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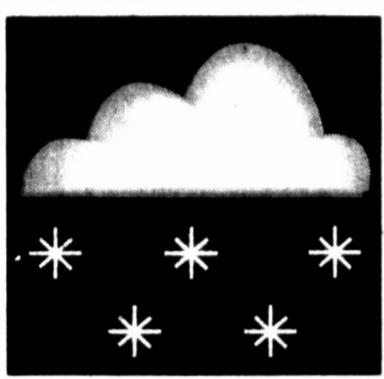
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MCLEAN -- Gray County Commissioner James Hefley announced his bid for re-election to the post of County Commissioner, Pct 4.

Hefley is serving his first term as a commissioner.

"My wife, Charlotte, and I have lived in the McLean area for 24 years and are raising our four daughters there," Hefley said.

His re-election will be subject to the Republican Primary.

"I will continue to approach county government with common sense and a conservative attitude," Hefley said. "I am always available for any input from the citizens of Gray County."

PAMPA -- Yearbooks commemorating Horace Mann elementary school which has been merged with Wilson are still available. The cost is \$11 and the books can be purchased at the Wilson School office which is located at the old Horace Mann building.

PAMPA -- City of Pampa's landfill will close Thursday, Jan. 1, 1998 for New Year's Day. The collection routes and Recycling Center will be closed for this holiday.

AMARILLO -- New Energies (NYSE: NCE), the holding company for Public Service Co. of Colorado and Southwestern Public Service Co. declared quarterly dividends on all outstanding common stock.

The board of directors declared a 58 cent-per-share dividend on common stock payable Feb. 15, to shareholders of record Jan. 23. The dividend is the same as the previous quarter.

PAMPA -- The deadline for the Pampa News Lifestyle section this week is Tuesday.

- **Harold T. Beckham**, 75, of Pampa, a retired electronic technician specialist at Celanese.
- **Lula B. McCabe**, 98, a former Miami resident.
- **Mary Elizabeth Pierce**, 65, mother of a Lefors resident.

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Old car donations help Red Cross

By **MIRANDA G. BAILEY**
Staff Writer

You don't have to go to the trouble of getting rid of that old junker yourself. Instead, get it towed for free, receive a tax deduction and help the Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross all at the same time by becoming a participant in the Texas MotorDonor program.

MotorDonor is a vehicle donation program which accepts all motor-oriented goods including automobiles, trucks, motor

homes, boats, construction and farm equipment. The program also accepts related goods such as computers, electronic equipment and real estate to help benefit local chapters of the American Red Cross, the YMCA and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Donors can receive a donation receipt and tax deductions equal to the highest "Kelley Blue Book" retail value of the vehicle.

Pampa area participants must indicate they want their donations given to the Gray County Red Cross, otherwise donations

are distributed to the above mentioned non-profits across the state.

A professionally operated flatbed towing service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, free of charge to donors, and there is also no charge for vehicle title searches.

Sharon Burns, spokesperson for MotorDonor, said that the operation of this donation program offers another added benefit to the effort, because it eliminates the non-profit organizations from having to spend "pre-

cious dollars" to operate the program themselves.

MotorDonor assumes full responsibility of the operation costs for these non-profits, which in turn saves organizations, like Red Cross, money and time, she said.

Based in Grand Prairie, Tex., MotorDonor was founded in July, 1996 and officially began accepting donations in November of last year to help non-profit organizations.

"Many people don't realize that they can substantially help

charities raise much needed funds by simply donating a used vehicle," said Mike Giard, CEO of the Dallas Area American Red Cross. "What may seem worthless to someone else is worth a lot to us."

An operator is available during office hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and answering service is available to take after-hour inquiries.

For further information about the program or to make a donation, call toll-free, 888-90-MOTOR.



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)
From left, Frances Hall, Mark Bailey and Evelyn Epps worked on the 1997 restoration of the nativity scene. The group used their artistic skills to match the original painters' colors and style without disturbing the intended look of the pieces.

Nostalgic nativity scenes set in park

By **ELOISE LANE**
For The Pampa News

One morning in 1947 when Chamber of Commerce workers, Clotilde Thompson and Iris Ragsdale went to a staff meeting, they saw Chamber manager E. O. "Red" Wedgworth sitting with his feet propped up on his desk and a thoughtful look in his eyes as he gazed out the window.

Clotilde and Iris knew that some big project was in the making.

Now, fifty years later, Wedgworth's "brain storm"

has become a set of seven panels depicting the birth and early life of Jesus. The panels are on display as part of the Celebration of Lights in Recreation Park.

Wedgworth had the knack of selecting exactly the right persons to accomplish any of his projects and his choice of Mrs. Lynn (Edwina) Boyd was no exception. Projects like this require money and volunteers and Boyd was able to find people to supply the need.

The original artists included Claudine Vail, Olive Hills, Rachel Pursley, Mrs. John Andrews, Charles Thomas,

Mrs. Bill Davis, Florence Jackson, Doris Rinegar, Jim Garrett and Henry Garrett.

Robin Vail, son of Bob and Claudine Vail, who was a small child in 1947, remembers going with his mother to a large building and playing on the floor while she painted faces of the people in the scenes.

The panels were done in phases. Frances Hall believes the first panels created were of the angel, Gabriel and Mary riding a donkey with Joseph. She said she also believes the camels were cut out by city of Pampa employees in the 1960s

and painted by Pampa Art Club members: Rachel Pursley, Frances Appleby and Mona Cox.

The panels were first erected on the Gray County courthouse lawn. Later, they were moved to Central Park, then to Coronado Park where they were last displayed in 1979. They were stored in Clyde Carruth Pavilion and discovered in 1996.

The panels were refurbished in 1966 according to a scrapbook kept by the Pampa Art Club. Ruth Nensiel and

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Sunday snapshot



Name: Misty Hannon
Occupation/Activities: McLean school counselor, Masters student at W.T., teacher, mom and wife.
Birth date and place: 4-16-71, Canyon
Family: Husband and two-year-old son
If I had a different job, I'd be a: I really enjoy working with children.
My personal hero: my two grandmothers.
The best advice I ever got was: Treat other people how I want to

be treated.
The best word or words to describe me: hyper and cheerful.
The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: Mindy Magee, Destry Magee, Jimmy, my husband, and my little boy, Trae.
My hobbies are: golf and snow skiing.
My favorite sports personality is: Nancy Lopez.
My favorite author is: John Grisham.
The last book I read was: the

Bible.
My favorite possession is: my son, Trae.
My favorite performer is: Reba McEntire.
I wish I knew how to: organize my time.
My worst habit is: biting my fingernails.
I stay home to watch: "Friends."
My favorite junk food is: M & M's.
My favorite beverage is: Dr. Pepper.
My favorite restaurant is: Red River Steak House.

My favorite pet: Cow (my old horse).
I'm happiest when I'm: spending quality time with my family.
I have a phobia about: snakes.
If I could change one thing about McLean, it would be: I enjoy living in McLean, the people are so, so very nice.

Any one interested in nominating an individual to be featured as the Sunday Snapshot person of the week should contact Miranda Bailey, 669-2525.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BECKHAM, Harold T. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

HAROLD T. BECKHAM

Harold T. Beckham, 75, of Pampa, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Beckham was born April 2, 1922, at Palmer, Texas. He had been a Pampa resident since 1924, moving from Palmer. He married Lela Pearl Baldwin on May 7, 1944, at Pampa. He was an electronic technician specialist at Celanese, retiring in 1982 after 31 years of service.



He was a charter member of Pampa Amateur Radio Club and belonged to First Baptist Church, Everyman's Bible Class, Sonshine Club, Pampa Fine Arts Association and Friends of the Library. He was a former member of Gray County Child Welfare Board and supported the White Deer Land Museum.

He was preceded in death by a brother, George Beckham.

Survivors include his wife, Lela, of the home; a daughter, Cheri Duggan of Missouri City; a son, Richard Beckham of Houston; four sisters, Herma Ogle, Freddie Bills and Julie Firestone, all of Amarillo, and Edith Whalen of Albuquerque, N.M.; a brother, Doyle Beckham of Pampa; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Sonshine Club Scholarship Fund.

LULA B. McCABE

HEREFORD - Lula B. McCabe, 98, a former Miami resident, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 1997. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home Rose Chapel with Tom Bailey, minister of Central Church of Christ, officiating. Graveside services were at 2:30 p.m. in Panhandle Cemetery at Panhandle.

Mrs. McCabe was born at Clarendon. She moved from Conway to Dawn in Deaf Smith County in 1943. She graduated from high school at Miami and earned a teaching certificate from West Texas Normal College. She married Herbert V. McCabe in 1924 at Miami; he died in 1988. She

taught school for many years and was a homemaker.

Survivors include a daughter, Ann Carthel of Friona; two sons, Bill McCabe of Dumas and Jim McCabe of Dawn; 13 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

MARY ELIZABETH PIERCE

CLARENDON - Mary Elizabeth Pierce, 65, mother of a Lefors resident, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 1997. Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday in Robertson Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Bill Hodges, Nazarene minister, officiating. Burial will be in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors Inc.

Mrs. Pierce was born at Lelia Lake and had been a Donley County resident most of her life. She married Clarence E. Pierce Sr. in 1948 at Clarendon. She worked at Dairy Queen, Mr. Burger and Medical Center Nursing Home in Clarendon for several years. She was a member of Clarendon Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence; a daughter, Linda Lincoln of Claude; two sons, Ricky Pierce of Lefors and C.E. Pierce Jr. of Clarendon; a sister, Shirley Booth of Clarendon; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department made the following arrests and calls in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Dec. 19

A missing child was reported on Alcock about 4 p.m. Friday.

A 52-year-old woman reported an assault at One Medical Plaza about 6:10 p.m. Friday.

A theft of gas was reported at Citgo, 1524 N. Hobart about 8:45 p.m. Friday.

William Bradford Houck, 39, was arrested about 11:21 p.m. Friday in the 600 W. Finch for DWI.

Saturday, Dec. 20

Roxy Ray Spencer, 40, was arrested about 2:10 a.m. today in the 1300 block of Coffee on outstanding municipal warrants and tickets.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following people arrested and booked into Gray County Jail in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

There should be decreasing cloudiness today despite a 30 percent chance of light snow. The high today should be between 35 and 40 degrees. The low tonight will be between 20 and 25 degrees.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS - South Plains/Low Rolling Plains - A slight chance of snow in the morning. Mostly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs 35-40. Sunday night, Mostly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Extended forecast, Monday, Increasing clouds. Highs in the 40s. Tuesday, Cloudy with a chance of rain or snow. Lows near 30. Highs in the 30s. Wednesday, Decreasing clouds. Lows in the 20s. Highs around 40.

PERMIAN BASIN/UPPER TRANS PECOS - Mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers. Highs around 40. Sunday night, Mostly cloudy. Lows 25-30. Extended forecast, Monday, Increasing clouds. Highs mid 40s to lower 50s. Tuesday, Cloudy with a chance of rain or snow. Lows near 30. Highs in the 30s. Wednesday, Decreasing clouds. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the lower 50s.

NORTH TEXAS - Cold with rain likely east, Rain ending early central. Decreasing clouds

west and central. Highs 50 west to 62 east. Extended forecast, Sunday night and Monday, Partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Highs around 50. Tuesday, Cloudy with a chance of rain, Rain possibly changing to snow west. Lows in the 30s. Highs 30s west and 40 central and east. Wednesday, Partly cloudy. Cool with lows in the 30s and highs in the 40s.

SOUTH TEXAS - Hill Country and South Central Texas - Decreasing cloudiness. Highs in the mid 60s. Sunday night, Partly cloudy and cool. Lows in the lower 40s, Mid 30s Hill Country. Extended forecast, Monday, Increasing cloudiness. Highs in the 60s. Tuesday, Cloudy with rain likely. Lows in the 40s. Highs in the 60s. Wednesday, Rain ending the decreasing cloudiness. Lows near 40, 30s Hill Country. Highs in the 50s.

BORDER STATES - Partly to mostly cloudy and not as cold, with a few snow showers. Highs upper 20s and 30s mountains and north with 40s to low 50s southern lowlands.

Sunday night, becoming cloudy with a chance for snow western half. Mostly cloudy east. Lows single digits to 20 mountains and north, 20s to lower 30s lower elevations south.

Monday, cloudy and cold with a chance of snow. Highs 20s and 30s mountains and north, mid 30s to mid 40s southern lowlands.

Tuesday, mostly cloudy and cold, with snow tapering to snow showers from west to east. Lows zero to teens mountains and north, upper teens to near 30 south. Highs upper teens to near 30 mountains and north with 30s to near 40 south.

Wednesday, variable cloudiness, with a continued chance for mountain snow showers and lowland showers north and west. Lows single digits and teens mountains and north with mainly 20s south. Highs low 20s to low 30s mountains and north with upper 30s to mid 40s south.

OKLAHOMA - Precipitation ending. Decreasing clouds south. Highs upper 30s northwest Oklahoma to lower 50s southeast Oklahoma.

Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows mid 20s to mid 30s.

Monday, increasing cloudiness. A chance of rain or snow developing late in northwest Oklahoma. Highs upper 30s to upper 40s.

Tuesday, a good chance of rain or snow. Lows mid 20s to lower 30s. Highs lower 30s to lower 40s.

Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s and highs in the 40s.

January deadline looms large in political arena

The Jan. 2 deadline for the filing of 1998 election offices is fast approaching.

State offices, such as state representatives and governor, are up for re-election this coming year. In addition, there are many seats open for Gray County residents to consider.

The following are among the local positions that are up for re-election and the individuals who have currently filed with the county clerk to run for these slots:

County Judge Richard Peet and Bob Neslage

District Clerk Gaye Hondrich

County Clerk Susan Tripplehorn, Susan Winborne and Patsy (Pat) Lee.

County Treasurer Scott B. Hahn

County Commissioners - precinct 2, Jim Greene; precinct 4, James Hefley

Justices of the Peace - precinct 1, Bob Muns, precinct 2, Margie Prestidge and Kurt Curfman, precinct 4, Mary Ann Carpenter

Republican Party Chair of Gray County Joe Lowry and Tom Mechler

The following positions are other offices up for election in the coming year:

District Judges (currently 31st Judicial District, Kent Sims and 223rd Judicial District, Lee Waters)

16 State Senators (including Teel Bivins)

150 State Representatives (including Warren Chisum of District 88)

For more information about these offices, contact the Gray County Clerk's Office at 669-8004.

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NATIVITY and Frances Hall worked on the 1966 restoration.

A month long restoration took place this year at the request of Celebration of Lights volunteer Kathleen Chaney. Evelynne Epps, Mark Bailey and Frances Hall worked each Monday, Thursday and Saturday mixing the paint to match the muddy color typical of

the Renaissance. Throughout the years, the Old Master style of painting has been maintained.

John Chaney repaired broken pieces of the sets and the artists painted scratches and filled holes to match the original look. Volunteers cleaned the sets which were in terrible shape.

The sets now in Recreation

Park, depict Gabriel announcing Jesus' birth to Mary; no room at the inn, shepherds following the star of Bethlehem; Jesus with his parents and angels; Herod ordering the Magi to look for Jesus; wise men visiting Jesus; and flight to Egypt.

The Celebration of Lights will be on display through Dec. 31.

D/FW Airport busiest in world, figures indicate

DALLAS - Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport is on course to surpass rival Chicago O'Hare International Airport to become the world's busiest airport.

By as many as 40,000 "aircraft operations," D/FW is expected to exceed O'Hare's business level by the end of the year, Federal Aviation

Administration figures show. Aircraft operations are defined as takeoffs, landings and through flights.

D/FW's three control towers will have handled 940,000 to 950,000 aircraft operations, compared with 900,000 to 910,000 at O'Hare, The Dallas Morning News reported in Saturday's editions.

City briefs

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SPECIAL XMAS Gift Certificates - Relaxing Seated Massage \$15. Vicky Jones, 665-6626. Adv.

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HUGE INSIDE sale, too much to list, most items half price, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 614 S. Cuyler. 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.

HOLIDAY PARTIES - A wide variety of cheeses, assorted meats, fresh fruit & vegetable trays. Free delivery. Hoagies Deli, Coronado Shopping Center. 665-0292. Adv.

LOGO ATHLETIC Holiday hats - Dolphins & Cowboys - limited supply. RSVP, T-Shirts & More, 111 W. Kingsmill, 665-3036. Adv.

TEXAS TECH Gridiron caps. Just arrived. Limited supply. T-Shirts & More, 111 W. Kingsmill. Adv.

SNOW REMOVAL. Commercial, residential. 665-3635, 662-2643. Adv.

PAMPA LODGE #966 - Merry Christmas!! No meeting December 25th.

FOR SALE Pecan Fire Wood. \$75 rick. 845-2000 leave message. Adv.

ASICS SAFETY Armband with flashing lights. Great gift for night or early morning joggers. Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler. Adv.

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS Dinner. Members & their guests welcome. Tuesday 10:30-12:45 p.m. \$4 Pampa Senior Citizen's Center. Adv.

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

DEFENSIVE DRIVING, Marvin Bowman, 669-3871. Ticket dismissal - (USA). Adv.

REMEMBER YOUR loved one with a memorial or honorarium to Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, 669-1007. Adv.

SUNDAY BUFFET - Coronado Inn Restaurant, 11-2 p.m. \$6.95 adults, \$5.95 seniors, \$4.95 children, under 6 free. Adv.

MEN COME to Carousel Expressions for that special gift for your sweetheart. Free gift wrap. 1600 N. Hobart, 665-0614. Adv.

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S.S. BIRTHSTONE Boys, Girls, Bears, Angels. Sale \$5 ea. Cottage Collections. Booth 645. Adv.

SILVER CREEK Collection will be open until 7 p.m. for Christmas shoppers! 121 S. Houston, 665-5000. Adv.

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SPEND NEW Year's Eve at The Coyote Club, 2302 Alcock. Wild Card Band 8 p.m., \$5 per person. Adv.

RHEAMS DIAMOND Shop - Open Sunday 2-5 p.m. Merry Christmas!! Adv.

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(Special photos)

As part of the Christmas celebration, Pampa Academy of Christian Education students, top, adopted a woman at the Crisis Pregnancy Center to shower with much needed baby gifts. Students at the academy also helped spread the holiday spirit by volunteering with Pampa Meals on Wheels and are seen here delivering the food.

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"It's a cowardly move on the part of the administration to not face something that demands critical attention," said UT

Student Government President Marlen Whitley, one of the three students.

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Gift restrictions cause lobbyists to change tactics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two years after Congress imposed tough gift restrictions on its members, lobbyists and lawmakers alike are getting around the rules by taking advantage of legal exemptions.

Political fund-raisers, receptions that are "widely attended" and travel in connection with official duties all are exempt from the restrictions.

"The irony is (the rules) made money more important in politics rather than less, because you can meet face-to-face with a congressman over dinner as long as you hand him a check," said Ronald Shaiko, an American University government professor who specializes in lobbying issues.

Shaiko's point: A lobbyist can no longer buy a lawmaker an expensive dinner just to discuss legisla-

tion together at the lawmaker's political fund-raiser.

Last weekend, nine Democratic congressmen, including three from Texas, mingled with corporate executives and their lobbyists at a Carefree, Ariz., golf resort described in a travel guide as "Desert Romance."

