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AUSTIN (AP) — Republican front-runner George W. Bush, filing for the presidential primary in his home state Friday, said he's eager for the coming election year and added, "I like my chances."
The Texas governor signed his filing papers before a cheering crowd at his campaign headquarters.

ABILENE (AP) — An airman who refused to submit to an anthrax vaccination has been sentenced to 21 days confinement and will be discharged from the Air Force.

A military court handed down the sentence Friday to Brent Rogers, 20, who had pleaded guilty to disobeying an order and making himself unavailable for deployment.

Rogers, who will receive a non-punitive administrative discharge from the Air Force, also will be docked \$500 in pay, said Lt. Wes Ticer, a spokesman at Dyess Air Force Base.

Nationally, as many as 300 servicemen have cited health concerns in refusing the inoculation.

AUSTIN (AP) — Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Sharon Keller on Friday filed for reelection to the court as presiding judge.

Ms. Keller, a Republican, was elected to Place 2 on the court in 1994. Dallas lawyer Tom Price has filed as a challenger for presiding judge in the GOP primary March 14.

Filing for spots on the Republican and Democratic primary ballots continues through Jan. 3.

•Bill King, 63, retired law enforcement officer and local businessman.

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Celebration of Lights display may be in last year in Pampa

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Pampa's Celebration of Lights is at a crossroads. This could be the last year for the town's lights to be displayed at Recreation Park during the Christmas season in Pampa if a solution cannot be reached.

Kathleen Chaney, one of the organizers and volunteers of the project, told Pampa City Council members Tuesday evening the contract with the display company which provides the large displays will expire Dec. 31 and the owner is not willing to renegotiate for another term.

She said he has offered the group the option of purchasing these displays for a total of \$40,000. She said it is a good price when you check the catalog.

"What does the city and the citizens of Pampa want to see happen?" was asked by Chaney. "I want to see this continue, but we need involvement from more than just the seven of us who are working on this."

"This is not an impossible task if we could get a few more people to help with it," said Chaney. "There are lots of physical aspects that we

need some help with."

The numerous lighted displays which signal the beginning of the holiday season in Pampa when they are turned on at the end of November. The exciting displays are a popular attraction for visitors to the community as well as local residents.

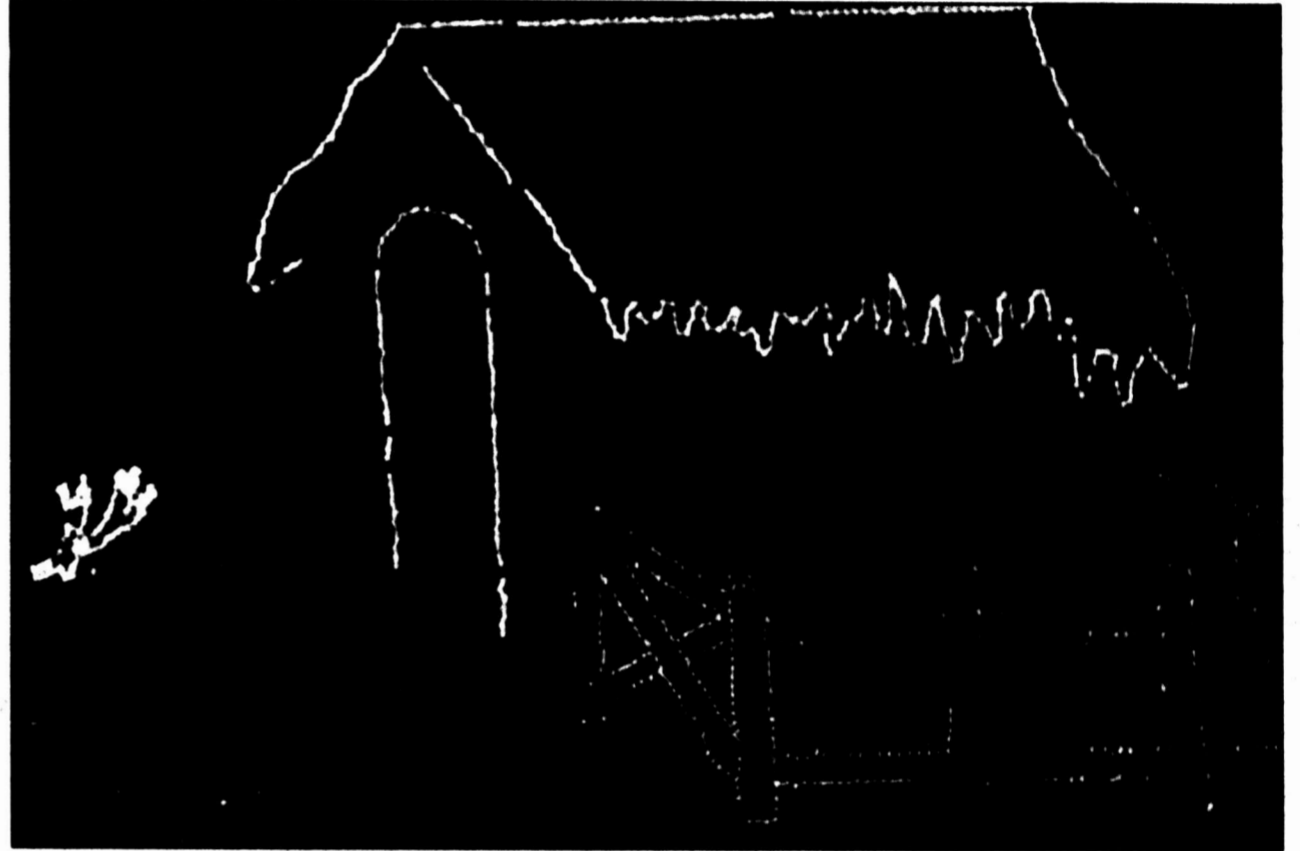
Economic considerations and tourism in Pampa has benefitted from the project. Over 5,000 cars have driven through the park to view the scenic attraction which features over 300 displays of a religious nature as well as children's.

Motifs include trains and Santas, gingerbread houses, candy canes, toy soldiers, Mickey Mouse and many, many more for the young child and the child at heart.

Also featured in the lighted displays of horses and livestock is the southwestern and Pampa western heritage.

The Celebration of Lights has gotten bigger and better each of the five years it has been in operation, according to Chaney. She told the commission that the Pampa Lights has been the 'Mother Park' to Amarillo as well as a catalyst to Dalhart and Dumas displays.

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This reindeer has shelter nearby if the weather gets too bad outside at the Celebration of Lights exhibit at Recreation Park. The project may be discontinued after this year if additional volunteers and funding is not secured. The 1999 display will be open through Dec. 31.

Pampa native returns from Mexico trip

By KEITH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

John Benjamin (J.B.) Horton IV, wanted to go to Mexico, so he went. For six weeks.

The 23-year-old Pampa boy went to Vera Cruz, Mexico, to study Espanol at the Anglo Americana.

Why? Because of a train ride. Horton went to Europe in July and spent much of his trip on the train.

"I had lots of time to think on the train," Horton said, "I felt inspired by the trip to learn another language."

So after he got back from Europe, he decided to learn Spanish — and he was off to Mexico.

But Horton didn't just study in Vera Cruz, he taught. He taught English to five classes of 11 and 12-year-old Mexican youths.

"They all wore school uniforms. White shirts. Blue pants for the boys, long blue dresses for the girls," Horton said.

"The four-story concrete school overlooked the ocean," he added.

Horton said the children questioned him about America, about the differences between America and Mexico.

"The weather's warmer [in Mexico], buildings are made of concrete, the traffic laws are crazy, and Christmas is different," he said, "For the seven days before Christmas they have pinatas."

Experiences like the trips to Europe and Mexico have meant a lot to Horton, but they are only part of the story.

Horton said that he "has been blessed." Horton said the support he has received from his family and his church has made all the difference.

Horton's father, J.B. Horton III, and his grandfather, J.B. Horton, Jr., and Horton's mother, Kerrick Horton, all live in Pampa.

"Meredith [Horton's sister] is finishing up her last semester at West Texas A&M University. She's student-teaching. She was nominated for student teacher of the year in Texas. We're all very proud of her," Horton said.

Horton also attended WTAMU. He received a BS in International Business, and he has completed six hours of graduate school at WTAMU towards an MBA.

He and his sister both played tennis for WTAMU, and his team was nationally ranked two of the three years he played.

Could Horton beat his sister in tennis?
"Yeah, I can beat my sister," Horton said with a smile.

He said that friends and officials at his church — First Presbyterian Church — sent him "care packages" and letters that helped him ward off homesickness while he was away at school.

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J.B. Horton is back from Mexico, where he studied Spanish and dreaming.

Republicans to vote on prayer

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Local Republicans will have the opportunity to express their opinion whether or not student initiated prayer at school sporting events should be allowed when they cast their ballots in the March primary election.

The State Republican Executive Committee

voted last week to put the non-binding referendum on the primary ballot.

Tagged the Texas Religious Freedom Referendum, the referendum is the result of a legal case, Jane Doe vs. Santa Fe Independent School District. Two families in the SFISD filed suit in 1995 challenging the district's policies allowing student-led prayer.

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Tax office to close Dec. 30

Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector is reminding county residents the tax office will be closed Dec. 31, 1999, for New Years.

She said she and the office staff would appreciate everyone who wants their tax receipt dated Dec., 1999, to have the payment for

taxes in the office by Dec. 30.

Morris said the tax office will be closing out the month of December on the evening of Dec. 30. She added that the staff will be closing out the 1999.

year prior to the computer change to year 2000. "We hope this doesn't cause any convenience to anyone," she said.

Sunday Snapshot



Name: Richard A. Dills.
Occupation/activities: LVN, McLean Care Center; softball.
Birth date and place: June

June 6, 1966, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Family: Chrissy and children, Reese, Czyz and Bama.

When I grow up I want to be: Meteorologist.

My personal hero: My dad.

The best advice I ever got was: If there is nothing to lose in trying and a great deal to gain if successful ... by all means try.

The best word or words to describe me: Compassionate.

People will remember me as being: A man who perseveres in tough times.

The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: My family, Michael Jordan, Shania Twain, Evander Holyfield.

My hobbies are: Softball, spending time with Chrissy.

My favorite sports team is: The Paramount Cougars.

My favorite author is: Frank Perretti.

The last book I read was: "Blood Moon" by Hal Lindsey.

My favorite possession is: My salvation and the relationship with my God and my wonderful wife to be.

The biggest honor I've ever received is: Being Reese, Czyz and Bama's dad.

My favorite performer is: Sandi Patti.

I wish I knew how to: Play the piano.

My trademark cliché or expression is: "You know."

My worst habit is: Chewing my fingernails.

I would never: Say never.

The last good movie I saw was: "A Bug's Life."

I stay home to watch: "Ferris Bueller's Day Off."

Nobody knows: How much music means to me.

I drive a: '92 Ford pickup.

My favorite junk food is: Chips and guacamole.

My favorite beverage: Surge.

My favorite restaurant is: Luiges in Dallas.

My favorite pet: Ma-Barker.

My favorite meal is: A 3-pound ribeye with mashed potatoes and gravy.

I wish I could sing like: J.D. Sumner.

I'm happiest when I'm: With my

fiance Chrissy and my children.

I regret: Nothing.

I'm tired of: False accusations and gossip.

I have a phobia about: Heights.

The electrical device I couldn't live without is: TV.

My most embarrassing moment: Running out of gas so many times.

The biggest waste of time is: Daytime TV.

If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: Buy any house Chrissy wants.

If I had three wishes they would be: Have Reese, Czyz and Bama home with me and Chrissy for Christmas.

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Services tomorrow

COZINE, Johnnie Belle — 1 p.m., Spirit of Joy Church, Hemet, Calif.
 KING, Bill — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. Graveside services, 2 p.m., Dozier Cemetery, Dozier.

Obituaries

BILL KING

Bill King, 63, of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 17, 1999, at Albuquerque, N.M. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Lonny Robbins, minister of Trinity Fellowship Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. in Dozier Cemetery at Dozier with Masonic graveside rites courtesy of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. King was born July 10, 1936, at Shamrock. He graduated from Samnorwood High School in 1953. He married Kay Bond in 1962 at Clayton, N.M. The couple moved from Shamrock to Pampa in 1974.

He owned-operated Kirby Sales and Service until 1980 and AAA Pawn Shop until 1990. He was a deputy sheriff in Gray County and held an intermediate certification with TCLEOSE.

He was a 32nd degree Mason and belonged to Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM and Pampa Shrine Club.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1958-61.

Survivors include his wife, Kay, of the home; a son, Duane C. King of Pampa; and a brother, Bob King of Atlanta, Ga.

Sheriff's Office

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

Friday, Dec. 17

Shawn D. Sanderson, 21, Clarendon, was arrested for violation of probation. Original charge was criminal mischief.

Larry Kody Franks, 18, Lefors, was arrested for minor in consumption.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Dec. 17

Shannon DelPuerto, 21, no street address, Pampa, was arrested on six charges of issuance of a bad check and a grand jury indictment of injury to a child.

Cheryl Fleming Murrah, 39, 705 N. Nelson, Pampa, was arrested for hindering apprehension/prosecution of known felon.

Andrew Lee Cooke, 17, 1123 Duncan, Pampa, was arrested for two capias pro fine charges, unsafe speed and failure to appear.

Keith E. Young, 18, 118 W. Albert, Pampa, was arrested for failure to display drivers license and failure to appear.

Ambulance

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

Friday, Dec. 17

8:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Kentucky Acres and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Varnon; no transport.

12:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

6:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to M.K. Brown Auditorium. No transport.

7:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th Street. One patient was transported.

8:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility. One patient was transported.

Saturday, Dec. 18

3:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of South Hughes. One patient was transported.

Fires

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

Friday, Dec. 17

8:25 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 800 block of West 25th on a false alarm.

LIGHTS

Chaney also said the display company owner has received a 50/50 split of donations and sponsorships for the past two years. While his responsibility has been solely to provide displays, the Celebration of Lights members and volunteers have set up, dismantled and stored the displays.

"There are other companies that provide park set up, but so far we have not located a company that is willing to accept no cash up front and accept a 'gate split' financial agreement," she said.

"If we continue, there are other problems to be addressed. We need a place to work from and store pieces. We have written a request for grants to fund a facility, paid director, utilities and equipment for construction of displays," said Chaney. "The inmates of the Jordan Unit could possibly construct displays if we had a building."

Chaney said the future depends upon active participation from residents in the community. "Circumstances change with the seven individuals involved in the implementation of the park set up," she said.

"No one can guess the hours spent in coordinating the physical aspects of getting the displays refurbished each year, transporting them to the park and getting the layout set up, directing the inmates to set up displays, not to mention fund raising activities, sponsorship drives, publicity, scheduling volunteers to work the park once it is in operation," said Chaney.

She said each night, regardless of weather conditions, a member spends at least 20-30 minutes physically turning on each of about 20 electrical sites and again the same amount of time turning off at the end of the evening.

"The solution is not an easy one-people are the

answer to part of this," she said. Chaney also said two retired men took over the direction of inmates from the Jordan Unit and that relieved some burden of the initial set up. The inmates have done some of the maintenance displays this year.

"The question to you as a city, and commissioners, what do you want to see happen?" said Chaney.

She cited the economic benefit of the 'Lights, stating that local businesses have increased sales due to the interest in lighting by businesses and homes.

She said the Celebration of Lights has been a successful venture in every way, stating that several businesses have cropped up due to the increased desire by businesses and residents to light their buildings and homes. "We know that local merchants and electrical contractors have had a big boost due to Celebration of Lights," she said.

Chaney said the group has sponsored increased business trade with the fall craft shows, downtown "Street Fair", and visitors to the park. She said two scholarships were awarded last year to students or members of their family who have volunteered their time to this community effort.

"I still hope to see the Texas Panhandle as well recognized as East Texas for their Lighting displays," she said. "It is my belief that Amarillo and Dumas establishing lighting shows can be attributed to what we have started here in Pampa. I also hope that a solution be arrived at to continue the growth of tourism in Pampa and the surrounding area."

Mayor Bob Neslage said he does not want to see the Celebration of Lights ended. "I've often wondered why we couldn't get this as a chamber event," he said.

Any individuals, organizations or clubs who would like to assist to help continue the Celebration of Lights in the community may contact Chaney or any of the volunteers connected with the project.

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GOP

In February, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued an opinion banning organized prayer from football games and non-sectarian, non-proselytizing prayer from graduation ceremonies.

The ruling has fueled an emotion-charged reaction from throughout Texas.

An Attorney General's letter from Texas AG John Cornyn was mailed to school boards and school administrators in October states that the ruling prohibits only "school organized" prayer.

Eight candidates have filed campaign treasurer designations with County Clerk Susan Winborne.

The latest candidate to file is Christopher

McMinn who will be seeking the Precinct 4 Constable position. It is currently held by Frank Sparling who is seeking reelection.

Other incumbents seeking reelection in the primary elections are Sheriff Don Copeland, County Attorney Todd Alvey, Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris, Constable Precinct 2 Chris Lockridge and Constable Precinct 1 and 3 James Lewis.

Lewis is being challenged by Curtis Dalton.

Deadline for filing in the Democrat and Republic primaries across the state is 6 p.m. Jan. 3.

Democratic Party Chairman Jim Osborne said anyone seeking information regarding filing in the Democratic Party may contact him at either 665-4249 or 665-4142.

Republican Party chairman is Tom Mechler.

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"The support I received was overwhelming," he said.

Horton has had an interesting life. He has met both Bushes, and both Texas senators.

He has interned for Congressman Mac Thornberry in Washington. He served as student body president at WTAMU, and as chairman of the student body of the entire TAMU system.

He has spoken before the Texas House of

Representatives on two separate occasions.

"My interest in politics started with my uncle and father. One's a republican, one's a democrat, so I've heard it all," he said. "But I really became involved after I attended the Republican National Convention in San Diego."

What's next for the Pampa globe-trotter?

"An upper degree," Horton said.

And after that?

"Public service, whether it would be through foundations or the State Department," he said.

"I'm having a great time," Horton concluded, "my life has been a dream."

Opponents criticize charter test scores, backers remain undaunted by low marks

DALLAS (AP) — Standardized testing scores have shown that students in the state's independent charter schools are failing the exam in much greater numbers than those attending public schools, education officials said.

The results from Texas Assessment of Academic Skills testing has fueled critics' claims the state has rushed too quickly into charter schools.

Meanwhile, charter school supporters — including Gov. George W. Bush — insist the schools must be given time to establish themselves, according to The Dallas Morning News.

"This is a program that doesn't lend itself to instant evaluation," said Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, a longtime supporter of charter schools. "It will take time."

The Texas Education Agency said that of the 63 charter schools that tested students in the spring, the median TAAS passing rate last year was 45 percent. That compares to an overall passing rate of 78.3 percent for all public school students, according to the

newspaper.

Moreover, a majority of charter schools — 34 — had failure rates of more than 50 percent on the TAAS. At 15 schools, more than 75 percent of the students who were tested failed.

Charter schools are publicly funded but operate independently of school districts and are exempt from many state rules, such as class-size limits. They generally accept students regardless of where they live.

"If you look at their test scores, charter schools have not done well in Texas," said Rene Lara of the Texas Federation of Teachers, which supported creation of the program in 1995 but opposed its expansion two years ago.

"They have not lived up to expectations, and that is partly the fault of the charter schools," Ms. Lara said.

But Bivins insisted that charter schools need more time to work. He said many charter schools have a large percentage of students who were considered "at risk" of dropping out when they were in public schools. Others did enroll in charter schools after

dropping out of conventional schools.

Mr. Bush also remains committed to the program despite the low scores.

"Most of these schools were giving the TAAS test for the first time last year, and Governor Bush believes we need to give both the schools and the students time to improve," Bush spokeswoman Linda Edwards told The News.

"Governor Bush continues to strongly support charter schools because they offer choice for parents and students, many of whom were not having success elsewhere."

Patsy O'Neill, executive director of the Charter School Resource Center of Texas, said the student test scores don't reflect the success many of the charter schools have had.

For example, a student may be two to three years below grade level when he enrolls. If he cuts the deficit to one year below grade level after nine months in a charter school, that should be considered a success even if the student still cannot pass the test, Ms. O'Neill said.

Teen accused of Columbine threat said he was 'bored'

CAPE CORAL, Fla. (AP) — An Internet threat that shut down Columbine High School for two days led the FBI far from Colorado to a Florida teen-ager.

Michael Ian Campbell, 18, was charged Friday with using an interstate communications facility to threaten injury to a person, after he admitted to FBI agents that he sent the message.

U.S. Magistrate Judge George T. Swartz ordered Campbell to remain in the Lee County jail without bail until a Dec. 22 detention hearing.

The charge carries a penalty of up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Campbell's mother said her son told her, "I was bored to death."

A 16-year-old Columbine student received the message Wednesday night and reported it to Colorado authorities. The message threatened to "finish what begun," in reference to the April 20 shootings in which two gunmen killed 13 people before committing suicide.

Because of the threat, classes at Columbine were canceled Thursday and Friday, forcing the postponement of some final exams until after the holidays. It was the first time the school was shut since classes resumed in August.

Public defender Martin DerOvanesian tried to downplay the severity of the incident. "This was a threat that was not phoned into the school, that was not relayed to a school official," he said.

Officials would not comment on the seriousness of the threat.

"The Columbine tragedy has taught us all that we cannot afford to ignore any threat, no matter how farfetched it might at first appear," said Thomas Strickland, U.S. Attorney for the Denver district.

Pamela Campbell, 60, said her son, "didn't mean to do anything."

"This was a stupid, stupid mistake and he knows it and they know it too," she said, referring to the FBI, whose agents made the arrest.

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WOW! ALL Its Charm is staying open. New owners take over Jan. 1st.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Weather conditions are expected to be increasingly cloudy and windy today with a high near 40. Some snow is forecast for tonight. Monday should be cloudy and cold with a high near 30. The Saturday morning low was 33.

STATEWIDE — Showers and

thunderstorms lay off the coast — near Galveston and north along the Sabine River — along with dense fog over Houston on Saturday.

