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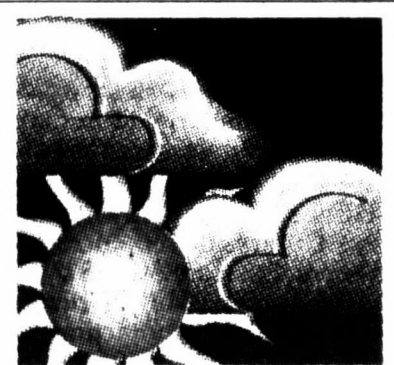
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Extension Service changes Council meeting to Dec. 19

PAMPA — The Gray County Extension Service has changed its Annual Extension Program Council meeting to 7 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 19 at the Gray Co. Courthouse Annex. The guest speaker will be Susan Tripplehorn, director of Pampa Economic Development Corp. She will discuss past, present and upcoming activities of the PEDC. Extension highlights for 2000 will be presented and breakfast will be served. The meeting is free and open to the public.

PEDC to discuss bond issuance at meeting

Pampa Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) board of directors are to discuss issuing bonds at 3 p.m., Monday, Dec. 18, in Suite 200, 105 E. Foster. Among the action items listed on Monday's agenda is the discussion and possible consideration of issuance of bonds. PEDC officials had reported earlier that the agency is low on funds and in need of a financial boost.

The board also plans to consider a financial advisory contract with Southwest Securities, treasurer's report and expenditures, and the executive directors report.

A closed executive session is scheduled to discuss legal matters.

PEDC meetings are open to the public. A public comment period is set at the beginning of the meeting.

- Daisy Mae Bond, 80, mother of Pampan.
- Bob C. Price, 61, Church of Christ minister.
- John C. Rogers, 81, brother of Pampan.

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Babies' first Christmas



(Special photo) Joe and Jerrie Thomas of Pampa have not one but two babies experiencing their first Christmas this year. Justin and Jared Thomas, 8 months, may be twins, but judging from this photo, they have differing ideas about how they feel about Christmas. The Pampa News "Baby's First Christmas" special section deadline is extended to noon, Wednesday, Dec. 20. For more details, see Page 27.

Miami ISD board reviews state rating, audit report

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

MIAMI — School board members reviewed Miami Independent School District's "report card" issued by the Texas Education Agency at a regular meeting this week.

Each school district in the state receives a rating from the TEA based on the district's accountability, TAAS scores, attendance and drop-out rates, and end-of-course exams.

"In all areas, Miami ISD was above the state average and above the 100 school comparison," said Allan Dinsmore, school superintendent.

Dinsmore said copies of the document will be mailed to the parents or guardians of every student in the district by the end of next week.

Miami's pupil-to-teacher ratio is eight-to-one compared to 14-to-1 across the state, according to the superintendent. The ratio was 10-to-one in the comparison of 100 similar school districts, he said.

Miami's low eight-to-one ratio is "good for the student, but financially hard for the district," Dinsmore said, adding that the district could easily handle another 100 students if they were dispersed throughout the different grade levels.

However, he said a significant increase in the student population is unlikely unless a large business or industry should open and bring more people to the area.

The board also received good marks on the 1999-2000 audit presented at the meeting by Doug Ware of Brown, Graham and Co.

"It was a clean audit," Dinsmore said. "We got the highest rating we could get. He commended the board for their astute overseeing of school finances for the district."

Dinsmore said the auditors made no recommendations for

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Traffic stop yields 'pot' bust

Drivers caught not wearing a seatbelt in Texas can face up to a \$99.25 fine in Justice of the Peace Court. Benjamin Lara Ramirez, 22, who listed his address as Amarillo, found out this week that violating that offense can cost much more.

Ramirez was traveling eastbound in a 1992 Cadillac on I-40 Wednesday afternoon when he was stopped by Trooper Jason Henderson at Mile Marker 141 for not wearing a seatbelt.

Department of Public Safety Sgt. Don Cameron said upon stopping Ramirez, Trooper Henderson detected an odor he believed to be marijuana. The trooper also said there were several inconsistencies in Ramirez's story, so he requested a canine drug dog be sent to the roadside location.

Before the drug dog unit arrived on the scene, Ramirez admitted he had drugs in the trunk and gave Trooper Henderson permission to search the vehicle, officers said.

When Trooper Henderson opened the trunk he found 250 lbs. of marijuana which has an approximate street value of \$250,000, said Sgt. Cameron.

Traveling alone, Ramirez's planned destination to Kansas City, Kan., was changed and he was transported to the Gray County Jail. He remained in jail Friday morning in lieu of \$100,000 bond set by Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Bob Muns.

JP Muns said Friday the DPS troopers in the Pampa area are very strict about seat belt violations.

