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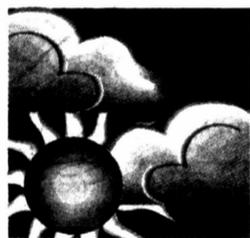
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High today mid-50s.
Low tonight 30.
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PAMPA — The Pampa News will close Monday afternoon at 2 for electrical repairs. Those with classified ads and City Briefs for Tuesday should call by noon Monday. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

PAMPA — The first in a series of free movies on the World at War to be shown at Freedom Museum will be "Banzai - Japan Strikes Dec. 1941," in observance of the anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941, attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor. The movie, to be shown at 7 p.m. Thursday, also portrays Japan's military invasion of Manchuria, China, French Indo-China, Dutch East Indies, Malaya and the Philippines. The public is invited to attend and learn more about events leading up to World War II.

HOUSTON (AP) — Specialized auto license tags aren't proving to be the hot item in Texas that they are in other states.

For an extra \$30 a year, any vehicle can sport license plates in one of 79 special designs, including personalized plates and college logos. A dozen new designs are being added, including not-yet-available Big Bend National Park.

Many designs, however, are very specialized in a very literal sense. Nearly half of the designs are affixed to fewer than 100 vehicles each, even though Texas has 15 million registered vehicles.

Specialty plates are not the hot sellers they are in many other states. The Texas Department of Transportation says only 1 percent of Texas vehicles have special plates, compared to more than 10 percent in Virginia and more than 6 percent in Florida.

Those states generate millions of dollars for their treasuries and the nonprofit groups that get a cut of the revenue from the plates sold in their honor. In Texas, \$10 goes to the state and \$20 goes to the organization.

"We think the reason is that Texans are satisfied with the way the regular plate looks," Texas DOT spokesman Mike Viesca said.

- Cooter Barnett, 86, retired nurse-anesthetist.
- Tabitha Gilbert Pitman, 28, former Pampa resident.
- June E. Rowe, 90, retired cook, laundromat employee.

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Shoppers off to busy start for Christmas

The Christmas shopping season got off to a busy start in Pampa over the holiday weekend with some retail clerks reporting a steady stream of shoppers who hit the stores early Friday.

That day is considered by many to be the official start of the Christmas shopping season. A beautiful sunny afternoon had some folks outside enjoying the weather but those still shopping seemed excited about the season.

Most folks interviewed said they are going to spend about the same this year as last year.

Patty Carter, who is from Pampa but has moved to Idaho with her husband Pat, said she is going to spend less but then laughed and said, "Oh, probably about the same." She said they always say they're going to spend less but usually don't.

She and her family are just in town for a short time but said gifts like the ones they were getting from Images and elsewhere in Pampa will end up in

Nashville, Amarillo and Idaho as well as some for their relatives in town.

Carter said they are trying to buy more practical gifts for the children but have some comical things for the grownups. She said she is about two thirds of the way finished.

Angel Briggs was out shopping at Wayne's Western Wear with her friend Susan Ratzlaff. Ratzlaff said she's about halfway through her shopping for the year. She's bought things for her grandchildren but says she's still shopping for her older children.

"It's hard to know what to buy them," she said.

Briggs said she has no children to buy for but she is looking more towards the frivolous for gifts for her mom, dad, and siblings. She's almost through with her shopping and thinks she will be by the end of this week.

Gladys Cunningham, browsing through Dunlaps with her friend Willie Clement, said she



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)
Gladys Cunningham and Willie Clement look for just the right gift while getting in on holiday shopping at Dunlap's.

has accomplished a lot of her shopping but still has more to do. When asked whether she was leaning more towards the practical or frivolous she said she had done some of both but now was down to the practical. She, too, said she is spending about the same this year as last.

Clement, on the other hand, says she is just getting started and she thinks she may spend more this year than last.

Elsewhere in the state, Grapevine Mills mall

near Dallas opened at 8 a.m. but general manager Gene Condon said dozens of shoppers began lining up before sunrise.

"We saw one group out in the parking lot with coffee and bagels at 5:30 in the morning looking through the sales brochures to plan their attack," he said. "They're professionals."

The 1.5 million-square-foot mall near DFW airport was expecting over 200,000 people Friday according to Condon.

Primary filing begins Dec. 3

Candidates who plan to run for party nomination in the March 10, 1998, Primaries must file their application for a place on the ballot between Dec. 3 and Jan 2.

Democratic candidates should file with John Warner, 309 W. Foster, and Republican candidates should file with Tom Mechler, Suite 101, Combs Worley Building.

All candidates must file a Designation of Campaign Treasurer with County Clerk Wanda Carter before "taking any positive action" toward becoming a candidate.

Office hours of the County Clerk are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, on the second floor of the Courthouse, Room 201.

- A candidate must:
- be a United State Citizen, 18 years of age or older
 - not been determined mentally incompetent
 - not been convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities
 - resided in the State for one year and in the county or precinct for six months immediately preceding the filing date.

Filing applications for more than one office is prohibited. For more information contact Wanda Carter, County Clerk at 669-8004.

'The Nutcracker' takes stage Dec. 6

In its 26 season under the direction of Jeanne Willingham, the Civic Ballet will present its Christmas season production, *The Nutcracker*, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

Guest artists to appear with the company are Veronica Aguirre and Cornel Crabtree, principal guest artist with the Pacific Northwest Ballet.

Pampa Civic Ballet member Deanna McGill will be performing as the Snow Queen. Anna Johnson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson of Pampa, will be performing in the role of Clara. Performing as the Nutcracker/Prince will be Michael Eskridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eskridge of Pampa.

Tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. For ticket information, call (806) 669-6361.

Members of the Pampa Civic Ballet are Amanda Jacobs, Deanna

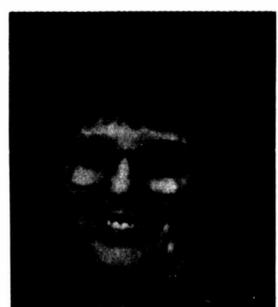
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Name: Trae Johnston
Occupation/Activities: All State Insurance Sales
Birth date and place: 5-29-70
Family: wife, Shannah and daughter, Lauren, 3
My personal hero: my wife, Shannah
The best advice I ever got was: look sharp, dress sharp, be sharp.
The best word or words to describe me: kind and caring.
My hobbies are: playing the gui-



Wanda Carter



Yvonne Moler



Gaye Honderich

Carter retiring

County Clerk Wanda Carter announced today that she will not run for re-election in the March, 1998 Primaries.

Carter has been Gray County's County Clerk for the past 27 years. She first took office on Jan. 1, 1971, after working as a deputy for Charlie Thut for 17 years. She is planning to retire at the end of 1998.

"I just feel like it's time and I'm ready," said Carter.

She noted that her husband has already been retired for several years.

As county clerk, Carter has been responsible for a number of duties and responsibilities.

Her office is responsible for the recording and filing of "legal instruments" or the paper work involved with the ownership of real or personal property, commercial activities, and identity of

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Moler retiring

Gray County District Clerk Yvonne Moler announced today that she will not seek re-election to the office that she has held since 1991. Her term expires December 31, 1998.

"While I will greatly miss serving the public, I am delighted that Gaye Honderich, Deputy District Clerk, has announced her intention to seek this office in the 1998 election," said Moler.

"The district clerk is primarily responsible for managing all district court records," she added.

"The office requires a knowledge of the laws that govern the duties of the district clerk. Gaye has held various positions within the clerk's office and has developed a thorough knowledge of these duties. I am confident that she will serve the city-

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Honderich to run

Gaye Honderich announced today her intent to file for the office of Gray County district clerk, seeking the Republican nomination in the March primaries.

Honderich has been employed by the district clerk's office since 1993, serving as deputy district clerk. She has worked in all areas within the office, which include indexing and recording the minutes of the court, monthly financial reports to county and state

agencies, child support collection, preparing transcripts to the Court of Appeals in civil and criminal cases, passport applications, and summoning juries for civil and criminal court.

Honderich said, "Yvonne Moler has greatly improved the efficiency of the clerk's office by implementing new and modern methods. I promise a conservative approach to spending tax dollars while continuing to

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Sunday snapshot

My favorite beverage: Dr. Pepper.
My favorite restaurant is: Outback Steak House.
My favorite pet: Rottweilers.
For my last meal, I would choose: prime rib.
I wish I could sing like: Vince Gill.
I'm happiest when I'm: with my family.
I have a phobia about: tornadoes.

My favorite sports team is: Miami Dolphins.
The last book I read was: Bible and I'm still reading it.
My favorite possession is: family.
My favorite performer is: Steve Uri
The last good movie I saw was: Independence Day.
I drive a: 1996 Chevy Pick-Up.
My favorite junk food is: Pizza.

The electrical device I couldn't live without is: the microwave oven.
The biggest waste of time is: mowing the lawn, it always grows back.
If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: treat my entire family for a month in Hawaii.
If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: the water.

Coronado Center **Hoagies Deli** 665-0292

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Daily Record

Services

Services today
BARNETT, Cooter — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Shamrock
PITMAN, Tabitha Gilbert — 12:30 p.m., Rhoton Funeral Home, Dallas
Services Monday
ROWE, June F. — 2 p.m. graveside at Memory Gardens

Obituaries

COOTER BARNETT

Cooter Barnett, 86, of Shamrock, died Nov. 25, 1997. Services are at 2 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church in Shamrock with Rev. Joe G. Jernigan, pastor of the Calvary Christian Fellowship Church of Shamrock, officiating. Arrangements are by Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. Barnett was born in Iredell, Texas, on Jan. 4, 1911, to Roland and Sarah Elizabeth "Lizzie" Pike. At a young age she moved with her family to Shamrock. She became a registered nursing in 1933, after graduating from Lubbock Sanatorium and Clinic. She did post graduate work at Cook County, Ill., and Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. She retired in 1983 after 50 years as a nurse-anesthetist.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. H.E. Teinert, with whom she had lived since 1989; another sister, Jeanne Teinert of Freeport, Texas; a daughter, Bonnie Ditto of Irving, Texas; three granddaughters, two step-granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests that any memorials be sent to United Cerebral Palsy in care of Lakewood Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1126, Freeport, Texas, 77541-1126.

TABITHA GILBERT PITMAN

Tabitha Gilbert Pitman, 28, formerly of Pampa, died of complications due to leukemia Thursday, Nov. 27, 1997, at Baylor Medical Center of Dallas. Services are at 12:30 p.m. today at Rhoton Funeral Home in Dallas with Rev. W.B. Carraway officiating. Interment will follow at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.

Mrs. Pitman was born March 22, 1969, and was graduated from Pampa High School in 1987.

Survivors include her husband, Shawn A. Pitman; her mother and stepfather, Vicki Gilbert and Laxman Bhatia; her father and stepmother, Johnny and Laurann Gilbert; a sister, Laura Gilbert, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Gilbert of Hereford, Texas.

The family requests that memorials be sent to Leukemia Foundation in honor of Tabitha Dawson Gilbert Pitman.

JUNE F. ROWE

June F. Rowe, 90, died Friday, Nov. 28, 1997, in Pampa. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Memory Gardens with Rev. Harold Hook, pastor of Hobart Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley

Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Rowe was born on Aug. 9, 1907, at Foile, Okla. She came to Pampa in 1940 from Oklahoma City. She married Lee Rowe on May 9, 1941, in Sayre, Okla. He preceded her in death in 1969. She was a cook at Worley Hospital and later at Pampa High School cafeteria. She also worked at the Cuyler St. Laundromat until her retirement in 1986. She was a member of Hobart Baptist Church and a past member of the Pampa Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include a sister, Mae Tanner of Nowata, Okla.

The family requests that any memorials be made to Crown of Texas Hospice in Amarillo.

Police report

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

Friday, November 28

Robert James Nelson, 17, 2608 Rosewood, charged with simple assault/domestic.

Saturday, November 29

David Troy Emmons, 32, P.O. Box 499, Lefors, charged with driving while intoxicated.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department made the following arrest during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, November 28

Kimberly Michelle Rose, 28, 325 N. Dwight, charged with three counts of forgery.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, November 28

2:34 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to a local nursing center.

8:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of N. Faulkner on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

Saturday, November 29

5:03 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of N. Dwight on a possible trauma and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

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

Friday, November 28

Three units and seven personnel responded to a smoke scare at 1147 E. Harvester.

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persons. Carter has also been responsible for filing misdemeanor cases and civil cases in excess of \$5,000, but not more than \$100,000. She also maintains the filing and recording of probate records.

Carter has served as the clerk of the Commissioners Court and has served the court during each of its terms, posting notices of agendas, attending all regular and special meetings and taking minutes of all actions, as well as recording an index of the minutes of those meetings.

Carter also conducts countywide special and general elections and handles early voting for countywide elections.

The County Clerk's office is involved with the area of vital statistics, principally issuing marriage licenses and the recording of birth and death certificates.

The office also contains a library of records such as deeds, maps and other records pertaining to property located within the county.

Most recently, Carter and her office have begun handling protective order records.

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zens of Gray County well, and I fully support her bid for election. Gray County is fortunate to have a qualified employee willing to serve in this capacity."

"I would like to thank the citizens of Gray County for their support over the years. We have

made many improvements in the clerk's office since 1991, including recently implementing the newest technology available to protect the court records against disaster," Moler said. "I have enjoyed serving the citizens of Gray County, working with the district judges, the county judge, the county commissioners, and all the courthouse employees."

Court report

November, 1997

Marriage Licenses
 Ernest Mark Vanderburg and Renda Lois Johnson

David Allen Bolch and Kendra Marie Ray
 Robert Gene Menefee and Debi Delane Griffin
 Clinton Adam Babcock and Kimberly Ann Stavenhagen

Aubrey Thomas Merrell and Michael W. Kirkpatrick

Freddie Hunnicutt and Abby Anne McBride
 Jodi Rae Coleman and Veronica Pena
 Mitul Ratan and Linabahn Kantilal Patel

Richard Gene Bartou and Karen Nicole Weaver
 Roland Gallegas and Kristi Gail Dabbs
 Christopher Lee Thomason and Brenda Gayle Tidwell

Ricky Ray Pope and Tomoko Izumikawa

Criminal Proceedings

The following people were discharged from misdemeanor probation during the month of November: Jorge Hernandez, Charles Mathis Ashley, Robert Steven Hill, Terry Wayne Hoskins, Rosa Annette Jackson, Eduardo Hernandez, William Edward Sharpton, Salvador Rodriguez, and Bobby Gene Armstrong.

Ivan Dell Brandt's probation was modified without hearing and was extended to terminate on January 12, 1998.

Hi Plains Printing vs. Total Saftay, Inc. was dismissed due to no appearance by the plaintiff.

Salvador Rodriguez was found guilty of evading arrest or detention and received 40 days in Gray County Jail, a \$300 fine and \$165 in court costs.

Michael Kurt DeShazo pled guilty to charges of criminal mischief and received 30 days in Gray County Jail, \$210 in court costs, a \$300 fine, and \$325 in restitution payments.

Scott Rabel pled no contest to charges of theft of

property by check - class B and received 18 months probation, \$3,502.19 restitution payments and 30 hours of community service.

Loria Ann McGrew had her probation modified without hearing, as it was extended until May 14, 1998.

Weldon Tyrone Evans and Carlos Estrada Regalado both had their probation revoked in favor of other judgements.

Deborah Chandler had a capias warrant issued for probation violations.

Michael McGavok's probation was extended until May 14, 1998.

Randy Harris, James Middleton, Florence Cooper Jr., Willie Lloyd Ballard and Jose Silva, Jr. had their probation revoked.

Amber D. Ford's probation was extended until May 13, 1998.

Otonya Lanell Worsham had a warrant issued for her arrest due to probation violations.

An order for continuance was granted to Toren Dale Smith.

Charges of theft of property by check were dismissed against James Michael Chaney because court costs and restitution payments had been paid.