Before the gift restrictions the schmoozing probably would have taken place at a charity-sponsored golf tournament. The special interests would have paid the lawmakers' air fare and accommodations.

The Dec. 13-14 event at The Boulders, a 1,300-acre resort, showed how the game has changed except in one respect: The lawmakers still did not have to pay their way.

With the special interests no longer permitted to pick up the lawmakers' tab, the expenses were paid by the tournament sponsor:

the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.



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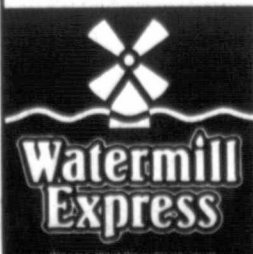
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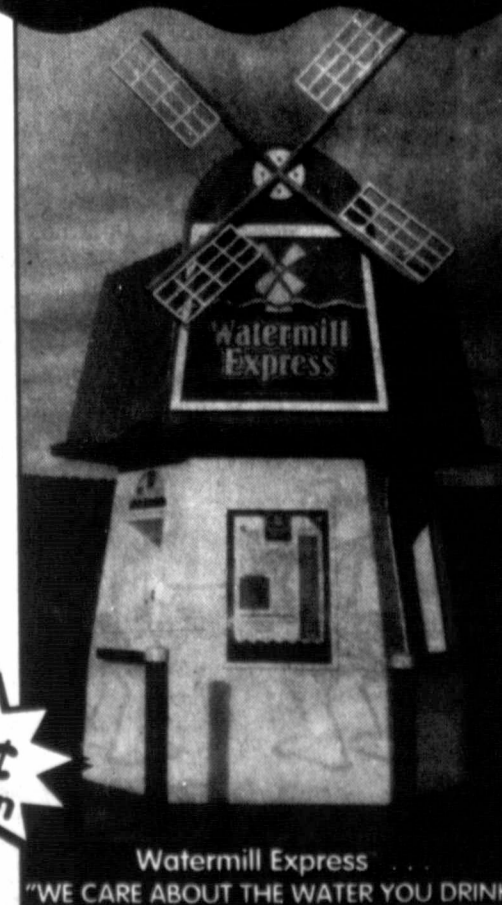
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L.W. McCall
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Kate B. Dickson
Associate Publisher/Editor

Opinion

FCC conjures up whole new tax

It's not so terribly unusual this time of the year to give rueful thought and a bit of planning to some of the new taxes we'll have to pay next year. Usually such taxes are approved openly. But telephone users will face a new tax next year put in place by an unelected regulatory and administrative agency, the Federal Communications Commission.

The FCC and the Clinton administration would prefer that you not know about this tax, that it be hidden in small print on a lengthy telephone bill. But some phone companies, facing competition from cable companies and the digital communications crowd, are thinking about breaking out the new tax prominently on the bill, so consumers at least will know that the extra \$25 to \$50 per year comes courtesy of the government, not the phone company. We hope they do it.

How did the FCC manage to lay an extra "user fee" that is really a tax on telephone bills? Well, the 1996 Telecommunications Act included a revision of language on "universal service," a program to subsidize rural phone users that has been around for decades (and should be ended, not extended). Then former FCC Chairman Reed Hundt, a close friend and ally of Vice President Al Gore, stretched that language to cover hooking up every school and hospital in the country to the Internet. The administration couldn't get Congress to pass such a program and nobody wanted to talk about how much it might cost when the idea was in the news last May. So Hundt and the FCC decided to do it by edict.

Now some details, dug out by the *Washington Post's* James Glassman and Virginia Republican Rep. Tom Bliley, among others, are coming to light. The program is projected to cost about \$2.25 billion per year for the next four years, plus another \$400 million a year to wire rural hospitals, and the FCC will simply collect the money from phone companies, which will collect it from their customers.

As we said in May, hooking up schools to the Internet — though hardly the cure-all for inadequate basic education some would hope — is not a bad idea. In fact, about two-thirds of the nation's schools already have Internet access, according to a 1996 study.

So it's very questionable whether a federal program is needed to "give" schools Internet access. In fact, considering the swiftness of the trend and the inevitable paperwork that accompanies any federal program, a federal program might actually slow the process, while costing telephone customers a bundle.

To have the taxes — that is the proper term when the government imposes mandatory payments — laid on citizens by a regulatory body with no accountability to voters makes the program doubly objectionable.

The FCC is said to be angry at a few phone companies who plan to make this new "contribution" a separate, easy-to-decipher line item on the phone bill. Much better to make it difficult for people to know how much they're paying for social engineering programs so come election time voters can thank Al Gore — or not thank him — for getting the schools hooked up without considering whose money he used or how necessary the project was.

For the rest of us, however, it's much better to shine lights on these behind-the-scenes machinations.

—Odessa American

Reno is not fit for her post

Her decision could have been announced a year ago. It was then that Attorney General Janet Reno decided that under no circumstance would she seek an independent counsel to investigate campaign finance law-breaking by high-ranking members of the Clinton administration, up to and including the president and vice president.

It was the unspoken pact she made with the president as a condition of being reappointed to the job she cherished. Indeed, it was no secret inside the Beltway that Clinton was ready to kick Reno to the curb because she was not the "team player" he had hoped she'd be during his first term (as evidenced, the White House felt, by the five independent counsels she sicced on various members of the administration, including the first couple).

But Reno could not simply and quickly dismiss brazen violations of campaign finance and federal election laws. That would be too obvious for a woman who enjoyed a reputation undeserved, it turns out — for being "incorruptible."

She had to pretend, at least, to conduct a thorough investigation of these crimes before announcing that neither of her bosses, the president and vice president, nor any other high-ranking members of the Clinton administration did anything whatsoever to warrant appointment of an independent counsel.

Of course, to arrive at this finding, to do the bidding of the president who reappointed her, Reno had to contort herself in ways that would make Olympic gymnast Kerri Strug wince with pain.

Like her somersault on the independent counsel law. Back in 1994, when Congress renewed the law, Reno testified: "It is absolutely essential for the public to have confidence in the system, and you cannot do that when there is a conflict (of interest) or an appearance of a conflict of interest in the per-



Joseph Perkins

Joseph Perkins is a columnist for the *San Diego Union-Tribune*.

son who is, in effect, the chief prosecutor." And lest she failed to make herself perfectly clear to lawmakers, the attorney general added:

"The independent counsel statute was meant to avoid even the appearance of impropriety in the consideration of allegations of misconduct by high-level executive branch officials and to prevent, as I have said, the actual or perceived conflicts of interest."

Now contrast those remarks with Reno's statement this past April, after refusing to name an outside counsel to investigate the White House fundraising scandal.

The independent counsel statute, said the once-inscrutable attorney general, requires her to seek a special prosecutor only if "there is a potential for an actual conflict of interest, rather than merely an appearance of a conflict."

Reno similarly did a pirouette on consulting with FBI director Louis Freeh on seeking an independent counsel. In an appearance before the House Judiciary Committee in October, she promised: "Director Freeh and I will jointly approve any investigations close-out before it is closed out."

And lest lawmakers didn't catch her point the first time, she added: "We will not close out the matter again, I reiterate, unless Director Freeh and I sign off on it."

As it turns out, Freeh felt there was ample

evidence to warrant appointment of an independent counsel, and he made this plain to Reno.

Yet, the attorney general overruled the FBI director, declaring: "The decision was mine"; and, in contradiction to her previous statement to Congress, hers alone.

Now if Reno had conducted a vigorous and credible investigation of the White House fund-raising scandal, her contortions might not offend quite so much. But the attorney general has gone out of her way to limit the scope of her investigation as much as possible.

Indeed, ignoring abundant evidence of illegal foreign campaign donations, illegal money laundering, illegal fundraising on government property, illegal fund-raising on the grounds of a tax-exempt organization (a church), the attorney general chose to base her decision on whether to formally seek an independent counsel on the minor issue of phone calls the president made to donors from the White House.

The absurdity of this was best captured by Rep. Bob Barr, the Georgia Republican, during Reno's last appearance before the House Judiciary Committee. He likened the attorney general's narrow inquiry to finding a defective headlight on the 37th car in a 50-car pileup.

But if only Reno had been investigating a mere 50-car collision rather than a White House scandal that ranks with Watergate.

A more conscientious attorney general — one who owed no debt to the president who grudgingly reappointed her, who acknowledged the obvious conflict of interest in investigating her boss — would have turned the matter over to an independent counsel in whom the public could trust.

Janet Reno has irreparably sullied her reputation for independence and integrity. She is no longer fit to be attorney general.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Sunday, Dec. 21, the 355th day of 1997. There are 10 days left in the year. Winter arrives at 3:07 p.m. EST.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 21, 1898, scientists Pierre and Marie Curie discovered radium.

On this date:
In 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Mass.

In 1913, the first crossword puzzle was published, in the *New York World*.

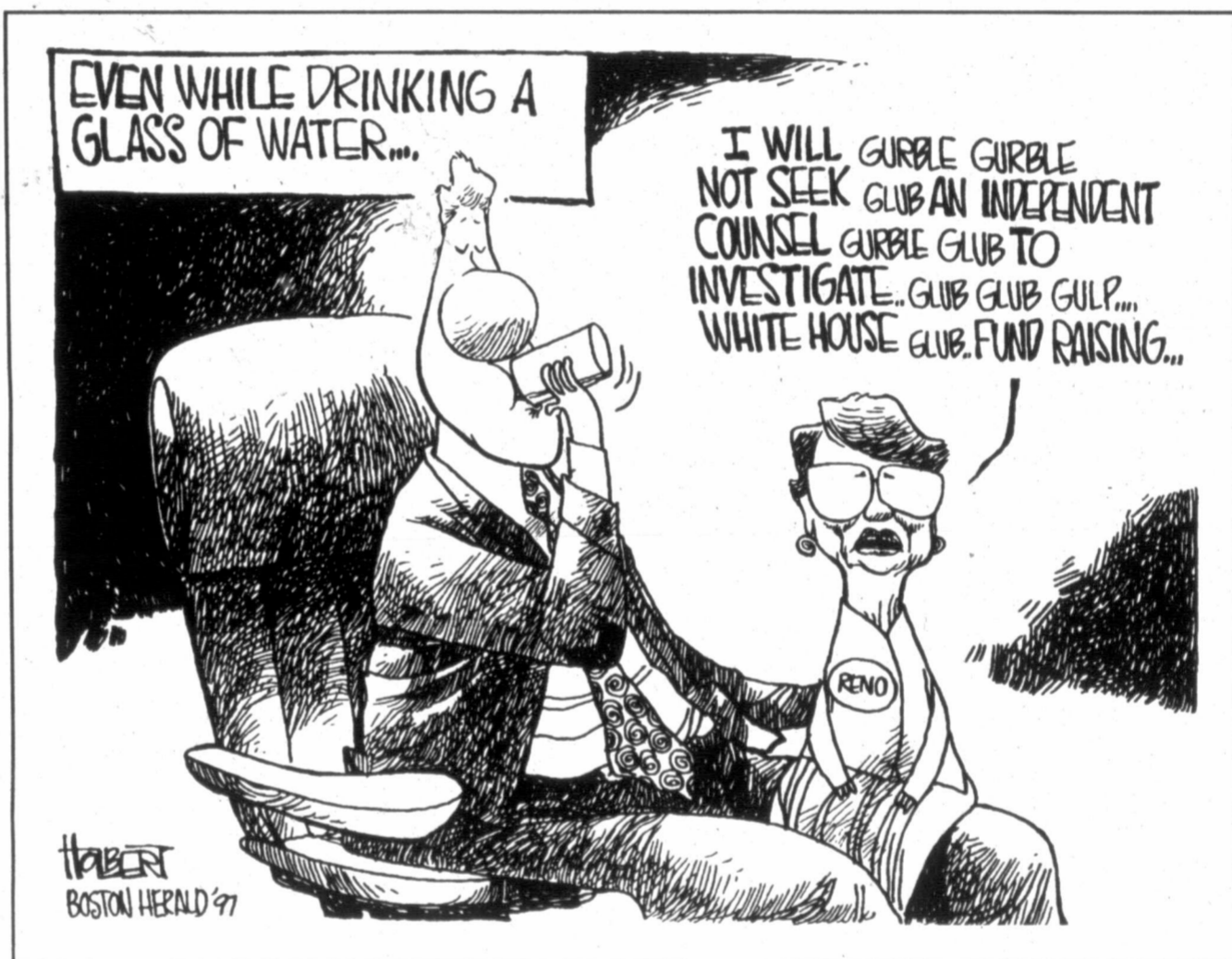
In 1945, Gen. George S. Patton died in Heidelberg, Germany, of injuries from a car accident.

In 1948, the state of Eire (formerly the Irish Free State) declared its independence.

In 1968, Apollo 8 was launched on a mission to orbit the moon.

In 1971, the U.N. Security Council chose Kurt Waldheim to succeed U Thant as Secretary-General.

In 1976, the Liberian-registered tanker *Argo Merchant* ran aground near Nantucket Island, spilling millions of gallons of oil into the North Atlantic.



High cost, low benefit rules ...

When it comes to government regulations, Americans don't mind higher costs if the payoff is a healthier environment. Recently, however, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency adopted two new standards, or regulations, that will impose very high costs on consumers, taxpayers, small businesses and large industries, with insignificant public health benefits.

The standards will require states and local governments to enforce more stringent controls for particulates (dust and other microscopic particles) and emissions that contribute to ozone (smog).

The scientific basis for these regulations is very weak. When the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, the group of scientists that advises EPA on clean air matters, examined the data on ozone, they concluded that the new standard would not protect human health significantly better than the existing policy. The group also urged additional research on particulate matter to answer the many questions about its alleged health effects.

In addition, although EPA says there will be fewer cases of asthma with the new ozone restrictions, scientific studies generally implicate indoor air pollution, passive tobacco smoke, allergens, certain childhood vaccinations, and, more recently, household roaches — not ozone — for the increase in asthma in this country. And the fact that ozone pollution has been declining while the incidence of asthma has been increasing contradicts the notion that ozone is increasing the incidence of asthma.

Even EPA's own estimates suggest meager benefits. In New York City, EPA estimates the new ozone standard will eliminate the need for 90 hospital admissions for asthma-related problems each year. That would mean 14,610 instead of 14,700 asthmatic admissions during New York's seven-month smog season, a decline of only six-tenths of one percent.

Ironically, these new requirements are com-

Paul Bailey
Air Quality Standards
Coalition

ing at a time when both ozone and particulates are already declining, due to the strenuous efforts by mayors and other local officials to implement current clean air standards. Between 1985 and 1995, ozone smog decreased six percent and particulates decreased 22 percent. Over the past six years, the number of ozone "non-attainment" areas has declined from under 100 to 68, and many of those remaining "non-attainment" areas have recorded good air quality recently that may entitle them to be redesignated as "attainment" areas. Ozone and particulates will continue to decline as policies already in the current law kick in in the future.

The cost and inconvenience associated with the EPA's proposed new controls could be enormous. The number of areas that would be classified as in "non-attainment" of EPA's air quality standards will more than double. As many as one out of every five counties could be in violation of the new standards.

As a result, the EPA could require many state and local governments to impose new restrictions that would directly affect consumers. Severely reformulated — and higher priced — gasoline and diesel fuel could be required in more areas. Motorists could also face more restrictions on driving, such as mandatory car-pools for commuters and additional and unpopular-vehicle inspection requirements. Moreover, utilities might be required to impose additional emission control devices, resulting in higher electric bills.

These standards could also result in new controls on hospitals and other medical facilities; bakeries, dry-cleaners and many other

small businesses; most manufacturing concerns; and most forms of freight transit-railroads, trucking and commercial vehicle fleets. In addition, higher utility rates would also impact most medical and governmental institutions, as well as business and manufacturing concerns — in short, virtually all of the concerns that provide jobs.

The Reason Public Policy Institute estimates that new regulations like these would cost from \$90 billion to \$150 billion each year with an attendant loss of 200,000 jobs and reduction of a typical family's income by hundreds of dollars a year.

That's why 27 governors and some 250 members of Congress, in both political parties, wrote to EPA to express their concerns about the new standards and why the National Governors' Association's Natural Resources Committee urged EPA to consider keeping the current standard. More than 1,000 mayors and other local officials from more than half the states, in addition to thousands of business persons, scientists and other Americans, have urged the Administration to consider alternatives to both the new ozone and the new particulate matter standards. Even the Administration's own policy advisors raised serious questions about the new standards as they were being debated.

Congress has the power to review these proposals and, in the coming months, will be doing so. Bills have been introduced in Congress (H.R. 1864 in the House and S. 1084 in the Senate) that would delay implementation of the new rules and provide for more research and air quality monitoring to determine if they are really needed. During this short delay, air quality will continue to improve because of other clean air programs already being implemented.

If those likely to be affected by these high-cost, low-benefit proposals make their concerns known to their senators and representatives, the result may be sounder, less costly policies.

Berry's World



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"Forget about the gods being angry. Think of THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT."

Letters to the editor

Legislation would adversely affect aquifer

To the editor:
We wish to alert fellow residents of the Texas Panhandle that Congressional Bill HR2007 — amending Canadian River Project Authorization — is an attempt to circumvent the National Environmental Policy Act. It will allow unrestrained exploitation of irreplaceable live streams; springs and drinkable ground water.

Through an Act of Congress, Rep. Mac Thornberry and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA — supplier of water to eleven Panhandle cities) are trying to avoid responsibility for accelerated depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer. The Authority could possibly pump the aquifer "dry" at its 40,000 acre project site within 20 to 50 years.

In spite of this legislation in progress a draft Environmental Assessment has been prepared (Incorporation of Ground Water Facilities into the Canadian River Project — Texas; L. Wilson & Assoc., Oct. 1, 1997.) The U. S. Bureau of Reclamation directed the preparation of this E.A. because it is claiming the authority and responsibility to regulate some actions of CRMWA. During the very short public comment period allowed for this Environmental Assessment, the Bureau received 260 letters plus E-Mail — a record number for their area office and a strong indication of serious public concern.

Why are so many informed individuals so suddenly concerned? Because this draft Environmental Assessment reveals information that should have been made public years ago.

For starters, it states that stream and spring flows along several tributaries of the Canadian River will probably be diminished or interrupted by CRMWA's massive ground water depletion project; that this resultant depletion of surface sources of water could and probably will reduce the existing area of wetlands, woodlands and subirrigated meadows along White Deer, Spring, Reynolds, Tallahone and Chicken Creeks. That animal species like deer, quail, turkey and waterfowl so dependent on these wild, moist habitats will also diminish. The authors of this

Environmental Assessment and other expert hydrologists and ecologists do not agree on timing or severity of change. In fact, accurate predictions are very difficult — which, alone, should be reason enough for great concern and caution. At risk are miles of pristine cottonwood creek bottom that stretch like fragile fingers of life into the endless, arid, overfarmed plain. These oases of diverse beauty so uplifting to the spirit after all that heat and wind and flat monotony will be diminished at least and could conceivably cease to exist.

Truth is the proponents of HR2007 don't really know what affect withdrawal of up to 50,000 acre feet of Ogallala water per year will have — say in an extended drought like that of the 1930's, 1950's or 1970's. Experience leads us to expect that unregulated bodies like CRMWA underestimate the damage they will do. HR2007 assures CRMWA will have no one to answer to!

