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New apartments boost economy

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

At least one area of concern for Pampa's economic development has received a boost recently with the opening of Bent Creek Apartments.

The apartments were built by John Maddox, a Missouri builder. Bent Creek is a 20-unit complex at Wells and Somerville. Maddox said he originally wanted to build a 40-unit complex here but he was working through the Texas Housing Unit, a state agency, and their budget only allowed for the smaller unit.

According to apartment manager Anita Urbanczyk, there are 16 two-bedroom apartments which will rent for \$331 and four three-bedroom apartments that will rent for \$450. While finishing work is not yet completed, and no move in date is set, Urbanczyk is taking applications. She said all applications are forwarded to Dallas for final approval. Anyone wishing to discuss

"One of the PEDC's concerns when discussing larger projects is if we plan to bring more people here, we need more housing."

the apartments can reach her in the morning at 665-2828.

Maddox is now planning to submit another application to the Texas Housing Unit to build the other 20 apartments he had originally envisioned.

Maddox said there is good response to the apartments that have just opened which is no surprise to

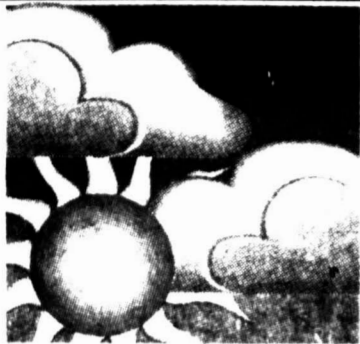
Lew Mollenkamp of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

"We need apartments. There is a definite shortage," he said. "One of the PEDC's concerns when discussing larger projects is if we plan to bring more people here we need more housing."

According to PEDC figures from last year there are approximately 382 apartments. The turnover on those units is about 31 percent which is extremely low, according to the PEDC. That means approximately 119 units open up every year.

Maddox said he heard of Pampa through a former employee who was searching for good candidates for apartment complexes. A combination of factors from the tornado to the prison, and an enlarged college facility made him choose Pampa as a good place to build.

"The city and the community have been very good to work with and very cooperative," Maddox said.



High today 48.
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WASHINGTON (AP) — America isn't finished with Saddam Hussein and is "ready to use force again" in the wake of a three-day bombardment of the Iraqi leader's military arsenal, President Clinton said Saturday. A White House official reported that a fourth wave of U.S. missile attacks began in Iraq.

"I believe the mission is going well," Clinton said in his weekend radio address, speaking from the Oval Office as the House moved towards his impeachment.

"Where do we go from here? We stand ready to use force again" should Saddam move to threaten his neighbors or attempt to reconstitute his weapons of mass destruction, the President said.

The president did not specifically say he'd decided to call a halt to the air strikes against Iraq. He was expected to meet with his national security advisers later in the day to ponder such a step.

Instead, the president praised the men and women in uniform who've become involved in the conflict against Iraq as their families were celebrating the holiday season.

They "are doing an outstanding job, showing bravery and skill," Clinton said.

"To all those in our armed forces who will spend this holiday season away from home, away from your loved ones, we thank you for your service. You are helping to ensure a just and peaceful world."

• Vanice R. Belflower, 81, electrician.

• Ralph McConnell Smith, 84, retired Natural Gas Pipeline Company employee.

• Helen Virginia Vassey Wade, 83, retired co-publisher of *Groom News* and deputy tax assessor for Carson County.

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Pampa Peace Officers Association was out early Friday delivering presents to the Salvation Army. From left to right, Connie Lockridge, Donny Brown, Connie Brown, Kelly Kidwell and Margaret Balay were at the Salvation Army chapel putting gifts donated by the PPOA under the Salvation Army's Angel Tree. According to PPOA spokesman Connie Lockridge, this has become a Christmas tradition for the association.

Oil-service companies suffering from low oil prices, mergers

By KATIE FAIRBANK
AP Business Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Service companies have been among the hardest hit sectors this year in the oil patch, which has been repeatedly hammered by this year's downturn in prices.

"It's been a year of carnage for this group," said Angie Sedita, an oil-services analyst for A.G. Edwards.

The biggest service companies have announced job cuts recently, including 8,100 layoffs at Halliburton Co.; 5,600 layoffs at Schlumberger Ltd.; 3,500 job cuts at Baker Hughes; and 2,500

job losses at Weatherford International Inc.

The oil-service industry, which provides drilling rigs, drill bits and maintenance and service for oil wells, is often at the mercy of oil prices, which have been at their lowest levels in more than a decade.

Oil and natural gas have been reeling under effects from the Asian economic crisis, mild weather, and strong production by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

As each wave of bad news have come through, the nation's oil companies have cut back

their equipment and maintenance orders from the service industry to save money.

The oil companies also have turned to consolidation to bring down annual costs.

Some of the recent mergers include the \$73.7 billion merger between Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp., and a \$77 billion deal between British Petroleum Co. and Amoco.

The mergers, which mean there are fewer companies that require service, and the oil glut, have been a double whammy for the \$85 billion oil-services industry.

"The first places you're going to cut is personnel and overhead. Service fits in that," said Ms. Sedita.

Many small and large producers have slashed their service needs because it doesn't pay to continue pumping.

"It's costing as much to get oil out of the ground right now as we're selling it for," said Morris Burns of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association. "Nobody is going to go out and drill for \$8 oil."

Don Galletly, a vice president of Houston-based Weatherford

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Auditor says PISD's low fund balance a concern

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

The district's low fund balance is the only concern Greg Morgan of Brown, Graham & Company expressed when going over Pampa ISD's financial audit for 1997-98 at Thursday night's Board of Education meeting.

Records show as of August 31, 1998, the district had \$609,718 — an amount representing less than half a month's operating expense, said Morgan.

"This is a pretty low fund balance; the Board should pay particular attention to it," said Morgan.

He suggested the Board might consider enacting a policy that wouldn't allow the balance to get below a certain amount, as some other school districts do.

Typically, he said, his firm sees districts with fund balances of three to 12 months worth of operating expense.

"Mark (McVay) explained to me that building expenses were \$400,000 to \$500,000 more than expected — that's where it (the low balance) came from. But it's important that we noticed it, and we hope you notice it now," said Morgan.

Other actions approved at the meeting include:

- 1998-99 alternative education accountability ratings
- PHS baseball extended trips to Snyder and Burk Burnett
- Contract for shared special education services between Pampa, Letors and Grandview-Hopkins school districts
- November cash receipts, expenditures, and financial and quarterly reports

Sunday Snapshot



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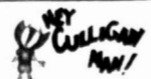
mother
Birth date and place: 3-7-80, Pampa
Family: my husband, I had and son, Kaleb
My personal hero: Garth Brooks
The best advice I ever got was: never give up.
The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: Goldberg, Garth Brooks, Sting and Rowdy Piper.
My hobbies are: unicorns.
My favorite sports team is: OU Sooners.
My favorite author is: Stephen King.
The last book I read was: *Pet Cemetery*.
My favorite possession is: my son and my husband.

My favorite performer is: Garth Brooks.
I wish I knew how to: sing like Reba.
My worst habit is: biting my nails.
I would never: touch a snake.
The last good movie I saw was: *Titanic*.
I stay home to watch: wrestling.
Nobody knows: and nobody needs to know.
I drive a: Buick Park Ave.
Someday I want to drive a: Mustang.
My favorite junk food is: chips.
My favorite beverage: Dr. Peppers.
My favorite restaurant is: Amber's.
My favorite pet: dog, cat.
My favorite meal is: Mexican food.
I wish I could sing like: Reba.

I'm happiest when I'm: around my family.
I regret: being short.
I'm tired of: Bill Clinton.
My biggest fear is: snakes.
The electrical device I couldn't live without is: phone and Playstation.
If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: buy a 5.0 purple Mustang with leather seats, and fully loaded.
If I had three wishes they would be: to get a purple mustang, to have all I want in life, and my son to have everything.
If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: being able to park on the drag.

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Services tomorrow

BELFLOWER, Vanice R. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
SMITH, Ralph McConnell — Graveside services, 1 p.m., Panhandle Cemetery, Panhandle.

Obituaries

VANICE R. BELFLOWER
 Vanice R. Belflower, 81, of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 18, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Doug Yates, pastor of The First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Belflower was born Oct. 13, 1917, at Cunningham, Texas. He married Margaret Dean on Nov. 5, 1949. He was an electrician in Pampa, Borger and Amarillo. He was a member of Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM and I.B.E.W. local 602.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret, of the home; two sons, Alvin Belflower of Amarillo and James Belflower of Skellytown; a daughter, Carolin Bichsel of Pampa; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

RALPH MCCONNELL SMITH
 TEXARKANA — Ralph McConnell Smith, 84, died Friday, Dec. 18, 1998. Services were Saturday in Texarkana Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Larry Sims officiating. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Panhandle Cemetery at Panhandle with the Rev. Travis Curry officiating.

Mr. Smith was born at Chickasha, Okla. He moved to Texarkana six years ago from White Deer. He was retired from Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America and was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Smith.

Survivors include three daughters, Ruth Allen McDowell of Hereford, Patsy Ann McIntire of Shreveport, La., and Betty Jo Wrinkle of Texarkana; nine grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

The family will be at the Wrinkle residence in Texarkana and requests memorials be to Arkansas Children's Hospital, 800 Marshall, Little Rock, AR 72202.

HELEN VIRGINIA VASSEY WADE
 GROOM — Helen Virginia Vasey Wade, 83, died Friday, Dec. 18, 1998. Services were Saturday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Byron Williamson officiating. Burial was in Groom Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Wade was born June 30, 1915, in Wilbarger County to the pioneer family of D.C. Vasey. She moved to Bovina with her family in 1920. She married Walter Max Wade on July 10, 1932, at Clovis, N.M. The couple moved to Groom where she was co-publisher of the Groom News and was deputy tax assessor for Carson County prior to retiring. She was a homemaker and served as fund-raising chairperson for Groom Hospital in the 1960s. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Groom and was a 50-year member of Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Max, of the home; three daughters and a son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. James Anglin of Childress, Dr. Twila Wade of Bedford and Kayla Wade of Clovis; a sister, Joe Looney of Bovina; a brother, Bob Vasey of Bangor, Wis.; four grandchildren, Captain Wade Anglin of Killeen, Quanna Anglin of Fort Worth, Travis Anglin of Canyon and Dean Wade Kilmer of Clovis; and a great-grandson, Jacob Anglin of Killeen.

The family requests memorials be to Groom Ambulance Fund or to First Baptist Church.

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Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	1-800-750-2520
Water.....	669-5830

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls and arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18.

Friday, Dec. 18
 Jeremy Halvaei, 17, 1829 N. Christy, was arrested on charges of municipal warrants and evading arrest.

Payton L. Daniels, 25, address unlisted, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Calls
 Assault was reported as occurring at Pampa Middle School, 2401 Charles, on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Harassment by telephone was reported as occurring on Friday, Dec. 18, at 201 W. Kingsmill.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Friday, Dec. 18
 8:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of 19th and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

12:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital.

1:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of N. Faulkner on a medical call and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

9:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Hobart and no patients were transported.

10:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the corner of Cuyler and Atchison and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

4:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility on a medical call and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41
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AL-ANON
 Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

VFW CHARITY BINGO
 The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS
 The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at Warren Chisum's Office, 100 N. Price Road. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

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 The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Clarendon College. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

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AREA SINGLES DANCE
 Pampa Area Singles Dance at M.K. Brown Auditorium, Michael Porter. Dec. 26 from 7-11 p.m., potluck \$5 per person. For more information call 665-0219.

Livingston resigns on day of Clinton impeachment vote

(This was the latest information on the impeachment debate as of press time Saturday morning.)

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton stood on the brink of impeachment yesterday in a House torn by partisanship and rocked by the sudden resignation of its next speaker. For the first time in 130 years, lawmakers were poised to vote on removing a chief executive for "high crimes and misdemeanors."

A somber House engaged in final debate that was brought to an instant hush when incoming Speaker Bob Livingston called on Clinton to resign and then told lawmakers he himself was resigning from Congress next year because of revelations that he had extramarital affairs.

"I must set the example that I hope President Clinton will follow," Livingston said.

Lawmakers pressed on with the impeachment debate after the stunning announcement, many visibly shaken. Rep. Tom Campbell, R-Calif., one of the last Republicans to announce in favor of impeachment, whispered his arguments, nearly in tears. "Bob Livingston has led by example," Campbell said.

Rep. Heather Wilson, R-N.M., passionately rejected suggestions that she and other Republican were voting to impeach Clinton because of party pressure. "This isn't about falling into line. It's about honor," she said.

Earlier, Hillary Rodham Clinton made a rare visit to Capitol Hill to privately rally Democrats. She told them she did not believe her husband had received a fair shake in the GOP-controlled House.

Democrats planned to make one last effort to demand a vote on the lesser penalty of censure before Republicans brought four articles of impeachment against Clinton to a history-making vote. Democrats planned to walk out of the chamber in protest if denied the censure option.

An Associated Press telephone survey showed a majority of lawmakers supported at least one article of impeachment. The final debate displayed the partisan bitterness that divides the Congress and the country as a whole on the issue of removing Clinton from office.

"He repeatedly perjured himself and obstructed justice not for any noble purpose, but to crush a humble, lone woman's right to be afforded access to the courts," said Rep. James Rogan, R-Calif., referring to allegations the president committed perjury in the Paula Jones case.

Democrats argued in vain that impeachment was too severe, and that it was inappropriate to act while American forces were engaged against Iraq. "This could have waited. Wrong day, wrong way," said Rep. Juanita McDonald of California.

Rep. Gerald Kleczka, D-Wis., said Clinton deserved to be punished but that impeachment was too severe because "his acts did not threaten our democracy."

Rep. Christopher Shays, a Connecticut Republican who met with Clinton on Friday, reaffirmed his position that he would vote against impeachment,

one of just a handful of lawmakers expected to cross party lines. "I believe that the impeachable offenses are not provable," he said.

Mrs. Clinton, in her early-morning visit to Capitol Hill, was greeted by wild applause from Democrats. The first lady told them that the impeachment process against her husband "should be done right and that up to now it has not been," according to House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt.

Gephardt said the process "has not been fair in the House and we hope that changes" when the issue reaches the Senate. He was pushing for censure of the president rather than removal from office.

On the House floor, Livingston made an impassioned speech, saying he hoped the bitterness that had divided Congress over impeachment would recede. "I very much regret the enmity and the hostility that has been bred in the halls of Congress for the last months and year. I want so very much to pacify, cool our raging tempers," he said.

The unusual turn of events came at the end of a week that saw the bitter fight over Clinton's future converging with the U.S. military attack on Iraq.

Democratic sources said Democratic lawmakers intended to march en masse out of the House chamber today after Republicans crushed their attempt to substitute censure for impeachment. They intended to return in time to vote against the articles of impeachment.

A separate vote was scheduled for each of the four articles of impeachment lodged against William Jefferson Clinton, the 42nd president of the United States. He was accused of:

- Perjury before a federal grand jury.
- Perjury in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit.
- Obstruction of justice.
- Abuse of power.

"Truth does matter," Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, said in explaining why most Republicans were voting to impeach.

With defeat at hand in the House, presidential defenders already were plotting how to avoid conviction in the Senate. Mrs. Clinton, breaking a months-long silence on the crisis over her husband's relationship with Monica Lewinsky, exhorted the nation Friday to "practice reconciliation." And Democratic congressional leaders were visiting the White House today after the historic vote, where, according to a senior White House official, Clinton was expected to make a public statement to them about the impeachment battle.

But even among some of Clinton's supporters, there were ominous voices. Democrats Bill Lipinski of Illinois and Louise Slaughter of New York suggested that an impeached Clinton follow the example Richard Nixon set during Watergate and resign. "I think the results of a meteor strike are more likely than the resignation of the president," Vice President Al Gore said in one of a string of inter-

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Partly cloudy today with a high of 48 and a low tonight of 20. Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high of 40 and partly cloudy Tuesday with a high of 50.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS—Panhandle — Sunday, cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light snow. High in the mid 20s. North to northeast wind 10-15 mph. 3 to 5 day forecast, Monday, cloudy and cold with a slight chance of snow. Low near 10. High around 20. Extreme Southern Low Rolling Plains —

Sunday, areas of morning light freezing drizzle or drizzle. Otherwise mostly cloudy. Highs from near 35 extreme southern Texas panhandle to near 50 southwest south plains. Sunday night, partly to mostly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Extended forecast, Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s to mid 50s.

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agrees.

"They'll limit the number of services they'll do to a well unless they see the price per oil getting better," he said.

With this year's bottom-hugging crude prices, Galletly said oil-service companies saw the writing on the wall and reacted quickly with job cuts.

"I think we were feeling the same heat that all the players in the industry were feeling at the same time," he said.

Oil-service companies are also merging to try and hold down costs.

Weatherford International was formed in May by a combination of EVI, Inc. and Weatherford Enterra. Halliburton Co. and Dresser Industries Inc. has gotten Justice Department approval to merge as long as the company divests some divisions. In May, Baker Hughes Inc. announced it would merge with Western

Atlas Inc.

Analysts say the oil-services industry saw a build up during 1996 and 1997.

During those two years, the oil and gas service industry experienced a general improvement in product demand and pricing due to a strong world economy which helped increase exploration and development. There was also a decline in the worldwide inventory of used drill pipe.

That build up means more job losses today.

"The higher they fly, the harder they fall," said Ms. Sedita. Even with all the layoffs and mergers ongoing in the oil-service industry, few insiders have rosy views for next year.

"Oil is historically always unpredictable. But we may see some magical surprise toward the end of 1999," said Ms. Sedita.

Most analysts say they expect global capital spending on oil services to continue to fall

because the global economic slowdown has depressed demand for fuel.

"We think the near term is probably going to be similar to this year," said Galletly, whose company saw its stock prices fall from over \$50 a year ago to \$17.50 earlier this month.

