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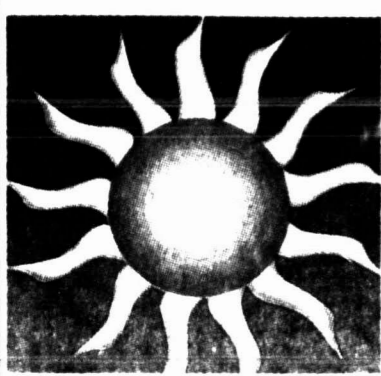
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PAMPA — Both Tralee Crisis Center and the Salvation Army are still looking for volunteers to help out this holiday season by purchasing gifts for the less fortunate. Stop by Tralee's office at 310 S. Cuyler to pick up tags with needs expressed by victims of domestic abuse, or go to Alco, Wal-Mart or the Salvation Army's location, 701 S. Cuyler, to help with their angel tree project by purchasing toys or clothing for needy children. There's also a box for new toys at Culberson-Stowers. Those will be forwarded to the Salvation Army.

PAMPA — The public is invited to attend a special program on cancer research sponsored by the Pampa Area Cancer Support Group. The program will be at Columbia Medical Center's cafeteria from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17. Chris Hurt, senior field representative with the American Cancer Society will be presenting. Music and refreshments will follow. For more information call 669-2198 or 665-2654.

- Juanita R. Bewley, 80, homemaker, volunteer.
- Noyle E. Wood, 76, father of a Pampa resident.
- Carl Wayne Woods, 53, brother of a Pampa resident.

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Clarendon college vision new reality



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Breaking ground on the new Clarendon College Pampa Campus is Clarendon College Interim President Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins (left), Pampa's Dean Joe Kyle Reeve, Chairman of Pampa Center Foundation Don Lane, M.K Brown Foundation's Bill Waters, Land Donor Dr. Ray Hampton, Clarendon College Board of Regents Chairman Dr. R. L. Gilkey, Mayor Bob Neslage, BGR Architects-Engineers' Mike Briggs of Lubbock, West Texas Contractors Inc.'s Vijay K. Mittal of Amarillo.

By DARLENE BIRKES
For The News

Christmas came early for a group of Pampans as they dug with golden shovels and trowels at 1600 W. Kentucky, location for the new Clarendon College-Pampa Center classroom building, at Friday's groundbreaking ceremonies.

During the ceremony Joe Kyle Reeve, dean of CC-Pampa Center, quoted from Jules Verne, "What one man can imagine others can make real," in refer-

ring to his long-time vision for a college building and in expressing appreciation to the community for making the vision come true.

"It's a win-win situation," said Dr. Raymond Hawkins, interim president of Clarendon College. "If (the building) will increase and enhance the educational opportunities for Pampa and allow us to serve the area better."

Don Lane, chairman of the Pampa Center Foundation that was responsible for raising the

funding, complimented the Foundation board, which had first begun as a small advisory group in 1994 and persevered until the goal was met this fall.

"There never was a more dedicated group who wanted a quality facility," said Lane.

He recognized Loyd Waters who started the financial campaign and Chuck White who joined in to help finalize it this year, with the \$600,000 challenge grant from M.K. Brown Foundation.

The construction contract for

the \$2.1 million classroom building was awarded to West Texas Contractors, Inc. of Amarillo. The job is expected to be completed by the end of 1999. Approximate 85% of the subcontract work will go to local Pampa firms. This includes the electrical, plumbing, concrete and dirt work, roofing and paving contracts.

Participating in the groundbreaking included Dr. Ray Hampton, who donated the 12 acres of land for the building site and represented individual

donors: Bill Waters, chairman of M.K. Brown Foundation, representing foundation donors; Dr. R.L. Gilkey, Clarendon College Board of Regents chairman; and

Briggs. "BGR," Architects-Engineers of Lubbock; and Vijay K. Mittal, West Texas Contractors, Inc. of Amarillo. The Pampa Center Foundation board members and the Board of Regents of Clarendon College had their turn with the shovels as did all who attended and wished to participate.

Reception honors Wanda Carter

The public is invited to a retirement party for Gray County Clerk Wanda Carter on Friday, Dec. 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. on the second floor of the county courthouse. The party, hosted by the clerk's office, is celebrating Carter's 28 years of service to the county.

While a love of history has made the clerk's job a true joy for her, Wanda's family has remained her first priority. She always stressed the same priorities for the women who work in her office: family first, said county clerk employ-

ees. "Wanda has considered the clerk's office to be a service provided to the public. Every person who needs to use the services provided by the office is treated the same, whether attorneys, judges or a youngster who needs a copy of their birth certificate for their first driver's license," according to her deputies.

Carter's term will officially end when county clerk-elect Susan Winborne is sworn into office at 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 1.

Yvonne Moler retirement party this week

District Clerk Yvonne Moler decided that 16 years in the district clerk's office was enough.

That's why after seven years as district clerk she says she is going to "kick back, relax and maybe do a little traveling."

Her husband retired a couple of years ago and Moler said they have no plans to do any-

thing they don't want to do.

She said it has been a wonderful job and full of challenges.

She said she may be proudest of some of the technology she has brought into the office. For years the records in the district clerk's office had no backup so if something happened to the

courthouse they would have just been lost. Now all open records, and eventually all records, will be recorded on CD-ROM and stored in a bank vault.

"The people, the challenges and a sense of accomplishment, that's the big thing, at least for me it is," Moler said.

In appreciation ...



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

NBC Bank Loan Secretary Kristi Coble serves punch to Anna Nail during customer appreciation day at the bank.

Sunday Snapshot



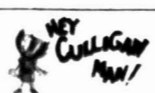
Name: April Herrera
Occupation/Activities: CNA an Emom
Birth date and place: 3-12-80 Gardena, Ca

Family: Step-dad Donnie, Mom Penny, Brother Dustin, Sister Crystal, Son Dustin
If I had a different job, I'd be a Pediatrician
My personal hero: my Mom Penny
The best advice I ever got was: Don't take any smack
People who knew me in high school thought: A nice girl?
The best word or words to describe me: A good mom
People will remember me as being: interesting
The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: mom, brother, sister, son, step-dad
My hobbies are: reading and taking care of my son
My favorite sports team is: Dallas Cowboys

My favorite author is: Danielle Steele
The last book I read was: "Whispers" by Dean Koontz
My favorite possession is: son
The biggest honor I've ever received is: my CNA license
My favorite performer is: Aaron Tippin
I wish I knew how to: save money
My trademark cliché or expression is: "But anyway"
My worst habit is: smoking
I would never: hurt my son
The last good movie I saw was: Titanic
I stay home to watch: the walls
Nobody knows: and still don't
Somebody I want to drive a: Plymouth Prowler
My favorite junk food is: chocolate
My favorite beverage: Coke
My favorite restaurant is: Ruby Tuesday's

My favorite pet: my dog Woody
My favorite meal is: chicken, fry, mashed potatoes, corn, salad and gravy
I wish I could sing like: Dyanne Carter
I'm happiest when I'm: with my family
I regret: quitting school
I'm tired of hearing about: Clinton
My biggest fear is: a mad dog
The "electrical" device I couldn't live without: a microwave
My most embarrassing moment: my 16th birthday when my Uncle Joe spanked me and made me cry
The biggest waste of time is: not enough time
If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: leave town
If I had three wishes they would be: more money, bigger house, more wishes
If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: Don't get me started!

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Lefors Junior High recently presented their play "The Happy Scarecrow" by I.E. Clark. Performers included, top row from left, Johnathon Tinney, Buddy Murray, Amanda Daugherty, Jesse Soto, Zack Kidd, Josh Jackson. Bottom row from left, Stephanie Spotts, Wanda Hughes, Katie Barnes, Jennifer Sprouse, Angela Mullen, Julie Davenport and Savannah Smith.

Lefors Junior High One-Act-Play presents 'The Happy Scarecrow'

LEFORS — Lefors Junior High One-Act-Play presented "The Happy Scarecrow" by I.E. Clark recently. This was the first time that the actors and actresses performed in front of an audience. The play was a very symbolic story about the scarecrow, which was symbolized as Jesus and the crucifixion of him. In the conclusion of this story, everyone lays down their "sin" and vows to live a better life.

The students did a wonderful acting, showing marvelous acting

abilities and maturity with every move. The students who performed in this production were Amanda Daugherty who played the part of the scarecrow excellently, Jennifer Sprouse as the cheerful and caring fairy, Katie Barnes as the envious witch, Zach Kidd as the greedy old man, Angela Mullen as the beautiful and vain princess, Jesse Soto as the manipulative king, he is the epitome of the other sinners, Johnathon Tinney as the devious scarehuman, Buddy Murray as the fearful and smelly skunk, Julie Davenport as

the jealous and conniving Jester, Stephanie Spotts as the selfish little girl, Wanda Hughes as the well behaved little girl, and Savannah Smith as the knowledgeable woman in the audience.

The crew consisted of Josh Jackson, Tiffanie Carothers as the assistant technical director, they have both worked diligently to help pull this performance off. The director is Scott Carothers and the assistant director is Karen Reeves, they have both worked very hard to make this production a success.

Nations Bank officials announce new senior banking executive for Texas Panhandle

Nations Bank Texas President Guy S. Bodine, III and Deborah M. Cannon Commercial Growth Group executive in Texas, announced that Charles R. Clary has been named senior banking executive and Commercial Growth market manager for the Texas Panhandle.

Clary will succeed Tom Jones as president of Nations Bank Amarillo. Jones led the Amarillo banking team through the recent transition to Nations Bank. He has accepted a new position in another market to assist with the transition to the new Bank of America.

"The success of Nations Bank in the Panhandle region has been largely due to the leadership of Tom Jones," said Cannon. "We thank him for his service to Nations Bank and the Amarillo community and we look forward to his continued leadership as we complete our merger to Bank of America."

For the past five years, Clary has served as president of Nations Bank in Beaumont, Texas, which has banking centers in Beaumont, West Beaumont and Nederland, Texas.

"Charles has more than 25 years

experience in the banking industry," stated Cannon. "He understands the complex financial needs of our customers and he brings a wealth of knowledge and insight to the Amarillo market. We're very pleased that he has agreed to lead the Nations Bank team in Amarillo."

Clary joined the Nations Bank team in 1983 as president of a predecessor bank in Arlington, Texas. He was president of Nations Bank in Abilene in 1987. In 1991, he became the senior Credit Policy officer for the South Texas district

until assuming his current position. Prior to joining Nations Bank, Clary was a senior banking executive for several large financial institutions.

A long-time resident of Texas, Clary earned a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Georgia and moved to Texas in 1983.

Active in the Beaumont community, Clary serves as president of the Communities in Schools organization. He is a director of court-appointed Special Advocates of South Texas; a director and division chairman of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce; serves on the advisory council of Lamar University School of Business; is a director of Mainstreet Beaumont; and is a member of the Downtown Rotary Club.

"I'm looking forward to the move to Amarillo," said Clary. "This is an exciting time for our

customers and our associates as we complete our transition to the new Bank of America ... I'm also looking forward to getting involved in the business and non-profit communities in Amarillo and throughout the Panhandle."

Nations Bank Corporation, which merged with Bank America Corporation on Sept. 30, will use Bank of America as the name of its major businesses serving the full

spectrum of individuals and businesses.

Bank America Corporation, with \$595 billion in total assets, is the largest bank in the United States with full-service operations in 22 states and the District of Columbia. Bank of America provides financial products and services to 30 million households and two million businesses, as well as providing international corporate financial ser-

vices for business transactions in 190 countries. In the Panhandle region, Nations Bank serves customers through 12 banking centers and 31 ATM locations.



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Santa Letters

To: Santa Clause
North Pole 85921

Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl 4-years-old. For Christmas, I would like a computer, a baby doll, some Play Dough, clothes, some games and anything you think I might like, Santa. Also, please, remember all the other boys and girls in the world. I hope every boy and girl has a nice Christmas and has a warm home and food to eat. But most important of all, remember the real meaning of Christmas (Jesus!). I'll leave you some cookies and milk, Santa.

I love you,
Lindsay Garmon

Dear Santa,
My name is Skylar Dean Lucas. I am almost 4-years-old. I would like a "Hot Wheels Race Car" set for Christmas.

I have a brother 8-years-old. His name is Aaron Scott Lucas. He wants some new video games and a pair of Nike Air shoes and some new snow boots and new gloves.

I want some Monster Trucks and Tonka toys. Please, don't forget my cousins, aunts and uncles.

We have been super good this last year. Don't forget our nannys and grandmas and grandpas, the policemen, firemen and the sheriff.

I'm sorry I was afraid of you last year. I will never forget talking to you at Alco's last week. You really looked good to me.

Keep those toys coming in by train. I was told you had to put them into box cars then put them on shelves. My brother is afraid of John the Elf at Wal-Mart because he doesn't like being nice in stores. (He doesn't throw tantrums anymore.) Please, bring whatever dads and moms want.

I love you, Santa. Tell Mrs. Claus and the elves "Magic Snow" is really cool. I will leave you some cookies. Thank you.
Aaron and Skylar Lucas

Dear Santa,
My name is Sierra Taylor, and I have been a very good girl this year. My Da and Nana Linda say I have been extra good. This is my Christmas wish list. I love you very much!

