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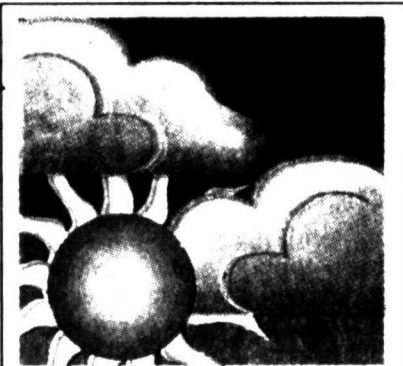
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Annual Extension meeting Dec. 11

PAMPA — Lovett Memorial Library will be the site of Gray County Extension Service's upcoming Annual Extension Program Council meeting slated at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 11 in the Heritage Room of the library. Guest speaker will be Susan Tripplehorn, director of Pampa Economic Development Corp. She will discuss PEDC in detail — past, present and future. Extension highlights for 2000 will be presented and refreshments served. No RSVP is necessary. The event is free and open to the public.

Two winners in Lotto Texas

Two tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The tickets were worth an estimated \$38 million.

The tickets were sold in Fairfield and League City, Texas.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 1-3-9-16-35-39.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

- Wesley Lafayette Bruce, 87, former owner-operator Bruce and Son Moving and Storage.
- Ruby Pearl Collins, 76, homemaker.
- Earl C. Darden, Jr., retired pipeline specialist for Diamond Shamrock.
- V.E. 'Barney' Lowe, 84, retired rancher.
- Betty McDowell, 70, homemaker.
- John Jay Williams, 66, retired automotive mechanic.

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\$589,404 water tower project gets under way

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

Work is getting under way on a \$589,404 project to paint the inside and outside of the Northcrest water tower and to remove insulation containing asbestos as well as make other improvements.

City engineering technician Donny Hooper said Luckinbill Inc., of Enid, Okla., will do the job that involves removing lead-based paint from the exterior of the tank.

In order to do that, Hooper, who is project inspector, said the tower will be completely encased in a type of "shrink wrap" plastic. First a scaffold will go up and then the plastic.

Hooper said this method will keep any paint chips or dust from entering the neighborhood and will also permit workers to stay on the job during inclement or windy weather.

The method, he said, "... is state of the art ... it's real safe." Workers are removing asbestos and setting up for the project this week that will get in full swing with the removal of old paint from the inside of the tower before that portion is repainted.

The inside paint to come off does not contain lead nor will any of the new paint that goes inside or outside the tank, Hooper said.

Because water towers provide the height necessary to create water pressure for users, Hooper said this time of year, when there is less water demand, was chosen for the repairs.

The Warren Street water tower will continue to be on line but it is scheduled for demolition and replacement sometime after the Northcrest project is over.

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Radio sportscaster Londagin dies at 53

His was familiar panhandle voice

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Friends and fans of popular radio personality Phil Londagin, 53, were mourning his death today. Londagin died shortly after 10 Wednesday night at an Amarillo hospital.

Sportscaster and Sales Director for Pampa's KGRO/KOMX the past two years, he was associated with the station off-and-on since 1971, said General Manager Darrell Sehorn this morning.

"We're all pretty sad," said Sehorn. "He served life well." He added, "If there's a play-by-play going on in Heaven, he'll be one of the lead guys," referring to his sports broadcasting career.

Londagin was well-known across the local area and Texas Panhandle for his radio coverage of several hundred of area football games through the years. Dubbed as "the voice of the Amarillo Dillas", a professional baseball team from Amarillo, Londagin also gave play-by-play accounts of the West Texas A&M University Buffaloes in radio broadcasts for many years.

Athletic Director and head football coach at Pampa High School Dennis Cavalier this morning expressed his sorrow at Londagin's death.

"I found Phil to be wonderful to associate with. He had a very positive spirit about all youth, especially in Pampa sports and in sports," said Cavalier. "He was so wonderfully eloquent in his description of sports and all activities he saw."

Cavalier said he had known Londagin for many years, but really got to know him as he worked very closely with him the past 18 months following Londagin's return to Pampa and his association with KGRO.

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Husband sought in assault

Pampa police today continue to look for a man wanted in the late night assault of a 37-year-old Pampa woman.

At about 11 p.m. Wednesday, the woman reported the attack in a telephone call to police from a residence.

According to police, she said she had been at a party in a parking lot in the 600 block of South Gray when she was beaten by her husband.

When police arrived at the scene, the man had gone. Police are searching for a black male, 31, five-feet, eight-inches tall, and approximately 160 pounds. He is wanted on charges of domestic assault with bodily injury.

The woman suffered cuts on her nose, neck and ear, a swollen left hand and a knot on the back of her head, the report said. Police said she was treated at Pampa Regional Medical Center and released.

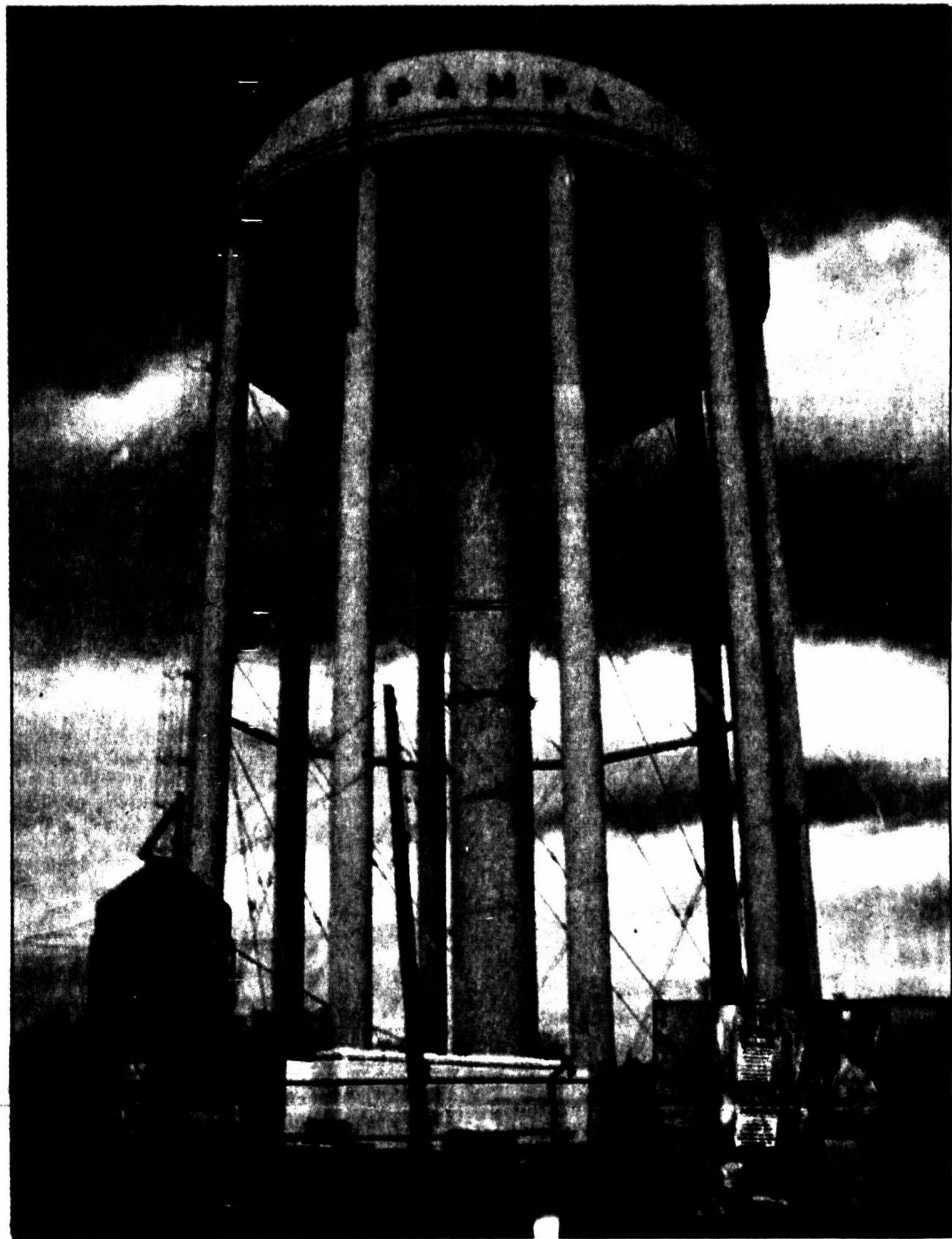
Follow-up nets drug arrest

A follow-up on a burglary report led Pampa police to arrest a local man on drug charges Wednesday.

Donald Dwayne Johnson, 50, 116 W. Foster, is out on bonds of \$1,500 early today after police charged him with possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to the police report, Officer David Conner had gone to the Davis Motel, 116 W. Foster, to follow-up on a report of a burglary when he saw Johnson walking down the street. While questioning the man about the burglary, the officer asked for and received consent to search Johnson's room.

In the search of the room, Conner found two gross grams of marijuana and three pipes reportedly used to smoke marijuana.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Trucks and equipment surround the North Crest water tower located on the northern edge of the city. Renovation of the tall green tower is under way. Inset, Dan Holmes of SERCO prepares to enter an enclosed area where asbestos insulation is being removed.

Advanced theater class presents Anne Frank play

By JOHNNA BIRKES
 For The News

"My name is Anne Frank. I was born in Germany in 1919. I did not survive the Holocaust. I died in a concentration camp six weeks before the war was over. I was 15 years old. I did not get married. I did not have children. I did not have grandchildren. I had a diary. I dreamed of becoming a great writer..."

The Pampa High School Advanced Theater class will be presenting "And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank," at 7 p.m. Dec. 7 - 9 in the high school auditorium. Described as "intimate theater," the play will be performed to audiences of 100 or less people at a time.

"And Then they Came for Me," written by James Still, is a unique theatrical experience, according to Director Dean Birkes.

"This play is a multimedia play that weaves videotaped interviews with Holocaust survivors Ed Silverberg and Eva Schloss with live actors recreating scenes from their lives during World War II," he said. "The audience will be sitting on stage with the actors, giving spectators a more realistic and intimate experience."


According to Dramatic Publishing Company, publisher of the play, Ed Silverberg



Rhianna Anglin, left, portrays Young Eva in "And They Came for Me." Presented by the Pampa High School Advanced Theatre class, tonight's opening night is the 59th anniversary of the beginning of World War II. Chris Johnson, right, appears as Heinz in the production which recreates scenes from many families' lives during WWII.

was Anne Frank's first boyfriend and she wrote about him in the beginning of her now-famous diary. Silverberg barely escaped the Nazis before going into hiding in Belgium for 26 months. Eva Schloss was the same age as Anne Frank and lived in the same apartment building in Amsterdam. Her family went into hiding the same day as the Frank family. Like the Frank family, they were also betrayed. On Eva's 15th birthday, her family was

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 Thank You For Supporting The Chamber!!
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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

COLLINS, Ruby Pearl — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

LOWE, V.E. "Barney" — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, McLean.

WILLIAMS, John Jay — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Lieb Cemetery, near Pringle.

Obituaries (cont.)

BETTY McDOWELL
LEFORS — Betty McDowell, 70, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2000.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. Lewis Ellis, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lefors, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. McDowell was born Dec. 18, 1929, at Durham, Okla. She married Floyd McDowell on Sept. 16, 1946, at Pampa. She had been a Lefors resident since 1956, moving to the community from Pampa.

She was a homemaker and a Baptist. She was preceded in death by a son, Larry McDowell, in 1966.

Survivors include her husband, Floyd, of the home; a daughter, Patricia McBeet of Lefors; a son, Danny McDowell of Pampa; two sisters, Sarah Wallace of Dallas and Eulala "Vera" Anderson of Nezperce, Idaho; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065; or to First Baptist Church, 315 E. 4th, Lefors, TX 79054.

JOHN JAY WILLIAMS
AMARILLO — John Jay Williams, 66, died Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2000. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Lieb Cemetery, north of Pringle. Burial will be under the direction of Rector Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Williams was born at Stinnett. He married Murline White in 1959 in Mexico.

A longtime Amarillo resident, he established his own automotive mechanic business after retiring from the government in 1993 as a quality assurance specialist.

Survivors include his wife, Murline; three daughters, Lori Yocom and Cindy Morris, both of Federal Way, Wash., and Elizabeth Early of Amarillo; a son, Randy Williams of Amarillo; four sisters, Wanda Gruver of Amarillo, Wenona Goodwin of Pampa, Adeline Ludwig of Simi Valley, Calif., and Leota Black of Wheeler; five brothers, Alton Williams of Stinnett, Lester Williams of Independence, Mo., Eason Williams of Spearman, Bobby Williams of Amarillo and Bud Williams of Allison; and 11 grandchildren.

The family will be at 7721 Farrell Drive in Amarillo.

Obituaries

WESLEY LAFAYETTE BRUCE

Wesley Lafayette Bruce, 87, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Bruce was born Jan. 27, 1913, at Alva, Okla. He married Lena Ozell Lester on Sept. 2, 1930, at Sayre, Okla.; she died in 1995. He had been a resident of Amarillo and Pampa since 1939 and owned-operated Bruce and Son Moving and Storage for approximately 60 years.

He was a member of First Assembly of God Church in both Pampa and Amarillo and attended Trinity Fellowship Church and Briarwood Full Gospel Church with his family.

Survivors include a daughter, June Thurman of Pampa; a son, Wallace L. Bruce of Pampa; a brother, Ira Bruce of Amarillo; six grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Briarwood Full Gospel Church, 1800 W. Harvester, Pampa; or to Trinity Fellowship Church, 1200 S. Sumner, Pampa.

RUBY PEARL COLLINS

Ruby Pearl Collins, 76, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2000, at Houston. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of First Baptist Church of Childress, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Collins was born July 4, 1924, at Yale, Okla. She had been a Pampa resident for 45 years before moving to Houston in 1995. She married Buster Collins in 1944 at Durham, Okla.; he preceded her in death on Sept. 15, 1990.

She was a homemaker and a former member of Fellowship Baptist Church.

Survivors include four sons, Perry Collins of Houston, Kenneth Collins of Coppage, Ga., Wayne Collins of Leoti, Kan., and Buster Collins, Jr. of Scottsboro, Ala.; two daughters, Susan Ballard of Houston and Yvonne Pionkowski of Grand Island, Neb.; two brothers, Elmo Gibson of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Merle-Gibson of Pryor, Okla.; two sisters, Laura Freeman of Oklahoma City and Delores Sanders of Corpus Christi; 10 grandchildren, Sheri Collins of Slidell, La., Debbie Collins of Austin, Stephen Collins of Pampa, Julie Gray and Jimmy Collins, both of Point Comfort, Michael Boydston and Bobby Boydston, both of Houston, and Lori, Jerry and Melissa Collins; and several great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

EARL C. DARDEN, JR.

ABILENE — Earl C. Darden, Jr., died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2000, at a care center in the Abilene area. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Hawley Cemetery with Major Harvy Johnson officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home of Abilene.

Mr. Darden was born at Abilene, to the late Earl Claude Darden, Sr. and Ora Lee Bruton Darden. He married Jackie Stillwell in October of 1947 at Abilene. After living in Pampa and Phillips for 20 years, he returned to Abilene in 1979 and retired from Diamond Shamrock as a pipeline specialist in 1988.

He was a Baptist and a Sea Bee, serving during World War II in the Pacific theater while attached to the United States Marine Corps.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dennie Ray Darden, in 1981; and by a sister.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie, of Hawley; a daughter, Patricia Virden of Hawley; a son, Rodney Darden of Tyler; two sisters, Peggy Herships of Garden City, Mich., and Helen Smith of Las Vegas, Nev.; a brother, Robert Darden of Las Vegas; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Big Country, 3113 Oldham Ln., Abilene, TX 79602.

