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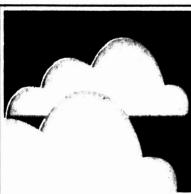
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High today, 28 degrees. Low tonight, 15 degrees. For weather details, see Page 2.

AUSTIN -- The winning numbers of Saturday night's Lotto Texas drawing from a field of 50 were: 4, 12, 32, 36,

Estimated jackpot: \$7 million.

Number matching six of six: 1.

Winning ticket sold in: Denton.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot: \$4 mil-

DALLAS (AP) — Faulty holiday lights are blamed for a house fire that killed Dallas couple on Saturday.

Flames struck the onestory, wood-frame house in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas about 4:45 a.m. Saturday, said fire spokeswoman Annette Ponce.

Leonardo Aguinaga and his wife, Paula Aguinaga, both 69, died in the blaze. Three others in the house managed to escape.

Leonardo Aguinaga Jr., 10, was taken to Children's Medical Center of Dallas for treatment of smoke inhalation and minor burns.

Investigators blamed faulty wiring of Christmas lights near a religious shrine in the house for the fire, Ms. Ponce said. Several lights were plugged into one outlet, she

The house had no smoke detectors, Ms. Ponce said.

- George Bishop, 73, retired crane operator. • Larry Orville Heiskell, 58,
- lifelong Pampa resident.Carroll F. Carr, 74,
- Canadian native. • Marjorie Marie Back Turnage, 86, lifelong McLean resident.

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Pampa skies to light up on New Year's Eve

Pampa's New Year's Eve will feature a midnight fireworks show near the lake at Recreation Park, the site used for the city's regular Fourth of July fireworks areas will be roped or barricaded show, city officials said this

Community Services Director Bill Hildebrandt said there will be differences between the New Year's Eve show and the July 4 show, primarily parking locations and the length of the show.

With the large amount of light- stay in their vehicles rather than including Celebration of Lights, ed and non-lighted seasonal displays on display at the park for the Celebration of Lights, several off to prevent trucks and cars from being damaged by the cables and ground stakes securing those displays.

There should still be plenty of parking in other areas of the park, and we're anticipating that most of the spectators will opt to

fight the cold weather," Hildebrandt said.

Due to the time the show starts as well as expected winter temperatures, the show will follow a faster sequence than the July 4 shows and there will be more effects detonated nearly simultaneously.

The cost of the \$6,000 show is being underwritten by several organizations and individuals

Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee, Warren Chisum, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Top O' Texas Rodeo Association, Pampa Board of Realtors, Jeff Catron and Operations Management, Inc., the city's contractor for water/wastewater treatment.

Hildebrandt said donations are still being accepted for the show and those interested in assisting may send checks Recreation Park property.

payable to "City of Pampa Millennium Fireworks" account at P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, TX 79066-2499.

City Fire Marshall Gary Stevens commented that, as in the case of the July 4 fireworks shows, the detonation of personal fireworks, including sparklers, Roman candles, bottle rockets and fire crackers, is prohibited within the city limits including



Brad Elliott, Linda Whatley and Loel Box are local volunteers who are helping prepare sacks of food to keep local residents from being hungry during this holiday season.

Pampa volunteers battle holiday hunger woes

will be made from this year's

budget. The new budget year

McLean Feedyard was high

bidder on both 1977 dump

trucks being sold by Precinct 4.

Vehicle number one's selling

price was \$2,780 while vehicle

number two was sold for a bid of

One other bid was received on

vehicle number one. It was from

L. C. Vernon in the amount of

\$1,500; and Billy Jo Skipper,

Approval was granted to

Sheriff Don Copeland to pur-

begins in January, 2000.

\$1,250.

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

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Gray County Commissioners

this month appointed Dale

Greenhouse and Dave Wavra as

new members on the county air-

port advisory board for the

Retiring from the county board are Denver Tucker and Jim

At their Dec. 15, meeting, the

commissioners approved the

purchase of two new dump

Bruckner's Mack Truck of

Amarillo was the only bidder for

the purchase of two dump trucks

to Gray County for Precinct 4.

Commission members accepted

the total bid of \$71,500, with each

truck costing \$35,750.

Managing Editor

upcoming year.

trucks.

Hunger is not only a problem in foreign countries or even in other areas of the United States. Lack of food is also present in Pampa

Some local residents are out of work while others are part of the working poor, who are usually working for minimum wage and do not make a high enough salary to pay rent and util-

ities and still be to buy enough food to eat.

Two agencies in Pampa help the hungry throughout the year. During the holiday season a special attempt is made to help the local residents.

Both the Harvest House and Good Samaritan Christian Services regard this service to local residents as a missionary project to keep the local residents from being hungry.

John Norris, executive director of Good Samaritan Christian Services, said each month

the demand for food by local residents is larger than the previous month.

Pampa is no different than other cities across the nation. Even though national statistics state there is a booming conomy and low unemployment, the demand for emergency food and shelter grew again this year, according to a U.S. Conference of Mayors survey of 26 cities.

According to this survey, the demand for emergency food assistance grew at its steepest pace since 1992.

Reports from U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said that despite the rise in food requests, only about one-third of Americans eligible for food stamps aren't getting them.

Welfare reform is blamed by some as a reason for the upward turn in people seeking help to

Tami Cervantes of the Department of Human Services in Amarillo said she isn't sure she (See FOOD BANK, Page 2)

ing budget year.

than a car.

Payment for the two vehicles chase three new vehicles for his

Inmates flee cells at South Texas prison

BEEVILLE (AP) — Dozens of now under lock down and we inmates escaped from their cells today at a South Texas state prison, where authorities say at least two correctional officers were injured less than a week after a guard was stabbed to death.

More than 80 prisoners at the McConnell Unit "manipulated their cell doors and gotten out," said Glen Castlebury of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

"We have regained control of the prison area where there were 80 cells," he said.

Larry Todd, a spokesperson for the Texas Department of Corrections, said the maximum security inmates escaped from their cells around 3 a.m.

He said all 83 inmates in the prison area, called a pod, were involved in the disturbance.

about 5 a.m. with tear gas and batons. Within 30 minutes, correctional officers had escaped from the disturbance, he said.

One officer was taken to a local hospital with cuts on his hands. Another was being treated for minor injuries at the prison infir-

"By 7 a.m. we were advised we had total control of the cell

are assessing the cause and amount of damage."

Todd said the unit has been "tense" since Friday night's stabbing death of a correctional offi-

In the first deadly attack on a Texas correctional officer in 17 years, Daniel Nagle was found lying in a pool of blood Friday in a hallway of the unit. Witnesses reported hearing what sounded like a struggle before Nagle, 37, was stabbed multiple times with a thin metal rod.

Prison officials believe the attack was planned and that Nagle was specifically targeted by inmates.

A lockdown was in effect over the weekend at the prison.

Castlebury said damage from the latest disturbance at the Prison riot teams moved in prison area was minimal. But he said prison officials were trying to determine how all the ers' cell doors opened at once.

"When the inmates came out of their cells, three officers were blocked from getting out of the area," he said. "It was not a true hostage situation. But the officers managed to extricate them-

Beeville is about 90 miles block, "Todd said. "The unit is southeast of San Antonio.

PEDC to discuss legal and personnel matters

The Pampa Economic by Brown Graham and Company, Development Corporation, Inc., approve revisions to the Pampa is expected to spend much of its time today behind closed doors discussing legal and personnel problems.

The PEDC was expected to go hearing to appeal his firing earliinto executive session during its er this year. His lawyers indicatmeeting this afternoon to discuss ed might sue the corporation legal matters, personnel matters and economic development matters.

During their regularly scheduled meeting at 4 p.m. today at their offices at 105 E. Foster, Suite 200, the PEDC was also expected to consider the 1998/1999 audit for personal expenses.

Revolving Loan Fund and to consider prospect requests. Former PEDC Executive

Director Bill Ready asked for a under state whistleblower laws.

Ready claims he was fired because he brought to light conflicts of interest by several board members.

Board members said Ready was fired for using PEDC money

Santa makes early County Commission approves two new run in New England dump trucks and vehicles for Sheriff's office

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — When Santa Claus made an early circuit of toy-dropping stops off the Northeast coast this weekend, it wasn't Rudolph's nose so bright that guided him. Following a 70-year tradition, a volunteer Santa flew via helicopter to 10 Maine lighthouses with Christmas presents for the

children of Coast Guard members. George Morgan of Hull, Mass., a white-haired, grandfatherly 66-year-old retired nursing-home administrator, has been

carrying on the tradition since the 1980s. "Look at all these kids!" the toy-toting Morgan shouted to more than 70 children after landing at Portland Head Light on

Saturday. "Did you all come to see me?" Most lighthouses are automated, and lighthouse keepers have all but disappeared. So the presents go largely to the chil-

dren of the Coast Guard members who maintain the lights. The Flying Santa tradition got its start in 1929. A week before Christmas, cargo pilot William Wincapaw was lost in a snow-

storm off the Maine coast, running low on fuel. A lighthouse helped establish his course and he followed the beacons home. A few days later, he loaded his plane with wooden boxes full of gifts and supplies and retraced his flight, dropping the packages for the lighthouse keepers who had

said the amount is in the sheriff's Bids received on the second budget. vehicle were from Rawhide Sale of two properties for Trucking, \$1,950; Gerald Johnson, \$2,150; L. C. Vernon, delinquent taxes was approved

by the commission. One o the properties is located

department during the upcom-

two cars and one basic pickup.