1. Barbie
2. Blanket
3. Watch
4. Playhouse
5. Finger paints
6. Teddy bear
7. Doll

Sierra Taylor
P.S. We will leave you goodies to eat. I hope all the little children in the whole wide world get Christmas prizes! Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Dear Santa,
My name is Samantha Pearson. I would like a my size barbie, a basketball goal, a baby doll, a Tommy a Chuckie, a Angelica a Phil, aill, a dill, a bass fishream game, new clothes, new shoes We are going to make some giggles bells for your snack I love you alot
Love Sammy Pearson

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryan Pearson. I will be 5-years-old on Christmas Eve. I've been a very good boy. I would like a Nintendo 64, a Mario game, bass fisherman game, different video game, Simba Pride movie, new clothes, Small Soldiers men, "It's a Bugs Life" bugs, Candyland and a Ninja Turtle T-shirt.
My sister and I will make you some jiggler bells for your snack.
Love Ryan Pearson

Dear Santa,
I would like a Clueless hands free Phone, The Selena movie, The

Selena doll, a CD walkmen, Playstation, Game Boy. That is all I want for Christmas. Would you bring my little brother and my big sister something too?

Love,
Alicia Anguiano, age 10

The following letters were submitted by St. Matthews Day School Pre-K class.

Dear Santa,
My name is Rance.
I am 4 years old.
Since last year I have been playing with my friends.
For Christmas I would like some Rugrat toys.
Thank you for my presents.
I hope you come soon.
Rance Schindler

Dear Santa,
My name is Jessica,
I am 5 years old.
Since last year I have been helping my Mom.
For Christmas I would like a flamingo.
Thank you for coming to our house down the chimney.
I hope you will come back again.
Jessica Zellefrow

Dear Santa
My name is Ryan.
I am 5 years old.
Since last year I have been getting my feelings hurt by my sister.
For Christmas I would like a motorcycle.
Thank you for little toys and big ones.
I hope you think I have been good.
Ryan Holt

Dear Santa,
My name is Sierra.
I am 5 years old.
Since last year I have been nice.
For Christmas I would like a Barbie phone and a necklace that has dolphins.
Thank you for bringing us presents.
I hope you have a safe trip.
Sierra Parker

Dear Santa,
My name is Elizabeth.
I am 4 years old.
Since last year I have been playing with my sister.
For Christmas I would like a Barbie house tent and a baby doll.
Thank you for everything you bring me.
I hope you bring every little child something.
Elizabeth Terry

Dear Santa,
My name is Ian.
I am 5 years old.
Since last year I have been being nice in my home and trying to be nice at school. For Christmas I would like snowmobile, a cool Harley-Davidson motorcycle toy.
Thank you for the racing track you brought me last year.
I hope you have a happy family Christmas!
Ian Smith

Dear Santa,
My name is Karami.
I am 5 years old.
Since last year I have been playing with my Daddy.

For Christmas I would like a Pizza Hut Barbie and a convertible for her. Thank you for bringing presents to my family. I hope you will be havin' a Merry Christmas!
Karami Rice

Dear Santa,
My name is Chloe'.
I am 5 years old.
Since last year I have been playing with the stuff you game me.
For Christmas I would like a race car and a stuffed animal tiger.
Thank you for my legos, bubbles candy and nickels you gave me last year.
I hope you bring me good stuff.
Chloe' Zedlitz

Dear Santa,
My name is Miranda.
I am 4 years old.
Since last year I have been playing outside.
For Christmas I would like a cash register and a computer.
Thank you for bringing something for my dog Molly.
I Hope you love me like I love you.
Miranda Patterson

Dear Santa,
My name is Mason.
I am 4 years old.
Since last year I have been being real good.
For Christmas I would like a race track.
Thank you for my remote control car. It still works.
I hope you know when I'm sleepin'.
Mason Galaviz

Dear Santa,
My name is Heather.
I am 4 years old.
Since last year I have been thinkin' about you.
For Christmas I would like singing Barbies and a play family in a car.
Thank you for being so nice.
I hope you also bring me a puppy!
Heather Ketchersid

Dear Santa,
My name is Shane.
I am 5 years old.
Since last year I have been good.
For Christmas I would like a rockin' guitar.
Thank you for bringing something for my brother.
I hope you bring good toys.
Shane Smith

Dear Santa,
My name is Laketon.
I am 3 years old.
Since last year I have been playing and going to school.
For Christmas I would like tools.
Thank you for my tools so I can build stuff.
I hope you bring them quick.
Laketon Harris

Dear Santa,
My name is Callie.
I am 5 years old.
Since last year I have been playing Barbies.
For Christmas I would like a walking Barbie.
Thank you for my presents.
I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Callie Hampton

Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come first serve basis due to limited space. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. (Tuesday at 12 noon the week of Thanksgiving and Christmas) though this deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

Preceptor Chi
Preceptor Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met twice in October. The following business was discussed and announcements made:

— Retha Jordan was elected Preceptor Chi Sweetheart.
— Irvine Riphahn presented a program on medical news for women.

— Plans were made for the sorority's annual Mardi Gras fund-raiser.

— City Council meeting report was given.

Ruth McBride and Riphahn each served as a hostess and guest Teresa Curfman was present at one of the meetings.

Pampa Art Club
Pampa Art Club met Dec. 1 at

the home of Cile Taylor with Taylor serving as hostess.

Plans for the Christmas gift exchange were made and a supply list was distributed for the Detergent Bottle Angel Workshop in January.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 15 at the home of Dona Cornutt, 1330 Duncan.

Altrusa
Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met Dec. 8 at the Pampa Country Club with President Mayda King presiding. Thirty-one members and three guests, Jana Gregory, Sherry Strother and Debi Waite, were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

— Thirty members and guests attended the Christmas Reception held recently at the home of Karen Bridges. The event was hosted by the board of directors.

— The Lamar Elementary School Project was recently expanded to include coats and school supplies.

— Kathy Phillips reported on the Salvation Army Angel Tree project. Clothing and toys were selected for two boys.

— Carolyn Smith was granted a six-month leave of absence.

— A Christmas musical program was presented by Middle School Girls Choir under the direction of Suzanne Wood.

The next meeting will be at 12 noon Jan. 12 at Pampa Country Club.

Twentieth Century Club
Twentieth Century Club met Dec. 8 at the home of Phyllis White with President Nancy Coffee presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

— Members were given a run down on upcoming area events.

— Mary Wilson gave a report on "The Nutcracker," and Louise

Richardson on the peace treaty between Palestine and Israel, saying it was short-lived.

— Vonna Wolf presented the program. She read the poem "A Cup of Christmas Tea" by Tom Hegg. Richardson shared a Christmas story about a boy named Bobby.

— Richardson, accompanied by

Myrna Orr on piano, led the group in a selection of carols followed by gift exchange and refreshments. A birthday cake was served in Richardson's honor. Grace McGrath and Martha Kothmann acted as servers.

The next meeting will be Jan. 12 in the home of Wolf.



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The Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ would like to invite you to come and eat Christmas Dinner with us. We know many in our community, and in our congregation are pinching pennies during this time of year, and we just want to help out. This meal is provided because we serve Jesus Christ whose birth the whole world celebrates this time of year. It is out of the surplus that God has given us that we give to you. Come and share with us the blessing and surplus of God's grace as we eat together on Christmas Day.

Date: Friday, December 25th
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Place: The Fellowship Hall of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ
Location: On Harvester Street Across from Pampa High School

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AGRICULTURE

The Market Forecaster By George Kleinman

WHEAT (BULL)
Outlook: Although the longer term outlook for wheat remains bullish, the news appears very much two-sided presently. On the bull side, it is my belief the donations to Russia and others will no doubt continue, and this is very bullish longer term. This is a whole new demand source not previously "dialed in" to the conventional supply/demand balance tables. However, the bears can point to the fact that, at least to date, exports have been lackluster and are behind a year ago. Furthermore, the crop condition ratings for the US winter wheat continue to improve. At least 70 percent of the crop is currently rated good to excellent. If yield problems develop it probably would not occur until after the first of the year. So, look for a two-sided trading range type market until about the New Year. After the New Year, I can envision a scenario where wheat supplies could start falling again. Loom at breaks as buying opportunities.
Strategy:
Hedgers: Continue to hold call options as a replacement for previous cash wheat sales. Buy calls for newer wheat sales on dips to 30 to 40 cents from the top.
Traders: We took a 40 cent (or even higher in some cases) profit in our December Minneapolis, and you should have now rolled into the March Minneapolis futures. Use a stop of 352. We also own March 280 Chicago wheat calls at 12 1/2 cents. Hold with no stop (this is a limited risk position).
CORN (BEAR)
Outlook: Despite the fact exports have been fairly robust, and farmers remain tight holders of cash corn, the market has had trouble rallying. This must be disturbing to corn bulls since sales will likely pick up after the first of the year. There is also concern that the recent spark in Asian demand will once again sink due to currency considerations. The problem is the crop was 9,814,000 bushels big, the

market participants know this, and commodities in general are in a deflationary environment. While the seasonal lows might be in, with burdensome ending stocks at 1.8 billion bushels, I could potentially see prices test the pre-harvest lows. Look at rallies as selling opportunities.
Strategy:
Hedgers: I don't see much potential in storage now, even though prices are low. If you took our previous advice you sold cash corn on the recent rally. We can always buy back later in the futures if it appears the fundamentals change.
Traders: Stand aside at this time, as we can see no high potential trades right now.
SOYBEANS (BULL/BEAR)
Outlook: Last week I speculated that if there was some sort of weather scare from South America it probably would not happen until January or so, which is their hot period. Well, I was wrong, the first bona fide weather scare of the season is happening as this is being written, and just as the crop has been planted. The problem is extreme dryness, which has actually stopped the final stages of planting in some regions. How this will play out is uncertain at this time, but if it remains dry for the next few weeks, prices could rally and push above \$6 in the active futures contract. It is still very early, and a good rain will change a lot, but I do not recommend shorting a weather market; too risky. If you are a farmer holding cash beans, might as well see how this plays out. After all, it is a La Nina year and anything can happen weather-wise. If no relief is received in Brazil by the next column, you just might see the bull back in the box.
Strategy:
Hedgers: Selective hedgers who wanted to maintain ownership of cash sales are long the January futures for under \$5.60. Remove the profit objective at this time until we have a better feel for the South American weather situation.

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 George Kleinman is president of Commodity Resource Corporation (CRC), a licensed brokerage firm which specializes in marketing strategies using agricultural futures and options. CRC welcomes questions — they can be reached at 1-800-233-4445.

Traders: We remain long November of 1999 soybeans from under 570. The stop has been raised to \$5.60. Consider this a long term trade.
CATTLE (BULL/BEAR)
Outlook: The pork market firmed somewhat in the past week, no doubt helped by the Government's \$50 million pork purchase program, but competing meats, including pork still make beef comparatively expensive. This remains a real problem for beef demand. So the story is the same as last week. A demand problem offset by shrinking supplies and a cash market which seems to go nowhere. Meanwhile, feeder cattle are expanding their premium in relation to the fat cattle market. This is an indication of the tightening supply of feeders, which of course is bullish for next year. December may be dull, but next year should be better for the market and perhaps it will be the January semi-annual inventory report that will be the catalyst to jump-start this market. I look for the month of December to mark a transition from a long-term bear into a longer-term bull market for the New Year.
Strategy:
Feeders: At current prices taking the risk and remaining unhedged at this time.
Cow/calf operators: Cattle feeders, you are buy-hedged in the January and March at 70 to 71. Hold these new edges until you buy your replacement feeders.
Traders: Based on last week's recommendation you were able to purchase January feeder cattle futures under 7050. Risk a close under 6900 for an ultimate profit objective of 7600.

Uncap loan rates, TFU urges

WACO- To provide relief to struggling producers, Texas Farmers Union President Wes Sims recently urged the state's farmers and ranchers to support uncapping commodity marketing loan rates, which are currently frozen at 1995 levels.
 Texas Farmers Union has long advocated uncapping the loan rates to strengthen the farm safety net and better protect producers from sharp fluctuations. Because concerns had surfaced recently about the impact of higher, not lower, loan deficiency payments or LDPs.
 An LDP is a cash payment farmers can opt to receive for their commodity in lieu of an AWP, and the marketing loan rate.
 "Many producers across the state have the mistaken impression that higher loan rates will decrease, or even eliminate their LDP. That simply is not the case," said Sims. "This is a win-win proposition. Because the LDP is the difference between the market price or the AWP and the loan rate, the higher the loan rate, the higher the LDP. The bottom line is that uncapping the loan rates will put more money in producers' pockets."
 Lifting the caps would immediately increase loan rates by about 60 cents a bushel for wheat, 32 cents a bushel for corn, 30 cents for soybeans and 7.9 cents per lb. on cotton.

Hog debate rendered moot by low prices


By MARGERY BECK
Associated Press Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The David-and-Goliath debate between giant hog facilities and small, independent operations may be a waste of energy — at least as long as producers are losing \$25 to \$30 a hog, producers and analysts say.
 "When prices are this low, no one is thinking about expansion," said Gale Schafer, agriculture operations manager for Sand Livestock Systems Inc. of Columbus.
 Though Sand Livestock intends to complete projects already under way in western Nebraska, other plans for expansion have been put on hold.
 "I think all of us in the business are reassessing those plans," Schafer said. "There aren't really a lot of domestic projects that are too attractive to us at this time. This has been devastating."
 Nancy Thompson, an analyst with the Center for Rural Affairs in Walthill, said several large operations nationwide have announced plans to halt expansions that have fired controversy in the industry in recent years.
 Smaller pork producers, she added, are predicted to leave the industry in droves.
 "I think it's affecting everybody," Thompson said. "But I would say it's affecting the smaller producers more heavily than the larger ones, because they don't have the deep pockets that will allow them to hold out as long."
 If pork prices do not rebound soon, 20 to 25 percent of producers will go out of business in six months, Thompson said, citing national reports.
 Jim Pillen, part owner of Progressive Swine Technologies of Columbus with facilities in a six-county region, also said expansion plans within the industry will not materialize if the market stays where it is.
 "I guess I would say that for any size facility, when you go through something like this, it's like getting cancer — it doesn't discriminate," Pillen said. "It affects any size producer. The only producers that are going to survive are the most efficient producers."
 But Pillen does not agree with predictions that many farmers — even the smaller ones — will be leaving the industry voluntarily.
 "Nobody's going to be excited to get out of the business," he said. "Everybody that's in the business is there because they feel they can compete. The only reason they'll get out is if they're forced to — because there's no more money to pay the bills."
 Steve Cady of Hickman, the new director of the Nebraska Pork Producers Association, argues that the forced exodus already has begun.
 "Yes, there are a lot of them getting out," Cady said. "We're having so much trouble finding new leaders for local organizations in the rural areas."
 Cady, who sells livestock veterinary supplies, said he has seen low hog prices create a domino effect of losses on the agriculture industry, from producers to veterinarians to feed dealers.
 "This issue has been happening all fall," he said. "A lot of farmers are just throwing in the towel."