V.E. 'BARNEY' LOWE

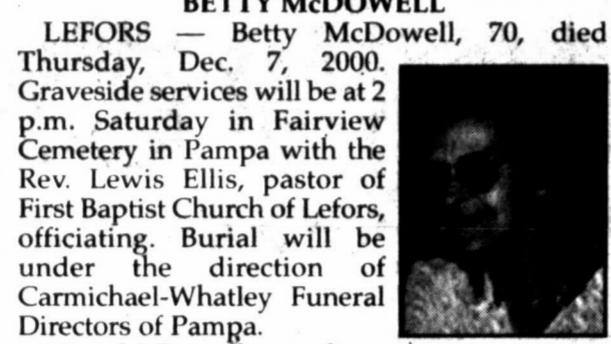
McLEAN — V.E. "Barney" Lowe, 84, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Z.A. Myers officiating and Brian Quisenberry, pastor, assisting. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Lowe was born Aug. 22, 1916, in Pushmataha County, Okla., to Frank and Lummie Lowe. He married Betty Payne on Oct. 15, 1938, in Pushmataha County. The couple made their home in McLean for 50 years.

He was a retired rancher and avid fisherman and belonged to Jumbo Baptist Church in Oklahoma.

Survivors include his wife, Betty, of the home; two daughters, Jessie Bailey and Judy Green, both of Amarillo; a sister, Mary Varco of Bend Oregon; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family will be at the Lowe residence in McLean and requests memorials be to McLean Care Center Activity Fund, Box 780, McLean, TX 79057.



Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. Lewis Ellis, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lefors, officiating.

TOWER

That aging tower will be replaced because it is "more cost effective" to do so than to repaint and refurbish it, Hooper said.

Water and sewer charge increases recently passed by the City Commission and effective after Jan. 1 will be used to help retire debt on the tower projects.

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PLAY

arrested by the Nazis and sent to concentration camps. Eva and her mother survived, and after the war her mother married Otto Frank (Anne's father.)

The play is part oral history, part dramatic action, part direct address and part remembrance.

"This play has been acclaimed by audiences and critics in productions across the United States," Birkes said. "One critic said that this production is like a historic newsreel brought to life on the stage."

Characters in the play include Evan Miller as Young Ed, Lori Stephens as Ed's mother, Derreck

The actual rate charged is not going up but there is an effective increase because the base rate will be applied to users of over 2,000 gallons per month. It had been applied to 3,000-gallon users and over.

When commissioners adopted the new plan, they said it was done because 10 percent of the users - mostly senior citizens - use 2,000 gallons or less and thus won't have higher bills.

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Cummings as Ed's father, Kasey Presson as a Hitler youth and as Pappy, Rhianna Anglin as Young Eva, Chris Johnson as Heinz, April Anderson as Mutti and Susan Brackey as Anne.

Admission to the play will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Because the play is performed in an intimate theater, advanced reservations are required. Please call 669-4800 ext. 333 for reservations. Again, seating is limited to 100 per performance.

"This is a very intense and strong play, and one I feel the community will really enjoy," Birkes said. "As the author of the play states, it is not simply a 'Holocaust play,' but a play about people who lived during the Holocaust. It is not a 'history play,' but a play about families and their histories."

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SPORTSCASTER

"He certainly will be missed by those in the athletic community," said Cavalier.

Sehorn reported Head Boys Basketball Coach Jerry Schaeffer and the team captains of the Pampa Harvester team traveled to Amarillo Saturday to visit with the Londagin family at the hospital.

For many years the Pampa High School graduate was also associated with Borger radio station KQTY and was known as the Voice of the Borger Bulldogs. Donny Hooper paid tribute to Londagin during the early morning KGRO/KOMX newscast today, saying Londagin always remained a devout Pampa Harvester fan. He noted Londagin's last radio sports broadcast was ironically the Nov. 10 football game between the rival Pampa Harvesters and the Borger Bulldogs.

"He had so many friends all over the Panhandle," said Sehorn. "Just as he joined the

radio station in 1999, our family experienced a personal tragedy and Phil took the reins at the station. We will be forever grateful."

Linda Sehorn, wife of Darrell, echoed the comments of her husband. She said there were many of Londagin's friends who gathered at the Amarillo hospital Wednesday night as word of his condition spread throughout the area. "He certainly fought a good fight," she said.

Londagin suffered a heart attack on Nov. 14 and underwent bypass surgery on Nov. 20. He was discharged from Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo on Nov. 24. After having another heart attack and additional complications on Nov. 29, he was readmitted to the Amarillo Hospital where he was a patient in the Intensive Care Unit. On Tuesday he suffered yet another heart attack and a stroke.

Funeral arrangements for Londagin are pending with N.S. Griggs and Son of Amarillo.

Pampa teen jailed for smoking tobacco in the wrong place

Tariq S. Carter, 18, was arrested about 1:30 a.m. Sunday on a warrant charging him with smoking tobacco in a prohibited area. He was charged after his arrest with possession of under two ounces of marijuana.

Officers said they saw Carter stopped in the

middle of the street in the 1100 block of Huff Road, talking to someone in a car.

When police officers stopped to talk to Carter, they found he was wanted on an outstanding warrant for smoking tobacco in a prohibited area.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.56
Milo	3.28
Com.	3.58
Soybeans	4.32
Soymeal	2.00
Soybean Oil	11.00
Corn Meal	1.50
Flour	5.00
Other	1.00

The following show the prices at which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	21.78	up 1/8
Fidelity Magell	125.09	
Puntan	18.95	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

BP Amoco	47	up 1/8
Cabot	25.716	up 1/16
Cabot O&G	22	11/16 up 3/8
Chevron	81.916	up 1/16
Coca-Cola	62	up 1/16
Columbia/HCA	39.93	dn 0.11
Enron	73 1/16	up 1/8
Halliburton	35 1/8	up 3/8
KMI	45	up 1 1/16
Kerr-McGee	62 5/16	up 1/16
Limited	17 7/16	up 1/16
McDonald's	30 1/16	up 7/16
Exxon Mobil	88 9/16	up 2 5/16
New Atmos	23 7/8	up 1/8
XCCEL	27 7/16	up 1/4
NOI	33 3/8	up 15/16
OKE	43 5/8	up 13/16
Penny's	9 5/8	dn 1/16
Phillips	54 15/16	up 15/16
Pioneer Nat.	14 15/16	up 1/16
SLB	66 1/8	up 11/16
Tenneco	3 11/16	NC
Texas	58 3/8	dn 1/2
Ultramar	27 5/16	up 1/4
Wal-Mart	55 1/16	up 1/8
Williams	37 9/16	up 1/16
New York Gold	274.90	
Silver	4.78	
West Texas Crude	29.00	

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Dec. 6

12 noon — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 700 block of South Barnes.

3:42 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters installed a smoke detector in the 900 block of Fischer.

8:40 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a false alarm in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Thursday, Dec. 7

12:02 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 500 block of South Somerville on a medical assist.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Dec. 6

A representative for FirstBank Southwest reported the theft of a welder from a building at 2821 W. Texas 152. According to sheriff's reports, the Miller Shop Master 300, valued at \$700, as part of a bankruptcy auction. The theft was discovered after an inventory of the auction items. Deputies had no suspects in the case at the time of the report.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following arrest and incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Theft of lights from Christmas decorations, valued at \$5, was reported in the 2100 block of North Charles. The theft is believed to have occurred on Dec. 4. The report was forwarded to Gray County Juvenile Probation for follow-up.

Wednesday, Dec. 6

Donald Dwayne Johnson, 50, 116 W. Foster, was arrested in the 100 block of West Foster for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Burglary of a residence was reported in the 500 block of North Yeager. Someone entered the home, ransacked it, and stole two televisions.

A representative of Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart, reported a gas drive-off. Someone took \$31.60 of gasoline without paying for it.

Theft of a \$50 iron lawn ornament was reported in the 2600 block of Comanche.

Burglary of a residence was reported in the 1000 block of South Nelson. Someone kicked the door in and took a checkbook and checks from the residence.

A representative of Furniture & More, 1600 N. Hobart, reported the theft of a DVD player valued at \$439.74.

Domestic assault with bodily injury was reported in the 600 block of South Gray. The victim was treated and released from Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Dec. 6

10:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

11:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of East Kingsmill and transported one to PRMC.

11:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of South Barnes and transported one to PRMC.

11:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of South Somerville and transported one to PRMC.

Thursday, Dec. 7

12:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of South Somerville and transported one to PRMC.

5:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement.

\$300 REWARD lost female Sheltie puppy w/ red collar. 665-7867 or 898-5390.

A FUND for Ashley Roe has been established at FirstBank Southwest, to make donations, ask for Sharon Strickland.

ALL CHRISTMAS items 20% Off, The Petal Pusher, 1318 N. Hobart.

BABY'S 1ST Christmas - don't forget!! See Pampa News Classifieds today, for details.

BEAUTIFUL NATIVITY Collection at White Deer Land Museum, 112 S. Cuyler. Nativity scenes from many countries. On loan from Jan Ragsdale for the holidays.

CHANEY'S CAFE, 716 W. Foster, Thurs. 5-8p.m., chicken & dumplings, fried pork chops, BBQ beef, ch. fr. steak.

LOST WED. 4 p.m. on McCullough-East, small black Schnauzer, tags, Cammie. Reward, 669-9310.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT Installation. Residential and Commercial. 848-2377.

CUSTOM EMBROIDERY. Stitchin' Barn, 669-3543, at Walnut Creek.

KID'S NIGHT Thurs., Dec. 7th until 7:30 p.m. at Best Kept Secrets. Kids 18 & under can draw from Santa's Stocking for Special Discounts on their Christmas Gift purchases. 1925 N. Hobart, 665-4190.

LET PACK 'N' Mail do your Christmas packing, mailing & gift wrapping. Mon-Fri. 9-5:15 p.m. Special Holiday Hours Sat. Dec. 9th & 16th 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

LIQUIDATION SALE, 50-75% off men's name brand clothing. Thurs., Fri., Sat. & Sun 9-9 p.m., 810 W. Kingsmill, 665-3798.

WANTED MALE or female to live with elderly man, housework & companionship. Room & board + \$200 mo. 669-1600.

MORE SNOWMAN windows & great gifts at Cole Creek Thurs. Fri. & Sat. 10-5.

NEW SHIPMENT animal print purses, jewelry and other gift ideas. Cottage Collection booth #440.

PARTY TRAYS avail. for Holidays at Hoagies Deli. We deliver! 665-0292.

PHS THEATRE presents "And Then They Came For Me: Remembering the World of Anne Franke," Dec. 7-9th, 7 p.m. PHS auditorium, \$4 reserved seating

THE COTTAGE Collection, 922 W. 23rd will have Open House, Sat., Dec. 9. Register for Gift Certificates, Refreshments available.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly cloudy today with a high in the mid 60s and southwest wind from 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy tonight with a low around 30 and north winds at 10-20 mph. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy with less than a 20 percent chance of showers and a high in the low 40s with north-northeast winds at 10-15 mph. Yesterday's high was 48; the overnight low 31.

STATEWIDE — A cold front's passage through Texas brought scattered fog across the state on Thursday, with a slight warming trend and abundant moisture

expected ahead of the next system.

Patchy fog formed over the central portions of North Texas, as well as in the southeast. Elsewhere in the state, skies were mostly clear under the influence of high pressure.

Early-morning lows were on the frosty side in many sections of the state, ranging from the 20s in the northwest and Hill Country to 30s to 40s along the coast.

Extremes ranged from 27 degrees at Junction to 49 degrees at Galveston. Winds were generally southerly to southwesterly at 5 to 15

mph. Variable high cloudiness was expected in West Texas, with a chance of light rain or snow in the Panhandle by Friday.

Daytime highs should range from the 30s and 40s in the extreme north to 50s in the mountains and 70s in the Big Bend.

Lows overnight were expected from the 20s to 40s and low 50s along the coast.

By this weekend, a chance of more rainfall returns to wide sections of the state. A strong cold front on Monday was expected to bring wintry conditions to the north and west.

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With time running out, Gore makes his case

Al Gore's lawyer pleaded with a seemingly skeptical Florida Supreme Court on Thursday to order selective manual recounts that could revive the vice president's fading quest for the White House. George W. Bush looked to the state's justices to finally count his rival out.

"We believe the ballots can be counted in the time available," Gore's lawyer, David Boies said when Chief Justice Charles T. Wells noted the state's presidential electors must be picked by Dec. 12. "Obviously time is getting very short."

But lawyers for Bush and Secretary of State Katherine Harris both said Gore was asking the state's highest court to exceed its legal powers.

Joseph Klock, representing Harris, said the court would have to "create a pile of law" to grant Gore's request.

"There is not a single shred of evidence to show that any voter was denied the right to vote," argued Bush's lawyer, Barry Richard, adding that state's highest court has no business stepping in and overseeing recounts.

The vice president is hoping to overturn a trial judge's ruling earlier in the week that refused to order manual recounts, and left unmoored Bush's certified 537-vote margin of victory in the state that stands to pick the next president. The justices provided no indication of how quickly they would rule, but in an earlier recount case, handed down a decision within 24 hours of hearing arguments.

There were other subplots in America's riveting election drama, including an announcement that the GOP-controlled Florida Legislature would meet in special session to appoint its own slate of electors, loyal to Bush.

A pair of trials wound down in state courts in which Democratic voters sought to have thousands of absentee ballots thrown out in two Florida counties. Gore wasn't a part of the proceedings, but has spoken favorably of the suits.

Still, one month after Election Day, most of the attention was

focused on the state's highest court.

Gore and running mate Sen. Joseph Lieberman watched on television at the vice president's residence as Boies argued their case. In Austin, Bush was at the state capitol, although aides said they didn't know whether had tuned in to the proceedings.

Several of the court's seven justices pressed Boies to explain why it would be proper to have manual recounts in some counties, but not statewide.

"I don't think there has ever been a suggestion under state law that you should have a recount where it was not requested," Boies replied.

Wells also observed that the courts could become involved "only if there was substantial noncompliance with election laws," not merely when — as Gore alleges — some legitimate votes were left uncounted.

"I don't think that's what we're arguing," Boies said. He added it was "undisputed that there are voter errors and machine errors" that have affected the statewide count.

The statewide winner of Florida — and its 25 electoral votes — stands to gain the White House and take the oath of office as the nation's 43rd president on Jan. 20.

"I represent the vice president and Senator Lieberman," Boies said in the opening moments of a hearing that ran eight minutes over its allotted hour. But that was all he could say before Wells cut him off and pressed him to explain why the court — and not the Florida Legislature — should be settling the issue.

Wells began and ended the session with challenges to Boies to explain how the court should apply guidance from the U.S. Supreme Court earlier this week. The high court sent a separate election case back to the Florida court with questions about the legal basis for the Florida court's Nov. 21 decision extending hand recounts.

At the start, Wells asked the relevance of a previous U.S. Supreme Court case governing appointment of presidential electors.

"My reading of that case is

that the U.S. Supreme Court has said that the state Legislature has plenary power, full power, in respect to appointment of presidential electors, and that power cannot be eroded even by the state constitution," he said.

If that is so, Wells asked, does the appeals court have the power to resolve this kind of presidential election controversy?

Boies replied it did. When his turn came to speak, Richard had scarcely introduced himself to the court when the justices began peppering him, too, with questions.

"This is nothing more than a garden variety appeal" under state law, he said. "I believe the circuit court is subject to appeal, but under a very limited fashion."

But he said Gore's lawyers were requesting something the law didn't allow — essentially asking the state Supreme Court to assume the job of the trial court.

But Justice Harry Lee Anstead pressed Richard on whether Judge N. Sanders Sauls had reviewed any of the questionable ballots in three Florida counties. Richard said no ballots were looked at, because, he added, there was "no basis to do that" unless Sauls first ruled that Gore was entitled to some sort of recount.

The court heard arguments on an unusually condensed timetable, a gesture to the overriding national importance of the issue and a Dec. 12 deadline for picking electors. It was only Monday when Sauls rejected Gore's challenge to Bush's certified statewide victory. Even before Sauls' courtroom had cleared, Gore's lawyers rushed to file an appeal, and the state Supreme Court announced on Tuesday it would allow the lawyers to make their cases in public.