Otherwise, skies were expected to be clear through the Hill Country into West Texas and the Panhandle for the weekend.

Saturday temperatures ranged from the 50s and 60s in the south to 30 at Dalhart.

Rain was forecasted to continue across the eastern third of North Texas through the first part of the weekend, gradually ending but leaving a few clouds.

Wind was from the north and northwest across the region at 5 to 15 mph.

South Texas temperatures on Saturday morning ranged from 62 at Brownsville, Harlingen and Port Isabel to 43 at Out Junction.



A seriously injured Texas Panhandle woman represented by Amarillo Attorney Jack Hazlewood and his Dallas Co-Counsel awarded \$8.2 million Jury Verdict in Products Liability lawsuit against major automobile manufacturer (Case No. 93-10141, 116th District Court, Dallas County). Results obtained depend on the facts of each case.

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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.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or

more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

HARVESTER BOOSTER CLUB

Harvester Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday of each week in the Ready Room located in the Athletic Building at Pampa High School. For more information, call 665-7149.

Eagle Scout



Cody Douglas

Cody Douglas, 17-year-old son of Raymond and Debbie Douglas of Pampa, received his Eagle Scout recognition recently during ceremonies at First Christian Church.

The Pampa High School junior has been an active member of Boy Scouts of America for nine years and has been accepted into the prestigious Order of the Arrow.

Cody is also involved with the PHS Future Farmers of America where he is chapter historian. He is also a member of the Pampa Tri State High School Rodeo Club.

Pampa Board of Realtors



(Special photo)

Pampa Board of Realtors recently installed the following officers and directors for the Year 2000: (left-right) Chris Moore, secretary; Susan Ratzlaff, president; Irvin Riphahn, past president; Amy Hughes, Region I representative; and Jim Howell, vice president.

NCE declares four quarter dividend

DENVER, Colo. — New Century Energies, the holding company for Public Service Co. of Colorado and Southwestern Public Service Co., recently declared quarterly dividends on all outstanding common stock.

The board of directors declared at 58-cents per share dividend on common stock payable Feb. 15, 2000, to shareholders of record Jan. 28, 2000.

NCE has operating revenues of more than \$3.6 billion and serves approximately 1.6 million electricity customers and more than a million natural gas customers in Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, Wyoming, Kansas and Oklahoma. It is in the process of

merging with Minneapolis-based Northern States Power Co., which should be completed sometime in 2000. The merged company will be renamed Xcel Energy.

Through its subsidiaries, NCE provides a full range of energy service including the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity, natural gas transportation and distribution, engineering services and non-utility power generation. The company also owns a 50 percent interest in Yorkshire Electricity, which serves more than 2 million customers in a northeast portion of the United Kingdom.

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Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Sunday, Dec. 19, the 353rd day of 1999. There are 12 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
One year ago, on Dec. 19, 1998, President Clinton was impeached by the Republican-controlled House for perjury and obstruction of justice. The 42nd chief executive became only the second in history to be ordered to stand trial in the Senate, where, like Andrew Johnson before him, he was acquitted.

On this date:
In 1732, Benjamin Franklin began publishing "Poor Richard's Almanac."

In 1776, Thomas Paine published his first "American Crisis" essay.

In 1777, Gen. George Washington led his army of about 11,000 men to Valley Forge, Pa., to camp for the winter.

In 1843, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, was first published in England.

In 1907, a coal mine explosion in Jacobs Creek, Pa., killed 239 workers.

In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corp. began transmitting overseas with its "Empire Service" to Australia.

In 1957, the musical "The Music Man" opened on Broadway.

In 1972, Apollo 17 splashed down in the Pacific, winding up the Apollo program of manned lunar landings.

In 1974, Nelson A. Rockefeller was sworn in as the 41st vice president of the United States.

In 1984, Britain and China signed an accord returning Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty on July 1, 1997.

Ten years ago: Police in Jacksonville, Fla., disarmed a parcel bomb at the local NAACP office, the fourth in a series of mail bombs to turn up in the Deep South. One bomb killed a Savannah, Ga., alderman, and another a federal judge in Alabama. Walter L. Moody Jr. was convicted in both bombings.



Inside the Beltway
with
Rep. Mac Thornberry

Time to modernize Medicare program

Medical care has changed quite a bit since the Medicare program was created in 1965.

We're living longer, staying healthier, and leading far more productive lives. With all these changes, it only makes sense that we update and modernize Medicare so that the program is more in line with the times.

Prescription drugs are a good example. Over the past 36 years, more and more people have come to rely on prescription drugs as a way to treat and prevent disease. A good many of these drugs do not come cheap. In fact, I've had more than one person tell me that they are often forced to choose between buying food or buying medicine in order to make ends meet. That is a cruel choice which no one should have to make.

The President has proposed having Medicare cover the cost of prescription drugs. While I agree we need to find a solution to this problem, I also believe we need to be careful when we talk about adding more benefits to the Medicare program. Just a few years ago, the system was about to go broke. While it is in better shape today, Medicare is still operating under a financial strain. I have a real concern that simply adding the cost of all prescriptions — without making any other reforms — may bankrupt the program. We need to ask a number of key questions, including:

—Whether a prescription drug benefit would be available to everyone receiving Medicare benefits or whether it would only be available to low-income seniors?

—Whether seniors with prescription coverage under a Medicare supplement could keep their current plan or whether they would have to participate in the new government benefit?

—Whether an attempt to control prescription drug prices would remove any incentive for drug companies to continue to research and develop vital new drugs?

The bottom line is that we need to explore ways to update and modernize Medicare and bring it in line with the times. But we also need to be very careful that we do not create new problems while trying to solve an old one, and that we not take away important health care choices which America's seniors already have.

From our files ...

40 Years Ago
SUNDAY, Dec. 20, 1959
Fifty-five chickens got a pre-Christmas roasting Saturday morning when a chicken coop at the R.R. Sullivan farm southwest of Pampa went up in flames at 8 a.m.

MONDAY, Dec. 21, 1959
More than 7,000 persons participated in the Pampa Pilgrimage yesterday at 6 p.m. to prove the efforts of 44 Pampa Key Club members a success.

TUESDAY, Dec. 22, 1959
A \$35,000 project to set up a comprehensive planning program for future city growth was set in motion Monday afternoon at a meeting in the Palm Room of City Hall.

25 years ago
THURSDAY, Dec. 19, 1974
Pampa will participate in the cost of a statewide study authorized by the Texas Utility Advisory Council to probe procedures used by telephone companies to separate long distance toll revenues from local revenues in the calculation of local rate bases.

FRIDAY, Dec. 20, 1974
Rules and regulations covering the Top O' Texas FFA Livestock Judging Contest were set up at a meeting of the contest committee Thursday noon in the Coronado Inn with Quentin Williams presiding.

SUNDAY, Dec. 22, 1974
B.M. Baker Elementary School, Pampa, has joined the 1975 Network of Demonstration Schools in Individualized Instruction.

10 years ago
TUESDAY, Dec. 19, 1989
A viral infection sweeping through Pampa has led to jammed waiting rooms in doctors' offices and caused over 700 students to be absent from public schools around the city Monday.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20, 1989
Mike Lowry, a training supervisor at Pantex in Amarillo ... (led) a discussion on radiation energy at Pampa Middle School on Tuesday.

THURSDAY, Dec. 21, 1989
Officials from the city of Pampa and Roberts County reached a verbal agreement Wednesday night during a meeting at Pampa City Hall on a new fire contract between the two entities.

REXBRAIN THE SACRAMENTO BEE



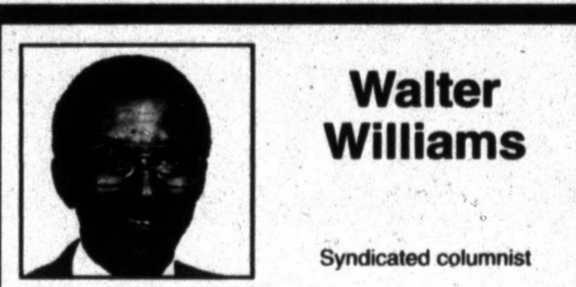
Cigarette nazis will stop at nothing

Since Carnival Cruise Lines banned smoking on its "Paradise" ship, 14 passengers and one employee have been put off at the nearest port. One of the passengers was put off the ship after the steward simply found a pack of cigarettes. According to Carnival, she was guilty of possession.

The Guest Choice Network also reports that Arizona has a new state law that prohibits the use or possession of tobacco products by any adult on all school campuses. Parents can be arrested for lighting up outdoors and subject to a \$100 fine for carrying tobacco products in their purse, pocket or even in their car.

According to an Oct. 10 Associated Press story, the Boca Raton, Fla., City Council aims to ban smoking everywhere for new employees. Smoking is already off limits in city government buildings and one city park. The City Council's planned ordinance would ban employee smoking at home or anywhere else. Employees found to have smoked at home would be fired. Roughly 700 employees already on the payroll would be grandfathered and allow to continue smoking in their homes and cars.

The City Council claims their ordinance would mean lower health-insurance premiums for all employees. The ACLU contested the no-more-smokers employment rule in North Miami as a violation of privacy, but the Florida



Walter Williams
Syndicated columnist

Supreme Court upheld the rule, saying that lower insurance costs outweighed the privacy issue.

To support these attacks on smokers, the American people have to be either stupid or short-sighted. Think about the Florida Supreme Court's decision for a moment: Health insurance costs outweigh privacy issues. Like abstention from tobacco products, daily exercise lowers health-care costs, and so does daily consumption of fruits and vegetables, six to eight hours of sleep, and moderate alcohol consumption.

If, for example, the Boca Raton City Council passed an ordinance requiring all employees to do a half-hour's worth of exercise daily, would the Florida Supreme Court uphold that, as well? Why not? It would be consistent with its opinion that lower insurance costs outweigh privacy issues.

For everybody except tyrants, private property

is the answer to the smoking issue. If I own a home, office-building, factory or bar, I should have the right to decide whether smoking is allowed or not. You have the right to decide whether you wish to enter the premises. By the same token, if you own a home, office building, factory or bar, you have the identical right and I have the right to decide whether I shall enter. I have no more right to use the law to force you to permit smoking on your property than you have to force me not to permit smoking on mine. Tyrants can't live with such a liberty-oriented solution; they like to forcibly impose their preferences on others.

A major problem with the smoking issue is that smokers have been cowed into believing they're doing something wrong. I say balderdash. Cigarette smoking has always been an acceptable part of American life, but not in modern America. But look at the kind of moral filth, once unacceptable, that has become part and parcel of modern America. Actors can commit any kind of indecent behavior on screen, but only if they light up will there be a protest. Our youngsters use foul language, engage in unspeakable violence, and we worry about whether they smoke.

I say America's nearly 50 million smokers should not timidly comply with one attack after another. I doubt there's jail space to house all of us.

Know where the Establishment stands

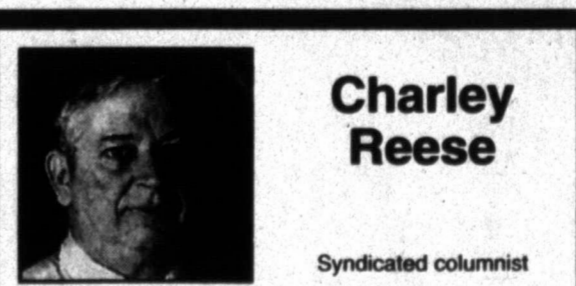
I've read a couple of scholarly articles that speculate it is becoming increasingly possible that the United States will break up. The general theme is that the United States has been held together by a consensus on major issues, and that this consensus is breaking down.

I agree. While two sides can always compromise if the basic premise of both sides is the same, two sides can never compromise when their respective basic premises are mutually exclusive.

In many areas of public policy, Americans are finding themselves without any grounds for compromise with their opponents. As a rule, in matters of truth and morality, no compromise is possible.

Now what is often called the Establishment is built around a consensus. I think it is fair to describe the Establishment consensus on issues as this:

1. It is secular.
2. It approves of abortion and euthanasia.
3. It wants an internationalist foreign policy and is generally opposed to the nation-state.
4. It wants a central bank with a debt-based monetary system and usury.
5. It wants people to think of homosexuality as merely a normal and alternative lifestyle.
6. It is egalitarian, at least in its propaganda,



Charley Reese
Syndicated columnist

though in fact the Establishment is elitist to the core.

7. It seeks to constantly remind black Americans that white Americans are racist and the cause of all their problems.

8. It favors a global economy controlled by multinational corporations.

9. It favors an open borders policy in order to drive down the cost of labor and to break unions.

10. It favors a centralized government with no restraints on its powers.

To me, the traditional American consensus was for the most part a contradiction of the Establishment positions. The traditional American consensus was:

1. Christian, with an expectation that its government would reflect Christian morality.
2. It disapproves strongly of abortion and euthanasia.

3. While it was willing to engage in trade and commerce, its policy was to remain aloof from the rest of the world's quarrels and wars. It sought to avoid entangling alliances.

4. It favored a hard money system and opposed legal tender laws (laws that compel people to accept government-issued currency).

5. It views homosexuality as an aberration and, from the biblical point of view, a sin.

6. It favors an aristocracy of merit while insisting that government must be neutral and neither reward nor punish any group of citizens based on politics, race, gender or ethnic origins.

7. It seeks racial harmony while conceding that total elimination of racial prejudice, on both sides, is probably impossible.

8. It favors an "America first" approach to trade and foreign relations and believes that raising the American standard of living should be the goal of all trade policies.

9. It sees the nation-state as the best form of government possible and jealously guards the nation's independence.

10. It wishes for a tightly controlled immigration policy, admitting only those who can make a positive contribution to America.

11. It favors dispersing the powers of government to provide checks and balances and to limit those powers severely.

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School boards deserve praise

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush has proclaimed January 2000 School Board Recognition Month and districts across the state will use this opportunity to bolster understanding of the crucial role elected boards of education play in their communities and schools.

"Texas leads the nation when it comes to improving public education. Texas stays on the leading edge of education reform and academic excellence by giving local school districts the freedom to innovate and the power to design programs to meet their communities' needs. Although the State Board of Education and the Texas Education Agency provide leadership and guidelines, the ultimate responsibility for fulfilling the public trust lies with more than 1,000 local school districts in Texas. More than 7,000 publicly elected school board members make decision that affect the education of almost 4 million young Texans," Bush said.

These men and women, the largest group of publicly elected officials in Texas, define policy, prepare budgets and oversee local schools in accordance with the will of the people. School boards provide local control over education where it counts — at a point closest to the parent and the child. They work to ensure academic excellence and accountability for students, teachers and administrators. They also confront challenges and problems that would have been unimaginable a generation ago: staying abreast of changing technology, addressing growing concerns over school safety, and ensuring that schools produce measurable results in academic achievement. Board members are there to listen to parents, teachers, and residents, and to ensure that all children are given the chance to achieve their highest potential. In Texas, school board members deserve special recognition, for they receive no compensation other than the satisfaction of rendering an indispensable public service.

"The Texas Association of School Boards, created in 1949, has designated January 2000 as School Board Recognition Month to increase public awareness of the vital role these boards play. I urge all Texans young and old to recognize and honor the dedication and diligence of school board members. I also encourage local residents to take full advantage of the opportunities afforded by the Texas Education Code to participate in the dialogue that is the foundation of local control over our schools."

Said TASB Executive Director James B. Crow, "School board members serve as advocates for our children first and foremost, protecting each child's opportunity to maximize his or her potential. Trustees offer vision, knowledge, leadership, and dedication, and work purely for the common good. It is important to recognize the many contributions made by our locally elected school board members and support them as they tackle the demanding and rewarding task of educating our youth."

"Local trustees work with community leaders, families, and educators to develop sound educational policies in their districts. They help us to set high standards in the education system and encourage us to strive to reach those goals. The results of this cooperative effort are reflected in a generation of Texas children who are more prepared to be our nation's leaders," he continued.

"Today's schools face great challenges and great opportunities, making the school board's role more critical than ever before. We hope every community will acknowledge the thousands of trustees, and particularly their local school board members, who make the time to care about Texas children and their futures," Crow concluded.

TASB is a nonprofit association established 50 years ago to serve local Texas school districts. It includes 1,046 school districts and county school boards, 45 junior colleges, 48 tax appraisal districts, 154 cooperatives and 20 education service centers. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent have a combined annual budget of \$22 billion and employ more than 500,000 people.

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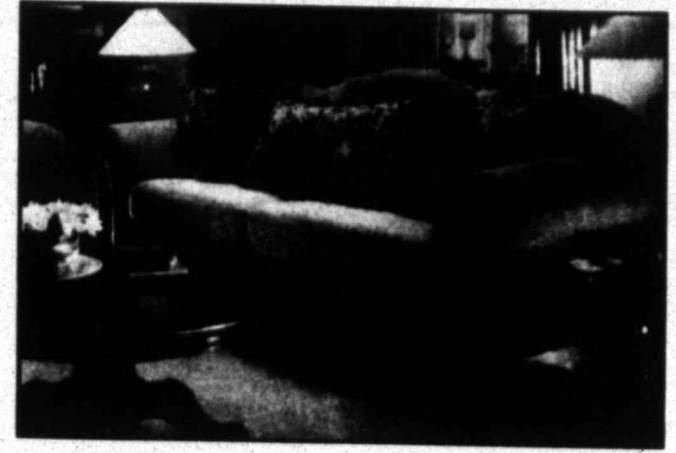
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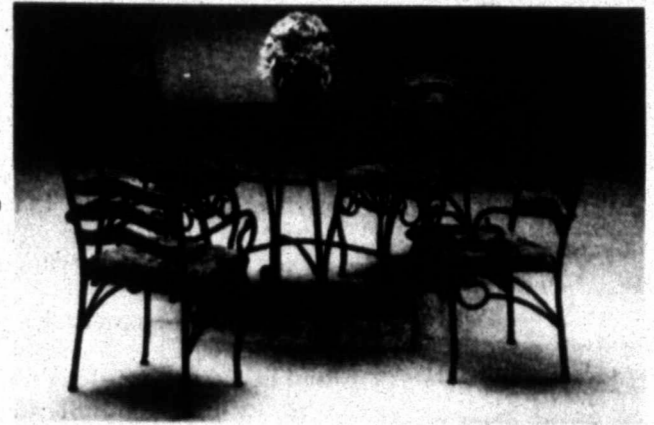
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Letters to the editor

The true meaning of Christmas

To the editor,
As the Christmas season gets underway, I am reminded of a time, not long ago, when a young man I barely knew asked me if I believed in Santa Claus. Not really knowing what the individual was driving at but secure in my maturity, I quickly responded in the negative which prompted him to inquire as to whether or not I believed in Jesus Christ. My affirmative reply was met with an inquiry as to whether I regularly attended religious services on Christmas Day. As it had been several years since I'd attended mass - Catholicism being my chosen denomination - I was forced to answer no to this biting question.

"Do you put up a tree, wrap presents, stuff stockings and bake cookies in keeping with the festive nature of the day?" was his next question.

"Of course," I replied confidently.

"And do you honestly believe that these quaint traditions have anything remotely to do with the birth of Christ?" he drilled.

"No, not really," was my sheepish response.

"So then what you're telling me is that as a mature, Christian adult you elect, not to celebrate the birth of Christ on Dec. 25 but rather to commemorate a mythical figure in whom, by your own admission, you do not believe."

I had never really looked at it from that particular standpoint and, having had it so abruptly thrown in my face, I must admit I was more than a little ashamed. Had I in fact lost touch with the actual concept of Christmas? I found myself pondering the issue from a philosophical angle. Does our culture at large consciously choose to place more significance in the myth of Santa Claus than in the true meaning of Christmas? How many times

had I heard someone say, "I just can't seem to get into the Christmas spirit this year." I asked myself into what Christmas spirit those people were referring. If it was the spirit of Santa Clause, then factors such as lack of money, absence of snow, inability to find the right gift or remoteness of family might well put a damper on their spirits.

If, on the other hand, they were referring to the birth of the Son of God, then indeed there would be no reason for their inability to achieve the proper mood.

My friend gave me a lot to think about that year. No, I didn't stop putting up a tree or exchanging gifts - despite what these rituals may actually be honoring, they have been, and will always be, Christmas traditions in my family. If such practices perpetuate a myth, so be it. I can certainly think of worse myths to perpetuate than one which personifies the spirit of giving. I did, however, adopt another tradition which I intend to keep for the remainder of my life and which I sincerely hope will be passed on from my children to their children. You see, that Christmas, for the first time in years, I went to church on Dec. 25 and celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

William Chaplar
Pampa

Local school honors vets with style

To the editor,
When I returned from World War II about 55 years ago, we landed in Newport News, Va., and had turkey and a gallon of milk. We got our tickets home and arrived at 4 a.m. We were met and taken home by the town policeman, what a reception. Fifty-five years later, Travis School welcomed us home in style. What a thoughtful and wonderful bunch of young people you have and what great leadership.

I thank you that our school system is teaching patriotism to our children. Had the settlers not stood up and been counted in 1776 in the Revolutionary War,

we would have never been a nation. In 1812, in the French and Indian War, we were again called to defend our country and then in 1865 in the Civil War we had to patch our nation back together. In 1898, in the Spanish-American War we stood up and said no not here (in Cuba.)

In 1911, in the Mexican Inquisition, we helped our neighbor to the south get straight, and in 1917 in World War I, we went to the aid of Europe. In 1941, in World War II we had to roll up our sleeves both men and women to kick Japan on one side and Germany on the other with what was the largest military might ever assembled.

What a scary time we had since then in Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, the Falkland Islands, Libya, Somalia, Desert Storm, Bosnia and Kosovo. Each time young men and young women have been put in harm's way. How can anyone not say thanks to somebody who says by their action, thank you, veterans!

Mike Porter
WWII veteran

Sanitation must receive top priority

To the editor,
We are writing in reference to the unsanitary and over-crowded living conditions of the female cell in the Gray County Jail.

At the time of this writing, there were 13 women in an eight-person cell, five ladies are sleeping on the floor in a cell approximately 35 x 18-foot that includes one toilet, one shower and two tables with four seats on each table.

At around 12:30 p.m., we requested a trash bag and to refill our disinfectant bottle. With 13 women, our trash was overflowing and because we use our disinfectant on the toilet after each use and to clean our tables our bottle was empty.