Still there is more at issue here than a few wild things dying of thirst for the sake of that sacred cow — growth and progress. The 500,000 city dwellers who will "benefit" from HR2007 and its resultant unchallenged exploitation have yet to be consulted. The 500,000 who will foot the \$80 million bill for this project have not been informed of its potential consequences much less given a chance to choose between: a) Accelerated depletion of the Panhandle's most limiting resource — drinkable water and b) accelerated conservation of this irreplaceable essential.

Of course, each family's water bill will increase by several percentage points, but surely that's a small price to pay for the temporary illusion of endless supply. No matter that our children and grandchildren will pay full value for us in 20 to 50 years. "Desertification" is a gangling, uncomely word hardly ever seen in public around here, but its future headline status will be assured by HR2007.

HR2007 has already passed the U. S. House of Representatives. It is to come before the Senate in early January, 1998. The informed 260 who voiced economic and environmental concerns about CRMWA's water depletion project hope many more residents of the Panhandle will join us in contacting Congress and the administration. SAY NO! TO HR2007.

This should be a nonpartisan issue. Whether you are Democrat

or Republican, support the Austin Office, Bureau of Reclamation in continuing its responsible administration of the N.E.P.A. Process. The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority should not be allowed to determine the fate of our entire region — free from public scrutiny — accountable to no one — like hanging Judge Roy Bean ... a law unto itself.

Richard Dee
Amarillo

Educating the public on drug abuse

To the editor:
In the Dec. 15 newspaper, there was an article on heroin, described as one of the top three abused drugs in emergency room overdoses. I was proud to see these questions and answers on heroin, and I agree of warning and telling children about drug use and what it can result in.

As early as age three, start talking about drugs and their impact on your child's life. By the age of five to six years old, I would love to see speeches and examples of drugs shown in the classrooms at school, with a policeman, teacher, principal and a person who can illustrate and demonstrate the drug paraphernalia beginning with marijuana. The chief of police and the Sheriff's Department should be involved also. Questions should be answered with the truth.

Guess by now you parents who use drugs in front of your children are getting worried. Too bad — you should worry! I put our children first. Everyone else should also — the community, the State of Texas, and each one of us should not turn our heads when it comes to children. They are the future of tomorrow, and the generation that will make us proud to be citizens of the United States of America, our American flag and heritage.

United we stand, divided we will fall and fail to be the proud country we are if we don't start doing something about it. Please, let's start in Pampa and hear other citizens suggestions on this matter. Keep printing the Q&A's on all drugs. It's bound to influence someone.

Also, Mayor Neslage's article was truth. We should support our hospital, our business owners, etc. Shop Pampa! If you make your money here, spend it

here. Use our doctors and hospital. I do.
Norma Sandefur
Pampa

Big Tobacco should be accountable for ingredients

To the editor:
Thanks to the rebellious act of one small industry player, Americans now have a much better understanding of how the tobacco industry has doctored cigarettes with unpronounceable chemicals, sugars and artificial sweeteners to make them more palatable to teenagers.

Last week the Liggett Group, maker of Chesterfields, broke ranks with the major cigarette manufacturers in deciding to print an ingredients label on every pack it sells. This move is a radical departure from the industry's circle-the-wagons policy of refusing to reveal what goes on into the product that kills over 400,000 Americans a year.

Consider the following ingredients in a Liggett cigarette, and it's easy to see why this has been one of the world's best kept secrets: Glycerol, artificial licorice flavor, propylene glycol, artificial milk chocolate, isovaleric acid, molasses, hexanoic acid, vanilla extract, and 3-methylpentanoic acid. For good measure, they throw in high fructose corn syrup, sugar, natural chocolate flavor and patchouli oil.

In May, our state legislators voted for an amendment that allowed cigarette makers to wiggle out of revealing their ingredients in Texas. This measure passed on a 65-63 vote, thanks in no small part to a \$1 million lobbying effort by cigarette giants Phillip Morris and RJ Reynolds. Pampa's State Rep. Warren Chisum was the cigarette industry's champion on this issue, sponsoring the amendment, to protect Big Tobacco's dirty little secrets.

Rep. Chisum argued for the right of Big Tobacco to protect its "trade secrets," despite the fact that federal law has established the public's right to know what ingredients go into cough syrup, Coca Cola, hot dogs and beer. Just as consumers have a right to

know what goes into their food, alcohol and pharmaceuticals, they have a right to know what additives go into Marlboros and Camels. It's time to stop indulging this deceitful industry with hollow excuses like "trade secrets" protection.
Craig McDonald
Texans For Public Justice

Grateful family would like to say thank you

To the editor:
Last month our mother wrote a letter asking where all the help was in Pampa.

Our Dad had open heart surgery in October, and she had to take off work to care for him. She also got behind on her bills. She works very hard and has a strong faith in God. We help her as much as we can, but we have families to take care of also. What we would like to do is say "Thank You Pampa" for helping our parents in their time of need. Words cannot express our gratitude for all you did. May God Bless each and everyone of you for your kindness.

James and Sue Meeks, Tammy Hoyt, Phyllis Parks, Jamie Meeks
Pampa

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Anne Briggs

Go Down Death

"Weep not, weep not, she is not dead; she's resting in the bosom of Jesus. Heart-broken father-weep no more; Grief-stricken mother-weep no more; left-lonely brothers, sister and friends-weep no more; she's only just gone home.

"One year ago, God was looking down from His great, high heaven, looking down on all His children, and His eye fell on Lyssa. His child, tossing on her bed of pain. And God's big heart was touched with pity, with the everlasting pity.

"And God set back on His throne, and He commanded that tall, bright angel standing at His right hand: Call me Death! And that tall, bright angel cried in a voice that broke like a clap of thunder: Call Death! Call Death! And the echo sounded down the streets of heaven till it reached away back to that shadowy place, where Death waits with his pale, white horses.

"And Death heard the summons, and he leaped on his fastest horse, pale as a sheet in the moonlight. Up the golden street Death galloped, and the hooves of his horse struck fire from the gold, but they made no sound. Up Death rode to the Great White Throne, and waited for God's command.

"And God said: Go down, Death, go down and get Lyssa. My child. She's borne the burden and heat of the day, she's labored long in the vineyard, and she's tired-she's weary-she's sick. Go down, Death, and bring her to Me.

"And Death didn't say a word, but he loosed the reins on his pale, white horse, and he clamped the spurs to his bloodless sides, and out and down he rode, through heaven's pearly gates, passed suns and moons and stars; on Death rode, and the foam from his horse was like a comet in the sky; on Death rode, leaving the lightning's flash behind; straight on down he came.

"As she lay suffering on her bed, she turned her eyes and looked away, she saw Old Death. She saw Old Death coming like a falling star. But Death didn't frighten her; he looked to her like a welcome friend. And she whispered and said: I'm going home, and she smiled and closed her eyes.

"And Death took her up like a baby, and she lay in the icy arms, but she didn't feel any chill. And Death began to ride again-up beyond the evening star, out beyond the morning star, into the glittering light of glory, on the Great White Throne. And there he laid Lyssa on the loving breast of Jesus.

"And Jesus took His own hand and wiped away her tears, and He smothered the furrows from her face, and the angels sang, and Jesus rocked her in His arms, and kept a-saying: Take your rest, take your rest, take your rest.

"Weep not-weep not, she is not dead; she's resting in the bosom of Jesus."


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Notebook BASKETBALL

HONOLULU (AP) — Craig Johnson and Lloyd Pierce each scored 15 points to lead a balanced Santa Clara attack Friday night that led the Broncos to an 82-61 victory over previously unbeaten Houston in the opening round of the Nike Festival.

For Broncos (7-1), Brian Jones added 13 points, and Jamie Holmes and Todd Wuschning had 10 apiece. Santa Clara made it easy on itself by forcing 21 turnovers, including 15 steals.

FOOTBALL

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Arizona State and a holiday in El Paso aren't proving to be much of a draw in Iowa.

Or in Tempe, Ariz. University of Iowa ticket manager Pam Finke says the athletic department may have to eat about \$150,000 in unused tickets for the 1997 Sun Bowl game.

Under the Sun Bowl contract with the Big Ten Conference, the Hawkeys are responsible for 8,000 tickets for the Dec. 31 game against No. 16 Arizona State in El Paso, Texas.

Finke said Iowa has sold about 2,000 tickets and will need 1,400 complimentary tickets for the band, football players, coaches and others. In Tempe, about 4,000 of Arizona State's 8,000 tickets remained unsold as the week ended. A spokesman said sales had picked up with introduction of travel packages, but in Iowa, Finke said ticket sales slowed after an initial rush last week.

"I really don't think it's going to be much more than we've sold now," she said. "If I had to guess, I'd say we'll sell about 300 more tickets."

Harvesters give PD a tough test in non-district battle

By **MATT HUTCHISON**
Sports Writer

PAMPA — Guard Shawn Young scored 28 points for the Harvesters Friday night in the pit during a contest against a strong Palo Duro squad that was able to outlast the Harvesters 52-42 in a hard fought non-district contest.

Palo Duro got the offense going early despite the always tenacious Pampa defense, scoring 8 first-quarter points before Pampa was able to answer back with some numbers on the board.

A short run towards the end of the quarter brought the Harvesters back within three points of the Dons 12-7.

Young ignited the court during the second quarter, sending 12 of Pampa's 16 points through the net as the Harvesters battled back to take control of the contest out of heavily-favored Palo Duro's hands.

Palo Duro regained its offensive composure toward the end

of the period and despite Young's three-point bombs, the Dons were able to convert a lay-up for a two point lead at the half 25-23.

The game continued on it's slow offensive pace throughout the remainder of the contest. Turnovers became a major factor as the game wore on, Palo Duro was able to put in place a pressure defense that made it difficult for Pampa's guards to get the ball up the floor.

Some of the 16 Harvester turnovers led to easy buckets by the Dons, who still found it hard to pull away from a feisty Pampa squad.

At times the Harvesters were able to pick away at the Palo Duro defense and score their fair share of points but turnovers made the difference as the Dons were able to pull away late and leave the Pit with a victory over the Harvesters.

Pampa's tenacity showed up in the defense during the contest. Pampa was, as always,

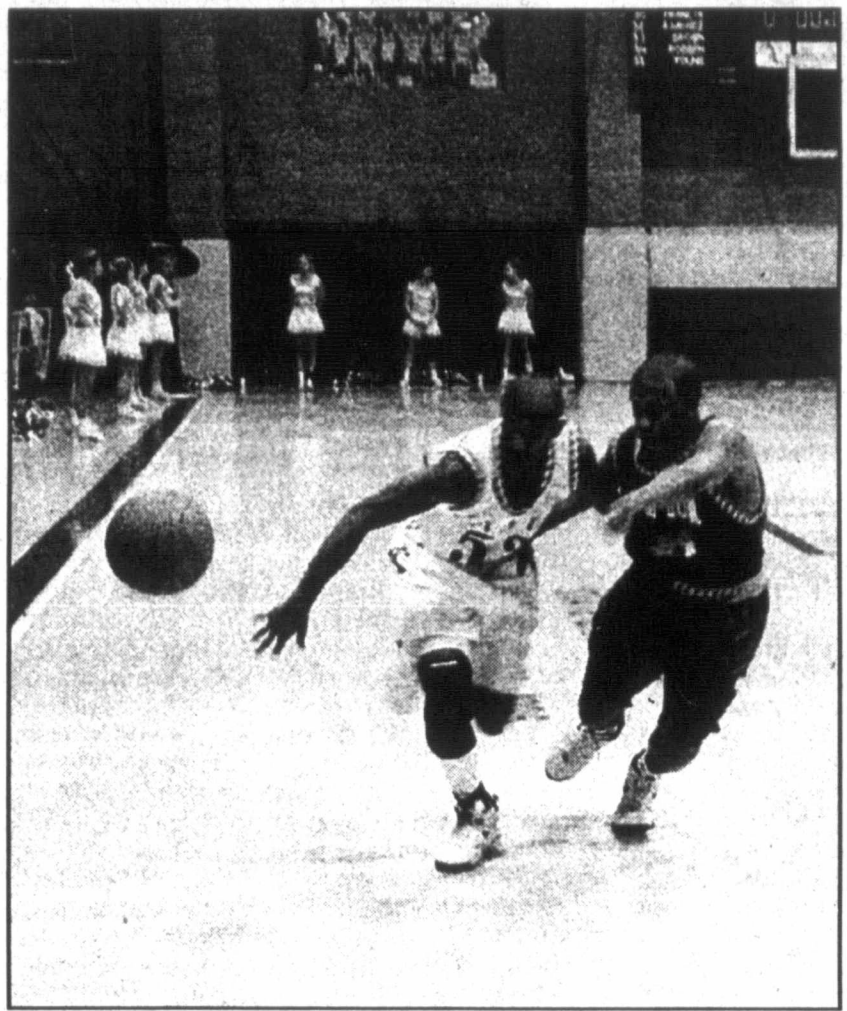
considerably outsized down in the paint but good defense made it hard for the Dons to work the ball inside. Hardly any Palo Duro lay-ups were uncontested, and Pampa was able to hold a regularly fast-paced, high-scoring squad to just over 50 points.

Palo Duro's record moves to 9-5 on the season as the Dons were led by Cornelius Jones who scored 11 along with Brandon Campbell and Nathan Anderson who collected 10 points apiece.

Pampa moves to a distracting 5-9 on the season as Young's 28 points was complemented by Jesse Francis who dished in 6 points.

Others scoring for Pampa were Jeremy Silva with 4 points; Tyson Alexander and Lynn Brown 2 each.

The Harvesters next travel to Fort Worth for the annual Lions Club tournament set to begin Dec. 29. After the tournament district games will resume on Jan. 6.



Pampa's Lynn Brown (left) and a Palo Duro player chase after a loose ball in the first half. (Pampa News photo)

Four playoff spots up for grabs

By **The Associated Press**

The final weekend of the NFL season will have playoff-like intensity for the six teams in contention for the final four postseason berths.

"This is the biggest game a lot of us here have played in," said New York Jets defensive end Hugh Douglas, whose team can clinch with a victory at Detroit Sunday. "It's the ultimate challenge. We're in a must-win situation and we have to play hard and play error-free football or go home."

Denver, Green Bay, Jacksonville, Kansas City, the New York Giants, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Tampa Bay already have clinched postseason spots.

Miami, New England, Detroit, Minnesota, Washington and the

Jets are competing to get in.

"If you come up empty on this one, it doesn't matter," Redskins quarterback Jeff Hostetler said. "For this one, you lay everything out on the field and see what happens afterward."

Washington (7-7-1) would clinch with a win against visiting Philadelphia (6-8-1) Sunday and either a Detroit loss or tie or a Minnesota loss or tie.

Minnesota (8-7), which has lost five straight, needs either a victory over visiting Indianapolis (3-12) Sunday or a loss by the Redskins to reach the playoffs for the fifth time in Dennis Green's six seasons as coach.

"I don't like the circumstances," defensive lineman John Randle said. "I wish it was better, but there's nothing we can do about it. We've just got to win."

Detroit (8-7) would clinch with either a win over the Jets (9-6) or a loss by either Minnesota or Washington. Barry Sanders needs 131 yards to join O.J. Simpson and Eric Dickerson as the only players to rush for 2,000 yards in a season

and has an outside chance to break Dickerson's record of 2,105.

"There's no guarantee of 2,000 yards," Sanders said. "Besides, we want to be playing next week as well as this week. The yards I have now would be just plenty if we get into the playoffs."

The Jets also would clinch with a tie if the Monday night game between Miami (9-6) and New England (9-6) does not end in a tie. The game at Pro Player Stadium is the last of the regular season.

If the Jets beat Detroit, only the winner of Monday night's game makes the playoffs — and earns a first-round matchup against New York.

"I hope they win," Patriots tackle Bruce Armstrong said of the Jets. "I'd like to go down there (to Miami) and be playing on Monday night, and if you win you're in and if you lose you're not."

On Saturday, Buffalo (6-9) is at Green Bay (12-3) and St. Louis (4-11) at Carolina (7-8).

Lady Harvesters fall to Palo Duro cagers

PAMPA — Pampa was defeated by a powerful Palo Duro team, 75-47, in a non-district girls' game Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Palo Duro, led by Casey Jackson's 16 points, improved to 13-1 for the season. Pampa is 6-7.

Heather Petty had 16 points and McKinley Quarles 15 to lead Pampa in scoring. Quarles also led Pampa in rebounding with 7 rebounds.

Lakishia Harper added 12 points for the Lady Dons. Kelsey Yowell and Jordanna Young added 6 points each, LaShanna Holmes and Faustine Curry 2 each, to round out the Pampa scoring.

CANADIAN — Chad Carr scored 24 points as Canadian downed Gruver, 63-52, Friday night.

Brant Arnes led Gruver with 21 points.

Canadian used a 22-point fourth quarter to build a comfortable lead.

The Wildcats improved their record to 8-4.

Canadian also won the girls' game, 62-35.

Lori Beth Francis had 15 points and Tatum Rankin 13 to lead Canadian in scoring.

Weslyn Maupin and Janae Watley had 13 points each to lead Gruver.

WHEELER — Higgins dealt Wheeler a pair of losses Friday night in non-district basketball games.

Higgins won the boys' game, 51-41.

Garrett Barton had 17 points and Terry Floyd 12 to lead Higgins.

Andy Bradstreet topped Wheeler in scoring with 14 points, followed by Kyle Masters with 7.

Higgins outlasted Wheeler, 54-52, in the girls' game.

Bussard had 20 points and Smith 11 for Higgins.

Kendra Jolley led Wheeler with 16 points. Sally Smith chipped in 15.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

If one were persuaded by the universal acclaim at this season of the year, one would be made to believe that Jesus Christ was born on December 25 in Bethlehem of Judea. Also that God intended that men everywhere set aside this date in observance and celebration of Jesus' birth.

However, the Bible does not give us the date of His birth nor does it authorize the celebration of His birthday. The celebration of December 25 as the birthday of Jesus Christ was begun by a Roman Catholic bishop named Liberius in Rome about 354 A.D. The celebration, therefore, owes its origin to man and not to God.

The true significance of His birth is to be seen in the fulfillment of God's plan for man's redemption (Matt. 1:21; Gal. 4:4-5.) His birth of a virgin is but one of many evidences of His Deity (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23.) He is the Word of God, become flesh, to live and ultimately die as man, the perfect sacrifice for sins. He

became perfectly fitted for this sacrifice in the sinless life He lived on this earth (Jn. 1:1-18; Heb. 2:9; 5:7-9; Phil. 2:5-11.)

It is not surprising that man would seek to worship God and His Son, Jesus Christ in the observance of the man-made holiday known as "Christmas." There have been those in the past who have set aside God's system of righteousness and sought to establish their own (Rom. 10:1-3.) The hypocritical Jews in the days of Jesus on the earth were making void the Word of God with their human traditions (Matt. 15:1-9.) And so, for men today to seek to glorify God in the celebration of that which His Word nowhere authorizes simply demonstrates man's overall disrespect for the teaching of the Bible. If the God of heaven had intended that we observe the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ, He would have given the details of that observance in His Word, the Bible.