The plan to summon the Legislature into session drew sharp criticism from Democrats. "The only thing missing on the proclamation is the postmark from Austin, Texas," charged Rep. Lois Frankel, leader of the House Democrats, referring to the Bush campaign.

Career Day



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Career Day at Pampa High School had a little bit of everything this week. Students could attend three sessions of their choice. At right, Judy Warner helps musician/attorney Matt Martindale check in while Rick Smith of Titan Industries picks up material before the second session. Speakers donating their time represented a 90 careers including everything from ministers-to-teachers-to-financial planners-to-chiropractors-to-florists-to-stock brokers-to-engineers-to-DPS troopers-to-feedlot managers-to-you-name-it. The event was sponsored by Altrusa Club of Pampa and Rotary Club of Pampa. It was hosted by DECA, an association of marketing students and by Business Professionals of America.

Couple pleads in scam case

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A couple who ran a bogus children's charity that drew big-name contributors including Michael Jackson pleaded no contest Wednesday to felony fraud and theft.

Grace Darlene Brandt, 57, director of the Friends of Children charity, will get 10 years in prison under the plea agreement. Her husband, Gary Gene Harder, 55, will get three.

The couple auctioned a pair of life-sized stuffed cows donated by Jackson to raise funds for clothes and services to disabled and underprivileged children, but then stole the money, prosecutors said. The couple also checked in under false names to a donated hotel room meant to be raffled off.

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Houston to reduce smog

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The state's environmental agency Wednesday approved an aggressive clean-air plan for the smoggy Houston metropolitan area that includes a 55 mph speed limit and unprecedented reductions in pollution from industrial plants.

Houston, with its refineries and petrochemical plants, is the nation's smoggiest city.

"If it isn't the most aggressive, it's got to be up there with the top few," said Robert Huston, chairman of the three-member Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, which approved the plan unanimously.

The plan — designed to bring the area into compliance with federal clean air standards by 2007 — is subject to approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Under the plan, speed limits would be reduced to 55 mph in the eight-county area effective May 1, 2002. The speed limit on interstate highways in the Houston area is as high as 70 mph, though drivers often go over 80 mph or 90 mph.

The plan also calls for unprecedented cuts in emissions at industrial plants, a ban on the use of diesel construction equipment during the morning hours, and stricter tailpipe tests for cars and trucks.

Gov. George W. Bush must submit the plan to the EPA by the end of the year. Without a plan, the state risks the loss of federal highway money.

Based on the number of days in violation of federal air quality standards, Houston has been the smoggiest U.S. city for the past two years, surpassing Los Angeles, a distinction that was used against Bush during the

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas: The Dallas Morning News on foreign sales:

There's a real difference between fixing a problem and simply slapping a Band-Aid on it, a distinction that seems to have been lost in a trade spat over a controversial U.S. corporate tax break.

Under pressure from threatened trade sanctions, Congress eliminated a tax avoidance mechanism called the foreign sales corporation. European Union officials had argued that the provision, which allows U.S. companies to claim tax benefits by funneling overseas sales through an offshore affiliate in a tax haven, amounted to an unfair subsidy under international trade rules. About 6,000 U.S. companies used the designation to save \$4 billion a year.

But while foreign sales corporations disappear, the tax breaks don't. In fact, the new "fix" provides even larger breaks, up to \$6 billion for companies that manufacture or sell abroad.

Unsatisfied, the EU has asked the World Trade Organization's permission to impose sanctions, but will wait for a WTO ruling on whether the new legislation complies with international rules before implementing penalties. Both sides have purchased more time to avert a "train wreck" as Deputy U.S. Treasury Secretary Stuart Eizenstat has characterized this dispute. But both trains are still on a potentially unpleasant collision course, just not immediately.

The U.S. has been the world's biggest booster of free and fair trade around the globe. As founder of the World Trade Organization, the U.S. has placed its national prestige on an international mechanism to resolve trade disputes. But at times like this U.S. tax and trade policy seem wildly at odds.

A danger still exists that whatever the WTO decides will not avert tit-for-tat challenges to national tax systems, a mechanism that countries generally consider their internal domestic prerogative. With U.S. jobs at stake, the U.S. rightly has defended that principle while also reminding the EU that European tax systems effectively provide innovative shelters for European companies.

It should be evident by now that the WTO is an avenue of last resort that isn't always the best venue for disputes that expand beyond narrow trade issues. The summit process must be used more effectively and pragmatically to avert counterproductive and destructive clashes. In this process, nations and businesses on both sides of the Atlantic have a responsibility to prevent these kinds of disputes from undermining national prerogatives and the WTO dispute resolution process.

Take time to enjoy your holiday season

Christmas is comin'! This is the busiest time of the year for most people and I seem to be in the majority — for once.

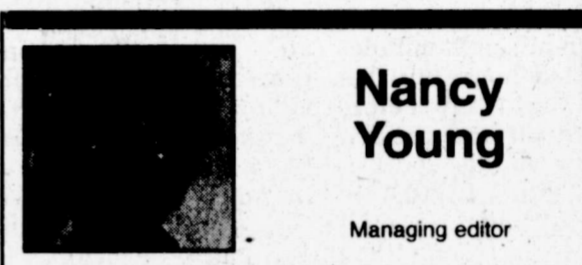
Christmas music and movies abound. Shoppers are out trying to get their holiday purchases made while getting needed decorations. There is no shortage of Christmas plays and activities. The annual Celebration of Lights is in full swing at Recreation Park, and you don't want to miss it. A breathtaking collection of nativity scenes is on display at the White Deer Land Museum. Their hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. You don't want to miss it.

These days lunch hour seems to be full of shopping for gifts for family members. Trying to find the perfect gift for each grandchild and child is sometimes challenging, but it is fun.

My shopping accomplishments are way ahead of schedule in comparison to past years. Why, I'm about half way there. Life is good.

This past weekend I got my tree up. It is not decorated, but it is up. After several years of battling dried needles in the carpet for months after Christmas, I finally decided to go the artificial tree route. How I fought giving up that part of Christmas.

I love the smell of a fresh tree as it permeates throughout the house, but the transportation of a newly purchased tree is difficult without a pickup and the disposal of the tree after



Nancy Young

Managing editor

Christmas can be quite "needling." So, I changed.

Three of my grandchildren, ages 2, 4 and 6, assisted me in getting the branches in their proper rows. Excitedly, they were talking about Santa Claus coming to visit them. Each year when I dismantle the tree I place each row of branches in a white plastic bag and number the bag so it will be much easier to set up the following year.

As I was placing the branches in the tree, Paige, 2 years old, ran up excitedly saying, "I want to help, Nana." So proud of herself, she began handing me branches. I thought the tree was looking rather strange as I was putting the branches in row three from the top. As some of the branches were extending out several inches further than the others, I began to check out this little problem. I discovered while I was still on row three Paige was handing me branches from row nine.

Quickly we remedied that little problem, but by then Paige decided she wanted to play. Her brother and sister continued helping, and we have the tree standing.

As the children and I gathered the nativity figures to place outside, I thought of my oldest granddaughter when she was three years old. That year I was unpacking the box as she watched. A pre-school student in a parochial school, she was familiar with most of the nativity figures. As I reached into the box that day to retrieve the first one, she squealed, "Baby Jesus." The next figure I pulled out, she said, "Mary." As I pulled out the last one, she said, "Daddy."

I've been busy searching for chili pepper lights to place on the tree as I'm decorating it southwest style this year. I have been arriving at stores as the last chili pepper lights have been purchased by the person just ahead of me. So, artificial ones have gone on the tree.

Hopefully, I'll have it finished this weekend, and complete shopping next week.

Christmas is just such a wonderful holiday season. I try to stop daily and continually remind myself of what the true purpose of Christmas is — to celebrate Christ's birth. It is also a time for families to gather and be grateful for each other.

Take time to enjoy your holiday season, and pass it on.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 7, the 342nd day of 2000. There are 24 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese forces attacked American and British territories and possessions in the Pacific, including the home base of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

On this date:
 In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1796, electors chose John Adams to be the second president of the United States.

In 1836, Martin Van Buren was elected the eighth president of the United States.

In 1842, the New York Philharmonic gave its first concert.

In 1946, fire broke out at the Winecoff Hotel in Atlanta; the blaze killed 119 people, including hotel founder W. Frank Winecoff.

In 1972, America's last moon mission to date was launched as Apollo 17 blasted off from Cape Canaveral.

In 1982, convicted murderer Charlie Brooks Jr. became the first U.S. prisoner to be executed by injection, at a prison in Huntsville, Texas.

In 1985, retired Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart died in Hanover, N.H., at age 70.

In 1987, Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev set foot on American soil for the first time, arriving for a

Washington summit with President Reagan.

In 1988, a major earthquake in the Soviet Union devastated northern Armenia; official estimates put the death toll at 25,000.

Ten years ago: As President Bush arrived in Venezuela on the last stop of his South American tour, his chief spokesman, Marlín Fitzwater, warned Iraq that there was "no lessening in the threat of war," despite Iraq's promise to release its hostages.

Five years ago: Under Republican pressure, President Clinton reluctantly presented a seven-year balanced-budget plan that was quickly criticized by GOP lawmakers. A 746-pound probe from the "Galileo" spacecraft hur-

led into Jupiter's atmosphere, sending back data to the mother-ship before it was presumably destroyed.

One year ago: NASA scientists all but gave up hope of contacting the Mars Polar Lander, last heard from four days earlier as it began its descent toward the Red Planet.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Eli Wallach is 85. Bluegrass singer Bobby Osborne is 69. Actress Ellen Burstyn is 68. Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., is 63. ABC News anchorwoman Carole Simpson is 60. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Johnny Bench is 53. Country singer Gary Morris is 52. Singer-songwriter Tom Waits is 51. Actress Priscilla Barnes is 45. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Larry Bird is 44.

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Public soon forgets defeated politicians

The country appears to be genuinely divided, but elections are like gunfights: Close doesn't count. George W. Bush will take office with full power, and by January, most folks will have forgotten how close the election was.

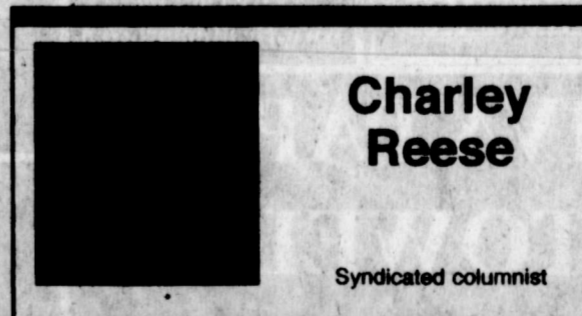
Nobody is forgotten more quickly than a defeated politician. The national news media will have Hillary Clinton to ooh and aah over. I also think that she will see to it that Al Gore doesn't get a second run in 2004.

But looking to the future, the divisions are a sinister portent of conflicts to come. Most of these divisions are beliefs that can't be compromised.

Either you believe that it is morally wrong to execute a baby in the womb for the "crime" of being inconvenient, or you don't. There is no common ground here. As far as I'm concerned, the Pope ought to excommunicate the 50 percent of American Catholics who voted for pro-abortion Gore. Obviously, their beliefs are heretical.

There's no compromise either on the question of liberty. There is no such thing as half-free and no such thing as a right that is licensed by the government. Either you believe in the Bill of Rights, or you don't. Either you believe that all government should be bound by the "chains of the Constitution," or you don't.

Frankly, it alarms me that so many Americans would vote for Gore, a known liar and demagogue and a member of the sleaziest



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

administration in the 20th century. On the other hand, American culture, if you can call it that, has become one of the sleaziest in the world.

It's interesting but kind of depressing that neither candidate ever made an appeal to people's ideals or patriotism. Their campaigns were essentially bidding wars — "my plan to put money in your pocket is better than his plan to put money in your pocket." Both men had too many spin doctors, polling groups and public-relations advisers. Neither ever seemed to speak from the heart. It struck me that the most passionate people in both camps were passionate in their hatred of the other candidate rather than in affection for their own man.

Only Ralph Nader made a direct appeal to people's ideals and particularly urged young Americans to put aside their cynicism and get involved in the process. Nader himself won't last another election cycle, but the movement

he's started might take root and grow. It would be good if it does. American politics is in desperate need of a strong injection of idealism.

Bush and the other moderate Republicans ought to learn a lesson from this election, too. They aren't going to wean away the core constituency of the Democratic Party by compromising their own conservative beliefs. Election after election, Democrats get the black vote and the Jewish vote. They get the union vote. They get the feminist vote. They get the homosexual vote.

Well, so be it. Let those groups wait until there is a Democratic victory before they receive any patronage. That's what party politics are about — electing candidates and distributing patronage. All else being equal, the business goes to friends. Only fools reward their enemies.

Bush might well have had an easier victory if he had worried less about what people who weren't going to vote for him thought and more about his supporters.

The core constituency of the Republican Party is the conservative and traditional-minded folks in the South and West. The Northeast and upper Midwest are Democratic country. If you look at a map with the electoral votes, it's about as clear a North-South split as in 1860, with most of the Western states allied with the South. That's a serious division, both political and cultural.

SPORTS

OU's Heupel is AP's Player of the Year

Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring men's and women's basketball leagues for ages 16 and up. Men's Competitive, Recreational and Women's Open divisions will be offered. In addition, this year the recreation department will offer a Men's Over 35 division.

Entry deadline will be Jan. 17 at 5 p.m., and the season will begin on Jan. 24, 2001.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$200 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of ten (10) players.

Roster forms, fact sheets and league bylaws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart. For more information, please contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

AMARILLO — Pampa Red defeated Valleyview 39-34 in an 8th grade boys basketball game earlier this week.

Brittin East had 15 points and 9 rebounds to lead Pampa. Clayton Hall followed with 10 points and 7 rebounds.

Valleyview won over Pampa Blue 40-29 in the other 8th grade game.

Jonathan Feil was high-point scorer for Pampa with 12 points.

In the 7th grade division, Pampa Red lost to Westover 66-25.

Weston Teichmann and Eric Kingcade had 5 points each for Pampa.

Pampa lost to Westover 34-26 in the Blue game.

Pablo Alvarado had 9 points, Tyson Hickman 4 and Tyler Klein 4 to lead Pampa Blue.

Pampa Blue has a 2-2 record and Pampa Red is 0-4.

GROOM — Groom handed visiting Claude a 38-31 setback in girls' basketball action Tuesday night.

Amanda Conrad led the Tigerettes in scoring with 16 points.

Claude beat Groom 58-30 in the boys' game.

Eric Eddleman had 18 points to lead Claude and Clay Ritter was high-point boy for Groom with 19.

BRISCOE — Richard Rowe scored 29 points as Fort Elliott routed Shamrock 67-39 in boys basketball action earlier this week.

Dean led Shamrock with 9 points.

Nathan Hefley added 15 points for Fort Elliott, who boosted its record to 9-0.

Fort Elliott fell to Shamrock 60-57 in the girls game.

Ramsey was high scorer for Shamrock with 13 points. Kyleigh Trimble was high-point girl for Fort Elliott with 18 points. Ashley Estes added 15.

BASEBALL

HILLSBORO — The 7th annual Pro Skills Baseball Camp will be held Dec. 16 at Hill College in Hillsboro.

Players will be evaluated by professional baseball scouts and college coaches.

For more information, call Gary Benton at 254-582-2555 (ext. 305) and leave a message.

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Mets finally signed a starting pitcher, agreeing to a \$21.75 million, three-year contract with Rick Reed.

Reed gets \$6.75 million next season, \$7 million in 2002 and \$8 million in 2003. The Mets have an \$8 million option for 2004 that would become guaranteed if he has either 585 innings pitched in the next three seasons or 400 in 2002 and 2003.