We were told that we had to wait until cleaning supplies were passed which is usually around 4 p.m.

Pleading further with the guard on duty, we explained that there were a few of us ladies on our cycles and that there are also a couple of these same women who are Hepatitis C positive. As we all know, Hepatitis is an infectious disease transferred through blood and blood by-products.

Explaining this to the guard and also telling him we felt that this was putting the other ladies in danger, he made it clear that he knew the procedure followed in us getting supplies and not to tell him his job. He also stated

that the inmate with Hepatitis C was at fault for endangering the rest of the tank.

Those of us living with this unfortunate disease know our responsibility in taking care of our surroundings so that we do not infect others.

We ladies realize that our own actions got us where we are today and we also believe we are humans and still have rights.

Some of the rights as stated in the Gray County Jail handbook are as follows:

Right #1. You have the right to expect that as a human being you will be treated respectfully, impartially and fairly by all personnel.

Right #4. You have the right to health care which includes nutritious meals, proper bedding and clothing and a laundry schedule for cleanliness of the same, an opportunity to shower regularly, proper ventilation, a regular exercise period, toilet articles and medical treatment.

Listed also in this handbook are inmate responsibilities.

Responsibility #4. It is your responsibility to follow the laundry schedule, to take showers regularly, to maintain neat and clean living areas, to keep your area free of contraband and to seek medical care as you need it.

How can we maintain a sanitary living area under these circumstances? Furthermore, for a guard to imply that someone with an illness is at fault for endangering others, when we are trying to take the necessary precautions to protect the other ladies, is not impartial, respectful nor fair treatment.

After us ladies contacting family and friends on the outside and a family member contacting the health department and an attorney, we were given the disinfectant.

We are not asking to be coddled. We are asking to be treated as any human being deserves to be treated.

Thank you for your time.
Rhonda Reiser, Michele D. Ray, Cathy Balzer, Silvia Y. Spotts, Donna Lee Phillips, Donna Minyard, Diane Lang, Gray County Jail inmates

If at all possible, could you not print our names in the paper? If you must, we would rather risk possible retaliation than not be heard. There are several other women afraid to sign this, but all 13 of us put this letter together.

(Editor's note: It is the policy of The Pampa News to only print letters with names attached.)

Jesus's birth is the reason for the season

To the editor,
My husband and I were invited to a Christmas party that was given by his employer. The party, held recently, was to celebrate the birthday of Jesus, as that is what Christmas is supposed to be about. We were excited about going with our family and friends. After all, it was a birthday party for Jesus, whom we love with all our heart.

I knew that there would be a lot of our Christian friends there. We had a wonderful dinner, the band parents served us our tea and coffee.

There was a short prayer said and thanks for the food. As we were still eating, they introduced a comedian whom I suppose was paid by the host. The man said hello and from there on it was down hill.

He started using filthy language and running down the police force and since we have two children on the police force and are in-laws of another policeman, we did not appreciate his comments about the police force.

The man's talk was so filthy that we could not believe our ears. We sat there for about two or three minutes thinking that someone would stop this awful talk. The crowd was made up of mostly men and their wives, so we could not figure a way they would hire such an entertainer.

There was a lot of church-going people in the crowd and this was supposed to be Jesus's birthday. My husband commented that someone sure wasted a lot of time and money on the entertainment.

We gathered our coats and left right then.

I do believe Jesus was as hurt and offended at the talk as we were. No one even tried to stop him or ask him to clean up his act.

We got up and said that we did not have to listen to this filth, so we left.

Our hearts go out to people that listen to such talk and when we say our prayers, we will include them in our prayer list, along with all of our Christian friends and our family, and also for the comedian. Jesus is the reason for the season ...

Bill and Lou Pickering
Pampa

Innovative program helps poor

To the editor,
One of the best doctors in the city of Pampa will be retiring Dec. 29, 1999. It will leave many asking the question: What am I going to do for a doctor?

For some, it will not be a problem, but to some it will be. He is a doctor that is committed to his profession. He treated patients regardless of race or ability to pay. He gave each patient the best of care. When he knew that his patient needed treatment, he was not equipped to give, he referred them to other doctors and worked along with that doctor to be sure the patient received the care he or she needed.

A lot of people are on a fixed income and may be able to pay for the doctor through Medicare but are unable to pay for the medicine. This doctor did all he could in every way he could to help his patient.

Since this doctor is retiring, I saw the answer to our problem on TV, especially for the poor and those on fixed incomes. This doctor had all of the doctors in the city where he lived to give their free samples of medicine to a clinic he started to help meet the medical needs of the people. He went to the churches for financial help.

With the help of other doctors, the church leaders and the caring people of the city, the medical needs of the poor were met. This idea has been passed on to other cities with great success. It could be a great help to the city of Pampa and the people that live here.

With the remodeling of our hospital, I hope and pray it will be able to meet more of the medical needs in the city plus I hope it will draw more doctors and some of our young people back to Pampa to work in our hospital.

We have a slogan in Pampa, "Shop Pampa First." Why not start with a doctor?

May God bless our city, to become a place our young people will want to return to after college, job training, the Army or whatever.

May God bless Dr. R.M. Hampton in his retirement. He will be missed by all his patients.

Zonia Williams
Pampa

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Bull sale slated at university in February

GOODWELL, Okla. — A select consignment of bulls at Panhandle State University here will be up for sale come February.

The 48th annual Panhandle State Performance Tested Bull Sale will be Feb. 19.

At the 28 day mark of the 112 day testing period, the bulls have an average daily gain of 4.40 pounds and a weight-per-day-of-age of 3.19 pounds.

Thirty beef producers from Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas consigned 152 to this year's test. Five breeds are represented, Angus, Hereford, Maine-Anjou, Red Angus and Simmental.

In the junior bull division, a Simmental bull consigned by Craig Moorman, Leedy, Okla., is the top gainer with an ADG of 6.89 pounds. David Harrison's Simmental bull is second with an ADG of 6.25 pounds. An Angus bull belonging to Phil Light, Turpin, Okla., is third with an ADG of 6.11 pounds.

Moorman's pen of six Simmental bulls is the leading pen of junior bulls with an ADG of 5.51 pounds and a WDA of 3.51 pounds. A pen of three Angus bulls belonging to Ronnie Eaton, Lubbock, Tex., is

second at 4.95 pounds per day. Harold Gwartney, Cheyenne, Okla., had the third pen with an ADG of 4.88 pounds on a pen of four Simmentals.

The most efficient pen of junior age bulls in converting feed to pounds of gain is Harrison's pen of Simmentals. Those bulls required 5.5 pounds of feed per pound of gain.

In the senior bull division, Tim Meier, Hitchcock, Okla., has the top bull with an ADG of 6.0 pounds n an Angus bull sired by N Bar Emulation EXT. Bob Chaffin, Davis, Okla., had the second place senior bull at 5.96 pounds per day on an Angus bull. Larry Weinkauff, Covington, Okla., had the third, fourth and fifth place bulls, all Angus, with ADGs of 5.89, 5.86 and 5.79 pounds.

Meier's pen of three Angus bulls is the top senior pen with a 5.60 pound gain. Weinkauff had the second and third pens with ADGs of 5.39 pounds and 5.00 pounds.

Meier's pen was the most efficient senior pen in feed conversion requiring 6.57 pounds of feed per pound of gain.



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Santa letters

To: Santa Clause
North Pole 85921

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy how have you been?
Can I please get:
A water gun.
A new Toy Story houseshoes.
A hola hoop.
A Buzz LightYear poster.
Some new closes and shoes.
A new watch.
And a Inspector Gagget video.
A new bike.
I hope to see you soon.
—Charles Benavidez, age 6

Der San ta,
I Love you San ta.
I want a reitgoodtar and a toyygipe and a toy dert
bike and a play motersick.
Iv been the best boy ever in my life!
—Channar Clendennen, first grade

Dear Santa,
I whant a furbey, and a Seedyeyplayer, and a yo
yo.
I have been a good girl.
—Brenna Ellison, first grade

dar Santa
i wod lake a blke.
i lake a puppe.
thats all.
PS iv bene doig my work
—Marisa Ann Ponce, first grade

Dear SnataClaus
I lid a bike plez,
I would lik a Pekuohoo, a babe Godzili, ad dinerzo.
—Dakota Schiffman, first grade

Dear San ta,
I want a foul weler and a tooly drtbick.
I would like to have a tv.
I want a yo-yo.
Iv bin good.
—Kyle Turner, first grade

Dear san ta
I want a toy yo yo. and a reel blow gun and a dert
bick.
I hav bin good.
—Conor Wilson, first grade

Dear San ta,
I wut a furdery, a lok toy, and a yo yo,
I wuta frur loaerd, and I wat a noowobick.
—Ty Baggerman, first grade

I have been good.
I want a cd player and a Backstreet Boys cd and a
Britney Speers cd.
May I please have a hot lova lamp please? May I
please have a gameboy? Can I please have some
chape stick and a new bike?
I hope you don,t get stuck.
—Hilary Acker, second grade

Dear Santa,
I cant wate tile you come.
I would like a bike. May I have a little banke all so?
I would like a real sword please.
All so i would like a nerf gun please.
Herry Santa please.
—Evan, second grade

Dear SantaClaus,
I have been a good girl this year.
I want a lova lamp for Christmiss and a Britny spirs
sedy dy and a play stashon ples. I hope you have a
safe trip hear.
—Andi Hutto, second grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a pokemon gameboy.
I would like a podracer game boy.
I would like a yo yo.
I would like a fishinpole.
I would like a football.
I would like a helmet
I have been a good boy.
—Robert Ponce, second grade

Dear Santa,
How are you?
May i have a football and a
fishingpole and pockymon
playboy game and a colored
playboy game starwars?

I've been good. Thank you
Santa.
—Zachery Ponce, second grade

Dear SantaClaus,
I have been good. May I have a
computer and a boiarow and
some mapincels? May I have my
favorite thing pleas a Gameboycolor?
Pleas? thank you.
—Terral Kade Wilson, second grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Summer Kaylee Van Buskirk. I am only
2-months-old and this is my very first Christmas.
Mommy and Daddy say you are a very nice man. I
would like a "Kick and Play Piano," a Mickey Mouse
TV and a rattle. Thank you. I love you very much.
—Summer Kaylee Van Buskirk

Dear Santa,
My name is Stephany, and I am 5 1/2-years-old.
My sister is 3-years-old, and her name is Ashley.
We have been very good little girls this year.
For Christmas, I would like to have My Size Barbie,
Cinderella Barbie and Barbie outfits.
Ashley wants a talking Pooh Bear, Barbie Air Plane
and Walking Pluto Dog.
We will leave you cookies and milk and a carrot for
Rudolph.
We love you.
—Stephany and Ashley Van Buskirk

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and a nutcracker and a two bab
kitties and a mount bike.
—Erika N. Dodge

Dear Santa,
I am 5-year-old little girl. I think I've been pretty
good this year.
For Christmas, I would like a baby doll, a baby bed
or cradle for my doll, also a baby doll stroller. A red
wagon, magic drawing board, some games, clothes, a
real computer not a toy one, please, also some clothes
for my baby doll.
Santa, please, remember all the boys and girls in the
world.
Santa, I'll leave you some cookies and milk. I know
you will begood and cold and hungry.
Remember it's Jesus's birthday! The most impor-
tant thing of all.
—Lindsay Garmon

Dear Santa,
I would like
1. Wrestlin men
2. BB Gun
3. CD Player
4. Nsync
5. Billy Rae Cyrus "Some gave all"
6. Backstreet boys
7. 3 new games
8. Snowboots
9. New Bike
10. Clothes
—Dakota Lee Music, age 8

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a Baby Born, tricycle
baby; a Beanbag and some new clothes! Oh, yeah,
and some dress up stuff, too, please.
—Kasey Lynn Music, age 6

Dear Santa,
My name is Maranda. I am 6-years-old. I have been
a pretty good girl this year. I would like for you to
bring me a Kindergarten Baby, a learning game, and
some clothes. Please, bring something for my sister
and brother.
—Maranda

Dear Santa,
I am Abby. I am 4-years-old. I have tried to be a
good girl this year. I would like to have a Barbie
Checker, an Easy Bake Oven, and a Shop-n-Bop Baby.
Maybe you could bring me a Skateboard Shanna if
you can't find some of the other things. Please,
remember my brother.
—Abby

Dear Santa,
I am 4-years-old and my name is Molly. I hope
I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas, I
would like to have a Barbie Shopping Thing, a
red light up Teletubby, and a bicycle with a pink
horn on it. Maybe even some clothes. Please,
remember to bring something for my sissy and
brother.
—Molly

Dear Santa,
My name is Blake and I am 7-years-old. I have been
very good this year. Please, would you bring me a
Gameboy with a Pokémon game, a crash bandicott game
for my Play Station and a bicycle. I would like some mar-
bles and a watch. I will leave a snack out for you.
—Blake

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How is the weather there? This is
what I would like for Christmas.
I would like pajamas, bear beanie baby, clothes,
computer game, and roller blades.
—Diana Mechelay

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Merry Christmas! I would
like pokemon cards, a starwars computer game, star-
wars toys, a beanie baby, pokemon toys, and a brown
football.
What is the weather like at the North Pole? It has
been snowing here. Fly safe Christmas Eve.
—Joseph

The following letters were submitted by Travis
Elementary School:
Dear Santa,
I want tow Furby and a rabbit, and a yo-yo.
—Justin Miller

Dear Santa,
I would want the best for my family. I would like a
new horse. and a baby doll. and a baby furbe.
—Ally Ramey

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a nice Christmas last year I want a
pair of rollerblades and a baby furby and a mom and
dad furby.
—Kristen Herman

Dear Santa,
How are you? Can you bring me the Barbie bak-
ery set? Please Santa-Clause. And a Nintendo 64.
—Klarissee Esp.-Santo

Dear Santa,
Please give me a soccer ball because I like to play
soccer. My favorte sport is soccer.
—Andy Newby

Dear Santa,
I hope you are okay I want you to please get me
some more Rollerlades. Please get me a Power
Ranger Lost GaLaxy toy.
—Joseph Niegisch

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a good day. Will you please give me
a new bike? Any way I wanten to talk to you for a
while. Will you give my friend Kara a present. She
wanted a barbie.
—Audri Leal

Dear Santa,
I hope you have had a good time at the north pole. I
would really like a drum set pretty please. I have tried
to be nice. If I haven't I am sorry. I also want a globe.
—Craig Conner

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby furby. and a game of checkers.
and a baby furby seat.
—Treva Miller

Dear Santa,
I Would Like a furbby, a teddy bear, a baby puppy
dog, and a baby horse too, a ball.
—Lauren Jacoby

Dear Santa,
I hope you can bring pokemon shoes. I hope that
you can bring a doll. I like pokemon.
—Kayla Taylor

Dear Santa,
How was last Christmas. I have been good this year.
I hope you like this. I think you are cool.
—Joshua Ross

Dear Santa,
How was last Christmas? I have tried to be good
when you come to my house there will be cookies and
milk. I please want a Furby, yo yo. Merry Christmas.
—Kristin Bivens

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a good Christmas last year. I have
made you some cookies. I hope you like them. I
would like a Pokemon and a doll please.
—Dara Stephe

Dear Santa,
I want a lazer, a basket ball, a c.d., a toy car, a game-
boy, a pool for summer, a toy robot, some army men.
—Gabriel Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a pokemon ball I want a pokemon desk and
a good sea monster. I want a pokemon trener with a
good pokemon.
—Zack Robles

Dear Santa,
I want a baby furby. I want a baby Kitten. I want a
spice girl room. I want a baby horse.
—Kelsey Scates

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring a Nintindo. I hope the elves are
helping you today I have been good.
—Matt Clark

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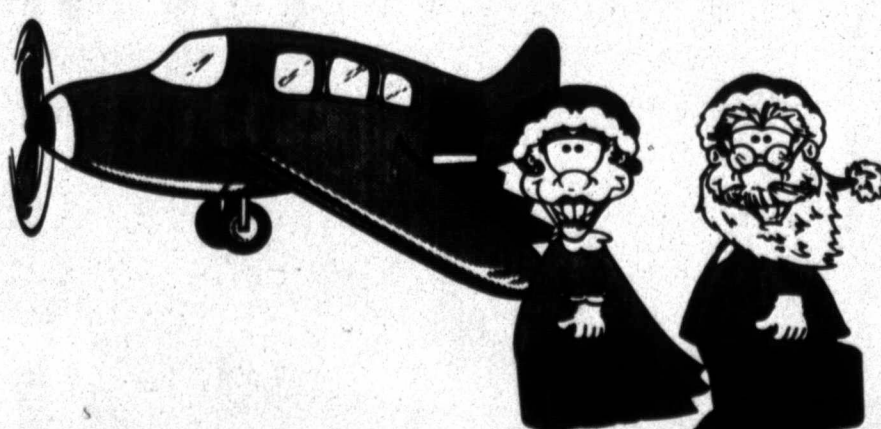
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I would like a tv, Furby, nintindo 64, a boat for my dad. Not in trol boat star wars x wing.
—Joey Finn

Dear Santa,
I hope you will have a good Christmas. I would like lots of suff.
—Ashlyn Shipley

Dear Santa,
I hope you will get me something relly nice for Christmas. Did you and your elves have a hard time saving up money? Well if you have time a hard time saving thats ok because you can get some elves to help you. Can I have a new bike for Christmas presents for my family?
—Paige Whitmore

Dear Santa,
I would like a furby, horse, ear-rings, big teddy bear, hot lava lamp
—Tawnee Williams

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I will hope you will bring me a game boy coler for Christmas I hope you will have a happy Christmas
—Tanner Davis

Dear Santa,
I would like 4 power ranger a

green a red and a blue and a black rangers. a bike that can transform.
—Michael DeArman

Dear Santa,
I like Santa because he goes to my house. He gives me a whole bunch of clothes.
—Kimberly Silva

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby crub. I would like a new book. I would like a bike I would like a crayon box.
—Dawn Harkins

Dear Santa,
I hope I was a good girl. I want a Barbie and a cat ...a dog.
—Hallie O'Loughlin

Dear Santa,
I want a horse and a baby furby. I want skates and a big teddy bear.
—Rachel Heuson

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? It is almost Christmis. I've been a good boy this year. I want a bike. I want a gameboy color.
—Cody Shannon

Dear Santa,
I would like ten books, more books, and more books, please and more books, please and more books please a more books.
—Bryce Hendricks

Dear Santa,
I went a skate board. Just in case you can't get me that I want a bike?
—Dillon Pierce

Dear Santa,
I would like a black and white furby for christmas. and a nintendo 64, tapa and a black sweater with PooH and tigger.
—Vanessa Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I will try to have some cookies and milk out this year. And I'll try to have some carrots and water out for your raindeer.
—Landon Long

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby furdy with the danta hat and deep sea.
—Jaymison King

Dear Santa,
How are you? Can you please bring me a new baby doll and a new baby Brother thank you for all that.
—Lacey Renner
P.S. Can you please come to my room and wake me up so I can see you.

Dear Santa,
I, Chelsea, would like a Barbie doll. and I want a barbie house.
—Chelsea Waldrop

Dear Santa,
"Have a Merry Christmas I want a game My Nintendo for christmas. I want a play station for christmas too."
—Bradley O'Loughlin

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. I wnat a doll, and a book also a Barbie probably a puzzle. That is all
—Kallie Marek

Dear Santa,
I hope you get the cookies and milk I laid out for you. Can you please get me a Furby for Christmas.
—Riley Woodruff

Dear Santa,
Santa Claus I want a Easy Bake Oven for Christmas. Christmas is my favorite. Ps Merry Christmas to you
—Kristin Roy

Dear Santa,
Please Santa I want a Barbie doll. And some reindeer Please Santa PS I love you.
—Shelbi Cross

Dear Santa,
I remember what you did last Christmas. My dad was drinking orange juice on Christmas eve night. you drank the orange juice and the milk and you ate the cookies.
—Mallory White

Dear Santa,
I am looking forward to Christmas morning. Ill maybe leave some cookies and milk for you. I have pretty lights up. I will like the presents. Merry Christmas.
—Rebekah Bartel

Dear Santa,
Holiday I went a bike for Christmas but I think that my dad is going to buy me a bike If My

Dad doesn't get me a bike I love you.
—Janet Barraza

Dear Santa,
I want a stereo and a cD player. and Rickey Martin I will leave you sum cookies.
—Dakota Music

Dear Santa,
I want some roller blades and I want a playstation. I have ben good.
—Calib Chandler

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a new pair of skates than i would like to have a new car.
—Branden Hunt

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a teth-erball, and a tetherball pole and twit dolls that look just the same.
—Brooklon Barker

Dear Santa,
I want a play station I want a skate board. I want a pake Majbonst. Have a safe trip.
—Logan McKinney

Dear Santa,
I want a toy Furby that talks, a nintendo 64 game, a beany baby, a tether ball.
—Garrett Coutts

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa claus. Am I on the good list or the bad list. Santa I want a Baby Furby. I want a Furby.
—Hannah Lane

Dear Santa,
I whould like a big teddy bear, a collector's Barbie, Also I want a Barbie jeep is it cost too much don't get me it and a puppy.
—Robin Fernuik

Dear Santa,
Please come to my house early because I want to see you this year.
—Mikala Furgason

Dear Satna,
I wold lik a star was laser tag and a furby tha is red with black spots and a naboo fiter and a I chus you Pikoslus.
—Kade Golleher

Dear Santa,
I hope you will please bring me a bike and a Football and a little car and a Flag horub.
—Bo Likes

Dear Santa,
I want a Furby and please can I have my dad home with us to have Christmas? My little sister wants a shiny train set.
—Bradley Miranda

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard and rollblades and NFL 98. Thank you.
—Anthony Allen

Dear Santa,
I see so much people out there so to the people I want to give a home. That is what I want for them. I want a hottub too. Ho, ho, ho!
—Slealeigh Lambright

Dear Santa, I love you very much I want a Nintendo 64 Please with some games I want a monitor baby please and a yo yo please.
—Allison Bell

Dear Santa,
I would like a deep sea explorer and a powerd spabase.
—Justin Miller

Dear Santa,
I am wishing for a yo-yo. I would like a Furby too. I want a toy train that comes with a remote control.
—Tyler Hooper

Texas Grain Sorghum Board, Association name new interim executive director

LUBBOCK — Dr. Bruce Maunder has been named interim executive director for the Texas Grain Sorghum Board and the Texas Grain Sorghum Association. Maunder will fill in for former Texas Executive Director Travis Taylor while the hiring process is underway.