-Billy T. Jones

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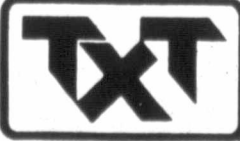
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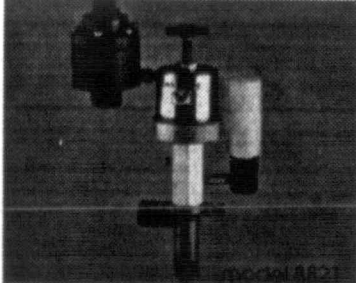
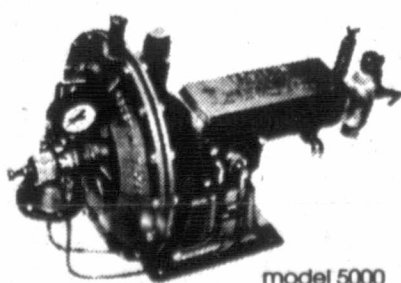
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Zampese expects to lose his position

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese expects to lose his job because of the team's poor performance the past two seasons.

"Someone always is held accountable when you lose," Zampese said Thursday. "I'm the offensive coordinator, and it's my responsibility to get guys to play and to score touchdowns."

"We haven't done either one real well this year."

Owner Jerry Jones has remained quiet about the status of Zampese and other coaches, including head coach Barry Switzer.

The 6-9 Cowboys, out of playoff contention for the first time since 1990, are preparing to face the New York Giants in a meaningless season finale on Sunday.

Zampese says he realizes the Cowboys' dismal numbers on offense this season speak for themselves.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
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Miami	16	9	.640	—		
Orlando	15	10	.600	1/2		
New York	15	10	.600	1/2		
New Jersey	13	10	.565	2 1/2		
Boston	11	12	.478	4 1/2		
Washington	12	14	.462	5		
Philadelphia	6	17	.261	9 1/2		
Central Division						
Atlanta	19	8	.700	—		
Indiana	16	8	.667	2 1/2		
Charlotte	15	8	.652	3		
Chicago	15	9	.625	3 1/2		
Cleveland	15	9	.625	3 1/2		
Milwaukee	11	13	.458	7 1/2		
Detroit	11	15	.423	8 1/2		
Toronto	3	22	.120	16		
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Midwest Division						
Houston	14	9	.607	—		
Utah	15	9	.625	1/2		
San Antonio	14	10	.583	1 1/2		
Minnesota	10	13	.435	5		
Vancouver	9	17	.346	7 1/2		
Dallas	5	19	.208	10 1/2		
Denver	2	21	.086	13		
Pacific Division						
Seattle	20	5	.800	—		
L.A. Lakers	19	6	.760	1		
Phoenix	14	8	.636	4 1/2		
Portland	14	9	.609	5		
Sacramento	8	17	.308	12		
Golden State	5	17	.227	13 1/2		
L.A. Clippers	5	20	.200	15		
Thursday's Games						
Phoenix 89, Dallas 73						
Seattle 119, Denver 106						
L.A. Clippers 82, Golden State 78						
Friday's Games						
Washington 106, Charlotte 86						
Indiana 98, Detroit 90						
L.A. Lakers 98, Atlanta 96						
New York 104, Cleveland 77						
Miami 91, Philadelphia 84						
Toronto 92, Milwaukee 81						
Houston 116, Sacramento 98						
Portland 96, Vancouver 91						
Saturday's Games						
Chicago at New Jersey, 1 p.m.						
Washington at Toronto, 6 p.m.						
Indiana at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.						
Atlanta at Miami, 7:30 p.m.						
L.A. Lakers at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.						
Philadelphia at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.						
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.						
Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.						
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.						
Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.						
New York at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.						
Golden State at Seattle, 10 p.m.						
Sunday's Games						
Chicago at Cleveland, 9 p.m.						
Washington at Boston, 7 p.m.						
Portland at Vancouver, 9 p.m.						
Monday's Games						
Dallas at New York, 7:30 p.m.						
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.						
New Jersey at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.						
Toronto at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.						
Utah at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.						
Washington at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.						
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.						
Golden State at Phoenix, 9 p.m.						
Minnesota at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.						

Friday's Women's Basketball						
Major Scores						
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EAST						
Colgate at Cornell, ppd., death						
Duquesne 92, Florida St. 61						
George Washington 91, Rider 49						
Portland 78, Holy Cross 73						
St. Francis, Pa. 82, Bucknell 64						
St. Joseph's 69, Oregon St. 53						
SOUTH						
Georgia St. 88, Norfolk St. 50						
South Carolina 72, Harvard 69						
Tenn.-Martin 64, Chattanooga 49						
Tennessee St. 71, Brewton Parker 41						
MIDWEST						
Cincinnati 82, N.C.-Asheville 54						
Craighead 66, Wyoming 49						
Marquette 71, Dayton 50						
Michigan 61, Princeton 58						
SOUTHWEST						
Arkansas 93, Memphis 84						
Arkansas St. 110, Ark.-Pine Bluff 41						
Oklahoma St. 75, SW Texas St. 62						
Texas-San Antonio 70, Air Force 47						
UC Irvine 66, Texas-Pan American 50						
FAR WEST						
Brigham Young 81, Idaho St. 72						
Gonzaga 75, Idaho 73						
Hawaii 81, McNeese St. 51						
Michigan St. 80, UC Santa Barbara 74						
San Jose St. 73, Cal Poly-SLO 64						
Seattle Pacific 82, Portland St. 76						
TOURNAMENTS						
Coca-Cola Classic						
First Round						
Missouri 77, Troy St. 52						
Hampton Inn and Fazzoli's Classic						
First Round						
Indiana 85, NE Illinois 70						
Kona Women's Classic						
First Round						
Mississippi St. 68, Oregon 54						
Northern Lights Invitational at Semifinals						

Tennessee 105, Texas A&M 81						
Wisconsin 83, Mississippi 63						
Consolation Bracket						
Alaska-Anchorage 77						
Manhattan 64, Pepperdine 50						
Oakland Tribune Classic						
First Round						
California 70, George Mason 69, ZOT						
Ohio St. 76, Howard U. 58						

Friday Men's Basketball						
Major Scores						
EAST						
Clemson 62, Seton Hall 59						
Lehigh 84, Hobart 66						
Princeton 69, Wake Forest 64						
SOUTHWEST						
Arkansas St. 114, Cal Poly-SLO 90						
FAR WEST						
Arizona St. 83, Texas A&M 81						
San Diego St. 74, Southern Cal Coll. 64						
Stanford 67, Pacific 61						
TOURNAMENTS						
Hawaii-Nike Festival						
First Round						
Hawaii 70, Texas Southern 53						
UNO Christmas Classic						
First Round						
George Mason 73, N. Illinois 66						
New Orleans 56, Samford 51						

Friday's Sports Transactions						
By The Associated Press						
BASEBALL						
American League						
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with DH Cecil Fielder on a one-year contract.						
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with DH Harold Baines on a one-year contract. Designated 3B Willis Otanez for assignment.						
BOSTON RED SOX—Named Dick Pole bullpen coach.						
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Named Tony Pena coordinator of Dominican operations and manager of its Arizona Rookie League team.						
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jeff Branson, RHP Steve Karsay and RHP Jason Jacobs on one-year contracts, and with RHP Marcus Moore, RHP Ben Blomdahl and INF Torey Lovullo on minor-league contracts.						
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Anderson on a minor-league contract.						
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with SS Orlando Miller on a one-year contract.						
NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with LHP Graeme Lloyd on a two-year contract, and with CF Tim Lincecum and 3B Scott Brosius on one-year contracts.						
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with SS Rafael Bournigal and RHP Billy Taylor on one-year contracts.						
SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Heathcliff Slocumb on a one-year contract.						
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with LHP Scott Aldred, RHP Dave Eiland, C Tim Laker, OF Alex Cabrera, OF Mathias Carriño, LHP Daniel Garbay and RHP Scott Lewis on one-year contracts.						
TEXAS RANGERS—Traded SS Benji Gil to the Chicago White Sox for RHP Al Levine and LHP Larry Thomas. Designated INF Norberto Martin for assignment. Announced that RHP Bobby Witt had accepted salary arbitration.						
National League						
CHICAGO CUBS—Announced they will not tender a 1998 contract to RHP Kent Bottenfield.						
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with 2B Mike Lansing on a four-year contract. Agreed to terms with INF Nelson Lirio and OF Sherman Ozbano on minor-league contracts. Announced that LHP Mike Munoz had accepted salary arbitration. Named Ron Gideon manager, Jerry Cram pitching instructor and Billy White coach of Asheville, N.C. of the South Atlantic League.						
FLORIDA MARLINS—Traded INF Kurt Abbott to the Oakland Athletics for RHP Eric Ludwick.						
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with LHP Mike Magnante on a one-year contract. Announced they will not tender 1998 contracts to 3B Sean Berry and OF Chuck Carr.						
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Mike Myers on a two-year contract.						
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with LHP Brian Bohannon on a one-year contract, and with INF Shawn Gilbert, RHP Rich Truckee and RHP Derek Aucoin on minor-league contracts.						
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with C Brian Johnson on a one-year contract.						
BASKETBALL						
National Basketball Association						
ATLANTA HAWKS—Activated F Anthony Miller from the injured list. Released G Randy Livingston.						
INDIANA PACERS—Activated F Derrick May from the injured list. Placed F Mark West on the injured list.						
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Placed F Anthony Parker on the injured list. Activated F Derrick Coleman from the injured list.						
FOOTBALL						
National Football League						
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed WR Jake Reed to a four-year contract extension.						
HOCKEY						
National Hockey League						
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Returned C Ryan Johnson to New Haven of the AHL.						
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Signed LW Josh Green to a three-year contract.						

Sealy makes state history in winning Class 3A crown

HOUSTON (AP) — It was historic for Texas and overwhelming for T.J. Mills.

Defensive end Wesley Martinez scored on a 61-yard fumble return and linebacker Adam Zapalac's interception in the final minute helped Sealy become the first Texas high school team to win four straight state titles with a 28-21 victory over Commerce at the Astrodome Friday night to take the Class 3A title.

"It's a little overwhelming right now," Mills said after the victory. "Maybe in a couple of weeks it will sink in, but right now it's a little overwhelming."

He knew that if his team were to make the record books, the Tiger defense would lead the way. Sealy (16-0), which had seven shutouts this season, needed all of its defensive wits to withstand a second-half charge by Commerce (15-1), led by quarterback Cornelius Hines, who almost rallied his team.

Trailing 21-6 with 10:44 to go in the third quarter after Martinez's big return, Hines drove Commerce to a 4-yard touchdown run by Erik

Sienty with 6:05 left in the third period.

After Sealy went up 28-14 on Michael McDonald's 25-yard run with 2:53 to go in the third quarter, Hines scored on a 1-yard run with 9:38 left in the game, cutting Sealy's lead to a touchdown. "He (Hines) just wouldn't let us die," Commerce coach Steve Lineweaver said. "He has a tremendous will to compete." Commerce got one more chance at avenging their 1995 loss to Sealy in the title game when Deshonne Wilkerson forced Sealy quarterback Robbie Bozeman to fumble and B.J. Blow recovered.

"They are a championship team and I don't like losing but I don't mind losing to a good team," Lineweaver said. "We had our chances but we made too many errors." But moments later, Zapalac picked off Hines' final pass and Sealy ran out the clock to put itself in the record books.

Sealy set themselves apart from four other teams that won three straight state titles: Big Sandy (1973-75), Waco (1925-27), Amarillo

(1934-36) and Abilene (1954-56). Sealy's defense permitted Commerce to drive 74 yards on its first series for a 1-yard touchdown run by Myreos Sampson with 5:46 to go in the first quarter, but after Commerce missed the extra point.

That's when the Sealy defense went to work and took a 14-6 half-time lead on a 50-yard run by Brian Johnson with 10:24 to go in the second quarter and a 32-yard touchdown pass from Trey Moore to Jason Carr with 9:25 to go.

Moore played much of the game in place of starting quarterback Bozeman, slowed by a knee injury. Carr's catch came on the first play after Sealy's Elliott Sanders intercepted a pass by Hines at the Commerce 32.

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Arizona State slips by Texas A & M

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Jeremy Veal broke a tie with a 12-foot baseline jumper with seven seconds remaining, beating Texas A&M 83-81 Friday night and capping an Arizona State comeback from first-half deficits of up to 17 points.

The Aggies' Steve Houston missed a 25-footer at the buzzer. Veal had 10 of his 14 points in the second half to send the Aggies (5-3) to their second straight loss.

Bobby Lazor had 23 points and career highs of 10 rebounds, six blocks and four steals for Arizona State (7-3), and Eddie House and Jason Patton scored 13 apiece.

Calvin Davis of Texas A&M had 23 points and 11 rebounds, and

Larry Thompson had 10 points and 12 rebounds, leading the Aggies to a 45-36 rebounding edge. Jerald Brown and Shanne Jones scored 12 points each, Jones getting all of his while the Aggies ran to a 48-45 halftime lead.

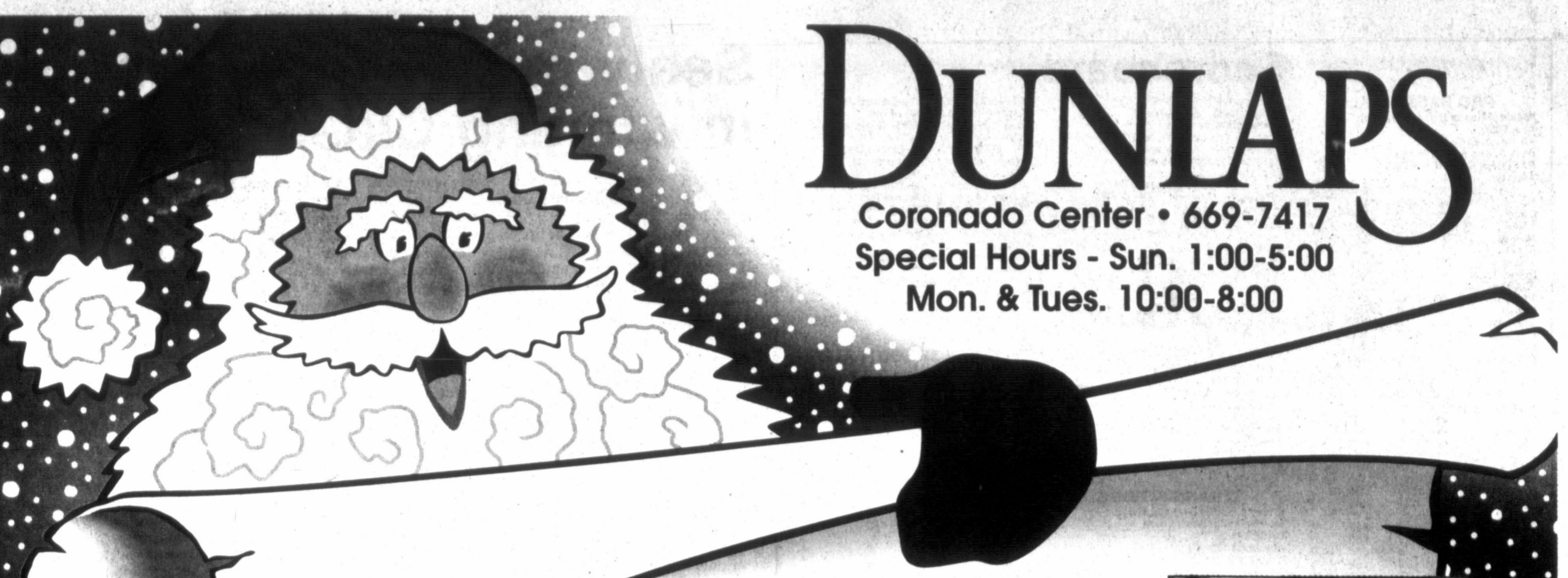
The Sun Devils never led until Veal made it 57-56 Arizona State with a baseline jumper with 3:30 into the second half.

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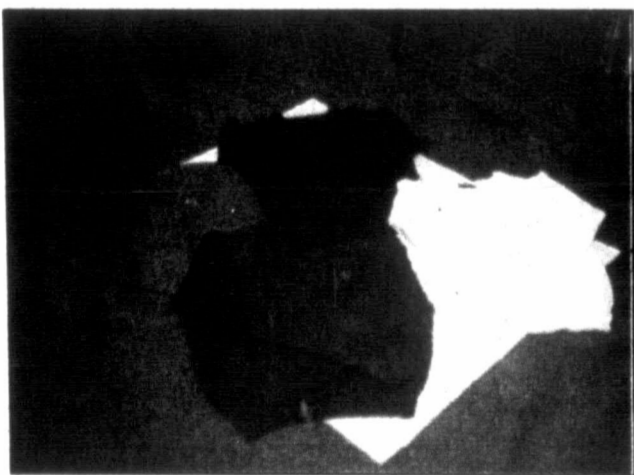
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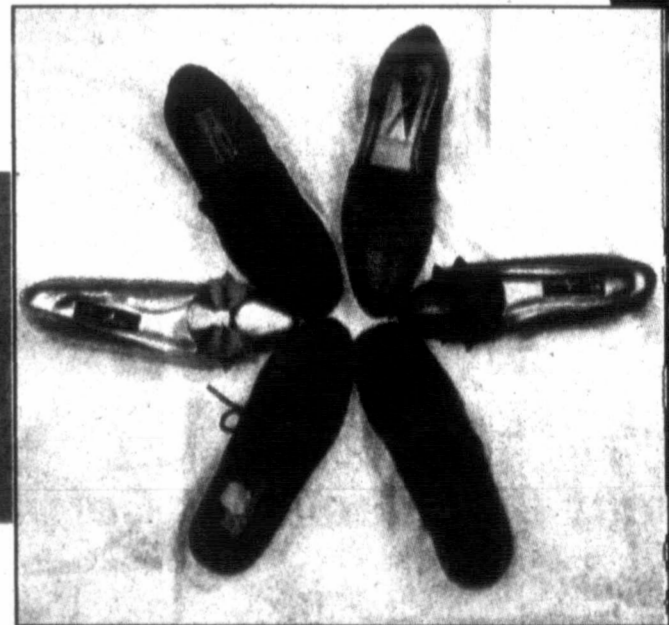


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LIFESTYLE

Nailing down the Christmas season

Rembrandt had canvas. Michelangelo had the Sistine Chapel. Traci Skinner has finger nails. As Christmas approaches, the svelte blonde is bent over her customer's fingers, busily painting polished nails with winter designs.

"Christmas, Halloween and Easter are my busiest times," she said.

At Christmas, her customer's nails are emblazoned with snowmen, Christmas trees, reindeer, candy canes and snow flakes. Easter brings bunny rabbits and Easter eggs.

"I add something every year," Skinner said. "People ask if I can do a particular picture. Some people look at me and say I can't believe you do that."

Halloween features witches flying across the moon, ghosts and black cats.

"One year I did a girl's nails with a witch flying across the moon with a black cat on the boom,"

Skinner said. "We just put everything on one nail."

At Easter, she does a lot of little girls. Some as young as two years old. The Saturday before Christmas she does nothing but little girls.

Skinner has done a birthday cake and the big FIVE-OH. One of her customers likes flowers.

"If I can see a picture of it, I can get close to it," she said. "I can do just about anything."

It was Skinner's best friend, Debbie Richardson, who got her started decorating nails.

"She had a beauty shop and needed help," Skinner said. "We've been friends 25 years."

She said she decided to try working at her friend's shop because she spent so much time there.

"I was down there all the time anyway," Skinner shrugged.