Floydada farmer wins

Mark McCormick of Floydada was named winner of the Texas Farm Bureau's Outstanding Young Farmer and Rancher Contest here today at the organization's 65th annual convention.
 McCormick was chosen over two other finalists and seven other district winners for the annual award, which is presented by the state's largest general farm organization to honor the young leaders of agriculture and to recognize the hard work and determination needed to succeed when starting out in the challenging business of farming and ranching.
 McCormick and his wife, Kelly, who have two children, raise cotton, milo, wheat and cattle in Floyds County. The 34-year old farmer attributes his success to staying a steady course.
 "We make slight changes in our game plan every year, but go along with the curve ball Mother Nature throws us," McCormick said. "I try to stay tried and true. What's worked in the past seems to keep working."
 The runners-up in the contest were Gene Baker on Anson and Ralph Seidel, III of Bay City.
 Baker, 35, runs a wheat and cattle operation in Jones County. He and his wife have two children. Seidel, 35, runs a rice and cow/calf operation near Bay City in Matagorda County.
 He and his wife, Candace, have three children.

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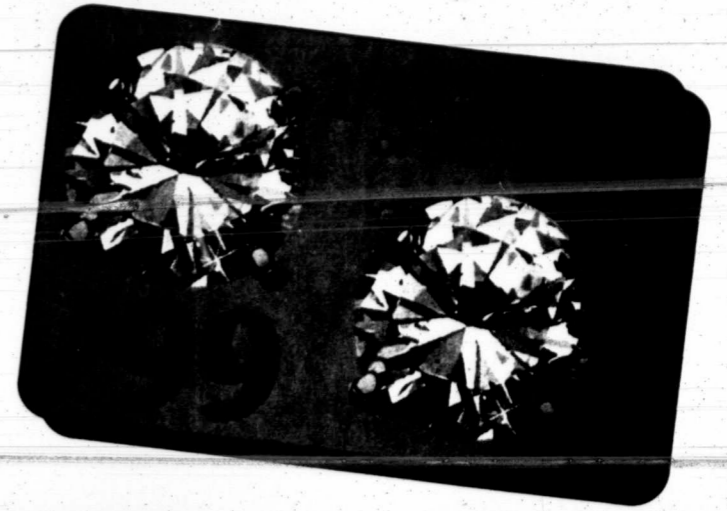
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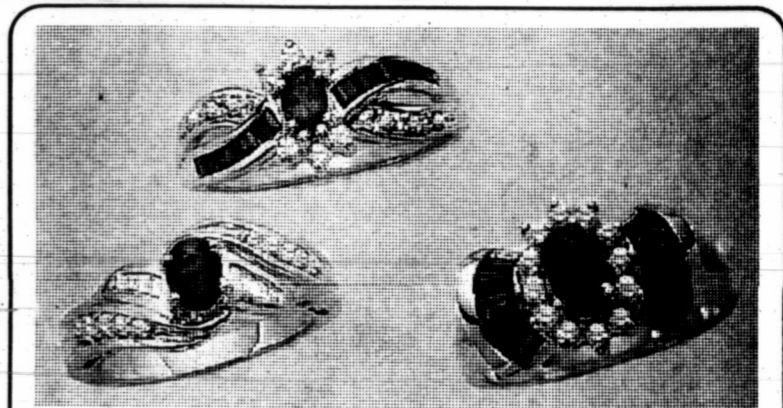
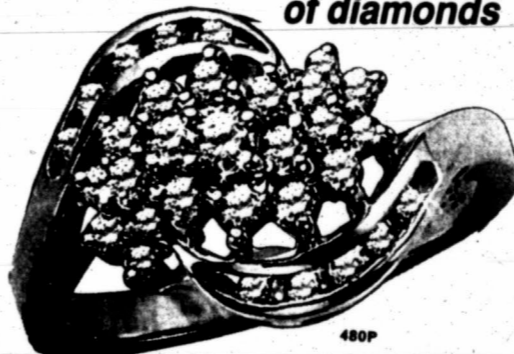


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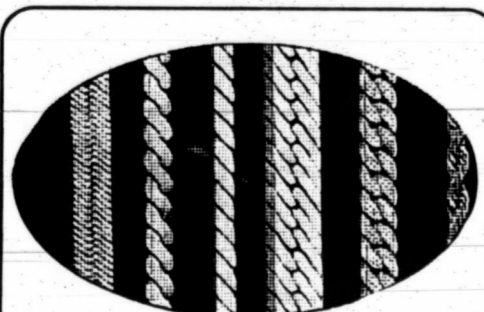
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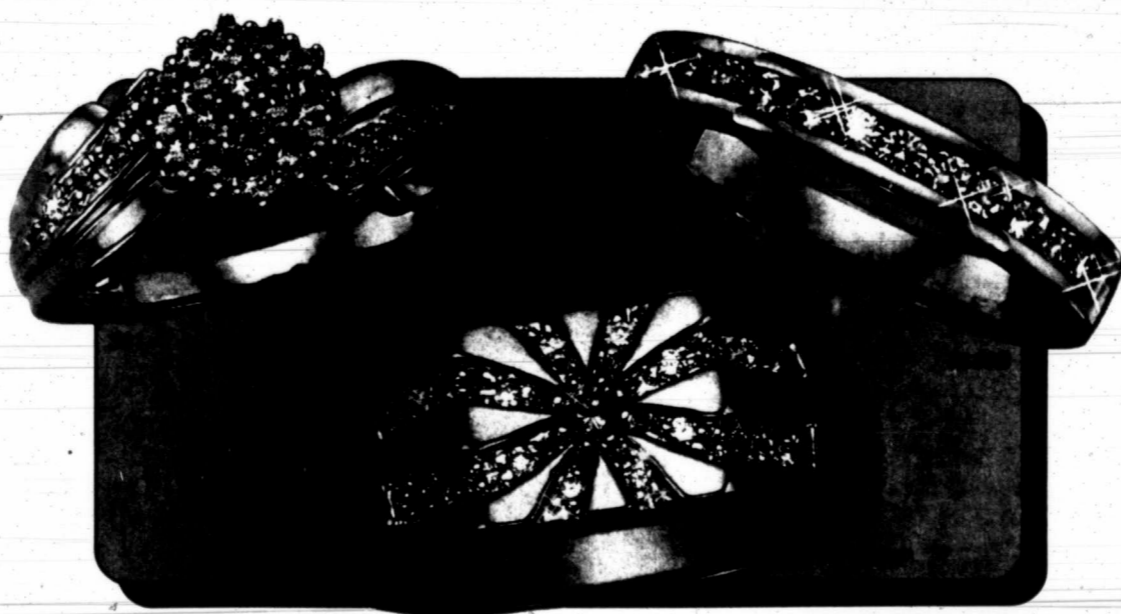
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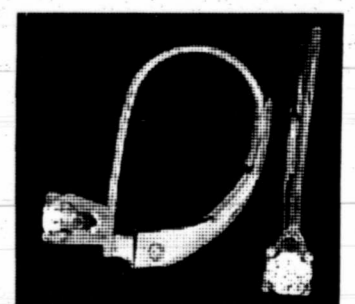


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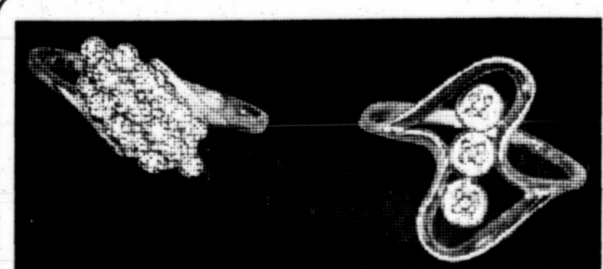


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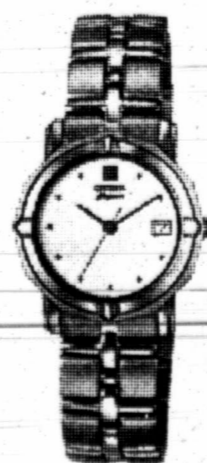
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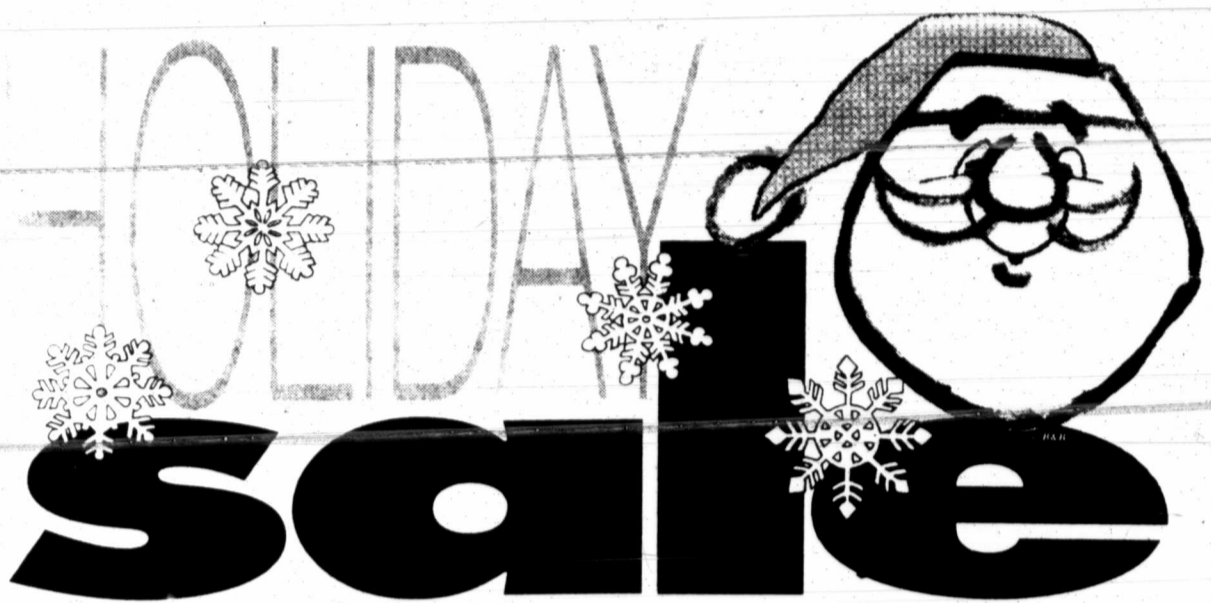
To the editor,
 Not to many months ago we had a situation regarding "Seaboard Corp." possibly coming to Pampa or some other panhandle city with a large hog packing plant — if they could get enough corporate welfare. The plant went to a city in Kansas and the citizens of Gray county "won without winning."
 If you are interested in what could have happened to the citizens of Pampa and Gray County please obtain a copy of "TIME" magazine Nov. 30, 1998, issue and read the article on "Corporate Welfare — The

Empire of the Pigs." In this article you will see what this company has done to Albert Lea, Minn., and what is happening to Guymon, Okla.
 No doubt the citizens of Pampa will be asked to assist some other corporate welfare again. We should all read such informative articles such as described above whereby we are more enlightened on how it will effect our community in all aspects.
 Dr. Louis W. Haydon
 Pampa