He said the cost of purchasing a

pickup would only be \$600 more

Copeland said the warranty

would be an additional \$200

while the basic cost of the pickup

will be \$400 over the price of a

County Auditor Elaine Morris

Sheriff Copeland requested

in the 700 block of east Denver, and the other is in the 900 block of east Scott.

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Services tomorrow

BISHOP, George — Graveside services, 3 p.m., Baptist Cemetery, Tell.

Obituaries

GEORGE BISHOP

George Bishop, 73, of Pampa, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Baptist Cemetery at Tell. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mr. Bishop was born Sept. 11, 1926, at Midland. He graduated from Childress High School. He married Leta Berry in 1976 at Weatherford. He was a crane operator and worked in the construction business, retiring in 1989.

He was a Baptist and a World War II U.S. Navy driving while intoxicated - third offense. veteran, serving from 1942-45.

Survivors include his wife, Leta, of the home; a stepdaughter, Paula Sue Thomas of Beaumont; two stepsons, James Bridwell of Pampa and Elvis Wilkerson of Sherman; four sisters, Yvonne charge of driving while intoxicated. Brown of Gilmer, Carmaleta Lloyd of Hurst, Normaleta Tilley of Fort Worth and Juanita Osborn of Herlong, Calif.; two brothers, Donald Bishop of Fort Worth and Tommy Bishop of forgery. California; 12 stepgrandchildren; and numerous stepgreat-grandchildren.

CARROLL F. CARR

CANADIAN - Carroll F. Carr, 74, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 1999. Graveside services were to be at 10:30 a.m. today in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery with Shawn Davis, nephew, officiating. Burial will be under the rants. direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors Jose of Canadian.

Mr. Carr was born at Canadian. He married Juhree Chedester in 1949 at Stinnett. He drove a cattle truck and was a cowboy on several area

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

He belonged to Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Juhree; two sons, David C. Carr of Canadian and Terry L. Carr of Dallas; three sisters, Mary Cox and Earlene Hoffer, both of Miami, and Shirley Pitman of Pampa; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Timothy Project, Church of Christ, P.O. Box 876, Canadian, TX 79014; or to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th St., Canadian, TX 79014.

LARRY ORVILLE HEISKELL

Larry Orville Heiskell, 58, of Pampa, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

worked in construction and belonged Highland Baptist Church.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in stopped on the wrong side of the street. Germany during peacetime.

Survivors include his wife. Sherri, of the home; a daughter, Ashley Dawn Heiskell of Pampa; four sons, Kevin Lynn Heiskell of Canyon, Keith Heiskell of Pringle, Michael Matthew Heiskell of Pampa and Wesley Heiskell of Germany; a sister, Vicki Ruth Heiskell of Arlington; a brother, Teddy Lynn Heiskell of Pampa; and three grandchildren.

The family will be at 1717 Duncan and requests memorials be to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 50433, Amarillo, TX 79159.

MARJORIE MARIE BACK TURNAGE

McLEAN — Marjorie Marie Back Turnage, 86, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 1999, at Shamrock. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in McLean Church of Christ with Jim Reyna, minister, officiating with George Watson assisting. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Turnage was born Dec. 5, 1913, at Kelton, to Carl Wood and Eula Trussell. She had been a lifelong McLean resident and worked as an aide in the home health health care profession.

She was a longtime member of Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by a son, Gary Back;

a daughter, Molita "Cookie" Cranfill; and a granddaughter, Linda Ellis.

Survivors include a daughter, Anita Day of McLean; a son, Larry Back of Miami; a brother, C.L. Wood Jr. of Rowlett; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Tipton Children's Home, P.O. Box 370, Tipton, OK,

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Dec. 17

Clint Mulher, 37, 1013 E. Darby, was arrested on two outstanding DPS warrants.

Assault was reported at the 600 block of Red

Information (missing mail) was reported at the

1000 block of South Christy.

Saturday, Dec. 18

Keith Elliot Young, 18, 118 W. Albert, was arrested on two outstanding warrants.

Jose Martin Martinez, 34, 1045 Neel, was arrested on three warrants and three capias warrants.

Tiffany Marie Bohnstedt, 21, 117 N. Warren, was arrested on the charge of possession of a controlled substance. Domestic disturbance / simple assault was

reported at the 1000 block of North Dwight. Theft was reported at the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Burglary of a habitation was reported at the

1000 block of Neel.

Sunday, Dec. 19 George G. Eggleston, 34, 1120 S. Wells, was 1900 block of Lea.

arrested on the charge of theft of between \$50-

Shonda Gaylene Davis, 28, 524 Lefors, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct (language).

Aggravated Assault was reported at the 400 block of North West.

Domestic assault was reported at the 1100 block

Carson Co. Sheriff

The Carson County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the week of Dec. 13-18. There are currently 13 people in the Carson County Jail and 9 additional prisoners in other jurisdictions.

Steven Sheren, 28, was arrested on other agency

Timothy Hill, 42, was arrested on the charge of

William Mesmeak, 20, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence - minor, and driving while license suspended.

Pedro Hernandez, 40, was arrested on the

Christy Cade, 44, was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicated. Jamie Waits, 21, was arrested on the charge of

Lavada Casstevens, 40, was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicated.

Alan McLaughlin, 41, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated - second offense, and driving while license suspended.

Jerimiah Montgomery, 23, was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicated.

Arthur Botello, 23, was arrested on traffic war-

Jose Bedoy, 33, was arrested on the charge of possession of gambling paraphernalia.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 96-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Dec. 16

Amanela Walker, 21, 723 Scott, was cited for no driver's license, no insurance, and following too closely after she rear-ended a Chevy 1500 pickup driven by Wendell George Mayberry, 28, 453 Hughes. The accident occurred at the 500 block of West Brown.

Saturday, Dec. 18

Robert Tolliey Jinks, 76, HCR Box 3, was cited for unsafe Jane change after his Ford Country Squire struck a Pontiac Grand Prix driven by Annette Loralee Griego, 28, Amarillo. The accident occurred at the 200 block of East Brown.

Sunday, Dec. 19 Jerilyn Butler Brooks, 46, 905 Terry Road, was Mr. Heiskell was born July 30, 1941, at Pampa cited for "turned across dividing section" and and had been a lifelong Pampa resident. He mar- Marvin Richard Cain, 82, 2548 Beech, was cited inite suspension, the Lubbock ried Sherri Lambert on Nov. 9, 1985, in Dallas. He for "driving wrong side of roadway" after Brooks turned left of of North Hobart onto West 25th and struck Cain's Oldsmobile Cutlass which was

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Sunday, Dec. 12

2:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of Frederick; no transport.

2:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

800 block of First St. and transported one to 4:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a

4:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the

local nursing home and transported one to 5:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one to NWTH.

10:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of North Wells and transported one

3:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of North Wells and transported one to

9:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to

25th and Hobart; no transport. 12:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital and transported

one to a local nursing facility. 1:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to

1:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Lea and transported one to PRMC.

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 18 4:08 p.m. — One unit and three personnel

responded to call for medical assistance at the 800 block of North Frost.

4:11 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a vehicle accident at the intersection of Brown and Gillespie.

10:33 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a call for medical assistance at the 200 block of North Wells

Sunday, Dec. 19 12:39 a.m. — Two units and five personnel

responded to a diesel fuel spill at the intersection of Alcock and Price Road. 9:05 a.m. — Two units and six personnel

of West 25th and Hobart. 1:04 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a false alarm at the 1200 block of

responded to a vehicle accident at the intersection

Monday, Dec. 20

1:43 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a call for medical assistance at the

FOOD BANK

agrees with that philosophy.
Improving their status by get-

ting a job, some people are too eager to get off food stamps when they may still qualify, only at a reduced amount. "We urge them not to get off of the food stamps right away if they still qualify until they see what their needs will be," said Cervantes.

She said we are trying to increase the educational outlets to the people to let them know the time limitations by welfare reform are for cash assistance programs. She said the food stamps and Medicaid programs are available when the applicants meet the criteria if minor children are in the home.

Cervantes said able-bodied recipients who are ages 18-50 have been limited to three months on the food stamp program if there are no minor children in the household. She said DHS has to respond to applicants and, in some cases, may grant assistance within 24 hours.