Kathryn Sparks probation was extended until November 14, 1998.

Randy Darnell had an NISI judgement dismissed.

Cody Laleon Jordan pled Nolo Contendere to charges of assault causing injury - domestic and received 90 days probation, a \$300 fine and \$165 in court costs.

David Eugene Price, Sr. was dismissed on charges of disorderly conduct because the evidence presented was insufficient.

Everett Nixon was dismissed on charges of theft of property by check because court costs and restitution payments have been made.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Today, mostly sunny and warmer with a high in the mid 50s. North wind 5 to 15 mph. Tonight, gradually increasing high cloudiness. Low around 30. Friday's high was 52; the Saturday morning low, 32.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS - Panhandle - Today, mostly sunny and warmer with a high in the mid 50s. North wind 5 to 15 mph. Tonight, gradually increasing high cloudiness. Low around 30. (The remainder of the West Texas forecast was not available from the source.)

SOUTH TEXAS - Hill Country and South Central Texas - Today, mostly sunny.

Highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s. Tonight, mostly clear and cool. Lows in the mid 30s Hill Country to the mid 40s south central. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast - Today, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s to around 70. Tonight, mostly clear and cool. Lows in the 40s inland to lower 50s coast.

Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains - Today, mostly sunny. Highs near 70 coast to the mid 70s inland. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s coast to around 50 inland.

NORTH TEXAS - Today,

partly cloudy. Highs 60 to 67. Tonight, increasing clouds. Lows in the 40s, Highs in the 60s.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO - Today, mostly sunny and warmer east. Some high clouds increasing west during the afternoon. Highs in the 40s and 50s mountains and north with upper 50s to near 70 at lower elevations of the south. Tonight, partly cloudy west with a few showers toward morning. Fair skies east. Lows in the teens to near 30 mountains with upper 20s and 30s south.

OKLAHOMA - Today, partly cloudy. Highs 55 to 60. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the mid to upper 30s.

Community calendar...

FREEDOM MUSEUM USA, 600 North Hobart, Open Tuesday-Saturday, Noon to 4 p.m. Revolutionary War to Bosnia. All branches of service are represented.

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 665-5938 or 669-3988.

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, contact 669-0407 or 669-3988.

VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

VFW CREATIVE ARTISANS NETWORK will hold their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library Annex. For more information, contact Grant Johnson at 669-9887 or Kelly Ebel at 665-2825. POST #1657, 105 South Cuyler.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-751616469-0.

THE ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP will have regularly scheduled meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. For more information contact Chrys Smith at 665-0356.

PAMPA CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ASSOCIATION meets the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Caprock Apartments Office, 1601 W. Somerville, at 7 p.m. All graduates of the Pampa Citizens Police Academy are welcome. Dues are \$1 a month. For more information contact Corporal Donny Brown at 669-5700 or Jean at 669-6386.

MEALS ON WHEELS - Serving the elderly. Can we help you with lunch? Can you help us deliver lunch? Call 669-1007.

PAMPA TOASTMASTERS CLUB meets every Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. at the Coronado Inn in the Emerald Room. For more information call 669-6351 or 665-4214.

TOP O' TEXAS KIWANIS CLUB OF PAMPA meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Sirloin Stockade. For more information call 665-2561 or 665-4354.

PAMPA CHESS CLUB meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. Beginners are welcome! We offer casual but competitive games and free instruction by expert chess players. For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

NOVEMBER

21-30 **CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS** 2nd Annual Drive Through Christmas Lighting Tour at Recreation Park, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. For more information call Kathleen Chaney, 665-2454 or Susan Winborne, 669-9813.

30 - **PAMPA AREA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE** 5th Sunday Community Worship, 6 p.m., Heritage Room at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

DECEMBER

1 - 31 **CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS** 2nd Annual Drive Through Christmas Lighting Tour at Recreation Park, 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. For more information call Kathleen Chaney, 665-2454 or Susan Winborne, 669-9813.

4 - **PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD** Christmas party (member only), 6:30 p.m. at Chaney's Cafe, 716 West Foster. For more information, call 669-0568 or 665-4718.

4 - **LAS PAMPAS CHAPTER OF** Daughter of the American Revolution regular meeting in the home of Mrs. P. R. Britton at 2501 Charles. For more information call 665-2239.

5 - **HOSPICE OF THE PANHANDLE** lighting ceremony of the "Tree of Love" 800 North Sumner at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 665-6677.

5 & 6 - **FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP OF TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD** will hold a "Quilt" Raffle. Tickets will be sold at Wal-Mart on the 5th from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on the 6th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will go to their Angel Tree Christmas Fund. Drawing will be December 14th. For more information call Carla Smith, 669-3128 or Tina Fowler, 665-6871.

5 - 6 & 7 - **FESTIVAL OF TREES** will be held at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Friday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. to set-up; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 12 noon to 5 p.m. For more information contact Shepherd's Helping Hand, 665-9750.

6 - **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS PARADE** - 10 a.m. - Parade forms at Coronado Shopping Center Lot - 9 a.m. for 10 a.m. parade. For more information call 669-3241.

6 - **COUNTRY CHRISTMAS JUBILEE** featuring North Fork Band will be at 7 p.m. at the Stokes Barn. There will be \$3 admission fee. For more information call 665-0190 or leave a message at 665-7896. Concession stand will be available.

6 - **PAMPA CIVIC BALLET** - "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m. in the M. K. Brown Auditorium. For more information, call Jeanne Willingham at 669-6361.

7 - **HOLIDAY HOME TOUR** presented by the Twentieth Century Cotillion Study Club from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Four homes will be on the tour. For more information call Mrs. Don Morrison, 665-0818.

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

EMERGENCY JAIL Release. 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv.

BRICK REPAIR - Harley Knutson, 665-4237, mobile 663-6476. Adv.

URGENT NEED for blankets - new or used. Good Sam's, 309 N. Ward, 665-0073.

EARLY DEADLINE for Tuesday, December 2nd for Classified Line Ads and City Briefs is Mon. Dec. 1st 12 noon, due to electrical upgrade for our building.

WANTING USED Men's Ski Clothes, sizes 34-36 waist & 33-34 length. 665-3313. Adv.

PART TIME construction help needed. 665-6064, 665-4218 nights. Adv.

SHARE THE Warmth. Bring your used coats to Comet Cleaners, 726 N. Hobart. We will clean them and donate them to local charities. Adv.

SUNTROL 3M Auto Tint a great gift idea. Gift certificates available. Let us handle all your auto glass repair & replacement needs. Insurance claims welcome. 703 W. Brown Hwy. 60, 665-0615. Adv.

FOOTBALL BANQUET Planning Meeting. Dec. 1, 7:00 p.m. P.M.S. Library. All parents urged to attend. 665-6082. Adv.

LET US hang your Christmas lights or tree lights. Call 665-0284. Adv.

FIREWOOD FOR Sale - 665-5092. Adv.

SHOP WATSON'S Christmas Store for beautiful artificial trees, garland & grapevine wreaths - Tons of Decorations. Watson's Feed & Garden, Hwy. 60 East. Adv.

DOUGLAS FINA, 200 N. Hobart, convenient to downtown. Wash & vac, state inspection, oil changes, full service. 669-9534. Adv.

EYECARE PLUS and Dr. Randal Jentzen invite you to an open house, Friday, December 5, 1997, 12:00-5:30 p.m. at 1916 N. Hobart, 669-2824. Refreshments, prizes, free glaucoma screening. Adv.

STORAGE BUILDING, tall, 10x16, 2 lofts, windows, elec., insulated. Would make a Great Christmas Gift. 665-6934 evenings. Adv.

GIVE A Gift Certificate to exercise with us. We offer 8 tables for firming different parts of the body, for just \$29.95 month. Monday-Friday, Beauty 2000, 329 N. Hobart, 665-6549. Adv.

FRAZIER REFRIGERATION - Commercial refrigeration, heating/air cond. 669-2010, 664-1561. Adv.

MEREDITH HOUSE has an apartment available. 24 hr. assisted living. 665-5668. Adv.

KANAKUK-KANAKOMO Christian Sports Camp Films. Dec. 1, 7:00 p.m. 300 W. Browning. All interested person invited. Adv.

YELLOW/WHITE Stanley bdr. set - dresser, desk, nightstand, headbrd, \$300. 665-2950. Adv.

A NEEL Locksmith - Keys, padlocks, locks rekeyed. Sales & Installation. Same location since 1953, 319 S. Cuyler, 669-6332, 8:30-5 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. Adv.

CALL 1-800-359-3131 for Weight Watchers information. Adv.

HOME INTERIORS X-Mas Sale - Do your shopping with Marilyn Ball, Sandra Chumley, Valerie Miller & Christy Wyant, Tues. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Gray County Annex. Adv.

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NUTCRACKER

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Auditions for the company are held each year in September. As a non-profit organization, Pampa Civic Ballet serves many purposes in the community by providing cultural exposure and educational activity for young and old alike.

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Crabtree 'Nutcracker' guest artist

Cornel Crabtree was born in Tripoli, Libya. He began dancing at 14 and trained under scholarship at the San Francisco Ballet School of American Ballet in New York City.

He was asked to join the New York City Ballet in 1980 and danced principal roles in a wide variety of ballets, such as Blanchine's a *Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Vienna Waltzes*, *The Nutcracker*, *Serenade* and Jerome Robbins' *Dances at the Gathering*, *In the Night* and *The Goldberg Variations*.

Crabtree toured with New York City Ballet nationally and internationally. He has performed on television in *Bournoville Dances*, which was telecast as a part of a PBS *Dance in America* series and the *Live from Lincoln Center*

Crabtree toured with New York City Ballet nationally and internationally.

Broadcast of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He was also invited to the *The Stars Shine for the Acropolis* in Athens where he danced *The Black Swan Pas de Deux* with Valentina Kozlova.

In 1989, Crabtree danced the title role of Oscar Wilde in the premiere of the Irish National Ballet's production, *Oscar*, choreographed by Domy Reiter-Soffer.

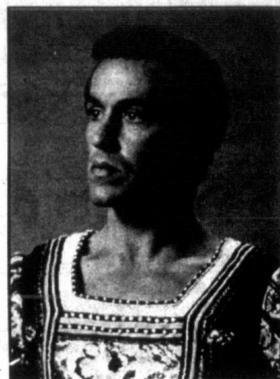
In 1990, he danced *The White Swan Pas de Deux* with Darc Kistler at the national Theater in Taiwan.

From 1990 to 1992, he was a principal with the Miami City

Ballet in which he was featured in many Blanchine and Christensen works.

Crabtree has appeared as a principal guest artist with the Pacific Northwest Ballet dancing *Black Swan* and *Paquita*. Also, he was featured in Ballet Austin's *Romeo and Juliet* and *Carmen*.

Most recently, Crabtree has performed with Valentina Kozlova's tour program known as *Daring* where he danced *La Sylphide* with American Ballet Theatre's Christine Fagundes along with Margo Sappington's *Cobras in the Moonlight* and *Jazzmania*.



Cornel Crabtree

Aguirre to dance as guest in ballet

Guest artist Veronica Aguirre is in her third year at Southern Methodist University in Dallas where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

She is furthering her training in three disciplines of dance: ballet, modern, and jazz technique as well as studying choreography.

Aguirre is a member of the SMU Dance Ensemble and has had the opportunity to dance the solo roles in *Waltz in Les Sylphides*, *Fandango*, *Les Masques*, and *In a Word* (By Lynne Taylor Corgett).

She began her training in 1985 in San Antonio, under Vladimir Marek, former artistic director of the San Antonio Ballet. She also trained at the School of American Ballet from 1989 until 1993 during the school's summer sessions.

Aguirre's professional experience includes an apprenticeship with the Kirov Academy from 1993 to 1995. She toured with the Kirov Ballet in their 1994 *Nutcracker* tour to Florida and California, and their 1993 *Nutcracker* tour to Mexico, Florida and Louisiana.

Her solo roles include *Fairy Doll*, *Doll act I* in *The Nutcracker*, *Chinese act III* in *The Nutcracker*. Her Corps de ballet experience includes *Paquita*, *Chopiniana*, *Snowflakes* from *The Nutcracker*, and *Waltz of the Flowers* from *The Nutcracker*.



Veronica Aguirre

Her talent has brought her several scholarships including the SMU Dance Scholarship from 1995 through 1998, and a full scholarship to the Kirov Academy Apprenticeship Program, 1993 through 1995.

The guest artist has also been awarded first place in solo competition in 1993 for the Alamo City Dance Competition, and first place for solo competition in the Showtime International Dance Competition.

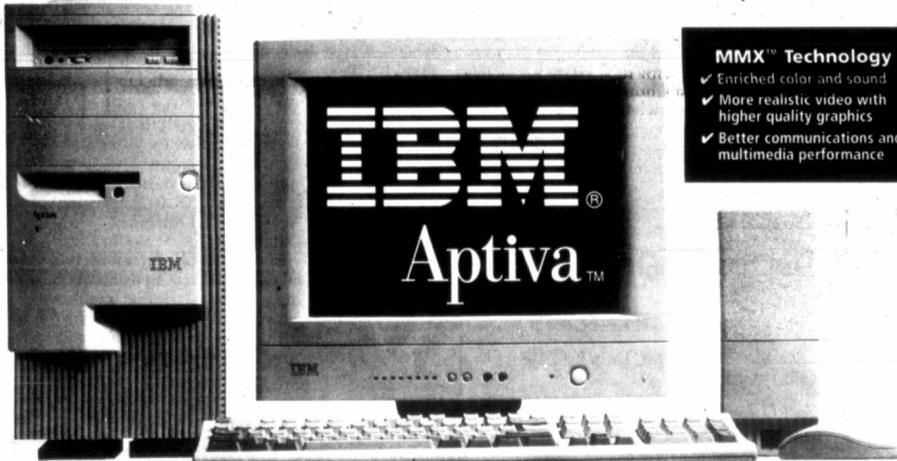
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L.W. McCall
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Opinion

New terrorism targets tourism

The slaughter of dozens of tourists — the official death toll seems to have been 58 — in the 3,400-year-old city of Luxor in Egypt is likely to have the effect the terrorists who perpetrated it intended. At least for a while, fewer tourists will brave the threats and visit Egypt.

That will hurt the economy of the country, where tourism is among the larger and certainly more high-profile industries, contributing about \$3 billion annually to Egypt's gross domestic product. Presumably, the Islamic militants behind the gunfire believe that more suffering and more hopelessness — the result of a damaged economy — will make it easier for them to take over. A political movement that seeks purposely to make day-to-day life worse for fellow citizens should be beneath contempt. Unfortunately, the tactic is all too commonplace, in part because people who want to run other people's lives seldom have much compunction about making their lives more miserable.

A recent visitor to Luxor, where she saw Giuseppe Verdi's spectacular opera *Aida* presented at the tomb of Queen Hatshepsut, noticed the tight security — airport-style check-ins with metal detectors for those who attended the opera. But what struck her most was the friendliness and openness of most Egyptians. "They know how important tourism is to their economy and go out of their way to make you feel welcome," she said.

That's most Egyptians. But a few, including al-Gama'a al-Islamiya (Islamic Group), headed by Omar Abdel-Rahman, the blind leader now serving a life sentence in the United States for plotting to blow up New York's World Trade Center building, believe that tourists bring an unhealthy Western influence — not to mention help prop up the economy and the stability of the secular regime that now runs the government. Leaflets from this group were found at the site of the killing.

It is hardly a news flash that political power grows from the barrel of a gun or that many who seek political power are willing, even eager, to use guns, and have a deep-seated hatred for honest commerce. It is heartbreaking to be reminded in such a brutal and graphic fashion.