Baker Hughes said it expects oil prices to trade between \$12 and \$15.50 a barrel into 1999. An annual survey by Arthur Andersen, a global consulting group, projects prices of about \$16 a barrel next year.

Oil was trading around \$11 a barrel earlier this month, down from over \$18 a barrel a year ago.

Still, all of the cutbacks will eventually help the oil-service industry because it will cut supply, according to Arvind Sanger, an analyst at Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp.

He said cutbacks will eventually lead to less production growth, which will in turn help oil prices.

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Christmas at First American



(Community Camera photos)

R.J. Hogue, right, recently visited with Santa Claus at First American Bank. First Baptist CPC kindergarten and pre-kindergarten classes caroled at First American Bank. They include: Nahayla Hardman, Caylee Steward, Baylee Baker, Colton Sweatt, Cali Gibson, Lynda Whitson, Kolbi Furgason, Jadin Howard, Corey Phillips, Lora Thornton, Christopher Harris, Brandon Cobler, Rodee Barr, Ryan Damron, Erick Lewis, Stephanie Allen, Jonathan Polasek, Kara Stabel, Jennifer Hendrick, Callie Coleman, Kaitlyn O'Brein, Chelsea Mayer, Kirsten Kuhn, Alex Collins, and Ashlee Stucker.



More eateries staying open on holidays

AUSTIN — As hectic as the work and shopping schedules cause more Texans to throw away their aprons this holiday season, restaurateurs are bracing themselves for a busy Christmas. According to a recent member survey conducted by the Texas Restaurant Association, more restaurants in Texas are staying open on the holidays to meet their customers' rising demands. This Christmas, restaurateurs are expecting record numbers of patrons who long for a good meal without the hassle of cooking and cleaning.

rather than spending hours in the kitchen. Restaurants are getting this message and opening their doors to dine in and take-out customers.

Of the respondents who said they will be open for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, 60.4 percent are expecting more customers this year. Their average projected increase in customers is 21.4 percent over last year.

For those planning a family dinner but want the ease of dining out, restaurants will offer the perfect solution. The survey also found that a majority of restaurants will offer take-out meals during Christmas. Packing up everything from appetizers to pies, 56.3 percent of restaurant respondents open Christmas Eve or Day will offer full meals to-go. This restaurants expect that take-out sales will average approximately 24 percent of their business for the holiday.

Restaurants are selling more than just food during the holi-

days. More than 25 percent of survey respondents will offer gift certificates for customers to wrap up for their friends and family this Christmas. Some restaurants will offer other gift items such as t-shirts or gift baskets.

The busy holiday season for restaurateurs doesn't end with Christmas. More Texans will ring in the New Year in their favorite restaurants, according to the "Holiday Dining Survey." Ninety-two percent of restaurant respondents will be open New Year's Eve.

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TRA's 1998 "Holiday Dining Survey" revealed that 67.6 percent of restaurant members respondents will be open for business this Christmas Eve. The study also found that 12.7 percent of respondents will open their doors the following day for Christmas. "Only a few years ago, nearly every restaurant in Texas was closed on Christmas Day," said TRA Director of PR/Research Denise Grasso. "Now, more consumers want to relax and enjoy their short holiday with family and friends,

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UGH! I HOPE IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ASK SANTA FOR A NEW BASKETBALL!

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Observe pet commandments



Kate B. Dickson

Associate publisher/editor

This Christmas, as he does every year, Santa Claus will be dropping off some puppies and kittens — bundles of love just waiting to be a loyal family companion.

Some say Christmas isn't a good time for a new animal because too often families are too busy to pay attention to it. I don't know if this is so or not. It seems to me that either one is going to take proper care of this living creature or one is not... and the time of year doesn't really make much difference.

If you are thinking about getting an animal for Christmas, or anytime for that matter, the International Society For Animal Rights in Clarks Summit, Penn., has some rules — 10 Commandments — as seen through your pet's eyes. (The author is unknown.)

The 10 Commandments

- My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you will be painful for me. Remember that before you get me.
- Give me time to understand what you want from me.
- Place your trust in me. It is crucial to my well-being.
- Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, entertainment and friends. I have only you.
- Talk to me sometimes. Even if I don't understand your words I understand your voice.
- Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget it.
- Please don't hit me, I can't hit back, but I can bite and scratch and I really don't want to do that.

- Before you scold me for being so uncooperative, obstinate or lazy, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right foods or I've been out in the sun too long or my heart is getting old and weak.
- Take care of me when I get old. You, too, will grow old.
- Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say, "I can't bear to watch," or "Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for me if you are there. Remember, I love you.

On another subject. One I have been thinking about for the past couple of weeks. I started not to say anything but I can't help it. I'm upset by it every time I drive by. Especially today when workers were testing the "flashing" mode.

While I am at the head of the line when it comes for cheering for the success of Pampa's businesses, I can't believe the mother of all signs that has gone up in front of the Coronado Inn. And speaking of mothers, mine would say that sign's "tacky, tacky, tacky."

I'm sure it's legal... but it shouldn't be.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Sunday, Dec. 20, the 354th day of 1998. There are 11 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 20, 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed as France formally transferred ownership of the territory to the United States during ceremonies in New Orleans.

On this date:
In 1860, South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union.

In 1864, Confederate forces evacuated Savannah, Ga., as Union General William T. Sherman continued his "March to the Sea."

In 1879, Thomas A. Edison privately demonstrated his incandescent light at Menlo Park, N.J.

In 1945, the Office of Price Administration, announced the end of tire rationing, effective Jan. 1, 1946.

In 1963, the Berlin Wall was opened for the first time to West Berliners, who were allowed one-day visits to relatives in the Eastern sector for the holidays.

Opinion

Drive defensively this holiday season

The days are growing shorter as the countdown continues to Christmas and the New Year holiday. And, like many others, Pampanians will hit the roads traveling many miles or a few blocks to be with family and friends.

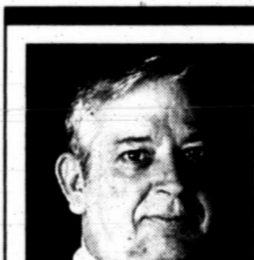
And while you're doing that driving, remember that three out of 10 of us will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives — a statistic we'd like to do everything to avoid.

With the increase in travel, bad weather and alcohol consumption, driving can become even more difficult this time of year. But with simple precautions and common sense, this can continue to be a happier and safer holiday season:

- Never drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, including prescription and non-prescription medication that may cause drowsiness.
 - Make sure you have a designated driver — especially when traveling in groups. Take turns at various events so that no one misses out on any holiday cheer.
 - If you're having people over, make sure both food and non-alcoholic beverages are being served. Also, pay attention to those leaving. If someone is not fit to drive, make sure they are found an alternative way of getting home.
 - Drive defensively. Make sure all passengers use their safety belts and children are in approved child safety seats in the rear seat. Ironically, safety belts were used by only 18.5 percent of the fatally-injured intoxicated drivers.
 - Use good judgment. Follow posted speed limits, and, if weather has affected road conditions, adjust your speed accordingly. Approximately 30 percent of all fatal crashes result from exceeding speed limits or driving too fast for road conditions.
 - If you have the choice of taking a smaller or a larger vehicle, take the larger one. Larger cars, mini vans, sport-utility vehicles and light trucks provide more protection to their occupants than smaller ones.
- Make sure you not only watch out for yourself during this holiday season, but watch out for those around you, including family and friends. Even though you might be a responsible driver, the one next to you may not be as smart.



Japan still suffering after war



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

Japan recently apologized for its role in World War II for the third time. That's three times more often than I would apologize if I were a Japanese public official.

It's time to put a halt to this Orwellian apology racket — and that's just what it is, a racket. It's an attempt to lay a guilt trip on innocent people for the purpose, ultimately, of monetary gain.

Wars are instigated by governments. The government of Japan engaged in World War II is nonexistent. Ditto the German and Italian governments. Under no circumstances should the present generation, innocent of any role at all in that war, be saddled with guilt and taxed to pay blackmail to people trying to turn a profit on a propagandized version of history written by the victors.

Did Japan's armies commit atrocities? Sure. So did we. So did the British. So did everyone, except perhaps the Italians, who seemed to have been the least enthusiastic about fighting a war. War itself is an atrocity, and there are no innocent governments.

As for penance, I would say that the enormous amount of death, devastation and suffering laid on both Germany and Japan more than evens the score. It's time to call it quits and get on with it.

The wartime propaganda called the "Rape of Nanking" is now all the rage with the guilt racket crowd. It's said that 100,000 Chinese were killed when Japan's army occupied the city. I would say it's a good bet that that's an exaggerated number simply because, logisti-

cally, it's hard to kill that many people with rifles and bayonets.

But even so, we killed 215,000 Japanese, virtually all civilians, when we firebombed Tokyo, causing a firestorm with hurricane force winds that raged for three days. And we firebombed the whole country and finally destroyed two cities with nuclear weapons. Whatever the Imperial army did, the Japanese people more than paid for it.

As for China's latest demand for an apology, if I were Japanese, I'd tell the Chinese communist boss that perhaps he ought to apologize for the 60 million Chinese the communists murdered, not to mention several million Tibetans they have killed.

A defeated nation must guard its history like a treasure because the history written by the victors is always a continuation of wartime propaganda.

Japanese are entitled to the truth about their country, not the American or communist version of their history.

And some Japanese, I'm happy to see, are beginning to insist on it. They are naturally viewed with alarm by the Guilt Gang. But the truth is that the China which Japan invaded was not a free nation but a weak, disintegrating country whose economy was dominated and exploited by British and American interests.

Japan in the 1930s was surrounded by Western empires. The Philippines were an American colony. We killed thousands of Filipinos at the turn of the century whose only "crime" was that they wanted their country to be free. Our imperial government wanted it for a colony and a military base in order to dominate the trade with China.

The Dutch, the British, the Soviets and the French all had Asian empires created by force. The allies did not go to war against Japan in defense of freedom. They went to war in defense of empire and colonies. I don't think any fair-minded person can say that Japan's desire in the 1930s to create and lead an all-Asian empire was a wicked notion and that the European empires were OK.

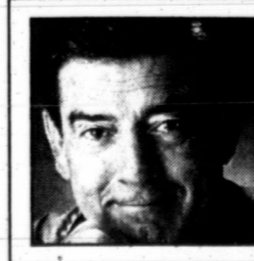
In the war we loved and cheered our guys because they were our guys. And we cherish their memory for the same reason. The Japanese are entitled to do the same for their guys.

I would say to the Japanese to do what we Southerners do: Tell anybody who tries to "dis" your ancestors to go to hell.

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Campaign financing gets messier



Dan Rather

Syndicated columnist

At the same time the House Judiciary Committee votes to investigate President Clinton's 1996 fund-raising practices for evidence of impeachable offenses, auditors for the Federal Election Commission determine that BOTH the Clinton AND Dole campaigns must repay nearly \$25 million in public financing.

Why? Because BOTH campaigns used "issue ads" in an attempt to skirt campaign spending limits. Because the issue ads never actually exhort voters to support a candidate by name, the campaigns believe such ads are outside the regulations. The FEC says: No way — an ad is an ad.

Pretty deep inside baseball here. WHAT exactly does any of it mean?

Well, ONE thing it means is, everybody who said, "Sure, political fundraising is sleazy, but everybody does it," was RIGHT.

Both campaigns, both parties, are addicted to what they call "soft money." Money that's donated specifically to a candidate's campaign is called "hard money," and there are strict limits on the amount any individual can donate. But "soft money" can go to almost any other political cause, and there are few, if any, limits at all.

For politicians in both parties, soft money is a hard drug. They need it. They crave it. In their hearts, they know it's bad for them. But they believe they can't live without it.

And it's hard to say they're wrong in the cur-

rent political environment, where the campaign without money is the campaign without victory.

That's why so many in Congress are dead set against any kind of campaign finance reform. Sens. John McCain of Arizona and Russell Feingold of Wisconsin have been pushing their reform bill back and forth for months now. Leadership in the House and Senate keeps driving a stake through the bill's heart, but it keeps popping back up.

Because they're the party in power in Congress, Republicans keep getting the blame for thwarting campaign finance reform. But neither party is keen on it.

Republican control of Congress DOES explain why there's little call for special prosecutors to investigate Republican fund-raising practices. So far, only the Democrats are under that kind of scrutiny — not least because the president's opponents hope to seize on any vul-

nerability that might promote their impeachment drive.

But here comes those FEC auditors to sing the old song, "Everybody's Doin' It."

Although the FEC auditors found violation in both campaigns, members of both parties insist that they have done nothing wrong, that they are following the letter of the law.

So they say. If their defenses of campaign financing have the same legalistic ring as President Clinton's defenses of his "inappropriate behavior" — too bad.

If the result is a deepening and worsening of people's disillusionment with politics and politicians, a sharpening of the citizens' cynicism, a decline in voter turnout — well, that's too bad, too.

Yet so far, the issue of campaign finance reform has remained pretty far off most people's radar. Privately, that suits Congress just fine. For their own campaigns in the House and Senate, they would prefer to continue doing Business As Usual. These old dogs have no desire to learn any new tricks.

And for those who harbor presidential aspirations — which seems to be just about every body with a parking space on Capitol Hill — well, running for the White House is tough enough, without passing legislation to make it even tougher.

Our nation's capital was built on a swamp. And it seems likely to stay that way.

Pampa Board of Realtors



(Special photo)
Pampa Board of Realtors recently installed the following new officers and directors for the 1999 year: (left-right) Jim Ward, 1 year director; Judi Edwards, 2 year director; Melba Musgrave, 3 year director; Bobbie Sue Stephens, secretary; Susan Ratzlaff, vice president; Irvine Riphahn, president; Bill Stephens, out-going president.

Lovett Memorial Library children's books

Lovett Memorial Library recently announced the arrival of the following new children's books:

FICTION
"Cuddley Dudley," "It's the Bear" and "Where's My Teddy?" by Jez Alborough; "American Fairy Tales;" "Teddy Bear Tears" by James Aylesworth; "Animalia" by Graeme Base; "Franklin and the Thunderstorm" by Paulette Bourgeois; "Arthur Makes the Team" by Marc Brown; "Heroes" by Robert Cormier; "Dinosaur Dinners" by Lee Davis.
"Little Polar Bear and the Brave Little Hare" by Hans de Beer; "Eeyore, Be Happy!" by Don Ferguson; "Back to School for Rotten Ralph" by Jack Gantos; "Miss Spider's Tea Party" by David Kirk; "Frog and Toad Together" by Arnold Lobel; "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom," "Knots on a Counting Rope," "Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do Your Hear?" and "White Dynamite and Curly Kidd" by Bill Martin, Jr. "Sun Song" by Jean Marzollo; "How the Zebra Lost Its Stripes," "I Just Forgot," "Just Going to the Dentist," "Just Grandpa and Me," "The Lost Wish," "The Smelly Mystery" and "When I Get Bigger" by Mercer Mayer. "Angels on the Roof" by Martha Moore; "The Dark" by Robert Munsch; "A Day at Greenhill Farm" by Sue Nicholson; "If You Give a Pig a Pancake" by Laura Numeroff; "Call Me Francis Tucket," "Brian's Winter," "The Haymeadow," "Nightjohn," "The River" and "The Tortilla Factory" by Gary Paulsen.
"The Buffalo Tree" by Adam Rapp; "Curious George and the Dinosaur" and "Curious George Goes to School" by Margret Rey; "Popperton Everyday" by Cynthia Rylant; "The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins," "Fox in Sox," "Great Day for Up," "I Am Not Going to Get Up Today!," "I Can Lick 30 Tigers Today!," "My Many Colored Days" and "McElligot's Pool" by Dr. Seuss.
"The House that Drac Built" by Judy Sierra; "Stories from El Barrio" by Piri Thomas; "Rats Saw God" by Rob Thomas; "Happy Birthday, Josefina!" by Valerie Tripp; "When the Teddy Bears Came" and "You and Me Little Bear" by Martin Waddell; "Virtual World" by Chris Westwood; "Elbert's Bad Word" by Audrey Wood; "Turtle Spring" by Deborah Turney Zagwyn.

NON-FICTION
"A Picture Book of Anne Frank," "A Picture Book of Jackie Robinson," "A Picture Book of Jesse Owens," "A Picture Book of Martin Luther King, Jr.," "A Picture Book of Rosa Parks" and "A Picture Book of Sitting Bull" by David A. Adler.
"How the Weather Works" by Michael Allaby; "As Long as the Rivers Flow" by Paula Gunn Allen; "Genocide" by Linda Jacobs Altman; "Our Beckoning Borders," "Still a Nation of Immigrants" and "A Strange and Distant Shore" by Brent Ashabrenner.
"Tell Them We Remember" by Susan D. Bachrach; "Papercraft" by Moira Butterfield; "Expanded Songs in Sign" by S. Harold Collins; "Ruben Blades: Salsa Singer and Social Activist" by Barbara C. Cruz; "Maria de Sautuola" by Dennis Fradin; "Pablo Casals: Cellist for the World" by David Goodnough.
"First Ladies" by Beatrice Gormley; "At the Dentist," "At the Post Office" and "At the School" by Carol Greene; "Top 10 Heavyweight Boxers" by Ron Knapp; "Breaking Into Print" by Stephen Krensky; "Maria Tallchief: Native American Ballerina" by Paul Lang; "If You Lived in the Alaska Territory" by Nancy Smiler Levinson; "The Librarian Who Measured the Earth" by Kathryn Lasky.
"Days of the Knights" by Christopher Maynard; "If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution" by Kay Moore; "The French Revolution" by Margaret Mulvihill; "Winterdance" and "Woodsong" by Gary Paulsen; "The San Antonio Spurs Basketball Team" by Glen Rogers; "Oh Say Can You Say?" by Dr. Seuss.
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Texans treat visitors with respect, kindness and, best of all, manners

Whenever I mention how I love the state of Texas to my family and friends, I see their eyes roll and watch them shudder. Of course, next comes TEXAS! Why on earth do you like Texas? It is hot, flat, filled with tumbleweeds and rattlesnakes. I just smile and think to myself of what they are missing.