Help is out there for amateur genealogists

To the editor,
 I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the article from Marie Bartholomew in Tuesday, Dec. 8 paper. I started doing research on my paternal family line last spring, and have found it to be a lot of fun. While researching, I've met quite an assortment of people on-line, some related, and others not, who are looking for their roots also. I have found a lost cousin three times removed, and several "cousins" who were descended from siblings of my great-great-grandmothers family.
 The search makes you feel like a detective, and there is no way to describe the feeling that you get when you make a connection to a long ago ancestor. It's a very warm fulfilling feeling. I have been to Marie's rootsweb site and was able to help a few people who have sent in queries looking for information about ancestors that lived in Gray County. Rootsweb is a wonderful idea, people who don't live nearby to be able to do their own personal research, can spend in queries and hope that a volunteer will offer to do some of the research for them.
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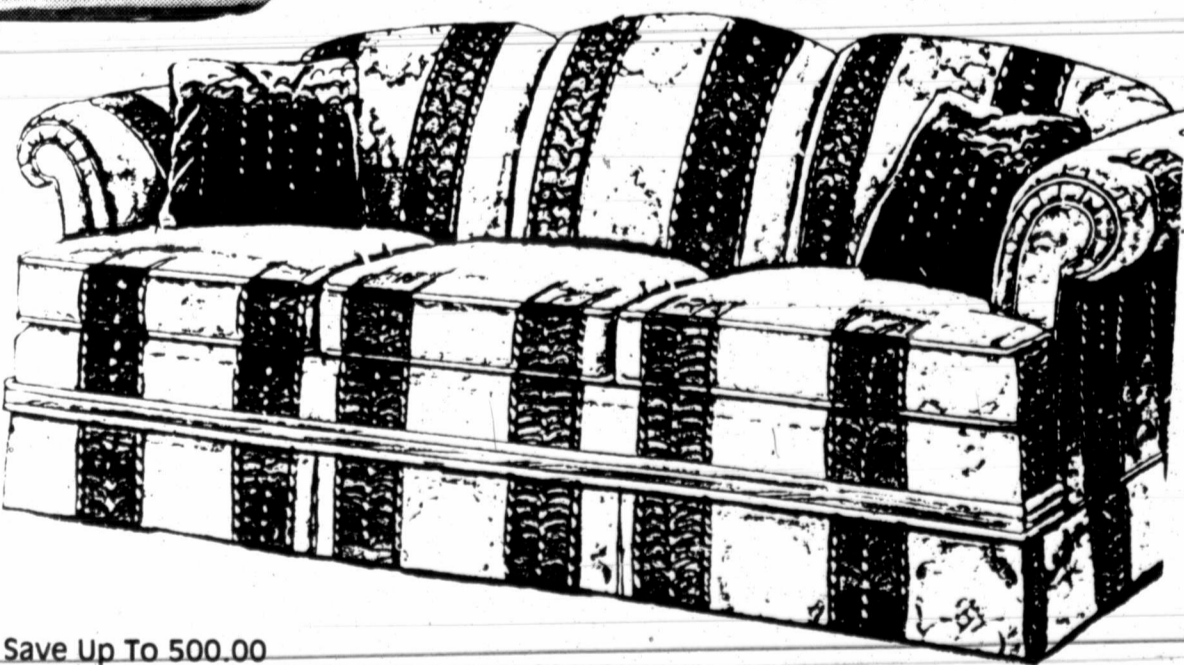
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(Special photo)
 Alberta Woods, far right, shares a smile with her granddaughter Denise Holt, center, and former Hospice of the Panhandle board member, Becky King of Fritch, at a reception following the Tree of Love lighting ceremony recently. Woods, a hospice patient, lighted the Tree of Love located on the south lawn of the non-profit agency's Pampa office at 800 N. Sumner. The annual fundraiser brings in thousands of dollars to help care for terminally ill persons and their families from this area. For more information in giving to the Tree of Love or about hospice care, contact Hospice of the Panhandle, 665-6677.

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I have found a lot of information this way as my ancestors lived in Indiana, Kentucky, Virginia, so I'm not able to run down to the courthouse and do any research on my own. There are a lot of good people out there who will do some of the research. And if it will involve a lot of research, there are professional genealogists names and addresses listed that you can hire for a reasonable amount and they will do a lot of footwork and copying for you. It has been a fun, and to me, exciting hobby so far. Again, I'd like to thank you for printing Marie's article it may help others to realize that it's not an insurmountable task to start researching their family lines. A lot of good help and good people are out there.

Leola Boyd
Pampa

Sen. Ratliff's plan not a good one

To the editor,
Even we who believe in local control of education have to admit that there are certain decisions involving all Texas schools which must be made at the state board level. The question is who should be on that state board of education?

Texas Sen. Bill Ratliff is about ready to submit to the legislature his proposed rewrite of the Texas Constitution. Sen. Ratliff's idea is that the state board of education should not be elected by the voters of Texas but should be appointed by the governor.

The next question we should ask then is who influences a governor? Typically the two groups who influence any governor are his wealthy campaign contributors and the special interest lobbyists.

Now let me get this straight. Under Sen. Ratliff's plan, the decisions which impact every public school student and educator in this state would be made by state board members who are beholden to the governor who is beholden to wealthy contributors and lobbyists.

Maybe we Texans should give this a little more thought.

Donna Garner
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ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Southern California junior Chris Claiborne received the Butkus Award as the nation's top college linebacker.

Claiborne leads the Trojans with 107 tackles, 77 unassisted. He also has six interceptions and five sacks.

Claiborne edged Texas A&M's Dat Nguyen, the Chuck Bednarik Trophy winner as defensive player of the year, and Florida's Jevon Kearse in voting conducted by the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa 9th grade boys basketball team is off to a 6-0 start this season under new coach Ryan Dykes.

Pampa freshmen defeated Dumas, 59-40 earlier this week for their sixth consecutive win. Adam Rogers led the team in scoring.

The B team has a 3-0 record. They defeated Dumas, 53-18, in their last game. David Jenkins, David Heuston and Chandler Bowers led the scoring attack.

NEW YORK (AP) — David Stern and Billy Hunter have gone into hiding in an attempt to settle the NBA lockout.

The main antagonists in the 165-day-old dispute were believed to be meeting today, their second secret negotiating session in three days, at an undisclosed location in Manhattan.

Both sides have publicly stated that they have not yet put their best offers on the table, and it now seems clear that the main players have decided it would be beneficial to keep their sessions away from the media spotlight.

One sign to look for is whether a full negotiating session will be scheduled for early next week.

Wheeler advances to Class 1A finals

VERNON — For the second year in a row, the Wheeler Mustangs are in the state football finals.

The Mustangs rolled to a 35-14 win over previously unbeaten Aspermont, 35-14, Friday night in the Class 1A semifinals. Wheeler (12-2) faces Tenaha next weekend for the championship. That game is tentatively set for 7:30 Saturday night at Pennington Field in Bedford.

Wheeler led 14-7 at halftime and then put together 21 third-quarter points to take command of Aspermont, which came into the game with a 14-0 record.

Senior quarterback Aaron Dunning displayed his all-around ability for the Mustangs as he threw two touchdown passes and rushed for 125 yards on 20 carries, including a 64-yard TD jaunt in the third quarter.

Dunning threw touchdown strikes to Klye Masters (40 yards) in the first quarter and Caleb Finsterwald (5 yards) in the second quarter. Dunning threw only three passes, but he completed two of them for TDs.

The Mustangs also got touchdown runs from Finsterwald (64 yards) and Casey Childress (9 yards). Ben Dollar made good

on five extra-point kicks.

Childress and Finsterwald also joined Dunning in rushing for over 100 yards.

Childress rushed for 119 yards on 22 carries and Finsterwald added 100 yards on 15 tries.

Solid defensive plays by the entire Wheeler defense — especially from Michael Montgomery, Donnie Phipps, Kelby Ledbetter, Bruce Copeland and Dollar — held Aspermont to only 122 total yards and 8 first downs. Aspermont went scoreless in the first and fourth quarters.

Wheeler, which has won three state titles, advanced to the finals a year ago and lost to Granger, 40-0.

1997 State Champions

5A Division I Katy 24, Longview 3

5A Division II Flower Mound Marcus 59, Alief Hastings 20

4A Division I Texas City 37, Corsicana 34

4A Division II La Marque 17, Denison 0

3A Sealy 28, Commerce 21

2A Stanton 33, Rogers 7

1A Granger 40, Wheeler 0

6-Man Borden County 48, Panther Creek 16



(Pampa News photo by Bonner Green)

Wheeler's Kyle Masters (88) scores the first touchdown of the game on a 40-yard pass from Aaron Dunning in the opening quarter.

Pampa girls reach tournament finals

ALTUS, Okla. — Pampa defeated Oklahoma City John Marshall, 53-34, Friday night to advance into the finals of the Lady Bulldog Classic.

Jordanna Young led Pampa's scoring attack with 15 points while Emily Waters followed with 9.

Debra Johnson had 11 points and Tiffany Cooper 10 for the Lady Bears.

Others scoring for Pampa were Vaughn Evans with 8,

Lisa Dwight 7, Lisa Kirkpatrick 6, Charity Nachtigall 5, Anne Gaddis 2 and Kelsey Yowell 1. Young hit three 3-point baskets and Waters had one.

Pampa led 10-7 at the end of the quarter and opened up an 11-point bulge (26-15) at halftime. It was 16 points (41-25) after three quarters.

The Lady Harvesters are 6-2 for the season and played Yukon, Okla. Saturday night for the championship.

Harvesters play for consolation crown

SEMINOLE — Sophomore guard Gary Alexander scored 23 points and hit the winning basket in the closing seconds as Pampa defeated Clint, 52-49, Friday in the Seminole Tournament.

The Harvesters played Dimmitt Saturday afternoon in the consolation finals.

Dorio Arroyo had 13 points to lead Clint in scoring.

Others scoring for Pampa were Bobby Holmes with 7 points, Colby Hale and Zane Powers 5 each; Jesse Francis, Kevin Osborn and Russell Robben 4 each.

D.J. Chek and Mondo Marano added 10 points each for Clint.

Pampa trailed 10-4 at the end of the first quarter, but jumped ahead by one, 23-22, at halftime. The score was knotted at 49-all, when Alexander connected on a 3-point goal just before the final buzzer sounded.

Alexander had a pair of 3-point goals while Powers and Holmes had one each.

Jays: This isn't Rocket science

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Gord Ash is waiting for a team to make a good enough offer and for Roger Clemens to agree to go to that club.

It's just taking longer than he thought.

"This isn't — I hate to use the pun — Rocket science," the Toronto Blue Jays general manager said Friday after arriving at the winter meetings.

With five teams still in contention for "The Rocket," the only five-time Cy Young Award winner, Ash arrived at the winter meetings with little fanfare, carrying his own luggage as he walked through the lobby of the Opryland Hotel.

A few hours later, after he finally found Toronto's suite in the vast 2,884-room hotel — he had to cross a man-made river to get there from the lobby — he said nothing was close and the bidding might stretch into next week.

Still, he expected to go home without Clemens, who has demanded a trade to a team closer to his Houston home or to a contender.

"I can't see how we leave here without a deal being done," Ash said.

Houston, Texas, the New York Yankees, Cleveland and perhaps Colorado are in the hunt. Two of the five stepped up their offers Friday, Ash said, without indicating which two.

And, in a reversal, Yankees owner George Steinbrenner decided to send GM Brian Cashman to the meetings. New York had been the only team not planning to attend the session, the first winter meetings for the major leagues since 1992.

"Don't read too much into it," said one Yankees official, speaking on the condition he not be identified, — an indication Steinbrenner still was unsure how much he wanted to pursue

Clemens.

It was a two-track negotiation. Teams are talking with Toronto about the players the Blue Jays want and also are talking with Clemens' agents, Randy and Alan Hendricks, about the contract extension their client wants.

"Anyone that's wanted to talk to the Hendricks — be my guest, talk to them," Ash said, confirming for the first time that he's given his permission for other teams to talk contract with Clemens.

Ash has turned this into a semi-public auction. By hinting about offers, he makes teams think about increasing their own proposals.

"I like the Oil of Olay approach — keep them guessing," Ash said, adding that he wasn't worried about overplaying his hand. "In discussions, you get a sense when clubs are at the turning point, you get a sense of how far they're going to go."

McLean advances

SAMNORWOOD — McLean girls advanced to the finals of the Samnorwood Tournament with a 59-52 victory over Fort Elliott on Friday.

Vanessa Glass had 21 points and Rachel Galley followed with 14 to lead the Tigerettes in scoring.

McLean led by six (23-17) at halftime.

Fort Elliott got 22 points from Susie Luttrell. Estes added 10.

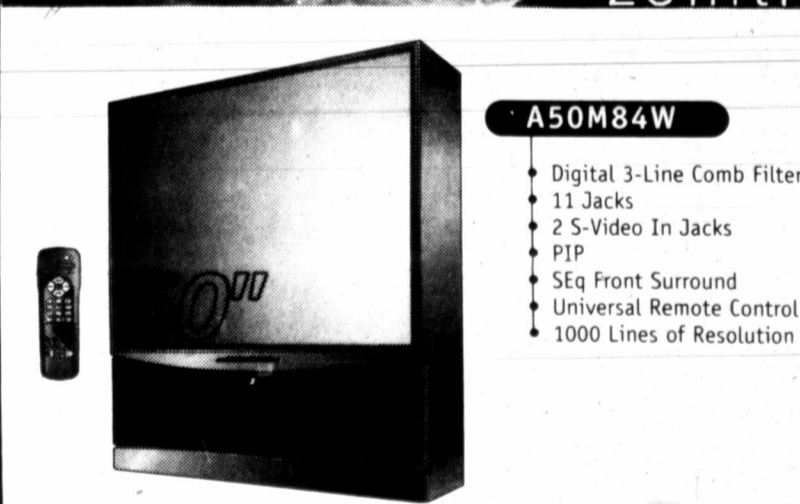
In the boys' division, Fort Elliott rolled by Miami, 50-26, in the semifinals.

Michael Hilburn had 18 points and Nathan Hefley 15 for Fort Elliott.

Halftime score was 29-10, Fort Elliott's favor.

Shane Thompson and Mike May had 7 apiece for Miami.

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Rodeo champ



(Special photo)

Twelve-year-old Hawk Tucker of Pampa is headed for Fort Worth and the A.J.B.R.A. National Finals. Before qualifying at regional and becoming the Oklahoma State champion, Hawk started entering rodeos when he was 4 and has won numerous belts and trophies. His grandmother, Jan Trimble, says Hawk wants to be a champion and depends on his granddad (David Trimble) to teach him about the sport and take him to rodeos. Hawk is the son of Dreamia Tucker.

Parry: USA not playing smart golf

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Captain Jack Nicklaus says the Americans are playing good golf, but his team's "best hasn't been good enough." The International team has turned a couple of long putts and miracle chips into wins at the Presidents Cup.