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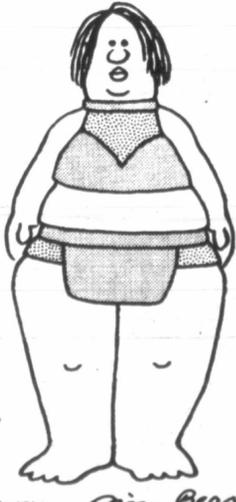
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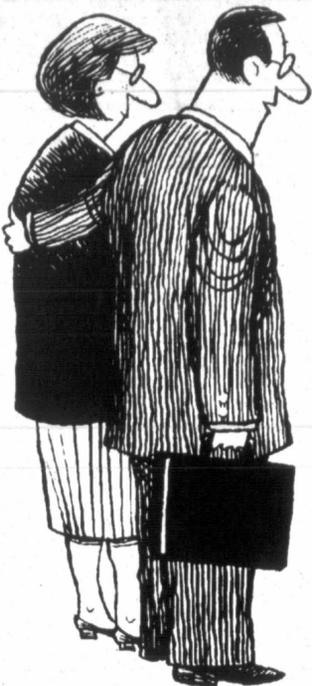
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What 'progressive' really means

The ship of free speech took another torpedo a few weeks ago when a federal appeals court in Richmond, Va., ruled that a publisher cannot market a how-to murder manual and expect that it will enjoy constitutional protection.

The book in question, *Hit Man: A Technical Manual for Independent Contractors*, was issued by Paladin Press of Boulder, Colo. On May 3, 1993, a man named James Perry followed some of the detailed instructions outlined in the publication to murder a Maryland woman, her 8-year-old quadriplegic son, and the son's nurse. The killer was hired by the woman's former husband and the father of the boy, who sought to collect \$1.7 million his son had received from a malpractice settlement for the injuries that had disabled him. The murderer has been sentenced to death. The father has been imprisoned for life.

The families of the victims filed a civil suit against the publisher, and a district court ruled in 1996 that Paladin did not forfeit its free press rights because of actions taken by a *Hit Man* reader. The appellate court disagreed and said the publisher "knew its murder manual would be used by murderers" and that its "entreaties to violent crime" were beyond the pale.

You see the quandary, I'm sure. Paladin Press is an unsavory enterprise that caters to the wacky right, and its book is reprehensible. But like other First Amendment cases that revolve around such distasteful "expression" as burning crosses, Nazi marches and pornography, Paladin involves gross speech that must be pro-



Joseph Perkins

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TECTED for the greater good of the general public. Porn potentate Larry Flynt, of all people, hit the nail on the head a few years ago when he said, "If the First Amendment will protect a scumbag like me, it will protect the rest of you."

A good test is the question: Where does it stop? If Paladin is liable for its readers' behavior, then why would not any book, movie, newspaper or television news show that describes a crime in great detail be equally culpable? Where does it stop?

It seems to me that America is awash right now with politicians, wowers, do-gooders and avowed victims who seek to trash the principles of free speech and free press on the grounds that they know better than we do what we should be exposed to, or that their feelings are being hurt by insensitive expression.

In many instances, there is no constitutional issue because there is no government involvement. But in all cases, I think, the question should be asked: Where does it stop?

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov. 30, the 334th day of 1997. There are 31 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 30, 1874, British statesman Sir Winston Churchill was born at Blenheim Palace.

On this date:

In 1782, the United States and Britain signed preliminary peace articles in Paris, ending the Revolutionary War.

In 1804, Supreme Court Justice Samuel Chase went on trial, accused of political bias. He was acquitted by the Senate.

In 1835, Samuel Langhorne

Clemens — better known as author Mark Twain — was born in Florida, Mo.

In 1900, Irish author Oscar Wilde died in Paris.

In 1936, London's famed Crystal Palace, constructed for the International Exhibition of 1851, was destroyed in a fire.

In 1949, Chinese Communists captured Chungking.

In 1962, U Thant of Burma was elected Secretary-General of the United Nations, succeeding the late Dag Hammarskjöld.

In 1966, the former British colony of Barbados became independent.

Where does censorship stop?

Webster's New World Dictionary — the Third College Edition, that is — defines "progressive" as "favoring, working for or characterized by progress or improvement, as through political or social reform." That's kind of the way I viewed myself.

But I've recently learned that I do not qualify as a progressive. That's because I fall on the wrong side of several litmus-test issues that determine, I'm told, just who's progressive and who's hopelessly stuck in the bad old ways.

One such issue is physician-assisted suicide. The progressives celebrated recently when Oregon voters reaffirmed the "right" of Beaver State patients to ask a doctor to help them to kill themselves.

"This vote marks a turning point nationwide for this movement," said Barbara Coombs Lee, leader of a pro-suicide — I'm sorry, "death-with-dignity" — organization in the Pacific Northwest.

But does a vote by one state, boasting a scant 1.2 percent of the country's population, really signal that a majority of Americans are sanguine about physician-assisted suicide? Would they welcome more doctors, like Michigan's Jack Keivorkian, the convicted serial killer, who specializes in sending patients to their deaths?

The progressives suggest that those of us who oppose doctor-assisted suicide lack compassion for terminally ill patients — particularly those who are so mentally or physically diminished that they feel their lives are no longer worth living, or those suffering such agonizing pain that they long for death.

But there are ways of accommodating terminally ill patients without encouraging doctors to actively hasten their deaths. Indeed, in most states, patients already have the legal right to



Joseph Spear

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refuse respirators, feeding tubes or other life-sustaining treatment. That's precisely how the author James Michener recently brought on his death.

As to patients enduring excruciating pain, the solution is not to have doctors snuff out their lives but for states, like California, to change their stringent laws that prevent these patients from acquiring sufficient dosages of pain-killing medication to ease their agony.

Which brings me to another progressive issue — "medical" use of otherwise illegal drugs. The pretext for such law is that patients afflicted with AIDS, cancer, glaucoma and certain other medical conditions ought to be allowed to get high to escape their suffering.

California voters unwittingly approved a ballot measure last year that allows "patients" to get a doctor's prescription for marijuana. Like the Oregon vote on physician-assisted suicide, progressives hailed it as a harbinger of things to come.

But the progressives went too far too fast when they placed a measure on Washington state's ballot this month that would have allowed "medicinal" use of not only marijuana, but also cocaine, heroin, LSD or any other mind-altering drug that a patient might need. The measure failed overwhelmingly as even

the Evergreen State's quirky liberal voters were unready to make this progressive leap.

Of course, the advocates of medicinal use of marijuana and other illegal drugs are hardly motivated by empathy with amputees or AIDS or cancer patients. The real aim of these progressives is de facto legalization of drugs in this country.

There is a similar unspoken motivation behind another pet progressive issue — needle exchange programs.

Advocates of such programs that the government should distribute clean hypodermic needles and syringes to intravenous drug abusers to slow the spread of AIDS.

But there are two problems with needle exchange. First of all, the government would place itself in the position of aiding and abetting criminal activity, namely illegal drug use. And whenever the government tacitly condones crime, it undermines respect for the law.

Second, the government would place itself in the position of choosing the lesser of public health threats. It would rescue people from one potential killer — AIDS — only to deliver them to another — drugs.

The progressives may view this as enlightened public policy, but most Americans do not. They find it more sensible to stem the spread of AIDS through intravenous drug use not by giving junkies needles so they can continue to shoot up with cocaine or heroin, but by providing them drug treatment so they can overcome their deadly habit.

Doctors killing off terminally ill patients. Medicinal use of marijuana, heroin, cocaine and other illegal drugs. Government-sanctioned distribution of hypodermics to drug addicts. If this is what it means to be progressive, I'm glad I don't qualify.

Letters to the editor

Local funeral directors so helpful, kind

To the editor:
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Jane Potts
Pampa

Parkers have done their best by Inn

To the editor:
I am responding to the letter in last Sunday's paper concerning the disgrace on Hobart street. The hotel opened it's doors, in 1960. That was almost 40 years ago. As with any building that old, you will have minor problems every once in a while.

Parker and Parker took over the hotel in 1989. They went to all the local banks and to the banks in the surrounding area to get a loan to renovate. Because the banks wouldn't give out renovation funds, the Parkers have taken money from what business the hotel gets and put it back into the hotel's renovation. Unfortunately this takes a little longer since the banks don't want to lend the funds to renovate a City Landmark.

Due to extreme family matters the Parkers decided to sell the hotel to a private investor. He in turn didn't have as much pride in the Grand Coronado Inn as did the Parkers. He let a lot of minor problems go until they became major problems. The Parkers saw what was happening and stepped in to take the hotel back over. For two people who aren't even Pampa natives, they have taken a lot of time and money and tried to make this hotel something that Pampa can be proud of.

They have just recently taken it back over and are trying desperately to fix everything that is in disrepair from previous poor ownership and poor management. And once again, it will take time just as it did before. I was an employee of the Parkers in 1995 and 1996, and the hotel ran very smoothly. I have recently started working for them again, and I have seen the damage this private investor caused; not only to the hotel but also to the people he had employed. And once again, I will say that the Parkers are trying desperately to fix everything wrong. If anything, we owe them a HUGE thank you for moving to Pampa in the first place and trying to save a hotel that the community built 38 years ago.

Dana Davis
Pampa

Continual whining will not help Inn

To the editor:
What has happened to Christian behavior? Are we such a spoiled society now that we cannot tolerate a little inconvenience? What would our ancestors say? They suffered real hardships crossing the plains, fighting wars and the Depression. People are dying horrible deaths, fighting debilitating diseases and yet people are complaining about the "Inn" we becoming such a "throw-away" society that we should get rid of the old? Should that be people as well? I see run down places and busi-

nesses all over town — but nasty letters about them do not seem to make it to the paper.

At the Grand Coronado Inn, we house about 25,000 people per year. You choose to print a couple of complaint letters about the Inn, but we don't hear from the thousands of others that are pleased with the Inn and return month after month. Unfortunately, today, people seem too quick to criticize and too slow to compliment.

The complaint letters you recently printed told of experiences under the Lease-Purchase Agreement with L.M. Joseph Trust, administered by Lowell Beasley. Please be advised that we terminated his agreement on Oct. 27, and sent him packing. We stepped back in to support

the community and save the hotel we love. It would be helpful if we could get some community support for this historic hotel, instead of detrimental criticism.

And we could continue to renovate if the following were true:
—If area banks would support our community hotel and lend money for renovation;

—If competitors would stop sending customers to Borger and Amarillo instead of staying here in Pampa;

—If we could simply float a bond like the school system can;

—If we had a budget the size of the city, state or federal government;

—If we had a foundation fund, like the M.K. Brown Foundation;

—If the hotel was 50 years old to qualify for grants;

—If we were outside the city limits, to avoid high city taxes;

—If the complainers about the Inn, would put their money where their mouths are, and support the Inn;

—If city officials would stop chasing off our good customers by digging up 1933 ordinances.

Here at the Inn, we get lots of complaints about other business-

es, but we don't rush down to the newspaper and ask them to print these complaints. As every business knows, some complainers are unreasonable, and sometimes embellish their stories. I believe it is counter-productive to give these people such a wide forum. Is the newspaper operating a complaint department against local businesses now?

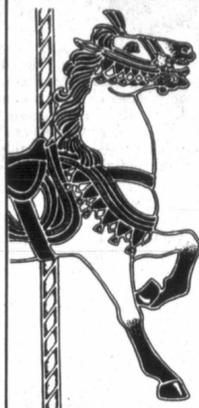
What has happened to the golden rules to live by? If you

can't say something good, don't say anything at all? Where has love thy neighbor as thyself gone? What about treating people like you would like to be treated? Beasley's staff is gone now, but our staff makes every effort to make our guest's stay as pleasant as possible. And I still thank God each day for allowing me to wake up another day at this wonderful and historic Inn.

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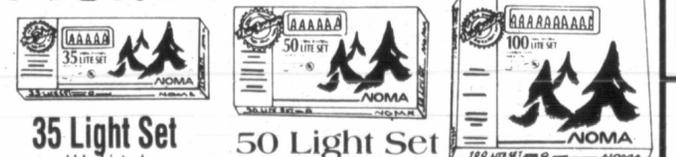
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Relief Does Exist For Those Suffering From Chronic Pain

DEAR ABBY: In reference to the letter from the 71-year-old woman who suffered from chronic pain after a car accident: Your advice to see a pain specialist about alternative methods of dealing with pain needs to be heard by all.

At 40 years of age, I was re-arranged. A year later I was in another car accident. I was diagnosed with three neck and back injuries and had surgery on both my hands for carpal tunnel syndrome. I was treated with pain medication, high blood pressure medicine, anti-depressants and muscle relaxants. I was in diapers for two years for incontinence. (Only later did I realize this was a side effect of the drugs!) The only constant in my life was pain and depression. I was under the care of doctors, but finally came to realize that I had to take charge of my life. I had to either change it or end it!

To make a long story short, I heard about hypnosis and biofeedback. I went, and after four sessions, I was pain-free! My blood pressure is now normal, I've lost 40 pounds, and I'm no longer depressed. I love being around people and enjoy living again. I lost seven years of my life to pain. Abby, please advise your readers to never settle for living in pain. Miracles do happen, thanks to the Lord and my doctor. You may use my name.

L. BARRAS, ST. MARTINVILLE, LA.



Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR L. BARRAS: I'm pleased to learn that your recovery was so successful, and I'm printing your testimonial. No one should have to live in constant pain. Read on for another view:

DEAR ABBY: On our daughter's 40th birthday, a simple bouquet was delivered to my husband and me with a card that read, "Thank you for having me, for caring for me, and for sharing all that I needed with me."

Abby, this has occurred every year since her seventh birthday when she presented us with a straggy bunch of wildflowers. The idea was her own.

There is nothing more precious than her yearly thank-you. I would love for those reading this to do the same, whatever their age. It's never too late to give this gift of appreciation that makes parents' hearts sing. Gratitude is ageless.

MARY L., ROCHESTER, N.Y.

DEAR MARY: And thank you for reminding all who read this that expressing one's appreciation is in itself a priceless gift.

DEAR ABBY: Although I've never written to you before, I have what I think is a valuable tip for the young mother whose child threw a temper tantrum in a department store. (She was alarmed that no one tried to stop her as she carried the screaming child from the store.)

I taught both my children that if a stranger grabs them, they're to yell, "Put me down! You're not my daddy (or mommy)!" Hopefully this would arouse more attention than simply yelling would.

I hope this is helpful not only to the woman who wrote to you, but to other parents as well.

PROTECTIVE MOM IN TEXAS

DEAR PROTECTIVE MOM: I appreciate your valuable suggestion. Thank you for submitting it.

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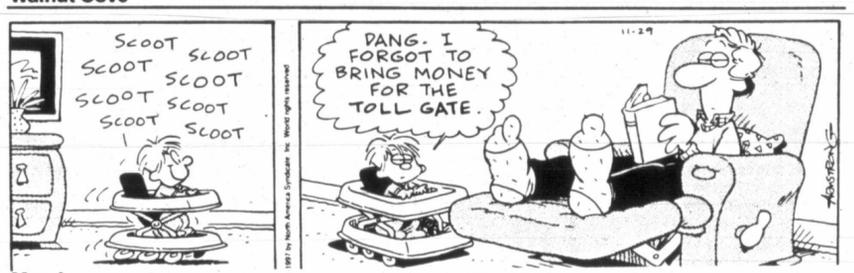
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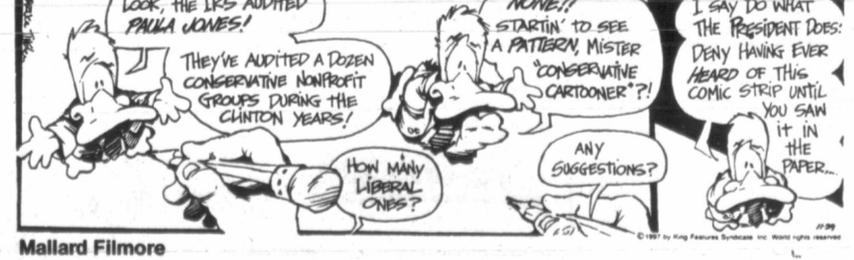
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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 1, 1997

Your chart indicates you'll select a wiser course to pursue in the year ahead than you have in the past. Numerous doors will be opened owing to experience and improved judgment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You should be rather well-equipped today to handle financial or commercial situations, so you'll want to focus on these areas of potential benefits. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today

you'll be more effective and productive serving your personal interests than you will be halfheartedly trying to appease others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you have something to resolve mentally today you're more likely to find a solution in quiet surroundings than in discussions with others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your probabilities for fulfilling your hopes look promising today, because you'll be a pragmatic visionary rather than just a wishful thinker.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) What you have to say today will impact your attentive conversation mates. They will be inspired and take everything to heart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might want to spend more time on mental endeavors today than on those of a physical nature. Your strength is in your head, not your back.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will feel comfortable probing beneath the surface to get to the root of problems today. If you need to do any investigating, this is

the day to do it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Listen carefully to suggestions relating to mutual interests offered by your mate or partner today. A meeting of minds could be revealing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Give a bit more attention to health matters today, especially if your eating or drinking habits have been undisciplined lately. Use your common sense.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you start associating with positive individuals it could have a constructive effect on your outlook. Do not stay in a rut if you're feeling down.