No, I wasn't born in Texas. My claim to this great state is the fact my father and his parents were born there and many of my ancestors are buried there. So what is it about Texas that has captured my heart and soul?

It is the people of Texas, the Texans. Like my grandmother before me, I have driven many a mile in this great state. I have traveled from Amarillo to Gilmer, and as far south as Dallas. I've visited so many Texas courthouses, libraries, and cemeteries that I have lost count. Not once have I been treated other than with respect, kindness, and MANNERS!

My dictionary defines manners as "Taught the child good." In my mind, only one word is needed to define manners, and that is Texas.

I remember my father teaching my brothers manners. They knew to offer their seats to women when a room was crowded. We were taught to say Yes ma'am and No ma'am when spoken to. My father taught us that it was not condescending when a man offered his seat or opened a door for a woman. This, he told us, was how men for generations past showed respect for women who fought the hardships of pioneer life with few rewards.

This is how I was taught. This was how I was raised. This is not what I have seen in many places of my travels. Common courtesy seems to be a thing of the past, but not in Texas! This is what draws me back summer after summer for my yearly visit. Being in Texas is like stepping back in a time which was unique.

The first time a man held a door open for me I was taken by surprise. I have had young men in their teens offer me their seats, return to me items I have dropped and hearing the Yes ma'am and No ma'am each time I ask a question makes me feel that there is hope for the next generation.

I now understand why my grandmother's eyes misted over and there was a catch in her voice when she spoke of Texas. It wasn't the hard-times she remembered; it was the gentle mannerisms of the people of Texas. They say you can't go home again, but after visiting Pampa several times, I think Pampa just might be the exception.

(To be continued)

Looking for any information on the following ancestors of Texas. If you have any leads on this family, please contact me at HYPERLINK mail to: mbarth@glendale.cc.ca.us. You may also write me at: Marie Bartholomew, 16625 Valerio St., Van Nuys, CA 91406. Be sure to stop by the Gray County Page (part of the TexasGenWeb Project) at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgray/index.htm>.

Gray County Memories

Marie Bartholomew



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BARKER, Joseph P.
Born August 1837
Per the July 2, 1900, Gray County Enumeration Supervisor District Number 3, My Great Uncle Joseph P. Barker, age 42 and single, lived on his farm with his nephew Joseph Owen Barker, age 19 (my Grandfather).
Joseph P. Barker was born in Missouri in 1857. Joseph Owen Barker was born in Wheeler County, Texas, on May 6, 1881. Joseph Owen Barker's mother was Charlotte Elizabeth Barker who died August 10, 1887, in Tascosa, Texas. His father, David Henry Barker died a short while later. At age 6, Joseph Owen Barker was sent to live with his Uncle Joseph P. Barker in Gray County.

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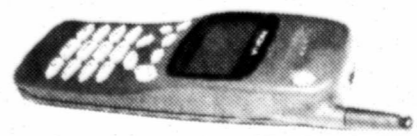
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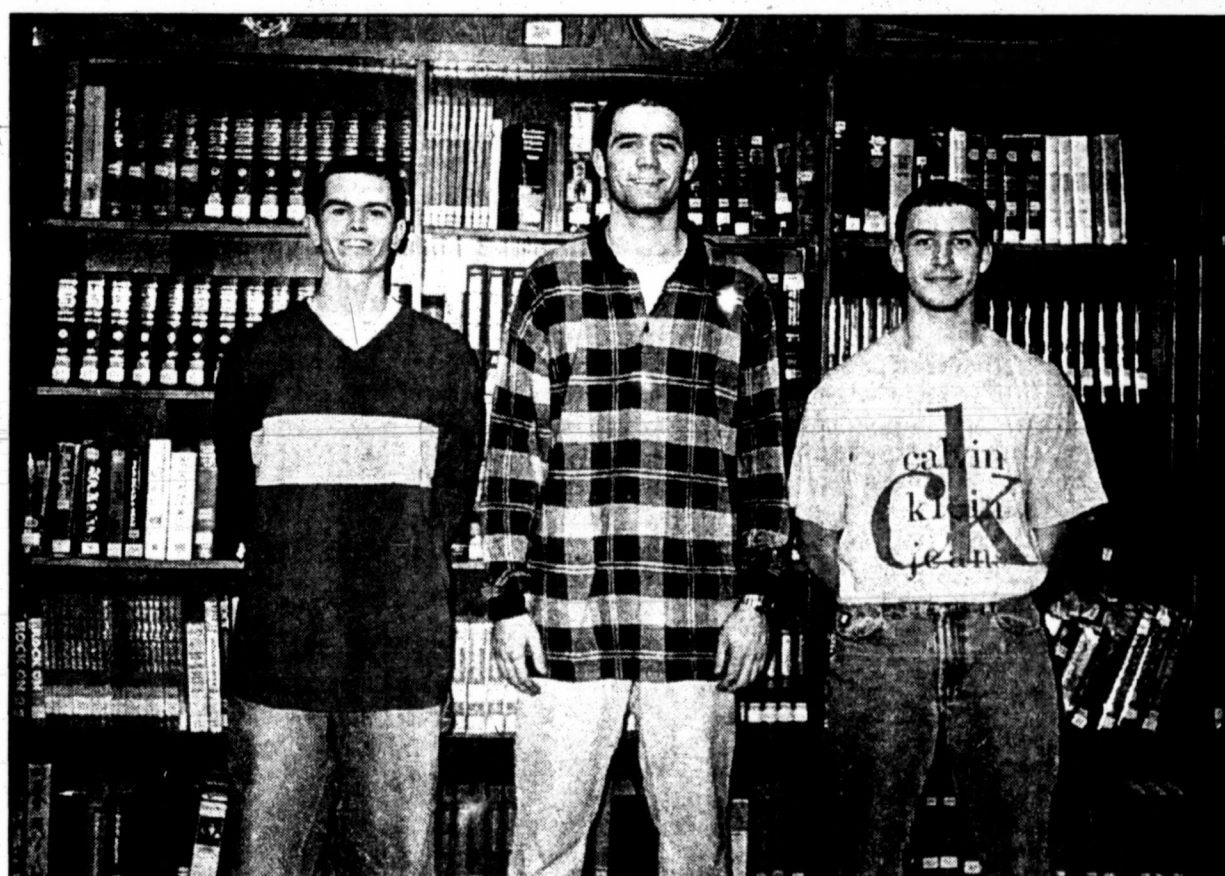


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Letters to the editor

Merry Christmas Pampa!

To the editor,
I would like to say thanks to some unknown group or person. With Christmas soon upon us, my wife and I didn't know what

we were going to do. You see, I was laid off in late November. On Monday, my three girls and I left home to pick up my wife, who was working late. On our return, we found several sacks with clothes, toys, candy, and wrapping paper. My daughter hit the nail on the head when she said, "I guess Santa Claus came early this year." "I guess he did," I replied.

Thank you Santa Claus, who ever you are. Thank you for all your blessings. Merry Christmas Pampa!
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Reading Pampa paper via Internet a joy

To the editor,
You will never know the joy that my mom — Leta Flynt — gets from getting her paper via Internet. I print it every day or so for her. She is able to keep up with her friends and the community that she has missed so much.

Having grown-up and graduated from Pampa High School, I enjoy reading the "paper" and catching up on Pampa activities. Keep up the good work!
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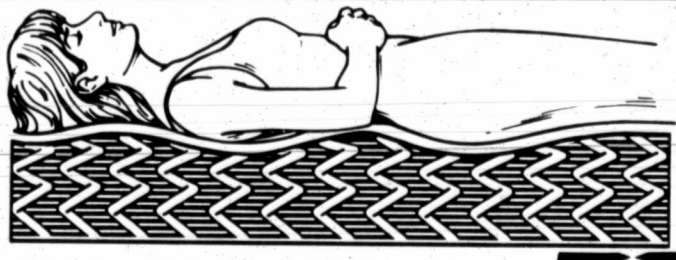
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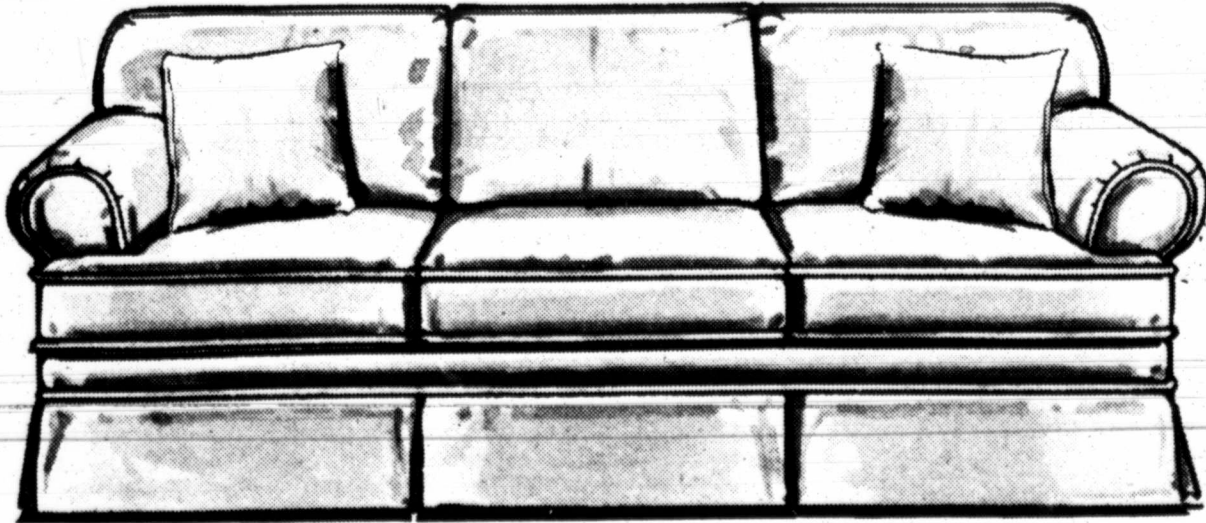
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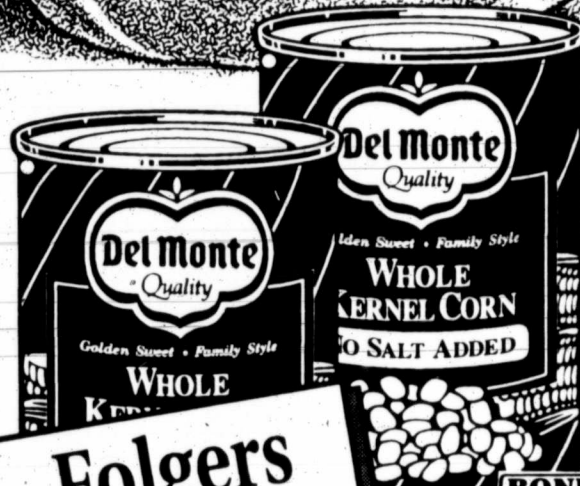
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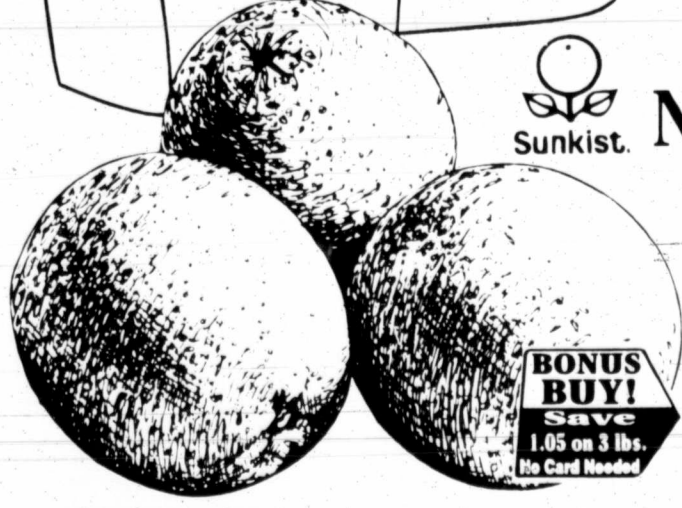
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SPORTS

Notebook FOOTBALL

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — Midwestern State University named Linwood Ferguson, defensive coordinator at Murray State, as its head coach Friday.

Ferguson, 48, becomes MSU's third head coach since the school reinstated its football program in 1988. He replaces Hank McClung, whose teams posted a 10-25 record in his three years.

In 1997, Ferguson's first year as coordinator at Murray State, his defense led the Ohio Valley Conference and ranked second nationally in NCAA Division I-AA. He previously was assistant head coach/defensive coordinator at Southern Illinois from 1994-96.

Midwestern State finished with a 2-9 overall record this year in the NCAA Division II Lone Star Conference.

OLYMPICS

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Salt Lake's Olympic organizers pledged Friday to confront a burgeoning bribery scandal with an independent investigation into whether the 2002 Winter Games were bought and sold.

"I'm glad this has now happened," Frank Joklik, president and CEO of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, said after board members emerged from a 5 1/2-hour emergency meeting called to deal with the scandal.

The committee turned the investigation over to a five-member ethics panel that would, according to a written resolution, be "free from any direction or control" by organizers.

The panel's report, to be made public, will be due no later than Feb. 11.

As the organizers met behind closed doors, the man who brought the Olympics to Utah said the high ideals expected of athletes should not apply to the bidding cities.

Tom Welch, who ran Salt Lake's bid, defended a scholarship program that the SLOC is alleged to have used as a possible front to secure International Olympic Committee votes.

"What I hope happens from this is that there is a better recognition and understanding that goes into the process" of winning an Olympic bid, Welch said.

"You have to know what it is and what it isn't. And it isn't the Olympic competition. It's the business side of it," he said.

And that, said Welch, involves wooing members of the International Olympic Committee, giving them gifts and "letting them know who their friends are."

Welch's comments were lent stark credence by a prominent Salt Lake plastic surgeon, who said Welch pleaded with him to perform free cosmetic surgery on an IOC member in the months before Salt Lake won the bid in 1995.

PHS teams pull sweep

ELK CITY, Okla. — Both Pampa boys' and girls' basketball teams captured opening game wins over Clinton, Okla. on Friday night in the Elk City Festival.

Lisa Kirkpatrick scored 14 points and collected 10 rebounds as the Lady Harvesters downed Clinton, 49-40.

Six other players found the scoring column for the Lady Harvesters, who improved to 7-3 for the season. Lisa Dwight had 7 points, followed by Jordanna Young with 6, Vaughn Evans 5, Kelsey Yowell 5, Anne Gaddis 4, Emily Waters 4, Chasity Nachtigall 2 and Charity Nachtigall 2.

Pampa broke open a close contest by scoring the last eight points of the game. The score was tied 18-all at halftime.

Cathy Hill had 15 points and Stephanie Simon 10 for Clinton.

In Friday night's late game, Pampa had no problems disposing of Clinton, 58-40, in the boys' division.

Gary Alexander and Russell Robben paced Pampa's attack with 15 points each.

By halftime, the Harvesters had built a 23-point bulge.

Also scoring for the Harvesters were Shawn Young with 9, Jesse Francis 8, Colby Hale 4, Kevin Osborn 2, Bobby Holmes 2, Corey Young 2 and Zane Powers 1.

Gary Smith and Wes Nacharatis had 8 points each for Clinton.

Texas signs Gunderson

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Left-hander Eric Gunderson and the Texas Rangers agreed Friday to a \$450,000, one-year contract with up to \$100,000 in performance bonuses for games pitched.

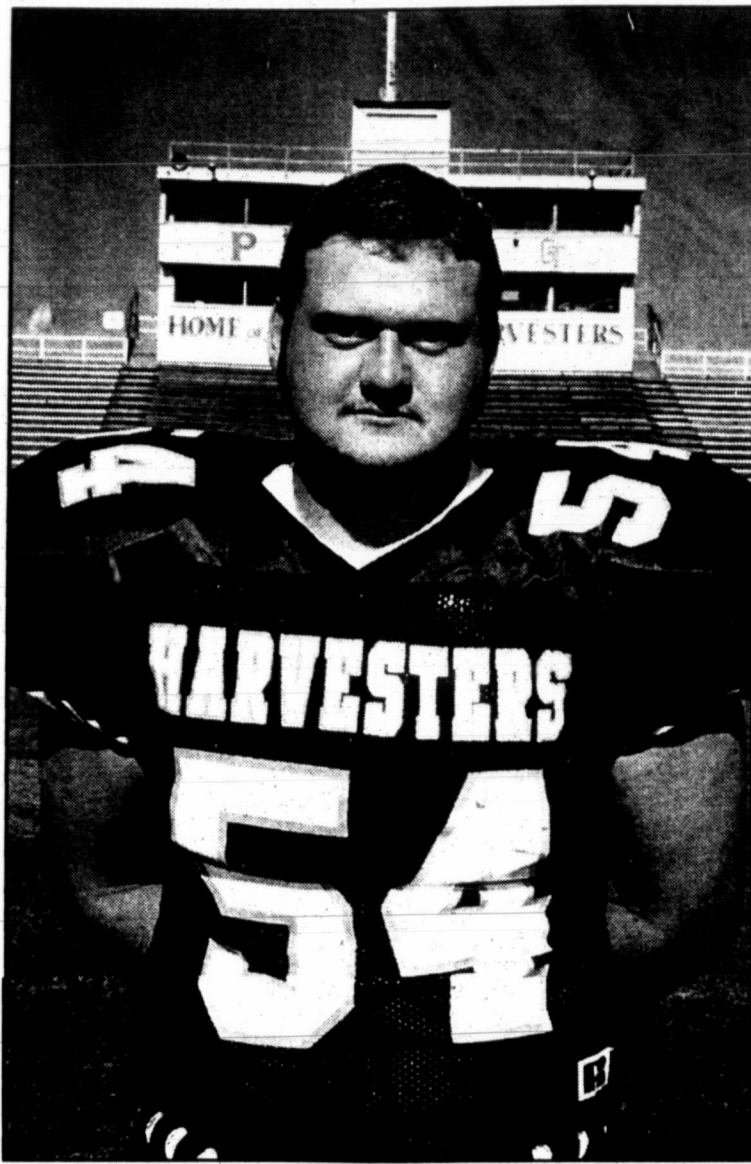
Gunderson, 32, made \$510,000 in salary and bonuses last year, going 0-3 with a 5.19 ERA in a club-high 68 games, including one start.