Reed, a 36-year-old right-hander, was 11-5 with a 4.11 ERA in 30 starts last season, when he earned \$4,375,000, and is 51-30 in the last four seasons.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers signed Andy Ashby to a \$22.5 million, three-year contract, a day after rescinding an offer to the free-agent right-hander.

Ashby gets a \$1.5 million signing bonus and salaries of \$5.5 million in 2001, \$7.5 million in 2002 and \$8 million in 2003.

NEW YORK (AP) — Whenever No. 1 Oklahoma needed him, Josh Heupel came through.

Whether it was his pinpoint passing against Texas, Kansas State and Nebraska, or crucial third-down dashes in a comeback win at Texas A&M, Heupel made the plays when it counted most.

"There comes a time in each game when the quarterback usually has to make a play to put your team in position to win," said Chuck Long, Oklahoma's quarterbacks coach. "Josh Heupel did that."

On Thursday, Heupel won the Associated Press' College Player of the Year award in balloting by AP member newspapers, TV and radio stations.

The left-hander from Aberdeen, S.D., completed 280 of 433 passes for 3,392 yards and 20 touchdowns in leading the Sooners (12-0) to the Big 12 title and a chance to win the school's

first national championship since 1985. They play Florida State in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3.

Heupel, who spent a season at Snow Junior College in Utah before arriving at OU in 1999, received 30 of the 82 votes in the AP balloting. Florida State quarterback Chris Weinke was second with 17 votes, and TCU running back LaDainian Tomlinson was third with 9. Purdue quarterback Drew Brees was fourth with 8 votes; Virginia Tech quarterback Michael Vick was fifth with 5.

"I've always thought that honors like this are a reflection of the team," Heupel said. "I may be getting this honor, but without my teammates it wouldn't be possible."

"We've had a great year so far, but we have one game remaining. Winning a national championship would be the perfect ending to a journey that no one even thought we'd be taking."

Heupel has also won player of the year awards from the Walter Camp Foundation and The Sporting News, and, along with Weinke, appears to be the favorite to win the Heisman Trophy on Saturday night.

If the Sooners are enjoying this season, it's been an even longer thrill ride for Heupel. The 6-foot-2, 210-pound son of a football coach started out at Weber State, where he was redshirted in 1996 and played just four games in '97. He then enrolled at Snow JC and threw for 2,308 yards and 28 touchdowns.

When Stoops was hired at Oklahoma, he persuaded Heupel to bring his passing talents to Norman. In '99, Heupel threw for 3,400 yards and 30 TDs in a 7-5 season. Now the Sooners are on the verge of a national title, thanks to Heupel's most recent effort — two TDs passing and one running in a 27-24 win over K-State in the Big 12 title game last Saturday.

"His play through the entire year and his winning speak volumes, and that's what people have recognized," Stoops said. "They see what he's done. He's brought a team that was ranked 20th in the country to No. 1 in the nation the last six weeks, and he's the main reason."

Oklahoma averaged 44 points in its first four wins against Texas-El Paso, Arkansas State, Rice and Kansas, but then came No. 11 Texas, followed by No. 2 Kansas State and No. 1 Nebraska. No problem. In those three games, Heupel was Heisman-like, completing 66 of 108 passes for 949 yards, four TDs and just one interception.

The Sooners beat the Longhorns 63-14, the Wildcats 41-31 and the Cornhuskers 31-14 and moved to the No. 1 ranking.

The going got tough against Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Oklahoma State, but Heupel, despite an ailing throwing arm, still managed to lead his team to

victory.

Heupel rallied the Sooners from a 24-10 deficit to beat the Aggies 35-31 in a game played before the largest crowd to watch a game in the state of Texas (87,188). Long remembers two key plays Heupel pulled off — both on third down and both on the drive that pulled the Sooners to 31-28.

"He led us on a 60- or 70-yard drive that put us closer," Long said. "Both times it was third-and-8, and both times he ran for first downs. We scored. He hit on the 2-point conversion play, and on the next series we return an interception for a TD and win the game."

Last Saturday, he was intercepted three times by K-State, but still came away a winner.

"Even when we've struggled, he still made the plays when he had to," Long said. "He's a quality young man and this couldn't be happening to a better person. Quality will always win."

Toys For Tots Tournament is set for Saturday

Harvester Lanes in Pampa is hosting a Toys For Tots Bowling Tournament on Saturday with squad starting times of 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Entry fee is \$11 for adults and \$7 for youngsters.

Bowlers must bring a new toy (\$5 value) unwrapped upon check-in or \$5 will be added to their entry fee. There is no exceptions to this rule.

Scholarship awards will be available for youth bowlers. Handicaps are 80% of 200 for adults and 90% of 200 for youth.

The motto for this year's tournament is "People Helping People."

Entry forms are available at the bowling alley, located at 1401 S. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3422.

Harvester Lanes League Bowling

Casino League
Ladies high scratch game: Peggy Smith 244.

Ladies high scratch series: Peggy Smith 655.

Men's high scratch game: Ray Deaver 244.

Men's high scratch series: Ralph West 600.

Association Awards
Pam Cates, a 112 average bowler, had a 421 series and received a

Bowling

WIBC 400 high series recognition award.

Harvester Women's League
Ladies high scratch game: Beverly Bryant 211.

Ladies high scratch series: Lois Rogers 530.

Wednesday Night Mixed League
Ladies high scratch game: Susan Ratzaff 196.

Ladies high scratch series: Judy Anderson 508.

Men's high scratch game: Gary Winton 224.

Men's high scratch series: Carl Cates 642.

Harvester Couples League
Men's high scratch game: Tommy Cox 215.

Men's high scratch series: Tommy Cox 605.

Women's high scratch game: Belinda Nolte 202.

Women's high series: Belinda Nolte 578.

Stars of Tomorrow
Boys high scratch game: Zach Wilson 181.

Boys high scratch series: Zach Wilson 459.

Girls high scratch game: Ashleigh Burns 175.

Girls high scratch series: Ashleigh Burns 499.

Free throw



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa's Ashley Jordan eyes a free throw in Tuesday night's game against Perryton. The PHS girls meet Wichita Falls High at 5 today in the first round of the Lady Bulldog Classic in Altus, Okla.

Reynolds is winner

HOUSTON (AP) — When high school linebacker Jamal Reynolds arrived at Florida State, he was moved to defensive end. Like most decisions made by the Seminoles, it was a great switch.

Reynolds has been chasing quarterbacks ever since, and on Wednesday night he was rewarded by winning the Lombardi Award as the nation's top college lineman.

"Awards are not everything, and I couldn't have gotten this without the team, but it's a great honor," Reynolds said.

Reynolds won out over three other finalists, center Ben Hamilton of Minnesota, guard Steve Hutchinson of Michigan and center Dominic Raiola of Nebraska.

At 6-foot-4, 265 pounds, Reynolds would be small for an NFL defensive end and thinks he might be moved to linebacker.

The Seminoles rank sixth nationally in total defense and second in scoring defense. Reynolds, the team's sack leader, has been a big part of their success en route to an 11-1 record and a spot in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3 against No. 1 Oklahoma.

"I'm not a huge guy and I am mobile enough to move around and play some linebacker," Reynolds said.

Reynolds can bench press 525 pounds, runs the 40-yard dash in 4.4 seconds and has a 39-inch vertical leap.

Seminole assistant coach Jim Gladden said Reynolds will make a good rush end in the pros, and he hopes his future team doesn't try to move him back to linebacker despite his athletic skills.

"Jamal needs to have that 4.4 speed going toward the quarterback and not fiddling around," Gladden said. "When you take him away from that and back him up, that's like taking the dog out of the hunt. That's my way of thinking."

Reynolds had 12 sacks this season for 70 yards in losses.

Raiola anchored the Cornhuskers offensive line that led the nation in rushing, averaging 355 yards per game and 6 yards per attempt. Raiola has 145 pancake blocks this season and has been in double figures in 10 of 11 games.

Raiola is the 10th Cornhuskers player to be named a finalist. Four Nebraska players have won the award. Raiola also was trying to become the second center to win the award. Nebraska's Dave Rimington won the honor in 1982.

Hamilton has been so consistent in his past three seasons, he has allowed just one sack and has been penalized only one time this season.

He's helped the Golden Gophers average more than 400 yards of total offense this season. Minnesota will play North Carolina State in the Mironpc.com Bowl.

Hutchinson has made 44 career starts for the Wolverines and helped Michigan average over 450 yards in total offense.

Dallas releases running back Warren

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Without the venom of Jimmy Johnson, Dave Campo has sent the Dallas Cowboys the kind of message that would've made his old boss proud.

By releasing running back Chris Warren on Wednesday, Campo was telling the team he won't tolerate any more lackadaisical behavior on or off the field.

Warren's farewell performance was dropping two passes in the first quarter of a 27-7 loss Sunday to Tampa Bay. The second one landed in the arms of cornerback Brian Kelly and was returned for a touchdown.

Add in a history of missed meetings and practices and the fact he had only three games left on his contract and Warren made for the

perfect candidate for Campo to use as an example.

"From here on out, the guys that make this football team are going to be guys that perform," Campo said. "If they don't perform, they won't be here."

In 1992, running back Curvin Richards made some costly fumbles in a late-season game and Johnson released him soon after.

The coach's point was more to send a message as Richards wouldn't have been used much in the playoffs.

Whether it got through or not, Dallas won the Super Bowl that season and the next.

Campo was an assistant on those stiffs.

The Cowboys are 4-9 in Campo's first season in charge.

Dear Santa, Bring Us A Championship

Joe (The Wolverine) Rodriguez and Adam (Thinman) Rainey are hoping for an early Christmas this year. The Pampa duo will head to San Antonio on Saturday for the state karate championship sponsored by United Martial Arts.

Despite a turbulent two months, Rainey and Rodriguez have continued training on a regular basis at the Youth Struggling for Survival Club, says club founder J.R. Moreno.

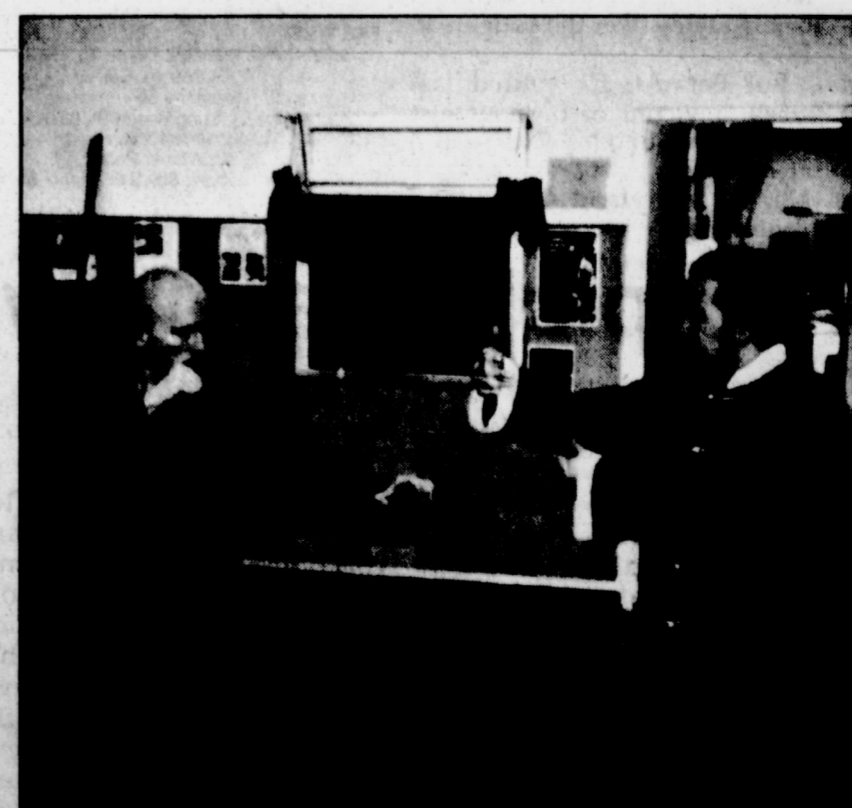
Rainey qualified for the state meet Sept. 30 at the Ultimate Challenge karate tournament in San Antonio. "Should the man in the bright red suit decide that Rainey has been a good boy this year, the 'Thinman' will add an open-hand state-ranked title to his national and state titles held in

Kenjitsu. The difference between winning and losing is being able to go one more round," Moreno said.

Rodriguez qualified for state competition Feb. 5 at the Alamo Open Karate Championships with a second contender victory. A four-month hiatus due to a work-related knee injury kept him from participating until July when Rodriguez entered the True Force Tae Kwon Do tournament and came home with a first contender victory.

This will be Rodriguez' second trip to the state championships after retiring from the full contact arena with an undefeated record in 1997.

"I think that Confucius said it best. The longest journey begins with a single step," Moreno added.



Adam Rainey (left) and Joe Rodriguez prepare for the state karate championship this weekend in San Antonio.

Pampa Middle School girls go against Westover, Valleyview

PAMPA — The Pampa Middle School 7th girls basketball teams returned to action this past Monday night hosting Westover Park in district play. The 7th grade A played against Westover Intermediate school and came up short by the score of 31 - 29. The Patriot girls started slow and trailed 13 - 5 after one period. Pampa closed the gap to 25 - 23 after three periods and pulled ahead by 2 early in the fourth quarter, only to give back the lead to Westover.

Players scoring in the A game were: Morgan Meharg and Jackie Gerber led Pampa with 8 each, Mariza Scott 6, Kylie Winegear 4, and Callie Cobb 3.

We play them again later this week at the Hereford tournament, so we are ready for the rematch," added Leonard.

In 7th girls B action, Pampa again was on the short end of a 30 - 20 win by Westover B. During the game we had seven different players scoring and defensively are showing improvement as the season goes on, said coach Leonard. Patriots scoring in the game were Jordan Albracht, Audrey Dunn, and Courtney Crawford with 4 points each, Ashlee Lucas, Andrea Hughes, Krissi Alexander, and Ragan Meeks each added 2 points to the total.

In the 8th grade the Lady Patriots hosted Valleyview Junior High and were defeated in both A and B games. Despite being tied after one quarter at 8 - 8, Valleyview held Pampa B scoreless for the entire second period and to only 10 second half points to roll on to a 45 - 18 victory. High scorers for Pampa in the contest were Autumn Schaub and Payton Baird with 6 each.

Garnet Skinner, Skye Niccum, and Lauren Boles with 2 apiece.

In the late game of the evening, the Pampa 8th A playing Valleyview were soundly defeated 76 - 23.

The game was a very physical contest for the Patriots, losing not only the game but another player suffered injuries and will be out for two weeks, according to Janyth Bowers, 8th girls coach.

Chera Chavedo was injured and had to leave the game early in the second half. Pampa has now lost two starters to injuries early in the season.

Scoring for Pampa were Lindsey Ammons with 8, Wendi Miller chipped in 7, Jennie Rogers scored 3, Teryn Garner, Brittany Adams each had 2 and Erin Winegear adding 1. Leading rebounds was Ammons with a total of 7.

The Lady Patriots are scheduled to play again at the Hereford Invitational Tournament Dec. 7, 8, and 9th.

Michigan State beats Florida in national championship rematch

By The Associated Press

Newcomers Marcus Taylor and Zach Randolph made sure the Michigan State-Florida sequel matched the original.

Taylor and Randolph were not a part of the NCAA tournament final between the Spartans and the Gators, but the Michigan State freshmen flourished in Wednesday night's rematch, combining for 42 points as No. 2 Michigan beat No. 8 Florida 99-83.

"We did a lot of things well," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said.

Donovan measured his words, but didn't discount the possibility of back-to-back titles for Michigan State.

"They're not nearly as good as they were in April," Donovan said. "But they have the potential to be better than they were in April."

Brent Wright led the Gators with 18 points. Teddy Dupay and Matt Bonner each scored 17.

No. 9 Illinois 85, Wis.-Milwaukee 44

Brian Cook scored a season-high 17 points, and host Illinois held Wisconsin-Milwaukee to 22 percent shooting.