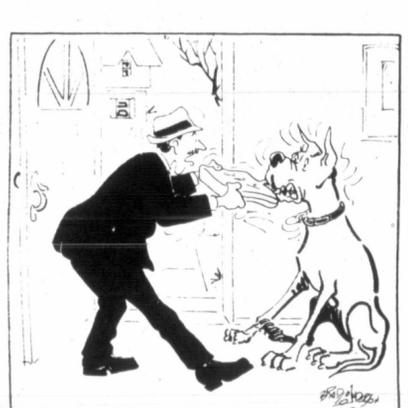
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Keep in mind the old golf saying, "You drive for show and putt for dough." In your critical affairs, the end is more important than the preliminaries.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Something might occur today of which you'll want to keep a record. Have your video camera or photographic equipment ready just in case.

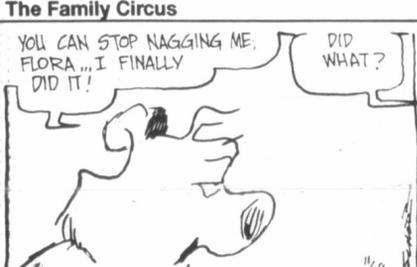
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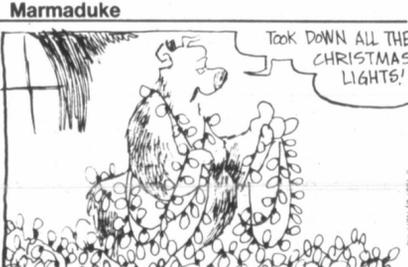
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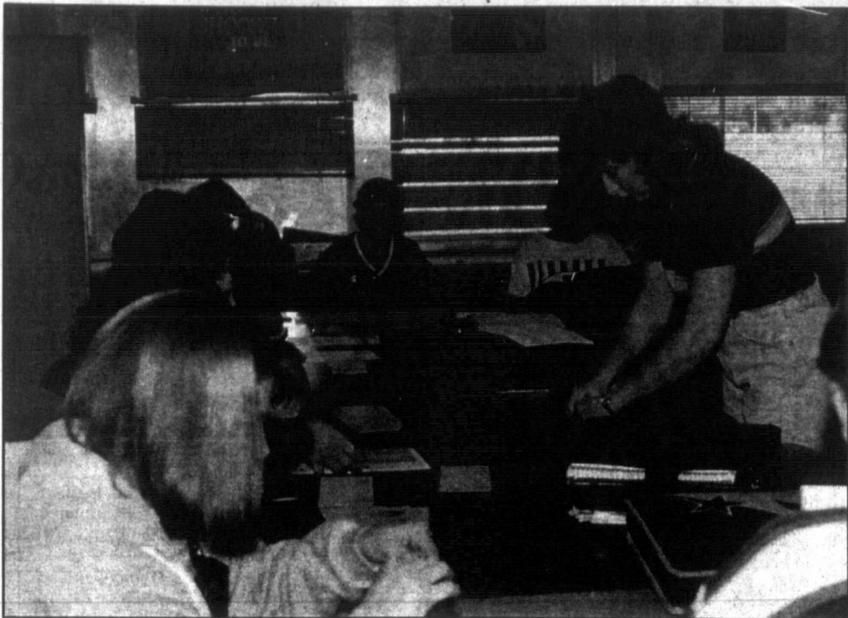
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(Special photos)
Pampa Middle School Teen Leadership Coordinator Debbie Sewell guides one of her classes in preparing a mass mailing for Hospice of the Panhandle's Tree of Love. Below, students in Karen Skagg's middle school class pose with the finished mailing of more than 2,700 letters destined to go throughout the United States.



Mexican mural expert dies at 82

FAYETTEVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — Stanton L. Catlin, one of the world's leading authorities on the art of the modern Mexican muralists, died Wednesday of melanoma. He was 82.

Catlin was an art historian and pioneering museum professional who knew Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, Rafael Orozco and many other significant Latin American artists.

He joined the faculty at Syracuse University in 1974 and was named an emeritus professor in 1982.

In 1964, Catlin shared a Grammy Award for "Mexico: It's Cultural Life in Music and Art," a book that accompanied a Columbia Records Legacy Collection record on Mexican music.

Beginning in 1994, Catlin helped the Mexican national university compile a record of Mexican murals. Catlin finished the report shortly before his death and identified the location of 150 Mexican murals in the United States.

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BASKETBALL

CANCUN, Mexico (AP) — Alicia Thompson shot 9-for-10 from the field and scored 18 points and Detra Johnson added 12 points on 6-for-7 shooting as No. 6 Texas Tech defeated St. Francis (Pa.) 91-35 Friday night.

The Lady Raiders (3-0) shot 63 percent overall and 40 percent from 3-point range in the lopsided victory.

St. Francis (2-2), meanwhile, shot just 23 percent from the field and fell behind 52-16 at halftime. Mary Markey was high scorer for the Red Flash with nine points.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Eddie Johnson scored nine of his 21 points during a brief stretch of the fourth quarter to break open a close game and lead the Houston Rockets to a 98-89 win over the Portland Trail Blazers on Friday night.

Houston, which has won four straight, led 81-80 when the 38-year-old Johnson made four free throws, a 20-foot jumper and a 3-point basket to put the Rockets ahead 90-83 with 4:30 left.

The lead increased to 94-83 with 2:44 remaining after Kevin Willis made a basket and Clyde Drexler, who led the Rockets with 24 points, sank two free throws.

OBITUARY

ROCKY MOUNT, N.C. (AP) — When Walter Fenner "Buck" Leonard teamed with Josh Gibson in the Negro Leagues, they were often compared to a couple of other players. Their names were Ruth and Gehrig.

Leonard, known as the "Black Lou Gehrig," died at age 90 Thursday from complications of a stroke more than a decade ago.

He made few public appearances in his final years, among them a front-row seat in Zebulon, N.C., when Michael Jordan was making his bid at baseball with the Birmingham Barons.

Aggies win crown

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — The Texas Aggies had to gang up on the nation's leading rusher to win the Big 12 South championship.

Dante Hall and D'Andre Hardeman each rushed over 100 yards and Kyle Bryant kicked two late field goals as No. 15 Texas A&M beat Ricky Williams and the Texas Longhorns 27-16 Friday for the Big 12 South championship.

"It was three of us and one of him," Hall said. "We had a big day overall."

Williams scored two touchdowns and broke Earl Campbell's school record of 1,744 single season yards with 183 yards on 33 carries, giving him 1,893 for the season.

But the Aggies held off the Longhorns' second half push and advanced into their Dec. 6 showdown with Nebraska in San Antonio's Alamodome for the Big 12 title.

"I felt good about our running backs," A&M coach R.C. Slocum said. "I have tremendous respect

for Ricky Williams but I wouldn't trade Dante Hall, Sirr Parker and D'Andre Hardeman for him and that's not to disparage Ricky Williams' ability. We have three very good running backs."

Hardeman rushed 121 yards on 21 carries, Hall gained 118 yards on 19 carries and Parker had 38 yards on 10 carries and two touchdowns.

And that was enough to send the Longhorns (4-7, 2-6) into an off-season of trying to regroup. They could be doing it without John Mackovic, rumored on the way out as head coach.

Mackovic didn't discuss his job status in his post-game meeting Friday but he's repeated this week that he expects to return as coach.

"I hope he's back next year," Longhorn linebacker Brandon Nava said. "Everyone's focused on wins and losses but to be a football player you have to be a good athlete, a good student and a good person. He's helped us develop in all those ways."

Mustangs advance to semis

VERNON — The Wheeler Mustangs have advanced to the Class 1A state semifinals for the second year in a row.

Wheeler rallied past Alvord, 28-20, Friday night in the quarterfinals at Lions Stadium.

The Mustangs grabbed a 6-0 lead in the first quarter on a two-yard TD run by Bryan Judd. But Alvord reeled off the next 20 points to take at 20-6 lead at halftime.

However, there was no quit in the Mustangs.

Judd broke loose on a 74-yard TD run with 8:19 left in the third quarter and a clutch play on the conversion attempt drew the Mustangs within a touchdown. With Wheeler going for the PAT kick, holder Brooks Brown had trouble handling the snap. Brown rolled out like a quarterback and threw a two-point conversion pass to Mike Montgomery.



Brooks Brown

Wheeler overtook Alvord as running back Jeremy Davis scored on touchdown runs of 35 and 5 yards. Aaron Dunnam kicked both extra points.

Davis was Wheeler's leading rusher with 162 yards on 23 carries while Judd added 127 yards

on 11 attempts.

Wheeler made some big plays on defense to turn back Alvord.

Brown, a sophomore defensive back, led the defensive charge when Alvord was on the Mustang 5-yard line facing a fourth and goal in the fourth quarter. Brown was the first to make the hit on running back Adam Simmons for just a one-yard gain.

Josh Lee, a senior, made a shoeing tackle on Simmons early in the third quarter that saved a possible touchdown.

Simmons led Alvord's ground attack with 100 yards on 21 carries.

Wheeler pushed its record to 10-3 for the season while Alvord closes out at 11-2.

Wheeler meets Munday in the semifinals next weekend at a site yet to be determined. Munday was a 35-33 winner over Gruver in the other quarterfinal tilt.

PHS girls are 2-0

WICHITA FALLS — The Pampa Lady Harvesters came from behind to defeat Wichita Falls High, 51-47, Friday for their second win in the Fantasy of Lights Tournament.

The Lady Harvesters had trailed 14-4 at the end of the first quarter.

Yvette Brown led Pampa in scoring with 11 points while Heather Petty and Jordanna Young followed with 8 each.

Tracy West led Wichita Falls with 18 points.

Pampa won the tournament opener Friday, defeating Fort Worth Southwest, 49-34.

McKinley Quarles was high scorer for Pampa with 12 points. Kelsey Yowell and Lisa Dwight added 10 points each.

Pampa, Plainview win TOT openers

By **MATT HUTCHISON**
Sports Writer

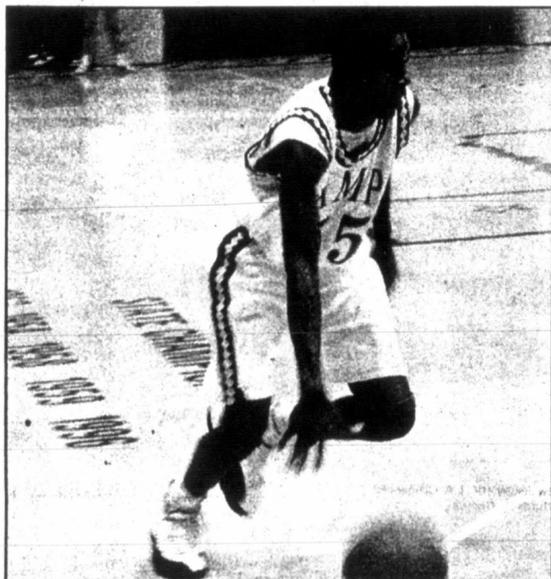
PAMPA — After a 10-year absence, the Top O' Texas basketball tournament has returned to Pampa.

The local Harvester cagers started off the day narrowly defeating a sporadic Dallas Red Oak squad in a nail-biter, 50-49, Friday in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Both teams struggled to put up numbers offensively, but an in-your-face Pampa defense kept Red Oak from posting points in the transition game despite Red Oak's control of the boards throughout the contest.

The slow offensive pace was countered with strong defensive efforts by both squads which partly contributed to the lack of scoring by both squads. The contest featured a very physical inside game that the officials called liberally on both sides of the court, but when time ran down towards the end of the game fouls became an issue as both teams had players foul out.

The 9-9 score after the first quarter was evidence of the shooting dilemma that both teams coped with early. Red Oak, despite a good number of offensive rebounds, was unable to find their niche from the field. On the other side, the Harvesters used a number of offensive spreads on offense, spreads that ate chunks of time off the clock as the plays slowly developed. At halftime both squads had a combined thirty-seven points of offense, Pampa posting 19 with Red Oak not far



(Pampa News photo)

Junior guard Shawn Young led Pampa scorers with 22 points against Red Oak in the tourney opener.

behind with 18 points.

The physical nature of the contest didn't diminish during the second half either, and although Pampa led throughout the game it was a tedious lead at best, as Red Oak maintained to creep only a few points behind, ending the third quarter of the contest down only four, 40-36.

With time running down in the

fourth quarter it was Pampa's guards that kept the victory alive for the Harvesters. Junior Shawn Young, who finished the contest with 22 points, hit a couple of clutch three pointers down the stretch boosting Pampa into the drivers seat. But Red Oak fouls toward the end put Pampa at a disadvantage as senior guard Lynn Brown failed to capitalize

on two potential game-winning free throws that in turn gave Red Oak a chance to pullout of the contest with a victory. Sophomore guard Jesse Francis went to line with about five seconds left looking to put the contest out of reach. Sinking two free throws for Pampa Francis was able to place the Harvesters ahead four points, 50-46, with only five seconds remaining. A wild half-court buzzer shot capped the scoring for Red Oak, who fell just short of a win, 50-49.

Leading scorers for Red Oak were J.T. Brown, who finished with 11, and Andrew Braden with nine points. Young led the Harvesters with 22, and Francis followed with eight points.

Others scoring for the Harvesters were Jeremy Silva with 7 points, Lynn Brown 5, Russell Robben 4, Tyson Alexander and Zane Powers 2 each.

The Harvesters improved their record to 3-1.

In the second game of the day, Plainview came from behind to defeat Austin Westlake, 78-77.

Rod Ansley led the Plainview scoring attack with 18 points, followed by Brennen Bell with 14.

Westlake led by eight, 37-29, at halftime, but the Bulldogs narrowed the gap to just one point, 51-50, going into the fourth quarter.

Chris Marcus poured in 38 points for Westlake. Drew Gressett added 9 points.