County oks transfer for restoration

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Gray County employees will move out of the county courthouse when the restoration work begins.

In a 4-1 vote, the county commissioners court voted Friday morning to move the offices and employees out of the building while extensive wiring and plumbing is completed in the county building. Tentative plans are to probably move from the building in August, 2001.

The commissioners court authorized Precinct 1 County Commissioner Joe Wheeley to contact owners of the Hughes Building to obtain additional information regarding a possible move by the majority of courthouse employees to that build-

ing. Commissioners court members who voted in favor of moving county employees out of the courthouse during the restoration work were Wheeley, Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright, Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hetley and County Judge Richard Peet. Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene cast the dissenting vote.

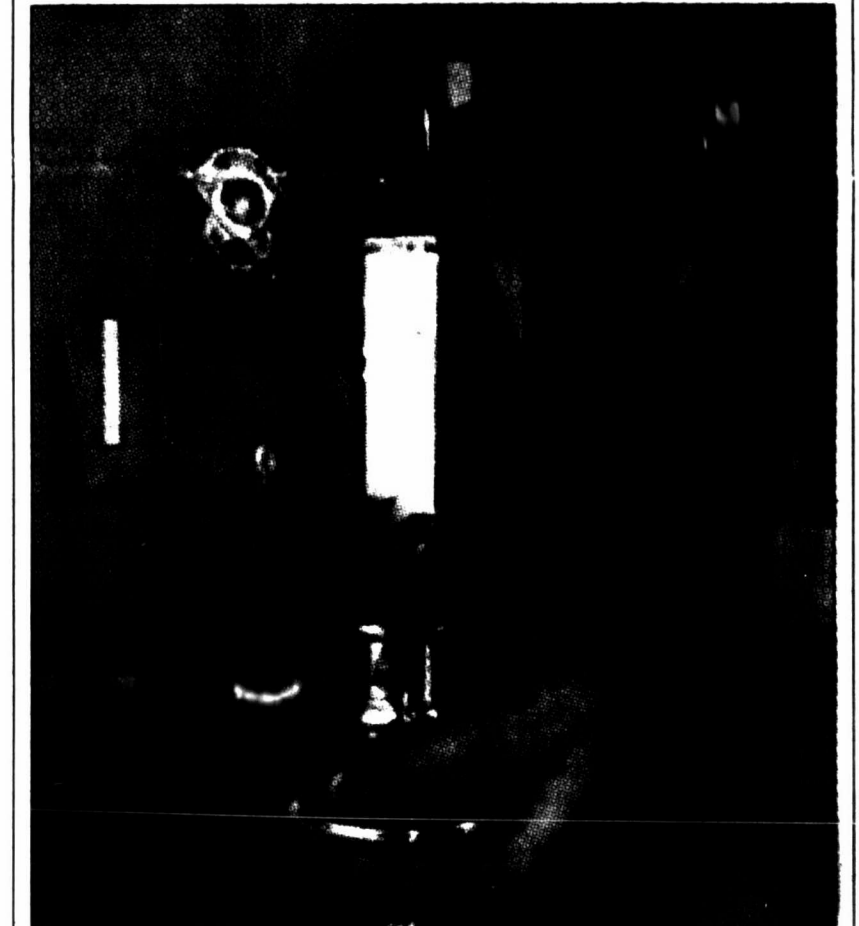
Two employees were appointed to serve on the county personnel committee during the Friday meeting. They are Alicia Heil of the tax office and Philip McCullough, precinct 2 road and bridge foreman.

Commissioners also approved a tax refund was to be paid.

Nickles Industrial Manufacturing will be paid

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Project Blue Light



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

This blue candle symbolizes Gray County Sheriff's Department participation in Project Blue Light. The local sheriff's office joins Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) and agencies throughout the nation in remembering law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty while honoring officers who continue to put their lives on the line each day. Project Blue Light began in 1988 when Dolly Craig of Philadelphia put two blue candles in her living room window during Christmas in memory of her son-in-law, a Philadelphia police officer who was killed on the job in 1986 and for her daughter who died in an automobile accident in 1988. The couple left six children.

Sunday Snapshot



Name: Maria Perez.
 Occupation/activities: Assistant man-

ager at EZ Pawn.
Birth date and place: May 5, 1969, El Paso.
Family: Rafael, Chris and Jessica.
When I grow up I want to be:
My personal hero: My mother.
The best advice I ever got was: Have compassion for others.
People who knew me in high school thought: Shy.
The best word or words to describe me: Quiet.
People will remember me as being: Nice.
The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: Bobby Pulido, Emilio Navaira, Shelly Lares, Fey.
My hobbies are: Sottball.
My favorite sports team is: Chicago

Cubs.
My favorite possession is: My car.
My favorite performer is: Bobby Pulido.
I wish I knew how to: Snow ski.
My trademark cliché or expression is: "Que."
My worst habit is: Biting my nails.
I would never: Steal.
The last good movie I saw was: "Deep End of the Ocean."
I stay home to watch: "Novelas Locuras De Amor, Mujeres Enganadas."
I drive a: Camero.
My favorite junk food is: Cheesecake.
My favorite beverage: Dr. Pepper.
My favorite restaurant is: Abuelos in Amarillo.
My favorite meal is: Enchiladas, rice.