Also Friday, infielder Scott Sheldon was assigned outright to Triple-A Oklahoma and invited to the major league spring training camp. Sheldon was dropped from the 40-man roster and designated for assignment Tuesday after the Rangers acquired Ricky Williams, the Heisman Trophy winner, from Montreal.

Right-handed pitcher Roger Pavlik also told the Rangers on Friday he was rejecting their offer of salary arbitration.

Pavlik, 1-1 with a 3.86 ERA in five relief appearances before season-ending injuries, became a free agent after the World Series and can negotiate with Texas through Jan. 8.

Football All-Stater



Pampa center Jeremy Miller was named to the Associated Press Sports Editors Class 4A All-State football second-team this season. The 5-11, 250-pound senior graded 85 percent on his blocking assignments and handled all the Harvesters' deep-snapping on punts, extra-points and field goals. Miller combined strength and quickness as a blocker to help lead the Harvesters to a 10-3 record and a berth in the Division II regional semifinals.

Marino, Elway get set to square off in Monday night tilt

MIAMI (AP) — Dan Marino has the passing records. John Elway has the Super Bowl ring.

For the two most prolific passers in NFL history, the difference may be peace of mind.

"It seemed like once I got into the 13th, 14th, 15th year, it no longer mattered what we did on the field as far as wins and losses," said Elway, who waited 15 years before the Denver Broncos finally won Super Bowl XXXII last January.

"There is only one win or loss that counted — winning a Super Bowl," Elway continued. "That is a great deal of pressure to get off your shoulders."

It's a weight Marino still bears, with only a losing appearance in 1985 on his Super Bowl resume. However, the Miami Dolphins warhorse insists he wouldn't trade his record-setting career if it meant only one season's glory.

"Obviously I'd love that opportunity," he said. "But as I've told people before, I wouldn't give up my career for the chance to win a Super Bowl and only play one or two years."

Elway and Marino, who meet Monday night when the Dolphins play host to Denver, have been held up in comparison to each other ever since both entered the league in 1983.

They have traveled along largely parallel paths, ranking first and second in most major categories. But for those who judge quarterbacks by the number of championships won, Elway's ring is critical.

Elway says he only now understands the burden not winning a Super Bowl can have on a quarterback.

"You don't have to talk about it all the time," he said. "That is the thing that gets more mind-boggling and more frustrating than anything. You are still working to get there, realizing you're only a cog in the machine, but everybody wants to point the finger that you hadn't won one."

Marino is the NFL's all-time leader with 7,915 passes, 4,719 completions, 58,238 yards and 403 touchdowns. But since that 1985 Super bowl, the closest he has come to returning were AFC championship games in 1985 and 1992.

Yet if the frustration ever gets to him, Marino doesn't let it show publicly.

"You never know what the next day brings, but I'm still having fun playing," he said.

Elway, with three Super Bowl losses in the late 1980s, also used to downplay the situation. Now that he's won one, he realizes how much easier football is without that hanging over his head.

"To remove that asterisk behind my name — not being on a team that won a Super Bowl — was bigger than I thought," he said. "I have a great deal of empathy (for Marino), especially with the career he's had and for what he has done for the NFL. As unfair as it is, that is the way of life."

Groom downs Irish in area basketball play

GROOM — Josh Evenson scored 20 points as Groom defeated Shamrock, 57-33, in high school basketball action Friday night.

Wyatt Weinheimer added 11 points for the Tigers, who are now 4-5 for the season. Brian Doss and Colby Hilburn had 6 points each to lead Shamrock.

Groom girls rolled to a 48-34 victory.

Carrie Davis was high scorer for the Tigerettes with 13 points.

Jessica Stapp followed with 7.

Kelli Gilbert had 11 points and Skye Gilmore added 9 for Shamrock.

MIAMI — Miami cagers won

two games from Lefors in basketball action Friday night.

Miami won the boys' game by a score of 36-27.

Shane Thompson had 16 points and Chester Hutchinson added 10 for the Warriors.

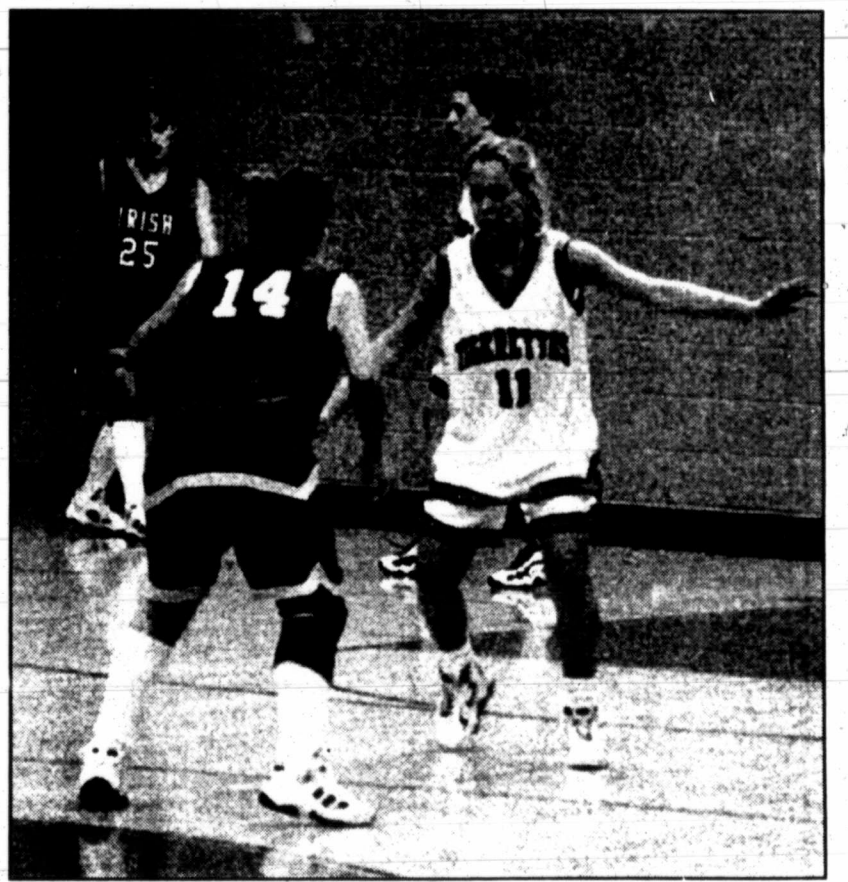
Len Lock was high scorer for Lefors with 12 points. Chris Alexander followed with 6.

Lefors had led 12-10 at halftime.

Miami won, 35-12, in the girls' contest.

Natalie Glenn and Amy Black had 10 points each for Miami.

Candid Ray had 6 points and Melody Seely 6 for Lefors.



Groom's Jessica Stapp (11) looks to stop Shamrock's Angie Garcia in a girls' basketball game Friday night.

Steele introduced as new Baylor football coach

WACO, Texas (AP) — For better or worse, this was Kevin Steele's week in the spotlight.

The week started sour when the Carolina Panthers assistant coach was attacked by one of his players. It ended much more upbeat Friday when he was named head coach at Baylor.

"It probably does look a little odd going from the NFL to college, but I've had a lifetime goal of being a college head coach. I missed dealing with the 18- to 22-year-old student athlete," Steele said.

A career assistant who had

never held a head coaching or coordinator's job, Steele, 40, is Baylor's fourth coach in the last seven years. He replaces Dave Roberts who was fired after consecutive 2-9 seasons.

"I know transition is tough," Steele said. "I don't focus on the negatives. Other than the NFL experience this year, every program I've been with has had tremendous success."

Steele spent three seasons with the Panthers' inside linebackers after six years at Nebraska. He also was an assistant at Oklahoma State,

New Mexico State and Tennessee, where he played from 1976-79.

He will stay with the Panthers (2-12) for their remaining two games, but wants to be in place full time at Baylor at the end of the NFL regular season.

There were doubts Steele would have a job with Carolina in January. Panthers head coach Dom Capers is considered to be in danger of being fired just two years after leading his team to the NFC championship game.

Steele said he had never made-coaching in the NFL a goal but did it to advance his knowledge of the game.

Steele said the chance to be a head coach, not the altercation with Panthers linebacker Kevin Greene, caused him to pursue the Baylor job. Baylor officials would not say when Steele's interview was scheduled although Panthers players said it was set up before the game.

"That issue was put to rest three minutes after it happened," Steele said. "Sunday was a disappointing thing. And then three hours later I was on an airplane to the highlight of my coaching career."

Terms of Steele's contract were not released by Baylor officials.

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Harvester Lanes	35	17
Coney Island	34	18
Hamburger Station	31	21
Clemens Home Repair	28	24
Peggy's Place	27	25
Quality Sales	22	30
Albertsons	19	33
Team Four	15	37

Week's High Scores
 High game: Jonnie Ray 221; High series: Jonnie Ray 598; High handicap game: O'Nita Robinson 255; High handicap series: O'Nita Robinson 688.
Harvester Women's League

Team	Won	Lost
O'Brien Enterprises	20	4
Davis Minit Mart	19 1/2	4 1/2
H & H Sporting	17	7
Schiffman Machine	13	11
Team Five	12	12
DBR H2O Vending	11 1/2	12 1/2
Keyes Pharmacy	10	14
Peggy's Place	8	16
Wendell's Roofing	7	17

Week's High Scores
 Individual
 High scratch game: Ann O'Brien 216; High handicap game: Joy Perry 261;

High scratch series: Ann O'Brien 584; High handicap series: Peggy Shay 677.
Team
 High scratch game: O'Brien Enterprises 543; High scratch series: O'Brien Enterprises 1,489; High handicap game: H & H Sporting 673; High handicap series: O'Brien Enterprises 1,873.
WIBC award
 Joy Perry bowled 75 pins over her average one game. She bowled a 213 on a 131 average.
Caprock Men's League
Individual
 High scratch game: Jim Jean 259; High handicap game: Jim Jean 286; High scratch series: Jeff Clark, 666; High handicap series: Jim Jean 743.
Team
 High handicap series: Jim Jean 743; High scratch series: 4R Supply 1,099; High Handicap series: 4R Supply 3,074.
Awards-Accomplishments
 John Carroll bowled a dutch 200 game. Jim Jean bowled 150 pins over his average (series) and 75 pins over his average (game).

Belcher spurns Red Sox to sign with Angels

By RONALD BLUM
 AP Sports Writer

Tim Belcher joins the list of free agents who have spurned the Boston Red Sox, agreeing to \$10.2 million, two-year contract with the Anaheim Angels.
 On a busy Friday, pitchers Roger Pavlik and Bill Swift, and catchers Terry Steinbach and John Marzano rejected salary arbitration offers from their former teams and remained free agents.
 The four, who had been offered arbitration Dec. 7, may continue to negotiate with their former teams (Seattle for Swift and Marzano, Minnesota for Steinbach, Texas for Pavlik) through Jan. 8. After that, they would be ineligible to re-sign with their former clubs until May 1.

Belcher, a 37-year-old right-hander, was 14-14 with a 4.27 ERA in 34 starts for the Kansas City Royals last season. He gets \$4.6 million in each of the next two seasons, while the Angels have a \$5.1 million option with a \$1 million buyout.

"This possibly could be my last contract," Belcher said. "You have to look at it realistically. I came in winning with the Dodgers in '88, and would like nothing more than to go out a winner."
 Boston had sought to sign Belcher, who instead joins Mo Vaughn in Anaheim. The Red Sox, who also lost out on Bernie Williams and took themselves out of the Albert Belle bidding, have made just two major moves since they were eliminated from the playoffs, signing infielder Jose Offerman to a \$26 million, four-year deal and right-hander Mark Portugal to a \$3 million, one-year contract.

Meanwhile, another of baseball's big offseason dates approaches: the Dec. 20 deadline to offer 1999 contracts to players on 40-man rosters. Any player not offered a contract by the deadline becomes a free agent.

Some teams use that deadline to get contract agreements, threatening to let players go free if they don't sign. Outfielder Danny Bautista, Atlanta's only player eligible

for salary arbitration, agreed to a \$470,000, one-year contract. With 19 players signed, the Braves' payroll is at \$70,845,000, third in the majors behind Baltimore (\$75,092,637) and Los Angeles (\$71,870,286), according to figures compiled by The Associated Press.

Minnesota right-hander Frankie Rodriguez agreed to a \$455,000, one-year contract, Texas left-hander Eric Gunderson agreed Friday to a \$450,000, one-year deal, and Tampa Bay left-hander Scott Aldred agreed to a \$425,000, one-year contract.
 Some teams announced which players wouldn't be given contracts. Montreal is letting go outfielder F.P. Santangelo, right-hander Marc Valdes and left-hander Tim Young. Houston won't give one to right-hander Ramon Garcia, and Cincinnati won't give one to right-hander Keith Glauber.

San Francisco is not offering contracts to pitchers Osvaldo Fernandez and Alvin Morman, catcher Brian Johnson and infielder Jeff Ball.

Outfielder Shane Mack agreed to a minor league contract with San Diego that pays him \$500,000 if he makes the team, and several minor league free agents agreed to minor league contracts: outfielder Luis Polonia with Detroit, infielder Craig Paquette and right-hander Josias Manzanillo with the New York Mets, and right-hander Mark Hutton and shortstop Aaron Holbert with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Also, the Twins designated shortstop Pat Meares for assignment, meaning they have 10 days to trade him, release him or send him outright to the minors.

Milwaukee released outfielder Marc Newfield and claimed infielder Lou Collier off waivers from Pittsburgh, and Cincinnati claimed outfielder Roderick Myers off waivers from the Kansas City Royals. Anaheim traded catcher Matt Garrick to St. Louis to complete Monday's trade for right-hander Mark Petkovsek.

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x-N.Y. Jets	10	4	0	.714	368	246
Buffalo	9	5	0	.643	345	283
Miami	9	5	0	.643	274	206
New England	8	6	0	.571	303	277
Indianapolis	3	11	0	.214	268	390

Central

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
Jacksonville	10	4	0	.714	361	285
Tennessee	8	6	0	.571	292	264
Pittsburgh	7	7	0	.500	236	257
Baltimore	5	9	0	.357	247	301
Cincinnati	2	12	0	.143	243	393

West

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
y-Denver	13	1	0	.929	452	257
Oakland	7	7	0	.500	247	315
Seattle	7	7	0	.500	324	259
Kansas City	6	8	0	.429	298	311
San Diego	5	9	0	.357	218	309

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East

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	345	259
Arizona	7	7	0	.500	290	348
N.Y. Giants	6	8	0	.429	239	292
Washington	5	9	0	.357	292	322
Philadelphia	3	11	0	.214	142	311

Central

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
y-Minnesota	13	1	0	.929	480	270
Green Bay	9	5	0	.643	362	284
Tampa Bay	7	7	0	.500	263	275
Detroit	5	9	0	.357	279	335
Chicago	3	11	0	.214	239	349

West

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
x-Atlanta	12	2	0	.857	380	256
x-San Francisco	11	3	0	.786	420	285
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	255	295
St. Louis	4	10	0	.286	263	320
Carolina	2	12	0	.143	289	381

x-clinched playoff berth
 y-clinched division title
Saturday's Games
 New York Jets at Buffalo, 12:35 p.m.
 Seattle at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
Sunday's Games
 Baltimore at Chicago, 1:01 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1:01 p.m.
 Kansas City at New York Giants, 1:01 p.m.
 St. Louis at Carolina, 1:01 p.m.
 San Francisco at New England, 1:01 p.m.
 Tennessee at Green Bay, 1:01 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
 Oakland at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
 New Orleans at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
 Atlanta at Detroit, 4:15 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
 Jacksonville at Minnesota, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's Game
 Denver at Miami, 8:20 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 26
 Minnesota at Tennessee, 12:35 p.m.
 Kansas City at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 27
 Buffalo at New Orleans, 1:01 p.m.
 Carolina at Indianapolis, 1:01 p.m.
 Detroit at Baltimore, 1:01 p.m.
 Green Bay at Chicago, 1:01 p.m.
 Miami at Atlanta, 1:01 p.m.
 New England at New York Jets, 1:01 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, 1:01 p.m.
 New York Giants at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m.
 St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
 San Diego at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
 Seattle at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
 Washington at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 28
 Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 8:20 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College Bowl Games
At A Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EST
Saturday, Dec. 19
Las Vegas Bowl
 At Las Vegas
 San Diego State (7-4) vs. North Carolina (6-5), 6 p.m. (ESPN2)
Wednesday, Dec. 23
Motor City Bowl
 At Pontiac, Mich.
 Marshall (11-1) vs. Louisville (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN2)
Friday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
 At Montgomery, Ala.
 Blue vs. Gray, Noon (ABC)
Aloha Bowl
 At Honolulu
 Colorado (7-4) vs. Oregon (8-3), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
Oahu Classic
 At Honolulu
 Air Force (11-1) vs. Washington (6-5), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Dec. 26
Heritage Bowl
 At Atlanta
 Beane-Cookman (8-2) vs. Southern U. (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Insight.com Bowl
 At Tucson, Ariz.
 Missouri (7-4) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Tuesday, Dec. 29
Music City Bowl