Taylor resigned recently after accepting a position with a dairy consulting firm in New Mexico.

"We would like to thank Travis for his service to the sorghum industry, and we wish him well," said Dale Spurgin, TGSB chairman.

Taylor said the highlight of his three-year tenure as executive director has been his part in securing needed sorghum research.

"One of the most significant benefits I believe the sorghum organizations have created for

producers is the establishment of long term research funding for areas such as new uses, sorghum biotechnology and sorghum ergot," said Taylor.

In addition, Taylor was instrumental in the Texas Legislature's passage of \$1.5 million in funding for Productive Rotations on Farms in Texas. The two-year project will focus on sorghum's role in a sustainable and profitable cropping system.

"This leveraging of producer dollars with tax dollars will pay off in the future," said Taylor. "I understand the economic problems the agriculture industry is experiencing, but I would like to thank our producers for supporting these types of investments despite the hard times," he concluded.

Maunder, who has volunteered his time as research advisor to the

National Grain Sorghum Producers for more than three years, previously served the sorghum industry for more than 37 years as a sorghum breeder and senior vice president for DEKALB Genetics. He graduated from the University of Nebraska and completed his doctorate in plant breeding at Purdue University.

"Dr. Maunder's extensive knowledge, background and experience make him highly qualified to assume these duties while we search for a new executive director," said Spurgin.

Bill Kubecka, TGSB president, agreed. "We are fortunate indeed to have an individual of Dr. Maunder's caliber assist our organizations in this way," said Kubecka.

Kubecka indicated that TGSB and TGSA would soon initiate the search for a new executive director to lead the two Texas sorghum organizations and added that the goal is to complete the process before the end of the year.



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• Birth Date & Place: _____

• Family: _____

• If I had a different job, I'd be a: "or" When I grow up I want to be: _____

• My personal hero: _____

• The best advice I ever got was: _____

• People who knew me in High School thought: "or" My classmates think of me as: _____

• The best word or words to describe me: _____

• People will remember me as being: _____

• The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: _____

• My hobbies are: _____

• My favorite sports team is: _____

• My favorite author is: _____

• The last book I read was: _____

• My favorite possession is: _____

• The biggest honor I've ever received is: _____

• My favorite performer is: _____

• I wish I knew how to: _____

• My trademark cliché or expression is: _____

• My worst habit is: _____

• I would never: _____

• The last good movie I saw was: _____

• I stay home to watch: _____

• Nobody knows: _____

• I drive a: "or" Someday I want to drive a: _____

• My favorite junk food is: _____

• My favorite beverage: _____

• My favorite restaurant is: _____

• My favorite pet: _____

• For my last meal, I would choose: "or" My favorite meal is: _____

• I wish I could sing like: _____

• I'm happiest when I'm: _____

• I regret: _____

• I'm tired of: _____

• I have a phobia about: "or" My biggest fear is: _____

• The electrical device I couldn't live without is: _____

• My most embarrassing moment: _____

• The biggest waste of time is: _____

• If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: _____

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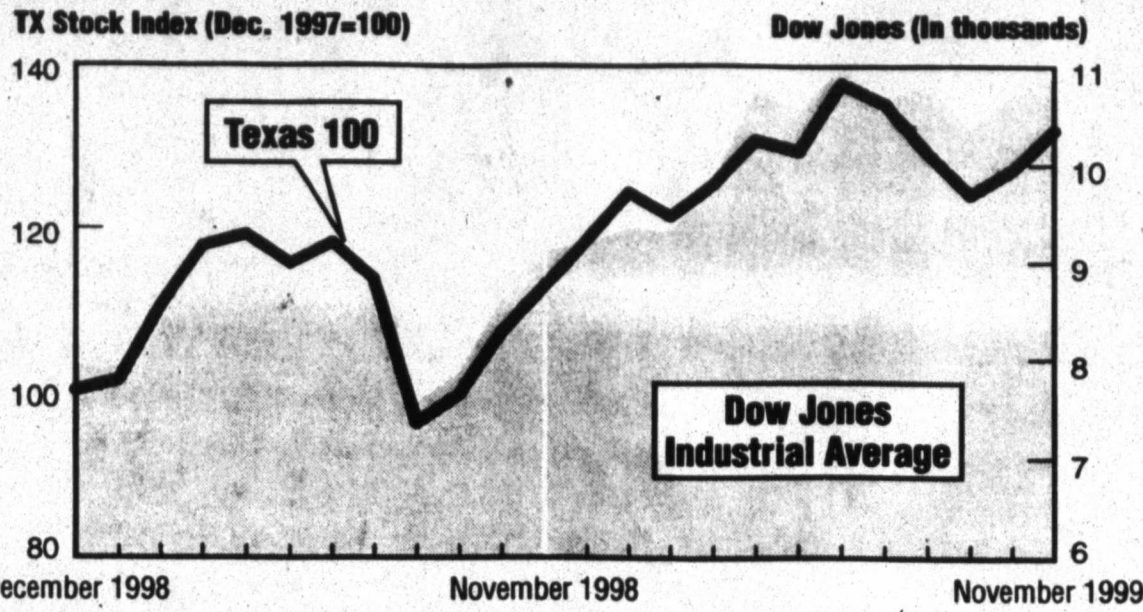
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The Texas 100 Stock Index rose 3.7% in November to a level of 132.2. Over the last 12 months, the Index has risen 16.8% while the Dow Jones 30 Industrials gained 19.4%.



Ups & downs by sector

Largest percentage changes in company stock prices

Sector	Change
Energy (1.4%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lyondell Chemical +15.5% Mobil +7.7% Exxon +7.1% Baker Hughes -9.6% Reliant Energy -8.9% Du Pont -7.8%
Other Manufacturing (5.1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM +2.2% Goodyear -18.3% Pilgrim's Pride -13.9% Bridgestone -10.3%
Entertainment & Travel (3.5%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> McDonald's +9.4% Bass Hotels & Resorts +2.8% Sabre +2.4% Premier Parks -13.6% Jack in the Box -12.5% Delta Air Lines -9.5%
Retail (6.6%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tandy +21.6% Sears +21.3% Neiman Marcus +20.1% Stage -34.6% J.C. Penney -11.3% Lowe's -10.1%
High Tech (9.7%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Micro Devices +42.6% Compaq +27.8% Alcatel +23.8% Boeing -11.8% Textron -7.4% MCI WorldCom -3.6%
Service & Financial (2.3%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mariner Post Acute +33.3% Sitel +31.9% West Teleservices +23.8% Chase Manhattan -11.5% Allstate -9.7% Bank of America -9.2%

NOTE: The index reflects how much an investment of one dollar in each company made in December 1997 would be worth today (\$132.17).
SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Technology stocks lead rise in Texas 100 Stock Index

AUSTIN — The high tech sector, which has dominated the Texas 100 Stock Index for much of the year, helped push the index to 132.2 in November, an increase of 3.7 percent compared to October.

Technology stocks rose 9.7 percent. Advanced Micro Devices showed the most impressive gain of the month, rising 42.6 percent after starting delivery of the new Athlon chip, designed and built in Austin, ahead of schedule. Telecommunications equipment manufacturers saw their stock values rise 10 to 20 percent, with the exception of GTE, which fell 3 percent. Share prices of most long-distance telephone services also rose.

Retail stocks rose 6.6 percent in November, with both specialty and general merchandise stores showing gains. The top performers include Sears and Neiman Marcus, whose stock prices rose 21.3 percent and 20.1 percent, respectively. J.C. Penney stock fell 11.3 percent, amid reports of declines in same-store sales. Do-it-yourself retailer Lowe's stock fell 10.1 percent in November.

Telemarketing companies Sitel (up 31.9 percent) and West Teleservice (up 23.8 percent)

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showed the biggest gains in the service and financial sector, which rose 2.3 percent overall. Share prices in the energy sector rose 1.4 percent.

In the nontechnology manufacturing sector, only General Motors stock gained value, rising a modest 2.2 percent, while the sector as a whole fell 5.1 percent. The entertainment and travel sector also declined. Share prices fell 3.5 percent. Delta, American and Southwest Airlines all suffered stock price declines. Delta and American canceled plans to increase fares. Restaurant stocks generally fell, except for McDonald's, which rose 9.4 percent. McDonald's rival Jack in the Box saw a 12.5 percent drop in its stock price.

The Texas 100 Stock Index tracks the stock prices of the 100 largest Texas employers. The index reflects that a dollar invested in each company in December 1997 would be worth \$132.17 today.

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CMBC receives grant for machine

AMARILLO — The Brumley Foundation recently awarded Coffee Memorial Blood Center a \$16,000 grant to purchase a truck with a special lift to be used to transport a therapeutic apheresis machine to hospitals for patients too ill to come to the blood center for treatment. Therapeutic apheresis is a procedure performed to remove blood elements that cause or complicate disease. The blood cell separator used in therapeutic apheresis is a highly sophisticated piece of

medical equipment that weighs between 700- and 800-pounds. The only way to transport this life-saving machine to the hospital is on a truck with a special lift. "Certain diseases may be corrected or limited by selectively removing those agents in the blood that cause disease. Without this treatment, a significant number of patients would die and those who do survive have a decreased quality of life. We are so grateful to the Brumley Foundation for

their generous gift that allows the Blood Center to provide this life-saving procedure for patients in our panhandle community," said Dr. Mary Townsend, vice president and medical director at CMBC. CMBC is currently providing therapeutic apheresis services to BSA Health System. The VA Medical Center has requested this service and the blood center will begin providing services following the completion of a lengthy credentialing process.

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Campaign stop



Railroad Commission Chairman Michael Williams recently made a campaign stop in Pampa. Above: Pat Pearle, Sen. Tom Haywood (R-Wichita Falls), Tom Mechler, Becky Mechler, Williams, Kerrick Horton and District Attorney John Mann. (Special photo)

Bakeline experts share top 10 baking questions, answers over the years

ARDEN HILLS, Minn. —Over the last decade, the expert home economists at the Land O'Lakes Holiday Bakeline have been dishing out great advice and recipe suggestions to hundreds of thousands of holiday bakers. Here, the experts share a series of top 10 lists, including most-asked baking questions and answers as well as the busiest days for Bakeline calls. The "Top 10 Baking Questions and Answers" are as follows:

Q: Can I substitute salted butter for unsalted butter? Yes, salted butter may be used in place of unsalted butter and vice versa. It is not necessary to add more salt to the recipe when using unsalted butter.

Q: Why are my cookies flat and spreading? Remember not to over-soften the butter or beat the dough too long. Try refrigerating the dough for one to two hours until it's well chilled. If the dough is still too soft, stir in

Last year, the Bakeline received a record 65,000 phone calls. The busiest call days have been consistent in the last decade — Thanksgiving Day, the week before Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and the week before Christmas.

1 or 2 tablespoons of flour. Also, be sure to cool cookie sheets completely between batches.

Q: How long can cookie dough be frozen? Most cookie dough can be refrigerated up to two days

and frozen up to three months. Package dough in an air-tight container or freezer bag before storing.

Q: What can I do if my dough is too dry and crumbly? Try adding 1

to 2 tablespoons of milk or cream to soften your dough. Dry cookie dough will most likely result in dry, crumbly cookies.

Q: How can I avoid soggy pie crusts? Lightly brush the surface of the crust with melted butter before baking. Use a high oven temperature (425 F) for the first 15 minutes of baking. A glass or dull aluminum pan cooks the bottom crust better than a shiny metal pan. Chill the pie crust for an hour before adding the filling and baking.

Q: How should I store my cookies? Store soft cookies in a con-

tainer with a tight fitting lid and crisp cookies in a container with a loose fitting lid. Store bar cookies in the pan in which they were baked, covered with aluminum foil.

Q: How can I keep dough from sticking to the cutting board and rolling pin? Use a pastry cloth and a stockinet-covered rolling pin to make rolling dough easier and help prevent dough from sticking. Rub flour evenly into rolling pin cover and pastry cloth for easy handling.

Q: Why are some of the cookies on the same cookie sheet overdone, while others are underdone? All the cookies on a cookie sheet should be the same size and thickness before baking. If some are smaller and/or thinner they will bake faster. Also, the oven may have uneven heating. Try rotating the cookie sheet midway through baking. Use shiny aluminum cookie sheets without sides.

Q: Why did my cake fall? Several things can cause a cake to fall. Too much leavening may over-extend the cake and cause it to collapse. Sugar and fat are tenderizers; too much may "weaken" the cake and cause it to collapse. Also, if your oven is not hot enough, your cake may not rise sufficiently.

Q: What are the best methods for shipping cookies and candies to family and friends? Line a cookie tin with aluminum foil or plastic wrap. Take four to six cookies of the same size and wrap together in aluminum foil. Layer wrapped cookies with crumpled paper towel around them until container is full. Place tin in a sturdy cardboard box. Send overnight delivery.

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Land O'Lakes has been helping families bake delicious treats since 1921. This year, the company celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Bakeline. The toll-free hotline is open from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. (CST) from Nov. 1-Dec. 24 seven days a week. Expert home economists are available to answer questions. Consumers also may visit the website at www.landolakes.com to e-mail questions to the baking experts. All callers will receive a free leaflet filled with easy holiday recipes.

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American Cancer Society offering quit kit

AUSTIN — The American Cancer Society is offering "Stop Now — Here's How" Quit Kits to smokers pledging to put down the cigarettes and start the Millennium smoke-free.

The kit provides information on immediate and longterm benefits of quitting and contains quit tips, self-help guide, relaxation exercises, facts on nicotine and non-nicotine replacement products as well as other information to help smokers achieve a smoke-free lifestyle.

"We know that about 90 percent of successful quitters do so on their own. We also know that quitting smoking is not easy, so we want to provide the 'Stop Now — Here's How' quit kit to assist smokers who are trying to stop," stated Sharon Kohout, chair of ACS Tobacco Control Committee in Texas.

According to surveys, smokers often try to quit more than once before they succeed, with 70 percent of ex-smokers making one to two quit attempts, and 22 percent making 3-5 quit attempts. Smokers should not give up trying, since most ex-smokers cycle through the quitting process several times before becoming longterm quitters.

People who quit smoking live longer than those who continue to smoke. "If you or someone you know tried to quit during the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout, but didn't quite make it, New Year's offers another chance to begin the year on a healthy note," offers Kohout.

The quit kit is available free of charge and may be ordered via ACS's 24-hour information line, 1-800-ACS-2345, or by visiting www.cancer.org.

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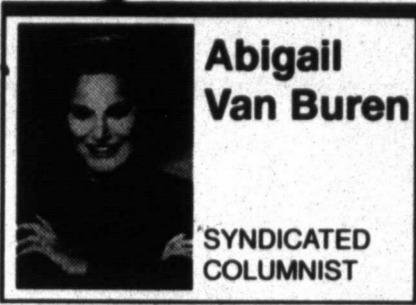
DEAR ABBY: What do you do when your daughter's ex-boyfriend continues to call you and ask for information about her personal life and activities?

After two years of dating, "Anna" ended the relationship. There were vast differences in their maturity and goals, and she had been unhappy for some time. Our family always welcomed him into our home, and I think because of this, he feels that I'll sympathize with him.

I have told him that I cannot and will not give out information that is no longer his concern, yet he continues to call. He cries and tells me how much he loves her, that he cannot live without her. This is beginning to frighten me, as I have seen him driving down our street late at night with the headlights turned off. He is not a teen-ager; he is 24. My daughter insists that he would never harm her, but his denial of reality makes me very concerned.

A WORRIED MOM

DEAR WORRIED MOM: The next time he calls and cries, tell him that the signals he's sending out are not those of "love" but obsession. Tell him that he has been seen driving by with his lights off, and it's not a sign of devotion; it could be considered stalking. Explain that you are concerned about him because his behavior isn't normal, and if he's unable to accept



Abigail Van Buren

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reality, he should seek professional counseling. If he persists, consider getting caller ID — and notify the police about the drive-bys.

DEAR ABBY: I am in love with a 44-year-old man I'll call "Mark." He was a guest for about five months here at the hotel where I work. Mark would stay here Monday through Friday and go home every weekend. His job transfer was the reason he was staying here. After he sold his home, he planned to move closer to here.

Well, a few days ago Mark got promoted, and now he has to work in Detroit. He lives only a couple of hours from Detroit, so he might not have to sell his house after all. The bad thing is, not only is Mark working in Detroit, he also has a wife.

I know this whole thing is wrong, but I love him. He promised to leave me his pager and cell phone numbers when he left, but he didn't. In fact, my boss was the one who told me that he got the new job and

would never be back again. Mark and I saw each other for most of his stay here, and I miss him so much. I don't know why he left the way he did or why he hasn't even called. I have a boyfriend, and he happens to like Mark. (He doesn't know about us.)

I have Mark's address and telephone number at home, but I can't call because of his wife. I'm in the process of making plans to move to Detroit just so I can be near him. Abby, I love Mark and will do anything just to see his face and hear his voice — even if it's for the last time. What should I do?

MISSING MARK IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MISSING MARK: A man who cared about you and respected your feelings would not have left it to your boss to tell you about his promotion and the fact that he wasn't returning.

Not only are you missing Mark, you also seem to be missing the entire picture. Face it, my dear — you've been dumped.

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Horoscope

MONDAY, DEC. 20, 1999

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)

***** Inspiration pushes you forward again. An idea is finally accepted. Run with it. Others will like your concept, even if it is unique. Questions will help others understand your mind better. Remain open, and keep talking. Tonight: Yipping up a storm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Intuition proves to be your strength. Others might not understand how you hone in on moneymaking ideas, but they appreciate it all the same. Accept a boss's behavior. Work with ideas. One-on-one discussions make you quite a team. Head forward! Tonight: Rework an investment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Bingo! You hit your jackpot, whatever it is. You get what you want. Others promote your ideas and support a venture. You break past rigid thinking — even your own. You make waves in your immediate circle. A friend is curious. Answer his questions. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Use your instincts. Know what is workable within a partnership. Money remains a key issue. Follow through on a

different approach, especially at work. Brainstorm with others. Be willing to take a step into the unknown. Tonight: Take a night to yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Aim for what you want. Your efforts prove to be successful. Reach out for others; you are inspired by their ideas. Brainstorm. Let your imagination run wild, and you'll come up with some amazing new ideas. A curious child's question leads you in a new direction. Tonight: Make a must meeting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** You gain as you are willing to take the lead at work. A partner has suggestions you should listen to carefully. Work and stress are joined at the hip. Take a lunch-break stress buster. Another's question helps you reorganize. Tonight: Bring extra work home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Opt for the high road and accept responsibility. If you do, you'll be in a position to change what makes you uncomfortable. A partner is primed for a positive discussion. Make the first move, and you'll be thrilled. Tonight: Release seriousness and play with a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Get together with others one-on-one if you want to achieve success. Don't let another be hard on you. Think about what you are saying and feeling. Be willing to act on your words. You discover many alternatives. Tonight: You could have an intense conversation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** A love affair that might have been on hold or broken up now resumes. Be willing to take the initiative. Others respond, no matter what your agenda is,

and they value your mind. Share some of your spontaneous thoughts. Tonight: Go with popularity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Observe, then act on a matter that has been on the back burner. You have been doing a lot of thinking. Now is the time to move forward with ideas. Finances play a big role in a work decision. Don't play games with your head. Tonight: Work late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You clearly become an inspiration to someone's work, love or values. Be willing to express your concerns. Another will listen. Look at the big picture. Recognize the long-term benefits of a particular choice. Protect an important friend. Tonight: Naughty and nice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** You are finally in a position to clear up a financial matter. You might experience a windfall in the next few months. Bring work home, where you can clear out more than usual. Consider a strong exercise program to eliminate stress. Tonight: Happy at home.