I wish I could sing like: Celine Dion.
I'm happiest when I'm: On vacation.
I regret: Not going to college.
I'm tired of: The presidential election.
I have a phobia about: Spiders.
The electrical device I couldn't live without is: TV.
My most embarrassing moment: Falling on ice in junior high.
If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: Buy a house; buy a house for my parents.
If I had three wishes they would be: 1) To win the lottery; 2) to go to Italy; 3) to live a long, healthy life.
If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: Have some Hispanic members serving on PEDC and city commission.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

ROGERS, John C. — 10 a.m., Fairlanes Baptist Church, Borger.

Obituaries

DAISY MAE BOND

AMARILLO — Daisy Mae Bond, 80, mother of a Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000. Memorial services were Saturday in Westview Christian Church with Roy E. Barringer, retired Christian Church minister, officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery under the direction of N.S. Griggs and Sons Funeral Directors of Amarillo. Mrs. Bond was born at Alba and was reared in East Texas. She married John Alexander Bond in 1958 at Erick, Okla.; he died in 1987. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1985, moving from Missouri, and was a member of Westview Christian Church and Agape Women's Club. She was preceded in death by a son, Howard Bond, in 1981.

Survivors include five daughters, Darlene Shipman of Dalhart, Sylvia Smith and Virginia Rogers, both of Amarillo, Laura Ruth McAfee of Mineral Wells and Kay King of Pampa; eight sons, Joe Bond of Austin, Ike Shipman of Littleton, Colo., Eugene Shipman, Charles Shipman and Wayne Shipman, all of Arizona, Karl Bond of Dallas, John Bond Jr. of Houston and Charles Bond of Port Arthur; a brother, John Bussy of Erick; 34 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Multiple Sclerosis Society.

BOB C. PRICE

BORGER — Bob C. Price, 61, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2000, at Amarillo. Memorial services were Saturday in Franklin Street Church of Christ with Laurencio Garduno officiating. Cremation and arrangements were under the direction of Rector Funeral Home of Amarillo. Mr. Price was born at Clovis, N.M., and had been a longtime resident of the Texas Panhandle. He married Jenelle Dent in 1957 at Earth, Texas. He and his wife moved to California and there entered the ministry. He served as a Church of Christ minister for 26 years, pastoring Franklin Street Church of Christ at the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife, Jenelle of Borger; two daughters, Tammy Young of Borger and Teresa Estrada of Los Angeles, Calif.; a son, Anthony Price of Anchorage, Alaska; a sister, Elizabeth Marriot of Portland, Ore.; a brother, Mike Price of Reno, Nev.; and nine grandchildren. The family will be at 207 Thistle in Borger.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Department reported no arrests or incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported no arrests or incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Sunday, morning fog possible, otherwise mostly cloudy. Windy with highs 45 to 50. South to southwest winds 20 to 30 mph. Sunday night, cloudy and breezy. A 20 percent chance of snow. Lows around 27. Monday, cloudy and breezy with a chance of sleet or snow. Highs around 35. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Lows 12 to 18. Highs 36 to 42. Friday's high was 58 and the low Saturday morning, 34.

STATEWIDE — Just as the state had begun warming from a biting cold front this week, another began pushing through West Texas Saturday.

The encroaching front gave the western portions of West Texas and the Panhandle clear skies and temperatures in the 20s and

30s. The rest of the state was cloudy and foggy with temperatures in the 40s to 60s before sunrise. The cold front could also produce winds as fast as 20 mph.

The cold front was parked along a line running from near Lubbock to near Childress and should continue to forge southeast pushing away overcast skies.

Temperatures in West Texas varied from the 30s to 50s as the cold front made its way across the region. Under clear skies Dalhart was 29 degrees while El Paso and San Angelo were a relatively warm 51 degrees.

West Texas should have partly cloudy to sunny skies and highs in the 20s and 30s in the Panhandle and the 50s and 60s along the Rio Grande.

Fog and light rain and drizzle coated North Texas Saturday

morning and the region had temperatures mostly in the 40s, ranging from 42 in Wichita Falls to 57 in Nacogdoches.