As a result, the Americans began today only two points away from losing the cup they have won in each of the first two years the tournament has been played.

International player Craig Parry of Australia has another theory on the Americans' indifferent play. He says they're not playing smart golf.

"I think there is a way to play this golf course and there is a way not to play it," Parry says of Royal Melbourne, where warm, gusty winds again made conditions difficult Friday. "There are a few holes out there that the Americans are playing wrong."

Parry, who holed a 50-foot chip to give him and Japanese partner Shigeki Maruyama a 1-up win in an alternate shot match Friday, said Tiger Woods should not have used his driver off the 10th tee in a match Friday, suggesting a 2-iron and 8-iron combination would have been better.

And he said Scott Hoch may have been aiming at the wrong place on another hole.

"He (Hoch) wanted to hit a

driver left, about 40 yards left of where he should have been hitting it," added Parry. "And I'm thinking, 'I hope you hit a good drive here because I want you in those trees.'"

Nicklaus talked Saturday about the advantage the Internationals have with four Australians and two New Zealanders on the team. International captain Peter Thomson admits that Royal Melbourne has been playing tough.

Thomson won the Canada Cup — the forerunner to the World Cup — with Kel Nagle at Royal Melbourne in 1959.

"Between then and now, I've never seen Royal Melbourne in this kind of mood."

At the end of a day in which the wind switched to the south and dropped afternoon temperatures, the one constant was the remarkable — the Americans might call it unbelievable — play of the International team.

After winning 4 1/2 of a possible five points in the morning alternate-shot matches, the International team held off any U.S. hopes for a comeback to build a lead that is virtually insurmountable.

The International team led 14 1/2-5 1/2 at one point.

"We haven't got it yet, but we're looking good," said Greg Norman, 3-0-1 in four matches with fellow Aussie Steve Elkington.

Norman played Tiger Woods in the next to last of 12 singles matches on Sunday, but with the Internationals only needing to win two of the matches, Thomson may be popping champagne corks before Woods and Norman make the turn.

The United States, needing to mount some semblance of a charge in the afternoon best-ball matches, watched its hopes fall apart on the closing holes Saturday.

Norman, the man most responsible for moving the matches out of the United States after two appearances at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Virginia, made a 15-foot birdie putt on the 14th hole to give himself and Elkington the lead over Fred Couples and Davis Love III. They closed out the final match at 2-up when Norman knocked down the flag at the 17th and the Americans, typical of their entire day, couldn't make a birdie putt.

Woods and John Huston made a spirited comeback from 4-down after six holes and 2-down with three holes to play when Woods made birdie putts of 4 and 30 feet.

But Ernie Els won the match 1-up with a 12-foot birdie putt on the 18th, and Huston's 10-footer to halve never had a chance.

"I'm very disappointed," Woods said. "They are just doing the right things at the right time. It's frustrating. I

don't know what else we could have done. This is what match play is all about."

David Duval, the leading money-winner on the U.S. PGA Tour and perhaps the most dominant player in the world, is 0-3-1, while Maruyama has yet to lose.

Maruyama, paired with Joe Ozaki in a best-ball match against Duval and Mickelson, closed out the match with three straight birdies for a 3 and 2 victory.

Japan's mighty mite also came up big in the morning, holing a 35-foot birdie putt to bring the alternate-shot match even against Woods and Couples, then watching with delight as Parry, his partner, pulled off another last-hole shocker.

One day after Frank Nobile's 40-foot birdie putt on the 18th green gave the International team a jump start, Parry found himself in about the same position, needing to get up and down to halve the match.

"It's unbelievable what they did," Couples said. "The 35-footer on 17, and then 18 was just plain goofy."

High School Scores

Newton 29, Aransas Pass 15
Tenaña 34, Iola 0
Celina 9, Stanton 0
Wheeler 35, Aspermont 14
Elysian Fields 7, Goldthwaite 0

Whitfield tops calf roping

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Fred Whitfield kept his slim hopes for a fourth world calf roping title alive, winning the eighth round of the National Finals Rodeo with a 7.5-second run Friday night.

Whitfield, of Hockley, Texas, raised his season earnings to \$127,218, but still trails leader Cody Ohl of Stephenville, Texas, by \$61,803 with two rounds left in the season-ending event.

To pass Ohl, Whitfield needs to win both the final two rounds to move from third to first in the NFR average. He also needs Ohl to finish no better than seventh in each round and drop from first to ninth in the average.

"I've got an outside shot," Whitfield said. "I've got my work cut out for me, but if I draw some good calves and move up

in the average ... anything can happen. Cody has roped well all week. He's probably the best going right now. My hat's off to him."

Trent Walls of Stephenville, Texas, was second Friday night with an 8.0-second run, and Rusty Seawalt of Del Rio, Texas, was third in 8.1 seconds.

Larry Sandvick of Kaycee, Wyo., won the bareback with an 85-point ride. Chris Harris of Arlington, Texas, and Denny McClanahan of Canadian, Texas, tied for second with 83s.

Dan Mortensen of Manhattan, Mont., who clinched the saddle bronc world championship Thursday night, won the event for the second straight night, scoring 84 points. Bret Franks of Goodwell, Okla., was second at 79, and Robert Etbauer, also of Goodwell, was third at 77.

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LETTERS Impeachment is only Constitutional choice

To the editor,
Censure, which has been suggested by some to be a more appropriate form of punishment for this president's transgressions, is a cowardly and deceptive attempt to try to appear to be doing something while really doing nothing. Make not mistake about it; there is no constitutional authority for the legislative branch of government to censure any member of the executive branch. Constitutionally, the House of Representatives has two choices at its disposal. Members can either impeach the president or they can refuse to impeach him. That's it; no more, no less.

The fact that these gutless cowards can get away with the mere suggestion of censure is a testament to the constitutional illiteracy of the American people. For those who believe censure is an appropriate punishment, they should be in favor of impeachment. Impeachment, by itself, does not remove the president from office. He would still have to be convicted in the Senate before he could be removed from office.

As of today, no one is suggesting there are enough votes in the Senate to remove this president from office. If that proves to be the case, the president will survive to fulfill his term of office and the Congress will have maintained fidelity to the Constitution.

But, that is today. A month ago, right after the election, no one thought the president would be impeached by the House. As of this writing, the votes stack up against him. If this House of Representatives passes articles of impeachment and sends the issue to the Senate, the political dynamic could change dramatically.

The Senate would be sworn and seated as a jury. The chief justice would preside over any trial. He might even sequester the jury. This could serve to de-politicize much of the process. In any event, impeachment is the only constitutional choice available to the House of Representatives.

Wade A Mitchell
Pampa

Enjoying viewing Pampa News on web page

To the editor,
Just a short note to say that I enjoyed reading the Letters and Columns section of the Pampa Web Page. Since I am a genealogist and local history buff, I especially enjoyed the short letter by Mrs. Bartholomew. My own mother was born in Texas, but not Pampa, and has told me many stories about the state.
Richard L. Handwerk
richardz@ix.netcom.com

Love that new genealogy column, 'Gray County Memories'

To the editor,
We just wanted to tell you that we really like the new column, "Gray County Memories," by Marie Bartholomew.

We also host a Texas USGenWeb County (King) as well as two other counties in other states and seven listservs. Tim has fond memories of Texas and of things his grandparents told him, just as Marie does. The letter written by her grandmother really makes the hard times come alive. In today's plastic world, where people are "punished" for paying off their debts, it's refreshing to read about someone who tried hard to pay her own way, get work for her husband and raise her child.

Hope the column continues. Those of us interested in history and genealogy really appreciate it.

Barbara Peck, seawolf@selfroots.com
Tim Seawolf-Self, tim@selfroots.com

Drug facility would make all the difference

To the editor,
I wish to extend my sympathy to all of us for refusing the juvenile

facility for Gray County. Until this evening, I had thought if the proposal were defeated due to the suggested location, an alternate location would be chosen. I did what I thought was my public duty: I volunteered to serve on a focus group to support economic development; I am active in youth volunteer efforts and community organizations, contribute morally through my church and voted YES. I have sat right next to the owner of the business bordering the proposed site while he supported the facility, and he is the one person I would expect to object. Now, I realize I should have been working indirectly: collecting funds, seeking supporters, buying radio and news ads, etc., to scrub up 487 more YES votes to offer help to the youth of our county and others and to bring in revenue at the same time.

During a previous assignment, I was one of six who volunteered to provide special education testing and services at Lansing Prison (maximum security). This is located in Leavenworth, Kan., also home to Fort Leavenworth (military maximum security). While there, I stayed in a beautiful Victorian style modern hotel and spent most of

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THE WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

In 1916 the White Deer Land Company constructed a new building at 116 S. Cuyler Street in Pampa to house their home office. The name "White Deer Land Building" appears on a window and on a sidewalk near the front door. T.D. Hobart was the manager of the White Deer Land Company at that time, assisted by M.K. Brown and C.P. Bucker. This building now houses the White Deer Land Museum.

The museum brings to life the grand history of Gray County and the area around Pampa. Over 20 rooms depicting life in the Texas Panhandle around the turn of the century contain exhibits including a country store, school room, chapel, barber shop, Western Union office, telephone switchboard, kitchen, parlor, sewing room and bedroom. The authentically restored office of the White Deer Land Company is displayed.

The museum contains one of the Southwest's largest individual arrowhead and primitive tool collections as well as ranching implements and livery. An extensive photo gallery includes Native Americans, early ranches and settlements and the first oil fields. The restored apartment of the museum co-founder, M.K. Brown is on display. The new Holland Wing houses traveling exhibits, art collections and offices and has modern facilities for educational programs and receptions.

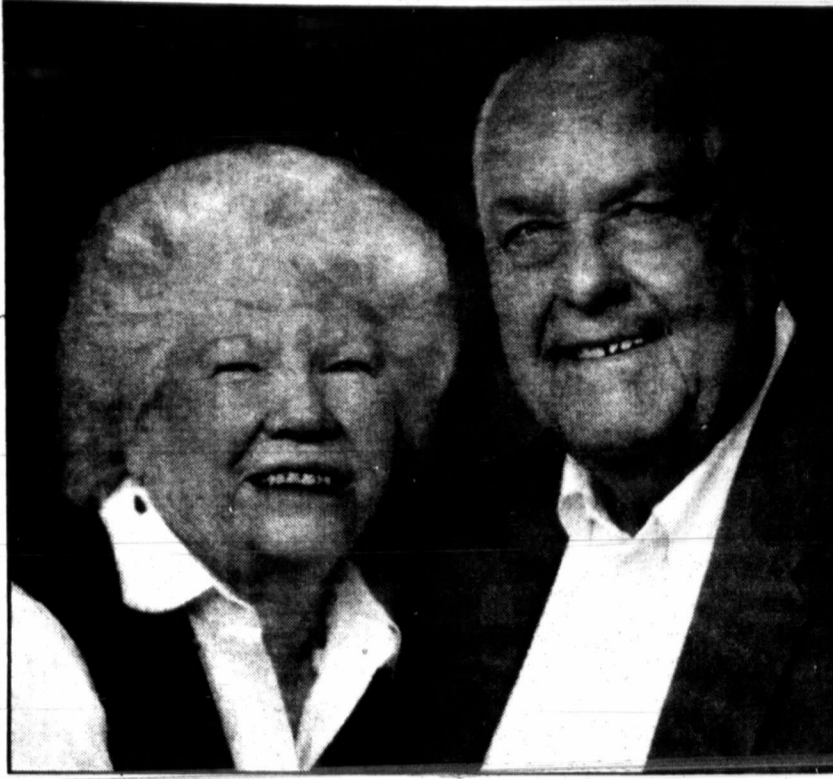
Admission is free, but donations are always welcome. The museum is handicapped accessible, including an elevator, and is open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Special tours and reservations for the meeting area are available by calling the museum staff at (806) 669-8041.



Scenes depicted in some of the museum's exhibits include a kitchen, T. D. Hobart's roll top desk, and a bedroom.



Some recent museum events include (l-r), a reception honoring artist Holly Burger pictured with opera star Mary Jane Rose Johnson, a lecture on Ft. Elliott by attorney Bobbye Hill of Mobeetie, Texas and a reception for Arlene Feldman Jauken shown signing her book "The Moccasin Speaks."



Mr. and Mrs. W.D. McKendree

McKendree anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W.D. (Dub) McKendree will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at 2 p.m. Dec. 19 in Cory Court at First United Methodist Church in Pampa. Children of the couple will host the reception.

W.D. McKendree and Mardell Mask met in 1946 at the old Nat Ballroom in Amarillo and married two years later on Dec. 17, 1948.

Mr. McKendree is retired from the Texas State Highway Department, working in the Pampa office for over 30 years. He also worked for the independent engineering firm Merriman and Barber. He is a World War II veteran and a gourmet chef.

Mrs. McKendree is retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone after 25 years of service. She enjoys painting. Her work was recently featured at a local dinner theatre production.

They couple have a second home in Monte Vista, Colo. Children of the couple are Deborah Ann and Jim Moore of The Woodlands and Karen Lea and David Geyer of Drumright, Okla. They have four grandchildren.