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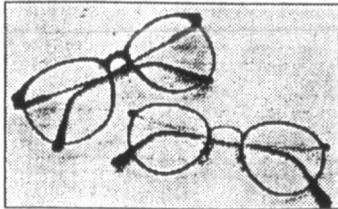
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DALLAS (AP) — High school football play-off pairings and results:
CLASS 5A
Division I
Region I/II
Quarterfinals
Odessa (9-3) vs. Duncanville (11-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Longview (12-0) vs. Killeen Ellison (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Farmington Field, Bedford
Region III/IV
Quarterfinals
Katy (11-1) vs. Aldine Eisenhower (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Rice Stadium
SA Taft (5-8) vs. CC Carroll (7-5), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Alamo Stadium
Division II
Region I
Quarterfinals
Amarillo (10-2) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (10-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Abilene Cooper (12-1) beat South Grand Prairie (10-3), 36-20
Region II
Quarterfinals
Richardson Lake Highlands (10-2) vs. Langham Creek (10-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Kyle Field, Kyle Field
Tyler John Tyler (10-2) vs. Cypress Falls (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lufkin
Region III
Quarterfinals
Meyers Creek (10-1) vs. Beaumont West Brook (10-2), 6 p.m. Saturday, Rice Stadium
Alief Hastings (11-1) vs. Baytown Lee (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Houston Tully
Region IV
Quarterfinals
SA MacArthur (10-2) vs. Victoria (11-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio, Alamo Stadium
New Braunfels (12-1) beat Harlingen (11-2), 31-28
CLASS 4A
Division I
Region I/II
Quarterfinals
Canyon Randall (10-3) beat Brownwood (10-3), 31-20
Mesquite Creek (10-3) vs. Corsicana (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Region III/IV
Quarterfinals
Jacksonville (12-0) vs. Texas City (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Huntsville Bowers
Waco Midway (12-1) beat Schertz Clemens (11-1), 36-14
Division II
Region I
Quarterfinals
Andrews (9-3) vs. Denison (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Jones Stadium, Lubbock
Sweetwater (13-0) beat Graham (8-5), 21-12
Region II
Quarterfinals
Highland Park (11-1) vs. Mount Pleasant (7-5), 2 p.m. Saturday, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, Garland
Terrell (12-0) vs. Ennis (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Ownby Stadium, SMU campus, Dallas
Region III
Quarterfinals
LC-Mauriceville (10-2) vs. Sweeny (9-3), 6 p.m. Saturday, Pasadena Memorial
West Orange-Stark (12-0) vs. La Marque (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Huntsville Bowers
Region IV
Quarterfinals
Smithson Valley (11-1) vs. CC Calallen (12-0), Saturday, 2 p.m., Alice
Austin Lanier (10-3) lost to Edcouch-Elsa (13-0), 41-0
CLASS 3A
Region I
Quarterfinals
Seminole (11-2) lost to Aledo (13-0), 38-36
Perryton (10-4) lost to Breckenridge (13-0), 54-17
Region II
Quarterfinals
Kemp (9-4) lost to Linden-Kildare (12-1), 28-14
Commerce (13-0) beat Omaha Paul Hewitt (7-6), 14-6
Region III
Quarterfinals
Crockett (12-1) beat Columbus (10-3), 30-21
Corrigan-Camden (11-2) lost to La Grange

(11-2), 20-14 (2OT)
Region IV
Regional
Cuero (11-2) beat Mathis (8-5), 67-20
Sealy (13-0) beat George West (10-2), 24-15
CLASS 2A
Region I
Regional
Lockney (12-1) beat Winters (10-2), 32-27
Post (8-5) lost to Stanton (13-0), 35-14
Region II
Regional
Holiday (10-3) lost to Celina (11-2), 20-7
Lindsay (11-3) lost to Italy (13-0), 49-18
Region III
Regional
Kerens (11-2) lost to Alto (13-0), 41-10
Elysian Fields (13-0) beat Lexington (12-1), 20-14
Region IV
Regional
Rogers (12-1) beat Charlotte (12-1), 56-34
Crawford (12-1) lost to Refugio (11-2), 17-10
CLASS 1A
Region I/II
Quarterfinals
Wheeler (10-3) beat Alvord (11-2), 28-20
Gruver (7-8) lost to Munday (10-3), 35-33
Region III/IV
Quarterfinals
Celeste (13-0) beat Burkeville (9-4), 39-0
Tenaha (11-2) lost to Granger (10-3), 22-21
Sixman
Region I/II
Quarterfinals
Sands (11-2) lost to Lazbuddie (12-1), 52-44
Silverton (9-3) vs. Borden County (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Idalou
Region III/IV
Quarterfinals
Panther Creek (12-1) beat Gordon (12-1), 38-24
May (9-3) lost to Trinidad (12-0), 88-42

PRO FOOTBALL
LUCKY MONKEY PICKS
San Francisco over Kansas City
Jacksonville over Baltimore
New England over Indianapolis
Carolina over New Orleans
Washington over St. Louis
Cincinnati over Philadelphia
New York Jets over Buffalo
Miami over Oakland
Pittsburgh over Arizona
Seattle over Atlanta
Tampa Bay over New York Giants
Denver over San Diego
Green Bay over Minnesota
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Top 25 Fared
How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll fared Friday:
1. Arizona (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina-Ashville, Saturday.
2. Kansas (6-0) beat Florida State 73-58. Next: vs. No. 1 Arizona at Chicago, Tuesday.
3. Duke (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina State, Monday.
4. North Carolina (4-0) vs. Seton Hall at Anchorage, Alaska. Next: vs. No. 6 Purdue or Massachusetts at Anchorage, Alaska, Saturday.
5. South Carolina (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Belmont, Monday.
6. Purdue (5-0) beat Massachusetts 82-69. Next: vs. No. 4 North Carolina or Seton Hall at Anchorage, Alaska, Saturday.
7. UCLA (1-1) beat Alaska-Anchorage 92-66. Next: vs. Alabama-Birmingham at Anchorage, Alaska, Saturday.
8. Kentucky (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Clemson at America West Arena, Phoenix, Saturday.
9. Xavier (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Central Michigan, Tuesday.
10. New Mexico (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. San Jose State, Saturday.
11. Connecticut (5-1) beat Arizona State 82-61. Next: vs. West Virginia, Wednesday.
12. Fresno State (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas at America West Arena, Phoenix, Saturday.
13. Clemson (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Kentucky at America West Arena, Phoenix, Saturday.
14. Iowa (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Long Island University, Saturday.
15. Stanford (1-0) at Hawaii-Hilo. Next: vs. Valparaiso or Montana at Hilo, Hawaii, Saturday.
16. Utah (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. UC Irvine, Saturday.
17. Mississippi (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Long Island University at Muncie, Ind., Friday, Dec. 5.
18. Oklahoma (3-0) vs. Butler at Hilo, Hawaii. Next: vs. Wisconsin or Pacific at Hilo, Hawaii, Saturday.
19. Louisville (2-0) beat Illinois 58-57. Next: vs. Georgia Tech at San Juan, Saturday.
20. Temple (2-1) did not play. Next: at Michigan State, Thursday.
21. Indiana (1-2) lost to Hawaii 82-65. Next: vs. Illinois State or Northeast Louisiana at Honolulu, Sunday.
22. Georgia (5-1) beat Texas 94-76. Next: vs. No. 15 Stanford at Arrowhead Pond, Anaheim, Calif., Saturday, Dec. 6.
23. Rhode Island (1-1) did not play. Next: at Boston University, Sunday.
24. Maryland (3-1) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Clemson, Thursday.
25. North Carolina Charlotte (0-2) did not play. Next: vs. Old Dominion, Wednesday.

PRO BASKETBALL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami 10	4	7	.364	—
Orlando 10	5	6	.455	1/2
New York	9	5	.643	1
New Jersey	9	5	.643	1
Boston	7	8	.467	3 1/2
Philadelphia	4	8	.333	5
Washington	5	10	.333	5 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	12	2	.857	—
Charlotte	9	4	.692	2 1/2
Milwaukee	8	6	.571	4
Cleveland	8	6	.571	4
Indiana	7	6	.538	4 1/2
Chicago	8	7	.533	4 1/2
Detroit	6	10	.375	7
Toronto	1	14	.067	11 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	8	6	.571	—
Utah	8	6	.571	—
Houston	7	5	.583	1
Minnesota	6	8	.429	2
Vancouver	6	10	.375	3
Dallas	4	10	.286	4
Denver	1	12	.077	6 1/2

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	12	2	.857	—
Seattle	3	8	.273	1/2
Phoenix	9	2	.818	1 1/2
Portland	5	6	.455	2 1/2
Sacramento	5	10	.333	7 1/2
L.A. Clippers	2	13	.133	10 1/2
Golden State	1	12	.077	10 1/2

Thursday's Games
Indiana 106, Vancouver 85
Friday's Games
Phoenix 112, Boston 108, OT
Philadelphia 105, L.A. Lakers 95
Orlando 94, Milwaukee 90
Cleveland 97, Charlotte 91
Indiana 94, Chicago 83
Detroit 86, New York 78
Dallas 83, Toronto 91
Denver 95, Minnesota 84
Utah 111, Golden State 82
Houston 98, Portland 89
Seattle 113, Sacramento 96
New Jersey 104, L.A. Clippers 92
Saturday's Games

Gymnastics of Pampa students participate in tumbling meet

PAMPA — Over 50 gymnastics of Pampa students participated in a tumbling meet held recently at the Loop 171 gym north of the city.

Gymnasts ranged in age from 3 to 12 and competed against others with the same age and ability. The ability levels ranged from Division A, which was the easiest level, to Division H, which was the most difficult.

Five-year-old, Division B — First place: Collin Pursley; Second place (tie): Paige Hargus and Kayla Hughes; Third place: Christian Martinez; Fourth place: Lexi Summers; Fifth place: Ashlynn McNeely.

Five-year-old, Division C — First place: Lauren Jacoby; Second place: Kayla Taylor; Third place: Kelsey Watson.

Five-year-old, Division D — First place: Mallory White; Second place: Trent Carter.

Six-year-old Division C — First place: Kylee Warner; Second place: Nicholas Ford.

Six-year-old, Division D — First place: Stormi Lancaster; Second place: Aleah Noble; Third place: Micala Furgason.

Six-year-old, Division H — First place: Katelyn Walls.

Seven & Eight year old, Division E — First place: Lindsey Riley; Second place: Keisha Crowell; Third place: Morgan Ketchersid; Fourth place (tie): Stephanie Hasskarl and Meagan Crawford.

8-year-old, Division F — First place: Chelsey Shaver; Second place: Lori Presson.

8 & 9 year-old, Division G — First place: Brianna Bigham; Second place: Brandi Holden.

8-year-old, Division H — First place: Allison Ware; Second place: Brittany Warminski.

9-year-old, Division E — First place: Myca Vinson; Second place: Nicole Fernuik; Third place: Taren Johnson; Fourth place: Haley Milton.

9-year-old, Division F — First place: Cheyenne Keith; Second place: Amber Qualls; Third place: Brittany Davis.

9-year-old & up, Division H — First place: Lacie Long; Second place: Cortnee White; Third place: Becky Diggs.

10-year-old, Division G — First place: Jerica Timmons; Second place: Natasha Martinez; Third place: Deadre Henderson.

10-year-old & up, Division E — First place: Natasha Linder; Second place: Katie Shaffer; Third place: Ann Murtishaw.

Meet results are as follows:

Three-year old, Division A — First place: Trace Carter; Second place: Colbi Furgason; Third place: Brooklyn Gantz; Fourth place: Micala Hampton; Fifth place: Heather Ketchersid; Sixth place: Carrie White.

Four-year old, Division A — First place: Calli Hampton; Second place: Kailyn McClelland; Third place: Taryn Eubank; Fourth place (tie): Chelsey Hampton and Karami Rice; Fifth place: Chelsea Mayer; Sixth place: Yaney Yebra.

Nebraska escapes with hard-fought win

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Nebraska polished off a perfect regular season for the fourth time in the last five years, but in most unsatisfactory fashion.

Nebraska's locker room bore an eerie similarity to Colorado's after the Cornhuskers escaped with a 27-24 victory on Friday.

Ahman Green rushed for 202 yards and two touchdowns and No. 2 Nebraska kept its national championship hopes alive, but there was little celebrating.

The Huskers had to survive a fourth-quarter scare to eke out a win over a 21-point underdog.

"We had a chance to put it away," coach Tom Osborne said. "But at one point there, we kind of lost it and they almost beat us."

Scott Frost passed for 92 yards and ran for 76 yards and a score as the Huskers (11-0, 8-0 Big 12) extended their conference winning streak to 39 games.

Colorado (5-6, 3-5) completed its first losing season since 1984.

The Huskers were hoping for an impressive win to impress the poll-

sters. Instead, the narrow escape might even hurt their national standing.

Osborne refused to speculate on what effect the outcome might have on his team's ranking.

"The bottom line is we won the game," he said. "But we almost lost to a team with five losses, so

that is probably on the voters' minds also. We just have to go out and win the next game and then our bowl game. That's all we can do."

The Huskers play Texas A&M in the Big 12 championship game Dec. 6.

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U.S. hopes dim in Davis Cup

GOTEBORG, Sweden (AP) — The Curse of Goteborg has struck again.

On the opening day of the Davis Cup final, Pete Sampras, defaulted to Sweden's Magnus Larsson during their singles match with a pulled calf muscle.

That left the Americans trailing 2-0.

"I felt a pain in my calf in the middle of the second set," Sampras said in a statement released after Friday's match. "It didn't make sense to continue the way I was feeling."

Sampras will not play reverse singles Sunday, but there is no assurance the U.S. squad will even be alive by then.

Sampras had an MRI on Friday night at Sahlgrenska Hospital, and was ruled out for further play by Dr. George Fared, the U.S. Davis Cup physician.

His default makes the doubles Saturday a make-or-break match for the Americans in the best-of-5 competition.

"A WAY WHICH SEEMETH RIGHT"

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Prov. 14:12.) Obviously, the "way" which seemed right to a man was not the right way, but rather the wrong way. And so, regardless of how "right" it might seem to men, it is, nevertheless, the wrong way.

This tells us that there must be a higher standard or rule than that of man by which a way is determined to be right or wrong. Jesus said: "Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many are they that enter in thereby. For narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it." (Matt. 7:13-14.) By this we learn that there is a "way" to be saved. But how do we know which way is the right way? "Thomas saith unto Him, Lord, we know not whether thou goest; how know we the way? Jesus saith

unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me." (Jn. 14:5-6.) We conclude then that Jesus knows the way and reveals that way unto life in His word.

The "new and living way" has been made through the sacrifice of Christ (Heb. 10:19-20.) On the first Pentecost after the resurrection of our Lord, Peter and the rest of the apostles revealed that way to those Jews gathered in Jerusalem on that day (Acts 2.) When, upon being convinced that they had crucified the Son of God, they cried out, "Brethren, what shall we do?" To this questions, Peter responded: "Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:37-38.) We can be sure that this "way" is the only way to be saved.

-Billy T. Jones

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Christmas trees were decorated with angels for the Meredith House by Bama Oliver. Jim Baker, his wife, Beverly, and son, Logan, helped along with are members of First Baptist Church who also participate in church service on Sunday

Man charged with trying to sell son for car, cash

FREDERICK, Md. (AP) — A man charged with trying to sell his 15-month-old son for a used car and cash said he was only trying to give the boy "a better life."

A man who had been the boy's foster father from the time he was five weeks old until last summer notified authorities that Kenneth Mark Vogelpohl, 37, had offered to trade the boy for cash and a car.

Vogelpohl had contacted Bill Gordon and his wife, who live in Hagerstown, on Nov. 16 and said he "would have to relocate and would need a car and \$5,000," according to court documents.

Vogelpohl said he did ask for a loan and use of a car, but never offered to sell his son. He said he wanted to give the boy to Gordon independently of the money.

"We were trying to give Kenny a better life," he said Thursday, a day after being arrested.

Vogelpohl said he cannot work because of medical problems and the boy's mother, Julie Tilafian, doesn't make much money. Maryland State Police interviewed Ms. Tilafian but did not charge her.