Norris said he has seen people never had to take assistance are becoming the norm. before. "Many of these people hard times," said Norris. "It is so hard for them to ask for help."

have had good paying jobs and those jobs have been eliminated due to the decline in local economic conditions. He went on to say that the people have secured other employment, but there isn't encing job transitions. enough money coming in to meet Stroud agreed with Norris.

saying that the kind of distribu- enough to buy groceries." tion rates which they used to see

Suspension order accuses Lubbock patrolman of promoting child pornography

LUBBOCK (AP) — A police officer who allegedly asked a 16year-old girl to take nude photos of her friends is fighting an indefreported .. Avalanche-Journal

Officer Keith Jobe is accused of committing 11 criminal violations, 57 police department rules Alcoholic violations, one Beverage Code violation, and other state Civil Service and Lubbock City Charter violations, according to a suspension order obtained by the newspaper under the Public Texas Information Act.

Two of the counts — promoting child pornography and soliciting sexual performances from a minor — are felonies. The Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney's Office, however, previously told the newspaper the evidence was insufficient to prosecute Jobe.

The 37-page suspension order alleges that Jobe gave the girl his police-issued Polaroid camera and packages of film to take the photos. He also gave the girl his handcuffs for use as props, the order states.

Other violations include use of a police database to gain personal information about the girl and her friends, offering alcohol to the girl, giving her cigarettes, grabbing and twisting her arm, and taking unauthorized employment for pay, according to the order.

Jobe was placed on indefinite suspension without pay Thursday. On Friday, he submitted a written notice appealing his suspension and requested a hearing before a third-party hearing examiner.

In his statement, Jobe said, The facts are not true as alleged. .. The charges, as made, are not legally sufficient."

The officer's home telephone number was not published and he could not be reached for comment Sunday.

should be partly sunny with a high in the lower 30s and a north-northeast wind at 5-15 mph. An overnight low of 15-20 is forecast with mostly cloudy skies and a 20 percent chance of light snow.

high, 44; overnight low, 22.

basked in warm temperatures Sunday, but wintry weather is

Carolyn and Ed Stroud, directors of Harvest House, and Johnny Norris, executive director of Good Samaritan Christian Services, are both very proud of ' the freezers which they received from High Plains within 30 days of the application Food Bank in Amarillo. The freezers were provided by Kraft Foods to ten agencies in the Panhandle who provide food to the hungry.

While some agencies across the

The director said many of those ple missing meals in the local drives to assist the local agencies. he is seeing come in for assistance community due to various fac- too. Last week a canned food tors, among them major job drive at Pampa Middle School changes in the area. She said the resulted in several hundred cans of many needs in the community are growing as breadwinners of families are increasingly experi-

"We are seeing so much more the families' needs. Carolyn heartache," said Stroud. "Many people are making too much to Agencies around the state are qualify for food stamps but not

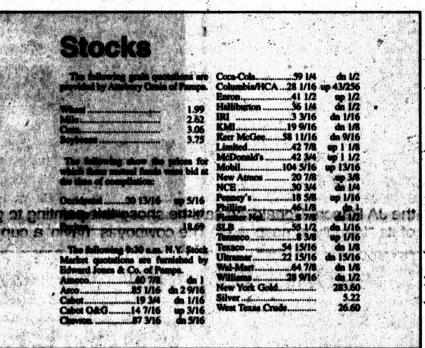
She said her agency had a big common denominator.

come in his agency who have only during the holiday season increase in food baskets during the Thanksgiving season.

The local groups purchase have been the ones helping others and now they have fallen on away, the local agencies have not. Plains Food Bank in Amarillo for: Carolyn Stroud of "Harvest .14 cents a pound. Many local res-House said there are many peo- idents participate in canned food food being donated to Good Sam's.

Both organizations receive: assistance from many local churches. Stroud and Norris say they apply to area foundations. and always accept donations from area individuals and organizations.

Eliminating hunger is their



City Briefs

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BABY'S 1ST Christmas, see the little angels in the Pampa News on Christmas Eve!!

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MARY ELLEN & Harvester Clothing Room-Open across the street south of Pampa High School & Youth Bldg. next door-Free toys to be given away, Tues, Dec. 21st, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. correction p.m. on Christmas Eve.

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THE GIFT Box new owners announce Holiday Hours: open 9-8 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs. & 9-5

Weather focus

PAMPA — The weather today

A high in the upper 30s is predicted Tuesday with partly sunny skies and a south-southwest wind at 5-15 mph. Sunday's **STATEWIDE** — Most of Texas

over the Panhandle through

lows in the teens to 30s. Highs

coming into the state thanks to a Tuesday should be in the 30s, 40

strong arctic cold front from the and 50s.

North Texas also has a chance of rain, which could change to Skies were partly cloudy light snow. The precipitation should end early Monday Highs are expected to be in and 50s in West Texas, the 50s the mid-30s to upper 40s Monday and Tuesday. Lows and 60s in North Texas and the 60s and 70s in South should be in the upper teens Texas. McAllen warmed to 81 to mid-20s.

South Texas should experience But the arctic cold front is much colder weather this week bringing a slight chance of snow along with a chance for precipitation through Monday night. Monday. Highs Monday should The Hill Country and northern only hit the 20s and 30s with portions of South Texas could see sleet.

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TDH: Gift-givers beware of dangers associated with exotic pets

AUSTIN — The ultimate gift- Salmonella bacteria do not make pets. "And reptiles should never on the prairie dogs that are car- Releasing a wild animal back es long because of Salmonella self to his true love with swans, calling birds, French hens, turtle doves and partridge in a pear tree but experts at the Texas Department of Health say such living presents can be a problem.

"Buying or giving exotic pets such as monkeys, hedgehogs, prairie dogs, reptiles or other wildlife potentially can be dangerous to both humans and the animals themselves," said veterinarian Jane Mahlow, director of TDH Zoonosis Control Division.

bring with them dangerous, sometimes deadly diseases. African pigmy hedgehogs and reptiles such as snakes, lizards,

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giver may have endeared him- the animal sick but in people can cause serious cases of severe diarrhea, fever, vomiting, abdominal cramps or even death, especially in young children, the elderly and those with immune-compromised systems. carry the herpes B. virus. A person does not have to have direct contact with the reptile but can get the bacteria from

reptile or its cage should always wash their hands afterward," These unusual animals can Mahlow said. "Also, the kitchen

animal may have touched.

be kept in child-care centers."

Monkeys, too, seem irresistible with their child-like qualities and humorous antics. However, macaques, Asian monkeys including the rhesus, commonly

Like Salmonella in reptiles, herpes B causes no noticeable disease in macaques. But in another person who handles the humans, the virus (also known reptile or household surfaces the as monkey B virus or simply B virus) leads to an illness that can "Everyone who touches the cause death. Monkey bites are the primary way humans get herpes B virus.

Cute and curious, prairie dogs sink is no place to bathe reptiles draw attention to their natural or to wash their dishes, cage or aquarium." Reptiles should not Texas. But these wild rodents be loose to roam around the come from the same area in the turtles and iguanas, for instance, house, especially if young chil- state where bubonic plague is carry strains of Salmonella bac- dren are in the home. Salmonella found. People may become teria in their intestines. can live on furniture and in car- infected by being bitten by fleas

rying the plague organism.

Wild animals are best left in the wild," Mahlow said. They can be unpredictable, possibly posing a threat to people of severe attack. And rabies from wild animals is always a concern.

Wild animals themselves can face almost as many problems living in captivity. Most will not live long in an average household. Their diets are different from domestic pets, and the wrong food can lead to serious nutritional deficiencies. Many require as much care and attention as a human infant. And while cute and cuddly as a baby, an animal may become aggressive or moody as it matures.

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in captivity is usually a death sentence for the animal.

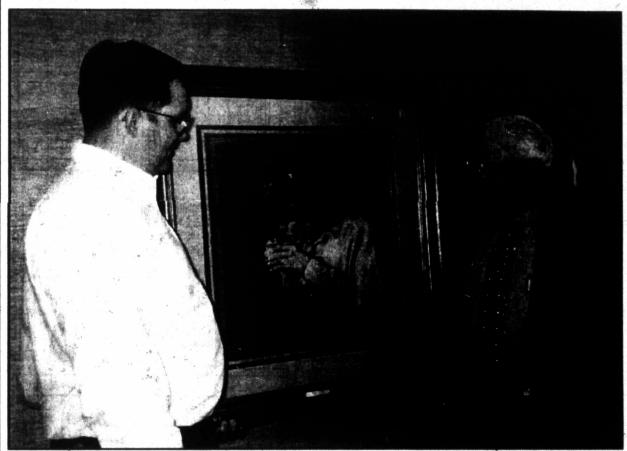
Complicating the problems for wild and exotic animals is the growth of sales on the Internet. Hundreds of sites offer all types of animals from alpacas to zebras. Sellers as far away as New Zealand or as close as West Texas can provide — for a hefty price - reindeer, llamas, camels, kangaroos, iguanas, parrots, pythons, marsupials or any of dozens of other creatures.