The 41-point margin was the biggest for Illinois (6-2) since beating Bethune-Cookman by 50 on Dec. 28, 1999. It was the worst shooting performance ever by a visiting team in Assembly Hall.

Clay Tucker led Wisconsin-Milwaukee (5-3) with 16 points.

No. 16 Virginia 90, Ohio 71

In Charlottesville, Travis Watson scored 16 points, including ferocious dunks 61 seconds apart early in the second half, and Keith Friel was 4-for-6 from 3-point range and finished with 16 points for Virginia.

The Cavaliers (6-0), off to their best start since the 1992-93 team won its first 11, forced 21 turnovers by the Bobcats (2-1) and turned them into 29 points.

Friel joined Watson with 16 points.

No. 17 Wisconsin 61, Wis.-Green Bay 53

Roy Boone scored 15 points as Wisconsin beat Wisconsin-Green Bay in what became a tribute to Dick Bennett's coaching legacy.

The Badgers (4-1), the first Big Ten team to play in Brown County Arena since Northwestern 14 years ago, improved to 2-0 under acting coach Brad Soderberg, who replaced Bennett last week.

The game was supposed to mark the return of Bennett to the court he made famous during his nearly decade-long stretch as Green Bay's coach, when he turned the Phoenix (3-4) into a nationally recognized program before taking over the Badgers in 1995.

But Bennett, 57, retired last week, a victim of burnout just three games into his sixth season at Wisconsin.

No. 19 Maryland 107, Stony Brook 59

Lonny Baxter scored 15 of his 19 points in the first half as Maryland built a 33-point lead and coasted to its 72nd straight nonconference home victory.

Byron Mouton and Juan Dixon also scored 19 for the Terrapins (4-3), who have won three straight. Maryland's nonconference home winning streak, which began in 1989, is the longest in the nation.

Leon Brisport led the Seawolves (3-3) with 18 points. **Utah St. 58, No. 22 Utah 57**

Tony Brown scored 18 points and Shawn Daniels added 15 as host Utah State beat Utah.

Utah State (5-1) held off Utah (4-3) when the Utes failed to score on three possessions in the last 14 seconds.

Utah has lost consecutive non-conference games for the first time in six years. On Saturday, No. 12 Southern California beat Utah 65-60 in the Wooden Classic in Anaheim, Calif.

Randolph scored 27 points on 10-of-13 shooting and grabbed seven rebounds, and Taylor had 15 points and seven assists as the Spartans extended the nation's longest winning streak to 17 games. It was their 34th consecutive victory at the Breslin Center, which trails only Utah's run of 54 wins in a row at home.

"They were phenomenal," said Michigan State's Charlie Bell, who scored 20 points. "They really came out and showed why they were McDonald All-Americans and why they were two of the top recruits in the country. We're glad to have them."

Florida coach Billy Donovan, whose Gators lost 89-76 in the title game, praised Taylor and Randolph.

"Both of their freshmen were phenomenal," Donovan conceded.

The Michigan State-Florida rematch marked the 16th time that NCAA Tournament finalists met the following season. The defending national champions are 11-5 in such games.

In other games Wednesday night involving Top 25 teams, it was No. 9 Illinois 85, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 44; No. 16 Virginia 90, Ohio 71; No. 17 Wisconsin 61, Wisconsin-Green Bay 53; No. 19 Maryland 107, Stony Brook 59; and Utah St. 58, No. 22 Utah 57.

The Spartans' victory Wednesday night prompted Bell to make some bold statements.

"If you look at all the guys top to bottom, everybody is better at each position," Bell said. "Marcus and Zach are going to help us out a lot. If we get them to play like that every night, there's no doubt in my mind we can win the national championship."

Michigan State solved Florida's press and went on to shoot 55.4 percent and out-rebound the Gators 37-26.

"It's hard to complain about how we played because I think

College Basketball Scores

EAST
Army 62, Columbia 51
George Mason 64, American U. 54
Hofstra 69, Drexel 62
Holy Cross 76, Northeastern 68
Iona 89, Fairfield 83
Lafayette 80, Princeton 73
Penn St. 88, Pittsburgh 74

SOUTH
Bethune-Cookman 57, Coppin St. 55
Charlotte 88, Charleston Southern 46
Delaware St. 64, N. Carolina A&T 62
Florida A&M 67, Morgan St. 65
Gardner-Webb 68, Appalachian St. 66
Georgia Tech 70, Georgia Tech 70
Georgia Southern 96, Reinhardt 53
Georgia St. 84, Morris Brown 70
Hampton 91, Mid-Eastern State 72
James Madison 79, East Carolina 72
Maryland 107, Stony Brook 59
Mercer 101, Savannah St. 66
Morehead St. 57, VMI 48
North Carolina 76, Howard 69
Richmond 76, Old Dominion 52
Virginia 90, Ohio 71
Virginia Tech 66, Elon 53
William & Mary 74, N.C.-Wilmington 54

MIDWEST
Akron 74, Rhode Island 60
Creighton 74, Colorado St. 51
Dayton 55, Miami (Ohio) 54
Drake 92, Ark.-Pine Bluff 56
E. Michigan 67, Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 64
Illinois 85, Wis.-Milwaukee 44
Illinois St. 83, Bowling Green 73
Indiana St. 90, Butler 88, OT
Kent St. 76, Youngstown St. 55
Loyola, Ill. 75, Cent. Michigan 70
Michigan St. 89, Florida 83
Missouri 99, DePaul 84
Montana St. 79, W. Illinois 62
N. Illinois 121, Rockford 88
Wichita St. 61, Oklahoma St. 59
Wisconsin 61, Wis.-Green Bay 53

SOUTHWEST
TCU 101, Va. Commonwealth 82

FAIR WEST
Boise St. 69, Idaho St. 60
Colorado 105, St. Mary's, Cal. 61
Gonzaga 77, Montana 69
Pepperdine 81, Long Beach St. 62
S. Utah St. Sacramento St. 71
San Jose St. 80, Warner Pacific 41
UC Santa Barbara 80, San Diego St. 77, 3OT
Utah St. 58, Utah 57

Scoreboard

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Lombardi Award Winners
By The Associated Press
1970 - Jim Stikwagon, Ohio State
1971 - Walt Patuleki, Notre Dame
1972 - Rich Glover, Nebraska
1973 - John Hicks, Ohio State
1974 - Randy White, Maryland
1975 - Lee Roy Selmon, Oklahoma
1976 - Wilson Whitley, Houston
1977 - Ross Browner, Notre Dame
1978 - Bruce Clark, Penn State
1979 - Brad Budde, Southern California
1980 - Hugh Green, Pittsburgh
1981 - Kenneth Sims, Texas
1982 - Dave Rimington, Nebraska
1983 - Dean Steinkuhler, Nebraska
1984 - Tony DeGrate, Texas
1985 - Tony Casillas, Oklahoma
1986 - Cornelius Bennett, Alabama
1987 - Chris Spielman, Ohio State
1988 - Tracy Rocker, Auburn
1989 - Percy Snow, Michigan State
1990 - Chris Zoch, Notre Dame
1991 - Steve Ertman, Washington
1992 - Marvin Jones, Florida State
1993 - Aaron Taylor, Notre Dame
1994 - Warren Sapp, Miami
1995 - Orlando Pace, Ohio State
1996 - Orlando Pace, Ohio State
1997 - Grant Wistrom, Nebraska
1998 - Dai Nguyen, Texas A&M
1999 - Corey Moore, Virginia Tech
2000 - Jamal Reynolds, Florida State

NCAA Division III Playoffs
At A Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EST
First Round
Saturday, Nov. 18
Ohio Northern 47, Millikin, Ill. 21
Hanover, Ind. 20, Hope, Mich. 3
Wittenberg, Ohio 31, Aurora, Ill. 20
Springfield, Mass. 31, Montclair State, N.J. 29
Widener, Pa. 33, Union, N.Y. 26
Hobart, N.Y. 25, Bridgewater, Mass. 0
Western Maryland 38, Emory & Henry 14
Bridgewater, Va. 59, Washington & Jefferson, Pa. 42
Central, Iowa 29, St. Norbert, Wis. 14
Pacific Lutheran, Wash. 41, Bethel, Minn. 13
St. John's, Minn. 26, Wisconsin-Stout 19
Trinity, Texas 21, Wesley, Del. 3

Second Round
Saturday, Nov. 25
Mount Union, Ohio 59, Ohio Northern 28
Wittenberg, Ohio 32, Hanover, Ind. 21
Springfield, Mass. 13, Brockport State, N.Y. 6
Widener, Pa. 40, Hobart, N.Y. 14
Hardin-Simmons, Texas 32, Western Maryland 10
Trinity, Texas 47, Bridgewater, Va. 41
Central, Iowa 20, Linfield, Ore. 17, OT
St. John's, Minn. 28, Pacific Lutheran, Wash. 21, OT

Quarterfinals
Saturday, Dec. 2
Mount Union, Ohio 32, Wittenberg, Ohio 15
Widener, Pa. 61, Springfield, Mass. 27
St. John's, Minn. 21, Central, Iowa 18
Hardin-Simmons, Texas 33, Trinity, Texas 30

Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 9
Widener, Pa. (12-1) at Mount Union, Ohio (12-0), Noon
St. John's, Minn. (12-1) at Hardin-Simmons, Texas (12-0), 1 p.m.

Stagg Bowl
At Salem, Va. Saturday, Dec. 16
Widener, Pa.-Mount Union, Ohio winner vs. St. John's, Minn.-Hardin-Simmons winner, Noon

PRO FOOTBALL
Eds: Tied teams ordered based on tiebreakers.
National Football League
At A Glance
By The Associated Press
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East
Miami 10 3 0 .769 270 166
N.Y. Jets 9 4 0 .692 287 246
Indianapolis 7 6 0 .538 334 283
Buffalo 7 6 0 .538 243 270
New England 4 9 0 .308 222 277
Central
Tennessee 10 3 0 .777 256 188
Baltimore 8 5 0 .692 282 135
Pittsburgh 7 6 0 .538 253 201
Jacksonville 6 7 0 .462 284 272
Cincinnati 3 10 0 .231 158 294
Cleveland 3 11 0 .214 137 360
West
Oakland 10 3 0 .769 372 256
Denver 9 4 0 .692 409 316
Kansas City 5 8 0 .385 307 304
Seattle 5 8 0 .385 246 308
San Diego 1 12 0 .077 223 352
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
East
N.Y. Giants 9 4 0 .692 253 198
Philadelphia 9 5 0 .643 300 214
Washington 7 6 0 .538 245 210
Dallas 4 9 0 .308 249 308
Arizona 3 10 0 .231 190 366
Central
x-Minnesota 11 2 0 .846 330 267
Tampa Bay 8 5 0 .615 320 204
Detroit 8 5 0 .615 264 251
Green Bay 6 7 0 .462 277 268
Chicago 3 10 0 .231 169 301
West
New Orleans 8 5 0 .615 279 245
St. Louis 8 5 0 .615 439 383
Carolina 6 7 0 .462 257 221
San Francisco 5 8 0 .385 335 353
Atlanta 3 11 0 .214 216 377

Sunday's Games
Detroit at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Miami, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 4:15 p.m.
New Orleans at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Oakland, 8:35 p.m.
Open: Atlanta

Monday's Game
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Washington at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Detroit at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Chicago at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Miami, 4:15 p.m.

PRO BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
At A Glance
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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
Philadelphia 14 4 .778 —
New York 12 8 .600 3
Miami 9 10 .474 5 1/2
Boston 8 10 .444 6
Orlando 8 11 .421 6 1/2
New Jersey 6 13 .316 8 1/2
Washington 4 15 .211 10 1/2
Central Division
Cleveland 11 7 .611 —
Charlotte 12 8 .600 —
Toronto 9 9 .500 2
Detroit 9 10 .474 2 1/2
Indiana 8 10 .444 3
Milwaukee 8 10 .444 3
Atlanta 4 14 .222 7
Chicago 2 16 .111 9
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division
Utah 11 4 .778 —
San Antonio 11 6 .647 2 1/2
Dallas 12 8 .600 3
Houston 10 8 .556 4
Minnesota 10 8 .556 4
Denver 7 9 .526 4 1/2
Vancouver 10 7 .588 7
Pacific Division
Sacramento 12 4 .750 —
L.A. Lakers 14 6 .700 —
Phoenix 11 5 .688 1
Portland 13 7 .650 1
Seattle 9 11 .450 5
Golden State 6 13 .316 7 1/2
L.A. Clippers 6 14 .300 8

Tuesday's Games
Indiana 88, New Jersey 64
Miami 100, Atlanta 92
Orlando 101, Boston 98
Cleveland 71, Charlotte 66
Minnesota 100, Chicago 95
Sacramento 81, San Antonio 75
Houston 109, Dallas 102
Utah 98, Toronto 84
Vancouver 91, Detroit 83
L.A. Lakers 96, Philadelphia 85

Wednesday's Games
A. Clippers 93, Washington 88
Miami 95, Denver 78
Charlotte 91, Indiana 88
Milwaukee 109, New Jersey 87
Dallas 94, New York 85
Cleveland 92, Chicago 88
Detroit 112, Seattle 99
Portland 95, Toronto 88
Golden State 125, L.A. Lakers 122, OT

Thursday's Games
Denver at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
New York at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Utah, 9 p.m.

Friday's Games
Indiana at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Portland, 10 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Toronto at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

New York Giants at Dallas, 8:35 p.m.
Open: Philadelphia
Monday, Dec. 18
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 9 p.m.

Report: TCU picks defensive coordinator for head coach

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Texas Christian defensive coordinator Gary Patterson is the Horned Frogs' next head football coach following a nationwide search to find a replacement for Dennis Franchione, according to a published report Thursday.

Sources told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that Patterson surfaced as the early favorite to succeed Franchione, even before his acceptance of a seven-year deal with the University of Alabama's Crimson Tide expected to be worth \$1.2 million to \$1.4 million.

Terms of Patterson's deal have not been disclosed.

Patterson, who would be the 30th coach in TCU's 105-year football history, was scheduled to meet with athletic director Eric Hyman Thursday morning, with a press conference tentatively scheduled later in the day on the Fort Worth campus, sources told the newspaper.

An assistant to the outgoing coach the past five seasons, Patterson was one of seven people interviewed for the job but gained most support from

prominent alumni and boosters, along with TCU players.

Patterson, who came to Franchione's staff in 1996 after a one-year stint as secondary coach at the Naval Academy, has already had a major role in the success of TCU, which ranked first nationally this past season in total defense and scoring defense. The 13th-ranked Frogs ended the regular season with a 10-1 record and a share of the Western Athletic Conference title for the second consecutive year.

Those closely associated with the search told the news-

paper that Patterson was the "standard by which other candidates" were measured. The university only took five days to find its next football coach, after a search committee headed by Hyman traveled out-of-state to interview prospects.

On Wednesday night, Patterson met with members of the search committee at a Fort Worth hotel in a 2 1/2-hour interview. He returned to his office in the Justin Center from the interview at 9 p.m., saying that the meeting went "real well."

Talks with the committee,

Stars, Sharks have 2-2 deadlock

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — From now on, it's just going to get tougher for the San Jose Sharks.

"This was a big game to see where we stand among the top teams," San Jose winger Jeff Friesen said after the Sharks tied the two-time defending Western Conference-champion Dallas Stars 2-2 Wednesday night. "We're not a surprise anymore. Teams are getting ready for us."

The Sharks, undefeated in five games (3-0-2), scored both of their goals on just four shots in the first, and the Stars held them to just eight shots through two periods.

The Sharks finally cracked the Dallas defense with 12 shots in the third and six more in overtime, but they were unable to beat goalie Ed Belfour — San Jose's nemesis in the Western Conference semifinals last season.

"Every time you play Dallas, you can't let that shake you or take your focus away," Sharks coach Darryl Sutter said.

San Jose struck early with top scorer Patrick Marleau's goal from in front of the crease just 2:37 into the first period. Marleau has five goals and an assist in the past five games.