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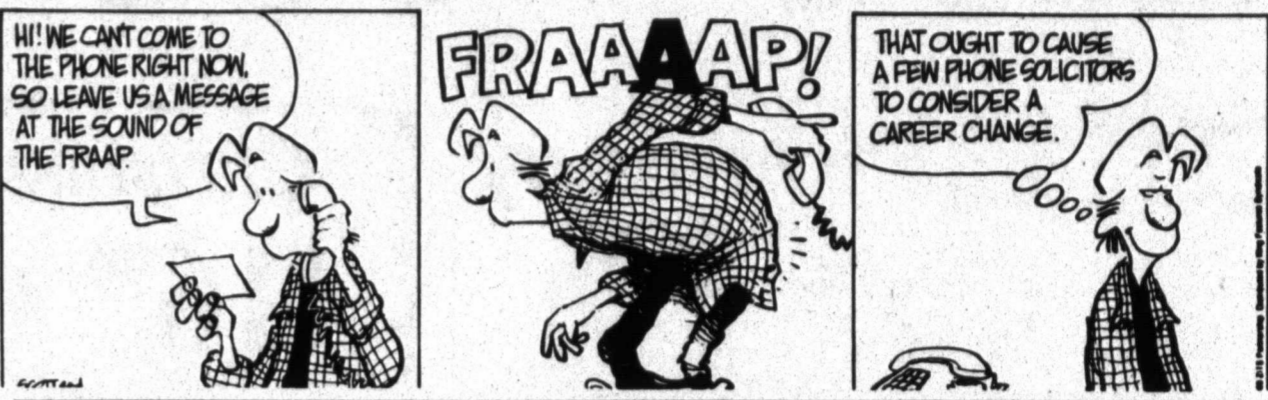
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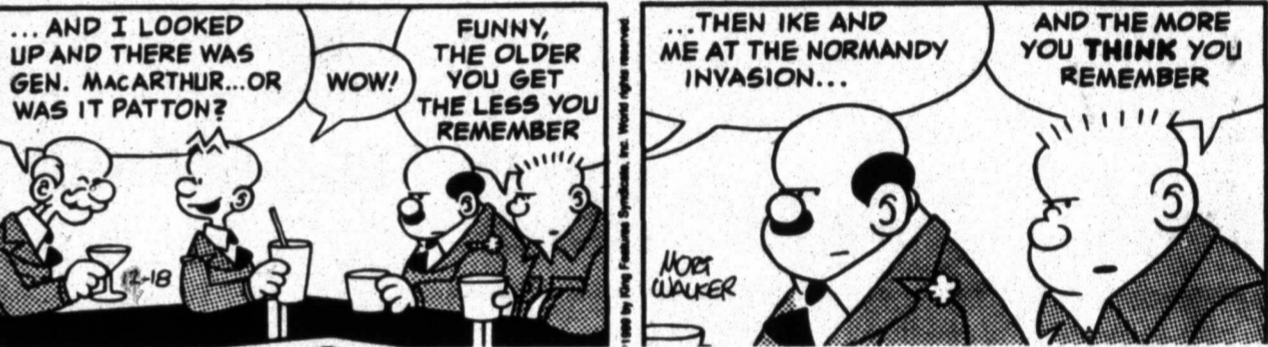
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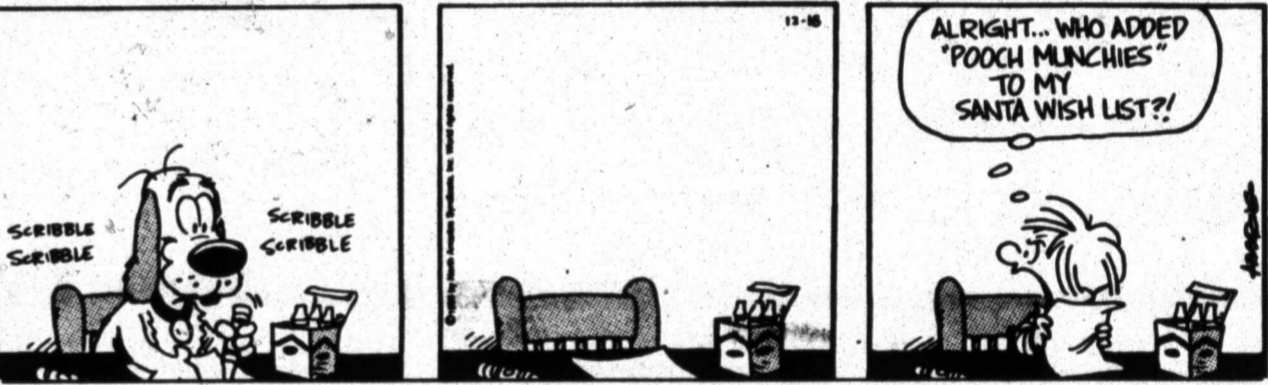
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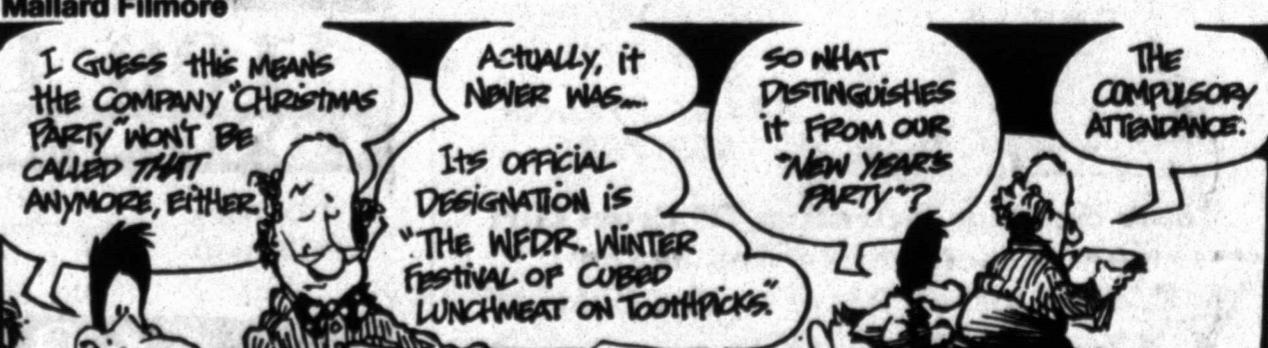
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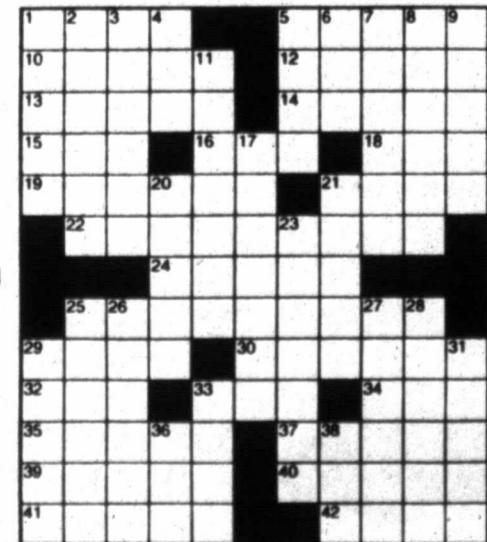


Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 42 "Runaway Bride" actor

- 1 High-lander
- 5 Grounds
- 10 — up (hid out)
- 12 Precise
- 13 Writer Doyle
- 14 Allude
- 15 Yale player
- 16 Pester
- 18 White House nickname
- 19 Bleak
- 21 Field pest
- 22 Keanu Reeves hit
- 24 Tybalt's killer
- 25 Rash-causing sumac
- 29 Layout choice
- 30 One of Santa's team
- 32 Choose
- 33 Farm sight
- 34 Golf need
- 35 New York city
- 37 Steak-house choice
- 39 Miller's salesman
- 40 Some curves
- 41 Used up



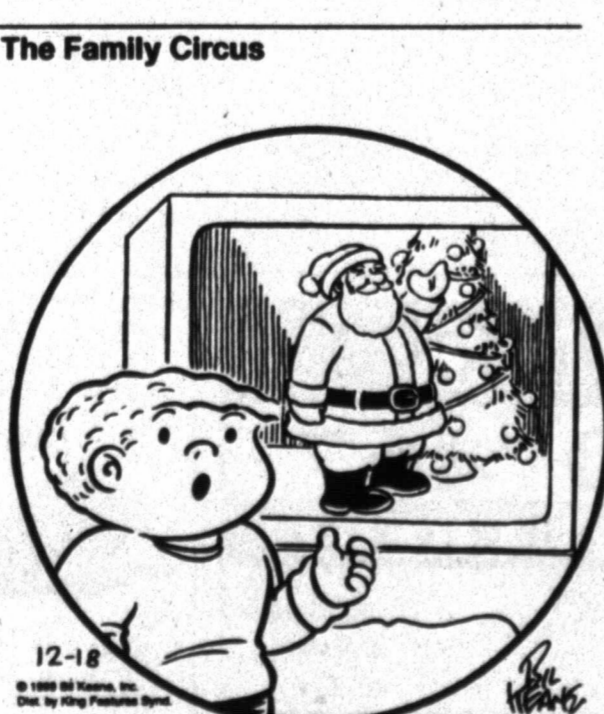
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The Family Circus



"Santa Claus' mommy sure dresses him funny."

Russians attack Chechen capital from three sides

By RUSLAN MUSAYEV
Associated Press Writer

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — In one of the heaviest attacks yet on Chechnya's capital, Russian tanks advanced on Grozny from three directions Friday, probing for weaknesses in rebel positions.

The crackle of gunfire and thunderous explosions of bombs and artillery rounds rang out across the city, where several thousand militants are encircled by a much larger Russian force.

There was no immediate word from officials on casualties. Associated Press reporter Yuri Bagrov saw a captured Russian armored vehicle and three dead Russian soldiers in southern Grozny. Six more

Russian corpses were in a morgue.

A captured Russian soldier, Sergei Falikov, said his battalion, part of the 502nd Motorized Infantry Regiment, suffered heavy losses in fighting Thursday. Falikov said he was taken prisoner after an explosion threw him off the armored vehicle he was riding on.

"I was swept away by a blast. I was scared at first, but now I feel calmer," Falikov said. He said he had not suffered any serious injuries.

The Russian military gave no overall picture of the latest fighting, and has only reported two soldiers killed over the past two days. Official military statements have often been at odds with witness accounts

from Chechnya.

Russian generals have said repeatedly that they will not storm Grozny, and Friday's offensive did not appear to be an all-out assault.

However, the Russians have been sending ground troops to the edge of the Chechen capital, with the apparent intent of drawing fire from the well-entrenched rebels to determine where they are located and how much firepower they have.

Russian warplanes attacked the city Friday morning, and artillery shelling lasted throughout the day, with only brief respites.

On the ground, Russian armored groups fired on Grozny from the east, the south and the northwest,

according to Chechen commanders and reporters in the city. The fighting began in the morning and carried on throughout the day.

By nightfall, plumes of black smoke were rising from the ruins throughout Grozny, which was mostly flattened during the 1994-96 war.

Russia's air force stepped up bombing raids on rebel strongholds in the breakaway province Thursday and Friday. The military had scaled back airstrikes over the previous few days, saying civilians should clear out of the capital or risk being killed in the raids.

An estimated 8,000 to 35,000 civilians remain in the Grozny, according to Russia's Emergency Situations Minister

Sergei Shoigu.

Sukhoi bombers and helicopter gunships flew 83 sorties over Chechnya during the past 24 hours, the military said Friday morning. The raids kept most all civilians huddled in their chilly basements and bunkers.

Russian artillery and ground forces also struck at rebel targets at about a dozen points in mountainous southern Chechnya, the news agency Interfax said.

The Russian forces began battling the militants in neighboring Dagestan in August, and pursued them into Chechnya in September to try to restore Moscow's control over the rebellious region.

The Russians have lost 533 soldiers in the campaign, the

military said Friday. However, the Russians have not acknowledged any losses from a Wednesday night battle in which a group of armored vehicles was wiped out.

An AP reporter saw part of the fighting and afterward counted the bodies of 115 Russian soldiers near Grozny's Minutka Square. Other reporters have provided similar eyewitness accounts, but the Russians claim no such battle took place.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said that Russia troops have taken control of a road leading from Chechnya's southern mountains into neighboring Georgia, the only foreign country that borders Chechnya.

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BASKETBALL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — This was not what the NBA had in mind when it implemented new rules on fouls.

When it was finally over after a 50-minute, foul-filled fourth quarter, the San Antonio Spurs had a 103-94 over the Boston Celtics on Friday night.

Sixty fouls were called, 23 in the final quarter as Boston cut a 19-point lead to six.

The Celtics, who have won only one of nine road games this season, used a pressing defense to come back against San Antonio's reserves, who played most of the fourth quarter.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich was forced to go back to his star frontcourt of Tim Duncan and David Robinson to seal the victory in the last minute.

FOOTBALL

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — Jack Kiser is out as Abilene Christian University head football coach when his contract expires next June.

Athletic director Stan Lambert said "after an extensive evaluation of the football program, and after a determination of where it needs to be in the future," it was decided not to bring Kiser back.

Kiser was 21-20 in four years as head coach, and was 4-6 for each of the last two seasons. Kiser had no comment on Friday's announcement.

Kiser played football at Abilene Christian from 1968 to 1970 and graduated in 1971. He later joined the University of Texas coaching staff and went onto various high school coaching jobs before moving to the coaching staff of Abilene Christian in 1993.

HOCKEY

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock was in no mood to talk about the game after losing star defenseman Derian Hatcher and center Joe Nieuwendyk to injuries.

"That's tough for us," Hitchcock said after the defending Stanley Cup champion Stars rallied to tie Edmonton 2-2 on Friday night. "They're probably our two best players."

Hatcher lacerated his right calf when he collided with Edmonton's Todd Marchant and went down heavily against the boards behind the Dallas' net midway through the second period. Nieuwendyk bruised his ribs in the second period.

"Derian is out for 6-8 weeks. It was cut right through to the muscle," Hitchcock said. "Nieuwendyk has rib cartilage damage. It could be a week. It could be a month."

Dallas' Chris Murray tied it with 4:27 left in the third period. Murray shoveled in the puck from close range, following a shot from the point by Sergei Zubov.

Ryan Smyth and Tom Poti scored for the Oilers, who outshot the Stars 37-28 — including 17-3 in the second period.

"We showed a lot of character," Poti said. "I thought we deserved a better fate."

Brad Lukowich had the other goal for Dallas. Lukowich skated behind the net, came out front and tucked the puck behind goalie Tommy Salo at 17:59 of the first period.

Poti made a great individual effort for his second goal of the season. He picked up the puck at center ice, beat defenseman Darryl Sydor and burst in for a backhand at 6:41 of the second.

Smyth banked a shot off goalie Ed Belfour's stick, from the side of the net, on a power play at 2:08 of the third period.

Salo made a big stop at 1:12 of overtime on Brett Hull, who broke in on a two-on-one break with Mike Modano.

"It's hard to play that way

Fish stories

CLEARWATER, Fla., Dec. 16, 1999- Fish stories have entered the Electronic Age on FishingLife.com's new "ezine," an internet magazine for fishing enthusiasts. The stories offer all the fun of Grandpa's tall tales without the exaggeration, while providing solid tips and techniques.

The new multimedia magazine is produced by FishingLife.com - the internet fishing portal - and is brimming with how-to's, seasonal secrets, and advice from the pros.

Rather than the familiar stories about who caught what, where - and how much it weighed - the ezine focuses on providing useful tips. For example, a story might address why one fishing pro prefers jigs instead of crank or bait - but only when the water is high and stable. Or which of the Great Lakes has the earliest fishing and where it lasts the longest.

FishingLife.com journalists conduct extensive research and link their stories to additional sites on the web. For example, an article about the impact of water temperature on steelhead fishing will link to a site that tracks water temperatures. Other stories link to sites about state fishing regulations. Anglers can even order a featured reel or lure with a link to TackleMania.com, the internet fishing store.

Plans for the ezine include linking photos or video and audio clips when words aren't enough.

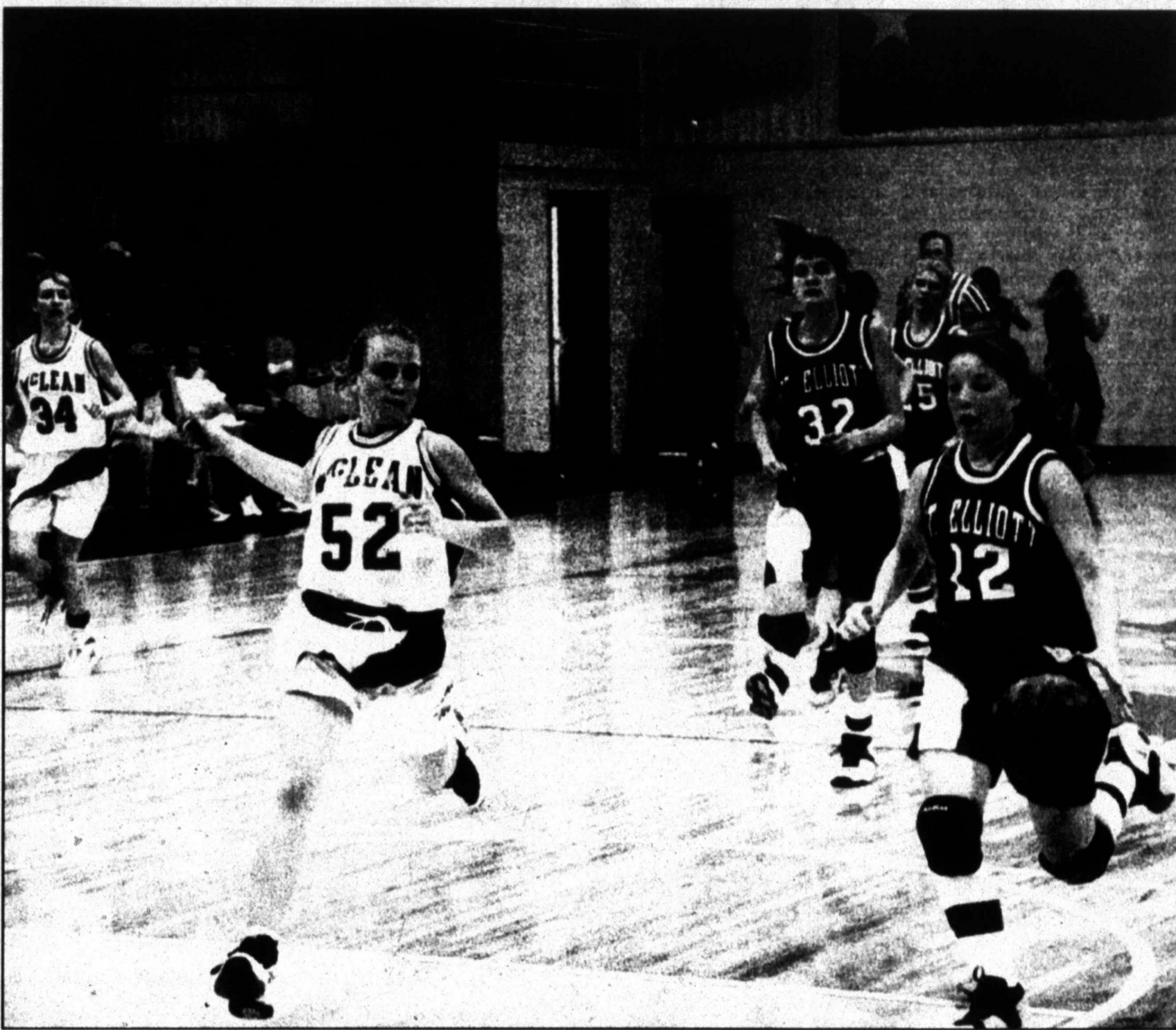
Stories will be archived at FishingLife.com and its comprehensive fishing directory, FishSearch.com.

"We provide a fun, fresh approach for both the novice and the serious angler," says FishingLife.com reporter Lee Diekemper. "Our stories are written to convey useful information that is clear and concise."

Fishing enthusiasts can also register for free email with a FishingLife.com internet address, and by signing up now they are likely to get the email name they want.

"Both the ezine and the email address program help bring our educational messages home to fishing enthusiasts and foster a friendly community atmosphere on the web," says Michael Harris, chief operating officer of FishingLife.com.

The online magazine, Tacklemania.com and FishSearch.com are all parts of the FishingLife.com Network, which provides an unmatched collection of resources for fishing enthusiasts.



(Pampa News photo)

Fort Elliott's Kyleigh Trimble (12) drives to the basket on a fast break as McLean's Annie Weaver (52) tries to stop her.

Lady Harvesters have win streak halted

ELK CITY, Okla. — Pampa's eight-game win streak came to an end in the Elk City Festival Friday night, but Clinton, Okla. needed an overtime period to stop the Lady Harvesters.

Clinton turned back Pampa 52-47 to hand Pampa only its third loss in 11 games.

Clinton was ahead late in the fourth quarter, but Pampa's Joy Young hit a 3-point goal with 14 seconds to go to tie things at 42-all at the end of regulation.

Maria Thorpe topped Clinton in scoring with 16 points while Jamie Rose added 10.

Young led Pampa scorers with 12 points. Emily Waters and Jennifer Lindsey had 8 points apiece, Lindsay Narron

High School Basketball

Adam Rodgers added 8 each. Gary Smith added 9 points to the Clinton attack.

Also scoring for Pampa were Gary Alexander 6, Russell Robben 6, Jesse Francis 5, Kirk George 4, Derek Williams 2, and Casey Owens 1.

GROOM — Shamrock downed Groom 60-50 in a boys' basketball game Friday night.

Ty Owens had 16 points and Alex Moon 11 to lead Shamrock's scoring attack.

Clay Ritter had 13 points and Dustin Babock 8 for Groom.

Shamrock edged Groom 45-42 in the girls' game.

Lacy Wilson had 12 points and Vanita Wright 10 for

Shamrock. Jodi Homen had 10 points and Karen Conrad 9 for the Tigerettes.

MCLEAN — Fort Elliott won a basketball doubleheader over McLean in high school action Friday night.

The Cougars won the boys' game 61-29 behind the scoring of Curt Smith (17 points) and Nathan Hefley (14 points).