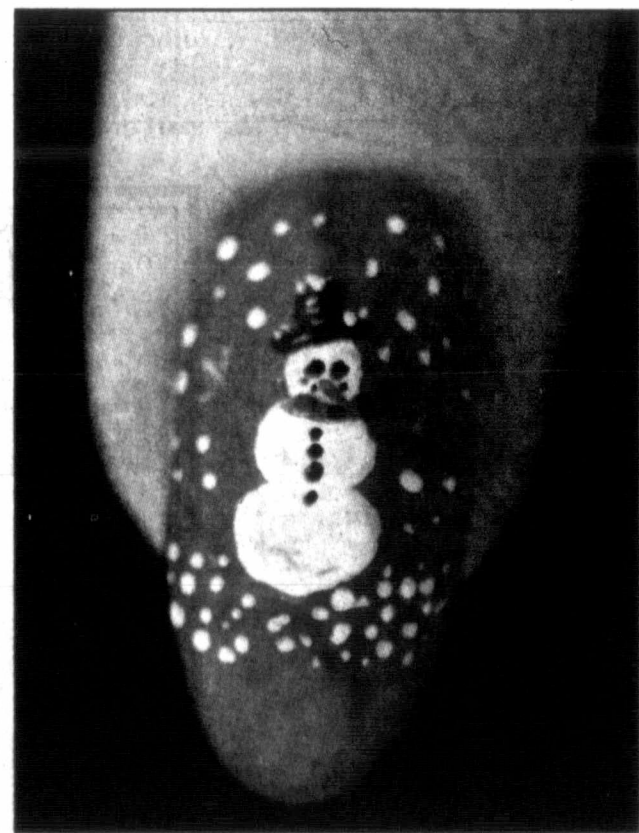
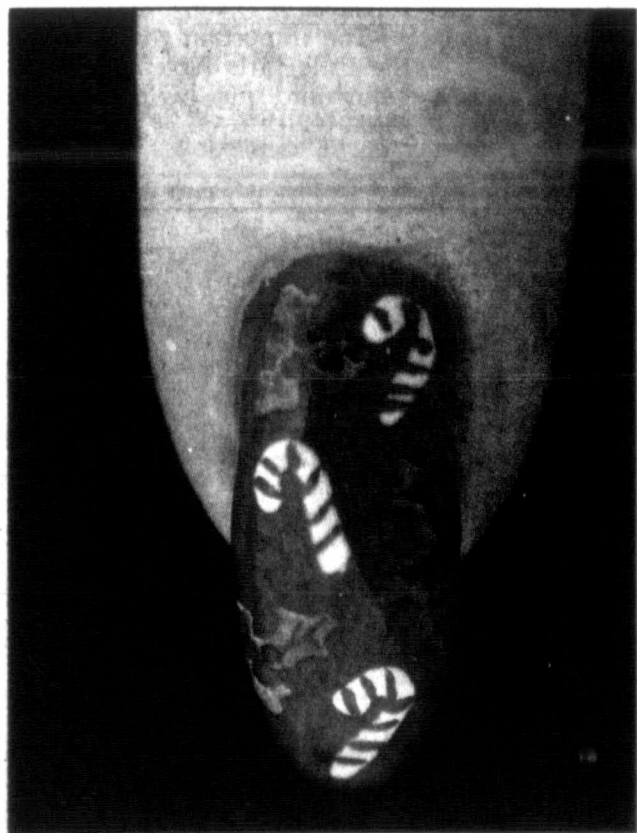
Skinner went to school at Exposito in Pampa to learn how to give manicures. The decorative painting came through experience.



In her own shop on the westside of town, Pampa native Traci Skinner, left, decorates the nails of one of her customers, Cheryl Ely, in preparation for Christmas.



On a winter's day, the steady nerves of Traci Skinner guide her nimble fingers as she paints a reindeer, above, on the fashionable nails of Cheryl Ely. Lower right, Skinner concentrates as she paints other designs on finger nails. Her most popular designs are Christmas bells, snowmen, candy canes and snow flakes.



"LaPrina Richardson, Deb's sister, really taught me all I know," Skinner said. "LaPrina got me started in the nail decorating business."

The two had known each other for years. LaPrina and Skinner's sister ran around together.

"LaPrina's done nails for 15 or 16 years," Skinner said.

Skinner has been decorating nails for about six years now.

"Decorating nails is not new," Skinner said. "It's just not done around here very much."

There is a girl in town who uses an airbrush on finger nails, Skinner said as she concentrated on a tiny reindeer appearing beneath her brush.

"It's neat and cool," she said. "You can do some neat things with an airbrush."

But Skinner feels her work is unique.

"They're all different," Skinner said of her designs. "I always thought that if all I could do was decorate nails, I'd be happy, but one day I had four little girls in a row and I had to do every finger.

After all that, I don't know if I could handle it."

Still, she said it is fun for both her and her customers.

"It's fun," Skinner said. "My customers like it."

"I may not get my hair done, but I have my nails done," said one of her customers, Cheryl Ely. "This is the only thing I do for myself."



Mr. and Mrs. Gary Walker

Walker anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Walker celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 15, 1997. Gary Walker and LaGwenda Cochran were married Dec. 15, 1972, in Calvary Baptist Church. The couple have been Pampa residents for the past 25 years and are members of Hobart Baptist Church. Mr. Walker is a senior corrosion technician at Energas and is a 20 year veteran of the company. Mrs. Walker is a homemaker. Children of the couple are Brandi Brewer of Pampa and Cari Walker of the home. They have one grandchild.



Karen Nicole Weaver and Richard Gene Barton

Weaver-Barton

Karen Nicole Weaver and Richard Gene Barton, both of Pampa, were wed Nov. 29, 1997, at Barrett Baptist Church in Pampa with J.C. Burt, pastor, officiating. The maid of honor was Dana Gage, cousin of the bride. The best man was Chris Barton, brother of the groom. Thorban Weaver, brother of the bride, and Shelby Deathridge of Fritch doubled as candlelighters and ushers. Perez Eppison of Pampa registered guests. Music was provided by vocalists Weaver and Mitszi Mechler. A reception was held following the service with Barbara Gage of Fritch, Phyllis Sparks of Odessa, and Juanita Powell and Betty Maxwell, both of Pampa serving the guests. The bride is the daughter of Benny and Debra Weaver of Pampa. She is currently employed at Skel-Tex Credit Union in Skellytown. The groom is the son of Joe and Shirley Barton of Pampa. He is currently employed at Culberson-Stowers in Pampa. The couple intend to make their home in Pampa.



Mr. and Mrs. Elza Hargus

Hargus anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Elza Hargus celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 20, 1997. Elza Hargus and Vera Mae Overton were married Dec. 20, 1947, at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Amarillo. The couple have been Pampa residents for the past 49 years and are members of Central Baptist Church. Mr. Hargus worked as a self-employed barber for 43 years prior to retiring in 1990. Mrs. Hargus was employed at the Hobby Shop, retiring in 1990 after 30 years of service. The couple enjoy traveling and various hobbies. Children of the couple are Larry and Shirley Hargus of Bartlett, Ill., and Mike and Debbie Hargus of Pampa.

Menus

Dec. 22-26

Meals on Wheels	slaw, tossed or jello salad, coconut creme cake or chocolate pie, cornbread or crackers.
MONDAY	TUESDAY
Stew, cornbread, peaches.	Baked turkey, giblet gravy, dressing, candied yams, green beans, corn, heavenly hash, jello, tossed salad, pumpkin squares, cherry cobbler, fruit cups, cranberry sauce, deviled eggs, stuffed celery, olives and pickles, hot rolls, coffee or tea.
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY-FRIDAY
Turkey and dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans, jello.	Holiday.
WEDNESDAY	Senior Citizens
Ham, corn, baked apples, graham crackers.	MONDAY
THURSDAY-FRIDAY	Stew or chili, pinto beans,
Holiday.	Holiday.

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Hand sewn Barbie outfits make a unique Christmas present

WACO (AP) — When Marian Burns was a young girl, she found more satisfaction in sewing clothes for her dolls than interacting with them in imaginary scenarios. "I never did like to play with them much. I just made them clothes," said Burns, a long-time Waco resident, giving little hint as to how long ago that was, other than she's "been a senior citizen a long time." But through the years, her flair for tiny fashions evolved from hobby into a life-long service to the community. This holiday season — as in countless others — Burns has donated 45 new Barbie dolls to local charities, each complete with a set of handmade clothes and purchased accessories. Wrapped lovingly in plastic to protect the fragile garments, the dolls arrive at their destinations with a full wardrobe for the day. Each Barbie is dressed up in her evening best: satin and lace, frilly hats, bows and high-heeled shoes. While ready for a night on the town, a Barbie simply must be ready for anything. So the human designer also provides a casual outfit, a less-formal dress and the outfit Barbie originally came with. "Usually a bathing suit," Burns said. And of course, a few items to accessorize, such as a purse, a necklace, maybe a hairbrush and comb. "I enjoy making the formals the best," Burns said. "They're prettier, first of all. I do all the other clothes first, so I can really play with the fun ones." Making beautiful clothes is a part of life for Burns, who lived in Marlin before moving to Waco about 30 years ago. She's made clothes for herself, her daughter and her friends' children. After she stopped making clothes for others, Burns went to work for Waco's Wanda Fannin, Distinctive Ladies' Apparel. "I love pretty clothes and (the store) does have them." But year after year, first in Marlin and later after she moved, Burns has concentrated her talent on providing the less fortunate little ones with something they may not otherwise have. "I like to think they have something pretty because a lot of those children don't have a lot of pretty in their lives," Burns said. She and her daughter buy Barbies throughout the year, with Burns spending the last three months before Christmas — each night after work — sewing the pint-sized apparel. Each is sewn by hand — most too tiny for a sewing machine — and patterns are used sparingly. This year, the dolls were finished and delivered to three local charitable organizations. Fifteen each went to Mission Waco, Caritas and the Family Abuse Center, to be sold at a price far discounted from retail. But no one expects Burns to show up with the dolls each year. She just comes by when she's finished. "The important thing is that the little girls have dolls they enjoy and play with," Burns said.

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Newsmakers

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Army National Guard Private Ty R. Mote, 1997 Pampa High School graduate and son of Jerry and Cindy Mote of Pampa, recently graduated from basic military training at Fort Benning, Columbus.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

WACO — Crystal DeShon Woods-Patrick, 1992 Pampa High School graduate and daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. I.L. Patrick, will graduate this fall with a bachelor of science degree in engineering from Baylor University. Woods-Patrick will not only be the first African-American woman but the first woman ever to receive this degree from the university.

Woods-Patrick served as president of Rho Eta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta for 1995-96 and ranked fifth in her graduating class at PHS.

CLARENDON — Clarendon College recently announced students named to its President's and Dean's lists.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the President's List include: Katherine Elaine Devoll, Jeremy Doucette, Dianna Lynne McCoy, Geneva Maria Villarreal and Brenda Veach Zedlitz, all of Pampa; Amber Renee Smith, of McLean; and Richard Bradley Perez and Jason Dean Wardlow, both of Shamrock.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.6 GPA while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named



Crystal Woods-Patrick

to the Dean's List include: Librado Avala, Robert Edward Bateman, Lora Lee Hampton, Christine Lynn Jason, Kevin Charles Organ and Lavon Louise Reagan, all of Pampa; Emma L. Swigart of Mobeetie; John A. Dickey, David Lynn Fuller, and Holly Marie Jasper, all of McLean; Tommy Jason Lindley of Shamrock; and Markeeta Jene Schnelle of White Deer.

ALPINE — Emily K. Monday, a junior animal science major from Pampa attending Sul Ross University, was recently named for publication in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges recognizes upperclassmen and graduate students for individual academic excellence. Undergraduates must maintain a 3.0 grade point average while graduate students must maintain a 3.5 GPA or better. Nominees must also be active in campus and community activities and show leadership qualities.

Holiday bakeline open to all callers

Everyone could use a guardian angel, especially in the kitchen when baking for the holidays. The Land O'Lakes Holiday Bakeline home economists open up the phone lines to help thousands of callers bake scrumptious sweets and avoid baking blunders throughout the holiday season.

The Land O'Lakes Holiday Bakeline, 1-800-782-9606, will be open to calls from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. (CST) seven days a week through Dec. 24. Holiday bakers receive advice from home economists trained in the Land O'Lakes Test Kitchens. And, with 25 home economists and more than 720 years combined baking experience, the bakeline has the know-how to help solve even the most difficult situations.

In addition to heaven-sent baking advice, bakeline callers also will receive a free *Land O'Lakes Bakes You A Star* recipe leaflet, filled with dazzling holiday treats and quick baking tips.

For answers to all your baking questions, call the Land O'Lakes Holiday Bakeline. And for holiday recipes, helpful hints and answers to frequently asked baking questions available 24 hours a day.

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.

Altrusa

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met Dec. 9 at the Pampa Country Club with President Jeanne Mitchell presiding. Thirty-two members were present.

The accent was provided by Chleo Worley on *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, a humorous story by Barbara Robinson.

The following announcements were made:

—Lamar Elementary School Project needs volunteers

—The Celebration of Lights booth was Dec. 16.

—Thirty-one members and guests attended the club's Christmas reception.

Glyndene Shelton conducted new member initiation for Terry Gamblin and Christy Parker.

Geneva Tidwell, Kadda Schale, Judy Warner and Karen Bridges were given special birthday greetings.

The next meeting will be noon Jan. 13 at the Pampa Country Club.

El Progreso

El Progreso Club met Dec. 9 at the home of Edna Hickman with President Maxine Hawkins presid-

Children explain how Santa travels around the world in one night

WACO (AP) — We've all heard the story about how Santa Claus travels around the world on Christmas Eve, distributing toys to all the children. But how does he do it? That's an awfully long trip to make in one night, a huge number of boys and girls to visit. Can it actually be done? By golly, it can.

"I think Santa gets around the world in one night because he has a jet engine in his sleigh. Also he has parachutes on his presents," said Peter McLeod, a second grader at Midway's South Bosque Elementary School.

Peter and his second-grade classmates offered their opinions as to how Santa makes his annual rounds.

The ideas mostly broke down into Santa's time management skills, the speed of reindeer and magic. And it helps if he doesn't need to stop at every house.

"Santa can only go to houses of children who have been good all year, and just skips houses of children who have been bad all year," believes Amy Koester.

Club News

ing. Eleven members were present.

The 1997-98 yearbook will be dedicated to Mabel Ford, a recently named honorary member. Ford has been a longtime member of the club and has served the club in many ways over the years.

Hawkins read excerpts from *Heavens to Betsy!* and *Other Curious Sayings* by Charles Earle Funk. The book explains how more than 400 colorful and familiar expressions originated and developed.

The next meeting will be Jan. 13.

Highland Hobby Club

Highland Hobby Club met recently in the home of Johnnie Rohde with President Gloria Norris presiding. Five members and one guest were present.

Norris picked the name of a needy child from the Christmas tree. Ferline Calvert and Jewel Holmes will shop for the child and deliver the packages to the proper place.

Each member received a prize from Rohde and Christmas goodies were served.

The next meeting will be in January.

Pampa Garden Club

Pampa Garden Club met Dec. 16 at Lovett Memorial Library with Ruth Barrett serving as hostess. Eleven members including new member, Christine Griffin, were present.

A program was presented on Christmas plants and gifts were exchanged.

The next meeting will be Jan. 12.

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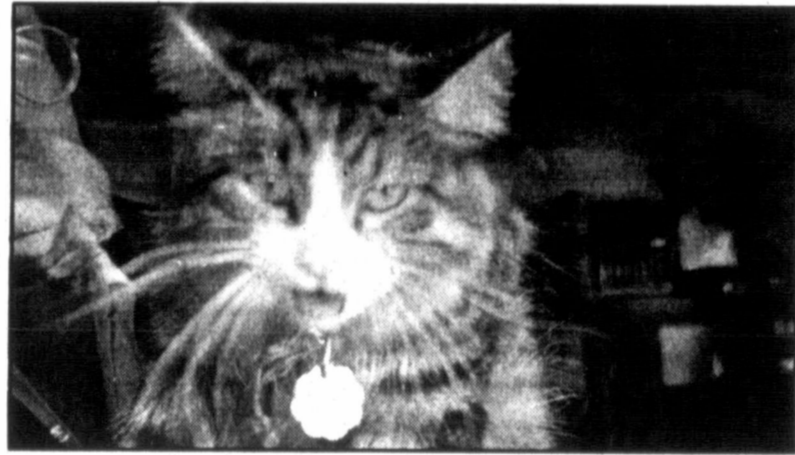
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1. *Candle In the Wind 1997* - *Something About the Way You Look Tonight*, Elton John (Rocket) (Platinum)
2. *How Do I Live*, Leann Rimes (Curb) (Platinum)
3. *You Make Me Wanna...*, Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)
4. *Together Again*, Janet (Virgin)
5. *It's All About the Benjamins - Been Around the World*, Puff Daddy & The Family (Bad Boy)
6. *My Body*, LSG (EastWest) (Gold)
7. *Feel So Good*, Mase (Bad Boy) (Gold)
8. *Show Me Love*, Robyn (RCA)
9. *Truly Madly Deeply*, Savage Garden (Columbia)
10. *My Love is the Shhh!*, Somethin' for the People featuring Trina & Tamara (Warner Bros.) (Gold)

TOP ALBUMS

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1. *Sevens*, Garth Brooks (Capitol Nashville)
2. *Let's Talk About Love*, Celine Dion (550 Music)
3. *Higher Ground*, Barbra Streisand (Columbia) (Platinum)
4. *You Light Up My Life - Inspirational Songs*, Leann Rimes (Curb) (Platinum)
5. *Tubthumper*, Chumbawamba (Republic) (Platinum)
6. *Spiceworld*, Spice Girls (Virgin)
7. *Come On Over*, Shania Twain (Mercury)
8. *Reload*, Metallica (Elektra) (Platinum)
9. *Middle of Nowhere*, Hanson (Mercury) (Platinum)
10. *Butterfly*, Mariah Carey (Columbia) (Platinum)

COUNTRY SINGLES

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1. *Long Neck Bottle*, Garth Brooks (Capitol)
2. *A Broken Wing*, Martina McBride (RCA)
3. *Between the Devil and Me*, Alan Jackson (Arista Nashville)
4. *From Here to Eternity*, Michael Peterson (Reprise)
5. *The Rest of Mine*, Trace Adkins (Capitol Nashville)
6. *Land of the Living*, Pam Tillis (Arista)
7. *I'm So Happy I Can't Stop Crying*, Toby Keith with Sting (Mercury)
8. *Angel in My Eyes*, John Michael Montgomery (Atlantic)
9. *He's Got You*, Brooks & Dunn (Arista Nashville)
10. *Just to See You Smile*, Tim McGraw (Curb)

'Titanic' sets sail:

Will epic sea flick hit iceberg at box office?

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The movie *Titanic* sets sail on a sea of uncertainty.

It's long (3 hours, 15 minutes). It has slick competition (a James Bond movie). And with a \$200 million budget - the biggest in Hollywood history - expectations are high.

Still, the much-delayed and highly anticipated disaster film that arrives in about 2,600 theaters today may be unsinkable: It dominated Thursday's nominations for the Golden Globe Awards, capturing eight. And it has enjoyed consistently positive reviews.