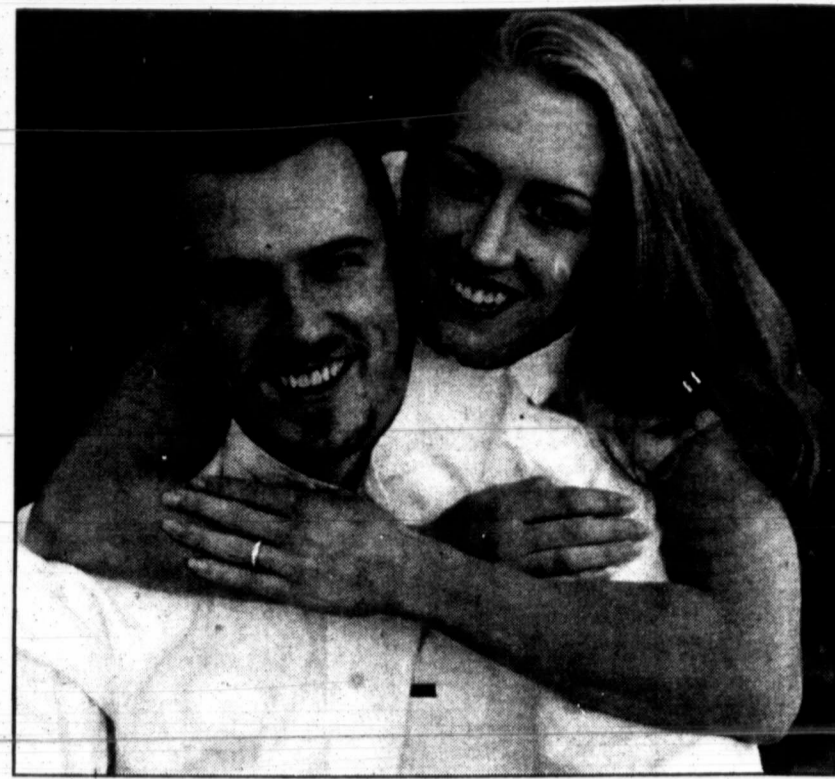
Lisa Patterson Stockton and Dr. T. Bryan Smitherman

Stockton-Smitherman

Lisa Patterson Stockton and Dr. T. Bryan Smitherman, both of Lubbock, plan to wed May 1, 1999, in Lubbock.

The bride-elect holds a bachelor of business administration degree in finance from Texas Tech University. She is currently vice president of Human Resources at United Supermarkets, Inc.

The prospective groom is the son of Tony and Monta Jean Smitherman of McLean and holds a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University and a doctor of medicine degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch. He completed his orthopedic surgery residency at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and is currently in private practice with The Center for Orthopaedic Surgery in Lubbock.



Charity Colette Anderson and Joshua Douglas Durham

Anderson-Durham

Charity Colette Anderson of Allen and Joshua Douglas Durham of Plano plan to wed Jan. 16, 1999, in Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ronnie and Gail Anderson of Pampa and Dave and Debbie Fisher of Allen. She graduated from Plano East Senior High School in 1990 and from the University of North Texas in 1994. She is currently a resource director at Prestonwood Baptist Church.

The prospective groom is the son of Larry and Helen Durham of Plano. He graduated from Plano East Senior High School in 1993 and from the University of North Texas in 1998. He is currently employed with Powerpoint Ministries at Prestonwood Baptist Church.

Menus

Dec. 14-18

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Pampa Schools
MONDAY
 Breakfast: Pancake, syrup.
 Lunch: Beef and cheese burrito, refried beans, Spanish rice, sliced apples.
TUESDAY
 Breakfast: Toast, peanut butter.
 Lunch: Fish strips, macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas, peaches, hot rolls.
WEDNESDAY
 Breakfast: Donut, sausage patty.
 Lunch: Cheeseburger pocket, sliced potatoes, okra, mixed fruit.

THURSDAY
 Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, biscuits.
 Lunch: Corndog, French fries, baked beans, holiday parfait.
FRIDAY
 Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
 Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, broccoli, corn, pears.
Lefors Schools
MONDAY
 Breakfast: Rolls, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Beans, salad, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY
 Breakfast: French toast sticks, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Steak fingers, rolls, whipped potatoes, green beans, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY
 Breakfast: Ham, eggs, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Barbecue wieners, broccoli, tator tots, rolls, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY
 Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Hamburger or chicken

patties, whipped potatoes, corn, rolls, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY
 Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Ham sandwiches, chips, salad, fruit, milk.
Meals on Wheels
MONDAY
 Stew, cornbread, cake.
TUESDAY
 Mexican casserole, pinto beans, spinach rice, pudding.
WEDNESDAY
 Shepherd's pie, lima beans, candied carrots, jello.
THURSDAY
 Barbecue wieners, macaroni and cheese, cabbage, applesauce.
FRIDAY
 Baked chicken, rice pilaf, green beans, apples.
Senior Citizens
MONDAY
 Chicken fried steak or salmon patties, mashed potatoes, winter blend, beets, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, ugly ducking cake or chocolate pie, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY
 Corned beef and cabbage or chicken leg quarters, onion potatoes, broccoli, squash, northern beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, lemon supreme cake or butterscotch icebox pie, hot rolls or cornbread.
WEDNESDAY
 Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, succotash, carrots, butter beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, strawberry swirl cake or peach/pineapple cobbler, hot rolls or cornbread.
THURSDAY
 Chicken strips or hamburger steak with onion gravy, cheese potatoes, green beans, blackeyed peas with snaps, slaw, tossed or jello salad, cherry chocolate cake or coconut creme pie, hot rolls or cornbread.
FRIDAY
 Fried cod fish or taco salad, potato wedges, spinach, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, banana cake or tapioca, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

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LEMOORE, Calif. — Navy Lieutenant Commander Donald Braswell, a Pampa High School graduate, recently received a Letter of Appreciation while assigned with Strike Fighter Squadron 113, Naval Air Station, Lemoore. Braswell was recognized for superior performance of duty. He joined the Navy in July 1982. He is a 1986 graduate of U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., receiving a bachelor's degree, and is a 1987 graduate of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., receiving a master's degree.

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Army Reserve Private First Class Eric Ritchey, a 1995 Pampa High School graduate and son of Lonnie and Danette Ritchey of Pampa, recently entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia. During the eight weeks of training, Ritchey will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history and traditions and human relations.

KELLY, AFB — Air Force Airman Jairus Thorp, a 1996 Pampa High School graduate and son of Kerry and Ann Thorp of Pampa, was recently assigned to duty with the 13th Fighter

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THE ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP will have regularly scheduled meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Shepherd's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. For more information contact Chrys Smith at 665-0356.
OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC Program nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information call 665-1182.
ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP if interested call Connie at 669-9364.
FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS meet the 4th Saturday of each month at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

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LETTERS

my spare time walking the streets, admiring the beautiful restored 19th century homes that lined the main thoroughfare and the gracious parks. I guess, if there was a ghetto section there or in nearby Atkinson, it was the ranch style '60s homes on the other side of the parks from the mansions. This was quite in contrast to a description of Pampa.

Every morning I was forced to leave my purse and any "no-no's" such as earrings, lighters, nasal inhalers, watches, sharp metal portions of shoes, hair pins, etc., and have my cigarettes delivered to the education office, I was inspected from head to foot by a hand-held detector and began to shake, knowing I couldn't leave until the end of the day, even for lunch.

I was then led through the exercise yards (learned some new descriptors) to the education offices contained in MAX where I was carefully guarded as the men. I could not shut my testing room door; I was escorted to the bathroom and locked in until I knocked to get out; I had to wait for an available guard when I wanted to take a cigarette break; I was offered free lunches in the cafeteria but turned them down after the first day; I felt like I was in "the system."

Generally, I worked with individuals in a small room with the door open and windows through each room for ease of guard observation; however, when a person to be tested had been bad, I was taken to "the hole" to test an inmate manacled both by their feet to the table and their hands looped together through the foot chain, while a heavily armed guard leaned over my shoulder. I was GLAD he was there!!

Every evening when I was escorted back through a series of five double security doors to the receiving room to pick up my personal items, I was covered with cold sweat. I began to have nightmares about being deserted in "the hole" and the suggestions

made by the inmates. Why then would I go back? Simply because these cold-blooded murders of whole families, infants, convenience store clerks, etc., are entitled to a "free, appropriate, public education in the least restrictive environment" until age 21 (PL94-142).

So, too, are the juveniles of Texas who have developed drug and alcohol problems severe enough to require a locked facility. I would argue that their "least restrictive environment" is as close to their homes as a group of highly trained professionals can be secured, where family dynamics may be positively influenced. With 18 applicants for the probation officer position, all with undergraduate, graduate or doctoral degrees, I suggest Pampa is sufficiently prepared for the initial residents.

From visiting with the locals, I learned that literally every family in Leavenworth was tied to one or both of the prisons through food service, prison staff, rentals, groceries, sundries, real estate, etc., and not one of the people I visited feared as I did. Even those prisoners are much more vicious than the typical juvenile druggie. I think if they dreamed of the prisons at all, they probably saw dollar signs and a booming economy!

All we need do is read the police reports if we have somehow missed the fact that Pampa has a sizable drug related problem, and that drug problem is sitting right next to your child at some activity. Perhaps Lefors has a large building they would like to renovate for use to help the youth or what about the old grocery or auto dealership downtown? Or should we just wait until every business in Pampa closes and then be forced to accept any business willing to consider our half-dead town? Guymon did and then ended up welcoming the very type of business they "don't want that kind in OUR town." Their city fathers are smiling now; I hope ours will reconsider.

Alice Jefferies
Pampa

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NEWSMAKERS

Squadron. He is an avionics systems specialist.

WEATHERFORD, Okla. Southwestern Oklahoma State University has announced students qualifying for degrees upon completion of the fall 1998 semester.

Students qualifying for diplomas this fall include: Shelly Brooks, bachelor of science degree in elementary education, of Pampa; and Andy Simpson, bachelor of arts degree in history education, of Shamrock.

STILLWATER, Okla. — Golden

Key National Honor Society at Oklahoma State University recently inducted 558 students for membership in the society. The new inductees included: Laura Miller, a communication sciences major from Pampa. Golden Key is an academic honor organization. Membership is by invitation only and no more than 15 percent of all students are eligible to join.

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Local resident celebrates 90th birthday

Born 90 years ago to Rufus and Eva Mullanax, Ethel Mullanax Matthews came into the world with the help of a mid-wife on December 12, 1908, in Coleman County.

"Times were hard then. Her father, a farmer and a mechanic, had to move and load up the family's covered wagon with everything they owned," according to Ethel's daughter, Barbara Smith.

Matthews said it was when she and her siblings were young that they were required to stay in a dark room for two weeks with no TV. She said she learned to say the alphabet backwards then—something she can still do to this day.

Ethel married Clarence Matthews in June, 1929. Six years later she had her first daughter, Bethel Matthews Walker, soon followed by second daughter, Barbara Matthews Smith.

Husband, Clarence, worked for the Ford Motor Company in Big Spring and later go a job with Sun Oil Company. The Matthews' lived in Odessa, Hobbs, New Mexico, Richardson, and Pampa. All of Ethel's family have lived in Gray County at one time or another through the years.

"Some may know Ethel as the "Madhatter," because for many years she made bonnets and



Ethel Matthews

wore them everywhere. She sold them here as well as in Colorado. She has been known to sell the bonnet off her head to interested passers-by. The 1970 Texas governor's wife even wore one.

Today, she has 8 grandchildren and still has four of her siblings living. A beautiful and lively woman, Ethel mowed her yard a couple of times this summer and the day before Thanksgiving she walked a long distance to the post office to mail a package. She tackles most any job she wants to do.



The Sounds Of The Season

1998 Choir Schedule

Tuesday, December 15 th	
9:00 am	Grandview Hopkins ISD All School Choir
1:00 pm	Wilson Elementary 5 th Grade
2:30 pm	Austin Elementary 4 th Grade
Wednesday, December 16 th	
9:00 am	First Baptist Church 3 Year Olds
9:30 am	First Baptist Church 4 year olds
10:00 am	First Baptist Church Kindergarten
2:00 pm	Lamar Elementary 5 th Grade
Thursday, December 17 th	
11:00 am	Travis Elementary 5 th Grade
12:30 pm	Pampa High School Concert & Show Choir
1:20 pm	Travis Elementary 2 nd Grade
Friday, December 18 th	
9:00 am	Pampa High School Freshman Choir
9:50 am	Pampa High School Womens Choir

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Woman Wants Part-Time Job, Not Full-Time Dependence

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I have been together for nearly five years. His mother is terminally ill. She needs 24-hour care, seven days a week.

We agreed to move her into our home. I wasn't working at the time. She has been with us since the beginning of the year.

I have decided to get a part-time job, five hours a day, five days a week. I have asked my fiance's sisters to care for their mother while I work. His sisters are in an uproar about it. One of them told me, "If you can't live on the money he's making, then there's something wrong."

Abby, it's not that. I want to be able to buy things without asking him for money all the time. His sisters are able to care for their mother. To top it off, my fiance agrees with his sisters. What would you suggest?

DISGUSTED WITH MY FUTURE IN-LAWS

DEAR DISGUSTED: Please do not feel you must justify needing some relief from the burden you have so generously shouldered for almost a year: the role of primary caregiver. You have already done more than your share, so don't allow anyone to make you feel guilty.

If your fiance's mother is terminal — defined as having a life expectancy of six months or less — you may be able to obtain respite care for her from Hospice. Hospice is a service pro-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

vided by about 2,000 affiliated Medicare-licensed agencies dedicated to the care of dying people and their families.

Hospice doctors, nurses, counselors, aides and volunteers work to ensure that patients live comfortably at home until their death. Professional and skilled caregivers attend to the physical, psychological and spiritual needs of both the patient and the family. For more information about this service, write: The National Hospice Organization, 1901 N. Moore St., Suite 901, Arlington, Va. 22209.