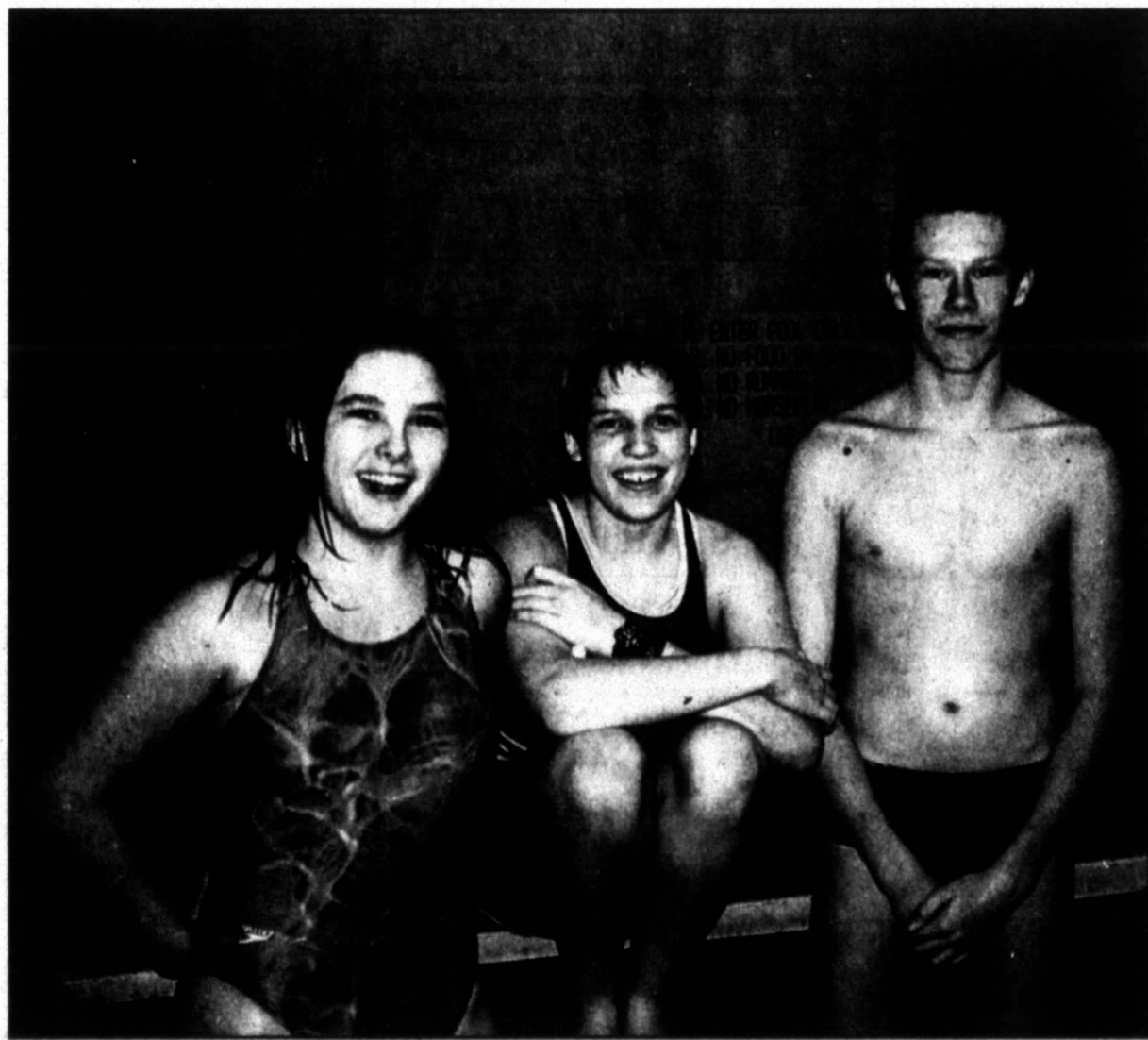
Frankie Sparling and Terrell Hembree had 7 points apiece for McLean.

Fort Elliott won the girls' game by a score of 57-22.

Kirby Kinnamon had 13 points and Kyleigh Trimble 9 to lead Fort Elliott scorers.

Amanda Cline and Nikki Hefley had 7 and 6 points respectively for the Tigerettes.

PHS swimmers



Pampa's Misty Moman (l-r), Tamra Henthorn and Willie Griffin helped the Pampa swim team finish in the top 10 team standings at the Seminole Invitational last weekend. Moman, a sophomore, placed second in the 100 butterfly while Henthorn, a freshman, was second in the 500 freestyle and third in the 100 freestyle in the girls' division. Griffin, a sophomore, won the 500 freestyle in the boys' division. Pampa tied for fourth in the girls' division and finished seventh in the boys' division.

Lamar Hot Shots Winners

Lamar Hot Shots Contest

Girls:

- Second Grade: 1. Delissa Salazar - Lamar
2. Amisha Mitchell - Lamar
3. Lauren Jacoby - Travis
- Third Grade: 1. Richelle Olson - Lamar
2. Kelby Doughty - Austin
3. Tabitha Courter - Austin
- Fourth Grade: 1. Ashley Brown - Lamar
2. Sara Jane Foster - Austin
3. Amber Brown - Lamar
- Fifth Grade: 1. Tyanna Ellis - Lamar
2. Brittani Rice - Austin
3. Nicole Clark - Austin

Boys:

- Second Grade: 1. Braden Hunt - Travis
2. Joshua Ross - Travis
3. Blake Morse - Lamar
- Third Grade: 1. Heath Skinner - Lamar
2. Anthony Arreola - Travis
3. Nate Stillwagon - Travis
- Fourth Grade: 1. Chirs Smith - Lamar
2. Jad McGuire - Travis
3. Mark Stone - Austin
- Fifth Grade: 1. Robert McLean - Lamar
2. LeKeith Towles - Lamar
3. Jake Diggs - White Deer

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Top 10 gymnast



Carrie Clay, a member of the M.G. Flyers Gymnastics Team, tied for 10th place at the Texas State Championship Meet held in Richardson Dec. 12. Carrie is coached by Madeline Graves and Shauna Munsell.

Young hits 26 in loss

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — Billy Keys scored 29 points and went 5-for-7 from 3 point range to lead New Mexico State to a 84-75 victory over Texas Tech Friday night.

The Aggies (6-1), who have won five in a row, led 40-34 at halftime.

But with 11 minutes remaining, Texas Tech's (5-2) Rayford Young, who finished with 26 points, hit a layup to cut the lead to 53-49. Keys answered with back-to-back 3 pointers to make it 59-49.

The Red Raiders cut it to 59-54 with a little over eight minutes remaining, but a dunk by Daveeno Hines and another 3 by Keys put the game out of reach. Hines finished with 12 points and 13 rebounds for the Aggies.

Despite poor shooting in the first half, New Mexico State pounded the boards to take a 34-23 with just over five minutes remaining.

The Aggies shot 38 percent from the field in the first half but out-rebounded the Raiders 32-16.

Aaron Brodt finished with 15 for the Aggies, while Mario Layne and James Ware scored 13 apiece for Texas Tech.

Young, a Pampa native, hit 10 of 18 field goal attempts and was 2 of 3 from the foul line.

Young averages 19 points per game to lead the Raiders in scoring.

Deer hunting has two-step approach

By JOE DOGGETT
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Stalking and still hunting are a Texas two-step that more deer hunters should consider.

Both methods of hunting on foot can be very effective during December.

Too often, the window of opportunity on a whitetail hunt is just that — the window of a box blind perched over a likely intercept area for game.

True, an elevated stand (tower blind, tripod stand, tree stand, whatever) is the high-percentage way to bag a mature buck in Texas. No one can deny this truth carved in mesquite, scrub oak, and pine by generations of successful hunters.

However, there are moments of fleeting opportunity, even days of adverse conditions, that can favor a stealth mission. The serious buckslayer would do well, especially during late season, to keep his options open.

First, the difference between the two methods should be defined. "Stalking" is used to close the distance on sighted game. "Still hunting" is nothing more than slipping in search of game through the brush or woods. Each has its place on a whitetail lease (assuming the ground rules of the property allow hunting on foot).

Stalking a whitetail in Texas often occurs after a hunter sitting on stand spots a "green light" deer at great range. The deer is beyond even desperate shooting range and shows no indication of moving closer; tauntingly, it might be ambling in the opposite direction.

Remember, now, we are looking at a real keeper, not just another routine eight pointer. This is the deer you really want, the one that defines the whole experience.

Tough call. On the downside, if you stay in the stand you may never see the muy grande again.

On the upside, by remaining in place you do not run the risk of blowing your cover; a patient vigil on another day hunt may face the buck at shootable range.

But, you ponder, during late season a mature and wary buck might shy from the on-going hunting activity associated with a stand.

To repeat, tough call. This helps explain why many grizzled deer hunters are graying or balding. Or both.

A sea of thornbrush can swallow a big buck for days, perhaps the remainder of the season, and there is something to be said for the "bird in the hand" adage — especially when the "bird" in question looks to be about 24 inches wide with chocolate mass and five up on each side.

Reviewing what is at stake, you might seek the counsel of another ancient wisdom: If the mountain will not come to Mohammed, then Joe Bob Mohammed might go to

the mountain.

If uneven terrain permits, it is possible to stalk this buck. Of course, it also is possible to bumble into the deer and blow a potential follow-up chance.

Much depends on how the distant deer is acting and what sort of cover is available.

For example, if the buck is running a doe, or seems restless, a stalk probably is a bad idea. By the time you close the gap the deer may be gone — worse, by changing location it might move into a better position to sense your approach.

A stalk through screening cover or behind a hill or along a draw is executed on blind faith that the animal will remain more or less in the same spot where it was sighted. When the deer makes a major move, your prospects for bragging rights back at camp take a terrible tumble.

You are looking left, scratching your head, and the deer is standing right, staring straight at you, not the ideal scenario for claiming a Los Cazadores big-buck jacket.

A good candidate for a stalk is the relaxed deer feeding slowly across an open field. Better yet is a bedded deer.

Take an accurate fix based on nearby prominent landmarks. While you are surveying, note the location of any nearby animals so you don't walk up the back of a startled doe — or an irritable bull — and trash the whole effort.

Tunnel vision can get you shot in a gunfight or cost you a giant buck amid hoofed traffic.

Now, with the players in place, slip from the stand and move into the brush.

The idea in stalking is to gobble up the distance as quickly as possible, before something goes wrong, and there is no real need to walk quietly during the first few hundred yards behind screening cover or terrain. As the yardage narrows, stealth becomes more important.

So, also, is maintaining an accurate mark; if possible, about midway in, try to "sneak a peak" to insure you are on the correct line and the animal has not moved.

How close?

This is a judgment call. Much is based on the terrain and the behavior of the deer, but anything within 200 yards is a legitimate chance for the hunter with a scoped rifle and an impromptu shooting rest. On this note, closer is not always better. A 150-yard shot from the sturdy rest of a tree fork is better than a 100-yard off-hand poke.

But, with skill and timing and suitable cover, a clean shot inside 100 yards is very possible when stalking.

Still hunting is — or should be — determined by the weather. A clear, crisp, calm morning invites a stroll but the percentages favor staying in the stand. The same invigorating conditions may encourage game to move. As most veteran buckslayers will agree, sit-

ting when deer are walking is a good way to earn points (10 or 12 on a good lease).

The time to bail from the seat is when game has gone "underground" and the brush and feeders are void of activity. Hot temperature, steady rain, stiff wind and thick fog are examples of weather extremes suitable for slipping on foot through the thickets. Deer are bedded, ducking the inclement conditions.

Disruptive conditions such as wind and rain actually can favor the still hunter by helping to mask his approach. Good areas to hunt are those that offer protection, such as the leeward side of a ridge or the low canopy of a brushy draw.

The idea in still hunting is to move slowly into or across the wind, clinging to available shadows and edges of cover, and pausing frequently to glass ahead. The savvy hunter often kneels to reach the height of a standing deer (about waist high) and to see under low branches.

The still hunter seldom is in a hurry; in fact, the hunter entering a particularly choice area might sit and wait for 30 minutes or an hour (now, in effect, stand hunting). During the rut, this opportunistic vigil might be a good time to rattle the horns.

Many antlered encounters are at close quarters when still hunting, but broken terrain might face a deer on a distant ridge or flat. Fine — now you are stalking. Combining the two disciplines can be a fine way to tag a big buck and puts you even closer to Davy Crockett and Hiawatha when you start bragging by the campfire smoke.

But, on the subject of Messrs. Crockett and Hiawatha, it should be understood up front that the woodsman never has drawn breath who cannot bumble a sneak.

The downside to ramming through the thickets is that you run the real risk of routing an otherwise likely kill from the area.

And, it can be horrifyingly easy to blow a stalk or still hunt; wild deer on home turf have the big advantage with a shift of wind or a twist of fate in a quick-draw contest.

Remain in place and on stand unless real circumstance (opposed to impatient boredom) favors hunting on foot.

Scoreboard

PRO FOOTBALL

National Football League
At A Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Indianapolis	11	2	0	.846	364	253
Buffalo	8	5	0	.615	245	192
Miami	8	5	0	.615	273	268
New England	7	6	0	.538	280	244
N.Y. Jets	5	8	0	.385	229	248
Central	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Jacksonville	12	1	0	.923	334	155
Tennessee	10	3	0	.769	274	257
Baltimore	7	7	0	.500	288	249
Pittsburgh	5	8	0	.385	232	218
Cincinnati	4	10	0	.286	276	414
Cleveland	2	12	0	.143	175	384
West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	5	0	.615	278	229
Oakland	6	7	0	.462	284	268
San Diego	6	7	0	.462	222	278
Denver	4	9	0	.308	255	269

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington	8	5	0	.615	375	323
N.Y. Giants	7	6	0	.538	254	267
Dallas	7	6	0	.538	281	205
Arizona	6	7	0	.462	186	265
Philadelphia	3	11	0	.214	210	317
Central	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	9	4	0	.692	221	174
Detroit	5	5	0	.500	288	254
Green Bay	7	6	0	.538	278	264
Minnesota	7	6	0	.538	317	281
Chicago	5	8	0	.385	226	277
West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-St. Louis	11	2	0	.846	430	182
Carolina	8	7	0	.538	315	314
San Francisco	4	9	0	.308	222	352
Atlanta	3	10	0	.231	197	307
New Orleans	2	11	0	.154	208	334

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Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 12:40 p.m.
San Francisco at Carolina, 4:15 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Atlanta at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
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New York Giants at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Miami, 1 p.m.
Washington at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
New York Jets at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Buffalo at Arizona, 8:20 p.m.
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Monday's Game
Green Bay at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 24
Dallas at New Orleans, 3:05 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 25
Denver at Detroit, 4:15 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 26
Arizona at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at New England, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
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Monday, Dec. 27
New York Jets at Miami, 9 p.m.

PRO FOOTBALL (continued)

Brandon Hassell, Arlington Sam Houston, 6-1, 195, Sr. — Completed 151 of 240 pass attempts for 2,502 yards and 22 touchdowns. Also ran for 42 yards and 9 touchdowns. Being recruited by Syracuse and Nebraska.

RUNNING BACKS
Cedric Benson, Midland Lee, 5-11, 196, Sr. — 222 carries, 2,349 yards (District 4-5A record), 27 rushing (31 total) TDs; 4-5A Offensive MVP.

Quarterbacks: Joseph Addal, Houston Sharpstown; Aaron Karas, Spring; Clarence Cruz, Edinburg; Marcus Aranda, Laredo Cigarroa; Matt Mosier, Victoria Stroman; Joseph Henderson, Aldine Eisenhower.

Running Backs: Jason Holmes, Conroe; Jose Tello, Laredo United South; Sergio Barrero, Laredo Alexander; Abel Garcia, Brownsville River; Bo Mallette, Victoria; Roger Surita, Eagle Pass.

Kickers: Zack Sasser, Amarillo.

DEFENSE
Defensive Linemen: Ricky Cardoza, Mission; Brandon Goodlet, Conroe; Brandon Conyers, San Antonio MacArthur; Josh Crocker, Killeen Ellison; Mark Peters, Longview; Brad Price, Copperas Cove; Paul Carrillo, Westaco; Darrell Catlin, Westaco.

Linebackers: Aaron Tel, South Grand Prairie; Lebrandon Sheppard, Lufkin; Brock Stratton, San Antonio Roosevelt; Jaime Gloria, Laredo United South; Mike Neu, Midland; Taylor Casey, Odessa; Reufugio Lopez, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo North; Jason Cormier, Beaumont Central; Bryan Schneider, Austin Westlake; Scott Rutherford, Mesquite; Alfonso Lopez, Corpus Christi Moody; Alex Hall, Corpus Christi Carroll; Wendie Baly, Houston Yates; Alan Rodgers, Longview; Casey Clements, Amarillo.

Defensive Backs: Matt Lucas, Round Rock McNeil; Marvin Godbolt, San Antonio Taff; Cedric Griffin, San Antonio Holmes; Reggie Harrell, Arlington Lamar; Damien Chandler, San Antonio Madis, Laredo Cigarroa; Fred Gurode, Bay; Ronald Midyett, Corpus Christi Carroll; Paul Gilmore, Corpus Christi Moody; Gary Wright, Copperas Cove; Matt Tracy, Austin Westlake; Bobby Flores, San Antonio Highlands.

Punters: Lance Garner, Copperas Cove; Chad Kennedy, Amarillo; Taylor McGaughey, Deer Park.

SA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR
Cedric Benson, Midland Lee.

DEFENSE
LINEMEN
Eddie Brown, Aldine Eisenhower, 6-4, 282, Sr. — Leading tackler on defense that allowed 208.7 yards per game. Named to Texas Football Super Team. Had 35 tackles, 14 for losses, 2 sacks, 1 caused fumble and 2 fumble recoveries.

Marquis Turner, Bryan, 6-1, 215, Sr. — 109 tackles, 14 sacks, 4 caused fumbles, 1 blocked punt, 1 blocked field goal, 22 tackles for 129 yards in losses.

Benjamin Hunter, San Antonio Roosevelt, 6-1, 260, Sr. — 95 tackles, 53 solo, 18 for losses, 3 forced fumbles, 11 pressures.

Tommy Harris, Killeen Ellison, 6-3, 290, Jr. — 139 tackles, 21 for losses, 2 forced fumbles, 4 sacks.

LINEBACKERS
Joe Norman, Midland Lee, 6-1, 199, Sr. — Norman had 92 tackles, four for a loss, three sacks, 1 fumble recovery. Was best player for 10-0 team; Named District 4-5A Defensive MVP.

Mike Smith, Lubbock Coronado, 6-2, 225, Sr. — 182 tackles, 5 INTs. Had five games of 20+ tackles.

D.J. Lee, Nacogdoches, 6-1, 235, Sr. — 86 tackles, including 56 solos, 15 tackles for losses, one fumble recovery, 15 pass knockdowns, one blocked kick.

Considered one of the top linebackers in nation.

DEFENSIVE BACKS
Ben Emanuel, Friendswood Clear Brook, 6-3, 190, Sr. — 90 tackles, 6 behind the line, 4 fumble recoveries, 3 pass knockdowns, 4 interceptions, one blocked kick and one TD, 13 career interceptions.

Lawrence Richardson, Galveston Ball, 5-11, 170, Sr. — Named to Texas Football Super Team.

Eddie Vasquez, Mission, 5-11, 185, Jr. — 10 INTs, 12 deflections, 35 solo tackles, 15 assists.

Robby McDaniel, Katy, 5-9, 160, Sr. — Started every game since sophomore year. Second team all-stater in 1998.

PUNTER
Cody Scates, Tyler Lee, 6-0, 175, Sr. — 39 punts, 42.7 avg. long of 76 yards.

SA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR
Joe Norman, Midland Lee.

SECOND TEAM
OFFENSE
QB — James Cardenas, San Antonio

Hoimes, 6-4, 310, Sr.
OL — Zeke Brandon, Copperas Cove, 6-2, 230, Sr.
OL — Brian Welborn, Austin Westlake, 6-4, 215, Sr.

OL — Jason Matthews, Beaumont Central, 6-4 1/2, 340, Sr.
OL — Trey Bates, Sugar Land Elkins, 6-5, 275, Sr.

OT — Chamayne Johnson, Lubbock High, 5-11, 170, Sr.
END — Roy Williams, Odessa Permian, 6-5, 205, Sr.
QB — Matt Porras, Lubbock High, 5-8, 185, Sr.

RB — Arturo "Sneezy" Beltran, Abilene High, 6-0, 205, Sr.
RB — John-Austin Emmons, San Antonio Marshall, 6-1, 205, Sr.

RB — Derick Arnold, Houston Milby, 6-2, 220, Sr.
KICKER — Taylor McGaughey, Deer Park, 5-10, 170, Sr.

DEFENSE
DL — Jerad Cowan, Alief Hastings, 6-4, 285, Sr.
DL — Shane Sillivent, Amarillo, 5-10, 212, Sr.

DL — Jesse Sias, Dallas Kimball, 6-3, 307, Sr.
DL — John Square, Houston Yates, 6-6, 210, Sr.

LB — T.J. Hollowell, Copperas Cove, 6-2, 225, Sr.
LB — Bubba Salinas, Edinburg, 5-10, 190, Sr.

LB — Kevin Mott, McAllen Memorial, 6-0, 195, Sr.
DB — David Goodman, Katy Taylor, 6-0, 165, Sr.

DB — Anthony McCloud, South Grand Prairie, 5-11, 175, Sr.
DB — Nate Hite, Brownsville Rivera, 6-0, 190, Sr.

DB — Jonas Buckles, Houston Yates, 5-11, 185, Sr.
PUNTER — Gavin Boothe, South Grand Prairie, 6-2, 181, Sr.

HONORABLE MENTION
Offensive Linemen: Aaron Offutt, Arlington Martin; Bobby Meeks, Aldine Nimitz;

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	15	7	.682	—
New York	15	9	.625	1
Philadelphia	13	12	.520	3 1/2
Orlando	11	11	.500	4
Boston	10	12	.455	5
Washington	7	17	.292	9
New Jersey	6	17	.261	9 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	15	7	.682	—
Indiana	15	8	.652	1/2
Milwaukee	13	10	.565	2 1/2
Toronto	13	10	.565	2 1/2
Cleveland	11	11	.500	4
Detroit	11	12	.478	4 1/2
Atlanta	10	12	.455	5
Chicago	2	18	.100	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	18	7	.720	—
Utah	15	8	.652	2
Denver	11	11	.500	5 1/2
Minnesota	7	13	.350	8 1/2
Dallas	8	16	.333	9 1/2
Houston	7	17	.292	10 1/2
Vancouver	4	18	.182	12 1/2
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	20	5	.800	—
Portland	18	6	.750	1 1/2
Seattle	16	7	.696	3
Phoenix	15	7	.682	3 1/2
Sacramento	13	7	.650	4 1/2
L.A. Clippers	6	17	.261	13
Golden State	5	18	.217	14

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A visit from St. Nick

*T'was the night before Christmas,
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Not a creature was stirring, — not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with
care,*

*In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their
heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,*

*Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,
When out on the law there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.*

*With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by
name;*

*"Now, DASHER! now, DANCER! now,
PRANCER and Vixen!
On, COMET! on CUPID! on, DONDER and
BLITZEN!*

*To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away all!*

*As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the
sky,*

*So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof*

*The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a
bound.*

*He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his
foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and
soot;*

*A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.*

*His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples how
merry!*

*His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the
snow;*

*The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of
jelly.*

*He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;*

*A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his
work,*

*And filled all the stockings; then turned with a
jerk,*

*And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whis-
tle,*

*And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL
A GOOD-NIGHT."*

By Clement Clark Moore, 1779-1863



(Pampa News photo by Keith Anderson)
Santa Claus took the time last week from his busy schedule for the Downtown Merchants Association to visit with the children and grandchildren of *The Pampa News* employees. The children gathered round Santa to let him know what they would like to see under their Christmas trees when they arise on Christmas morning. The children are Jesse Downs, left, and Lauren Allen, right on the front row. Jazmyn Hair and Hayley Anderson are on the second row. Back row are Brian Estes, Johnathen Rowell, seated on Santa's lap; Santa Claus, J. C. Allen standing in front of Santa, and Kelsey Estes.