Various restrictions apply to owning and importing different animals. For instance, federal public health regulations prohibit selling turtles less than 4-inch-

into nature after months or years risks. Importing non-human pri-in captivity is usually a death mates into the U.S. as pets also is prohibited. There also are restrictions on owning endangered or fur-bearing animals such as raccoons, beavers, mink, muskrats, opossums and otters. Other regulations restrict importation of livestock as well as importing, exporting or transporting species of foxes indigenous to North America, coyotes or raccoons.

"Animals are not ornaments or oddities to show off," Mahlow said. "The selection of a pet needs to be based on family considerations, the time available to devote to the animal and the safety and health precautions required."

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Dr. Joe Donaldson, right, presents a pastel painting by artist Kenneth Wyatt to Joe Kyle Reeve, dean of Clarendon College-Pampa Center, recently. The painting, a gift from Donaldson and wife Johnnie, will hang in the new campus building which is scheduled to open for classes Jan. 18. The portrait is of a cowboy who worked on the JA Ranch. Donaldson said he chose this painting to give to the college because of its "friendly atmosphere." The cowboy is "havin' a cup" of coffee.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-3988.

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Hotline Volunteers Get as Much As They Give by Helping Others

DEAR ABBY: Please print my letter about volunteering on suicide prevention/crisis hotlines

Suicide affects most of us at some time in our lives. Most of us know someone who has considered suicide, attempted it or killed himself or herself. While it is a challenge to talk with someone about suicide, doing so opens communication in an amazing way. It is an enriching experience for both the person in crisis and the volunteer. I hope the U.S. surgeon general's recent statements on this issue will draw nationwide attention to its importance. There is something that can be done about it - become a volunteer! Contact your local suicide prevention/crisis hotline and

> A VOLUNTEER IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR VOLUNTEER: Your letter is an important one. I'm often asked to recommend worthy causes to which people can donate time or money. I can think of no more meaningful way to fill one's extra time than by literally saving the lives of others. It takes some time and training to become a hotline volunteer; however, the emotional payoff is beyond descrip-

find out how.

DEAR ABBY: Here's how we solved the "appropriate gift" prob-

Horoscope

TUESDAY, DEC. 21, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Partake in the season's cheer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Tonight: Indulge yourself.

Christmas fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

* * * * You could feel like you are in a

pressure cooker as you attempt to clarify

a problem. Misunderstandings happen

because you aren't speaking the same

language as another. Your determination

helps you become a winner. Tonight:

** Finish up last-minute details.

Money dealings quickly get out of con-

trol. Keep your wallet close. Mistakes

occur where you least expect it. Make a

must appearance. Touch base with a boss

or someone in charge. Play it cool.

*** You might be out of sorts, feel-

ing that you can't have things the way

you want. Stop grumbling! Take a deep

breath and direct your energy. Your chal-

lenge is to jump over a problem and find

the solution. Don't get caught up in the

immediate. Tonight: Opt for some

* * Everyone is in a tizzy. You might

feel a bit glum as the holiday approaches.

Talk to a special friend or a partner. You

can break past a pattern. You are simply

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

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lem for our elderly parents. Knowing that my mother-in-law was having difficulty keeping her house cleaned (vacuuming, floor scrubbing, etc.), we decided to give them one gift that would last all year. We eliminated Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthday, anniversary and Christmas presents, and instead hired someone to come into their home and clean it once a month. My husband, his sister and

pay for the service each month. We lost my mother-in-law last year, and the day after her funeral, my father-in-law asked if we could continue the service because it was so very much appreciated.

No longer do I have to wrack my brain to buy something I'm not sure would be wanted or needed. ANN MANOS, GRAVETTE, ARK.

DEAR ANN: I can't think of a more practical gift. Thanks for an ingenious solution to a problem that crops up every year. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: A reader asked

you how to stop elderly relatives from sending useless gifts without hurting their feelings.

I would suggest that the reader tell them how much a record of their own history and personal recollections would mean to younger members of the family. These stories could be written or taped, but should always be identified as to who the person is and all the proper dates. They could also be recorded in installments and given on various gift-giving occasions. Many families would deeply appreciate such gifts. Historical societies could no doubt help the elderly with suggestions, if needed.

My mother was born in the late 1800s to pioneer parents. I am grateful that she allowed me to tape her recollections of her parents as well as her own experiences. Many children and other relatives would

appreciate similar gifts.
HARRIET FROM TAMPA

DEAR HARRIET: That's a terrific suggestion. A collection of written recollections would make a unique bound volume after a few years - and the collection of tapes becomes a oneof-a-kind library or oral history.

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overwhelmed by what you need to do, but another will pitch in. Tonight: Say "thank you" in your customary style.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Clearly, you don't have the kind of control you would like. Meet another halfway. Know what is acceptable. Misunderstandings pop up from all different areas of your life. A partner, though sometimes bellicose, comes through for you. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) * * * Attempt to build better relation-

ships with those in charge, who are definitely uptight. Help them relax. It all comes back to you in multiples. Caring increases because of your generosity. Be willing to pitch in. Others will appreciate your efforts. Tonight: Working late. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

* * * * Just when you thought a misunderstanding was letting up, confusion runs amok. You cannot be sufficiently clear or direct. Others see situations differently than you do. Refuse to exaggerate. A child surprises you. Tonight: Detach, and keep an eye on your behavior as well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** You might not be as clear as you would like to be. Money agreements and decisions might be up for review. Refuse to get behind the eight ball with your spending. Family delightfully surprises you. Let a loved one express his ideas. Tonight: Time for a family chat. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

* * Another seems contrary, and your response does nothing to cool this situation off. Stay on top of problems. Be as generous and thoughtful as possible. Cut

Marmaduke

as much slack as you can. Information you receive is very important. Tonight: Go with a spontaneous invitation. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

* * Dig into work. Be willing to say "mea culpa" to avoid a problem. You might know you aren't wrong, but opt for peace. Be careful with spending. Remain in touch with your long-term needs. Do a last-minute check so that you have all your gifts. Tonight: Keep at it and you will get everything done. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

* * * * Stay on top of problems. Don't get stuck like others. Use your independent mind to find the correct way to get past immediate obstacles. Be careful with a fragile relationship. Misunderstandings pop up from nowhere. Tonight: Make love, not war.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ** * Family and those you care about

could be testy. Examine long-term goals carefully; don't jump to unexpected conclusions. Stay calm; don't get triggered by the pre-Christmas frenzy. Others are clearly reacting to holiday pressure. Tonight: Head home.

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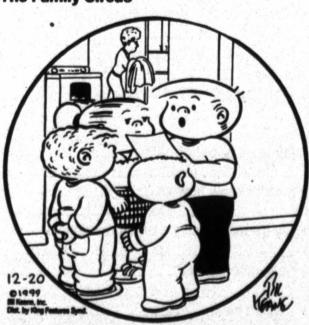








The Family Circus



"What became of our Christmas decorations?"

"Grandma's gonna be hard to buy for. She says she already has everything she needs."

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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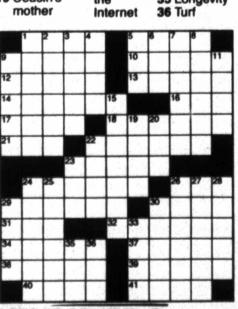
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Health briefs

Children can make holiday baking fun, educational HOUSTON - Holiday baking can be a fun way for children to

learn about food preparation and nutrition.

"Letting children get their hands dirty baking holiday goodies will help them learn a new skill, as well as teach them about the foods they eat," said Becky Gorham, a nutritionist with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

It's important to choose simple recipes that offer a lot of opportunities to stir, add ingredients and decorate. Also, stick with nutritious foods such as fruit and nut breads, oatmeal and peanut butter cookies, and carrot and fresh apple cakes.

Gorham believes children who learn how to cook at a young age might be more inclined to cook for themselves and be less dependent on fast foods as adults.

Many ways to transmit hepatitis C

HOUSTON — People with hepatitis C can pass the potentially fatal virus on to others in a number of different ways.

"Things like dirty tattoo needles, or sharing IV drug needles with someone who is infected with the virus can increase the risk of exposure," said Dr. Rise Stribling with The Liver Center at Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital in Houston. "Helping someone who is bleeding can also put someone at risk."

Hepatitis C is a virus that is primarily transmitted through blood or blood exposure and causes inflammation of the liver. The virus could be in a person's system for 20 to 30 years before they develop cirrhosis, or scarring of the liver. It takes about 80 to 90 percent of the liver to be affected before a person would see changes in the way the liver works.

Carbon monoxide poisoning can kill instantly

HOUSTON — Every year hundreds of people die from carbon

monoxide poisoning, most while they sleep.

"Carbon monoxide is an odorless, sightless gas that binds to the hemoglobin in the blood, which carries oxygen normally throughout the body," said Dr. William Ondo, a neurologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "So if you have a certain amount of carbon monoxide in your system, even if you're surrounded by oxygen, you will feel as though you are suffocating."

Ondo says high level exposure to carbon monoxide can kill someone immediately. Minimal exposure can cause neurological damage, headaches, dizziness, sleepiness, and nausea. These symptoms usually do not surface until a couple of days after an exposure.