James Cameron, the movie's writer and director, said what's important to moviegoers is whether a film delivers. He conceded that *Titanic* may not even open in first place at the box office.

"What the audience cares about is who's in it, what it's about and what's the experience. And the third thing for us is the most important," Cameron said Thursday.

A co-production of 20th Century Fox and Paramount Pictures, *Titanic* traces the first and final voyage of the legendary British liner. Kate Winslet plays a frustrated heiress and Leonardo DiCaprio stars as a poor, carefree artist. The film follows their relationship as the ship steams toward its icy doom.

The movie originally was going to be released in the summer but Cameron was unable to make the planned July release date, due largely to the film's complex visual effects. Much of the movie was shot

on a 90 percent scale replica constructed on Mexico's Baja Peninsula.

The film's theater receipts will be hindered by its enormous length. *Titanic* can be shown only once an afternoon and once an evening.

It opens the same day as *Tomorrow Never Dies*, the heavily promoted James Bond spy tale starring Pierce Brosnan as the British secret agent. "Mouse Hunt," a movie aimed at younger moviegoers, also opens today in wide release.

To make any profit, *Titanic* must generate worldwide grosses exceeding \$400 million, counting all theatrical, pay television, broadcast television and video receipts. Only a handful of films, such as *Jurassic Park*, have passed that milestone.

"Any major motion picture has to be viewed in the context of all the sources of revenue and not the opening weekend or even the domestic theatrical gross," said entertainment analyst Stewart Halpern.

At \$200 million, *Titanic* exceeds the budget of Kevin Costner's *Waterworld* and the sequel *Batman & Robin*, both of which reportedly cost more than \$150 million. Paramount, which will release *Titanic* domestically, paid \$65 million of the film's budget, while 20th Century Fox picked up the balance and controls international rights.

In real dollars, 1963's *Cleopatra* nearly topped the *Titanic* budget. At the time, the Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton box-office flop cost \$37 million. Factoring for inflation, that adds up to \$193.8 million in 1997 dollars, according to calculations made by forensic economist Dan Braun.

Briefs

Russian promotes pizza

NEW YORK (AP) - Mikhail Gorbachev's days as a pizza pitchman are over.

The former Soviet leader set aside his diplomatic credentials last month to star in a Pizza Hut commercial in Moscow. But he said it was a one-time job he took out of desperation to raise money for the Gorbachev Foundation, which oversees his library and archives.

"I will not do it again," he vowed Thursday at City Hall, where he met with Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

"I found myself in a difficult situation, so I decided to accept on a one-time basis this offer of doing this commercial," he said through an interpreter. "Pizza is a popular food after all, so I thought I did not sin that much."

Gorbachev is shown offering a slice of pizza to customers who cry out: "Long live Gorbachev, who brought us Pizza Hut!" He didn't divulge how much he was paid.

British group Prodigy

The Houston Rockets basketball forward was charged Thursday with battery, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief and resisting an officer without violence.

Barkley, who was in town Oct. 26 for a preseason game against the Orlando Magic, says Jorge Lugo provoked him by throwing a glass of ice at a table where he was sitting with three women. Barkley chased Lugo, caught him and threw him through the window, police said.

The 11-time All-Star allegedly told Lugo as he lay bleeding on the ground: "You got what you deserve. You don't respect me. I hope you're hurt," according to the police report.

It was at least the fourth time Barkley has been accused of involvement in a bar fight. Lugo, who suffered a cut to his right arm, also was charged Thursday with disorderly conduct.

Athlete misbehaves in bar

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Charles Barkley, who makes headlines for his slam dunks on and off the court, was charged with throwing a bar patron

Time Warner in hot water

NEW YORK (AP) - You better watch out, Gloria Steinem and Betty Friedan said in demanding that Time Warner Inc. yank violent lyrics from a hit song by the

Coming to Town

the female protesters led by Steinem and Friedan sang: "Beating up women is a big vice, Time Warner better beware."

The song, on the techno group's *The Fat of the Land* album, was released last week under Madonna's Maverick label which is half-owned by Warner Bros. Records, a division of Time Warner. The album has sold 2 million copies in the United States.

The single *Smack My Bitch Up* has played uncensored on about a dozen radio stations nationwide and the title has appeared on 3,000 promotional posters.

Prodigy producer Liam Howlett said the title means "doing anything intensely, like being on stage - going for extreme manic energy." Warner spokesman Bob Murlis said the lyrics are not intended to disrespect women but are a part of the creative process.

The protesters, including actress-singer Melba Moore, were turned away Thursday from the office of Time Warner Chairman Gerald Levin, but left a letter asking that the offensive lyrics be eliminated.

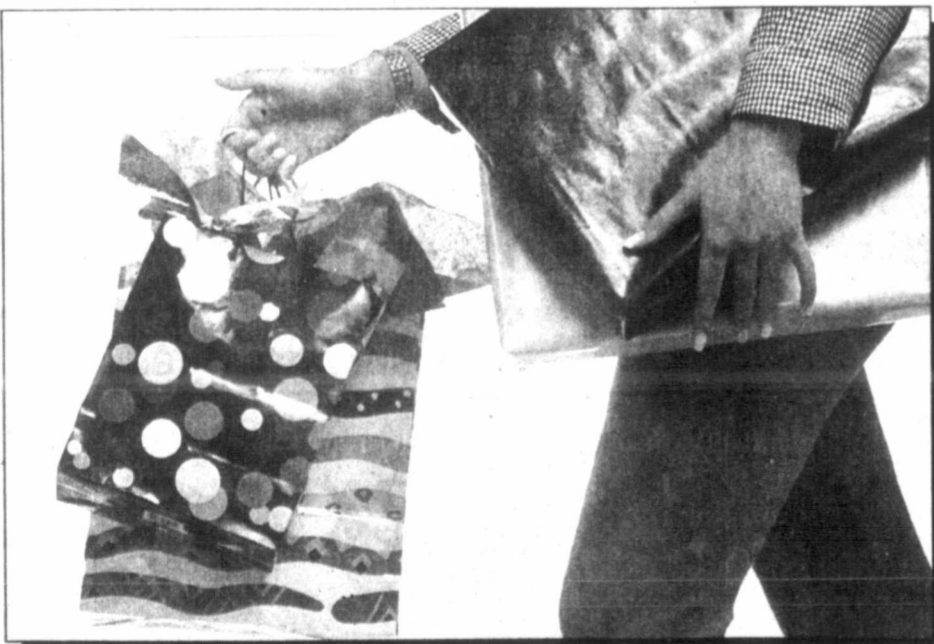
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Town changes its name for injured woman

By PAUL QUEARY
Associated Press Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Moved by the plight of a woman they've never met, residents of a small Oklahoma community will rename their town in her honor on Christmas.

The town of Alex, population 639, will become Alisha on Dec. 25, named for a 22-year-old woman in Nebraska who has been unable to speak or walk since a June car accident.

"I just expect to go out there early Christmas morning and change the four signs on the roads coming into town and go out early the next morning and change them back," said Clem Cassmeyer, one of Alex's three city councilmen. "I hope it brings as much merry to her Christmas as it has to ours."

The town is hoping its one-day gesture will cheer up Alisha Jensen, who lies bedridden at her parents' farm about 400 miles away.

The man behind the idea is Tom Carlson, an Omaha, Neb., veterinarian who attended the University of Nebraska with Ms. Jensen and recalls how she cheered him up when he became discouraged by the grind of practicing as a vet and studying law.

"She was just a wonderful girl," Carlson said Thursday. "Kind of a poster child for how parents would like their daughters to turn out."

Carlson scoured an atlas looking for a small town with a name close to Alisha, hoping it would be able to make a compassionate decision without much red tape.

"If they cared enough to name their town after her for a day, they might increase the number of prayers going her way," Carlson said. "I tell you I really hit the jackpot when I found a town named Alex, Oklahoma."

After writing to the town, which is about 43 miles south of Oklahoma City, the mayor of Alex read it at the City Council earlier this month.

"It was just kind of agreed that this was a good thing," Cassmeyer said. "The whole town has come together."

Cassmeyer even passed around a giant Christmas card for people to sign at a basketball game.

Ms. Jensen doesn't know the honor is coming, but her family hopes the gift helps.

"I think it's wonderful," said Hulda Peterson, Ms. Jensen's mother. "She understands a lot of what is going on, most of what is going on. I think if we explain it to her, she'll understand."

Prisoner wins new car

LEBANON, Pa. (AP) — Sergio Lopez was lucky enough to win a new car, even if he won't be driving it anytime soon. He's jailed on drunken driving charges.

Lopez, 24, won a 1997 Dodge Neon when the Lebanon County United Way held its year-end drawing Wednesday. He became eligible to win when he pledged \$1 a week while working.

He beat out 8,000 eligible donors and United Way tracked him to the Columbia County Prison.

Police said Lopez had been drinking in a Benton bar before state police found him illegally parked. The state trooper who arrested Lopez said he smelled of booze and Lopez was "very confused and incoherent."

He gave the \$10,000 car to his fiancée, Donna Pantoja.

Arkansas town has annual problem with nativity scene

FORT SMITH, Ark. (AP) — First the cow disappeared for a year. Then somebody stole baby Jesus from a church nativity scene. Next the donkey was vandalized.

Now the cow is missing again — and the First

United Methodist Church may give up altogether on the Christmas scene it has displayed for about 20 years.

"They're thinking about not even putting it out anymore," said Nancy Scott, a church adminis-

trative assistant. "With a missing cow and baby Jesus and a donkey with a broken ear, it gets discouraging."

The life-size papier-mache cow disappeared Friday night, the second time it has been taken in

two years. The cow — which disappeared in 1995 and was recovered a year later — stayed by the stable last year, but the baby Jesus figure disappeared and hasn't been seen since.

"We replaced it this year

with a baby doll," Scott said.

The donkey was found Sunday on a sidewalk. Scott figured someone may have tried to take off with it but either got scared or abandoned the plan.



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Good Marriage Is Created Through Daily Touch-Ups

DEAR ABBY: In this hectic and often confusing world in which we live, one of the most priceless treasures I possess is a happy and mutually sustaining marriage. Hanging in our bedroom is a wall plaque we received on our wedding day, almost 20 years ago. Over the years and through various moves, it has accompanied us and always found a place of honor in our home. The author's name is not shown. I wish I knew who wrote these beautiful sentiments, for although 20 years have passed, the words of wisdom are timeless. Perhaps you will find it worth sharing with your readers.



Abigail Van Buren
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR VALERY: Indeed I do — and here it is. Read on:

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 A good marriage must be created. In marriage, the little things are the big things...
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 Forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family.
 Speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.
 Having the capacity to forgive and forget, and then forgetting what you forgive.
 Giving each other an atmosphere in which to grow.
 Not only marrying the right person, but being the right partner.

DEAR ABBY: Re: visible house addresses. As a longtime member of an ambulance corps, I endorse making house numbers visible from the street. More than once I have had to run up and down a street trying to locate the house from which 911 was called because someone was having chest pains, or worse. In addition to having visible house numbers, if possible someone should be stationed at the front door or outside to signal to the responding emergency personnel. I do not agree, however, with encouraging your readers to find or

start a group to paint curbside addresses. While this practice can be helpful in certain circumstances, it is worthless when snow, ice or leaves cover the curb.
 The efforts of those who want to help should concentrate on your last suggestion: Your street numbers should be clearly visible from the street and well-lighted at night.
 C.B. YOUNG JR., RAMSEY, N.J.

DEAR C.B.: Sorry, living in sunny California, I failed to consider adverse weather conditions in other sections of the country. I also should have thought about parked cars blocking curbside numbers. I concede that clearly visible numbers on the house is the better idea.

Other readers complained about places of business not having address numbers that are easy to spot. Those could be important to emergency personnel as well as to customers.

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Horoscope

Monday, Dec. 22, 1997

Some exciting developments associated with welcome changes might be awaiting you in the year ahead. In a chain of events, each happening will serve to trigger another.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The results might not live up to your expectations today if you are selfish in striving to fulfill your personal ambitions. You could win a battle, but lose the war. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn 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.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not jump to conclusions today, because your information source might adjust some of the salient facts in order to throw you off course.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You could be manipulated into answering for someone else's mistakes in an arrangement today. Do not be left holding the bag.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Joint endeavors could be a source of irritation for you today if not handled properly. Treat associates with kid gloves to avoid confrontations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Critical assignments that require time and patience should not be done in haste today. It could lead to mistakes and make your task much harder.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Complications could result today if you pal around with a person who is always on stage. His or her need for significance will irritate others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In spite of your good intentions today, you might end up creating bigger problems for

someone you want to help. Study all ramifications before getting involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your powers of concentration are usually good, but today your daydreaming and flights of fancy might distort life's realism. Be attentive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You must handle your resources carefully today and be alert for unexpected contingencies. Do not make any big, long-term loans without adequate collateral.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone who should be committed to your cause might change sides abruptly today and leave you out on a limb. Avoid associations with unpendable allies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you put off taking care of important matters today, you could set the stage for repercussions. You might have to pay a high price for negligence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It might not be wise today to gamble on risky endeavors, even if you're teamed up with a lucky friend. Study the whole situation carefully.

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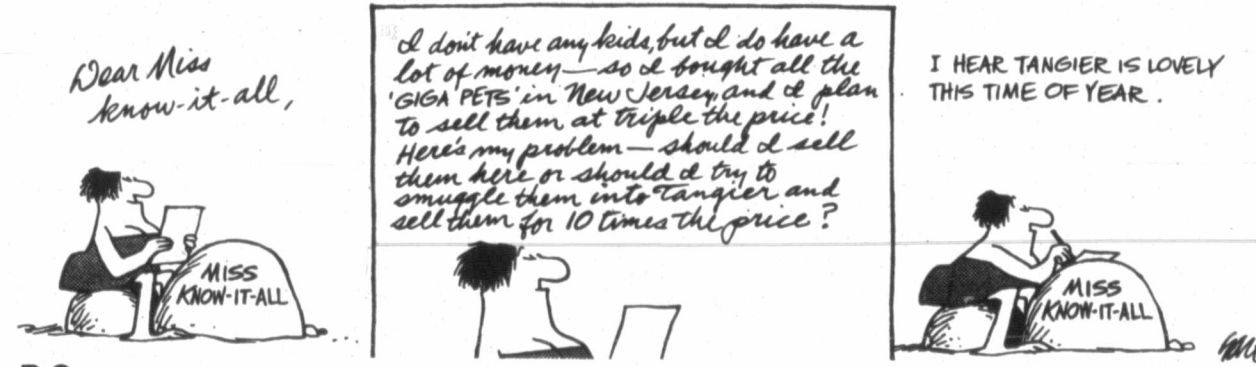
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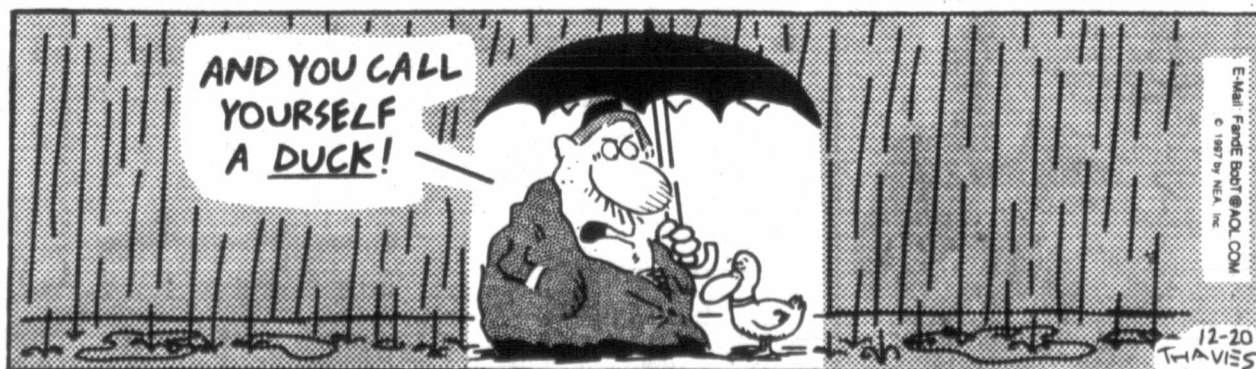
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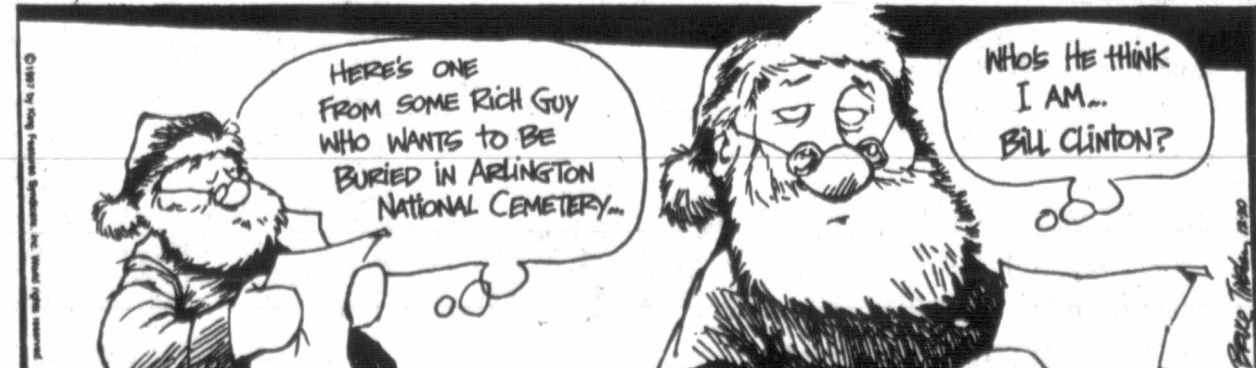
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"PJ has Claustrophobia. That means he's afraid of Santa."

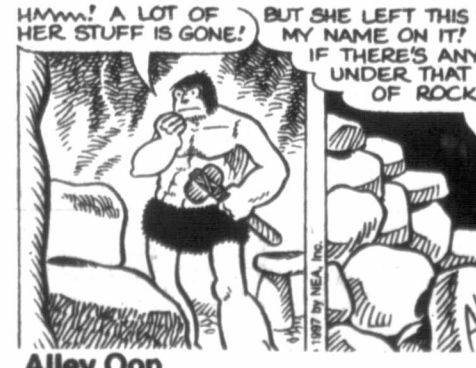


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Modern-day women head to camp and the wilderness

By **CHELSEA J. CARTER**
Associated Press Writer

COVINGTON, Ga. (AP) — Jana Miles lined her sights on a white "X" 25 yards away.

Her forefinger eased back on the rifle's trigger. BANG! The bull's-eye drew cheers from the other women at the public firing range.

Rifle markswomanship — as women firearms instructors call it — was the first class for Ms. Miles and others in outdoor pursuits usually claimed by men.

It was one of a dozen activities offered one weekend this fall in a state-run program at a campsite near Covington, about 45 miles east of Atlanta. The workshop, *Becoming an Outdoors-Woman*, teaches women to hunt, fish and camp in a non-competitive environment.

Ms. Miles, a 32-year-old marketing consultant from Atlanta, doesn't enjoy competitive sports such as tennis. So she signed up for courses as varied as flyfishing, hunting safety and field orienteering. With the latter, you are left in the woods with a compass, a topographical map and a few coordinates to find your way back to base.