A final thought: You owe no one an explanation for wanting some degree of financial independence, regardless of what your fiance's sisters say. There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip — and a five-year engagement is no guarantee that there will be a wedding.

DEAR ABBY: If you have more room for the subject of male men-

pause, may I contribute my 2 cents' worth?

I was married for 20 years to a man who, although kind and generous in most respects, suffered from this syndrome for at least 60 of his recently concluded 87 years.

At 16, he married an older woman, and married the fourth one at almost 70 years of age. Three of these ladies are still living, as his wives were progressively younger. He was single only a matter of days between wives, and cheated on all of them. So, I contend that the age span for male menopause be extended from puberty until death.

At the same time, strange as it may seem, he was very generous to them all and never even slightly abusive. Interestingly, none of them put up a fight against his behavior.

Of the symptoms you list (courtesy of Dr. Blackman), only one really applied to my former husband — reduced libido. He seemed to need the challenge of the chase to keep functioning.

WHAM BAM, THANK YOU MA'AM, BILLINGS, MONT.

DEAR WHAM BAM: That's an astute observation. And when the thrill of the chase provides more satisfaction than the ultimate prize, it's time to reorganize one's priorities.

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 89440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90089. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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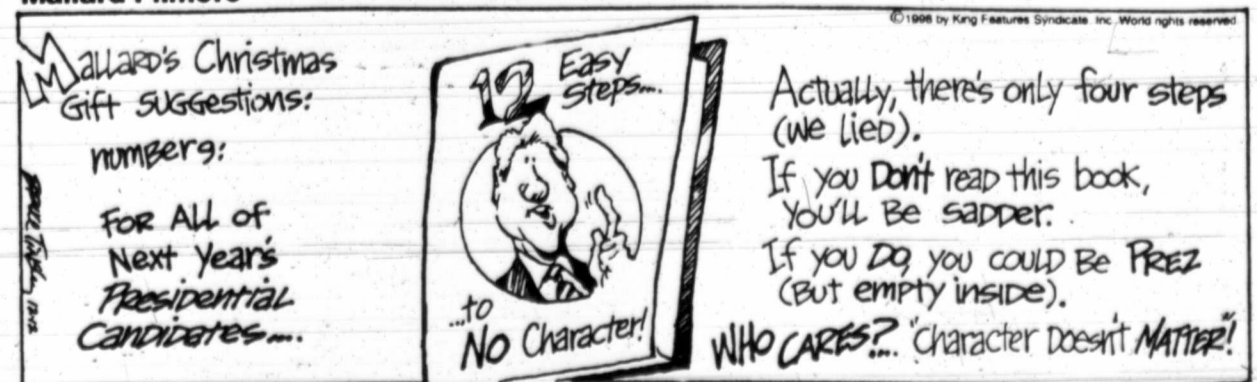
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Horoscope

MONDAY, DEC. 14, 1998
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Deal with work, bosses and partners in a diplomatic, effective manner. Unexpected developments throw you into a tizzy. You might wonder how to turn this situation around. Recognize that you don't have the winning hand presently. Tonight: An important discussion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Let others reveal their true colors. Do little, and permit others to take the lead. You could be startled by how this works. Plan on doing some solid thinking about career and long-term directions. Recognize your need for freedom and space. Tonight: Join a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Concentrate on one item at a time. You are sidetracked by a pleasant idea, person or feeling. Empower yourself at work. Fret less. Reach out to those at a distance. Remain secure when decision making. You don't have all the answers just yet. Tonight: Clear your "to-do" list.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Getting an overview helps you find resolution with a loved one or child. You perceive this person

favorably, but perhaps not realistically. However, positive thinking is contagious. An associate that you count on takes a different route. Tonight: Pretend it is the weekend. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Stay grounded when dealing with family. You might decide to go overboard on holiday spending. The unexpected could mar your evenness. Learn to be more complete on your own. Your sense of well-being increases as you call your own shots. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Pick up the phone and talk about your intentions. Someone needs to hear from you. Don't be vague. A discussion helps clarify a potentially nerve-wracking situation for you. Get what you want by taking action. Don't take a back seat. Tonight: Eggnog with a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Intuition serves you with finances. Act on what you feel; someone reciprocates. A child might not tell you everything; you could be shocked when you hear the full story. Be careful with a flaky loved one. You cannot count on his reaction. Tonight: Handle the unpredictable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Your magnetism draws what you want. Don't stand on ceremony with a loved one or friend. They will go to bat for you when it counts. Approach a domestic matter carefully. You could cause more of a shakeup than you are aware. Tonight: It is your call!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Take a back seat and observe. You learn a lot if you follow through on an odd feeling. A boss acknowledges you for a job well done. You feel good about what is happening. The unexpected occurs with communications; remain aware. Tonight: Go off and do your holiday errands.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Network, get together with others and exchange messages all day. You hear news that pleases you. Prepare to take off, or at least make a phone call. Opportunity knocks on your door. You pull the financial wild card. Proceed carefully. Tonight: Find the crowds.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Handle higher-ups and someone whom you put on a pedestal. It is important not to settle. Stay on top of new projects and work. As Christmas closes in, you notice a lax attitude with co-workers. Be a star; take charge! Don't lose your momentum. Tonight: In the limelight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Keep the big picture in mind. Your own reactions startle you. Go within, rather than react. A partner lets you know where he is coming from. A discussion is caring, informative and provides a lot of insight as to how someone thinks. Tonight: Favorite music.

BORN TODAY

Actress Patty Duke (1946), tennis player Stan Smith (1946), actress Dee Wallace Stone (1948)

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

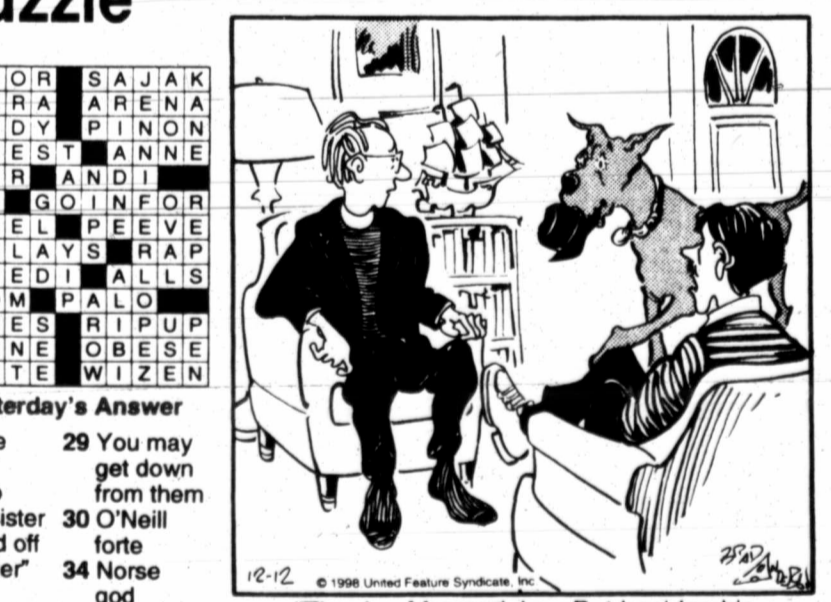
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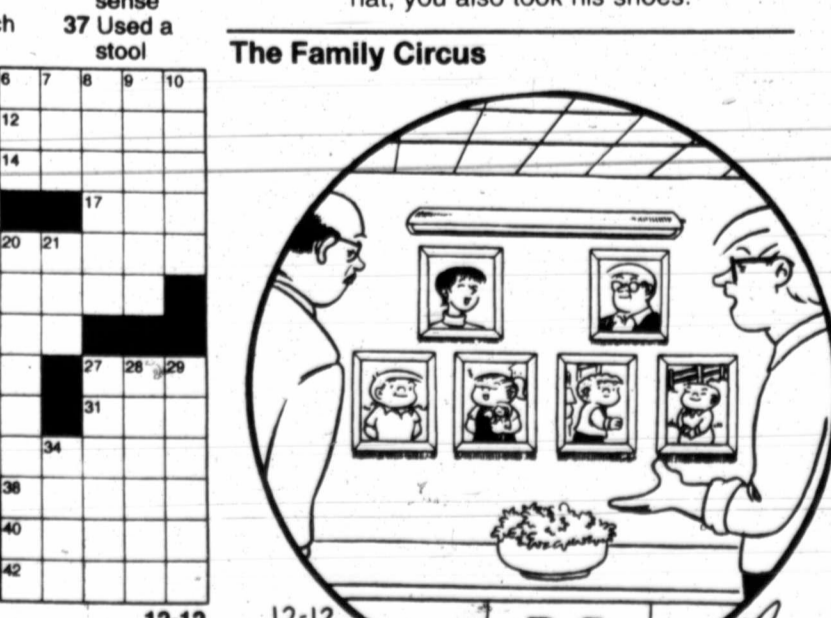
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- Irene
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- 20 Cajole
- 21 Actor
- 24 Jo's sister
- 25 Wiped off
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- 27 Begin liking
- 28 Brunch dish
- 29 You may get down from them
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- 34 Norse god
- 36 Sixth sense
- 37 Used a stool

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ENTERTAINMENT

★★Celebrity Flashbacks★★

By The Associated Press
Entertainment highlights during the week of Dec. 13-19:

40 years ago: Burt Lancaster, Rita Hayworth and Deborah Kerr starred in the film, "Separate Tables."

30 years ago: Mark Lester and Oliver Reed starred in the film, "Oliver!" The film won six Oscars, including Best Picture.

25 years ago: Woody Allen and Diane Keaton starred in "Sleeper," and Dustin Hoffman and Steve McQueen starred in "Papillon."

20 years ago: "Superman," starring Christopher Reeve and Margot Kidder, opened in Los Angeles. The film was followed by three sequels.

15 years ago: "Silkwood" starred Meryl Streep, Kurt Russell and Cher. It was directed by Mike Nichols.

EMI and Virgin record labels jointly released a 30-track, double album, "Now! That's What I Call Music," crammed with hits from the year's British charts. The album included 11 No. 1 hits by artists Phil Collins, Duran Duran, UB40 and Culture Club.

And The Who officially disbanded.

10 years ago: Actress Elizabeth Taylor was on People magazine's roster of "the 25 most intriguing people of 1988." She was called "the Cleopatra of our age."

Celebrities including Ray Charles, Harry Belafonte, Neil Sedaka and Ben Vereen helped raise more than \$9.4 million in pledges for the United Negro College Fund. The funds were raised during

a seven-hour telethon in Los Angeles.

And Dustin Hoffman and Tom Cruise starred in Barry Levinson's "Rain Man." The film won Oscars for Best Picture, Actor (Hoffman), Director and Screenplay.

Five years ago: Grammy Award-winning singer Whitney Houston was selected as NAACP "Entertainer of the Year."

Steven Spielberg's film about the Holocaust, "Schindler's List," starred Liam Neeson, Ben Kingsley and Ralph Fiennes. The film won seven Oscars, including Best Picture and Best Director.

And Julia Roberts and Denzel Washington starred in Alan J. Pakula's "The Pelican Brief," based on a novel by John Grisham.

One year ago: The Presidents of the United States of America, a rock trio, announced its breakup.

Spoken five years ago:

"We've never been afraid to record a song like 'Let's Get Rocked,' or 'Rock 'Til You Drop,' or 'Make Love Like a Man,' which is supposed to be a bit of fun. But fun was out in the early '90s. Maybe it'll come back in and people will realize those songs are OK." — Joe Elliott of the British pop-metal quintet Def Leppard.

Spoken one year ago:

"What can I say? It cost a lot." — Director James Cameron, referring to the \$200 million price tag for his new movie, "Titanic."

Billboard Music Charts

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.):

Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "I'm Your Angel," R. Kelly & Celine Dion. Jive. (Platinum)
2. "Nobody's Supposed To Be Here," Deborah Cox. Arista. (Platinum)
3. "Lately," Divine. Pendulum. (Platinum)
4. "From This Moment On," Shania Twain. Mercury (Nashville).
5. "Doo Wop (That Thing)," Lauryn Hill. Ruffhouse. (Gold)
6. "Because Of You," 98 Degrees. Motown. (Gold)
7. "Love Like This," Faith Evans. Bad Boy. (Gold)
8. "...Baby One More Time," Britney Spears. Jive. (Gold)
9. "Lullaby," Shawn Mullins. SMC.
10. "Have You Ever?," Brandy. Atlantic.

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The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

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1. "Double Live," Garth Brooks. Capitol (Nashville).
2. "These Are Special Times," Celine Dion. 550 Music.
3. "'N Sync," 'N Sync. RCA. (Platinum)
4. "Spirit," Jewel. Atlantic. (Platinum)
5. "Garage Inc.," Metallica. Elektra.
6. "Greatest Hits," 2Pac. Amaru.
7. "(NU) 1's," Mariah Carey. Columbia.
8. "Backstreet Boys," Backstreet Boys. Jive. (Platinum)
9. "Home For Christmas," 'N Sync. RCA.
10. "Come On Over," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)

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Hot Adult Contemporary

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1. "I'm Your Angel," R. Kelly & Celine Dion. Jive.
2. "From This Moment On," Shania Twain. Mercury.
3. "True Colors," Phil Collins. Face Value.
4. "I'll Never Break Your Heart," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
5. "When You Believe," Whitney Houston. DreamWorks.
6. "This Kiss," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
7. "I'll Be," Edwin McCain. Atlantic.
8. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden. Columbia.
9. "To Love You More," Celine Dion. 550 Music.
10. "You're Still The One," Shania Twain. Mercury.