Delayed child birth might hurt chances to conceive HOUSTON — Women who put off having a baby might be hurt-

ing their chances to conceive.

A woman is born with all the eggs she will ever have, so as she ages, the fertility and the health of the eggs begin to decrease," said Dr. Sandra Carson, director of the Assisted Reproductive y at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Eggs from women at age 30 have about a 19 percent chance of being chromosomally abnormal, whereas at age 40, it's 39 percent. At age 40, fertility begins to plummet, the rate of miscarriages soar, and the rate of birth defects dramatically increases. However, all hope is not lost for women in their 40's.

A woman over 40 can still have a healthy pregnancy with eggs donated from a younger woman because the chances of pregnancy are related to the age of the egg, and not the uterus," Carson said.

Getting men to the doctor is not easy

HOUSTON — Getting men to go to the doctor is sometimes like

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"Men don't need to go for yearly checkups like women, so many simply don't feel the need to go to the doctor," said Dr. James Bray with Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "However, what many men don't realize is that when they let small, chronic problems build up, they can become very serious health problems."

Bray believes other factors that keep men from going to the doctor include laziness, the fear of bad news, a bad experience with a doctor when they were younger, and the belief that you have to endure a certain amount of pain to be considered a "real man."

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Southern comfort not helping battle against the bulge

By SHELLEY HILL **Associated Press Writer**

ATLANTA (AP) — The laid-back Southern lifestyle is impacting waistlines below the Mason-Dixon line.

Southerners are less likely to hike, ride a bike, walk or join a health club than their counterparts in the rest of the nation. As a result, Southerners are tipping the scale at more than 30 percent of their ideal body weight. In short, they're obese.

A study released recently by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed that the number of Americans considered obese soared from about one in eight in 1991 to nearly one in five In the Southeast, the obesity rate jumped 67.2 percent in that time

frame, with Georgia leading the nation with a whopping increase of 101.8 percent. West Virginia led the nation in terms of an overweight population, with an obesity rate of 22.9 percent. Two culprits were suspected for the change: urban sprawl and

Many experts in Georgia blamed the extra pounds on modern suburbs, with no sidewalks to encourage walking and long commutes forcing residents to spend hours in their cars instead of exer-

"Atlanta is not a walkable community. We don't have sidewalks that lead anywhere," said Pam Wilson, a dietitian with the Georgia division of public health. "Even if we do find a sidewalk, they deadend into an eight-lane highway."

The period measured in the study coincides with a time of rapid population growth around Atlanta. In 1991, Georgia had one of the lowest obesity rates in the country.

Dr. William Dietz, a co-author of the CDC study, said the sprawl around Atlanta keeps people trapped in their cars for hours, encourages them to eat quick meals of greasy fast food and prevents them from having enough time to exercise.

"People in Atlanta drive more than in any other urban area in the country," he said. "Community redesign may foster higher levels of activity and go a long way in preventing obesity."

Others blamed Southern weather, saying the summers are too hot for people to get outside. The lowest obesity rates in the nation, by comparison, were in New England and in the West, where people are more active and the weather is cooler.

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"If they don't get out in the morning, they don't exercise," said Harry DuVal, director of the University of Georgia fitness center. They go in and find air conditioning.'

"It all adds up to a very unhealthy lifestyle," added Wilson. The CDC study, which is included in today's issue of Journal of the American Medical Association, was based on telephone surveys of more than 100,000 participants each year between 1991-98.

Younger adults, people with some college education and Hispanics showed the most drastic increases, but "a steady increase was observed in all states; in both sexes; across age groups, races, educational levels; and occurred regardless of smoking status," the

Overall, the population of obese men and women in the United States increased from 12 percent in 1991 to 17.9 percent last year, according to the CDC survey, which said that figure might be con-

Another study in the journal attributed an estimated 280,000 deaths a year to being overweight, but said the figure could be more than 374,000

Being overweight has been strongly associated with greater risk of certain illnesses, including heart disease, high cholesterol and blood pressure, diabetes, stroke and some cancers.

CDC Director Jeffrey P. Koplan said a national strategy is needed to combat obesity. He called for workplaces offer healthier foods and exercise facilities, more sidewalks and bike paths, and encouraging children to play outdoors instead of watching TV or using computers.

"In general, restoring physical activity to our daily routines is crit-

Rat study suggests becoming a mother improves memory

By The Associated Press

In rats, at least, motherhood may sharpen the mind.

Researchers at the University of Richmond say hormones produced by rats during pregnancy, combined with the stimulation gained from caring for offspring, apparently improve the animals' memory and learning skills.

rodents' brains make new neural wells. connections as a result of sensory stimulation — sights, sounds and cuddling - provided by parent-

And the benefits are not necessarily limited to biological mothers. Rats that had never given birth but served as foster parents performed better when finding food hidden in an enclosure.

The benefits of brighter mothers are obvious, even if the cause of the postpartum mental improvement isn't clear.

Anything that makes a rat mother more efficient "translates and her offspring," said Craig Kinsley, a professor of neuroscience who lead the research, published in a recent issue of the ournal Nature.

Bruce McEwen, a professor of neuroendocrinology Rockefeller University in New York, said the study is intriguing but doesn't prove a link between motherhood and actual changes

in the rats' brains. They didn't really look into the

mals' behavior, which is of course the first step. But there's a lot of information that we just don't have at this point," he said.

In one test that gauged memory, Kinsley's team placed three groups of rats in a circular enclosure with eight wells containing cereal. After eating their fill, the rats were removed and cereal was dropped into only one of the

The rats were then periodically returned to the enclosure with the same well filled each time with cereal. The rats that had never given birth or cared for pups took the longest on average – onds — to find the food.

Rats that had never given birth but were protecting and keeping warm other rats' offspring found the food in about 55 seconds, while mother rats caring for their own young did so in about 43 sec-

The research, of course, does not necessarily apply to humans. into better survivability for her It's no secret that many women don't feel at the peak of their mental abilities after childbirth.

"Right after birth, so much of your energy goes into just learning to keep the baby alive, and of course you're incredibly sleepdeprived, more than any measure you've had before," said Lisa Bain, executive editor of Parenting magazine and a mother. "I can't imagine feeling smarter. I certainly didn't feel sharper." In addition, a 1997 study found

brain. They just look at the ani- that women had a harder time

learning new information just memory, while the rat study before childbirth. focused on spatial memory. Still,

J. Galen Buckwalter, a gerontol-Southern California who led that study, said he looked at verbal weeks after childbirth.

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Keystone Curriculum





kindness this holiday season as part of its Keystone Curriculum. Mrs. Street's second grade class organized "Coats for Kindness" coat drive. Students from throughout the school donated sweaters, mittens, hats and blankets for the drive. Above: (top, left-right) Kara Stephens, Kristin Bivins, Gabriel Rodriguez, Joshua Ross and Zach Robles. The music class, under the direction of Mrs.

The students and staff of Travis Elementary School organized several acts of Pittman, collected canned goods with the goal for each grade, kindergarten through fifth, to be 200 cans. Over 1,200 cans were donated to Good Samaritan House of Pampa. Additional food items are to be donated to Salvation Army to be distributed to needy families during the Christmas holidays. Above: (bottom, left-right) Julie Crossman, Stephanie Jasso, Shealyn McGahen, Meleah Parr, Briana Stephens and Dakota Gilleland.

Celebrating holiday baking traditions; 1999 Bakeline offers tempting recipes, advice

ARDEN HILLS, Minn. - Ringing in the holi- Lifetime," a new leaflet chock-full of time-saving tion. This year, with the millennium approaching Sandwich Cookies and Festive Triangle Tarts. All and hectic holiday schedules, people don't have Bakeline callers will receive a free copy of this time to mull over a recipe or make baking mis- leaflet, which also can be downloaded from takes. Getting help with holiday baking is fast and easy with the Land O'Lakes Holiday toll-free hotline (1-800-782-9606) that opens for the 10th consecutive year from Nov. 1-Dec. 24.

The Bakeline's trained home economists will be available to assist callers from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. (CST), seven days a week. Consumers can speak with one of 27 Land O'Lakes baking experts, request recipes and get great baking tips and advice.

In honor of the many traditions of the season, Land O'Lakes offers "Baking Traditions to Last a

days with seasonal treats is a time-honored tradi- tips and traditional recipes such as Santa's www.landolakes.com.

Grandma's Old-Fashioned Oatmeal Cake

Cake ingredients:

1 1/4 cups boiling water

1 cup old fashioned oats 3/4 cup sugar 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1/2 cup butter, softened 2 eggs

2 cups all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon vanilla 1 (10 oz.) jar (3/4 cup) maraschino cherries,

drained, chopped

Broiled topping:
 1 1/4 cups flaked coconut

1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar 1/3 cup butter, melted

1/3 cup whipping cream or half-and-half Heat oven to 350 F. Stir together boiling water

and oatmeal in medium bowl. Set.aside. Meanwhile, combine sugar, brown sugar and 1/2 cup butter in large mixer bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl occasionally, until well mixed (1-2 minutes). Beat in eggs until smooth (1-2 minutes). Add oatmeal mixture and all remain-

ing cake ingredients except maraschino cherries. Reduce speed to low; continue beating until well mixed (1-2 minutes). Stir in cherries by hand.