A
Child's
Christmas

Newsmakers

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society recently inducted 88 students into the society during a special ceremony. Membership is by invitation only and is limited to juniors and seniors who carry an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher and who rank in the top

10 percent of their class. The following students were among the inductees: Eric Cochran, senior applied arts and sciences major, Charles Dallas, senior engineering technology major, and Joshua Starnes, senior finance major, all of Pampa; and Jonathan Galley, junior history major of McLean.



Gary Locke

Gary Locke, EMFN, son of Teresa Locke of Pampa and Kelly Locke of Amarillo, recently graduated top of his class from Electrician's Mate "A" School, receiving Fireman E-3 status.

His next duty station will be at Ingleside, Texas.

Locke is the grandson of Alton and Phyllis Marshall of Matador and Bill and Wanda Locke of Stinnett.

GREAT LAKES, Ill. — Navy Seaman Recruit **Jammy S. Murray**, 1998 graduate of Miami ISD, Miami, Texas, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes.

During the eight-week program, recruits completed a variety of training including classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Marine Corporal **Keith E. Mason**, 1989 Pampa High School graduate and son of Linda R. McCain of Pampa, is scheduled to spend the holidays forward deployed to Okinawa, Japan, with 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, home-based at Camp Lejeune.

Units based in the U.S. travel to Okinawa for six-months to train as part of the Unit Deployment Program. From Okinawa, they can deploy to mainland Japan, Korea and many other Pacific countries.

Mason joined the Marine Corps in January 1995.



Ann Carmichael

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Ann Carmichael, daughter of Doug and Sara Carmichael of Pampa, was recently elected Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority representative to Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

A junior political science and business major, Carmichael formerly served as Kappa corresponding secretary and is currently serving as historian.

Courtney Lang, Pampa High School senior, was recently nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award scholarship program sponsored by National Association of Secondary School Principals. In the spring, 150 PLA winners will be chosen to receive college scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.

Nominees are selected based upon the following criteria: leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in arts and sciences, employment experience and academic record.

Participants must also submit an essay.

Lang's activities, honors and accomplishments include: National Honor Society, Concert Choir, Show Choir, cheerleader for three years, cheerleading senior captain, PHS musical choreographer for four years, National Dance Competitions in Florida and New York and Miss Dance of Texas Chapter 35. She also performed at Walt Disney World and has received several honors and scholarships relating to dance.

Her future plans include studying pre-med at Boston University.

"Lang has demonstrated exemplary achievement in her academic work and service to her school and community," Gerald N. Tirozzi, NASSP executive director, said of Lang. "She's a fine example of the outstanding caliber of young people in America's high schools."



Amy Diane Drinnon and Jeramie Lee Dill

Drinnon-Dill

Amy Diane Drinnon and Jeramie Lee Dill, both of Amarillo, were wed Dec. 18 in Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa with Paul Nachtigall, pastor of Highland Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. The maid of honor was Jamie Cherry of Childress. The bridesmaid was Caryn Lowrey, cousin of the bride of Pampa. The flower girl was Madilyn Shults, cousin of the bride of Pampa.

The best man was Jarod Dill, brother of the groom of Childress. The groomsmen were Jeff Furr of Childress.

The ushers were Jerrod Drinnon, brother of the bride of Sunray, and Eric Rodriguez, cousin of the groom of Childress. Registering the guests and serving as candlelighters were Robyn Lowrey and Bridget Drinnon, cousins of the bride of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service in the church with Samantha Gonzales and Jenica Love, both of Childress, and Sandy Cantu of Wellington, cousins of the groom, and Charla Shults, aunt of the bride of Pampa, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of David and Janice McCoy of Childress and Tylor and Becky Drinnon of Sunray. She graduated from Childress High School in 1996 and attended Texas Tech University and Clarendon College. She is currently enrolled at Amarillo College, pursuing a degree in pharmacy and nursing, and is employed at United Pharmacy in Amarillo.

The groom is the son of Billy and Yolanda Dill of Childress. He graduated from Childress High School in 1996 and attended South Plains College and Clarendon College. He is currently enrolled at Amarillo College, pursuing a degree in law, and is presently employed at United Supermarket in Amarillo.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico, and intend to make their home in Amarillo.



Mr. and Mrs. Kent Lane

Lane anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Lane will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 21, 1999.

Kent and Linda Lane were married in 1954 at Leeton, Mo., and have been Pampa residents for 20 years.

Children of the couple are Tiffany of Pampa, Talyia of Plainview and Tabitha of Clarendon.

Menus

Dec. 20-24

Pampa Schools
MONDAY-FRIDAY
Christmas holiday.

Lefors Schools
MONDAY-FRIDAY
Christmas holiday.

Senior Citizens
MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans, chocolate marble cake or cherry creme pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY
Chicken strips or hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, beans, orange strussel cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Baked turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, candied yams,

green beans, fruit salad or tossed salad, pumpkin squares or cherry cobbler, cranberry sauce, deviled eggs, stuffed celery, olives, pickles, green onions, coffee or tea, hot rolls.

(Carry-out orders accepted no later than early Wednesday morning.)
THURSDAY-FRIDAY
Christmas holiday.

Meals On Wheels
MONDAY
Hamburgers, tator tots, pineapple.

TUESDAY
Turkey and dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, fruit salad.

WEDNESDAY
Meatballs, sliced potatoes, Zucchini squash, peaches.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY
Christmas holiday.

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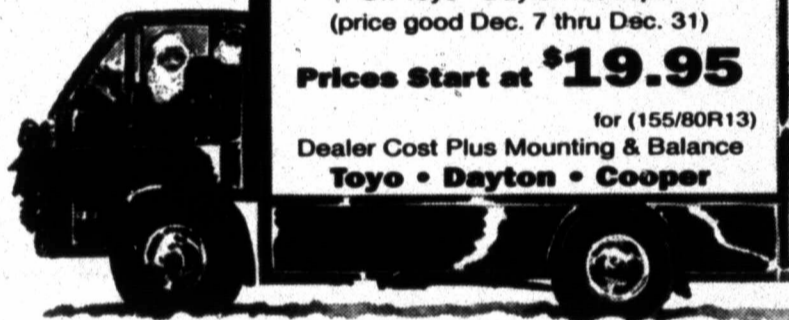
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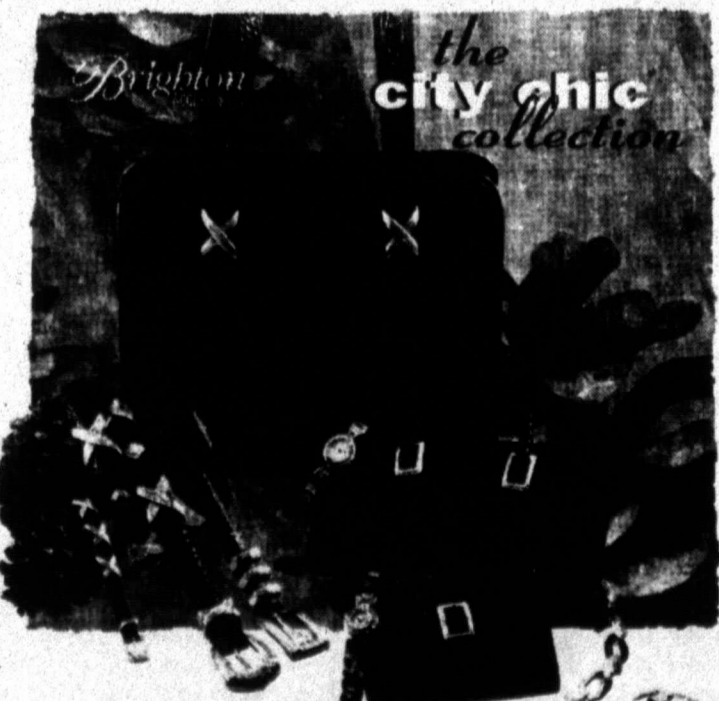
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Club news

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Heritage Art Club

Heritage Art Club met Dec. 6 for its Christmas party in the home of Marjie Holland with Holland and Theresa Maness serving as hostesses.

Twelve members were present. Secret Pal gifts and Christmas presents were exchanged.

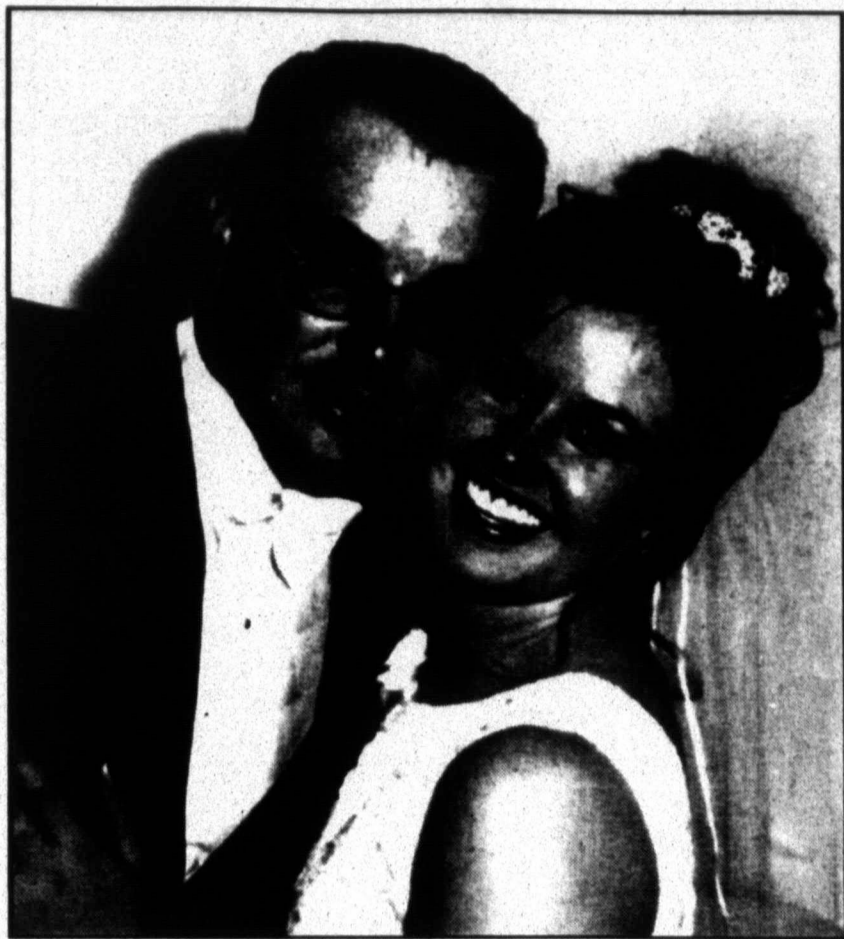
The door prize was won by Faye Nichols.

The next meeting will be Jan. 3.

Altrusa

Altrusa International, Inc. of Pampa met Dec. 14 at Pampa Country Club with President Kadda Schale presiding. Mary

(See CLUB, Page 20)



Jami Lea Jones and Matthew Garren Clark

Jones-Clark

Jami Lea Jones of Georgetown and Matthew Garren Clark of Austin were married Sept. 4 in Hankamer-Fleming Chapel at Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock with the Rev. James Garland, Northside Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn., officiating.

The maid of honor was Codye Poarch of Canyon. The bridesmaids were Lesley Clark, sister of the groom of Pampa, Erica Clark of Weatherford, Okla., Kelly Jones of Lewisville and Sandra Puska of Lubbock.

The best man was Adam Clark, brother of the groom of Weatherford. The groomsmen were Darin Wyatt of Houston, Jason Dyer of Pampa, Brandon Brashers of Amarillo and Jason Jones, brother of the bride of Lewisville.

The ushers and candlelighters were Gerald Donahue of Austin and Barry Lynch of Amarillo.

Registering the guests was Cari Carone of Round Rock.

Music was provided by harpist Melissa Calusio of Austin and on the bagpipes Wes McCoy of Liberty Hill.

A reception was held following the service at The Page House in Georgetown with Rebecca Guthrie, Jackie Nichols and Jacque Liendo, all of Georgetown, and Nikki Gray of Austin serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Roger and Jan Jones of Georgetown. She is a 1996 graduate of Georgetown High School and attended Austin Community College. She is currently a dental assistant employed by Chisholm Trail Dental Health Associates.

The groom is the son of Johnnie and Jan Clark of Pampa. He is a 1993 Pampa High School graduate and attended West Texas A&M University. He plans to continue his education at St. Edwards University in Austin. He is currently employed as an environmental safety inspector for Austin Industries.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Mexico and intend to make their home in Austin.



Stacie Brownlow and Scott Boyer

Brownlow-Boyer

Stacie Brownlow and Scott Boyer, both of Sherman, plan to wed Feb. 5 at Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Janice Brownlow and Dave Nicholson of White Deer and Ronny and Kay Brownlow of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Luther Rodgers and Juanita Brownlow, both of Amarillo. She graduated from White Deer High School and from Texas Tech University and is currently enrolled at Grayson County College. She is presently employed as a benefit analyst at Cigna Healthcare.

The prospective groom is the son of Gene and Carole Boyer of Lake Tanglewood and is the grandson of Dee and Charlie Lemaster of Lake Tanglewood. He graduated from Allen High School, Stephen F. Austin University and West Texas A&M University. He is presently employed as retail sales manager at Dayton Tire Sales.



Kelly Moss and Tony Fields

Moss-Fields

Kelly Moss of Dallas and Tony Fields were wed Nov. 13 in First Assembly of God Church of Pampa with the Rev. Mike Moss, father of the bride and pastor of the church, officiating assisted by the Rev. Paul Hutsell, grandfather of the bride of Ruidoso, N.M.

The maid of honor was Melodie Moss, sister of the bride of Duncan, Okla. The bridesmaid was Lisa Collins, cousin of the bride of Phoenix, Ariz. The flower girl was Monica McCasland, cousin of the bride of Duncan.

The best man was Sam Fields, father of the groom of Pampa. The groomsmen were David Pellham, cousin of the groom of Dallas. The ring bearer was Cameron McCasland, cousin of the bride of Duncan.

The ushers were Tom McCasland, uncle of the bride, and Michael Hunter, cousin of the bride, both of Duncan.

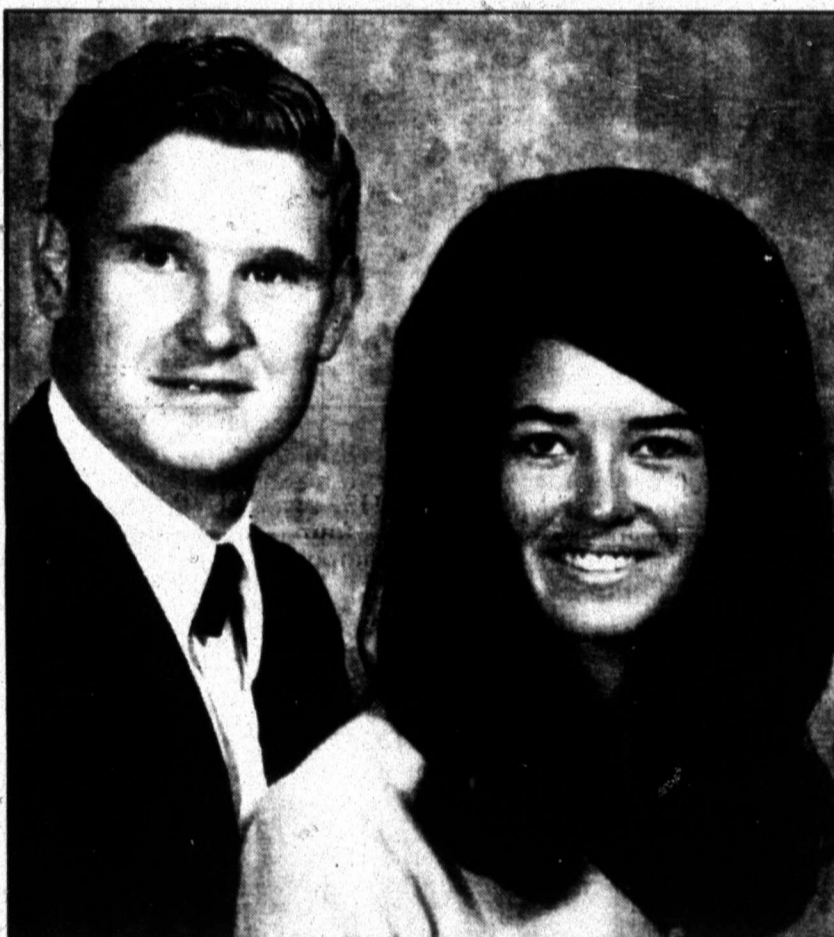
Registering the guests was Lisa Pellham, cousin of the groom. Music was provided by parents of the bride singing "The Lord's Prayer" and by the bride singing "From This Moment."

A reception was held following the service at Pampa Country Club with Diane Collins, aunt of the bride, and Linda Monk, both of Roswell, N.M., Kristy Teague, cousin of the groom of Borger, and Donna Carnagey, Sherri Murray and Ann Winegeart, all of Pampa, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of the Rev. Mike and Beverly Moss of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Paul and Dreta Hutsell of Ruidoso. She attended Goddard High School at Roswell and graduated from Duncan High School at Duncan in the spring of 1995. She received a diploma at American Airlines Academy in Dallas and was previously employed as a travel consultant at Oxy Chemical in Dallas. She is currently employed as a travel consultant at AIM Management Group, Inc., of Houston.

The groom is the son of Sam and Jeanne Fields of Pampa and is the grandson of Bill and Ethel Teague of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in the spring of 1992 and from West Texas A&M University in Canyon in May 1996, receiving a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting. He is currently employed at Equistar Chemicals, L.P., in Houston where he is a member of the manufacturing accounting and analysis group.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Hawaii and intend to make their home in Houston.



Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wood

Wood anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wood will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary Dec. 20, 1999.

Gary Wood, formerly of Shamrock, and Judy Kingston, formerly of McLean, were married Dec. 20, 1969, in First Baptist Church of McLean. Mr. Woods has worked as a lab technician at Williams Field Services (formerly MAPCO) for 29 years.

Mrs. Woods has worked as an administrative technician with Texas Railroad Commission for 6 1/2 years. She previously worked at First National Bank in Pampa as an executive secretary for 13 years and at Worley Hospital for two years.

Children of the couple are Brandon and Cali Wood of Austin and Jason and Candy Wood of Pampa. They have one grandchild.

Lifestyles Policies

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is sub-

mitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Information that appears on engagement, wedding and anniversary forms will be used at the discretion of the editor. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

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Date: Saturday, December 25th
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Place: The Fellowship Hall of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ
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—Receiving birthday greetings were Tidwell, Judy Warner, Mattie Norton, Karen Bridges, Stobbe and Schale.

—Information slips were mailed by area banks for Box Tops for Education Project.

—Members wrapped gifts at the Salvation Army office recently for Christmas Angels.

—A new member initiation ceremony was conducted by Shelton for Gaye Honderich.

The next meeting will be at 12

noon Jan. 11 at Pampa Country Club.

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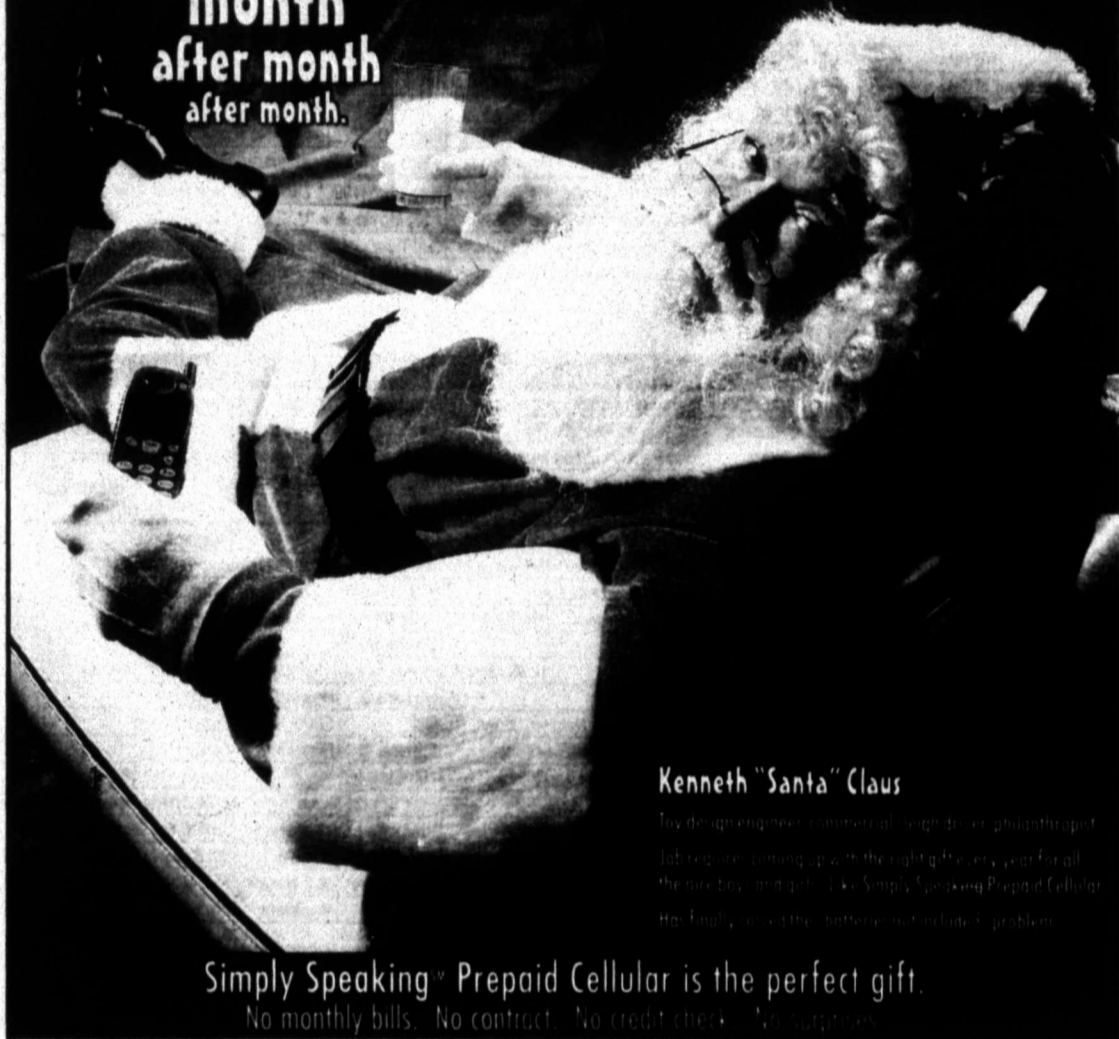
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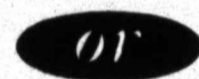
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Billboard music charts

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

Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

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

1. "Smooth," Santana (feat. Rob Thomas). Arista. (Platinum)
2. "Back At One," Brian McKnight. Motown.
3. "I Wanna Love You Forever," Jessica Simpson. Columbia. (Gold)
4. "I Knew I Loved You," Savage Garden. Columbia.
5. "My Love Is Your Love," Whitney Houston. Arista. (Platinum)
6. "I Need To Know," Marc Anthony. Columbia. (Gold)
7. "Hot Boyz," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliot (feat. NAS, Eve & Q-Tip). The Gold Mind. (Gold)
8. "U Know What's Up," Donell Jones. LaFace. (Gold)
9. "Bring It All To Me," Blaque. Track Masters.
10. "24/7," Kevon Edmonds. RCA.