Darryl Sydor tied it for Dallas on a power play at 11:35, taking his stick to a puck in midair and swatting it past San Jose rookie goalie Evgeni Nabokov.

Mike Modano got an assist, giving him three goals and five assists in the past six games for his second six-game point streak of the season.

A little more than a minute after Sydor's goal, Gary Suter's shot from a couple of feet inside the blue line sailed past Belfour, who was tangled with Sharks winger Tony Granato.

The Stars tied it at 2 with less than two minutes left in the first on Jere Lehtinen's power-play goal with Friesen serving a penalty for cross-checking. Lehtinen also had an assist on Sydor's goal.

Nabokov, the NHL's rookie of the month for November after going 8-2-1, was ranked second in the league with a 1.78 goals-against average entering the game. He faced 33 Dallas shots.

Belfour, ranked third with a 1.82 goals-against average, was booed and taunted mercilessly by the San Jose crowd. After the game, he was clearly angry about the outcome — claiming Suter's

goal shouldn't have been allowed because of goalie interference.

"It was better than losing," Belfour said.

The Stars defeated the Sharks 4-1 last season in the Western Conference semifinals.

Notes: In 16 wins and three ties this season, the Sharks have scored the decisive or game-tying goal in the third period or overtime nine times. ... Dallas' Brett Hull is two goals shy of tying Detroit's Steve Yzerman for seventh on the NHL career list with 627. ... The Sharks scored 12 straight goals until Modano's first-period goal, dating to the third period of their 3-3 tie with Edmonton on Sunday. ... The Sharks have lost just two games at home this season. ... The Stars have a power-play goal in six consecutive games.

Flashback
1976: The Red team defeated the Blue team 48-29 to win the Pampa 8th Grade Basketball Tournament championship.
Sam Edwards was high scorer for the Red team with 14 points and Steve McDougall had 11.
Andy Richardson had 10 points for the Blue team.

Pentagon probe finds officials falsely justified \$1 billion project

By JENNIFER LOVEN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Critics who long have claimed that Army Corps of Engineers projects are environmentally harmful, money-wasting boondoggles say a scathing new Pentagon report on the agency should open some eyes on Capitol Hill.

An Army inspector general investigation released Wednesday confirmed whistle-blower allegations that three top corps officials doctored a case for spending \$1 billion to expand barge

locks on the Mississippi and Illinois rivers.

Conservation and taxpayer groups said they hoped the report would boost efforts to change how the corps does business.

"This is an opportunity," said corps economist Don Sweeney, who made the allegations that prompted the probe. "Things that people have suspected for years now have been elevated to the light of day. ... Some good things could happen."

In addition to finding evidence of misconduct involving the proposed lock project, the investigation concluded the officials created "a climate that led to abandonment of objectivity" that could affect the evaluation of any river construction project.

"The overall impression conveyed by testimony of corps employees was that some of them had no confidence in the integrity of the corps' study processes," the report said.

It was that broader conclusion — as well as another that found "strong indications" of a culture of bias throughout the corps toward giving construction a green light — that most heartened corps critics who want additional controls added to the process of evaluating costly, controversial projects.

"The investigation found the Army Corps'

planning process is systematically biased in favor of building projects, no matter what the need and no matter what the cost to the taxpayers and the environment," said Environmental Defense attorney Tim Searchinger.

Investigators said that bias was caused by a desire to boost the agency's construction budget, a tendency to treat the barge industry as a customer, and the conflict of interest created by district employees' jobs depending on obtaining funding for projects from Capitol Hill.

"The Army Corps of Engineers is in serious need of a complete overhaul," said Steve Ellis, director of water resources for Taxpayers for Common Sense. "Hopefully the results of today will remind the corps of that fact, and Congress and the administration will ensure that it is a lesson the corps won't forget."

Legislation to require reforms, such as outside review and higher consideration of environmental costs, made little progress in Congress this year — stymied mostly by the cozy relationship between Capitol Hill and an agency responsible for projects popular back home.

But Army Secretary Louis Caldera has asked the head of the corps, Lt. Gen. Robert Flowers, to submit within 60 days recommendations to

the project evaluation process.

And though the probe did not find criminal violations by the three officials, the evidence of alleged misconduct by the now-retired second-in-command at the corps, the Mississippi Valley division commander and the now-retired district chief has been forwarded to the Army vice chief of staff to determine disciplinary action.

The three officials denied wrongdoing in testimony included in the report, as have corps officials since the allegations surfaced.

Corps spokesman Ron Fournier said the agency had not seen the report and had no comment. However, the corps recently decided to delay its recommendations to Congress on the lock project by at least a year to replace faulty economic forecasts.

The corps, an Army branch with a \$4 billion budget for flood control and river navigation construction, makes recommendations to Congress on which of its projects to fund after analyzing which ones have the most net benefit to taxpayers.

The controversy was ignited in February when Sweeney filed his allegations with the federal Office of Special Counsel, which then directed the Army inspector general to investigate.

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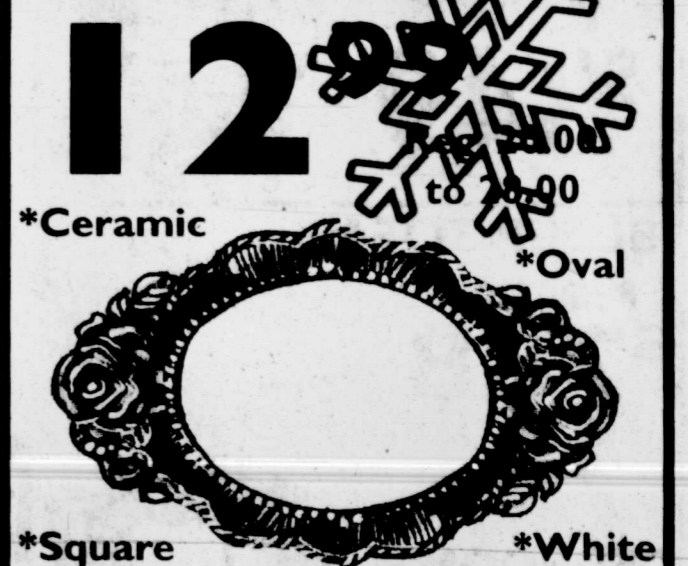
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the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

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TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Women's Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING
First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

PHS SCHOLARSHIPS
Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organizations, individuals, or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships available to senior students at the end of February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800.

SANTA HELPERS
In an effort to raise funds for its Summer Educational Student Exchange trip to Germany, the German Club at Pampa High is organizing a volunteer program during the Christmas season. The volunteers are calling themselves "Santa's Little Helpers" and are available to help wrap presents, decorate homes (indoors and outdoors), remove decorations and much more. For more information or to schedule "Santa's Little Helpers," contact Jamie Greene, PHS German Club sponsor, at 669-4800 (PHS) or at 665-8850 (home). Donations are accepted.

ARC OPEN HOUSE
Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will host an open house from 1-4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7 at the chapter office at 108 N. Russell. The event is free and open to the public.

FPC CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Frank Phillips College Music Department and Director of Community Choir will hold their annual Christmas Concert at 3 p.m., Dec. 3 and at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 in the Fine Arts Building Auditorium on the FPC campus in Borger. Both performances are free and open to the public.

RED CROSS CLASSES
Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer the following courses this month: First Aid, 3-7 p.m., Dec. 5, ARC office, 108 N. Russell; CPR class, 5-9 p.m., Dec. 12 at the ARC office. To register or for more information, call 669-7121.

WINTER PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
A Winter Photography Workshop is in the offing at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16 at Caprock Canyons State Park in Quitaque. Participants will need their own camera, film, note pad and snacks. The workshop will be conducted both inside and outside and will not be canceled due to inclement weather. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors/TCP members and \$10 for children 12 and under. Reservations are required. For more information, call (806) 455-1492.

CANYON NATURE HIKES
The following nature hikes are scheduled at Palo Duro Canyon State Park: 2-5 p.m., Dec. 9 and 23, Givens, Spicer and Lowry Running Trail, 2.5-mile hike, moderately difficult; and 2-4 p.m., Dec. 30, Sunflower Trail. Participants should bring water and good walking shoes. The walks will include discussions on geology, history, wildlife and plants. For more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

PDCSF PROGRAMS
Palo Duro Canyon State Park will host a series of evening programs throughout the month at Lone Star Interpretive Theater near Hackberry campground. Topics and dates are as follows: "Canyon Critters," 7-8 p.m., Nov. 25. For more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

AYUSA
Academic Year in the U.S.A. International, a non-profit student exchange program, invites high school students to apply for the Congress-Bundestag scholarship, a full scholarship for one year to study in Germany. Deadline for application is Dec. 1. For more information, call 1-800-727-4540, ext. 567 or visit www.ayusa.org/usagermanyscholarship on the World Wide Web.

AAA INTERNSHIPS
American Angus Association and the "Angus Journal" will offer three summer internships to college students who want to learn more about breed association work. The paid internships will begin approximately June 1, 2000, and will conclude mid-August. Application deadline is Feb. 15, 2001. For more information, call (816) 383-5100.

MS. TEXAS SENIOR PAGEANT
Ms. Texas Senior Pageant officials are currently seeking participants and corporate sponsorships for the 14th annual Ms. Texas Senior pageant scheduled March 23-24 at the Ramada Market Center in Dallas. For more information, contact Nell Coleman, state director, at (972) 239-3342, or Red Walker, executive director, (972) 270-5944.

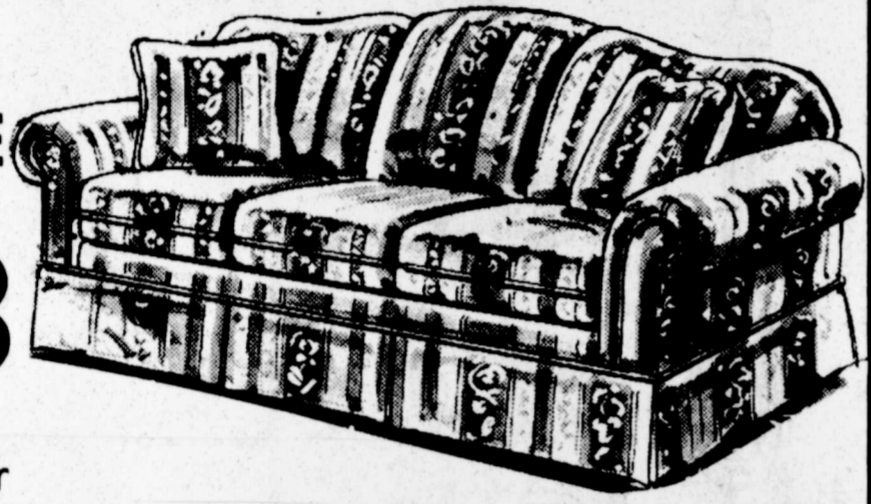
HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL
First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit <http://www.heifer.org> on the Internet.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, Hib (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines will also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4:00 p.m., Dec. 6, 20, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky; 2-4:30 p.m., Dec. 11, McLean Clinic, McLean; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Dec. 12, Allison School, Allison; 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-3 p.m., Dec. 18, Miami School, Miami (flu).

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DBA raffle benefits band, downtown lighting fund

Various Pampa Downtown Business Association member businesses recently participated in a DBA fund-raiser, donating gift certificates and other prizes to be raffled off. Pampa band students also participated in the fund-raiser, helping sell tickets for the Association. A portion of the proceeds went to the students, towards a trip the band is planning this spring.

The remaining funds were used to pay DBA's Lighting Fund at a total cost of \$1,400. The fund was established to purchase decorations for downtown Pampa, benefiting the display of lights which is currently on view in the downtown area.

Results of the raffle are as follows:

- \$25 gift certificate from Kid's Stuff - Brenda Tucker
- \$25 gift certificate from The Gift Box - Sarah Ellis
- Gift basket from The Coffee Shop - Joshua and Monica Urban
- Stadium seat from T-Shirts and More - Peggy King
- One-year subscription to The Pampa News - Cruz Jasso
- Choice of Letterman or NFL jacket from Holmes Sports Center - Jose Ramirez
- Fossil Watch from Rheams Diamond Shop - Karen Abbott
- \$100 worth of Downtown Bucks from DBA - Cristy Bromwell
- Diana Princess of Wales Doll from Carousel Expressions - Shannon Patrick
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Workmen remove asbestos-bearing putty in preparation for renovation at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. The museum was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$100,000 towards the renovation project.

Museum receives challenge grant

CANYON — The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon recently announced receiving a challenge grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Meadows Foundation of Dallas toward the completion of its \$6.1 million capital campaign renovation project.

In addition to upgrading electrical and mechanical systems, restoring the Pueblo Deco style Pioneer Hall and improving the archeology and natural history departments of the museum, capital campaign funds are being used to build and install an imaginative new exhibit, "People of the Plains: Experiments in Living." The new exhibit will incorporate state-of-the-art, interactive audio-visual equipment and techniques combined with unique artifacts designed to engage and inform all ages about the panhandle region's past.

The Meadows Foundation is a private philanthropic institution established in 1948 by Algor H. and Virginia Meadows to benefit the people of Texas. The founda-

tion's mission is to assist the people and institutions of Texas to improve the quality and circumstances of life for themselves and future generations.

Algor Meadows built General American Oil Co. of Texas into one of the nation's most successful independent oil and gas production companies. Believing that his own life was greatly enriched by giving, Meadows generously shared his wealth with many charitable causes benefiting the people of the state who has been so kind to him.

Wishing to share the joy of giving with their family, both living and yet unborn, Algor and Virginia Meadows established The Meadows Foundation so their philanthropy would continue in perpetuity, under the guidance and direction of family members and trusted advisors.

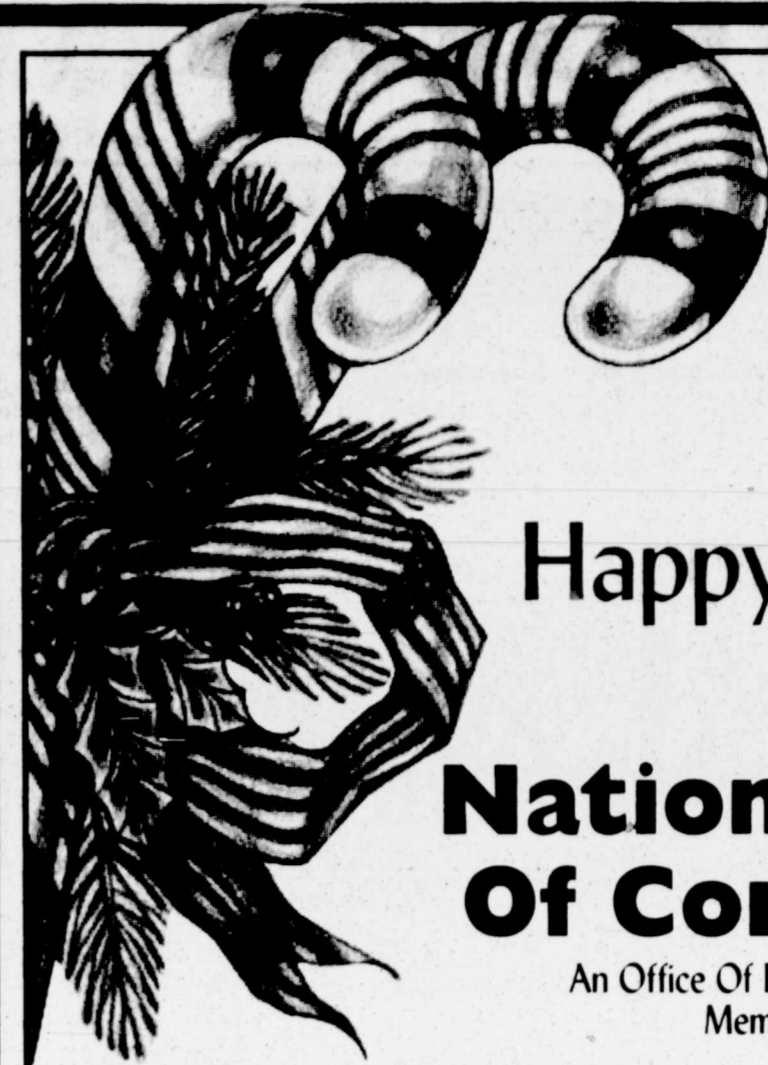
Since its inception, the foundation's assets have grown to a current value in excess of \$850 million. It has dispersed more than \$430 million in grants and direct charitable expenditures to more than 2,000 Texas institu-

tions and agencies.