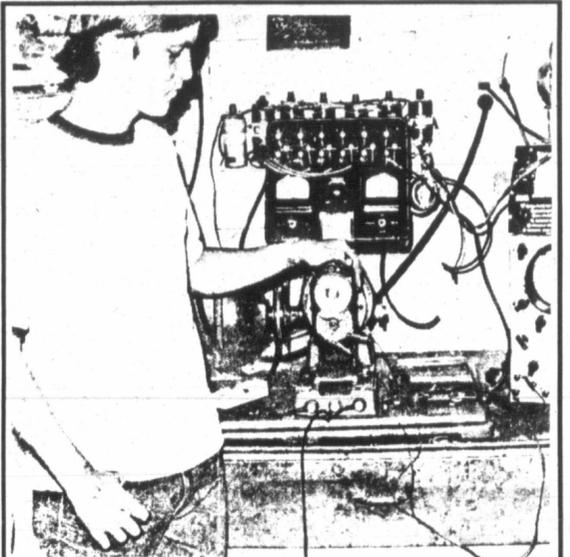
A state trooper posing as a friend went with Gordon to meet Vogelpohl on Wednesday. Court documents said Vogelpohl accepted \$100 and the title to the car, with the balance of the money to be paid on Friday.

He then handed over his son, police said.

Vogelpohl was charged with offering to sell, barter or trade a child, a misdemeanor punishable by up to five years in prison and a

\$10,000 fine. He was held on \$15,000 bond pending a bail hearing Monday.

The child has been placed in the custody of Washington County Social Services.



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Pd. Adv.

Appeals court oks early-release plan for sex offenders

AUSTIN (AP) — Dozens of convicted child molesters could walk free under a Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruling.

The court decided Wednesday the felons are eligible for an early-release program, drawing criticism from law enforcement, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

"It's obviously a very serious ruling and will have definite implications," parole board Chairman Victor Rodriguez said. "The end result of this could have an impact on public safety."

Rodriguez estimated several hundred convicted sex offenders could go free under the ruling. Once prisons release the convicts on mandatory supervision, parole officers supervise them, similar to convicts who are paroled.

The Legislature had tried to exclude child molesters from the program, but the court ruled lawmakers could not apply a new law retroactively.

The decision overturned rulings by prison officials and Attorney General Dan Morales that barred child molesters from participating in Texas' controversial mandatory supervision law.

According to the court, the problem is this: When the Legislature revised the mandatory supervision law in 1993, the crime of indecency with a child was not on the list of crimes for which offenders were ineligible for mandatory supervision.

When the omission was discovered a year ago, after a convicted molester challenged his having been barred from the program, legislative leaders admitted they had made a mistake.

The ruling came in an appeal filed by Randy Sullivan Schroeter, who received a three-year sentence in Brazoria County for indecency with a child.

The crime occurred in 1994. Schroeter was convicted in 1995 and he entered prison Dec. 19, 1995.

According to the ruling, Schroeter has accrued almost five years of time credits — enough for him to have been released on mandatory supervision long ago, his attorney argued.

The court agreed, ordering prison officials to release him immediately on mandatory supervision — unless he had lost accumulated time credits because of misbehavior in prison since the appeal was filed.

Rodriguez and Glen Castlebury, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said prison officials plan to examine the ruling more closely after Thanksgiving before deciding whether to release Schroeter or anyone else.

Neither Schroeter's attorney, Louis Gimbert, nor Brazoria County District Attorney Jerome Aldrich could be reached for comment Wednesday.

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LIFESTYLE



By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

A "ring, ring, ring," followed by a "cling, cling, cling," are the familiar sounds that offset the picture of the Salvation Army volunteers with bells in hand and hanging, red collection kettles at Christmas time, year after year.

A coin here, a dollar there — it must all add up. But for what?

"The public sees the Salvation Army at Christmas predominately, and I think the misconception with some is that this is all we do," said Lieutenant Matt Branscum of the Pampa Salvation Army.

Branscum, and his wife, Lieutenant Penney Branscum, after training as cadets in Atlanta, now

head up Gray County's Salvation Army.

The non-profit organization no doubt has tremendous name recognition as a helping agency. The group's been around for 130 years and the Pampa Salvation Army has been around since 1929.

But what exactly do they do, and why do they need our money at Christmas?

"First of all, this is a church that heads up all of these other services," said Branscum. "We've become more known as a social services agency, than a church."

But every Sunday, Branscum faithfully leads services along with Penney, and their baby daughter Megan, for the small group that gather at the church — a group consisting mainly of children.

"We had seven adults of the 30 who came last Sunday and that was exciting for us," said Penney.

The "Salvationists" church, most similar to the Methodist, Wesley or Church of the Nazarene denominations, is at its core a

ness of taking away from any other churches in town. But church or social service agency — this group's witness to the Pampa community is manifested in many, many ways.

In addition to providing church services throughout the week, including several ladies and children's Bible based groups, the Salvation Army provides aid by paying for people's utilities, food, providing rent assistance, prescription medicines and disaster relief. They also have a thrift shop that works two-fold, bringing in a small and limited amount of income while also providing clothing free to those who need it. These are the projects that go on year around.

With a mobile unit, the Corp has also assisted Pampa and surrounding communities with tornadoes, fires, floods — any natural disaster emergency situations that needs their help. And what this unit cannot provide, surrounding units help with.

"If something comes up and I don't know the answer, help is a phone call away," said Branscum.

The Salvation Army also has a special summer camp that is a child's dream come true, said Lieutenant Penney Branscum. Twenty lucky economically disadvantaged Pampa children are provided with a week of swimming, canoeing and horseback riding in the Dallas area free of charge.

And in addition to all these "normal" activities and services, there is the Army's Christmas campaign.

Right now, Penney is working hard on

the Angel Tree project. In addition, she is going to be organizing what she calls an "added extra blessing," a project that will provide toys for the children that were not selected from the Angel Tree.

"How do you explain to a child that Santa brought presents for their siblings, but not for them?" in a worst case scenario described by Branscum.

As far as the local "Child Shopping Tour," the Salvation Army provides 98 percent of the children's names for the tour, the Branscums said.

In addition to all of these special Christmas projects the Salvation Army helps with, there are the 250 families that they feed during the holidays; not 250 people, but 250 families that are given turkeys, hens, chickens and all the fixins'.

"That's the reason why we're out ringing the bell," said Lieutenant Branscum. "A lot of people don't realize where the money in the kettle is going. Some think it's a pyramid scheme, or that it's going to Amarillo. But no, this money stays in Gray County for the less fortunate in Gray County," he said.

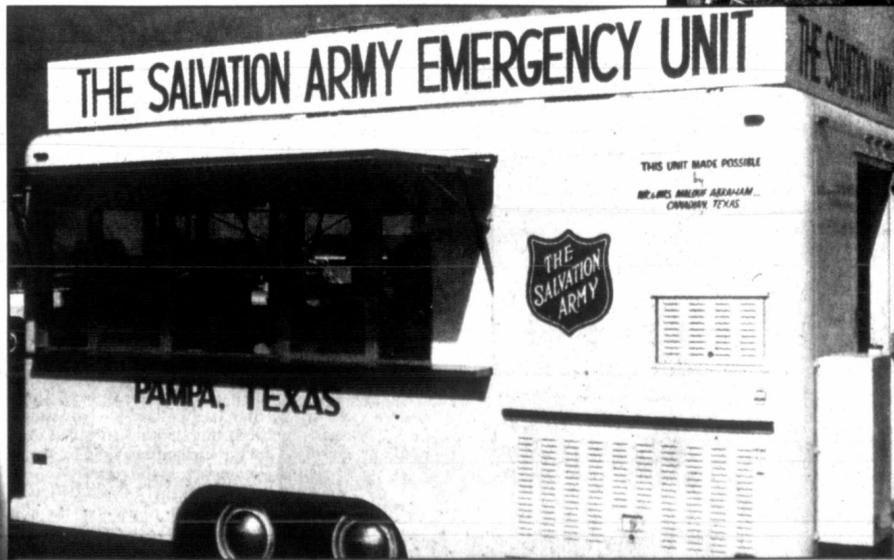
"That's why we're out there, raising money throughout the year. Christmas is the most seen, but we have to have a big push just to cover Christmas expenses," Branscum said.

For more information about the Salvation Army, the church, its projects or services call 665-7233. The Army will have volunteers at Alco, Wal-mart, Homeland and the post office through the holiday season from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The SALVATION ARMY

Christian organization with the goal of reaching out to whoever needs their help.

Branscum repeatedly mentioned that his church is not in the busi-



Top: Thomas Daley rings the familiar sound of the bell asking for donations from shoppers at the Pampa Alco. Above: Lieutenants Matt and Penney Branscum act as "adoptive parents," overseeing area children who have come to decorate the Salvation Army Church and facilities. Left: The Salvation Army emergency mobile unit is headed up by Jimmy Schuneman.

Photos by Miranda Bailey



Ina Mae West and Josh Gray

West-Gray

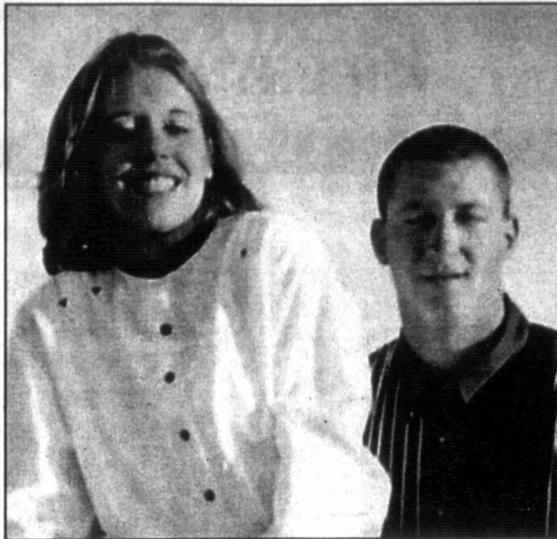
Ina Mae West and Josh Gray were wed Nov. 18, 1997, in the Methodist Church at Groom.

The bridesmaids were Kimberley Primrose of Amarillo and Suezanna Gray of Washington, Pa.

The best man was Ron Gray, father of the groom.

A reception was held following the ceremony in the parlor of the church.

The couple intend to make their home in Groom.



Jeanine Marie Galusha and Ryan Dale Gaston

Galusha-Gaston

Jeanine Marie Galusha of Hallsville, Texas, and Ryan Dale Gaston of Longview were wed Nov. 8, 1997, in City Hall at Borger with Judge Beverly McClure of Borger officiating.

A reception was held at Dyer's Bar-B-Que in Pampa.

The bride is the daughter of David and Rebecca Galusha of Hallsville. She is a 1997 graduate of Hallsville High School and is currently employed at JQ Russell Electric.

The groom is the son of Billy and Teri Morris of Raymondville, Mo., and Rick and Laurie Gaston of Longview. He is a 1995 graduate of Hallsville High School and is currently employed at HB Zachary.

The couple plan a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean the summer of 1998 and intend to make their home in Pampa.



Mary Katherine Burt and Jeremy Matthew Duvall

Burt-Duvall

Mary Katherine Burt and Jeremy Matthew Duvall were wed Nov. 29, 1997, in First Baptist Church of Amarillo with Dr. Howard K. Batson officiating.

The matron of honor was Shari Smeaton of Amarillo. The maid of honor was Margaret Burt of Amarillo. The bridesmaids were Cari Upton and Ariel Smeaton, both of Amarillo. The flower girl was Catherine McCue of Dallas.

The best man was Jason Duvall of Spearman. The groomsmen were Jimmy Duvall of Fort Worth and Dave Davis and Garrett Scribner, both of Pampa.

The ushers were John David Souther of Los Angeles, Calif., Tony Smeaton of Amarillo, Brandon Moss of Yukon, Okla., Tim Herdman of Arlington and T.J. Crawford of Pampa. The ring bearers were Samuel Smeaton and Benjamin Smeaton, both of Amarillo.

The candlelighters were Cortney Butter McCarty of Lubbock, Sonya Brown McCubbin of Amarillo and Rebecca Lisle Waller of Carrollton.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Burt of Amarillo. She graduated from West Texas A&M University, receiving a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology. She was a member of Chi Omega Fraternity. She is currently employed as a substitute teacher.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Duvall, Jr., of Pampa. He is currently a senior at West Texas A&M University, pursuing a degree in agronomy and works for Canyon Independent School District.

Menus

Dec. 1-5

Meals on Wheels
MONDAY
 Stew, cornbread, peaches.
TUESDAY
 Barbecue wieners, macaroni and cheese, cabbage, cake.
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THURSDAY
 Chicken and noodles or Salisbury steak, cheese potatoes, carrots, English peas, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, lemon cake or chocolate pudding cups, hot rolls or cornbread.
FRIDAY
 Fried cod fish or lasagna, potato wedges, turnip greens, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, brownies, or tapioca, garlic breadsticks, hot rolls, cornbread.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hutchinson

Hutchinson anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hutchinson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m. Dec. 6 in Skellytown Community Building. Children of the couple will host the reception.

The Hutchinsons were married Dec. 6, 1947, at Borger. The couple have resided in Skellytown most of their married lives.

Mr. Hutchinson was employed with Northern Natural Gas prior to retiring.

Mrs. Hutchinson owned-operated Norma's Cafe at Skellytown prior to retiring.

Children of the couple are Danny Hutchinson, Kenny Hutchinson, Jim Hutchinson, Ernie Hutchinson and the late Teresa Lorane Hutchinson. They have seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



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Woman turns holiday project into business

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — Marill Gerth is rolling in dough — thick, brown, sticky, spicy gingerbread dough.

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Autumn Anne Parks and Daniel Robert Stokes

Parks-Stokes

Autumn Anne Parks and Daniel Robert Stokes plan to wed Jan. 17, 1998, at the Bible Church of Pampa. The bride-elect is the daughter of Jay F. Parks of Amarillo and Brenda and Dave Wilkinson of Bryan. She is a 1996 graduate of Clarendon College and is currently employed in the accounting department of Crall Products, Inc., in Pampa. The prospective groom is the son of Alton and Bettye Stokes of Pampa. He is a graduate of Amarillo Technical College, receiving an associate degree in applied science. He is currently an operator for Williams Field Services of Canadian.



Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Simpson

Simpson anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Simpson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m. Dec. 7 in First Baptist Church of McLean. Children of the couple will host the reception. W.C. Simpson and Wanda Rae Allen were married Dec. 7, 1947, in Central Baptist Church of Pampa. The couple have been McLean residents for the past 50 years and are members of First Baptist Church of McLean. Mr. Simpson is employed with Barker Drilling Company. Mrs. Simpson is employed at Lambs Flower Shop. Children of the couple are Melvin and Demedra Simpson and Stanley Simpson of Lake Dallas. They have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Matthew Chittenden

Chittenden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Matthew Chittenden will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary today. Stanley Matthew Chittenden and Louise Stilwell were married Nov. 30, 1947, in Trinity Lutheran Church at Hays, Kan. The couple have been Pampa residents for the past 45 years, moving from Hays. They are members of First Presbyterian Church of Pampa and have been involved in various civic and church activities. Mr. Chittenden was employed with the City of Pampa as a public official for 17 years, serving as city secretary-treasurer, director of finance and assistant city manager. He retired as city manager at Cleveland, Texas, in 1983. Mrs. Chittenden was employed by Pampa Independent School District, retiring in 1991 after 25 years of service. She serves on the board of Pampa Civic Ballet and is a member of Twentieth Century Culture Club. Children of the couple are John Stanley Chittenden of Grapevine, Jill Lynn Loughnane of Houston and Kimberly Kay Woodliff of Edmond, Okla. They have six grandchildren.

Club News

Club news is published strictly on a first come first serve basis due to limited space. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. though this deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

Delta Kappa Gamma
Delta Kappa Gamma met recently in the First Assembly of God Church of Pampa with President Jana Vinson presiding. Vinson announced that the December meeting would be a luncheon at Pampa's Hughey House.

Rudelle Rand, of Pampa, presented the meditation on giving. Bobbye Hill, a Wheeler attorney and volunteer at the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum, presented a history of the museum.