Most of the 105 women on this

outing, ages 18 to 65, had been camping or hiking before, but a majority had never touched a gun, stalked a deer or cast a line.

"How many of you think of Bambi when you think of deer hunting?" asked instructor Susan Morris, a game warden with the state Department of Natural Resources. Nearly everyone raised hands.

"I'm here to tell you that Bambi isn't real," she said. "Deer don't sing and dance in the woods."

With that, she explained hunting laws and etiquette. For one, don't tie a deer atop a car. "It's like a trophy to a lot of hunters," she said. "They want to show it off. Non-hunters are offended. And these are the people who hold your hunting rights in their hands when it comes time to vote."

While most instructors were women, several men were asked to teach — and to be respectful. "It must be a comfortable environment — no pressure, no competition," camp director Beth Brown said. And no room for terms such as "girls," "babes" or "honey."

That's why Valerie Zentz of North Augusta, S.C., and her friends have returned to the

camp for the past three years. "Here, you get to be taken seriously. They are not talking over your heads," said Mrs. Zentz, an administrator at a nuclear weapons complex.

Last year, after two sessions of wilderness camp, she said she shopped for a Remington rifle with a short, wooden stock to use in competition. When she was shown rifles with teal and purple stocks, she recoiled, disgust creasing her face even now. "You want to say 'Come on guys, take me seriously.' Do you think a man would ever consider using a rifle like that?"

In addition to the usual how-to's, they also learned some things for women only. Upon firing, the butt of a rifle can cause bruises when it comes in contact with hardware on bra straps.

And put a slight bend on the arm extended for the bow because extra tissue on a woman's elbow can get in the arrow's path and cause welts.

Wildlife agencies designed the camp and others in the United States and Canada to attract more hunters and bolster revenues from taxes and licenses. There is very little money for advertising, but the annual outing is popular nevertheless.

Magazine's choices are intriguing

NEW YORK (AP) — With four legs, a great sweater and a face only an ewe could love, Dolly the cloned sheep was a natural for People's 25 most intriguing list.

"Not since the Golden Fleece has there been so much fuss about a sheep," People said in its year-end issue, which hit newsstands Friday.

Dolly was joined, in no particular order, by President Clinton, Princess Diana, Ellen DeGeneres, New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Frank McCourt, Leonardo DiCaprio, Bill Cosby, John F. Kennedy Jr. and Andrew Cunanan.

Sheryl Swoopes and septuplets mom Bobbi

McCaughy also made the list. Swoopes gave birth, then led the women's basketball team the Houston Comets to a league championship.

Dolly isn't the first non-human to make the list. Gorilla Binti-Jua, who rescued a child from a zoo primate display, and Babe the movie pig beat the sheep into print.

Others on this year's list: Bill Cosby, Elton John, Madeleine Albright, Fox's "Xena: Warrior Princess" Lucy Lawless, tobacco warrior Michael Moore, who is Mississippi's attorney general, Jewel, Drew Carey and Timothy McVeigh prosecutor Joseph Hartzler.



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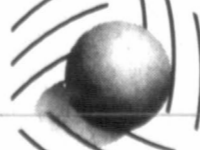
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The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

Wheat (Bull/Bear)

Outlook: It looks as if the "holiday market" — which we see most years around Christmas — just might have started early this year. Volume in the futures markets seems to have dried up, and I think it will take some market moving news to snap the markets out of their doldrums. After the first of the year, there could be some increased movement of cash grain by farmers. In the northern plains, this movement has already begun due to good weather. This temporary increase in supply could blunt price rallies, but then again export demand looks to be picking up as well. This should "floor" price breaks. Basically, I would look for a trading range affair, but do not envision much additional weakness from current levels.

Strategy: Hedgers: At the risk of sounding like the proverbial broken record, I want to once again repeat my advice to farmer/hedgers. I recommend farmers not own cash wheat. 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 experienced very little suffering during the recent price weakness. Their downside risk was strictly limited. Upside potential remains intact since option values increase in bull markets.

Traders: Look to bottom pick

March Chicago futures under 355, or Minneapolis under 383. Be prepared to risk at least 15 cents a bushel and leave the upside objective open at this time.

Corn (Bull/Bear)

Outlook: I continue to look for a trading range affair in corn between about 270 on the low side and 295 on the top (March futures.) Currently, there is one potentially bullish development which is still in the rumor category. The rumor is China has stopped exporting corn. I have not been able to confirm this at press time. If true, this is (longer term) quite bullish. Recall, the 1995-96 bull market in corn began when Asia's largest exporter turned into an importer. If this happens, and if El Nino does eventually cause crop problems, corn will again move over \$3. In the meantime, until market moving news can be confirmed look for listless market action until about mid January.

Strategy: Hedgers: Our hedging advice remains basically the same, that is to maintain ownership of this year's production using March at the money call options. If prices fall further, your risk is limited to, never more, than the cost of the options. You can use the cash received from the sale of your crop now 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 a 15 cent profit objective.

Soybeans (Bull)

Outlook: Until the market is assured of a large and safe South American crop, I would be surprised if we see any real weakness in soybean prices. If weather problems do develop in South America, prices will soar. The Brazilians really have had no crop problems for many years now, and I hate to say they are overdue, but they are. This year, of course, El Nino raises the odds of adverse weather both south of the equator as well as in our country this summer. The water band in the Pacific posted a new record reading, up 8.8 degrees Fahrenheit last month. In the last El Nino year, it was in January the weather started to turn strange. World crops were adversely affected and prices soared. I see no real reduction in demand coming as the U.S. is now the only world supplier of beans, so if the supply side turns more bullish this could be a very interesting, perhaps historic, year.

Strategy: Hedgers: I still feel it makes sense to maintain ownership of beans in one form or another to take advantage of any upcoming "weather scare" rallies. The best form, my opinion, is not by storing cash beans, but via the purchase of March call options. This way you can benefit if prices go up,

but have a predetermined risk if prices don't. You do not worry about storage costs and have the use of the cash now instead of later.

Traders: We remain long the January futures at 632. The stop remains 680 which locks in a nice profit (worst case.) Continue to leave the upside profit objective open at this time.

Cattle (Bull/Bear)

Outlook: I still believe the cattle market is not as bearish as the majority seem to think. The cow slaughter should have peaked and the number of cows coming to market in the next few months should fall. Then there's the historically reliable seasonal tendency I mentioned last week. If a speculator had purchased April Live Cattle futures on the second Monday after Thanksgiving (this year Dec. 8), and sold the ninth Thursday after this date (this year Feb. 5), he would make money most years. My research shows he would have profited 11 of the past 15 years. The average profit was over \$1,000 per contract with a peak of over \$3,000. If a two cent stop was used (\$800/contract) the stop was only hit two times in 15 years. Once again, I repeat, there is risk in any futures trade and no sure thing; if you are going to play, you might as well play the odds.

Strategy: Feeders: Current futures price levels still appear oversold to me, and I do not recommend hedge protection at this time.

Cow/calf operators: We are out of all short feeder futures. The trend in the feeders remains up for now due to stagnant feed prices.

Traders: If you took last week's recommendation you are long April Live Cattle futures from the open on Dec. 8. This was 7130. Risk 200 points. We anticipate holding until Feb. 5 of next year to take advantage of seasonal.

Combest take helm of House Agriculture Committee in 1999

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Congressman Larry Combest was handed a bitter pill in 1996 when House Speaker Newt Gingrich decided to ignore his seniority and tap someone else as chairman of the powerful House Agriculture Committee.

What a difference a year makes.

With Thursday's announcement that Agriculture Committee Chairman Bob Smith, R-Oregon, will not seek re-election next year, Gingrich informed Combest that the Lubbock Republican will be the chairman of the panel when the 106th Congress convenes in 1999.

Of course, that's provided that the Republicans retain control of the House, as expected, in 1998 and Combest wins re-election to his Panhandle district.

"I'm obviously very pleased," Combest said in an interview. Having planned for a quiet day on Capitol Hill, where business has slowed to a standstill during the year-end recess, the lawmaker was surprised by the turn of events. "It's turned out to be a little different day," he said, laughing.

Combest found himself embroiled in an unusual — and

uncomfortable — situation last year when Republican leaders bypassed him for Smith, a former congressman they begged to return to Congress to keep an Oregon House seat in GOP hands.

Smith served 12 years in Congress before retiring in 1994. He returned last year to run for his old seat, vacated by an embattled Republican chased from office amid allegations he lied about his marriage and his war record.

In an unprecedented move, Gingrich promised to restore Smith's old seniority — vaulting him past Combest in tenure on the Agriculture Committee. Adding to Combest's discomfort, the news was leaked to reporters before Combest himself was apprised by leadership of the developments.

Thursday, the Texan was philosophical about the whole mess.

Asked the lessons he's drawn, Combest said: "Try not to irreparably burn those bridges."

Combest said that during the next year he will work closely with Smith, whom he called a good friend, to make the leadership transition on the committee. "There will be a very seamless transition," he said.

Sign-up for CRP program underway

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman recently announced the successful conclusion of the 16th sign-up period for the Conservation Reserve Program.

"Preliminary data from the field indicates that we received approximately 125,404 offers for 9,449,702 acres during the most recent CRP sign-up that concluded on November 14," Glickman said.

Glickman cautioned that these figures are preliminary estimates only. Final numbers may vary.

The CRP is based on voluntary partnerships between government and members of the public. Agricultural producers receive

annual rental payments and cost-share assistance for establishing various kinds of protective cover on suitable farm property to protect and improve air, water, soil quality and habitat for wildlife. Rents are based on local agricultural-value market rates and acres are selected to maximize environmental benefits.

All land enrolled in the program must compete for acceptance based on an environmental benefit index that ensures fair and equal consideration for all offers and all types of land. Producers will be notified of acreage acceptance by early February.

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American Energy - Pampa's newest business neighbor - is an oil field servicing company based in Midland. AES plans to open a new facility in Pampa and expects to employ 35 people within the next year. They currently have a workforce of 78 people which has grown from an original staff of four employees when they began operations in West Texas in 1996. They are taking possession of an existing vacant building at 1133 Price Road which is owned by PEDC.

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Teacher's idea raises creative ceiling on art

By ELISE MULLINX
Jacksonville Daily Progress

ARP, Texas — Arp High School will probably never be mistaken for the Sistine Chapel, but they have more in common than you might think.

Ten years ago, Jacksonville native Alice Rooks, a 15-year art instructor at Arp High School who also teaches part-time at Jacksonville College, was running low on funding for art supplies and needed surfaces for her students to paint on, so she looked up — to the ceiling.

Taking a cue from Michelangelo, Ms. Rooks decided ceiling tiles could double for canvases.

Today, a menagerie of some 200 wildlife, sports scenes, cartoons, landscapes and seascapes decorate the topside of rooms scattered throughout the school. Unlike Michelangelo, however, students don't have to lie on their backs to work. The 2-by-4-foot tiles are removed from the ceilings and painted in the classroom.

When she first approached students with the idea, she said, "They were a little nervous at the thought of having their work on constant display in the school."

"It was a learning process for all of us. I got right in there with them and we figured it out together. Ceiling tiles have brittle, porous surfaces and we developed a process for conditioning the panels with a thin coat of latex paint so they would be easier to work with."

Now, she says, "Students come in telling me they got in this class because they want to paint ceiling tiles."

It's their opportunity to leave an artistic mark on the school — and they love it.

Teachers love it, too. Requests for the paintings pour in to Ms. Rooks long before the students are ready to go to work.

When business teacher Claudia Harmon changed rooms, her tiles went with her. Biology teacher Debbie Vaughan feels strongly about her pictures and states "her

kids" painted them for her. Former students, who have graduated and left the tiny town of about 800 residents, have been known to bring their spouses back to show off their tiles.

Ms. Rooks says sometimes alumni come back and want to take their works with them.

"I don't like to see the tiles go, but they'll usually make a donation to the art supply fund in exchange," she says.

Recently, Ms. Rooks' idea gained national exposure when she and her students received an article in the Wall Street Journal, and NBC's "Today" show came calling with video-cameras in hand. Southern Living magazine is running a short article on the Arp art program in the March/April issue.

"I had no idea we had done anything so spectacular," Ms. Rooks said, "but we have had calls from everywhere."

Teachers and parents from Virginia to Utah have called, wanting to know how to start their own tile-painting programs; and an art dealer in Maine has inquired about the possibility of exhibiting photos of the painted ceiling tiles in his gallery.

One student is donating a tile to be used in a patient room at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler next week, and hopes to donate more in the future.

Ms. Rooks is amazed at the possibilities to be explored. "There's so much we can do with this — convalescent centers, hospitals, daycare centers."

The attention has been gratifying, she said, but even more gratifying is seeing her students being creative and successful.

"Art is problem-solving," she said. "These kids have to work at color-mixing and dimensions, they incorporate math and emotions, and they become creative. It fulfills a need and a feeling of success."

"It's so satisfying for me to see them come back to my room after they've taken their completed tiles to the teacher," she said. "The smile on their faces say it all."

Pampa girl selected for Who's Who



Southwestern Oklahoma State University students Tami Reese, Plainview, Justin Schwane, Grand Prairie; Raymond Pierce, Levelland; Amy Rainey, Sweetwater, and Marina Ramirez, Pampa, are among 68 SWOSU students at Weatherford, Okla., who have been selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for 1998. The students were selected based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Three invertebrates added to federal list

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Three aquatic invertebrates found in Central Texas have been added to the federal list of threatened and endangered species.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced on Thursday that it had added the Comal Springs riffle beetle, the Comal Springs dryopid beetle and Peck's cave amphipod to the list of protected plants and animals.

The three are threatened by a loss of habitat due to groundwater withdrawal throughout the Edwards Aquifer, a huge underground river in the region, and the resultant loss of water flows to the springs and potential water contamination.

However, officials said, no additional requirements on the use of water from the aquifer are expected because of this listing.

The Comal Springs riffle beetle is a small, aquatic beetle that lives in springruns near where water exits the aquifer.

The Comal Springs dryopid beetle and Peck's cave amphipod, a crustacean, are small species that live underground in the aquifer itself. All three have been found at Comal Springs in Comal County.

The amphipod also has been found at Hueco Springs in Comal County; the riffle beetle is found at San Marcos Springs and the dryopid beetle at Fern Banks Springs, both in Hays County.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was petitioned to list the species in 1990 by the New Braunfels Parks and Recreation Department.

The Edwards Aquifer and Comal and San Marcos springs systems fed by the aquifer have one of the largest known diversities of organisms of any aquatic ecosystem in the Southwest, service officials said. "Many species found in the systems ... are found nowhere else on earth," the agency said.

Military experts solve MIA puzzle piece by piece

By LISA MARINELLI
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU (AP) — A lab tucked within the tidy grounds of Hickam Air Force Base near Pearl Harbor is a storehouse for the sorrow still felt by thousands of military families.

Arranged on the tables are partial skeletons and bone fragments belonging to military personnel still unaccounted for in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. The pieces wait for scientists to determine who they were, and which families might reclaim their loved ones.

The remains from Southeast Asia represent the work of a Hawaii-based military task force that scours the jungles, hills and fields of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia to solve the mysteries of what happened to the 2,104 Americans listed as missing in action there.

"There's a sense of satisfaction more than anything because it's nice to be able to see some closure," said Theresa Woltanski, a forensic anthropologist who analyzes the bone fragments. "Some families have been waiting for a long time."

The approximately 180 members of the Joint Task Force-Full Accounting are detectives sifting through documents, interviewing witnesses, analyzing sites and excavating areas seeking scant clues hidden under the earth for decades.

Take the case of an F-4 fighter jet that crashed in 1972 behind a Vietnamese rice field near Tuyen Quang City, killing the two men aboard. Investigators drained part of a pond and sifted through about 700,000 pounds of dirt to uncover bone fragments, a restored tooth, part of a sleeve and a quarter-size piece of an oxygen mask.

Those pieces ultimately were traced to a 28-year-old Air Force captain.

Investigators usually don't find intact sets of remains in Southeast Asia because of bombings, high-speed crashes and the acidic soil. Instead, they must gingerly search areas for the most meager of clues, relying on information from witnesses who may have buried bodies more than 30 years ago.

"Sometimes we're hopeful because we have good leads and other times we've had cases where we've had to investigate four, five, six times and don't have luck getting information," Air Force Staff Sgt. Bill Sibley said.

The concealed clues can be difficult to get to. They may be submerged in a rice paddy or on a remote cliff accessible only by a carefully landed helicopter. The land also can be peppered with unexploded shells and mines. Most of the time crash sites have

been scavenged by locals in search of metal.

The task force at Camp H.M. Smith near Honolulu consists of personnel from all four military branches. A small corps stationed in Thailand, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia helps coordinate the missions.

Since the task force was formed in 1992, it has conducted more than 2,400 investigations. So far, 165 sets of remains have been identified and about 350 have been recovered but not yet identified.

A team working in Vietnam last month investigated 36 cases and excavated seven sites.

"We use a lot of persistence," said Dick Hites, chief Vietnam analyst for the task force. "We go back again and again and again until we come to a point to recommend a site."

If a site is recommended for excavation, the task force makes a second trip abroad. Local digging crews carve out the soil and every bucket is sifted through screens that trap objects as small as the eyelet of a boot, a few links from a dog-tag chain or a gem of a class ring.

It can take weeks to find any clues.

"You shake the screens for 10 hours a day," Air Force Tech. Sgt. Thomas Thompson said. "You do that for 21 days before you find something, and I'd say you get frustrated sometimes."

In some cases the work yields clues but no biological evidence, making it impossible for analysts to make an identification.

After two excavations of the site of a 1965 F-4 crash in Phu Yen, Vietnam, investigators recovered pieces of a microphone, part of the plane's survival kit and an identification plate from the airplane that promised to verify the fliers' deaths.

But the bone fragments and a dental prosthesis did not provide enough information to biologically identify the two men, an Air Force captain and lieutenant. They remain unaccounted for.

Non-biological items recovered from operations are sent to a lab at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. The biological evidence is flown to the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory at Hickam.

Dental records make it possible to match teeth to missing servicemen within two months. Other cases based only on bone fragments can take more than two years to solve, Woltanski said.

The final identification takes years of research, days searching for a site and weeks of digging. If the first effort fails, a second effort can follow.

"I think it's nice not to be forgotten," said Lt. Col. Robert Temple, a forensic dentist.

It's thumbs up for stalwart in an industry dying hands down

By MARY ESCH
Associated Press Writer

GLOVERSVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — Give Peter Kiernan a hand and he'll put a glove on it.

Kiernan loves gloves, calls himself a "glove inventor."

He has made electrically heated gloves. Chemical warfare gloves. Immaculate gloves for inspecting computer chips. Motorcycle gloves. Golf gloves. Car-washing, dog-walking and slot-machine gloves.

His factory is in Gloversville, a town founded in 1760 by Scottish glove makers. It had 300 glove factories in the first half of this century. One of them hired Sam Goldwyn before he became a movie mogul.

Today, manufacturing has moved to Asia where labor is cheap, and 42-year-old Kiernan, a fourth-generation glover, is one of just six left in the town of 17,000, halfway between Albany and Utica.

But his Pique Glove Ltd., pronounced pea-kay and named for a stitch used in finely crafted gloves, has blossomed since he found his niche.