Pour batter into greased and floured 13 x 9-inch baking pan. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove

Heat broiler directions: In medium bowl stir together all broiled topping ingredients. Spread over hot cake. Broil 4-5 inches from heat, watching closely, until bubbly and lightly browned (2-4 minutes). Serve warm or cool. Garnish with whipped cream, maraschino cherries and mint

For easier cutting, use knife dipped in hot water. -Makes 15 servings.

SPORTS

Notebook

FOOTBALL

MIAMI (AP) — San Diego's John Carney missed a 36-yard field goal attempt with five seconds remaining when the kick hit the left upright, and the Dolphins broke a threegame losing streak by beating the San Diego Chargers 12-9 Sunday.

Mare scored from 32, 21, 30 and 31 yards, and his final kick put the Dolphins ahead with 3:22 left after Miami recovered a Jim Harbaugh fumble at the San Diego 20.

The Chargers then drove 62 yards with no timeouts.

Miami held San Diego to 26 yards rushing and sacked Harbaugh five times.

The Dolphins, repeatedly pinned deep by punter Darren Bennett, started series at their 7-, 8-, 9- and 7-yard lines.

The Chargers only lead came after forcing Dan Marino to fumble. He had his arm cocked when John Parrella slapped the ball away and Raylee Johnson recovered. Carney then kicked a 31-yard field goal to make it 9-6.

BASKETBALL

WHEELER — Wheeler slipped by Higgins 53-51 in basketball action last week-

Kyle Masters had 17 points and Caleb Finsterwald 13 to

lead Wheeler in scoring. Garrett Barton tossed in 28 points to lead Higgins. Cole Smith added 12 points.

Wheeler won the girls game by the score of 52-37. J. J. Johnson had 16 points and Brooke Verden 13 for Wheeler.

Jessie Waite and Hailey Pool had 9 points each for Higgins.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) - While David Segui and Rudy Seanez accepted salary arbitration and are going back to their old teams, Gerald Williams left Atlanta for a \$5.75 million, two-year contract with Tampa Bay.

Williams was among 12 players rejecting salary arbitration offers in the hours before Sunday's midnight EST deadline, a group that included pitchers Aaron Sele, Juan Guzman and Arthur Rhodes.

Also rejecting were pitchers Norm Charlton, Chris Haney, Graeme Lloyd, Omar Olivares, Darren Oliver and Steve Trachsel, along with outfielders Shawon Dunston, Howard Thomas Williams.

Free agents who accepted arbitration are considered signed, while those who rejected can still negotiate with their former teams through Jan. 8.

In all, teams offered 21 players arbitration on Dec. 7. Seven signed before Sunday.

Segui goes back to the Toronto Blue Jays, who acquired him from Seattle on July 28. The 33-year-old first baseman hit .298 last season with 15 homers, 27 doubles and 52 RBIs.

Seanez, a 31-year-old righthander, returns to the Atlanta Braves. He was 6-1 with a 3.35 ERA and three saves in 56 relief appearances,

Williams joins the revamped Devil Rays, who last week acquired Vinny Castilla from Colorado and agreed to a \$34 million, fouryear contract with Greg Vaughn.

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The 33-year-old outfielder was a big surprise last year for Atlanta and was the leadoff hitter during the final two months of the season. Atlanta went 39-14 with him at the top of the order, and he joins lineup that includes Vaughn, Canseco and Fred McGriff. The five combined to hit 161 homers last year — 16 more than the Devil Rays' team

total. Williams hit .275 and had career highs in home runs (17) and RBIs (68). After making \$1.4 million last season, he gets \$2.5 million next year and \$3 million in 2001.

Playoff door almost closes on Cowboys

least they know they're still in the playoff hunt.

Instead of moving into the thick of the NFC race Sunday, Dallas remained on the fringe with a 22-21 loss to the New York Jets, who continue doing a nice out of the postseason with them.

John Hall won it with a 37yard field goal with 1:35 left.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones was especially annoyed that his team blew an eight-point lead on a day when a victory would've East and moved them near the top of the wild-card chase.

tied with the New York Giants, a can gain ground in the division, was 20-of-34 for 229 yards, two

another wasted opportunity, at everyone knew what was at whole situation, but I know we because of our record, but we've threw four straight incomplehave gotten it done. That makes around quickly." this one of the toughest losses that we've had in the time I've Cowboys must win their last been here.'

Playoff ramifications aside, tive games in three months. job of trying to keep other teams this loss was fairly similar to the Cowboys' previous six defeats.

back 92 yards on seven penalties and converted just three of 12 finale. first downs - yet still kept it close. This was the Cowboys' been 6-0 at Texas Stadium.

"Anytime you lose when Instead, Dallas (7-7) remained you're in a situation when you said quarterback Ray Lucas, who game behind the Washington it's disappointing," said Eric touchdowns and an interception. Redskins in the division. Bjornson, whose 20-yard touch- "Coach Parcells challenged us in "Our entire team knew that down run on a fake field goal these last three games to fight New York's drive, got a 23-yard the moment."

stake," Jones said. "This was a are not completely out of it. We grouped together." playoff-type reward if we could have got to pick it up and turn it

> To make the playoffs, the two. They haven't won consecu-

Dallas, 1-6 on the road, has just four days to prepare for a game Dallas blew a late lead, was set in New Orleans, then the Giants visit Texas Stadium for the

Although the Jets' playoff hopes were erased by a 1-6 start, fifth loss by seven points or less. coach Bill Parcells has done a The biggest difference was that nice job of keeping New York (6given them first place in the NFC this was at home. Dallas had 8) focused on finishing the year

'Right now any win is sweet,"

The Jets almost tied the game on the drive after the Cowboys went up by eight as Lucas threw a 2-yard touchdown to rookie Blake Spence. But the quarterback was stopped a yard short

on a 2-point conversion attempt. New York's game-winning drive. The Jets didn't have to do much, though. They churned out 41 yards on 11 plays, setting up yards on 19 carries. Hall for the winning field goal.

"I can't say I was 100 percent confident in him because I've seen him miss some kicks for us this season," Parcells said. "But he hit that one real well and it went right down the middle."

Dallas' final drive was unim-

IRVING, Texas (AP) — As the Giants had lost, Washington put Dallas ahead 14-13 in the and we're getting the job done. pass from Troy Aikman to Dallas Cowboys sulk over yet had lost, Detroit had lost. So second period. "I don't know the It's real easy to look past us Raghib Ismail, then Aikman tions.

Ismail also scored a 27-yard touchdown on an end-around to

put Dallas up 21-13. Aikman finished 12-of-28 for 158 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions. They came in a span of three throws after he'd Neither team did much until gone 216 attempts without one.

Emmitt Smith, playing on a strained groin that limited him to one carry last week, had 110

He also turned a 14-vard pass into the 146th touchdown of his career, passing Marcus Allen for No. 2 on the career list behind Jerry Rice. It also made Smith the leading scorer in Cowboys histo-

"We've had our opportunities pressive. The Cowboys, who and the team has let them slide burned all three timeouts on by," Smith said. "We didn't seize

Pampa harvests win over Elk City, Okla.

Pampa Harvesters finished the (14-11) at halftime. Elk City Festival on a winning note, beating Elk City 53-49 Saturday night.

The win gave Pampa a 5-7 record while Elk City is 2-3 for

The Harvesters play at Amarillo High at 7:45 Tuesday

Gary Alexander had 17 points had 9 each. against Elk City while Derik Williams chipped in 11.

Kyle Damron and Andy Fisher had 17 and 16 points, respectively, to lead Elk City.

Others who scored for Pampa were Casey Owens 9, Jesse Francis 9, Kirk George 4 and 25 going into the fourth quarter. Adam Rodgers 3.

(24-23) going into the fourth Nachtigall 4 and Vaughn Evans

ELK CITY, Okla. — The Elk City held a 3-point lead

Elk City defeated Pampa 53-40 in the girls' game Saturday. The Lady Harvesters are 8-4 on the season. Elk City

improved to 4-1. Jessica Jones led Elk City scorers with 10 points. Latrice Edwards and Jamie McDaniel

Emily Hartman paced Pampa in scoring with 13 points, followed by Jennifer Lindsey 10.

Pampa led 8-7 at the end of the first quarter and trailed 24-21 at halftime. Elk City extended its lead to 35-

Also scoring for Pampa were The game was close all the Joy Young with 7 points, way with Pampa ahead by one Lindsay Narron 5, Chasity

Missouri's Parker ready for upstart Illinois team

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) -Johnnie Parker and Missouri coach Quin Snyder reached an understanding just in time for Parker to play in front of the home crowd.