The museum, which was founded in 1973, was inspired by Sally Harris, who wrote *Hidetown*. According to Hill, Harris knew how to get people to help her. She began getting small grants. The museum organization is presently working from a \$25,000 technological grant by putting in computers and getting on the Internet.

Hill showed slides of what the area originally looked like. She emphasized several times that "this area is important." Plans are being made to remodel the upstairs, provide display cases and build a livery stable to preserve farm equipment, buggies and the cedar flagpole, which dates back to 1875 or '77.

An important exhibit, Hill said, is "Sweetwater Saga." The town was originally called Sweet Town, then Sweetwater, then Mobeetie.

Other than the fort, the first building erected was a saloon. The First State Bank of Mobeetie, the oldest continuous bank in the Panhandle, was started in the saloon.

Named for Joel Elliott, who was a teacher and soldier, Fort Elliott

and the town of Mobeetie expanded together.

The fort disbanded in 1890, after it had outlived its usefulness.

Delta Kappa Gamma member Kay Batton, of Mobeetie, has ancestors that lived there in the early days - the Lockes, the Arringtons and the Huselbys.

Hostesses were Ann Watson, chairman, Irene Sanders and Kay Harvey, all of Pampa, and Phyllis Spruell of Canadian.

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Melissa Dawn Chapman and Slade Thompson

Chapman-Thompson

Melissa Dawn Chapman and Slade Thompson, both of Amarillo, were wed Nov. 29, 1997, in Country Chapel of Wheeler with Toby Henson of Wheeler officiating.

The matron of honor was Christy Barrett of Amarillo. The bridesmaid was Stacy Finsterwald of Wheeler. The flower girls were Kaylee Hall of Amarillo and Kaylee Marion of Wheeler.

The best man was Howard Thompson of Amarillo. The groomsmen was Chris Eaton of Claude. The ring bearer was Eric Vieth of Canyon.

The ushers were Justin Chapman of Wheeler and Chris Eaton. The candlelighters were Keri Marion and Cassi Brown, both of Wheeler.

Registering guests were Shannon Seitz of Amarillo and Kristen Marion of Wheeler.

Music was provided by pianist Kloette Henson of Wheeler and vocalist Jenny Powell of Lubbock.

A reception was held following the service in Fellowship Hall of the church with Casey Velasquez and Nissa Boedeker, both of Wheeler, and Tammy Hall and Star Helton, both of Amarillo, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Johnny and Betty Chapman of Wheeler. She currently attends West Texas A&M University and Amarillo College. She is presently employed as a case worker for United Way at Tyler Resource Center in Amarillo.

The groom is the son of Howard and Sue Thompson of Amarillo. He attended West Texas A&M University and Amarillo College. He is presently employed at United Parcel Service and ABF Freight Lines.

The couple intend to make their home in Amarillo.

Dieting:

If holidays test resolve to eat wisely, then try some tips from dieticians

By LoANA M. GONZALES
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas — Let's face it — before long the first in a series of "tests" will find you, the healthier-lifestyle you, hungry and surrounded by lots of food, fun and family.

Test 1 (a.k.a Thanksgiving) will then be followed by Test 2 (namely, Christmas) and Test 3 (also known as New Year's Day), and lots of pop quizzes are sure to come up throughout the next few weeks to keep you on edge.

Ah, but as with any test, a little preparation can help you get through these tests of your determination "to stick with a healthy diet once and for all" with flying colors.

First, the statistics: according to a number of sources, the average American gains five to seven pounds from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day.

Of course, that's just the "average." If you're a real stasher when it comes to putting away things like cheese balls and mashed potatoes smothered with gravy, the holidays might be a bit more of a challenge.

Also, if you've just recently become a healthier eater or if you're an exercise novice, get ready. Never underestimate the power of eggnog, pecan pie and festive drinks, especially when surrounded by close friends and colleagues bombarding you with comments like "Oh, come on, it's Christmas!" or "The holidays only come around once a year!"

OK, so we're all fully aware of how tough it is for the healthy eater during the holidays.

To help prepare you for these tests of will, two local experts have provided "study guides" to carry you through January and on to your next year of better living.

From Stephanie Taylor, a Waco

dietitian, comes:

The top 10 foods guaranteed to help you gain weight over the holidays

1. ALCOHOL
2. EGGNOG
3. NUTS
4. PECAN PIE
5. CANDY (chocolate-covered cherries, toffee)
6. CHEESE BALL and HIGH FAT CRACKERS
7. TUBS OF CHEESE POP-CORN
8. SNACK MIXES (like Chex Mix)
9. CHIPS AND DIP
10. MORE candy, nuts, cheese ball and eggnog (in other words, overindulging)

"When going to parties, try to plan ahead," Taylor advised. "If you're pitching in with the food, take some things you know are healthier and lower in fat. Or just try to make sure the other meals you have that day are lower in fat to accommodate."

Aside from specific foods, she warned that lots of parties (uh, tests) are bound to take their toll on your weight, as are stress and a lack of exercise during the holidays.

Exercise during the most hectic time of the year?

"Try to prepare some things ahead of time," Taylor suggested for busy types who have gifts to buy and cards to mail. "You should have a plan to exercise, like a certain time each day."

Time-saving ideas include pre-cutting ingredients for certain recipes. "And Mrs. Smith bakes a good frozen pie," Taylor said with a chuckle. "You just have to choose your battles."

The key is to do all things in moderation, Taylor said.

"Learn to say no and listen to your stomach. When you're full, stop eating," she said. "And don't feel guilty. I certainly don't have a low-fat Thanksgiving dinner. I have the turkey and the dressing and the pies and the sweet potatoes, but everything is in moderation."



Megan Rebekah Taylor and William Julius Rigo

Taylor-Rigo

Megan Rebekah Taylor and William Julius Rigo, both of Albuquerque, N.M., plan to wed Dec. 13, 1997, in Fruit Avenue Baptist Church of Albuquerque.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Taylor of Albuquerque. She attended Pampa schools from 1984-1995 and graduated from Del Norte High School in Albuquerque in 1997. She plans to attend Word to the World Bible College.

The prospective groom is the son of Bill Rigo and Virginia Rigo. He graduated from Del Norte High School in 1997 and plans to attend Word to the World Bible College.

Christmas is time of giving and a card is a precious, precious gift

By CHRISTI MAYS
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas — One Waco mother recently received one of the most precious Christmas gifts ever — a Christmas card.

The card isn't like any other Christmas card, though, said DeeAnn Boatright.

The brightly colored picture — a shepherd gazing at the Christmas star with his lambs — was drawn by her son, David Moore, who died of leukemia in March 1995 at the age of 15.

As part of the Children's Art Project, his card was included in this year's holiday card collection from the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, where David was treated for leukemia.

"At first, I was surprised," Boatright said of the day the hospital called to tell her his drawing would be featured on a Christmas card. "Then I wished he was here to see it. I think he would have liked to have known. He would have gotten a kick out of it."

Boatright received several boxes of the Christmas cards to keep as mementos and to send to friends and family.

The cards, which feature David's drawing as well as those from other young cancer patients, can be found in several Waco stores, including Albertson's, H-E-B and Winn-Dixie, and in Temple at Brookshire Grocery and Brookshire Brothers.

A box of 15 cards and 16 white envelopes costs \$10, and proceeds help fund programs that benefit M.D. Anderson patients.

Seeing the cards was like getting a special Christmas present from her son, Boatright said.

"When your children make you something for your birthday or Christmas, it's more special because it was from their heart," she said.

Boatright had no idea when she first saw the drawing that it would one day be a Christmas card.

"I accused him of tracing it," she said with a laugh, remembering the day she and her son sat together looking at the rough black and white sketch he had just drawn in an art class at the hospital.

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ENTERTAINMENT

CBS finishes first for sweeps week competition

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mob wives, a Hallmark movie and Sunday night angels helped CBS win last week's ratings race and retain its edge in the November "sweeps" competition, figures released Tuesday showed.

For the week of Nov. 17-23, CBS posted an 11.4 average rating and 18 share, according to Nielsen Media Research. NBC was second with a 10.5 rating and 17 share, followed by ABC with an 8.8 rating and 14 share. Fox had a 7.2 rating and 11 share.

Between the new networks, UPN earned a 3.4 rating to WB's 3.3. Each had a 5 share.

The second part of the miniseries "Bella Mafia," the "Hallmark Hall of Fame" movie "What the Deaf Man Heard" and the consistently strong series "Touched by an Angel" were among the best-performing CBS shows.

Even Brad Pitt couldn't compete with Sunday's Hallmark "Angel" lineup, as his film "Legends of the Fall" came in 47th for NBC. Holiday spirit fared better that night, with Tim Allen's "The Santa Clause" ranking 21st for ABC.

NBC's big showing, as usual, came from its Thursday night lineup: With a double helping of "Friends," it captured five of the top 10 spots.

ABC's top-rated show was "NFL Monday Night Football-Miami vs. Buffalo" at No. 10; Fox's leading entry was the 11th-ranked "The X-Files."

While CBS could gloat over its performance in the sweeps — one of several periods of intensive ratings measurement used to help set advertising rates — there are a number of ways networks count themselves winners.

CBS was, indeed, tops in total households and total viewers with three nights to be counted. But NBC ranked No. 1 among the 18-49 age group deemed most valuable by the advertising community; in that category, older-skewing CBS came in fourth.

Fox is holding onto second place among viewers 18 to 49, outperforming a struggling ABC for the second sweeps period.

The weekly evening news contest went to the "NBC Nightly News," which has placed first for 20 of the past 21 weeks and scored with an 8.9 rating and 17 share. ABC's "World News Tonight" was second with an 8.7 rating and 17 share, while CBS was third with an 8.4 rating and 16 share.

A rating point represents 980,000 households, or 1 percent of the nation's estimated 98 million TV homes. Share is the percentage of those televisions in use that are tuned to a given show during a specified time period.

For the week of Nov. 17-23, the top 10 shows, their networks and ratings, were: "ER," NBC, 23.3; "CBS Sunday Movie: What the Deaf Man Heard," CBS, 23; "Seinfeld," NBC, 22.8; "Veronica's Closet," 18.5; "Friends," 18.4; "Friends" (special), 18.3; "Touched by an Angel," 16.7; "60 Minutes," 14.7; "Bella Mafia" (Part 2), CBS, 13.8; "NFL Monday Night Football," ABC, 13.4.

The top five...

FILMS

1. "Mortal Kombat Annihilation," New Line
2. "Anastasia," 20th Century Fox
3. "John Grisham's The Rainmaker," Paramount
4. "The Jackal," Universal
5. "The Little Mermaid," Disney
(From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

TV

1. "E.R.," NBC
2. "CBS Sunday Movie: What the Deaf Man Heard," CBS
3. "Seinfeld," NBC
4. "Veronica's Closet," NBC
5. "Friends," NBC
(From Nielsen Media Research)

SINGLES

1. "Candle In the Wind 1997 — Something About the Way You Look Tonight," Elton John (Rocket) (Platinum)
2. "You Make Me Wanna..." Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)
3. "How Do I Live," Leann Rimes (Curb) (Platinum)
4. "My Love is the Shhhhh!," Somethin' for the People featuring Trina & Tamara (Warner Bros.) (Gold)
5. "My Body," LSG (EastWest)

ALBUMS

1. "Higher Ground," Barbra Steisand (Columbia)
2. "Come On Over," Shania Twain (Mercury)
3. "Unpredictable," Mystikal (No Limit)
4. "Levert.Sweat.Gill," LSG (Elektra)
5. "Harlem World," Mase (Arista)
(From Billboard magazine)

Flashbacks...

Entertainment highlights during the week of Nov. 30-Dec. 6:
65 years ago: Bob Hope and Bing Crosby appeared together for the first time in the stage show accompanying the Paramount Theater opening in New York of "The Mask of Fu Manchu," starring Boris Karloff and Myrna Loy.

And Charles Laughton, Gary Cooper, George Raft, Charlie Ruggles and W.C. Fields starred in "If I Had a Million."

55 years ago: "You Were Never Lovelier" opened at New York's Radio City Music Hall. The film starred Fred Astaire and Rita Hayworth. This lilted musical included the Jerome Kern-Johnny Mercer song "I'm Old-Fashioned."

50 years ago: Marlon Brando was recognized as one of America's foremost actors when he opened on Broadway in Tennessee William's play, "A Streetcar Named Desire."

45 years ago: James Dean debuted on Broadway in the play "See the Jaguar," about a boy whose crazy mother keeps him locked in an ice house. Dean got good reviews, but the play closed after five nights.

40 years ago: Sam Cooke appeared on "The Ed Sullivan Show." Buddy Holly & the Crickets also debuted, singing "You Send Me."

And Radio City Music Hall in New York hosted the premiere of "Sayonara," starring Marlon Brando, Miyoshi Umeki and Red Buttons. Umeki and Buttons won Oscars for their performances.

30 years ago: "Daydream Believer" by The Monkees hit the top of the U.S. charts, where it remained for four weeks.

25 years ago: Neil Sedaka's "Oh! Carol" re-entered the Top 20 of the British singles chart, where it had been some 12 years earlier. The song was released on a maxi-single with "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do" and "Little Devil."

20 years ago: "Mull Of Kintyre" by Paul McCartney's Wings topped the British charts for the first of nine weeks. The song was not popular in the United States, although its B-side, "Girls' School," made it to the No. 33 spot on the U.S. charts.

The world according to Garth

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Sometimes, late at night, Garth Brooks stares at the ceiling of his bedroom, unable to sleep.

"I never think about the successes," the best-selling country music artist of all time says. "I think about the failures and how I'd like a second chance at it."

Brooks, 35, worries he didn't do his best at high school football back home in Oklahoma. He ponders why his single "The Fever" failed years ago.

He even beats himself up with mistakes he HASN'T made, imagining how miserable he would be if he were to leave his wife of 11 years, Sandy. That musing turned into the song "She's Gonna Make It."

Brooks says he almost changed a line in the song called "When No One's Around" on his just-released album, "Sevens," his first work of new material since 1995. The line in the Tim O'Brien tune: "Four in the morning I'm lying in bed, a tape of my failures playing inside my head."

It was too close to the bone.

"It's funny how he hit on that," Brooks said. "And I didn't want to admit to it. It sure hit home with me."

What a pessimist. You'd think he'd be satisfied with himself after selling 62 million albums and packing New York's Central Park with a few hundred thousand people for a show last summer — not to mention winning a high-stakes poker game with Capitol Recorded Music this fall.

Brooks publicly blamed Capitol Nashville's marketing effort for the sales dip on his last album, "Fresh Horses." He held back the release of "Sevens" for months while negotiating with Capitol on a new marketing plan.

Capitol wound up closing its New York office and firing key executives.

After the smoke cleared, Capitol got "Sevens" in time for the holiday season and Brooks' ally, Pat Quigley, was president of Capitol Nashville, replacing Scott Hendricks.

The agreement to release "Sevens" left him happy, shocked and nervous, Brooks said.

"Because now you're back in the game. Things that you didn't worry about when you didn't have an album out, you're thinking about," he said.

A week before the release date, Brooks and manager Bob Doyle discussed what to do about radio stations in Phoenix and St. Louis that got the album before its release and were playing it.

It is decided that a cease-and-desist letter would be sent, so competitor stations wouldn't punish Brooks by refusing to play his singles.

"There's also this one station in Canada that is saying they won't add the new single because it's too country," he said with weary laugh.

The single "Long Neck Bottle" is shaping up as a major hit. It entered the Billboard singles chart at No. 27 its first week.

It's another notch toward the goal set by Brooks in 1990: to sell 100 million albums by 2000.

"If things go well with 'Sevens,' you'll see two to three pieces of new Garth product in the next year," Brooks said. Those will include an album of duets with Trisha Yearwood, a Christmas album and a box set.

The latter project, tentatively set for the spring, will put all seven Garth Brooks albums and unreleased material in a limited edition set.