Moviemakers hired Kiernan to design futuristic gloves for Sylvester Stallone in "Demolition Man." He made a stylish batter's glove for Bo Jackson and "sticky" gloves for Buffalo Bills receivers. "The workmanship is the best we're going to get," said Debbie

McLean, a U.S. Army project officer who turned to Kiernan for the gloves soldiers use to handle razor wire.

Pique Glove employs 11 people in an old, wooden building on a maple-lined side street. The air is rich with the scent of leather and machine oil and the language of the trade — trunks, quirks, fourchettes.

Gray-haired women hunch over aging black Singer sewing machines that clatter in rapid-fire bursts. Each woman has a specialty: silking, fitting up, thumbing, closing, making linings, hemming.

"The only way I've been able to find decent makers is to hire those who are approaching retirement, who still have the work ethic that's essential in making a fine glove," said Kiernan, an amiable fellow in wire-rimmed glasses, Far Side T-shirt and sneakers.

Eleanor Bonfey, 67, has been sewing gloves since 1948. Her thumbnails are vital tools of her trade, and she keeps them long to guide the leather under the needle.

Does she like her work and her employer? "I love it," she replied. "And he's a good man to work for."

Kiernan lets some sewers schedule their work around caring for their families. "I try to be accommodating. I couldn't do anything without them."

Car dealer may have to pay out

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — If there's a white Christmas, some folks who didn't buy new cars might just be green with envy.

A car dealership took out a \$1.5 million insurance policy with Lloyds of London and promises to pay some of its customers \$10,000 apiece if it snows at least 4 inches on Christmas Day.

"Nobody believes it. They think it's a joke. It's not!" said

Steve Schworer, the new car sales manager for Stan Olsen Nissan-Hyundai.

The promotion began in November with anyone buying a new Nissan or Hyundai automatically qualifying for the windfall. On Dec. 1, the business expanded the field to anyone who bought a new or used Nissan or Hyundai before a sale ended Thursday night.

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West Texas craftsman makes dominoes an art

By ALLYSON REYNOLDS
DIXON
San Angelo Standard-Times

SAN ANGELO, Texas — A wall in Melvin Adkins' house tells it all. Along the top hang mounted fish caught in front of his old house on Lake Livingston in East Texas. Stacked around the bottom are examples of why he doesn't get to fish as much any more — dominoes.

Back when Adkins, a former drilling supervisor for an oil company, first retired, he and his wife, Verba, were playing dominoes with other retired folks. But it didn't take long for Adkins to want more.

"I just had a shop and I liked piddling around with wood after I retired," Adkins said, explaining how it was that he came to make dominoes about 12 years ago. "I tried catching all the fish out of the lake and I just couldn't catch them all. But working with wood was new to me. I had no experience with it. And I just enjoyed working with the wood and just getting into the shop."

"It just started out as a hobby — just for the fun of it. A lot of us were playing at night, and I thought I'd see if I could make some dominoes."

Well, he could and he did. And for the last 10 or so years, Adkins has been making and selling his dominoes at crafts fairs around the state.

"One couple we played with said 'Would you make me a set?' So I made them a set," Adkins recalled. "And people just kept on wanting them, so I kept on making them."

At first, Adkins' dominoes were a little square and rough looking. But he's managed to refine the process until they're beautiful pieces of art crafted from exotic woods. He uses everything from red oak and white oak to black walnut and mesquite. Currently, Adkins is searching for the perfect piece of ebony from which to make his dominoes.

Since returning to the San Angelo area three years ago, the Adkins have cut back on the number of shows they travel to. Mostly now, they just go to the Heritage Festival each summer at Six Flags in Arlington, the "by invitation only" show where they've found some of their most faithful customers.

"We get a lot of repeat business," Adkins said. "One woman in a motorized cart drove up to us and said 'I need another checkerboard.' That was the third one she's bought over the years. And there's a teacher who always comes by. He's bought seven or eight sets of dominoes and just wants to see if we have something new that we didn't have before."

"That makes you feel good. We don't make any little (wooden) cut-outs. We just make things that people can pass on down to their children. These will last 'a lifetime.'"

One repeat customer bought a set of Adkins' dominoes for her father a few years ago. She returned recently to buy another set and to let Adkins know how much her dad appreciates the original set.

"She said 'When company comes over, we always know where they stand because Dad will either say to get out the dominoes or get out the good dominoes,'" Adkins said with a smile. "Those are the kinds of things that make you feel good."

Adkins has forgotten how many times he handles each domino, but he knows that it takes about 10 days to make one set. Once the eyes are drilled, he varnishes the dominoes and then Verba paints the eyes with a cotton swab. Adkins then sands away any errant paint strokes and adds more varnish. By the time a set is finished, the couple has been through 15 different steps.

He makes regular dominoes, tournament dominoes and large dominoes for children. He makes checkerboards and checkers, too.

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AMERICAN Construction Co. All phases of new construction, room additions, sunrooms, steel & vinyl siding, painting & general repairs. VISA & MC welcome. Financing available. 669-3670.

5 Special Notices

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10 Lost and Found
FOUND black 1/2 Lab puppy, name "Dexter". Please call 665-3379.

11 Financial
NEED \$\$\$? Continental Credit, 1427 N. Hobart, 669-6095. Se Hablo Espanol. Phone applications welcome.

14b Appliance Repair
RENT TO RENT RENT TO OWN

14c Plumbing & Heating
JACK'S Plumbing/Heating/Air Conditioning-New construction, repair, remodeling, sewer & drain cleaning. Septic systems installed. 665-7115.

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FOUNDATION Settling? Cracks in walls, ceilings, or brick? Doors won't close? Call Childers Brothers. Free estimates 1-800-299-9563.

AMERICAN Door Co. We offer top of the line garage doors, exterior installation & service on your existing residential, commercial & industrial doors. Introducing a new line of replacement windows, storm doors & storm windows. Free estimates in Pampa. VISA/MC welcome. Financing available. 125 S. Houston, 669-3667.

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PAINTING reasonable, interior, exterior. Minor repairs. Free estimates. Bob Gorson 665-0033.

14r Plumbing, Yard Work
TREE trim, yard clean-up, lawn aeration, Gypsum treatment. Hauling K. Banks, 665-3672.

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Heating Air Conditioning Borger Highway 665-4392

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We do service on most Major Brands of TVs and VCR's. 2211 Perryton Pkwy. Call 665-0504.

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POSTAL Jobs, \$17.21/hr. Guaranteed hire. For app. & exam info. call 1-800-626-6618, ext. 2314, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. 7 days.

DIRECTOR OF Workshop, ASC Industries Pampa (formerly the Pampa Sheltered Workshop) has an opening for a Therapist Technician V, Workshop Director. The Director maintains good communication with the Director of Outreach and is responsible for supported employment, production and quality control in the vocational area, the day programs, as well as social, educational, development of short and long range goals, and the general success of the workshop. The Director maintains good communication between the Amarillo State Center, the local advisory board and the workshop. Position requires knowledge of mental retardation, training techniques, and personnel hiring techniques. Also required are management and supervision skills, ability to work under stress, proven leadership abilities and knowledge of community businesses and leaders. Prefer business and sales knowledge. High school graduation, GED or proficiency evaluation of experience, plus two years of full-time progressively responsible experience in rehabilitation therapy may be substituted for experience in a year-for-year basis. Salary \$1616/month, plus State of Texas benefits. Hours 8-5 M-F. An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Please contact Amarillo State Center, Human Resources, 901 Wallace Blvd., P.O. Box 3070, Amarillo, TX, 79116-3070, phone 806-358-1681.

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Sales Representative Expansion and growth require us to add to our sales staff. We are now recruiting energetic and motivated sales representatives in Pampa. Some Sales experience required. We offer a great opportunity within one of the fastest growing industries that includes: stability of a base salary, plus an attractive commission/bonus structure, medical/dental/life, 401(k) retirement savings plan, vacation and more. Rapid advancement opportunities. EOE. Please submit your resume and cover sheet to:

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Attn: Sales Manager
1329 N. Hobart
Pampa, TX 79065
or fax: 669-0064

AMARILLO, TX-Knowles Trucking needs single & team OTR drivers. Must have CDL-HazMat, 2 yrs. exp., good MVR. Competitive pay scale & benefits. 1-800-241-6679 or 806-371-7146.

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With the hottest weight loss product in America. Call 669-0356 for details.

CNA'S E.T. 3 p-11p, benefits incl. car exp., meals furnished, shift diff. St. Anne's NH, Panhandle.

GENERAL Retail Sales position open. Must be enthusiastic, friendly, and dependable. Send resume to Box 36 c/o Pampa News, P.O. Drawer 2198, Pampa, TX 79066

PHARMACY Tech wanted for a busy pharmacy. Must be honest, dependable and provide good references. Send resume to Box 35 c/o Pampa News, P.O. Drawer 2198, Pampa, TX 79066

COMPUTER Users needed. Work own hrs., \$20K to \$50K/year. 1-800-348-7186 ext. 1484.

NEEDED church organist-White Deer United Methodist Church-Sun. mornings 11 a.m.-12 noon. Pay negotiable. Diane Dalton 883-6101 or Church 883-2621

Social Worker
Experienced professional needed to work between our two facilities in Borger & Pampa! Responsibilities will include resident assessments, family/resident counseling, and community relations. Good wage, benefits, and great places to work. Contact Paula Rowan, Administrator, at 806-665-5746 or apply at: **Coronado Healthcare Center** 1504 W. Kentucky Avenue • Pampa, EOE

Celanese
Pampa, Texas
Lab Technician
Requires high school education and two years of college training in basic college chemistry or equivalent experience. Responsibilities include: Performs chemical, physical and/or instrumental analyses of raw materials, plant process streams and finished products to assist the plant in process and quality control. The incumbent makes recommendations for improved systems, schedules, methods and processes. Assists in planning quality control work and project development in a chemical plant environment. Interested applicants should apply with resume at: **Texas Workforce Commission Office** Coronado Shopping Center, Pampa, Texas 8 AM - 5 PM Monday - Friday (806) 665-0938 Respond by: December 23, 1997 Equal Opportunity Employer H/M/E/V Celanese

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Best Value in Mini Dish TV 1-800-434-7430 We install any mini dishes.

NORDITRAK - Ski exercise equip., in excellent cond. 3 yrs. old \$295. 669-2549 or 665-4051

INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICIANS COMBINATION PIPE WELDERS
Pampa, Texas Area
1-800-322-9814
THE MUNDY COMPANIES
Pre-employment drug screen required. Must pass English comp. test. Equal opportunity employer.

96 Unfurnished Apts.
1,2,3 bedrooms. 6 month lease, pool, fireplaces, washer/dryer hookups in 2 and 3 bedrooms. Caprock Apartments, 1601 W. Somerville, 665-7149.

21 Help Wanted

NIGHT floorman, must run propane buffer and automatic scrubber. 806-848-2517.

OUTREACH Health Services looking for a part-time attendant in Pampa and Skellytown for weekends. 1-800-800-0697. EOE.

NATIONAL PHYSICIAN MANAGEMENT COMPANY
Has an opening in the following area: **Medical Transcriptionist, Pampa, TX** should have 2+ years experience in transcription with Medical Terminology, Word and Word-Perfect. Salary dependent upon experience.

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE FURNISH RESUME TO: HUMAN RESOURCES P.O. BOX 51736 AMARILLO, TX 79159

COOKS & Dietary Aides needed for full time positions on our morning & afternoon shift! Apply today Coronado Healthcare Ctr., 1504 W. Kentucky Ave., Pampa, 806-665-5746. EOE.

30 Sewing Machines
WE service all makes and models of sewing machines and vacuum cleaners. Sanders Sewing Center. 214 N. Cuyler, 665-2383.

50 Building Supplies
White House Lumber 101 S. Ballard 669-3291
HOUSTON LUMBER 420 W. Foster 669-6881

60 Household Goods
JOHNSON HOME FURNISHINGS
Rent one piece or house full TV-VCR-Camcorders Washer-Dryer-Range Livingroom Diningroom Rent By Hour Day Week 801 W. Francis 665-3361

SELLING Furniture, Appliances. Gray Co. Trading Post, 421 S. Price Rd. 665-8774

SOFA, love seat, chair & end table \$200, sleeper sofa \$300, dining room table & 4 chairs, \$250. 669-3028

68 Antiques
WANTED: Antique furniture and anything western. Call Jewett 665-8415 or at 302 W. Foster.

96 Unfurnished Apts.

ATTENTION SENIORS OR DISABLED
Apts. Now Available
Schneider House Apts.
Rent based on Income
120 S. Russell-665-0415

ENJOY your own private lake. Large recreation area. Clean, private, well insulated 2 bedroom apartments available that are well arranged with washer/dryer hook-ups. Convenient to Pampa Mall and the Hospital with constant care maintenance at competitive rates. Call 669-7682 or come by Lakeview Apartments, 2600 N. Hobart, 9 - 5:30 Monday - Friday.

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Seniors or Disabled
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1200 N. Wells, 669-2594

97 Furnished Houses

Large 3 bedroom
\$275 month, \$100 deposit
669-2909

2 bedroom. Bills paid. \$275 month, \$100 deposit. 669-2909

1 bedroom. 312 1/2 N. Wells. Furnished, bills paid. \$200/month. \$100 deposit. Call R.L. Jenkins 665-8397.

98 Unfurnished Houses

LRG. 2 bdr. house w/ utility room. 715 N. Frost, \$300 month. Call 665-4842.

98 Unfurnished Houses

2 bdr., plumbed for w/dryer. appl. \$275 mo./\$150 dep., 1327 Coffee. 663-7522, 883-2461.

2 bedroom, central heat, garage. 1815 Hamilton, \$350 month. 665-6604, 665-8925

LARGE 2 bedroom home, Attached garage. Utility room \$350 rent \$200 deposit. 1005 Mary Ellen. 665-6215

3 bedroom, 2 bath, central heat, fireplace, 2112 N. Nelson, \$600 month. 665-7632.

2 bedroom w/appliances. \$225 month, \$150 deposit. 665-4270 leave message

6 Month Lease 3 bdr., 1 ba., 1 car garage, fenced yard. Avail. Jan 1. 669-6948 after 5.

2 bedroom at 505 Warren \$250 month. 669-9588

3 bdr., 1 3/4 ba., den, utility, 3 stro. bldgs., 1319 Mary Ellen. \$475 mo. + dep. 665-5016.

NEAR Travis School-3 bdr. house, 1 1/2 b. carpet, cent. heat. 1049 Cinderella. \$375 mo. \$200 dep. 665-0393.

2 bdr. house sale/lease to buy. Owner will carry note/w down payment & terms. 669-7296.

2 bedroom. 609 N. Christy. Stove, dinette table. \$200/month and \$100 deposit. Call R.L. Jenkins. 665-8397.

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TUMBLEWEED ACRES SELF STORAGE UNITS
Various Sizes
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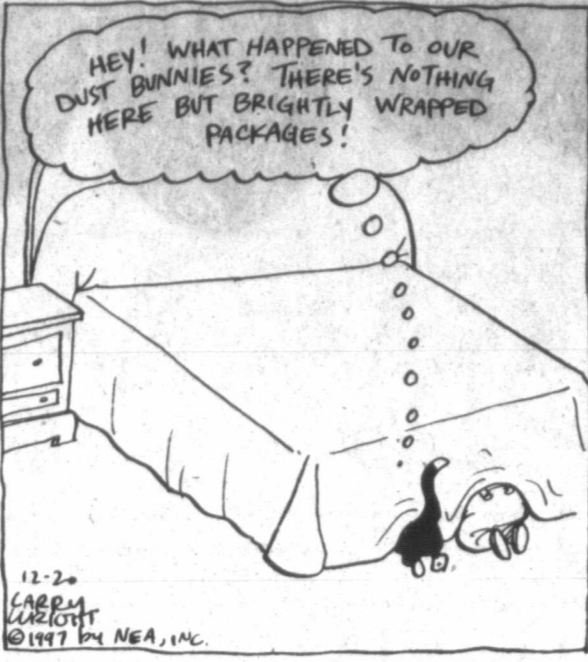
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HERMAN © by Jim Unger



"Going up the Amazon?"

103 Homes For Sale

1.87 Acres. Nice 2 bedroom home, 4 miles west Hwy. 152. 669-6917.

2 bdr., 1 b., 1 car gar. w/door opener, steel siding, storm windows, fenced back yard, exc. location, 2128 Hamilton. OWC, \$28,900. 669-6881, 665-8250.

2300 Navajo, nice remodeled 3 br., 2 ba., dbl. gar., 1967 ft., corner, brick, \$65,000. Moving make offer. 669-2711.

3 bed. Lg., RV cover, double drive, fenced, storage building. Century 21, Realtor, 665-5436

30 Acres
4 Bedroom, Brick, 5 miles out
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Jim Davidson
Century 21-Pampa Realty
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Bobbie Nisbet Realtor
665-7037

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NEWLY redecorated, price reduced. 3 bdrm., double garage. 2000 Coffee. Call 665-1760.

104 Lots
CHOICE residential lots, northeast, Austin district. Call 665-8578, 665-2832 or 665-0079.

FRASHER Acres East-1 or more acres. Paved street, utilities. Claudine Balch, 665-8075.

106 Coml. Property
HIGHWAY FRONTAGE
7 Lots. 669-9271.

110 Out Of Town Prop.
FOR Sale in Clarendon, Tx., on 287. Rv park, coin operated laundry, 1500 sq. ft. business room & 2 bdr. house. (806) 874-3234, 874-2883.

1612 N. SUMNER
Neat and attractive home in a good location. Three bedrooms, 1 3/4 baths, large utility room, double garage, in excellent condition. MLS 4278.

605 RED DEER
Lovely brick home with large living room, three bedrooms, two baths, utility room, lots of closets, attached garage, storage building, central heat & air. MLS 4296.

1104 SOMERVILLE
Very nice well maintained home with large living room, two bedrooms, carport, central heat and air, steel siding on exterior. Excellent home for first home buyer. MLS 4279.

617 N. FAULKNER
Owner is anxious to sell this spacious home overlooking Priest Park. Three bedrooms, living room and den, 1 1/2 baths, garage and storm cellar. MLS 4243.

1910 HAMILTON
Large three bedroom home in Austin school District with two living areas, 1 3/4 baths, utility room woodburning fireplace, double garage, steel siding priced at only \$30,000.

COUNTRY HOME
Nice brick home located close to town on five acres of land. Two living areas, four bedrooms, two baths, utility room, finished basement, attached garage, 48"x26" metal structure with double garage, storage and shop, 20"x20" metal horse stall, hay storage and well house. Call Jim Ward. MLS 3834.

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Norma Ward REALTY
669-3346

Mike Ward.....669-6413
Jim Ward.....665-1393
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112 Farms and Ranches

GRAY COUNTY
14 acre irrigated vegetable farm, 3 bedroom, 2 bath older home with new steel siding, vegetable sale shed with concrete floor, located east edge of Pampa.

CARSON COUNTY
1280 Acre Dryland farm, 1091 acres in cultivation, good bases and yields, located east of Panhandle.

WHEELER COUNTY
320 acres native grass & CRP, 1 year remaining on 80 acres of CRP, all minerals convey, Pakan area.

HALL COUNTY
310 acres native grass and CRP, new contract on 138 acres of CRP, live water, pond & electricity, located north of Esteline.

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