Snyder ended Parker's twogame suspension for academic problems on Friday, although Parker sat out the Tigers 72-61 victory over Iowa on Sunday. But Parker, who played at

Webster Groves outside of St. Louis, will be back in uniform Tuesday when Missouri plays Illinois in St. Louis in the annual "Bragging Rights" game.

"I'm going to be really excited, first of all because I'm going to be at home," Parker said. "I'm just going to practice hard to get ready for Tuesday."

Missouri will play a 20th-ranked Illinois team that scored an upset over No. 8 Kansas on Saturday, defeating the Jayhawks 84-70.

In other Saturday games, No. 15 Texas rolled past Wofford 89-57, No. 14 Oklahoma State downed UNLV 89-75, No. 23 Oklahoma beat Georgia Southern 102-63, Nebraska took an 80-59 pounding from No. 4 Arizona, Colorado stopped Eastern Washington 79-61 and Texas A&M lost 76-69 to

On Sunday, Loyola-Chicago beat Kansas State 69-64, and Iowa State turned back Northern Iowa 73-41.

Parker was not missed by Missouri (6-3) on Saturday as T.J Soyoye stayed out of foul trouble to score 23 points against the Hawkeyes (5-5). Keyon Dooling scored 19 for the Tigers, who remain without the suspended Kareem Rush. He's being held out while the university investigates possible NCAA violations before he enrolled.

"They had a couple of guys down and out and I think Soyoye made it a point that he was going to carry the team on his shoulders." Iowa coach Steve Alford said. "He did it, and when he wasn't doing it, Dooling was doing some great things."

Soyoye came alive after two games — both Missouri losses in which he scored a combined 16 points and had just four rebounds.

age," Soyoye said.

The Illini (6-2) shook off a slow start to rally past Kansas (8-2). Cory Bradford had 19 of his 21 points in the second half, Frank Williams led a comeback late in the first half to finish with 15 points and eight assists and Marcus Griffin had 16 points and 12 rebounds.

'Huge confidence builder," Bradford said. "It tells us we can compete with anybody in the

Kenny Gregory had just seven points. Jeff Boschee scored 18 to ead the Jayhawks.

play." Kansas forward Luke Axtell said. "After the first five or seven minutes, we just weren't there." Texas coach Rick Barnes decided to take a new tack with his sputter-

"We just didn't come out to

ing offense, and the Longhorns (6-2) scored their most points of the season. Texas has overpowering size up front, but Barnes decided to play 6foot-7 Chris Owens off the bench and go to a three-guard offense. Owens worked as part of a three-

player rotation with 7-foot Chris

Mihms and the powerful Gabe

Muoneke. Mihm had 11 points in a 29-9 run that gave Texas an 11-point lead at the half over Wofford (3-5).

"I just think we flow better right now," Barnes said.

Texas got better ball movement on offense while forcing Wofford into 18 turnovers by jamming up the passing lanes.
"That was the toughest defense

I've every played against," said Wofford's Ian Chadwick, who still managed 24 points. "They kept throwing fresh legs at you."

Glendon Alexander scored 10 straight points in two minutes of the second half to carry Oklahoma State (9-0) past UNLV (6-2).

"They kind of forgot about the instant offense I have," Alexander

Oklahoma (9-0) hit Georgia Southern (5-4) with a 24-4 run to take a 50-27 lead at the half as the Sooners scored more points than they have all year. Oklahoma hit 12-of-21 3-point tries.

The Sooners' Eduardo Najera gave yet another example of his "My teammates recognize that if toughness, scoring 16 points in 18 minutes despite playing with a 101-degree temperature.



Pampa mayor Robert Neslage signs a proclamation declaring Dec. 18 Youth Bowling Day at Harvester Lanes. Looking on are local YBA officials Joe Ponder and Carla Schiffman. In conjunction with the proclamation signing, the second annual Toys For Tots Tournament was held Saturday at Harvester

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The Celanese Comets were the Pampa Optimist Girls' sixth-grade basketball regular-season and post-tournament champions in 1999. The Comets had a 10-1 record. Team members were (front row, from left) Jenee' Morris, Krista McClelland, Tanna Stowers and Courtney Ericson; (middle row, from left) Kara Lewis, Melinda Bell, McKinsie East and Andrea Hughes; (back row, from left) Halee Green, Regan Meeks, Summer Cunningham, Destinee Manhart and Jackie Gerber. Not pictured is Brittany Taylor. The coaches were Terry Lewis (left) and Darryl Hughes.

Connecticut tops women's poll

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER **AP Sports Writer**

Connecticut kept the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press women's basketball poll without breaking

play during the past week, 940. received 40 of 43 first-place votes

losing in the past seven days, all three times during the past week.

Oregon dropping four places to and Old Dominion. 19th after losing to UC Santa three places to 14th.

Tennessee (8-1) remained sec-

Joseph's. The Lady Vols received two first-place votes and No. 3 Louisiana Tech (7-1) had one.

Connecticut received 1,072 points in the voting, Tennessee had 1,025, Louisiana Tech 990 and The Huskies (7-0), who did not No. 4 North Carolina State (9-0)

Georgia was fifth and UCLA from the media poll to remain sixth, followed by Texas Tech, firmly entrenched at the top. Auburn, Penn State and North They've been ranked No. 1 all Carolina. Texas Tech (9-0) and Auburn (8-1) were the busiest With only three Top 25 teams teams in the Top 25, each winning

to other ranked teams, there was No. 11 Purdue and No. 12 little change in the poll. The Top Notre Dame traded places from at No. 22 in the preseason rank-Ten stayed the same and the poll last week and LSU remained at ings. had the same 25 teams as last No. 13. Arizona moved to 14th and was followed by Rutgers, The biggest changes were Iowa State, Duke, Illinois, Oregon

Mississippi State, UC Santa Barbara, and Arizona climbing Barbara, Kansas, Tulane and Texas held the final five places.

Many teams played only once ond after running its winning during the past week because streak to eight with impressive players were taking final exams,

victories at DePaul and St. and Connecticut was one of three ranked teams that did not play at all. Duke and Old Dominion were

the others. Kansas and Texas were the only other Top 25 teams that lost in the past week. Kansas lost to Illinois 61-59 in Chicago and Texas lost at Rutgers 68-64, a game that gave Rutgers coach Vivian Stringer her 600th career victory.

Only Texas coach Jody Conradt and Tennessee's Pat Summitt, both with more than 700 victories, have more than Stringer.

Texas Tech has made major strides in the poll after starting

Tech returned just one starter after winning the last two Big 12 championships, but the Lady Raiders got off to a good start by beating LSU in their opener and they're getting strong play from freshman center Plenette Pierson, who's among the league leaders in scoring, rebounding and field goal percentage.

Feick lifts Nets past Hawks, 96-88

Jamie Feick to roam free on ahead and take it." the perimeter.

specialist, made him pay.

Feick scored a season-high beat Atlanta 96-88 on Sunday n't plan to chase him." night for their fifth straight home victory.

Jamie can go out and knock impressed. down the 15-18 footer, it's a Nets with 20 points.

Feick finished 8-for-13 from the field and had 13 rebounds, the 18th time in 25 games that he has had at least 10 rebounds.

Kendall Gill added 15 points, Kerry Kittles had 14, for Atlanta, which lost its and Stephon Marbury had 12 third straight. points and 11 assists to help the Nets (8-17) improve to 6-4 in December.

In the other games Sunday, the Los Angeles Lakers beat Toronto 94-88, and Vancouver edged the Los Angeles Clippers 85-84.

Feick, who joined the Nets million deal in the offseason, scored the Nets' final field left. goal on a corner jumper with 12 seconds left, surpassing his previous season-high of 15.

"I've got it. I just haven't used it much," Feick said of his jumper. "Mutombo was laying off me and I wanted to try to pull him out away from

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. the basket. (Coach Don) Casey improved, the confidence is (AP) — Dikembe Mutombo told me before the game if I stayed in the paint, allowing had the 15-18 footer to go

being more than a rebounding were 19-footers, and his longest was from 21 feet.

"I didn't know he was capa-16 points, making seven ble of making shots from out jumpers from 16 to 21 feet there. I take my hat off to away, as the New Jersey Nets him," Mutombo said. "I did-

Power forward Henderson, who guarded "Shot-blocking centers don't Feick when Mutombo was on like to leave the paint. So if the bench, was similarly

big advantage for us," said and year-out in college when I the stretch we're just not Keith Van Horn, who led the was at Indiana and he was at Michigan State, and he had about 8-10 foot range then," Henderson said. "Now he's shooting 18-19 feet and shooting it well. He got into a scored 26 points and Shaquille the key for them.

Isaiah Rider had 20 points

Jackson. Alan lim Henderson and Chris Crawford each had 13.

After blowing an early 14point lead and falling behind by as many as eight, the Nets went ahead for good early in the fourth quarter.

A jumper by Feick from the on a 10-day contract last sea- corner put New Jersey up 83son and signed a six-year, \$15 79, and a driving layup by Gill upped the lead to six with 4:57

> After a four-minute rest, Rider checked back in with 4:36 left but couldn't rally the Hawks. A steal by Marbury led to a fast-break layup by Kittles with 3:19 left for an 89-80 lead that all but sealed it.

