awards. A community shootout involved the fans is planned for 8 a.m. Nov. 29 in the MPAC

Building (new gym). The tournament's first session is at 3 p.m. Nov. 28 with Pampa taking on Red Oak, a Class 4A club. Plainview and Austin Westlake followed at 5:30 p.m. Rounds one and two of the players' three-point shootout will be held during the first session,

starting at 11 a.m. The second session is Nov. 29 with Plainview going against Red Oak at 9 a.m.

Pampa meets Austin Westlake at

The third and final session on Nov. 29 has Austin going against Red Oak at 2 p.m. and Pampa playing Plainview at 4:30 p.m. Round three of the players' three-point shootout is

set for 12:30 Nov. 29. Players and coaches will be treated to a Thanksgiving Day dinner of turkey and dressing at 7:45 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce building.

Mavericks win in overtime

DALLAS (AP) - A.C. Green became the NBA's Ironman on Thursday night, but the Golden

State Warriors ruined the party. Green set an NBA record with his 907th consecutive game, but the Warriors beat his Dallas Mavericks 101-97 in overtime for their first victory of the season.

"We were well aware of it (Green's record)," said Warriors forward Joe Smith, who finished with 17 points and 10 rebounds. "You want to spoil something like

The game was stopped following the opening tipoff to recognize Green's milestone. With baseball Iron Man Cal Ripken looking on, Green surpassed Randy Smith's mark of 906 set from 1972-83.

"It was a great night despite the loss," said Green, who had seven points and seven rebounds as the Mavericks continued their own streak by losing their eighth in a row. "I feel very honored."

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Wednesday's Games Miami 122, L.A. Clippers 113 New Jersey 108, Boston 100 Charlotte 106, Portland 92 Philadelphia 97, Washington 86 San Antonio 108, Golden State 87 Orlando 96, Cleveland 93, OT Seattle 107, Vancouver 87 L.A. Lakers 118, Minnesota 93 Thursday's Games New York 100, Atlanta 79 Portland 93, Detroit 87 Indiana 109, Milwaukee 83

Houston 127, Toronto 97 Golden State 101, Dallas 97, OT Phoenix 89, Chicago 85 Sacramento 97, Utah 95

Friday's Games New York at Washington, 7:30 p.m. Miami at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m. New Jersey at Boston, 8 p.m. Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m. San Antonio at Seattle, 10 p.m. Denver at Vancouver, 10 p.m. Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games Orlando at Philadelphia, 1 p.m. Charlotte at Indiana, 7 p.m. Toronto at Miami, 7:30 p.m. Washington at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m. Atlanta at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Portland at New Jersey, 8 p.m. Milwaukee at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Golden State at Houston, 8:30 p.m. Seattle at Denver, 9 p.m. San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.

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Rockets roll past Raptors

Houston, with seven players 30 or older, used some youth of their own to hand Toronto its eighth straight loss, 127-97 Thursday

Clyde Drexler led Houston's regulars with 21 points in three quarters, and the reserves played the fourth quarter, led by Matt Bullard

"I like getting some good minutes, and it's time for our second unit to get some minutes running the offense," rookie first round draft pick Rodrick Rhodes said. "A game like tonight helps our confidence. Hopefully, we can build on tonight and have it continue on Golden State (Saturday)."

Beating the Raptors, with a weighty injured list and a franchise-record losing streak, isn't Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich's idea of a full comeback after a slow start this season.

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets showed the young Toronto Raptors how to play the running



Kyle Cambern and Demetrio Martinez of the Pampa Take Down Club work on their technique during a recent practice. The Pampa wrestlers will compete in an upcoming tournament in Amarillo.

Braves ink Galarraga to fill hole left by McGriff trade

ATLANTA (AP) - The Atlanta Bay, Atlanta replaced him with \$8.5 million in 2000. He would get Andres Galarraga. And the spending spree might not be over.

Wrestling practice

The Braves have met with Brady Anderson's agent, and they're still talking with Kenny Lofton, too. By the time this week is over, Atlanta's lineup could have a totally different look.