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Hot Adult Contemporary

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

1. "I Knew I Loved You," Savage Garden. Columbia.
2. "That's The Way It Is," Celine Dion. 550 Music.
3. "I Want It That Way," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
4. "Music Of My Heart," 'N Sync & Gloria Estefan. Miramax.
5. "She's All I Ever Had," Ricky Martin. C2. (Gold)
6. "Amazed," Lonestar. BNA.
7. "I Could Not Ask For More," Edwin McCain. Lava.
8. "I Do (Cherish You)," 98 Degrees. Universal.
9. "You'll Be In My Heart," Phil Collins. Walt Disney.

10. "Strangers Like Me," Phil Collins. Walt Disney.

Mainstream Rock Tracks

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

1. "Higher," Creed. Wind-up.
2. "No Leaf Clover," Metallica. Elektra.
3. "Learn To Fly," Foo Fighters. Roswell.
4. "The Chemicals Between Us," Bush. Trauma.
5. "Take A Picture," Filter. Reprise.
6. "The Dolphin's Cry," Live. Radioactive.
7. "In 2 Deep," Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band. Giant.
8. "Re-arranged," Limp Bizkit. Flip.
9. "Put Your Lights On," Santana (feat. Everlast). Arista.
10. "Falling Away From Me," Korn. Immortal.

Modern Rock Tracks

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

1. "All The Small Things," Blink 182. MCA.
2. "Re-Arranged," Limp Bizkit. Flip.
3. "The Chemicals Between Us," Bush. Trauma.
4. "Higher," Creed. Wind-up.
5. "Learn To Fly," Foo Fighters. Roswell.
6. "Take A Picture," Filter. Reprise.
7. "Guerrilla Radio," Rage Against The Machine. Epic.
8. "Falling Away From Me," Korn. Immortal.
9. "Around The World," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
10. "The Dolphin's Cry," Live. Radioactive.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
2. "He Didn't Have To Be," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
3. "When I Said I Do," Clint Black. RCA.
4. "What Do You Say," Reba. MCA Nashville.
5. "Cowboy Take Me Away," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
6. "Pop A Top," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
7. "My Best Friend," Tim McGraw. Curb.
8. "All Things Considered," Yankee Grey. Monument.
9. "Big Deal," LeAnn Rimes. Curb.
10. "Home To You," John Michael Montgomery. Atlantic.

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It's a good day for parents to discover 'Donna's Day'

By FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Word about "Donna's Day" is traveling. Even on planes.

"When I fly," says Donna Erickson, "sometimes the pilot will announce that I'm on the flight: 'You parents need an idea? And I'll go up and down the aisle with barf bags and turn them into puppets.'"

Erickson grins as she offers a postscript: "You can make great antennas with the swizzle sticks."

For parents and other adults with children in their lives, "Donna's Day" is one of the happiest things to come along since — well, the kids themselves. That's because Erickson can help you make life with your children even more rewarding.

The original 26 "Donna's Day" half-hours were produced for public television and are still seen on some PBS stations.

This year Erickson joined cable's Odyssey Network, whose family-oriented programming reaches nearly 30 million subscribers. Odyssey airs "Donna's Day" Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m. EST. And a special holiday edition will be televised today at 6 p.m., with additional airings next Friday at 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

What does Donna cover on this special show? Things like how to make 24-hour pickles for gifts. How kids can stamp their own designs on paper napkins for the holiday table. How you can put fresh cranberries in a vase of water, then add a floating candle, for an elegant centerpiece.

"Oh, great!" you might be thinking. "The last thing I need is more reminders of all the things I'm not doing with my kids, and more pressure to do things I don't have time for, anyway."

For viewers who don't yet know Donna Erickson, it's

important not to mistake her for a kid-stuff Martha Stewart (whom she passingly resembles).

"It's a misnomer to call our show a crafts show," Erickson says in an interview during a recent Manhattan visit. "We put decorating, gardening, cooking in a larger context: Those activities are only a window dressing for the deeper thing."

That "deeper thing" is what makes "Donna's Day" essential viewing; what makes her books, syndicated newspaper column and Parents magazine page valuable resources; and what makes her promising new Web site (www.donnasday.com) a great place to explore.

The "deeper thing" is all about this: sharing what you love with a child, and looking for ways to integrate that child into your everyday routine, which, even for the most time-strapped parent, opens whole new avenues for togetherness.

More than anything, Erickson says, "It's about building confidence in an adult that they have something unique that only they can give to a child."

"That's what your kids want to share your values, to know what you're thinking, to get your opinions on things. They want to get these things not from outside sources, but from the people who care about them the most."

Relationship-building. Memory-building. And on a budget!

Erickson, a former Minneapolis classroom teacher and the mother of three teenagers, builds into each breezy half-hour lots of good-sense ideas under powerful, overarching themes: Good Things Can Come of Distraction; Good Laughs Bring Families Together; Messes Can Be Fun.

She radiates the knack of, yes, Martha Stewart. But she also brings to "Donna's Day" the wit of Erma Bombeck, the heart of

Mr. Rogers, and a don't-sweat-it temperament befitting the Dalai Lama.

An unruffled realist, Erickson tapes her Orlando, Fla.-based show in what resembles a real home where real people are living busy, hectic lives. Sound familiar?

"We want order in the home, but it's chaos," she reflects. "We want perfection, but it's imperfect. I'm trying to say in this program that's what life really is."

No guilt-tripping here. Donna understands.

"I'm the first to say if you're overstressed, you don't have to make your Christmas cookies fresh," she explains. "Buy store-bought cookies! But then decorate them with your kids. Adding your creative touch is where the fulfillment comes from."

And the connection. "When you engage in activities together, you're shoulder-to-shoulder with your kids, rather than eye-to-eye, which is how things are when your kids come in the door: You say, 'How was school?' They say, 'Fine.' You say, 'What'd you do?' They say, 'Nothing.'"

Erickson recalls when one of her sons returned from camp, complete with weeks of dirty laundry. She asked, "What'd you do?" "Nothing," was his reply. But when she invited him to help her sort his clothes to be washed, he eagerly broke his vow of silence.

"He said, 'Oh, these socks are all messed up, Mom, because we had a midnight football game!' With each piece of clothing came another story."

Dirty socks! Barf bag puppets! But as Donna never tires of saying, little things yield big (and happy) results.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Frazier Moore can be reached at fmoores@ap.org



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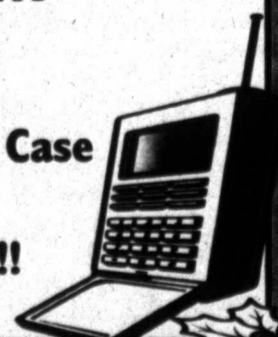
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Descendants work to keep alive any memory of 'the Mississippi's Titanic'

By WOODY BAIRD
Associated Press Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — They had survived some of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War and the horrors of the South's most brutal prison camps. Finally, they were going home.

Packed aboard the steamboat Sultana, more than 2,000 Union soldiers were on their last journey of the war. Spirits were high. "At last all dangers and hardships were over ... and song and laughter would take the place of groans and tears of agony," Pvt. James Collins of the 3rd Tennessee Cavalry wrote in his memoirs.

But the agony wasn't over. Most of those soldiers got no closer to home than seven miles up the Mississippi River from Memphis. There, the Sultana blew its boilers, scalding to death hundreds and throwing the rest into the Mississippi. Up to 1,800 people were killed.

It was — and still is — the worst maritime disaster in U.S. history, killing more people than died on the Titanic, but it was overshadowed at the time by the recent assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, which domi-

nated the nation's headlines.

The timing relegated the Sultana to a footnote in American history, but descendants of the victims are working to ensure the disaster isn't forgotten.

"Most people will say I never heard of that before," said Pam Newhouse, a member of the Sultana Association of Descendants and Friends.

"In some ways it's an easy subject to talk about because no one knows anything. It would be different if I was talking about Pickett's charge at Gettysburg," she said from her home in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Newhouse's great-great grandfather, Pvt. Adam Schneider of the 183rd Ohio Infantry, died aboard the Sultana.

"Like so many families, we don't know the particulars of how he died," she said. "He got on and he did not come home."

The association helps authors with research and presents talks on the Sultana to civic groups and at Civil War roundtables.

The group also helped researchers with a 1998 documentary for the History Channel called "Sultana: The Mississippi's Titanic."

The Sultana exploded on April

27, 1865, just 13 days after Lincoln's assassination and 18 days after Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender. John Wilkes Booth, Lincoln's assassin, was found and killed the day before the Sultana went up in flames.

Jerry Potter, a Memphis lawyer and author of the book "The Sultana Tragedy," said many newspapers of the day played down the disaster because the public, after four years of war, was tired of hearing about death and destruction.

The Army was happy to keep the incident on the back pages.

The Sultana was designed to carry 376 passengers but was grossly overloaded. The 260-foot side-wheeler had only two life boats and 76 life preservers.

Potter said the Sultana's captain, J. Cass Mason, may have bribed Union officers so he could carry as many soldiers as possible. The Army was paying \$5-a-head for each soldier shipped home by steamboat.

Most of the soldiers, some still sick and hobbled by combat wounds, had recently been released from Southern prison camps. They were gathered at Vicksburg, Miss., to be shipped

home. Many were veterans of Gettysburg, Missionary Ridge, Chickamauga and other major battles.

Using Army records on troop train shipments to Vicksburg and passenger figures for other steamboats, Potter puts the number of soldiers and civilians aboard the Sultana at more than 2,400.

"Some of the men couldn't even find a place to lie down," Potter said.

In his memoirs, Pvt. Collins said most of the soldiers were asleep when the boilers exploded at about 3 a.m., bringing the upper decks of the Sultana down upon them and setting the boat ablaze.

"Men lay everywhere scalded to death by the hot, hissing steam ... and everywhere on the ill-fated boat death was visible in countless horrible and shocking forms," he wrote.

The exact number of dead never was determined.

Shelby Foote, a noted Civil War historian and author from Memphis, estimates 1,585 to 1,800 were killed. Gene Salecker, author of another book on the Sultana, "Disaster on the

Mississippi," estimates the number at more than 1,700.

About 600 soldiers survived. The death count for the Titanic, which went down in the North Atlantic in 1912, was 1,517.

The Army appointed a commission to investigate the disaster. One officer, Capt. Frederic Speed, was court-martialed on neglect of duty charges. But ultimately, no Army officers were punished.

Capt. Mason died aboard the Sultana.

The survivors formed the Sultana Association in 1885, holding their first meeting in Fostoria, Ohio. They petitioned Congress for a Sultana monument but, as one survivor wrote in his memoirs, the request was met with "cold indifference."

East Tennessee survivors also formed a group and put up the first Sultana monument at Mount Olive Cemetery in Knoxville in 1916. Similar monuments, erected by states or private groups now are in Memphis, Cincinnati and Muncie, Ind.

A civic group in Marion, Ark., plans to erect a monument next year near where the remains of the Sultana are believed buried under a soybean field, across the

river from Memphis.

The last survivors' meeting in Knoxville was held on April 27, 1930, with only 84-year-old Pleasant Keeble, a former private of Company H, 3rd Tennessee Cavalry, in attendance. That day's issue of the Knoxville Journal said: "He will call a business session, answer the roll, close the meeting and return to his home." Keeble died the following year.

The last Sultana survivor was believed to be Charles M. Eldridge, also of the 3rd Tennessee Cavalry, who died in 1941.

The Sultana Association of Descendants and Friends was formed in 1987 when Knoxville lawyer Norman Shaw, a Civil War buff, took out a newspaper ad inviting anyone who was interested to meet at the Sultana monument.

About 50 people showed up. Now the association has 220 subscribers to its newsletter and draws up to 150 participants at its annual meetings. The group maintains a Web site (www.sultana.org).

"The men who survived made a vow to meet until the last one died," Shaw said.

Quieter aircraft engines required as of January 1

By GLEN JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's a kind of hush all over the skies.

U.S. commercial jets have been getting quieter, and come New Year's Day, all of them have to meet a new federal noise standard.

In general, an airplane meeting the new benchmark — known as Stage 3 — will be up to 12 percent quieter than airplanes that complied with the expiring Stage 2 noise standard.

Because of the way noise accumulates over time, five airplanes meeting the new standard can operate at an airport in an hour without making the noise allowed one plane under the old standard.

People familiar with the issue say jetliners won't become truly quiet until airlines replace older planes with new models using modern engines.

Some airlines have merely fitted their aging jets with "hush kits" to muffle their existing engines and bring them in under the new Stage 3 limit.

US Airways is taking a different route, replacing old Boeing 727s and McDonnell Douglas DC-9s with new Airbus A320s on its East Coast shuttle routes. It says the new planes spread their noise over an area 10 times smaller than their old planes at the airports in Boston and Washington.

Around LaGuardia Airport in New York, the noise "footprint" is 17 times smaller. In total, US Airways expects to replace its fleet with up to 400 new planes. Other carriers are stocking up on Boeing models with similarly quiet engines.

"You can certainly hear the difference," said Rep. Joe Crowley, D-N.Y., who represents some of those living around LaGuardia.

Using hush kits meets "the letter of the law in compliance,

but it's not in the spirit of the law, which is to have these airplanes become more quiet," the congressman said.

Toward that end, the International Civil Aviation Organization, a Montreal-based group with roots in the United Nations, has begun work on a Stage 4 standard that would apply to all airliners worldwide early in the 21st century.

It is expected to take at least two years to write the new benchmarks, and then a decade or more to phase in the resulting standard.

Crowley and Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., who represents the Brooklyn borough of New York City, also pressed through Congress \$30 million in funding this year so NASA can research quieter airplane engines.

"As we enter the year 2000, I remain committed to working with all aspects of the aviation community to reduce the environmental impact that aviation places on our communities," said Jane Garvey, head of the Federal Aviation Administration, which is enforcing the new Stage 3 standard.

Jet engines make noise in two ways: Some noise radiates out of the intake, where a rotating fan sucks in air, while the bulk of the noise comes out of the exhaust, where high-velocity gases are propelled into the atmospheric air.

The exhaust roar is most noticeable on takeoff; the whine of the intake more detectable upon landing.

In 1990, Congress voted to require the phased elimination of the noisiest engines by the end of this year. Airlines could comply by buying new planes or installing the muffling hush kits on existing aircraft.

The difference between Stage 2 and Stage 3 can be seen by comparing older and newer versions of the Boeing 737, the most common jetliner in the sky.

Publisher to destroy textbooks referring to gunfire in schools

HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP) — The education publisher Princeton Review will destroy copies of a textbook containing a tongue-in-cheek suggestion that students fire a gun at other students or administrators, but not at teachers.

The passage in the "Word Smart II" standardized-test study guide is designed to teach proper usage of the vocabulary word "cardinal." The study guide, like others from Princeton Review, is written in an irreverent tone meant to entertain students.

One section reads: "The cardinal rule at our school is simple. No shooting at teachers. If you have to shoot a gun, shoot it at a student or an administrator."

The New York-based publisher was unsure how many copies containing the passage had been distributed. Both editions of "Word Smart" have sold more than 225,000 books since 1988.

"We think it's absolutely terrible, and we're going to change it," Princeton Review vice president Evan Schnittman told The Record of Hackensack for today's editions.

"Mea culpa," he said. "I'm going to lose a lot of money by destroying all these books."

The distributor, Random House, will consider recalling books that are already on store shelves and promises to re-edit all Princeton Review vocabulary books thoroughly, said Random

House vice president Lisa Alpert.

The study guide usually is purchased in stores, but schools sometimes assign it. The newspaper learned of the gun reference from the parents of eighth-graders at the private Collegiate School in Passaic.

"The whole book smacks of immorality," said Angela Gibson, headmistress at the school. She said the teacher who assigned it had not read it thoroughly.

Ralph Briggs, a Collegiate School parent, was helping his 12-year-old son, Sean, study vocabulary this week when he found the passage. He complained to the school after finding other references to gun violence, poisons and children

drinking alcohol.

"Here I am trying to make sure he's not thinking about these bad things, and he's reading them out of a book," Briggs said.

One of the authors, Adam Robinson, who did not write the "cardinal" paragraph, said it was obvious that the passage was not meant to endorse shooting.

"If you watch 'South Park,' or pretty much any comedian long enough, you'll find a joke that somebody was saying to be flip that in another context is heinous," he said.

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Brick attack victim goes to Texas to recover during Christmas holidays

By BETH GARDINER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman who was bashed in the head with a brick on a city street last month left the hospital Friday to spend the holidays with her family in Texas and continue her recovery with their help.

Nicole Barrett, 27, has undergone brain surgery twice since the Nov. 16 attack. She suffers debilitating headaches and has problems with her speech and decision-making, said her mother, Sharon Barrett.

Still, Nicole's recovery "has been pretty phenomenal," Mrs. Barrett said. "Everybody's amazed. Even her doctors never expected it."

Mrs. Barrett was on the way to her job at a temp agency when she was struck from behind with a 6-pound paving stone in the middle of the day near busy Grand Central Terminal.

A panhandler, Paris Drake, 34, was arrested and charged Dec. 1 with attempted murder.

Authorities said he hit the woman after becoming upset over how little money he had gotten that day.

"She seems to comprehend it, but she's not dealing with it too much on an emotional basis right now," Mrs. Barrett said. "She doesn't want to have to deal with it because she's working so hard with her recovery."

She will undergo rehabilitation while living with her parents in Athens, Texas, and hopes to move back to New York as soon as she is well, Mrs. Barrett said.

"We'll keep her as long as we can, but I don't think that will be very long," Mrs. Barrett said before leaving Bellevue Hospital Center with her daughter.

Authorities at first thought whoever attacked Ms. Barrett might be homeless, and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani announced a crackdown on those living on the street. Police began asking the homeless to accept help, move along or face arrest.

But law enforcement sources

have said that Drake was living with his girlfriend and friends — not on the street.

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Manufacturer will not move 200 jobs to Texas

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Plans to transfer employees and shut down the 400,000-square-foot building have been halted. The company produces flight simulation equipment for the military. A brief notice was posted Wednesday at all Raytheon sites. The decision was welcomed by employees, but still leaves them wondering what's next. When the closing was announced in September, the community faced losing 225 high-paying positions following a

decade-long slide in manufacturing jobs. Despite the announcement, the facility has already laid off several employees. It's unclear if they will be called back. Other workers who rejected transfer offers were lured away by competitors.

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The company had already sponsored employee relocation visits to Arlington in October to ease the transition for those considering a move. The company would not say how many employees remain at the site. In September, there were 300 workers. Though not the original site of the company founded by Edwin Link 70 years ago, the Kirkwood plant has long been home to a business that was known around the world for its groundbreaking work in aircraft simulation. For decades, the flight simulation industry and

Binghamton had been joined because of Link Flight Simulation's long and rich history in a field pioneered by its founder. The plant employed 3,200 people at its height in the mid-'80s. Four years ago, Hughes Training, the former owner of the Link Flight Simulation plant in Kirkwood also attempted to move most operations to Arlington. But employees jumped to other companies and the military balked at moving some top-secret projects, such as the F-117 simulator.

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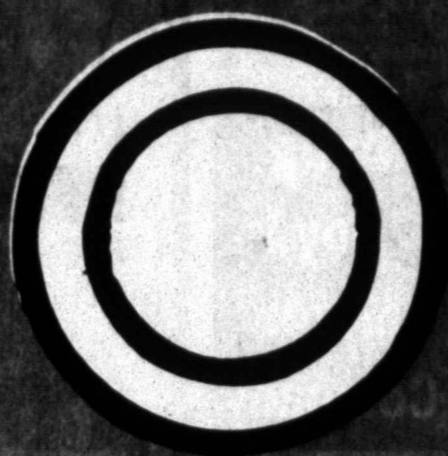
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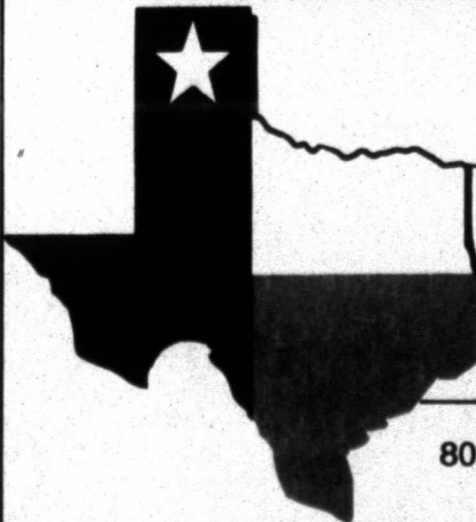
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