Foundation grants support work in the fields of arts and culture, civic and public affairs, education, health and human services. The foundation also focuses on three years of proactive grants benefiting: public education (particularly in the areas of early child development, enhanced reading skills and teacher preparation), mental health and the environment.

In addition, it remains interested in developing a philanthropic spirit among high school and middle school students and has awarded in excess of \$2 million to more than 200 schools in North Texas with students who planned and carried out community service programs.

The foundation looks for programs and services that employ imaginative, innovative ways to solve community problems through projects leading to organizational self-sufficiency and in capital plans that enable agencies to flourish. It seeks to support projects that can alleviate pain, enhance social skills and promote better human relations.



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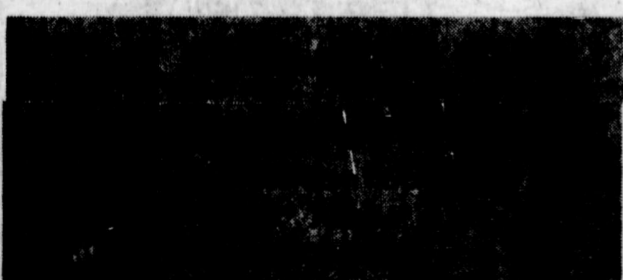
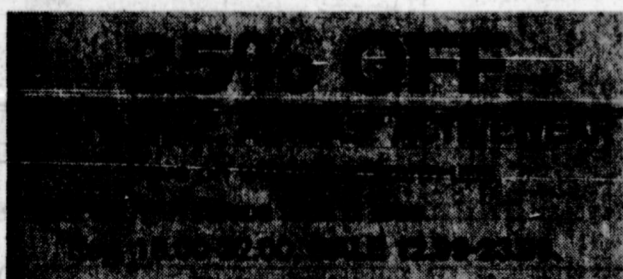
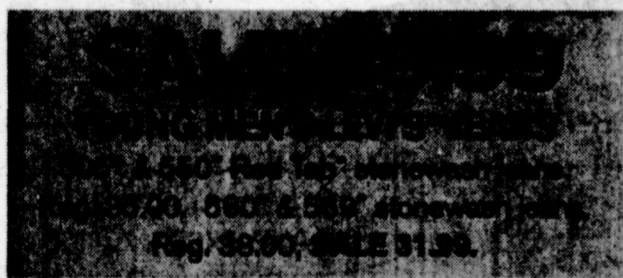
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Woman Tires of Fulfilling Boyfriend's Blond Ambition

DEAR ABBY: I am a 45-year-old single woman. My significant other and I have been together for five years. He's eight years older than I am, and he brings me great joy.

A problem has arisen that has me at my wit's end. When we first began dating, "George" would drop hints about how he loved long blond hair. At the time I was a natural brunette, but thought a few highlights wouldn't hurt. I let it grow. Eventually my hair became lighter and lighter until I was all blond. However, I never really liked it. It didn't complement my skin tones. I have been blond for more than four years. Friends and family tell me I look better as a brunette.

During my last trip to the hairdresser, I asked to have my hair darkened one shade. It's now very light brown, and I like it. George hates it. He hates it so much that for the first week he wouldn't look at me or talk to me. I had no idea what was wrong, and I suspected he had met someone else.

The following week, we were talking again, but things still weren't "right." All signs of affection were gone. I tolerated it for a week and then confronted him. It turned out he really wanted me blond. I let him know how unattractive he was making me feel and how shallow I thought he was. He blamed me and my hair and said that if I hadn't gone blond, we probably never would have gotten together.

I tried to convince him I was still the same person. The fight escalat-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

ed to the point where I packed my bags and was out the door. He finally admitted he had the problem, and convinced me to stay while he worked it out. The following week he was back to being his old self.

Last night my family gathered at a nice restaurant for a birthday dinner. Midway through the evening, wouldn't you know, in walked a couple, and the blond-headed woman sat next to our table "flipping" her hair. George couldn't take his eyes off her. It was so embarrassing it made me depressed. I gave George "the look" to knock it off, but he didn't. My family also noticed. When we got home, he acted like nothing was wrong.

I don't know what to do. I can't go back to being blond because I'll never know if he loves me or the fantasy. It seems like such a trivial reason to break up, but I can't imagine putting up with this for the rest of my life. Any advice?

TIRED OF THE ROOTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR TIRED: George has a

problem and he admits it. Your gentleman not only prefers blondes, it appears he has a fetish for long blond hair. People can change their behavior, but they can't change their feelings.

Joint counseling might be useful for you to help each other understand what you're both really saying. The relationship can't succeed unless you are comfortable and feel accepted for who you are. If it depends upon changing your appearance, then face it — George isn't someone to dye for.

DEAR ABBY: I was wondering if there is a proper place for an ex-wife to sit during a funeral, when the deceased has a significant other and intended for her to sit in front, as if she were his wife.

Does the ex sit in front also, or among the general congregation?
CURIOS IN PRIEST RIVER, IDAHO

DEAR CURIOUS: Where the former spouse sits depends upon whether there were children from the marriage. At a time of grief, the children would probably want their mother close to them. If not in the front row, probably in the row directly behind them.

Horoscope

FRIDAY, DEC. 8, 2000

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)

*** Your enthusiasm encourages you to spend in order to clear out obligations and holiday errands. Do not forget a special friend. Call this person and make plans ASAP. You find that the two of you have a lot of news to catch up on. Tonight: Go with the unexpected.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** A boss or someone in charge favors you. Something unexpected will force you to adjust to others. Dig into work, with an eye to clearing out your work. Be more social and happy with others. You're personality plus. Tonight: Go for what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Take a deep breath and think twice about unexpected news. Listen carefully to someone who might jolt you. Though you might not need to make an adjustment, you do gain from the present situation. Tonight: Take needed downtime.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** You draw others toward you. You work well in groups and maximize the unexpected. Though you could be pleased by what another offers, you might not expect the terms or strings that come with it. A meeting proves to be an

eye-opener. Work with facts. Tonight: Get into the holiday spirit with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Realize how much others depend on you. You might be pushed a little by a loved one who plays hot and cold. You might want to toss your hands in the air and scream and yell. Instead, observe and adjust. Tonight: It could be a late night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Work proves to be an endless source of ideas and information. You gain because of your efforts. Use unexpected information to revive or tighten up a project that might have fallen to the wayside. Seek out experts. Tonight: Wherever you can get into the holiday spirit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Reach out for another. Work with others one-on-one. Take nothing and no one for granted. A child or loved one who often delights you could also upset you. If single, someone you meet could be most enticing, yet not what he appears. Be careful. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** You get unusual pleasure from family and home. Emphasize interpersonal dealings with others rather than details and paperwork. Choose holiday gifts that incorporate an experience rather than those that represent a thing. Surprises happen when you least expect them. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You have an especially nice way of communicating what you think and feel. Others respond to your

inquiries, but you could be jolted by another's response. Focus on objectives and what you need to get done. Stay centered. Tonight: Join co-workers for holiday cheer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** What you think might be an asset turns into a problem. You mean well and want to indulge another or a loved one. Consider what is going on with a child or loved one who might be encouraging a risk. Use your ingenuity to get past an immediate problem. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Make an extra effort. The fact that you care so much comes across loud and clear. You might not understand what is going on with a loved one who seems to be demanding. Avoid being erratic; rather, focus on your objectives. Another disagrees, and he lets you know. Tonight: Cocoon.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** What you don't express or something that you keep to yourself could cause you a problem. Don't assume that another understands where you are coming from. You might have a sudden insight. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

BORN TODAY

Painter Diego Rivera (1886), entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. (1925), humorist James Thurber (1894)

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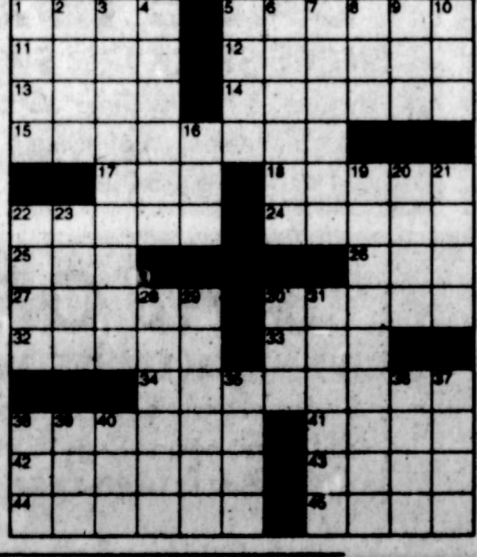
By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 24 Diving gear
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- 27 Egypt's Sadat
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- 32 Tubular pasta
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- 38 Sullen
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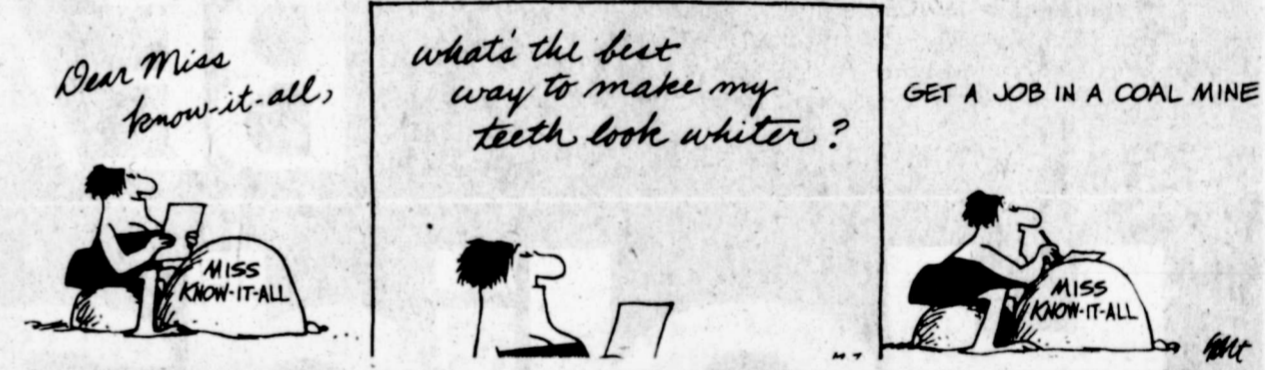
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Lawmakers pressing to try more juveniles as adults

By DAVID CRARY
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Aged 11 and 13, Nathaniel Abraham and Nathaniel Brazill were too young to see a standard Hollywood slasher film without adult accompaniment. But they were old enough, when arrested for murder, to be tried as adults.

Douglas Thomas was older — 17 — when he committed murder. In some states, that's too young to undergo body-piercing without parental consent. In Virginia, that was old enough to send Thomas on his way to the death chamber.

Across America, prosecutors and legislators are pushing to try more juveniles as adults. Yet simultaneously, law-abiding adolescents are subject to ever-widening restrictions that treat them explicitly as non-adults — curfews, parental-consent requirements, an array of zero-tolerance policies at schools.

"The kids are being blamed for everything and credited with nothing," said Jason Zeidenberg, a policy analyst with the Center for Juvenile and Criminal Justice in Washington. "Kids today are a scapegoat generation."

If an 11-year-old can be charged as an adult, as Nathaniel Abraham was in Michigan, and if 20-year-olds are too young to buy beer, who is an adult these days and who isn't? The answer: It depends.

Though 18 is the age most commonly used to define adulthood in America, there is no single, clear-cut "age of majority." Instead, a welter of federal, state and local laws set widely varying thresholds for young people's rights and responsibilities.

At 18, they can vote, sign contracts, fight in Army combat units, file lawsuits, decide for themselves about medical treatment. But generally they are still too young to purchase liquor or rent a car.

Girls under 18 can put a baby up for adoption without parental consent, but most states require parents' involvement before a minor can have an abortion. The legal age of consent for sex ranges from 14 to 18, depending upon the state, and whether the sexual partner is a peer or adult.

Traditionally, lawbreakers under 18 were dealt with by juvenile courts. Their names were kept private; sentences were tailored to maximize the chance for rehabilitation.

Over the past decade, however, nearly every state has passed laws making it easier for minors to be tried in adult courts.

Among those states was Michigan, where Nathaniel Abraham faced a possible life sentence during his murder trial a year ago. The judge, assailing a "fundamentally flawed" approach to juvenile justice, instead sentenced the boy to youth detention, with release scheduled when he turns 21.

In Florida, Nathaniel Brazill, now 14, faces trial in March for the fatal shooting of an English teacher at his middle school. Conviction could bring a life prison term.

For a few young offenders, like Douglas Thomas in Virginia, a murder committed as a minor can lead to execution. The Justice Department, in a new report, says 17 men have been executed in the United States since 1973 for crimes committed as juveniles, including Thomas and three others this year. Only the United States and Somalia, among all United Nations member, have not ratified a

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convention outlawing such executions, the report says.

From his seat on the West Virginia Supreme Court, Justice Larry Starcher is dismayed by the get-tough-on-kids approach.

"It's the prosecutors' way to go the easy route and react to the juvenile-crime hysteria that we see pretty much nationwide," Starcher said in a telephone interview. "Serious juvenile crime has gone down, but public perception is that it's gone up."

Starcher's convictions evolve from personal experience: He was investigated by the FBI as a boy after he and some friends blew up a few mailboxes.

"I was on federal probation when I was 13 and I turned out OK," he said. "Let's not drop the ax too early."

While acknowledging that some youths commit horrible crimes, Starcher says today's adolescents overall are no worse than previous generations. The National District Attorneys Association suggests otherwise, referring in a policy statement to "a new breed of juvenile delinquent — the serious, violent and habitual juvenile offender."

"Kids are more prone, with less inhibition, to act violently in more extreme ways than ever in the past," said the co-chairmen of the association's juvenile justice committee, District Attorney James Backstrom of Dakota County, Minn.

"Instead of resolving their disputes with fists, kids here are using baseball bats and hand guns," he said. "We didn't see that five years ago in my community."

Nadine Strossen, a professor at New York Law School and president of the American Civil Liberties Union, said public officials often have their own agendas in mind when they talk about young people.

"For some political purposes, it makes sense to demonize them," she said. "The kids' own well-being is completely ignored... They're so easily overlooked because they don't vote."

Some public officials are trying to expand young people's rights. In Cambridge, Mass., for example, the City Council is considering lowering the voting age in local elections to 16.

"Those things you start young — whether it's smoking a cigarette or casting a vote — you tend to end up doing for the rest of your life," said City Councilor Jim Braude.

In Louisiana, District Judge Preston Aucoin has crusaded for several years against state laws that he says discriminate against young adults aged 18 to 20.

In a case still under litigation, he ruled that

gambling regulators could not enforce a 21-year-old minimum age for playing video poker and buying lottery tickets. In another case, he was overruled by the state Supreme Court after quashing a drunk-driving law that sets a lower blood-alcohol threshold for drivers under 21 than for older drivers.

But Aucoin is an exception; so is Cambridge. Hundreds of communities nationwide have moved in the other direction, imposing curfews barring minors from being on the streets late at night without parental permission. In 1998, according to federal figures, there were 187,000 arrests of juveniles for curfew violations and loitering.

The ACLU has challenged many curfew laws, and last year won a case in New Jersey. But state supreme courts in Connecticut and West Virginia recently upheld local curfews.

The West Virginia justices — with Starcher dissenting — acknowledged that an ordinance in Charleston infringed on some civil liberties, but said the impact was not severe enough to be unconstitutional.