"Team chemistry has

good. We're playing at a high level right now," Feick said.

The Nets opened a 28-14 lead Take it he did, over and over on a 3-pointer by Van Horn Feick, never known for again. Five of Feick's jumpers less than 10 minutes into the opening period, but Atlanta had caught up by the latter part of the second quarter en route to a 56-54 halftime lead.

Atlanta's lead grew to eight as Henderson scored on a putback to make it 65-57, but the Nets surged back to send the game into the fourth period

tied it at 73. "Every game we've lost this year we've been in," Atlanta's We used to play year-in Chris Crawford said. "Down doing what it takes to win. We're just not playing smart, and that's about it.'

Lakers 94, Raptors 88 At Toronto, Kobe Byrant groove tonight and really was O'Neal had 24 points and 15 rebounds to help Los Angeles extend its winning streak to six games.

> Glen Rice added 22 points for the Lakers, who have won 13 of 14 to improve to an NBA-best 21-5. Vince Carter had 29 points for Toronto, which has lost three straight and five of six.

Grizzlies 85, Clippers 84

At Vancouver, British Columbia, Michael Dickerson scored 26 points as Vancouver beat Los Angeles for Grizzlies coach Lionel Hollins' first career victory.

Hollins was coaching his second game, and first in Vancouver, since taking over the team when Brian Hill was fired Thursday. Lamar Odom led the Clippers with 28

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terms with OF Gerald Williams.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Announced 1B David Segui has accepted salary arbitration.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Announced RHP Rudy Seanez has accepted salary arbitration. PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to term

with RHP Marc Wilkins on a one-year contract. BASKETBALL DALLAS MAVERICKS—Placed G Robert Pack on injured list. Activated F Randell

National Football League
NFL—Fined Denver LB Bill Romanowski
\$10,000 for an illegal hit to the head of Kansas
City's Tony Gonzalez during a game on Dec. 5.
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Waived QB
Sherdrick Bonner. Signed LB Melvin Bradley
from the practice squad.
HOCKEY

lational Hockey League
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled C Tyler Wright from Wilkes-Barre of the AHL.
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Recalled G Evgeni
Nabokov from Cleveland of the IHL.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Assigned RW Brad Leeb to Syracuse of the AHL.

COLLEGE

LSU—Named Sal Sunseri and Mel Tucker assistant defensive football coaches and George Fotopoulis soccer coach.

TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI—Named

COLLEGE FOOTBALL College Bowl Gam (Subject to change Saturday, Dec. 18 Las Vegas Bowl At Las Vegas Payout: \$1.2 million Utah 17, Fresno State 16

Heritage Bowl At Atlanta Hampton 24, Southern U. 3 Wednesday, Dec. 22 Mobile Alabama Bowl Texas Christian (7-4) vs. East Carolina (9-2),

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Aloha Bowl At Honolul

Payout: \$800,000 Arizona State (te (6-5) vs. Wake Forest (6-5), 3:30 p.m. (ABC) **Oahu Bowl** At Honolule

Oregon State (7-4) vs. Hawaii (8-3), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN) Monday, Dec. 27 Payout: \$750,000

Marshall (12-0) vs. Brigham Young (8-3),
1:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Payout: \$1.2 million Texas A&M (8-3) vs. Penn State (9-3), 7:30

usic City Bo Payout: \$750,000 Kentucky (6-5) vs. Syracuse (6-5), 4 p.m (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Payout: \$1.8 million
Kansas State (10-1) vs. Washington (7-4), 8

Thursday, Dec. 30 Humanitarian Bowl At Bolse, Idaho Payout: \$750,000

Boise State (9-3) vs. Louisville (7-4), 3 p.m.

Micronpc.com Bowl At Miami Payout: \$750,000 Virginia (7-4) vs. Illinois (7-4), 7 p.m. (TBS) Peach Bowl

Payout: \$1.6 million issippi State (9-2) vs. Clemson (6-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Dec. 31
Insight.com Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.

Payout: \$750,000
Boston College (8-3) vs. Colorado (6-5),
1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas Payout: \$1 million Oregon (8-3) vs. Minnesota (8-3), 2:15 p.m. (CBS)

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Payout: \$1.2 million
Colorado State (8-3) vs. Southern Missisisippi (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN) Independence Bowl

Payout: \$1 million Mississippi (7-4) vs. Oklahoma (7-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl

At Tampa, Fla. ayout: \$1.9 million Georgia (7-4) vs. Purdue (7-4), 11 a.m. Payout: \$2.5 million At Dallas

Texas (9-4) vs. Arkansas (7-4), 11 a.m.

At Jacksonville, Fla.
Payout: \$1.4 million
Georgia Tech (8-3) vs. Miami (8-4), 12:30
p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Payout: \$3.8 million
Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan State (9-2), 1
p.m. (ABC)

p.m. (ABC) Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif. Payout: \$12 million Stanford (8-3) vs. Wisconsin (9-2), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)

Payout: \$11-13 million Michigan (9-2) vs. Alabama (10-2), 8:30 p.m. (ABC) Sunday, Jan. 2 Fleata Bowl

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East-West Shrine Class
At Stanford, Calif.
4 p.m. (ESPN)
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Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
2:30 p.m. (TBS) Mula Bowl At Kahului, Hawaii

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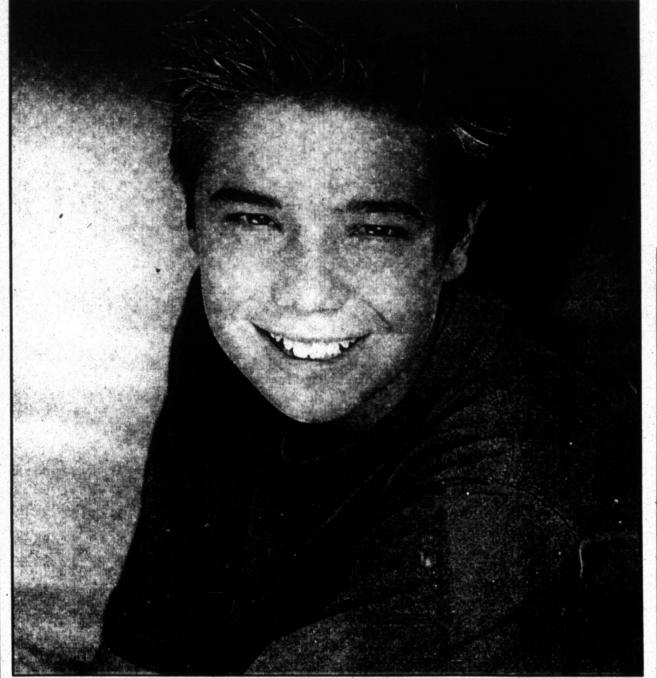
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vital link for the million Americans living with musclewasting diseases," said Norma Ball, MDA regional director. Whether you're the parent of a child just diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, the spouse of someone living with ALS, or an adult with any neuromuscular disease, the professionally facilitated groups provide a haven for sharing support, research updates and helpful informa-

Area residents and family members affected by neuromuscular diseases can also participate in informal MDAfacilitated "Phone Friends" networks and take advantage of MDA's extensive on-line services including its helpful "Ask the Experts" feature at www.mdausa.org. More than 200 of the world's leading physicians and scientists participate in "Ask the Experts," authoritative providing responses relating to neuromuscular diseases

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Gary Alan Bruce won second runner up this month at a Dallas talent show in the teen male photography competition with this photo. He also won the soap opera trophy and a trophy for singing.

Thirteen-year-old Pampan wins soap opera award

A 13-year-old Pampa youth is waiting for a trip Amarillo about nine months ago, Mrs. Bruce said. to Dollywood in Nashville after winning the soap opera award for teen male actors and the Mike Beaty Talent Expo in Dallas.

Gary Alan Bruce also was first runner up in the singing competition and second runner up in the photo competition. "Four casting directors wanted to sign him,"

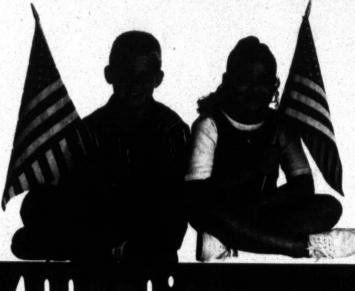
Nancy Bruce, his mother, said this week. Two record producers were also interested in

Bruce has been performing since he was 8 years old. He signed with the Anderson Talent Agency in softball.

The Pampa teenager will perform at the 'Wonders of the World Year 2000" fund raising show Dec. 4, in Clovis, N.M.

Bruce, a student at Pampa Middle School, started performing at the Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo. He has since performed in cities ranging from Dallas to Lubbock, winning trophies for male vocalist and for best performance.

He was All-Region third chair in choir at PMS and recently cut his first demonstration album. In addition to singing, he plays basketball and



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