Scoreboard

At Nashville, Tenn.
 Alabama (7-4) vs. Virginia Tech (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
MICRON PC Bowl
At Miami
 North Carolina State (7-4) vs. Miami (8-3), 7:30 p.m. (TBS)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
 Kansas State (11-1) vs. Purdue (8-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Dec. 30
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
 Idaho (8-3) vs. Southern Miss (7-4), 3 p.m. (ESPN2)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
 Nebraska (9-3) vs. Arizona (11-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Dec. 31
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
 Brigham Young (9-4) vs. Tulane (11-0), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
 Southern Cal (8-4) vs. Texas Christian (6-5), 2 p.m. (CBS)
Paach Bowl
At Atlanta
 Virginia (9-2) vs. Georgia (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
 Mississippi (6-5) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
 Penn State (8-3) vs. Kentucky (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
 Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
At Orlando, Fla.
 Michigan (9-3) vs. Arkansas (9-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
 Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Texas (8-3), 11 a.m. (FOX)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
 Wisconsin (10-1) vs. UCLA (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Sun Bowl
At New Orleans
 Texas A&M (11-2) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)
Saturday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami
 Syracuse (8-3) vs. Florida (9-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)
Monday, Jan. 4
Blue Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
 Tennessee (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)
Saturday, Jan. 16
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
 East vs. West, 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Jan. 23
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
 North vs. South, 2:30 p.m. (TBS)
Sunday, Jan. 24
Hula Bowl
At Kahului, Maui
 South vs. North, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

TRANSACTIONS

Friday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Traded C Matt Garlick to the St. Louis Cardinals to complete an earlier deal for RHP Mark Petkovsek. Agreed to terms with RHP Tim Belcher on a two-year contract with a club option for 2001. Announced INF Paco Martin and LHP Allen Watson will not be offered contracts for 1999.
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with 1B-OF Brian Daubach on a minor-league contract and assigned him to Pawtucket of the International League.
DETROIT TIGERS—Signed OF Luis Polonia, INF David McCarthy, INF Alejandro Frerra and RHP Jesse Luevano. Agreed to terms with RHP Mark Petkovsek. Agreed to terms with C George Williams and LHP Gary Rath on minor-league contracts.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with LHP Scott Aldred on a one-year contract. Agreed to terms with SS Aaron Holbert, RHP Mark Hutton, C Jesse Luevano, INF Chris Martin, RHP Roger Bailey, RHP John LeFroy and LHP Tim Davis on minor-league contracts.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Eric Gunderson on a one-year contract. Assigned INF Scott Sheldon outright to Oklahoma of the American Association.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with OF Danny Bautista on a one-year contract.
CINCINNATI REDS—Claimed OF Roderick Myers off waivers from the Kansas City Royals. Signed RHP John Riedling to a minor-league contract. Declined to offer a contract to RHP Keith Glauber.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Named Brandy Lay travel director. Agreed to terms with C Henry Blanco, INFs Chris Hajek, J.R. Phillips, Terry Shumpert and INF Chris Peterson. OFs Jim Tatum, Jeff Barry, Miguel Correa and Dwight Maness, and Ps Ryan Jacobs and Mike Rosister on minor-league contracts.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Declined to offer a contract to RHP Ramon Garcia.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Released OF Marc Newfield. Claimed INF Lou Collier off waivers from the Pittsburgh Pirates.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Declined to offer contracts to OF F. Santangelo, RHP Marc Valdes and LHP Tim Young.
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with RHP Josias Manzanillo and INF Craig Paquette on minor-league contracts.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Named Tommy Shields area scout.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with OF Shane Mack on a minor-league contract and invited him to spring training. Did not tender a contract to OF James Mouton.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Announced they will not tender contracts to C Brian Johnson, RHP Alvin Morman, RHP Osvaldo Fernandez and INF Jeff Bell.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed OL Cory Withrow to the practice squad.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Placed WR Terry Glenn on injured reserve. Signed LB Dana Cottrell from their practice squad.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Named Maurice Hurst head coach.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed Bobby Aikin from Hershey of the AHL.
Arena Football League
ALBANY FIREBIRDS—Signed DS Steven Hall. Waived OL-DL Skip McLendon.
BUFFALO DESTROYERS—Placed QB Tom Back on the exempt list.
HARTFORD—Signed WR-DB Diamond Wilkins and WR-DB Doug Seidenstricker.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES—Traded RW Donald Audette to the Los Angeles Kings for a 1999 second-round draft pick. Returned G Martin Bron to Rochester of the AHL.
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Recalled F Christian Matte, D Mike Gaul and C Serge Aubin from Hershey of the AHL.
DALLAS STARS—Activated D Shawn Chambers from injured reserve. Placed LW Brent Severyn on injured reserve.
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Named Costa Papista general manager of Louisville of the AHL.
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Recalled RW Dan Bylsma from Long Beach of the IHL. Assigned RW Nathan LaFayette to Long Beach.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled LW Andrei Bashkurov from Fredericton of the AHL.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Claimed D Rumun Ndur off waivers from the Buffalo Sabres.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled D Ricard Persson from Worcester of the AHL and LW Quinn Hancock from Peoria of the ECHL.
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Reassigned C Jarrod Skille to Kentucky of the AHL.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Reassigned D Kevin Dahl to Chicago of the AHL.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Loaned C Matt Herr to Portland of the AHL.
COLLEGE
BAYLOR—Named Kevin Steele football coach.
CAL STATE NORTHRIIDGE—Announced the resignation of Marwan Assad, men's soccer coach, effective Dec. 31.
FORDHAM—Named Dave Clawson football coach.
INDIANA—Announced QB Jay Rodgers will transfer to an undetermined Division I-AA college.
MCNEESE STATE—Named J.C. Harper defensive line coach.
MIDWESTERN STATE—Named Linwood Ferguson football coach.
MISSOURI—Signed Larry Smith, football coach, to a five-year contract.
SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA—Named Mark McQuillin defensive ends coach.
SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE—Named Randy Ball football coach.
TENNESSEE—Promoted Randy Sanders to offensive coordinator.
UNLV—Announced the resignation of Ola Malmqvist, women's tennis coach, to join the U.S. Tennis Association.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Friday's College Basketball
Major Scores
By The Associated Press
EAST
 Colgate 90, Keuka 40
WEST
 St. Francis, N.Y. 90, Caldwell 76
SOUTH
 Charleston Southern 80, Erakine 55
 Miami 76, Georgia St. 55
MIDWEST
 VMI 90, Shenandoah 53
 No major team scores reported from the MIDWEST.
SOUTHWEST
 No major team scores reported from the SOUTHWEST.
FAR WEST
 No major team scores reported from the FAR WEST.
TOURNAMENTS
Nike Festival
First Round
 E. Illinois 73, Hawaii 72
 N. Arizona 81, St. Bonaventure 70
TCBY Holiday Classic
First Round
 Ark.-Little Rock 86, High Point 82
 Cincinnati 88, Coastal Carolina 51
Frida's Women's Basketball Major Scores
By The Associated Press
SOUTH
 Chattanooga 74, Wofford 64
 Fla. International 85, Harvard 58
 Miss. Valley St. 80, Florida A&M 72
MIDWEST
 Indiana 91, Cleveland St. 67
SOUTHWEST
 Texas-Arlington 59, Belmont 49
 Texas-San Antonio 58, Denver 52
FAR WEST
 Colorado St. 66, Santa Clara 65
 Idaho 72, E. Washington 61
 Oregon St. 66, Portland St. 53
 Portland 83, Montana St. 63
 Washington St. 75, Gonzaga 70
TOURNAMENTS
Aveda Bearcat Invitational
First Round
 Cincinnati 88, Coastal Carolina 51
Marshall 62, Elon 56
Port City Classic
Second Round
 South Alabama 77, Spring Hill 54

Stars notch third straight victory over Red Wings

DETROIT (AP) — Domination before New Year's doesn't necessarily carry over into the spring. So Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock is trying to play it cool despite the Stars' three straight wins over the Detroit Red Wings this season.
 "It doesn't matter until the end of the season," Hitchcock said after the Stars beat the Red Wings 3-1

Friday night.
 Hitchcock remembers well that the Stars were seeded ahead of Detroit in last season's playoffs. But the Red Wings won a rugged six-game series from Dallas in the Western Conference finals en route to their second straight Stanley Cup championship.
 So Hitchcock sees the Stars' current success more as a confidence builder.
 "Right now it's more for us than for them," Hitchcock said. "They already know how to get there. These wins are building blocks for us. We need them to gain confidence."
 Detroit forward Brendan Shanahan said the Stars have given

the Red Wings a familiar challenge.
 "They've put the ball back in our court," Shanahan said. "That makes us the underdogs again, just like we've been the last couple of years. Maybe that's a good thing."
 While extending their own unbeaten streak to six (4-0-2), the Stars ended Detroit's six-game home winning streak.

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LIFESTYLE

Man of the Cross

GROOM — Rising 190 feet above the Texas plains, The Cross of the Plains can be seen 20 miles away. The largest Cross in the Western Hemisphere is the vision of a Pampa man.

Steve Thomas said he didn't start out to build a cross, and he didn't start out to build it in Groom. But what he wanted didn't matter. He said it was what God wanted.

"I've seen a lot of advertising for Satan," Thomas said. "It's growing by leaps and bounds. I thought why don't we have advertising for Jesus? People don't even give church a second thought any more. I thought I need to do something that's big and In-Your-Face-type advertising. I thought about a bill board at first, the largest bill board in the world."

He was going to put it on Interstate 40 with some scriptural passage.

"That passage never came after six months of praying," Thomas said.

"The Lord gave me the vision of this cross and told me that all the scriptures are wrapped up in this cross. That's how it got started."

Thomas, a member of a panhandle pioneer family, grew up 10 miles south of Pampa. He graduated from White Deer High School in 1967. From there he attended Texas Tech University and earned a degree in engineering. He became involved in the construction industry, the petrochemical industry and the manufacturing industry.

"From there, I went into the oil and gas industry," he said. "That's where I've been since 1981."

But it was his vision of a cross that has dominated his life. He spent a year trying to build the cross all over West Texas.

"I tried to build it here in Pampa," he said. "That's where I started."

But there were road blocks, so he took his idea to Amarillo and spent almost a year trying to build it in Amarillo, but to no avail.

"My wife and I were driving home one day and took the route through Groom," Thomas said. "She saw a plot of land and said, 'That'd be a good place to put the cross.'"

Thomas knew the man, Chris Britten, who owned the 31 acre plot. It was a Saturday, and they pulled into to Groom to see if he was there. He was.

"I told him my story," Thomas said, "and he said, 'I'll give it to you.'"

They broke ground for the construction at Groom in February, 1995. It was dedicated near the end of September, 1995.

Thomas said more than 150 people worked on the construction of it. Made of tubular steel, the cross stands 19 stories high and weighs 1,250 tons. It cost about \$750,000. Thomas put about \$330,000 of his own money into the project. The rest came from donations. The Catholic Diocese of Amarillo takes care of the land.

"I think there's a spiritual meaning behind it," Thomas said. "I asked the Lord why Groom, Tex.? After I tried all over West Texas where I wanted to build it, he wanted me to build it in Groom. Christians believe in a second coming. Scripture says Jesus will marry the church when he comes, the second coming. The church will be the bride. That makes Him the Groom."

He said there are a number of things about the cross that have turned out to confirm his belief that he has done what God wanted him to do. He indicated that, even though he didn't realize it, almost everything in his life, in his training, culminated in the construction of the cross.

"I've been building things ever since I was a kid. I was about five years old and a bunch of us boys would get out and play with our Tonka trucks.

They'd play with their trucks in a dirt lot in Pampa. "But I was a little bit different," Thomas said. "I had a post hole digger and I dug a hole and put an eight foot tall cedar post in the ground and tamped it in real good.

The boys he was playing with asked him what he was going to do with it and he told them he was going to put a sign on it.

"But I never put one on it," he said. "That post stayed there for years before it was ever taken down.

As he got older, he became interested in engineering. By the time he was in fifth or sixth grade, he knew he was going to be a structural engineer.

"I got out of school and got involved in various industries," he said. When he became involved in the manufacturing industry, he designed the largest mobile oil and gas drilling rig in the world.

"It has a space frame framework similar to the cross," Thomas said. "I think the Lord was molding me all along and I didn't know it."

The derrick on the drilling rig was 152 feet tall. The cross is 190 feet tall.

"A lot of same design parameters were used on both the drilling rig

and the cross," Thomas said.

He estimates that fewer than 10 percent of the engineering firms around the country would even consider tackling such a job, much less do it.

"There are four major structural pins that pin this cross to the foun-

dation," he said. "They're seven inches in diameter and weigh 300 pounds a piece. They're made of high strength steel."

The force required to shear one of those pins is about the force to lift the space shuttle at Cape Kennedy.

"When you see a 100 mile an hour wind come across that cross,

there's so much leverage there, you've got several million pounds of shear at the base on all those pins," Thomas said. "That's what most engineers aren't willing to risk their reputation on. They'd rather take much lower risk projects. I was out there last summer and we had 110 mile an hour straight wind come through in a storm. It did a lot of damage in the City of Groom, but it only popped a few rivets on the cross. It's been tested pretty good so far."

So has Thomas. "I was going to build a cross and walk away," he said. "I thought that's all the Lord wanted me to do, but he lassoed me and pulled me back."

He said the cross gets some attention, but it doesn't end there. He feels he has to teach.

"So we've got beautiful sculptures of bronze out there depicting the Via De La Rosa, the Way of the Cross in Jerusalem," he said.

The bronze sculptures were created by an Amarillo artist, Mickey Wells, and they have been well received.

They have been well received by the thousands of people a month that stop at the cross, Thomas said. Many of the people are from overseas. Some of them are church groups, either from area churches or church groups that are traveling across country and stop to hold a

bible study. Some are tourists that have never been exposed to the word of God, Thomas said.

"Many of them have never heard of Jesus Christ," he said. "It's hard for me to believe, but a lot of them haven't."

People come from all over the country, from around the world.

"We have them from all over the world," Thomas said. "South Africa, Russia, Japan, Germany. You wouldn't believe the people that come down I-40. People travel to America just to come down Route 66. And when they do, they stop in at the cross."

Thomas said 30,000 people a month stop from April to November. "Now, it's slowing down to about 10,000 a month," he said.

But still they come. "You can go out there in the winter when it's snowing, and there are people there," he said.

They've had as many as 3,000 people there at one time.

The Promise Keepers on their way from California to Washington, D.C., for a rally last summer had 2,000 people that stopped at the cross.

"The day we dedicated it, it was a cold Sunday in the fall," Thomas said.

Yet there was a crowd.

"There's a group that wants to have a Christian Balloon Festival following the Albuquerque Balloon Festival each October," he said. "We're trying to organize that right now."

If it comes about, he expects 70 Christian balloons each fall.

"People get excited when they see the cross," he said.

There are about 15 volunteers that work at the cross around the clock. "Not only are we there during the day, we're there at night because there's so many people coming at night after midnight," Thomas said.

Although some events are scheduled, a lot of the activities at the cross are spontaneous.

"They just happen," Thomas said. "We've had about six weddings and one funeral."

There have been numerous Bible study groups meet there.

All Christian denominations have met there, Catholic, Baptist, Pentecostal," he said. "What's unique about it is with all our differences, all the denominations have one thing in common and that's the cross."

In addition to the cross, Thomas has built an information center and a building to house a replica of the Shroud of Turin.

The Shroud of Turin replica came about the same way everything else has, Thomas said.

"Somebody drives by and falls in love with it," he said.

There are about half a dozen replicas of the Shroud of Turin. Three of them are in the United States. Two of the three tour.

A priest from Pennsylvania that's one the committee of one of the shrouds that tour stopped at the cross. He went back, talked to the committee and they decided to locate the shroud permanently at the cross. They made a decision within a week.

"They felt it would be more of a benefit to have it here where travelers are coming than to try to

get out and tour with it," Thomas said.

Construction at the site isn't completed yet. Wells still has several bronzes to do yet, and Thomas still has plans for more buildings.

"Next year, we plan on building a gift shop and some offices where we can have places where they can have Bible study," Thomas said. "Usually, they come out when the weather's nice. If we had the facilities, they could come out regularly where the weather wouldn't bother them."

Nor is the Cross of the Plains the only cross Thomas is contemplating.

"I'm trying to build one in Florida right now," Thomas said. "I don't know if I'll get it done or not."