"I'm not closing any doors," general manager John Schuerholz said Thursday. "That's not a smart way to do business. It all depends on who you're talking about. We have to keep all that in mind as we go through the process of setting a

Just two days after trading first baseman Fred McGriff to Tampa in 1998, \$8.25 million in 1999 and ment today.

year contract. Galarraga, 36, hit .318 last season

leading the league for the second straight year. The first baseman had been with the Colorado Rockies since the team started play "John called and left a voice mail

with 41 homers and 140 RBIs,

right after the draft, then called and said he was going to make an offer, which he did," said "Then we went back and forth all

Braves paid nearly \$25 million to Galarraga, who agreed Thursday earn an additional \$250,000 in any night to a \$24.75 million, three-season he has 400 plate appear-

He made \$4.8 million in 1997, the final season of a four-year deal. 'Colorado made a two-year

offer, but it was for less money per year," Bronner said. "The Braves took us by surprise. We knew that there were some clubs that had interest in him, depending on trades or what might happen during the draft."

Both Schuerholz and team pres-Galarraga's agent, Jim Bronner. ident Stan Kasten declined to comment on the signing of Galarraga, apparently wanting Galarraga will receive \$8 million to wait for a formal announce-

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GIRL SCOUTS

Taylor began her Girl Scout experience as a Brownie Girl Scout in Vega and went on to become a Senior Girl Scout." Girl Scouting was a wonderful program for me. I know that it had a major influence on my life by enhancing the values that my parents taught me. Leadership always came naturally to me, and Girl Scouting gave me that opportunity, " says Taylor. "Girl Scouting made everyone part of the same group and it was always a place where everyone was accepted."

In 1996, as the first woman to run for the office of County Commissioner for Oldham County, Taylor was elected and further demonstrated her ability to lead, to learn and to serve. Her other civic involvement includes serving as a member of the Oldham County Country Club, the Board of Organization. She also serves on the Panhandle Housing Board.

She is also active as a member of the Vega United Methodist Church where she gives her time as a Sunday school teacher, serves as a member of the Family Committee and Pastor Parish Woman of Distinction recipient for the World of think I benefited from being a Girl Scout because Council at (806) 356-0096 or 1-800-687-4475.

Bible Study Club. In the past, she has organized numerous youth softball and T-Ball leagues, coached YMCA youth basketball teams and served as a 4-H volunteer. She was honored in 1996 as the Oldham County Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year.

Bringing joy to children's lives has always been important to Taylor. In the spring of 1997, when Quincy was asked if she had a prom dress for an under privileged student, she took it upon herself to take up a collection instead. After one day of collecting donations from the citizens of Vega, Taylor had collected enough money to completely outfit this student. Quincy never desired any thanks or attention for her effort, her goal was to simply make one girl happy.

"I was surprise to be named a Woman of Adjustments for the City of Vega, the Kiwanis Distinction. It is a great honor, for which I am Club of Vega, Vega ISD Parent Teacher grateful. I remember fondly learning to swim at Girl Scout Camp Kiwanis, and now as an adult I've taught over 250 kids how to swim. It's funny how good things that are given to us and then are passed on to our children.

-Margaret Clark Formby of Hereford is a

Relations Committee and leader of the First Place Well-Being. She was born in Van Horn, Texas. She of my troop leaders. They taught us to share, to graduated from Van Horn High School, where she was president and salutatorian of her senior class. Formby attended Texas Tech University, serving as student body secretary for two terms, was named "Miss Texas Tech, " was a member of the Delta Delta Sorority, and was a charter member of the Texas Tech Rodeo Association. She received her bachelors of arts degree in 1950.

As director and president of the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center, Formby was the driving force for 19 years in establishing and developing the center, which focuses on the courageous histories of western women. The hall was founded in Hereford in 1975, and it has become a significant educational center. It was relocated to Fort Worth in 1994. Formby was inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame in 1994.