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The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

Wheat (Bull/Bear)

Outlook: The funds have had a field day shorting the futures. Up until now, demand hasn't been all that hot, and export competition has been fierce (especially from the Argentinians). As a result, the funds have not met that much resistance to their massive selling. However, the lower prices go, the more potential there is for demand to pick up. It now appears the world export market is beginning to heat up. While the Chicago futures could reach new contract lows (last seen at harvest time), I would be surprised if the market trades much below. Since the crops in North Dakota and Canada were not as good, Minneapolis futures should bottom out somewhere well above the July lows. Since the trend remains down, we keep the bear in the box along with the bull. However, the bear (the funds) will need to cut and run at some point, and probably sooner than later.

Strategy: Hedgers: As we have for months, we continue to recommend to farmers not own cash wheat. This has been good advice in the recent bearish environment. With stored grain, your risk is not predetermined, plus there are opportunity costs lost. Rather, maintain ownership of wheat on paper using call options. Farmers who did this relaxed during the recent price weakness since their downside risk is strictly limited.

Traders: Look to bottom. Pick March Chicago futures if they trade under 345 or Minneapolis under 365. Be prepared to risk at least 15 cents a bushel and leave the upside objective open at this time.

Corn (Bull/Bear)

Outlook: It still looks as if the USDA took the steam out of what was shaping up to be a bullish corn market with their November crop estimate. By raising the crop size 50 million bushels and lowering the demand projection, the partygoers started to leave the party. Funds, heavily long, have started to liquidate. While I don't feel the USDA estimate is all that accurate, I do believe the market will trade off of it. Perhaps they will lower the final estimate of the crop size in the January report. In the meantime, look for a trading range between about 270 on the low side and 295 on the upper end (basis the March futures).

Strategy: Hedgers: If you took our advice, that is to maintain ownership of this year's production using March at the money call options, you fully understand the benefits when prices fall. Your risk is limited to, and never more than, the cost of the options. You already have been able to use the cash received from the sale of your crop to pay down debt or earn interest income. Your upside potential remains open for the longer term.

Traders: Traders, look to buy March futures under 272, and/or go short above 290. Risk 11 cents for 15 cents profit objectives.

Outlook: What has basically supported this bull soybean market over the past three months should continue to support soybean prices on breaks. 1) South America is sold out. The world needs to come to the U.S. to buy soybeans. 2) As a result, export demand is running at a record pace and 50 percent above a year ago. 3) Domestic demand, as evidenced by record high crush figures, is solid. 4) Brazilian weather scares over the coming months will continue to support prices, at least until the market is assured the South Americans will produce a large crop. It is much too early to assume a large crop down there this early. In the meantime, the futures can certainly fade at times when the weather is favorable, but it is this amazing demand base which should keep bringing it back.

Strategy: Hedgers: We closed out all short hedges at profits last month. We recommend selling all cash beans, but maintaining ownership after you sell your crop with the purchase of March call options. This way you can benefit if prices go up, but have a predetermined risk if prices don't.

Traders: We remain long the January futures at 632. Raise the stop to 680. Continue to leave the upside profit objective open at this time.

Cattle (Bull/Bear)

Outlook: Once again, there was another *Cattle on Feed Report* which confirmed big numbers coming. Considering the fact that everyone knows this market is bearish, the cash market remains pretty firm, in the high 60s. Remember, common wisdom is not always wisdom which will enrich you. Cash demand seems to be fairly good, particularly at a time of the year when it isn't supposed to be. Due to this good demand, I'm not as bearish as the pack. Adequate supplies will keep rallies blunted, but I would be surprised to see any major collapse in price.

Strategy: Feeders: As current oversold price levels in the futures, I do not recommend buying price protection at this time, either in futures or options.

Cow/calf operators: We are out of all short feeder futures as long as the trend in corn remains down.

Traders: We continue to suggest a sidelines approach at present since the market appears directionless at press time.

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2:00-4:50 PM	TH	Arts	1316	01	Drawing I	3	Shelley
2:00-4:50 PM	TH	Arts	1317	01	Drawing II	3	Shelley
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2:00-4:50 PM	T	Arts	2367	01	Water Color Painting	3	Shelley
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4:00-6:50 PM	TH	Biol.	1411	01	Botany	4	Kepley
7:00-9:50 PM	TH	Biol.	1413	01	Zoology	4	Windhorst
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Case of lesbian foster couple raises agency policy issue

DALLAS (AP) — Carol Montgomery and her lesbian partner, Margaret, have gone to great lengths to provide male role models for their adopted daughters, ages 3 1/2 and 10 months.

Two men the girls know as "Poppy" and "Daddy" are a homosexual couple with whom the children spend one night a week and celebrate family outings and holidays.

"It's not like the children will not have a father," said Margaret, who did not want her last name revealed. "These are men that have been very close to us for the last eight years."

Depending on one's view, the unusual arrangement either demonstrates that any loving couple can provide a balanced perspective for children — or tacitly acknowledges the primacy of the traditional mother-father household.

The tension between those views is at the heart of a grievance filed this month by a state child welfare worker who was demoted for removing a foster child from the home of another lesbian couple.

Rebecca Bledsoe has asked to be returned to her job as a supervisor with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services in Austin, the agency that oversees Child Protective Services.

She also wants the department to clarify its policy on placing children with homosexuals either as foster or adoptive parents, and to remove all children from foster and adoptive homes where there is known homosexual conduct.

"How many men do you know who would choose to have been raised by two women rather than a father and a mother?" asks Ms. Bledsoe. "I don't know too many men who would choose that."

On Aug. 5, after learning of the then-3-month-old boy's placement with the lesbian couple, Ms. Bledsoe ordered his emergency removal and placed him with another foster mother. According to her grievance, she reasoned that "homosexual conduct is against the law in Texas." But she said later she also believes children are better off with married couples and single people rather than homosexual couples.

Ms. Bledsoe's lawyer, Roger Evans of Dallas, said her stance is consistent with the mission of Child Protective Services.

"This is not an anti-homosexual kind of thing," he said. "It's about what's best for the child, not doing what's best for two warm, loving and caring lesbians. That's not the goal of this agency."

The foster couple and their lawyer, Dave Cole of Dallas, declined to comment.

Ms. Bledsoe's superiors deny that she was demoted for opposing homosexuality and say she was sanctioned for violating procedures in abruptly removing the child from his home. He was returned a day later by order of CPS officials.

"We do have a very clear policy that says you don't move kids from foster, adoptive or birth homes unless there's an immediate threat to a child," said agency regional director Wayne Hairgrove. "If you want to move a child, you have to notify the caretaker and the child's attorney. That's why we took adverse action against her."

Ms. Bledsoe's grievance is working its way through the administrative process, which she must exhaust before she files her intended lawsuit against the agency.

As for the baby, he apparently will not remain with his foster parents, who had expressed a desire to adopt the now-7-month-old.

An uncle, Eugene Helm of Illinois, has come forward with an offer to adopt the child if the parents' rights are terminated. Helm received national publicity last year for deferring his college education so he could care for several nieces and nephews, including the baby's older twin sisters and three cousins.

The debate over placing abused and neglected children in foster or adoptive homes with homosexual couples is not unique to Texas. Both sides draw a distinction between such cases and custody battles involving a biological parent who has come out as a homosexual and adoption of children who are not in the care of the state, such as babies from foreign countries.

According to Jenny Sayward, director of the Seattle-based Lavender Families Resource Network, most states, like Texas, lack specific policies prohibiting gays from becoming foster and adoptive parents.

New Hampshire and Florida are the only states with statutes that specifically prohibit adoption by homosexuals. In Florida's case, the law dates to 1977, the era when singer Anita Bryant raised public fears about homosexuals having contact with children.

Sam Chavers, a state lawyer who recently fended off a legal challenge to Florida's law, argued that studies have yet to examine what happens to children adopted by homosexual couples to whom they have no biological link.

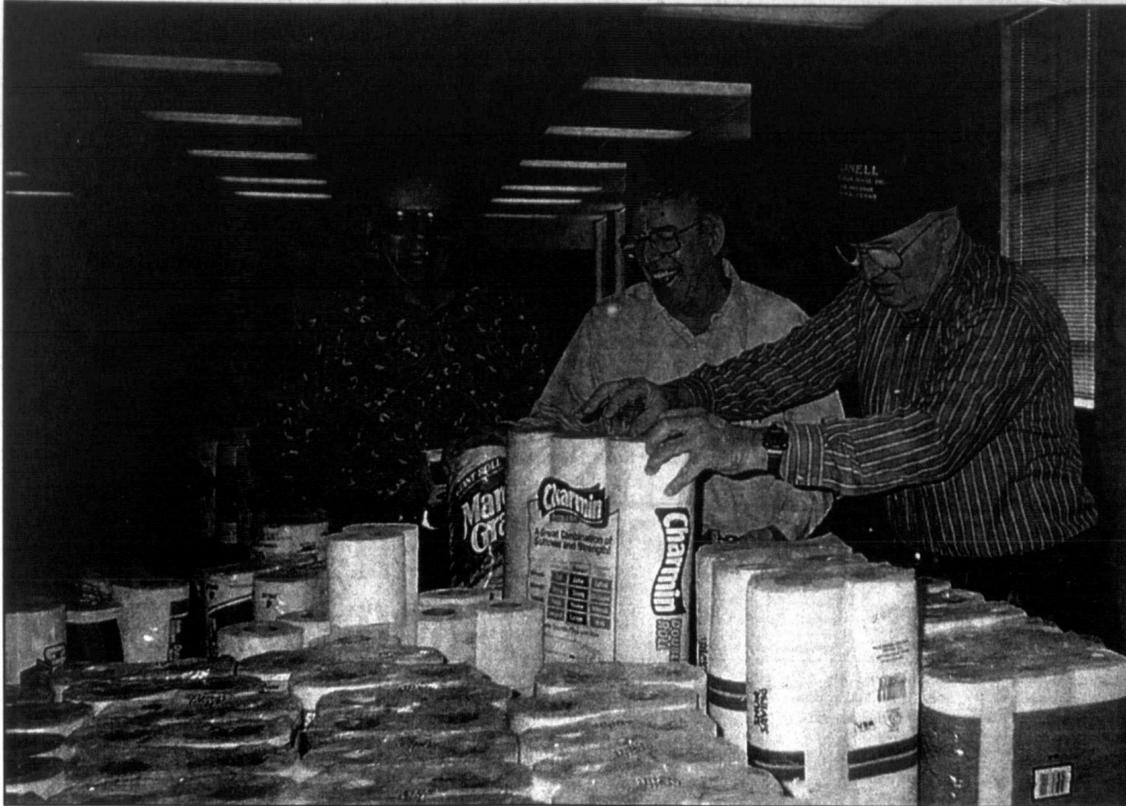
Sayward, whose organization supports gay and lesbian parents, acknowledged that oft-cited studies that found no negative effect on children adopted by homosexuals focus on children related to one of the partners. They are typically lesbians' children conceived by donor insemination and children of parents who conceived them in heterosexual marriages and later entered homosexual relationships.

The distinction is significant, contends Chavers, assistant general counsel for the Florida Department of Children and Families.

"Everybody thinks that (homosexual adoption of non-related children) would not be a problem, but nobody knows for sure," he said.

In Texas, spokesman Stewart Davis of the Department of Regulatory and Protective Services said married heterosexual couples are preferred for foster and adoptive homes if they are available, with single people also considered. The main question, he said, is whether prospective parents can meet a child's material and emotional needs.

In the case of unmarried heterosexual or homosexual couples, both partners are evaluated but only one becomes the licensed parent, Davis said.



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The Calvary Baptist, Central Baptist, and First Baptist prepared a Thanksgiving dinner served Saturday, Nov. 22, at First Baptist Church. Each church along with community groups and individuals donated needed items for Community Care clients of the TDHS after a Thanksgiving message by Dr. Darrell Monday of Central Baptist First Baptist provided musical entertainment. Central Baptist men sort items for DHS dinner.

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CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP)

— For Laverne Carpenter of Alice, Thanksgiving was just another day for to worry about her son, kidnapped in the Middle East nearly a month ago at an oil company's headquarters.

But a late afternoon telephone call from her son's wife, Natalia lifted her spirits considerably.

"She said, 'Mom, there's someone here who wants to talk to you,'" Laverne Carpenter said. "Those were beautiful words."

The next voice she heard was that of her son, Steve Carpenter, who had been freed by Yemeni tribes.

"I've just been crying for the last 30 minutes — tears of joy, you'd call it," she told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times Thursday afternoon. "I just thank God our prayers were answered."

Steve Carpenter, the executive director of the Yemen-based Hashedi Contracting and Oil Co., was abducted by six armed Yemeni tribesmen Oct. 30 as he walked into his company's headquarters in San'a, the nation's capital.

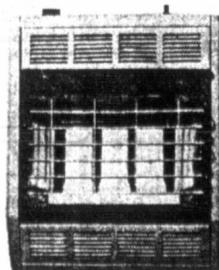
He was freed by members of the Bakeel tribe and was back in San'a by the end of the day Thursday, security sources said. Carpenter, 47, spent his childhood in Alice and Houston and attended Texas A&I University in Kingsville.

Security sources also said that five other Westerners — an American, two Italians and two others of unknown nationalities — kidnapped during the past two days were freed. The Italian Embassy in Yemen, however, dismissed that report.

An Italian official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the embassy had no information that any Westerners had been kidnapped during the past few days.

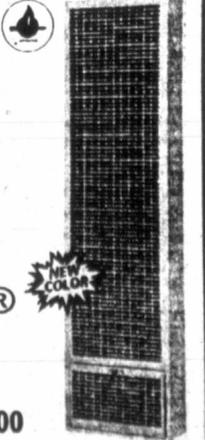
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13 Sloth	49 Wallach	
14 TV's	49 Upset	
15 Peeples	53 Hare	
15 Spanish artist	53 Hare constellation	
16 Carries with difficulty	57 Comparative suffix	
17 Powerful explosive (abbr.)	58 Farm machine	
18 Writer — Rogers St. Johns	60 Italian currency	
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22 Doctrine	62 Atlanta arena	
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29 Doc or Sleepy	65 Soviet news agency	
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39 Come close		

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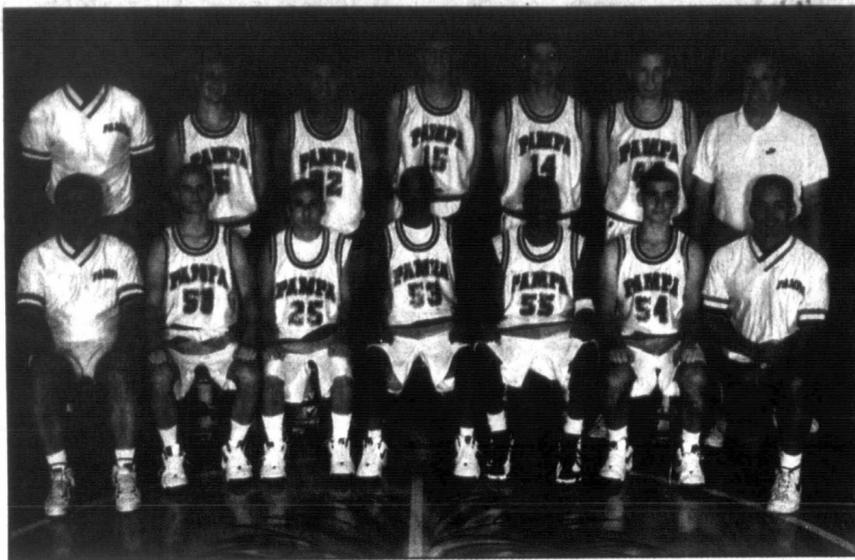
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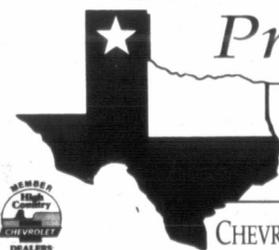


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