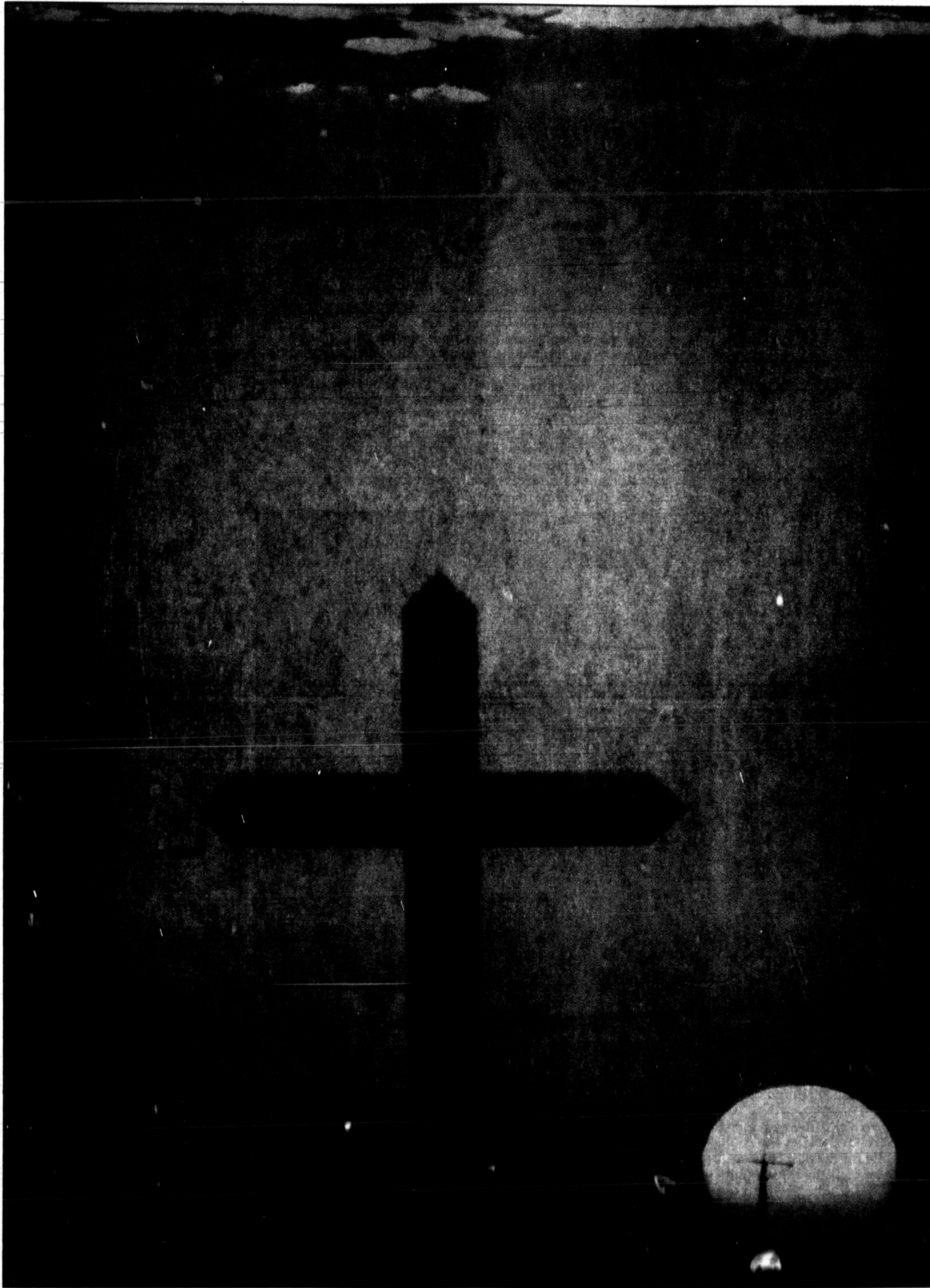
He and his family have a winter home in Florida.

"I like Florida," he said, "and I've met some people down there that want to build a cross, and they're working with me to see that come to fruition. We're close to getting property."

He plans on having the cross in Florida off Interstate-75 close to Disney World and other Central Florida attractions.

"It receives three times the traffic I-40 does," Thomas said. "It's probably the most traveled interstate in America."

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Steve Thomas stands in front of the Cross that he is responsible for constructing near Interstate 40.

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Erin Marie Frugé and Christopher Lynn Wilson

Frugé-Wilson

Erin Marie Frugé and Christopher Lynn Wilson were wed Dec. 19 in First Baptist Church with John Glover officiating. The maid of honor was Rose Frugé, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Kendra Encinas of Amarillo, Kassie Lewis of Temple and Stephanie Green of Norman, Okla. The best man was Greg Wilson, brother of the groom of Nashville, Tenn. The groomsmen were Kenny Stevens, brother-in-law of the groom of Waco, Korry Vorndran of Seattle, Wash., and John Frugé of Eglin AFB, Fla., and Jordan Frugé of College Station, both brothers of the bride. Registering guests was Liz Borchardt of Lubbock. Music was provided by pianist Beverly Baker, organist Jerry Whitten and soloists Chris Wilson, Greg Wilson, Rose Frugé, Traci Shelton, Andy Fernuik and Dillon Hill. A reception was held following the service in fellowship hall of the church with friends of the bride's mother serving the guests. The couple planned a honeymoon trip to San Francisco, Calif., and intend to make their home in Lubbock.



Connie Chisum and Timothy Thornburg

Chisum-Thornburg

Connie Chisum of Amarillo and Timothy Thornburg of Pampa were wed Nov. 28 at Country Home Bed and Breakfast in Canyon with the Rev. Russell Thornburg, brother of the groom of Minnesota, officiating. The maid of honor was Marlee Chisum, daughter of the bride of Amarillo. The flower girl was Sydney Minchin, niece of the bride of Encinitas, Calif. The best man was Ryan Chisum, son of the bride of Amarillo. The candlelighters were Alexis Thornburg and Elizabeth Thornburg, both nieces of the Groom of San Antonio. Registering guests was Lauren Morcomb of Amarillo. A reception was held following the service with friends of the bride serving the guests. The bride is the daughter of Wayne and Jean Jones of Pampa. She is currently a transport nurse in the intensive care nursery at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The groom is the son of Leroy and Jeneane Thornburg of Pampa. He currently owns- operates Thornburg Plumbing and Home Improvements in Pampa and Amarillo. The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Cozumel, Mexico, and intend to make their home in Amarillo.



Jacquelyn Michelle Smithson and Daniel Paul McLaughlin

Smithson-McLaughlin

Jacquelyn Michelle Smithson of Amarillo and Daniel Paul McLaughlin of Hobbs, N.M., were wed Dec. 19 in St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church with Monsignor Joseph Tash of Amarillo officiating. The matron of honor was Katrina Smithson, mother of the bride of Amarillo. The bridesmaids were Angela Chupp of Denton and Kay Lynn Britten of Groom. The flower girl was Bailey Hess of Amarillo. The best man was Scott McLaughlin of Hobbs. The groomsmen were John Weinheimer of Groom and Ken McEntire of Amarillo. The ring bearer was Ryan Houston of Amarillo. The ushers were Shaun Smithson of Washington, D.C., Nick Ashford of Groom and Eric Weinheimer and Anthony Houston, both of Amarillo. A reception was held following the service at the church with Aimee Lyles of Canyon, Darcee Lyles, Rebecca Ashford, Sherri Weinheimer, Vicki Shankle and Shelly Flaherty, all of Amarillo, and Tami Ashford and Cassandra Ashford, both of Groom, serving the guests. The bride is the daughter of James D. and Katrina R. Smithson of Amarillo and is the granddaughter of Mrs. Joseph G. Dickey of Pampa and Mrs. James L. Smithson of Amarillo. She is a graduate of Amarillo High School and is currently employed at Classics of Amarillo. The groom is the son of Forrest W. McLaughlin Jr. and Patti L. McLaughlin of Groom and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Ashford, Sr., of Groom and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest W. McLaughlin, Sr., of Belton. He is a graduate of Groom High School and Amarillo College, receiving an associate's degree in electronic instrumentation. He is currently employed with Williams Energy Services in Hobbs. The couple intend to make their home in Hobbs.



Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Newman

Newman anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Newman of Mobeetie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 28, 1998, at PamCel Hall. Children of the couple hosted the reception. Delmar and Elisabeth Newman were married in 1948 at Bremen, Germany, where Mr. Newman was stationed in the service. The couple have been residents of the Texas Panhandle for the past 50 years. Children of the couple are Nancy Anderton of Pampa, Jody and Shirley Wadley of Okmulgee, Okla., Robert and Cindy Newman of Wharton, Bill and Cendie Newman of Sayre, Okla., Terry and Martha Gardner of Miami and Pat and Marletta Newman of Portales, N.M. They have several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Chalan Brandise King and Robert Dathan Galloway

King-Galloway

Chalan Brandise King and Robert Dathan Galloway, both of Amarillo, plan to wed Jan. 2 in First Christian Church of Pampa. The bride-elect is the daughter of Terry and Mayda King of Pampa. She is a 1998 Pampa High School graduate and is currently employed at J.C. Penney in Amarillo. The prospective groom is the son of Cathy Galloway of Amarillo and Robert and Brenda Galloway of Jakarta, Indonesia. He is a 1994 graduate of Denton High School and is currently employed at KFDD Channel 10 in Amarillo.



Shanna Rae Molitor and Scotty Wayne Stribling

Molitor-Stribling

Shanna Rae Molitor and Scotty Wayne Stribling, both of Pampa, plan to wed Feb. 12 in Central Baptist Church of Pampa. The bride-elect is the daughter of Randy and Connie Molitor of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Maudie Wheeler of Pampa and L.P. Molitor of Seneca, S.D. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1992 and from West Texas A&M University in 1996. She is currently a fourth grade teacher at Lamar Elementary School in Pampa. The prospective groom is the son of Wayne and Carol Stribling of Pampa and is the grandson of Vera Whitson of Hollis, Okla., and Clinton and Maurita Stribling of Mobeetie. He is a 1995 Pampa High School graduate and is currently enrolled at Amarillo College pursuing a degree in instrumentation. He is presently employed at Wayne's Western Wear in Pampa.

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Highland Hobby Club

Highland Hobby Club met Dec. 7 in the home of Ferline Calvert with President Gloria Norris presiding. Six members were present. Secretary-Treasurer Mairlyn Kirkwood gave a report. Members worked on the current club project which is to be finished by the next meeting. The club will purchase a gift for a needy child for Christmas. Mildred Salsman and Calvert were selected to shop for the present. Salsman won the door prize. The next meeting will be in January at the home of Jewel Holmes.

El Progreso Club

El Progreso Club met Dec. 8 with President Carolyn Smith presiding. Smith and the Social Committee served as hostesses for the meeting attended by 14 members. Jo Scoggin Goss presented the program " 'Tis Christmas." She described the origins of several Christmas carols, the evolution of Christmas cards, the manufacture of Christmas ornaments and concluded with the story, "I Knew You Would Come."

Heritage Art Club

Heritage Art Club met Dec. 2 at 1120 S. Hobart for its annual Christmas party with Ruth Barrett and Marie Smith serving as hostesses. Sixteen members and one guest were present. Members exchanged secret pal gifts. The door prize was won by Johnny Price. The next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 4 at Pampa Community Building.

Pampa Garden Club

Pampa Garden Club met Dec. 14 at the home of Alice Gray with President Thelma Bray presiding. Thirteen members were present. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read. The following business was conducted and announcements made: —Treasurer Marilyn Butler reported on the Sale Table at Festival of Trees. —Clara Quarry reported on the children's "Small Fry Garden Club." The next meeting will be Jan. 8 at the Gray County Annex. —Barrett read a Christmas story. A gift exchange followed the program. Gray served as hostess of the meeting. The next meeting will be Jan. 11 at the home of Quarry.

Magic Plains ABWA

Magic Plains Chapter of American Business Women's Association met Dec. 14 at Roberts County Museum in Miami with Eltha Hensley presiding. Ten members and one guest were present. The pecan sale, the club's annual fund-raiser, was discussed. Work nights at Celebration of Lights were reviewed and members exchanged Christmas gifts. Katie Underwood, museum curator, conducted a tour of the building the highlight of which was a 1929 Ford car and an old-fashioned gas pump. A special presentation was made to Underwood for the courtesy extended to the group. Lanella Hensley, Missy Martin and Eltha Hensley won door prizes. The next meeting will be Jan. 11 at the Siroin Stockade in Pampa with Evelyn Boyd and Ellen Malone serving as hostesses.

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met Dec. 15 at the home of Dona Cornutt for a Christmas gift exchange. The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m., Jan. 5 at the home of Martha Kothman.



(Special photo)

Violin students of Dorothy King recently performed a Holiday Recital for family and friends at Tarpley's Music Recital Hall in Pampa. Front row: (left-right) Elizabeth Terry, Luke Abraham, Annie Alexander. Back row: Jessica Manor, Kara Lewis, Joni Parvin, Toby Cowan; instructor Dorothy King.

Area students present violin recital

Violin students of Dorothy King recently performed a Holiday Recital at Tarpley's Music Recital Hall in Pampa.

Beginning and advanced students performed selections ranging from notes and variations of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" to "Long, Long Ago" and "Allegretto."

The individuals were accompanied on the piano keyboard by Katrina Hildebrandt. The

students displayed skills they have learned through the Suzuki method of violin instruction.

Following the performances of each student all of the students joined together to play a variation of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." Bringing the recital to a close, King and Hildebrandt performed "Greensleeves" and "Carol of the Bells" on the violin and flute, respectively.

Students featured in the Holiday Recital include Elizabeth Terry of Pampa, Luke Abraham and Annie Alexander of Canadian, Jessica Manor of Miami, Kara Lewis of White Deer and Joni Parvin and Toby Cowan of Perryton.

King's beginning students started training in September of this year. Her two advanced students have been taking lessons just over three years.

Menus

Dec. 21-25

Pampa Schools MONDAY-FRIDAY Holiday.	slaw, tossed or jello salad, coconut creme cake or chocolate pie, hot rolls or cornbread.
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Meals on Wheels MONDAY	WEDNESDAY Baked turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, candied yams, green beans, heavenly hash, tossed salad or slaw, pumpkin squares, cherry cobbler or fruit cups, cranberry sauce, deviled eggs, stuffed celery, olives and pickles, hot rolls or cornbread. (Take out orders accepted Tuesday and early Wednesday morning.)
Ham and cheese link, scalloped potatoes, tomatoes, marshmallow treats.	THURSDAY-FRIDAY Holiday.
TUESDAY Swiss steak, potato casserole, peas and carrots, peaches and cobbler.	Senior Citizens MONDAY
WEDNESDAY Turkey and dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, cake.	Chicken fried steak or chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, northern beans,

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Newsmakers

SAN ANTONIO — Air Force Airman Jamarious Osborne, a 1998 Pampa High School graduate and son of Clifford Wilson of Pampa and Marcella Bowie of Port Arthur, recently completed basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

NORMAN, Okla. — The University of Oklahoma recently announced candidates for degrees at the completion of the fall 1998 semester. Students qualifying for degrees include: Colbert Wyatt Waters, bachelor of arts degree.

time for shopping, caroling or just enjoying the holiday season.

Seafood is a great change of pace from turkey or ham and needs only a baked potato and green vegetable or salad to round out the meal. The Marine Lobster Promotion Council recommends bringing two inches of water to a rolling boil in a large kettle. Cook about 18 minutes for a 1 to 1 1/4 pound lobster. If live lobsters are unavailable in your area, fresh or frozen lobster tails will work just fine simply follow the package instructions for cooking.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Five questions with James Nesbitt: In film full of charm, pig farmer holds his own

By EILEEN GLANTON
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Like many an Irish film before it, the sweetly quirky "Waking Ned Devine" is full of sweetly quirky folks. There's the batty postmistress, the lusty young brunette, the crotchety spinster.

And then there's Pig Finn, who raises hogs for a living and can't shed the stench, even with the strongest of soaps. He longs for that lusty young brunette, and she would gladly marry him, if it weren't for the pigs.

With his wild dark curls and ready smile, Irish actor James Nesbitt makes Pig Finn look like quite a catch. American audiences may recognize him from the film "Welcome to Sarajevo," in which he played the cameraman. His latest project is the British TV series, "Cold Feet."

"I play a lovable, but sort of annoying, former serial womanizer who's now married and committed," he said.

Nesbitt, 33, is married, and happily committed to his wife and 15-month-old daughter, Peggy. His daughter was born during the filming of "Waking Ned Devine," and while Nesbitt witnessed the delivery during a break in shooting, he's still sorry that he was on location on the Isle of Man for the first three weeks of her life.

Nesbitt said making the film was pure pleasure. The lush, misty island provided a

perfect backdrop for the picturesque film, and its remoteness encouraged camaraderie among cast and crew.

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"We spent a lot of time with each other in the pub," he said. "There are worse ways to earn a living."

1. "Waking Ned Devine" is filled with an awfully eccentric cast of characters. Do you think it's typical of small-town Ireland?

Nesbitt: Well, there's lots of dramatic license, but the west coast of Ireland is full of these little tiny communities, where there's about 60 people and everyone knows everyone else. I think those types of places encourage eccentricity. They're bound to! People have great battles and great friendships. And in the kind of communities, there is tremendous warmth.

2. Did you ever have any experience with pigs?

Nesbitt: I did, actually. My first 11 years, I grew up in farm country because my father was a private school headmaster. My classmates were all farmers' children, so I was always around cows and pigs. They're incredibly affectionate and friendly. I can see getting attached to them. There is, undoubtedly, the smell. And you know, they're often too friendly. They'll kind of try to mate with you, which is really just too much.

3. The only strike against Pig Finn is the smell. Do you have any little quirks that could potentially make you resistible?

Nesbitt: I suppose I'm too neat; I'm always tidying the place up. God, there's all kinds of things I do that would drive a person nuts. I should ask my wife.

4. The movie centers on a plot to help every villager share in a big lottery jackpot. If you won 6 million pounds (\$10 million), what would you do with the money?

Nesbitt: There's nothing I particularly want for. I'd buy a bigger house. I'd give some to my family. We'd probably go on a grander holiday. But I have no grand ambitions to have that much money. I know I'd spend it all, though.

5. What are you working on next?

Nesbitt: I've kind of been nonstop for the last three years, so I'm taking a little break until February. If something great comes along, I'll do it, but I'm looking forward to spending time with my family.



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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 20

(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. "...Baby One More Time," Britney Spears. Jive. (Gold)
6. "Because Of You," 98 Degrees. Motown. (Gold)
7. "Doo Wop (That Thing)," Lauryn Hill. Ruffhouse. (Gold)
8. "Love Like This," Faith Evans. Bad Boy. (Gold)
9. "Have You Ever?," Brandy. Atlantic.
10. "Lullaby," Shawn Mullins. SMG.
11. "Goodbye," Spice Girls. Virgin.
12. "Trippin'," Total (feat. Missy Elliott). Bad Boy. (Gold)
13. "Save Tonight," Eagle-Eye Cherry. WORK.
14. "This Kiss," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
15. "Hands," Jewel. Atlantic.
16. "Jumper," Third Eye Blind. Elektra.
17. "Slide," Goo Goo Dolls. Warner Bros.
18. "Iris," Goo Goo Dolls. Warner Sun.
19. "The First Night," Monica. Arista. (Platinum)
20. "Can I Get A...," Jay-Z (feat. Amlil of Major Coinz and Ja). Def Jam.