Mainstream Rock Tracks

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1. "Turn The Page," Metallica. Elektra.
2. "Fly Away," Lenny Kravitz. Virgin.
3. "Kickin' My Heart-Around," The Black Crowes. American.
4. "Slide," Goo Goo Dolls. Warner Bros.
5. "Psycho Man," Black Sabbath. Epic.
6. "Dragula," Rob Zombie. Geffen.
7. "Pretty Fly (Fof A White Guy)," The Offspring. Columbia.
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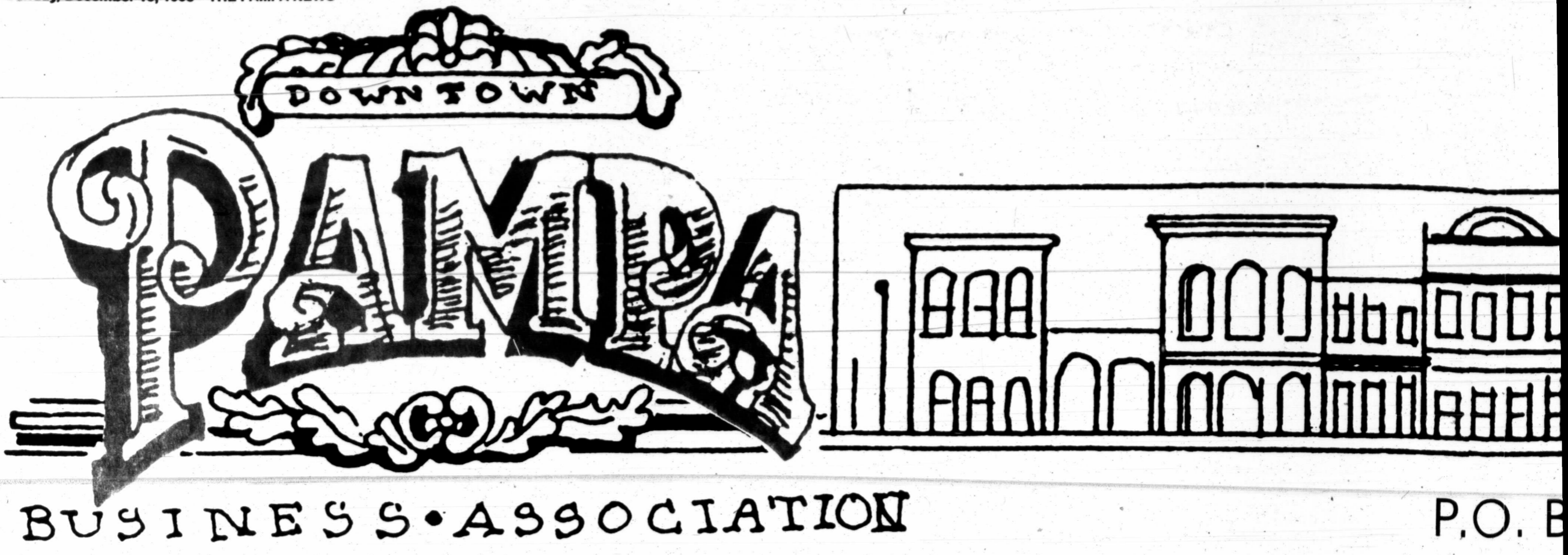
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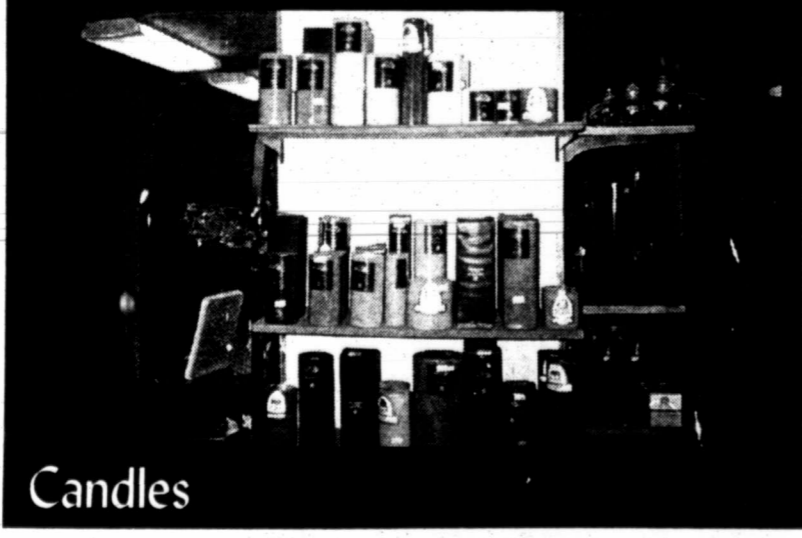
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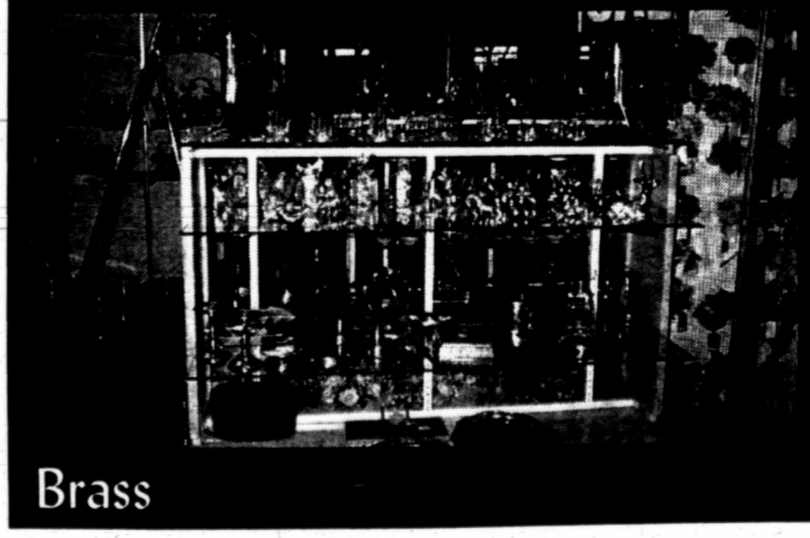
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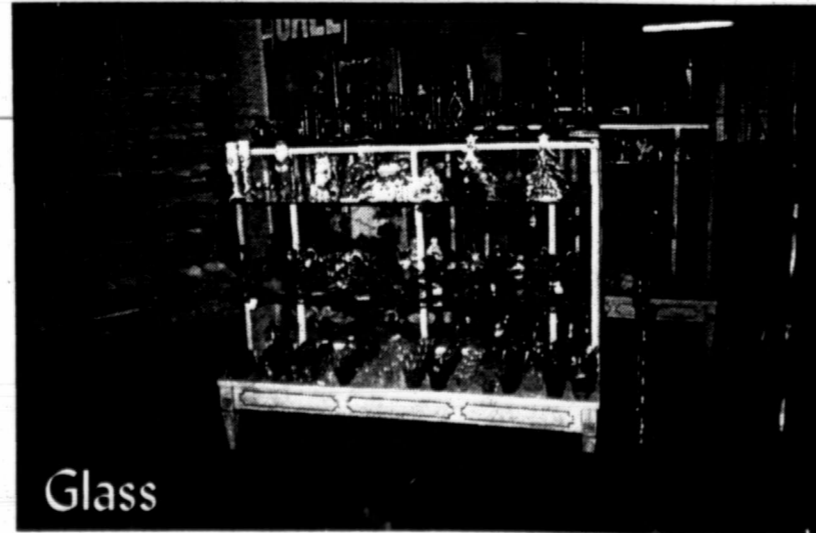


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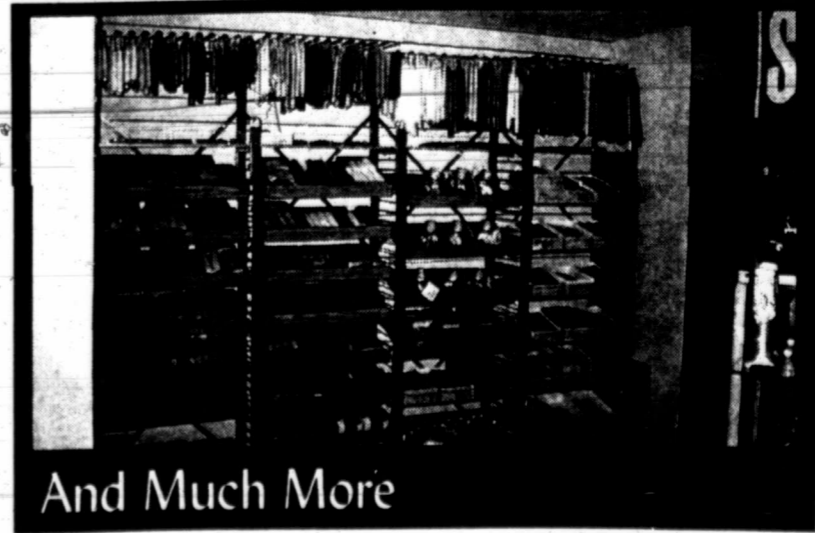


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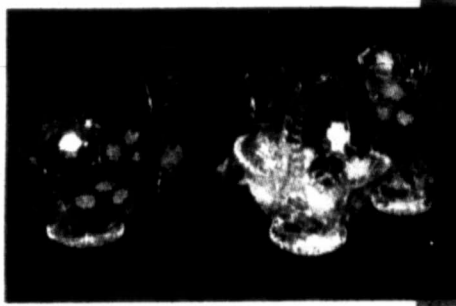
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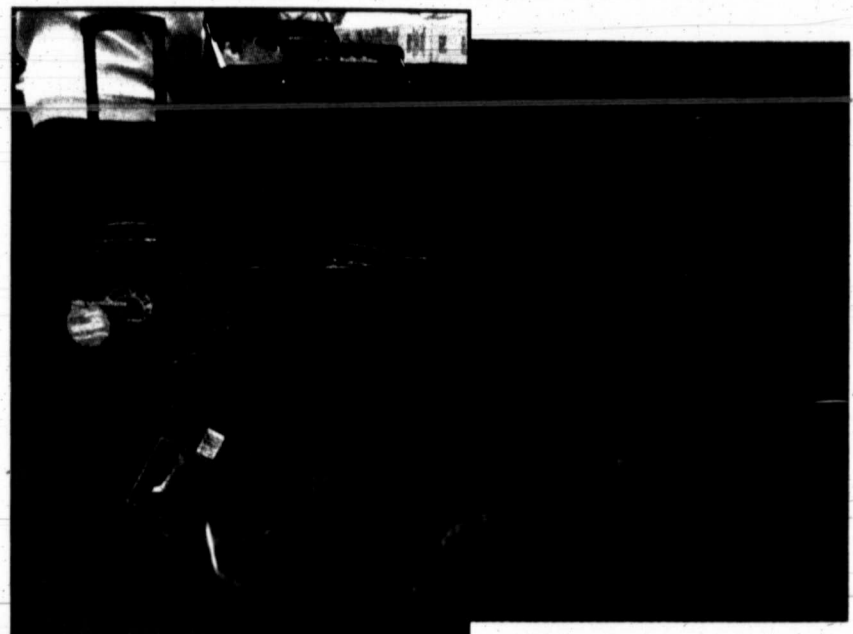
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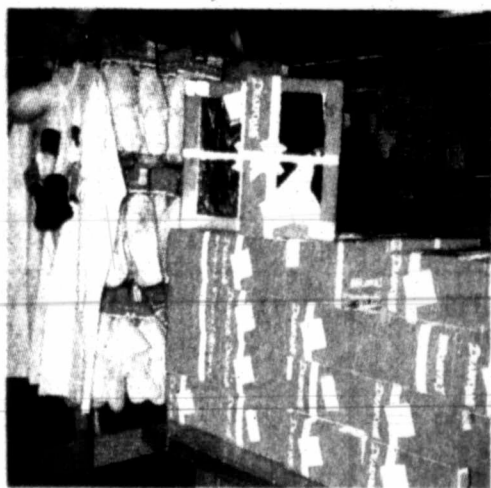
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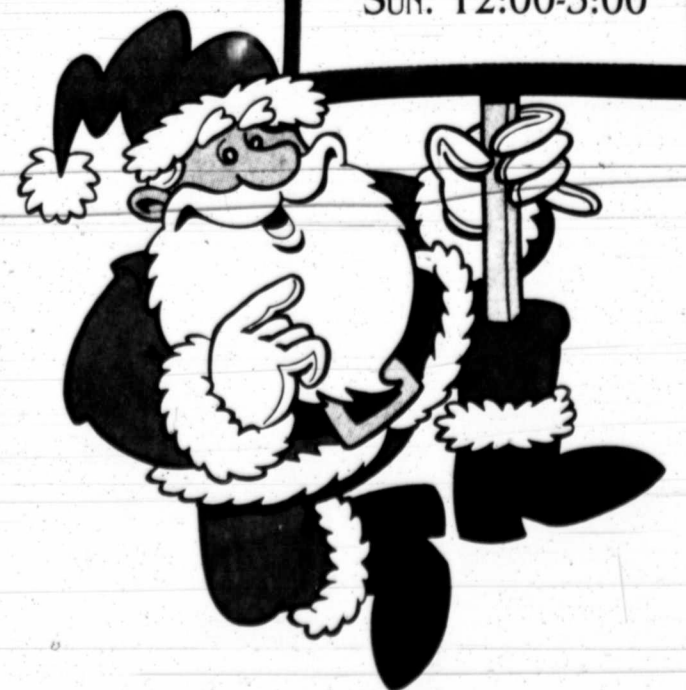
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