As a member of the only Girl Scout troop in Van Horn, Formby remarked, "There wasn't a lot going on for just girls, so two school teachers organized a Girl Scout troop in our town. I remember earning lots of badges and sewing them on and doing all sorts of activities for just for "us girls". I nications manager for the Texas Plains Girl Scout

organize, and to work together on projects. They meant much to me, and were always proud and encouraging as we achieved. "

In May of this year, Formby received the Texas Historical Foundation's Citation of Merit for her efforts in founding and developing the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center. In 1994, she was honored with a special Golden Nail Award by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Arts Committee. In 1993, she was the first woman inducted into the Texas Tech Rodeo Hall of Fame. In addition, Formby was honored in 1974 as Deaf Smith County Woman of the Year.

"I am honored to be named a Woman of Distinction recipient by the Texas Plains Girl Scout Council. It was exciting for me when some of the local Girl Scouts from various troops came to my house to give me the news."

Formby and her husband Clint, have four children and three grandchildren.

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Death by gunfire decreases in Texas while traffic deaths increase, says

ly state to live in than the cause-of-death ranking. nation overall; but, in general,

tality trends. for Health Statistics, firearm decline.

Texas Department of Health vehicle crashes, the two leading ates a more inclusive society, and statistics show that Texas mir- causes of injury death, account- improved emergency medical deaths in 1996. rors most of the national mor- ed for 58 percent of all injury deaths in 1996. The good news Nationally, people were less is the state's firearm-related Control Program. Sixty-six perlikely to die in car crashes, a 1995 (15.2 deaths per 100,000) reversal in two trends. Firearm the lowest rate since 1980. An 18 deaths peaked in 1993 at 15.6 percent decline in the death rate deaths edged upward a bit after deaths for every 100,000 peo- from firearm-related assaults a steady decline with 43,363 ple, a 22 percent increase over and a three percent decline in lives claimed in 1995, or 16.5

about violence, the growth of care," said David Zane, director of TDH's Injury Prevention and were killed by gunfire.

Nationally, motor vehicle Homicide rates in the state the past two years (1995-1996), deaths fell to 13.9 deaths per Homicide rates in the state the past two years (1995-1996), 100,000 population, or a total of dropped 12 percent from 9.3 motor vehicles have been the 35,957 persons. The homicide deaths per 100,000 population in leading cause of injury mortalirate decreased sharply in 1995 to 8.2 deaths per 100,000 ty in Texas. This is a reversal of by about nine percent, drop- population in 1996, putting the a five year period (1990-1994) ping from 11th to 12th leading homicide death rate at its lowest when firearms were the leading cause of death. This is the sec- point since 1980. "Many factors cause of deaths due to injury."

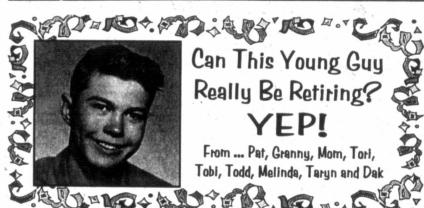
that there were 3,925 motor In Texas, firearms and motor community policing which cre- vehicle-related deaths compared to 2,604 firearm-related

Preliminary vital statistics data indicate that 623 more Texans died in motor vehicle likely than in previous years to death rate in 1996 (13.7 deaths cent of the 1,546 Texans who crashes in 1996 than the previbe killed with guns but more per 100,000) fell 10 percent from were murdered in 1996 in Texas ous year (3,925 in 1996 compared to 3,302 in 1995). "As public health professionals, we're concerned about this increase, " said Zane. "We need to understand the factors that 1985. In 1995 figures recently the self-inflicted firearm death deaths per 100,000 population, may contribute to this rise in released by the National Center rate contribute to the overall compared to 42,524 deaths, or deaths." The motor vehicle 16.3 per 100,000, in 1994. For death rate in 1996° (20.7 deaths per 100,000 population) is the highest since 1989. The increase began when speed limits were raised in Texas and nationwide.

In 1995, the Texas age-adjusted death rate of 530.5 deaths per 100,000 estimated populaond consecutive year in which could cause this drop in homi- Preliminary information from tion was five percent higher

Texas is a slightly more dead-homicide has dropped in the cides, including shifting attitudes Texas death certificates indicate than the national age-adjusted all races or ethnicities. death rate of 503.9 deaths per However, the third top cause of 100,000. The top two causes of deaths for Hispanics was unindeath in Texas, heart disease tentional injuries, while for and cancer, were the same for whites and blacks it was stroke.

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