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The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 20

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

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. "Backstreet Boys," Backstreet Boys. Jive. (Platinum)
6. "(NU) T's," Mariah Carey. Columbia. (Platinum)
7. "Home For Christmas," N Sync. RCA. (Platinum)
8. "Come On Over," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
9. "Americana," The Offspring. Columbia. (Platinum)
10. "Garage Inc.," Metallica. Elektra.
11. "Doc's Da Name 2000," Redman. Def Jam.
12. "Vol. 2... Hard Knock Life," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella. (Platinum)
13. "Greatest Hits," 2Pac. Amaru.
14. "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
15. "Never S-A-Y Never," Brandy. Atlantic. (Platinum)
16. "Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie," Alanis Morissette. Maverick.
17. "Stunt," Barenaked Ladies. Reprise. (Platinum)
18. "Big Willie Style," Will Smith. Columbia. (Platinum)
19. "No Limit Soldier Compilation - We Can't Be Stopped," Various Artists. No Limit.
20. Soundtrack: "Chef Aid: The South Park Album." American. (Platinum)

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Hot Adult Contemporary

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

Mainstream Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

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 (For A White Guy)," The Offspring. Columbia.
8. "Still Rainin'," Jonny Lang. A&M.
9. "Celebrity Skin," Hole. DGC.
10. "What It's Like," Everlast. Tommy Boy.

Modern Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "What It's Like," Everlast. Tommy Boy.
2. "Fly Away," Lenny Kravitz. Virgin.
3. "Never There," Cake. Capricorn.
4. "Pretty Fly (For A White Guy)," The Offspring. Columbia.
5. "Got You (Where I Want You)," The Flys. Delicious.
6. "Slide," Goo Goo Dolls. Warner Bros.
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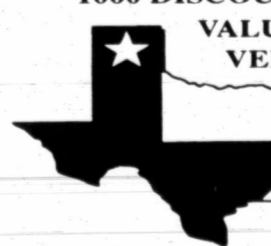
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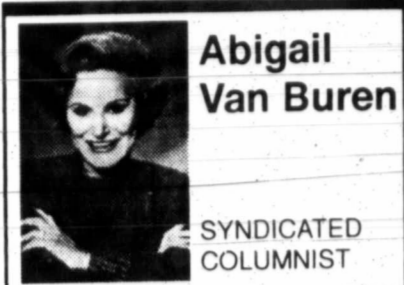
DEAR ABBY: I am a 51-year-old man, married to a woman who has been down the aisle three times. I love her very much, and I know she loves me. However, she has a habit that's beginning to bother me a great deal. She never misses an opportunity to bash men!

Whenever she hears — or reads about — a man who has gotten himself in trouble with alcohol, gambling or womanizing, she remarks, "Typical male," then does 10 minutes about how all men are pigs. The other day, a neighbor came over to show us her new puppy. I went to pet the puppy and this neighbor said, "Be careful, I don't think she likes men!" Then my wife said, "Smart dog!"

She hates her daughters' husbands and boyfriends, and she cannot stand any of my male friends. She seems happiest when she's commiserating with other women about how they've been wronged or hurt by the men in their lives.

Unlike her two previous husbands, I am a faithful and loving life-partner who is not a wife beater, philanderer or liar. I've asked her to please stop spewing her venom while I'm in the room, but now she thinks it's funny when I react. It's obvious that if she thinks all men are pigs, she shouldn't have married another one. How can I make her understand that her constant male-bashing is harming our relationship?

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DEAR TIRED: I'm surprised you didn't notice this about her before you were married, because her anger at men appears to be long-standing and deep-seated. Many a hurtful remark is said in "jest." The next time she does it, tell her plainly how much it hurts when she talks that way.

Counseling may help her understand her negative perspective. Suggest it, and offer to go with her. If she refuses, go alone. At least it will give you some insight into her behavior and some techniques that may help you deal with her negativity.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter in your column from Mr. Beard of Sacramento, I'm compelled to write in support of his assertion that we can all get along. While far from home, Mr. Beard, a black man, was loaned a hearing aid by a white audiologist named Mr. Potter.

When I was a child growing up

in the South, my father ran a medical clinic. He worked long hours serving the health needs of a small community. He performed and assisted with many surgeries on black and white people, Jews and Gentiles. He used to tell me, "All people are pretty much the same color on the inside, and that's where you need to look." It was excellent advice.

Mr. Potter, the audiologist, must be one of those who "sees" what is important in all of us, and trusts that which he cannot see.

I agree with Mr. Beard. We can all get along if we look for those things we have in common, and respect what makes us different.

KAREN LAWRENCE, NAPA, CALIF.

DEAR KAREN: I think you put it very well. It is important to the future of our country that when we look our neighbors in the face, we dwell not on their color, but their humanity, and judge them not by their appearance, but by their character.

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Once you get going, it will be difficult to stop you. Listen to a hunch involving communications and others. Don't expect someone to see eye-to-eye with you. Make resolutions about money, self-image and spending. Tonight: The busier, the better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take stock of your emotional state before beginning your day. You could be out of sync. Use care with spending, and other dealings involving your finances. You could find that money is slipping right through your fingers. Use your instincts. Tonight: Finish shopping.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You move into high gear and cover more ground than you ever thought possible. You're a sparkling presence anywhere you go. Explore an inspiration, and feel free to create more of what you want out of life. You might still opt to keep a secret just that. Tonight: Where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You are very excited about news, but you choose to keep information to yourself. Realize what makes someone tick. A friendship could be budding into a lot more. Recognize limits and long-term needs. Don't sell yourself short; then, others won't either. Tonight: Take some time alone.

BORN TODAY Former talk-show host Phil Donahue (1935), former tennis star Chris Evert (1954), actress Jane Fonda (1937)

Horoscope

MONDAY, DEC. 21, 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) You wake up on the wrong side of the bed, but quickly reverse the pattern. Dive into your week's goals. There are still errands to complete. You hear from someone who you put on a pedestal. Recognize how important respect is to someone. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Accept news from a distance. Don't try to fight it. You will gain a deeper perspective in the next few weeks. Others come to you for help to fulfill responsibilities and get the job done. Meanwhile, you have your hands full. Enjoy what is going on. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A heart-to-heart talk proves successful. However, don't forget the big picture. Something you have been hoping for becomes a possibility at this point. Excitement surrounds travels, distant ties and a new beginning. Embrace change. Tonight: Mental wandering.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Others can be difficult at times, but you can learn from these challenges. Close relating adds a

dreamy quality to a personal relationship. An elusive touch surrounds monetary and business arrangements. Be realistic about expectations please! Tonight: With a favorite person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others seek you out. Hopefully, you have cleared away most of your work. The social spirit of the next few days takes over. Enjoy others, let yourself be indulged. Don't take someone too seriously. A lot has to do with his moods. Tonight: Out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Creativity and caring merge, making you an undeniable source of ideas and solutions. You might opt to charge some of this energy into your work; however, you are likely to center on pleasurable pursuits. Get as much done as possible. Tonight: Work into the wee hours.

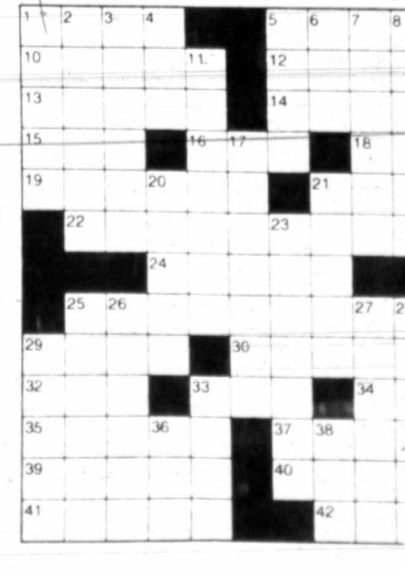
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Get going early in the day; you have a lot to do. Because of your own mood, you seem to enjoy everyone. Allow the lightness of the holiday to spill over into your work. Others appreciate your special, thoughtful touch. Evaluate a home situation carefully. Tonight: Fun!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Don't hold your feelings in any longer. How can you expect others to respond when they don't know how you feel? Allow for more interaction; give up a need for control. Emphasis is on family and a stronger domestic life. Others are supportive. Tonight: Head home.

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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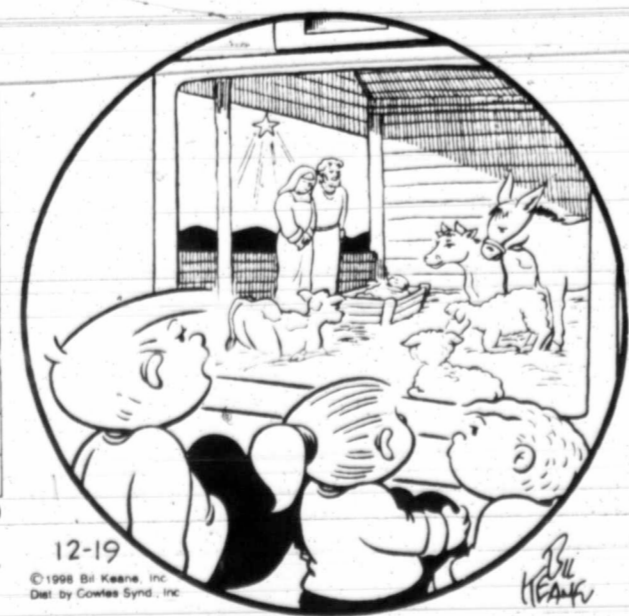
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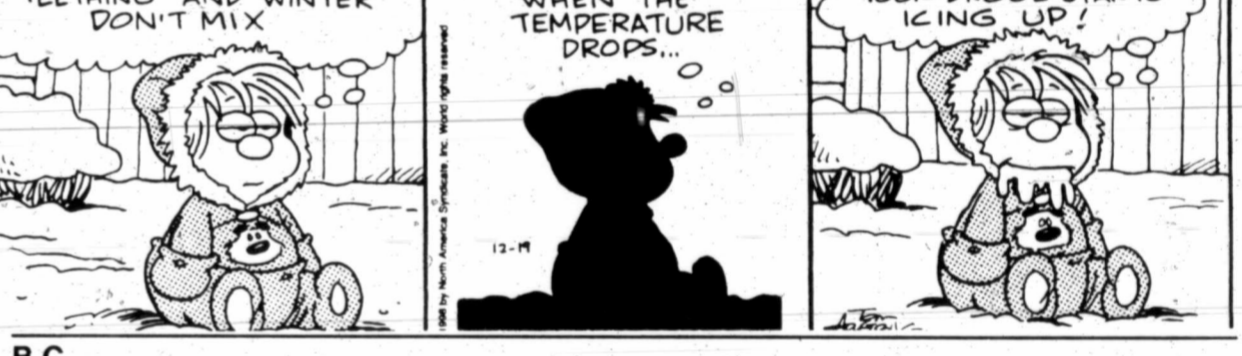
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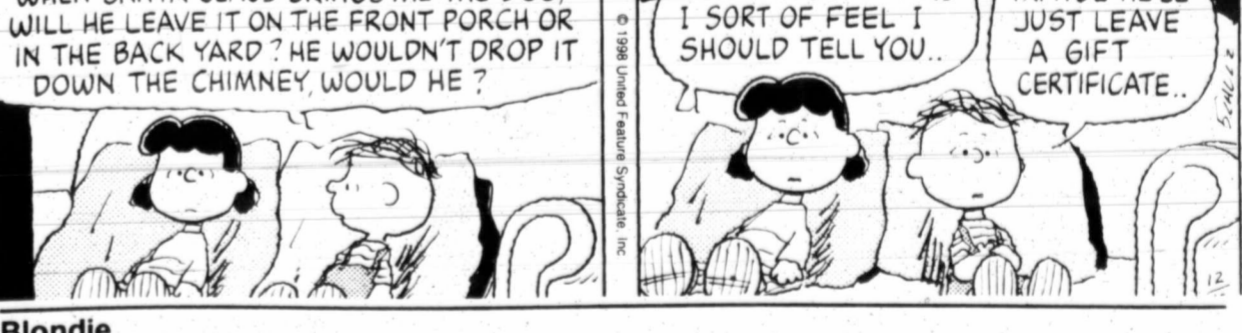
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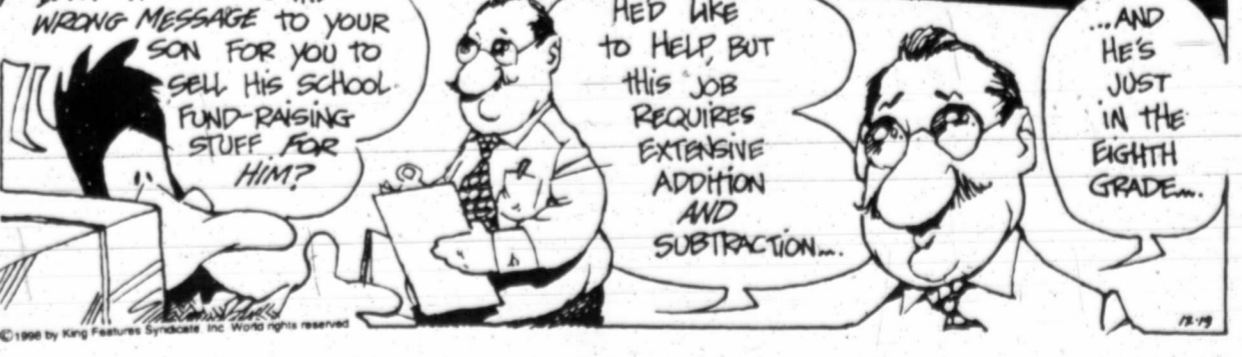
Peanuts



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Santa Letters

To: Santa Claus
North Pole 85921

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Sega Pico last year and my baby brother's toy box. My brother Caden and me want a real four-wheeler that takes real gas like my dad's truck.
I also want a real computer, kind of like Katie's, for me and my dad. Caden also wants a talking blue from Blue's Clues. My mom wants a real pretty picture frame with flowers on it and a teddy bear.
We will be waiting for you!
Cole Engle and Caden Engle

Dear Santa,
I want Shelbi Doll Special for me, Bubba for Hair, New Shiny Shoes, Play Christmas Tree, Make-upkit, Sorry-game, guess who game, Book to Read, red coat, blue scarf, new Boots-orange, Pink Jacket, Hula Hoop, Phone real, Fly swatter.
Shelbi Cross

Dear Santa,
I am Sydney Minchin. I'm in kindergarten. Can I have please a camera, a fingernail fun set, a ticket to Sea World, a Christmas tree ornament, and a 101 Dalmation's Pico game?
Sydney Minchin

Dear Santa,
Hi, Santa. I am Mac, Minchin, and I am 2-years-old. I would like some toys.
We love you, Santa, and we love Rudolf! We will have a snack of milk and gingerbread for you.
Madison Minchin

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Batman and four wheeler, Robin, Godzilla and my sister would like to have a baby doll and a kitchen set and some clothes.
Love always,
Jeffrey and Jaiden Johnston
P.S. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,
I want rollerbladzz and Julia wants Rollerbladzz and a teddy bear and Lorena barbie skates and a barbie and Brandon wants a new yoyo and please give us all want rollerbladzz.
Merry Christmas,
Love Richelle

Dear Santa,
I know you're busy, so I am sending a list of the few things I would like to get for Christmas:
1. Hot Wheels City Center
2. Rugrats Play Station Game
3. Dr. DoLittle video
Hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Thank you,
Ethan Addy

Dear Santa,
Hi! I hope you have had a good year! I have been busy in Pre-K and performing in our churches Christmas pageant. I think I have been a pretty good boy! I would like to have an alarm clock for my room, a new backpack, a cool yo-yo, the game Mouse Trap, "Power Rangers in Space" movie, and anything else that's cool that you would like to bring me!
Please remember my little sister Emilee. She is 2-years-old and she really likes babies and Barney!
We will leave you a special snack! Have a safe trip!
Jacob Frost
5-years-old

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BOOKS

"Andrés Galarraga: The Big Cat" by Mark Stewart; "Hoaxers and Hustlers" by Thomas Streissguth; "Una Sorpresa Para Josefina" by Valeria Tripp; "Jim Thorpe Olympic Champion" by Guernsey Van Riper, Jr.; "William Wegman's Mother Goose" by William Wegman; "Spacebusters: The Race to the Moon" by Philip Wilkinson.

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World Celebrations and Ceremonies: "Birth" and "New Year" by Michele Spirn, "Coming of Age" by Lisa Sita, "Harvest" by Lois Markham.

Young Scientist Concepts and Projects: "Birds" by Jen Green, "Flight" by Peter Mellett, "Machines" by Chris Oxlade, "The Sea" by Robin Kerrod.

SEAFOOD

1/4 cup blue cheese, crumbled

1/4 cup toasted finely chopped walnuts

1 to 2 heads Belgian endive, separated into leaves

Mix cream cheese and butter in medium bowl until smooth. Stir in trout or salmon, blue cheese and walnuts. Mix well.

Spread or pipe about 1 teaspoon of trout mixture onto base of each leaf. Garnish with additional toasted walnuts. Chill until serving.

Tip: Any smoked fish may be used. Spread may also be served with crackers.

10-12 appetizer servings

Cajun Gumbo

10 to 12 chicken thigh (4-5 lbs.)

1/4 cup olive oil

1 cup onion, chopped

1/2 cup green pepper, chopped

1/3 cup flour

2 cloves garlic, crushed

1 can (28 oz.) tomatoes

2 cup chicken broth or water

1/2 teaspoon cracked red pepper

1/2 teaspoon thyme

1 bay leaf

1 package (10 oz.) frozen sliced okra

1/2 pint standard oysters

24 oz. surimi seafood, crab flavored, chunk or flake style, or crabmeat (may use shrimp, crawfish or lobster)

1/2 cup fresh parsley, finely chopped

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.

Place chicken thighs in a single layer in a shallow baking pan and bake 45-50 minutes or until juices run clear yellow when pierced at thickest part.

Meanwhile, heat oil in the bottom of a large Dutch oven or

flame-proof casserole dish. Add

onion and green pepper and cook over medium-low heat for 10 minutes or until onion is translucent, stirring occasionally.