Lenora Lapidus, the ACLU legal director in New Jersey, contended that teen curfews are unconsti-

tutional and ineffective. Most juvenile crime occurs in late afternoon and early evening, not late at night, she said.

"All these curfews do is prevent young people from going places, from being free citizens in our society," she said.

Backstrom defends curfews, saying they keep young people away from late-night drug parties and other situations that could get them in trouble.

Alarm over drugs and weapons has contributed to the rapid spread of zero-tolerance policies at schools.

Rita Sklar, who heads the ACLU chapter in Arkansas, said students are subjected to random drug testing, searches of backpacks, even checks by sniffer dogs.

"It's part of the hysteria of the drug war," she said. "We're so convinced it's akin to a nuclear holocaust that we're willing to do anything. There are very few people who even question it."

One person who raised questions was James Acton, a 12-year-old in Oregon who is helping the ACLU challenge mandatory drug-testing for student athletes in the Vernonia School District.

(See, NON-ADULTS, Page 15)

Pampa Nursing Center



Pampa Nursing Center residents Dorothy Crump, left, and Berta Carter, right, put the finishing touches on the Christmas Tree at the nursing center. The center is also a collection point for the Salvation Army.

'The Grinch' rules box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Grinch helped himself to another weekend of movie box office domination, raking in \$27.1 million.

Universal's "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" starring Jim Carrey ran its three-week earnings to \$172 million at North American theaters. The Disney duo of "Unbreakable," with \$14.4 million, and "102 Dalmations," with \$8.3 million, were second and third, respectively.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and ACNielsen EDI, Inc.:

1. "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Universal, \$27.1 million, 3,138 locations, \$8,635 average, \$172 million, three weeks.
2. "Unbreakable," Disney, \$14.4 million, 2,708 locations, \$5,333 average, \$66.3 million, two weeks.
3. "102 Dalmations," Disney, \$8.3 million, 2,704 locations, \$3,068 average, \$36.6 million, two weeks.
4. "Rugrats in Paris: The Movie," Paramount, \$6.5 million, 2,937 locations, \$2,215 average, \$55.6 million, three weeks.
5. "Charlie's Angels," Sony, \$5 million, 2,751 locations, \$1,825 average, \$115.4 million, five weeks.
6. "Bounce," Miramax, \$4.4 million, 2,014 locations, \$2,193 average, \$30.3 million, three weeks.
7. "Men of Honor," Fox, \$4.2 million, 2,188 locations, \$1,909

- average, \$41.2 million, four weeks.
8. "The 6th Day," Sony, \$4 million, 2,516 locations, \$1,594 average, \$30.6 million, three weeks.
9. "Meet the Parents," Universal, \$3.8 million, 2,317 locations, \$1,650 average, \$153.2 million, nine weeks.
10. "Little Nicky," New Line, \$2.2 million, 2,470 locations, \$900 average, \$36.7 million, four weeks.
11. "Billy Elliot," Universal, \$1.3 million, 510 locations, \$2,630 average, \$13.2 million, eight weeks.
12. "The Legend of Bagger Vance," DreamWorks, \$1.01 million, 1,535 locations, \$661 average, \$29.7 million, five weeks.
13. "Remember the Titans," Disney, \$1 million, 1,191 locations, \$845 average, \$111.6 million, 10 weeks.
14. "Red Planet," Warner Bros., \$748,561, 1,453 locations, \$515 average, \$16.7 million, four weeks.
15. "Best in Show," Warner Bros., \$487,565, 350 locations, \$1,393 average, \$15.8 million, 10 weeks.
16. "You Can Count On Me," Paramount, \$390,489, 53 locations, \$7,368 average, \$1.6 million, four weeks.
17. "Pay It Forward," Warner Bros., \$367,920, 531 locations, \$693 average, \$32.5 million, seven weeks.
18. "Cyberworld," Imax, \$264,003, 37 locations, \$7,135 average, \$3.2 million, nine weeks.
19. "Bedazzled," Fox, \$240,922, 454 locations, \$531 average, \$36.7 million, seven weeks.
20. "Requiem for a Dream," Artisan, \$214,077, 78 locations, \$2,745 average, \$2.1 million, nine weeks.

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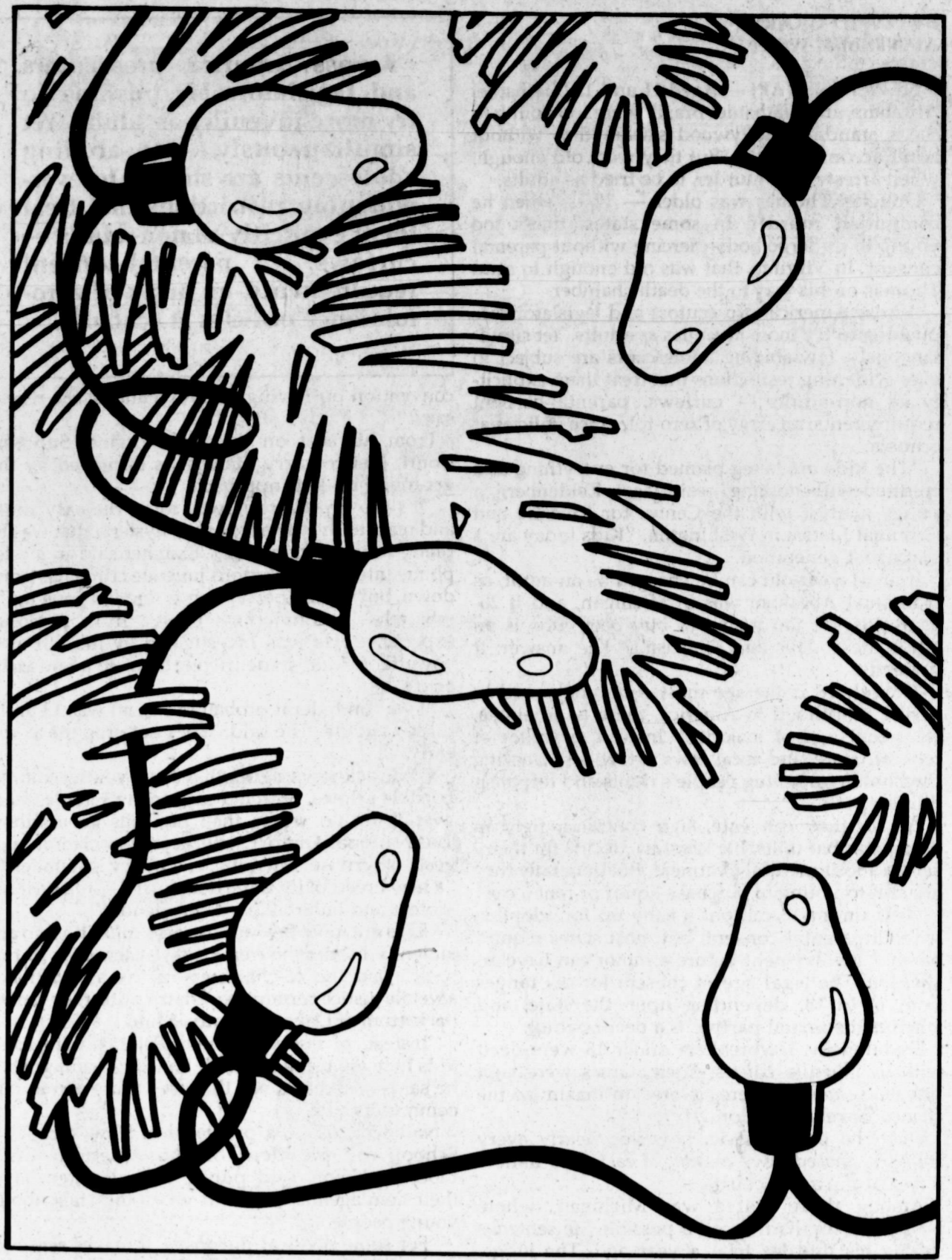
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Exercise shows economic impact of FMD

AUSTIN — A foreign animal disease outbreak in Texas could cost government entities more than \$50 million per county, according to estimates tallied up in early November, when livestock health officials simulated an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in South Texas to test emergency preparedness.

Even worse, the figures compiled by Hidalgo County Emergency Management Coordinator Charlie Montgomery don't include indemnity payments to pay producers for livestock destroyed to prevent the spread of disease or lost revenue due to inevitable state and federal quarantines which would restrict livestock and livestock product movement for months, or possibly years. Marketing opportunities would be restored only upon proof the region was disease-free.

"Foot-and-mouth disease, without a doubt, is the most economically important livestock disease, and recent outbreaks around the world make this highly contagious virus a tangible threat to our domestic livestock. This disease also strikes a variety of species, so it was an excellent choice for a test exercise. If we could develop our ability to fight foot-and-mouth disease, we could stop any disease," said Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and head of Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

According to Logan, the \$50 million cost estimate was just the initial economic impact on Texas agricultural.

"Foot-and-mouth disease outbreaks can devastate an animal agricultural-based economy. In addition to the enormous direct costs of fighting the disease, there are also the lost opportunities for trade. A region's credibility regarding disease prevention and control also could be critically damaged."

Dr. Max Coats, TAHC's head of animal health programs also pointed out, "This exercise gave us a 'homegrown' demonstration about how fast foot-and-mouth disease can get out of hand. Immediate action is required. We hope to use this experience to reinforce the need for producers to report animal illnesses or death losses to private practitioners or regulatory agencies."

A planning team of livestock health regulatory officials from the U.S., Canada and Mexico developed the exercise with the goal of testing international communications and decision-making regarding when and how extremely limited supplies of FMD vaccine would be distributed among the three countries.

Within the state, Dr. Coats said the Texas Emergency Response Team (TERT) practiced working within the state's emergency management system. The system is a network of county and state agencies capable of providing much-needed manpower, equipment and technical support. TERT is a cooperative effort of TAHC and Texas' U.S. Department of Agriculture's Veterinary Services staff and is prepared to address disease outbreaks or natural disasters affecting animals.

The exercise was set into motion in mid-October with the following scenario: A South Texas swine producer retrieves food scraps for his animals from a foreign ship docked in Brownsville; he feeds the uncooked wastefood to his pigs, unaware the meat (originating from a country where FMD is prevalent) was infected with FMD; several piglets die, swine shows sign of disease; he reports illness to TAHC but only after some of the pigs were sold and more than 1,200 susceptible animals had moved through a nearby livestock market.

For the purposes of the exercise, livestock health officials were not notified until the first of November.

"What began as a one-site foreign animal disease investigation in Hidalgo County literally 'blew up,' within two days, as we received reports of sick animals next door in Cameron County and as far away as Dallas County in North Texas," said Dr. Dee Ellis, TAHC area director who led the TERT team in South Texas. "Furthermore, the storyline included our need to 'catch' a truck that had been contaminated with the virus. The driver had crisscrossed the country from Harlingen to Canada and back, and from Missouri to the Rockies, potentially spreading disease far and wide."

"To stop the spread of disease, immediate action is required, to stop animal and livestock vehicle movement," Ellis said. "We needed immediate producer cooperation to stop livestock hauling, close sale barns, rodeos and other events in affected areas."

By the final day of the exercise, TAHC commissioners stopped livestock movement statewide. Livestock movement was shut down within and out of the state and Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado embargoed Texas livestock.

"For more than two years, the TERT team had prepared for a disease outbreak or natural disaster involving animals," Logan stated. "Thankfully this was an exercise, and we will continue to fine-tune our plan, sharpen skills and strengthen partnerships with producers, practitioners and other agencies, in order to be ready when a real disease is introduced or a natural disaster hits."

Although it poses no human health danger, FMD causes severe blistering in the mouth and around the muzzle, teats and feet of cloven- or split-hooved animals including goats, sheep, cattle, pigs and deer. A very high percentage of animals exposed to the virus will become ill and many never recover.

Dr. Logan stressed global travel of humans and livestock greatly increases the risk of a foreign animal disease outbreak or pest introduction. She urges producers to report potential signs of disease to private practitioners, TAHC area offices or agency headquarters at 1-800-550-8242 or Texas' USDA Veterinary Services at (512) 916-5555. Danger signs in a herd or flock include: blistering around mouth, teats, muzzle or hooves; unusual ticks or maggots; staggering, falling or central nervous system disorders; and severe sudden illness or death affecting a high percentage of animals.

Style Show



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Jean Autry recently modeled this Richard and Company three-piece ensemble during the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce second annual Holiday Style Show at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The olive-colored outfit, courtesy of Images, includes a jacket, complete with zipper front closure, and matching top and pants — all in 100 percent cotton.

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NON-ADULTS

"Making kids take a drug test without any proof that they are taking drugs is just like searching a house without a warrant or proof of something wrong," he said.

In Ann Arbor, Mich., parents concerned about the overuse of school suspensions formed a group called the Student Advocacy Center. It supports families whose children have been expelled because of zero-tolerance policies.

"With zero tolerance, the really frightening part is that we don't even pretend anymore that we are committed to edu-

cating all children," said the center's director, Ruth Zwifler. "Public education is now only for those who deserve it, and the list of those who don't deserve is growing."

"The whole atmosphere at many schools is poisoned," she said. "We've got to open up a discussion with the kids about how to make schools comfortable for them. We've got to like our kids. I don't think we like them at this point."

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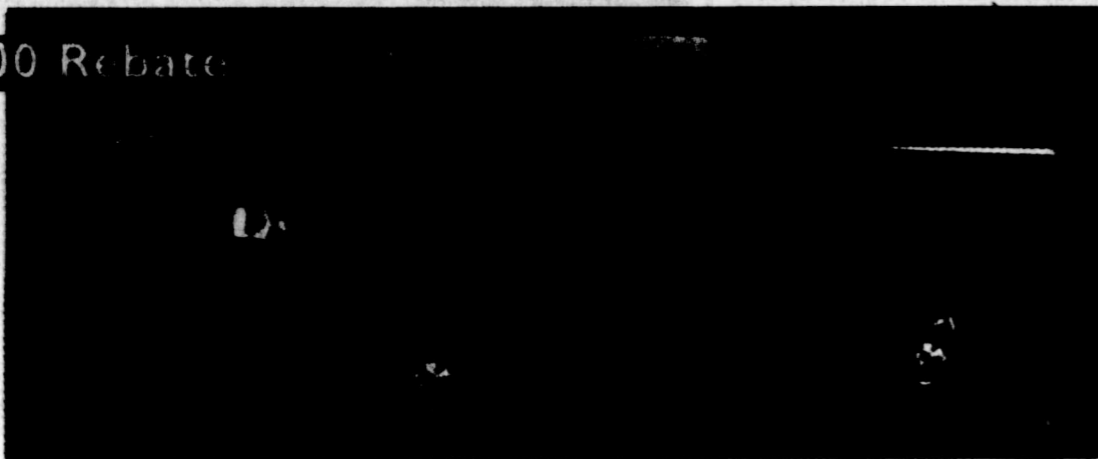
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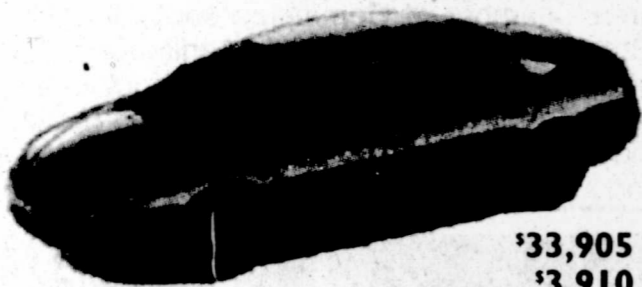
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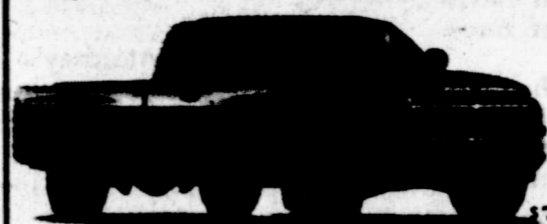
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