Stir in flour, reduce heat to low and cook five minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add garlic then tomatoes, chicken broth, red pepper, thyme and bay leaf. Cook, stirring constantly, until slightly thickened. Cover and cook over lowest heat setting for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. Add cooked chicken with pan juices and okra. Bring again to a simmer and

cook 15-20 minutes.

Into simmering gumbo, stir in surimi seafood, oysters and parsley. Heat for 5-10 minutes or until surimi seafood is heated throughout and oysters begin to curl. Serve over rice in soup bowls.

10-12 servings

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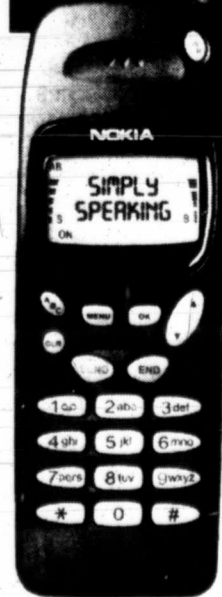
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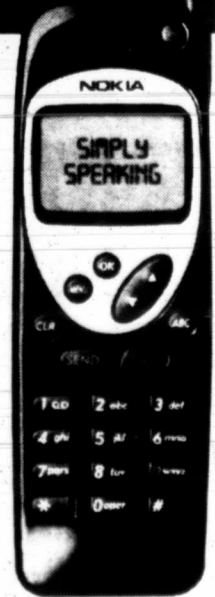
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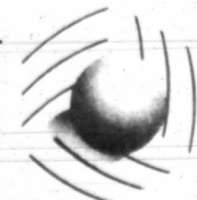
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The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT (BULL/BEAR)

Outlook: Readers know that my belief is this wheat market is undervalued. I believe the Russian donations, and a potentially tight supply scenario is bullish longer term. Russia does not have enough wheat to get them through the winter, and this is a new demand source not previously "dialed in". There is a near term problem to this bullish

back up, and I would think any unexpected news would be bullish (could be weather, could be exports). This news might not come until after the New Year, however, so I imagine we'll need patience.
Strategy: Hedgers: Continue to hold call options as a replacement for previous wheat cash sales. The calls limit your risks in these defla-

five cents on this position.

CORN (BEAR)

Outlook: I am concerned this corn market could potentially test the harvest low prices. The market participants know there was a big, almost 10 billion bushel crop, which needs to be worked through this coming crop year. The carryover stocks are projected at a burdensome 1.8 billion bushels. Yet, much of this crop is still stored in the bins, and for tax reasons will not move until after first of the year. Despite this, the market has been trending lower in recent weeks. Prices are already low, so I do not anticipate a panic collapse, more like a 'slow bleed'. Until there is some news to change the outlook, consider rallies to be 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 your cash corn already. We can always buy back later in the futures if it appears the fundamentals turn more positive.
Traders: We see no high potential trades right now.

SOYBEANS (BULL/BEAR)

Outlook: While soybeans are being influenced to a degree by the deflationary commodity cloud (the CRB Index hit 21 year lows as this is being written), this market does have the potential to break away from the bearish pack. The potential comes from South America. It has been too dry, but this week there are forecasts of rain to come, however it is still early. Let me point out, if this does turn into a fullfledged weather market, no type of market is more exciting. The Brazilian crop is so important to the world supply, almost as important as ours, that any 'weather wiggle' will result in a price surge. At this point, how it all plays out is very uncertain. Despite the bearish rhetoric being handed about this week, consider this; it definitely is a La Nina year (higher chance of drought) and my experience has been it is more likely for these dry situations to persist than not. I haven't put the bull in the bean box yet, but this in one that bears watching.

Strategy:

Hedgers: Selective hedgers who wanted to maintain ownership of cash sales are long the January futures from under \$5.60. Hold at this time until we have a better feel for the South American weather situation.

Traders: We remain long November of 1999 soybeans from under 570. The stop is now \$5.60. Consider this a longer-term trade.

CATTLE (BULL/BEAR)

Outlook: It has not been a good year for livestock producers. Frankly, this is an understatement, disastrous is a better word. Analogies have been made to the Great Depression, and these are accurate, particularly for the hog industry. I could use this column to discuss the merits of hedging using futures and options as an effective means of transference, but those producers who hedge know the benefits, and those who haven't (the great majority) now fully understand what the downside is. As mentioned many times before in this column, the pork glut is the main problem to beef right now. There are big losses in the hog sector and it has been said this year will go down as the demise of the family hog operation. The fundamentals for feeding cattle do look favorable. Supplies will be the tightest in eight demoralization. Look for the month of December to mark this transition from a long-term bear market into a longer-term 1999 bull market.

Strategy:

Feeders: We were hedged using through December, but at current prices consider accepting future market risk and remaining unhedged for 1999.

Cow/calf operations: Cattle feeders, you are buy-hedged in the January and March at 70 to 71. Hold these until you buy your replacement feeders. Aggressive hedgers add at current prices. Selective hedgers who wish to use a stop, exit on a close under 6725, but if out reenter using a 200 point buy stop.

Traders: We were stopped out of our January feeder position last week. I still feel there is value at current prices, but 'the trend is your friend' so remain on the sidelines for now.

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scenario however, and this is a severe deflationary attitude towards commodities in general throughout the world today. This attitude is affecting exports, which are still running well behind a year ago. Furthermore, the new crop condition ratings for the U.S. winter wheat look pretty good. Since the market is not acting as well as my outlook suggests it should, this week I have placed the bear in the wheat box next to the bull. This market requires some news to push it

tionary times (which is not the case when holding cash grain.)
Traders: We have rolled into the March Minneapolis futures, using a stop at 352. Minneapolis has held up much better than the others, and the December is at a premium which supports our premise of tight cash spring wheat supplies. However, this market is also a captive of the general situation, so keep the stop in for protection. We also own March 280 Chicago wheat calls at 12 1/2 cents. Use a stop at

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Farmers vote to fund weevil eradication

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Cotton farmers in five counties have voted overwhelmingly to fund a \$74 million program to eradicate boll weevils in 875,000 acres of the South Plains region.

The farmers voted 1,309-347 in favor of the Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone program, officials announced Thursday.

The Texas Department of Agriculture issued 3,145 ballots to cotton farmers in Andrews, Gaines, Yoakum and portions of Terry and Lynn counties.

By voting for the program, farmers have agreed to pay \$12 per acre for irrigated land and \$6 for dryland to eradicate the weevil, starting with a chemical spraying next fall. That will be followed with in-season treatments for several years.

"We have to eliminate a cost somewhere,"

By voting for the program, farmers have agreed to pay \$12 per acre for irrigated land and \$6 for dryland.

said Don Parrish, a grower from Plains. "Down here where we've been spraying for them every year, it's going to be cheaper on us than what we've been doing."

In addition to paying for the intensive sprays for four years, there will be costs for maintenance treatments a number of seasons. The pay-back for program costs, however, has been projected to be from six to 10 years, depending on the level of treatments involved, plus the amount of state/federal funding and money borrowed.

Parrish, who was elected to a board position on the Abilene-based Texas Boll Weevil

Eradication Foundation during the balloting, said the next step will be to secure 30 percent cost-share funding from the Texas Legislature to help pay the tab for the first two years.

Texas Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, has indicated plans to push a \$250 million bill during the next legislative session for the state's active eradication zones.

If the state money bill passes, the next step will be to establish district offices and hire a supervisor. Initially, said Parrish, zone personnel will begin mapping all fields and conducting some limited trapping before the first of as many as seven chemical treatments can begin around Aug. 15.

"I hope this vote bodes well for the whole state," said Parrish. "But, we still have to work on getting state funding — the fight is not over."

PET of the WEEK



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Combines and Compaqs: Now required on farm

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — Right after combines and tractors, add to the list of essential farm equipment one more tool: a computer.

From e-mail and Internet access to tracking crops and dairy herds, the computer is quickly replacing pencils, notebooks and scraps of paper in both barns and farmhouses.

"I view the computer as being the cheapest hired man on the farm," said Doylestown dairyman Dave Bishop during the Ag Computing and Electronics Expo Wednesday.

The most advanced farmers have been using early Apples and TRS-80s for 20 years, but as in every other sector of society, the computer is becoming more and more prevalent. Farmers have yield monitors and global positioning systems in their combines to track how well different sections of their land are producing. They have computers in their home to track their finances.

And more dairy farmers are using their computers to keep track of their cows: how much milk each cow is producing, when they're scheduled to go into heat, how much they've been fed.

Dairy herd management programs, such as Cowsearch, allow a farmer to punch in a variety of information about each cow, then work with the data.

The farmer can print out pedigrees for his cows, search his herd database to match the specifications of a buyer, even figure out which bull he should mate with heifers in his herd to produce the best calves.

For Phoebe Bitler of Fleetwood, it is a huge improvement over what she had been doing.

Her husband would jot down important memos on a napkin or a scrap of paper or, on good days, a notebook.

"If that paper wasn't somewhere, if I washed it in his shirt, that information was gone," Ms. Bitler said. "On our farm, our computer is just another piece of equipment."

In other words, it's so essential she almost takes it for granted.

About half of the farmers in Pennsylvania rely on the Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association to sample their herd. For \$2 a cow, a technician comes to a milking session once every month and measures how much milk each cow produced, then takes a sample to be tested for butterfat content, protein, white blood cells.

In the past, a report might take a week or two. Now, they can access the information by computer within 36 hours or so by going to the DHIA Web site.

That way, farmers can quickly make feed adjustments based on the data, or identify sick cows that need vet treatment.

The difficulty, these farmers said, is the initial transition.

"The first six months with any software, it's, 'Why did I do this? It was so much easier with a pencil and a piece of paper,'" said Bishop's wife, Sharon.

"When we first started, the nightmare was typing it all in," Dave Bishop said.

But a system quickly develops. The Bishops have a calendar on which they write every important development during a particular day: this cow was bred, that cow went dry. At day's end, he tries to punch all the information into his management program.

"It doesn't take long," he said. "It's just a lot of quick keystrokes. It's a whole lot better than doing it by hand."

Just as office workers wonder what they did before fax machines and e-mail, farmers who have made the technological leap aren't sure how they'd do without it. And, of course, they wish it could do more.

"It would be nice if the computer could milk the cows for us when we're not there," Dave Bishop said, only half-joking. "Course, that may be coming."



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

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

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VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

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

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

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.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS will meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Family Life Center at First Christian Church at 18th and Nelson from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be a light meal and then play cards and get acquainted. Under aged school children can be taken to the First Christian Church Mother's Day out by calling 665-8689. For more information please call 665-1188.

20- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH "Light Tour For Senior Citizens" Call Shirley Winborne for more information at 669-3225.

20- NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Columbia Medical Center Office Bldg. For more information call 669-7546.

24- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH "Christmas Eve Candle Light Service" at 9 p.m. at 18th and Nelson with Barry A. Loving conducting the service. For more information call 669-3225.

25- NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS will meet at 7 p.m. at the Highland Christian Church, 1615 North Banks. For more information call 669-6700.

26- FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS meeting at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Snack foods. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

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28- PARKINSON DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP will meet at the Columbia Medical Center in the Second Floor Conference Room at 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Jo Bidwell, 800-687-5498.

January

1- VFW-POST #1657 4th Annual Blackeyed Pea and Cornbread Feed Starting at 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 105 South Cuyler. The Public is invited. For more information call Dean Carson, 669-1264.

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9-10 - TOP O' TEXAS LIVESTOCK SHOW at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. Calf fry on Saturday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. purchase tickets at Wayne's Western Wear adults \$10 and children \$6. For more information contact Gary James, 6655946 or 669-8033.

10- NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Columbia Medical Center Office Bldg. For more information call 669-7546.

10- FIRST PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH "Singing", 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 1700 Alcock. For more information call Mina Towery, 665-8529.

10-11 - CITY WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE "Coming Together in Unity" at the Heritage Room of the M.K. Brown Auditorium, 100 North Sumner. Service will begin at 6 on the 10th and at 7:30 p.m. on the 11th. For more information call 669-6700 or 665-3255.

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14-15-16 - GRAY COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. Auction to be at 6 p.m. and bidder bar-b-que at 5 p.m. For more information contact Gary James, 665-5946 or 669-8033.

17- NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Columbia Medical Center Office Bldg. For more information call 669-7546.

19- THE GREATER PAMPA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE monthly luncheon in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 North Ballard. For more information call Lee Crow, 665-0343.

21- PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 North Ballard. For more information call Lee Crow, 665-0343.

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25- GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Matthew Episcopal Parish Hall. For more information contact Howard Graham, 665-1468.

29- PAMPA COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION 98-99 Season 2nd program "Inflatable Theatre" at M.K. Brown Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. For more information call 669-6700.

30 - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH "Soup Saturday" featuring Free Beef Stew at the VFW Hall, 105 South Cuyler from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Public is welcome!!! For more information call 669-3225.

31- PAMPA AREA UNIFIED MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE (PAUMA), 5th Sunday Community Worship, at 6 p.m. of the Heritage Room of the M.K. Brown Auditorium. For more information call Pastor Nathan Hopson, 66501459.

31- NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Columbia Medical Center Office Bldg. For more information call 669-7546.

Teen home after three quadruple transplants

By SETH HETTENA
Associated Press Writer

WHEATON, Md. (AP) — A teen-ager whose three quadruple transplants made him a focus of debate over organ donation procedures is back home in what his family hopes is the end of a six-year medical ordeal.

Daniel Canal, 14, was allowed to come home Dec. 11 after a biopsy showed no signs that his body was rejecting the stomach, liver, pancreas and small intestine he received in June.

"When I got home, as soon as my head hit that pillow in my own bed, I was out," Danny said Wednesday, nestled in the sofa of his family's suburban Washington home. "As much care as you get in a hospital, a hospital is not a place to get better and it's not a place to get sleep."

Danny's medical odyssey began six Christmases ago, when he complained of a stomach ache, then fainted. Doctors said his bowel had inexplicably twisted, cutting off the blood supply and killing his small intestine.

As he waited for a transplant, the nourishment he took intravenously weakened other organs. Liver damage caused his skin to turn green and he grew

too sick to wait any longer.

Donor organs are allocated regionally, so the Canals moved from California to Washington, D.C., then to Miami, to better their chances. Earlier this year, Danny and a few classmates appeared at a Washington rally calling for a system that allocates organs based on need.

Danny's body violently rejected organs he received in his first transplant May 15, and a second attempt June 2 also failed. The organs now in his body were transplanted during a 23-hour operation June 20.

Some medical ethicists questioned the wisdom of allotting 12 organs to a single patient when nearly 12,000 people are waiting for lives. Danny said he understands their point of view.

"My mom, she's told a lot of people, 'Unless you walk a mile in our shoes, you have no idea what it's like,'" he said.

His surgeon, Dr. Andres Tzakis, said the mere fact that the question of saving a child's life is up for discussion highlights the dire need nationwide for more organ donors.

"Because of Danny, a lot of people are more aware of the critical shortage of organs and more likely to donate in the future," Tzakis said.

Four Cubans dead, 13 missing after boat capsizes off Florida Keys

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A boat carrying Cubans capsized in the Atlantic Ocean off Elliott Key. Four people were killed and the U.S. Coast Guard searched today for 13 others still missing.

Nine survivors were rescued by a passing

freighter since the accident at about 11 p.m. Thursday, Coast Guard Petty Officer Scott Carr said. They were being treated aboard that vessel, Carr said.

The dead were retrieved from the water by a Coast Guard rescue boat.



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Burlington Coat Factory pledges to lobby against use of cat, dog fur

BURLINGTON, N.J. (AP) — Burlington Coat Factory said Thursday it will donate \$100,000 to the Humane Society of the United States and will work to stop the trade of dog and cat fur.

The nation's largest coat retailer pulled hundreds of men's parkas from its racks after the Humane Society informed it that the coats were trimmed with fur from dogs in China.

Burlington Coat said it will join the Humane Society in lobbying for legislation-banning the import of dog and cat fur and requiring labeling of all fur products.

"It's time something is done," said Burlington Coat spokesman Ric Bramble. "This is our way of saying let's make something happen here."

The Humane Society said it will use the donation to continue investigating what it says is an extensive international trade in pelts of domesticated dogs and cats.

"It's a strong step in a humane direction and we applaud them for taking that step," said Wayne Paccelle, senior vice president for the Washington-based Humane Society.

The Humane Society, which opposes the use of all animal fur, is asking Burlington Coat and other retailers to pull all fur-trimmed items. Bramble said the company, with 250 stores nationwide, has no immediate plans to do so.

In a report released Tuesday, the Humane Society said millions of dogs and cats in China and other countries are being killed and the fur is making its way into the United States in products ranging from gloves and scarves to parkas and

trinkets.

Paccelle said Humane Society investigators next will focus on trying to determine how much dog and cat fur is coming into the country. There is no law forbidding the use of the fur.

"We have no doubt that other major retailers are unwittingly selling this product also," Paccelle said. "The best way to solve the problem is to stop selling fur trim."

Garment manufacturers are required to disclose the type of animal used for furs valued at more than \$150. The Burlington Coat parkas retailed for \$89.

Labels in the Burlington Coat parkas trimmed in dog hair read "Mongolia dog fur," but the company said it was unaware of that until contacted by the Humane Society.

The vendor, Stanley Nankin, a coat supplier in El Paso, Texas, acknowledged that the 480 coats he shipped were trimmed with dog fur. He said he thought the label on the coats was a Chinese translation of coyote.

Bramble said Burlington Coat will begin requiring suppliers to provide a certificate of authenticity with each shipment of fur products. Labels on every item containing fur will be checked when they arrive at the warehouse, he said.

About 140 of the hooded parkas trimmed with dog fur were sold. Customers are being offered a cash refund or store credit.

Burlington Coat, with stores in 42 states, had sales last year of \$1.8 billion. It sells nearly 5 million coats annually.

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