The cold front should break up low clouds and patchy fog by mid-afternoon, giving North Texas sunny skies and temperatures in 40s. The cold air mass should also produce gusty winds reaching as fast as 35 miles per hour and North Texas is under a wind advisory.

South Texas also had foggy and rainy pre-dawn weather and temperatures ranged from 42 degrees at Junction and 64 degrees at Port Arthur.

Central Texas and the Hill Country could clear up as the cold front approaches, while the southern portions of the region should see lingering overcast skies. Highs should be warm in the mid 60s to mid 70s.

Obituaries (cont.)

JOHN C. ROGERS

BORGER — John C. Rogers, 81, brother of a Pampa resident, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Fairlanes Baptist Church with Andy Dietz, minister of Missions at First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Garden of Devotion at Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mr. Rogers was born at Morris, Okla. He married Velma Brooks in 1939 at Pawnee, Okla.; she died in 1988. He moved to Borger in 1942 and retired as night superintendent of Phillips Petroleum Company.

He was a member of Fairlanes Baptist Church and Adobe Walls Masonic Lodge #1355 and was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, serving as a B-25 pilot during World War II.

Survivors include a daughter, Kristy K. Huff of Borger; a son, John C. Rogers of Canyon; three sisters, Mildred L. Wyatt of Rogers, Ark., Imogene D. Stanford of Rogers, Texas, and Dale Grayum of Pampa; and four grandchildren.

The family will be at 2233 Huber Avenue in Borger and requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176-0001.

Ambulance

Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Dec. 15

11:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

3:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to BSA-West, Amarillo.

8:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of South Houston and transported one to PRMC.

8:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart and transported one to PRMC.

Fires

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

Friday, Dec. 15

8:27 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a follow-up on a gasoline spill in the 1500 block of North Hobart. A sand truck was called to sand down the area where approximately 86 gallons of gasoline was spilled at a Texaco station, 1524 N. Hobart. Employees said the spill occurred while priming one of the gas pumps.

12:32 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters were called to the 1200 block of East Frederic to install a smoke detector.

8:52 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a call for medical assistance at the United Food Store, 1420 N. Hobart. According to fire reports, a 4-year-old girl apparently ran into the side of a moving vehicle. She complained of leg pain and was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

The great brick street debate

By PAM EASTON
Associated Press Writer

AMARILLO (AP) — It's a bumpy ride along more than 16 miles of red brick roads in this Panhandle city, where complaints have led to a Public Works Department report on how to smooth things over.

While the thought of paving over the 70-year old brick roads has preservationists peeved, fixing the roads brick-by-brick could cost more than \$24 million. Paving over the bricks would cost about \$4 million.

"There's no question, red bricks make a very strong, long lasting pavement," Public Works Director Mike Kennedy said. "The issue is by today's standards, you can't build a brick street for the cost you could back in the 30s. It's an issue of how much money do you want to spend, and what do you want to spend it on."

Red brick roads have been a prominent feature in downtowns throughout West Texas and the Panhandle. The downtown districts of Lubbock, Abilene, San Angelo, Pampa and Dalhart are among the West Texas cities set apart by the distinct red brick.

"The first thing tourists ask us is where is the red brick from and how long have they been there," curator of the White Deer Land Co. Museum in Pampa, Anne Davidson, said. "They are quaint. They call for a lot of conversation."

The bricks also invoke a great deal of emotion from Davidson and others in the region.

"If our city fathers ever decided to cover over them, I am going to have to go lay out there over them and they are going to have to blacktop over me," Davidson said.

Pampa, about 45 minutes northeast of Amarillo, has become intent on protecting its red brick roads.

When the nearby city of Clarendon did some highway work and found red bricks underneath, Pampa city officials bought the red bricks to replace bricks destroyed during construction projects.

'If our city fathers ever decided to cover over them, I am going to have to go lay out there over them and they are going to have to blacktop over me.'

— Anne Davidson, Director White Deer Land Museum

"We love them," Davidson said. "We never have a weed come through them and they are really some of the smoother streets we have in town."

Amarillo's brick roads have become worn out as the city's population and traffic increased over the years, said Wes Reeves, the president of Center City, a group of Amarillo businesses who want to revitalize the downtown.

"We'd like to help the city, rather than fight them, to come up with solutions to repave with brick," Reeves said. "Brick streets really don't need that much maintenance. It would be unwise to pave over them when in fact we could just patch over them that way you don't have to go back in every ten years and do maintenance."

"Preservation is not always the most expensive alternative."

But it's too expensive for the likes of Amarillo resident Edmund Johnston, who has lived on a partially brick street for more than 25 years.

"There is a \$20 million difference between having paved streets and bricked streets," he said. "That's just too much of a

difference for taxpayers to have to foot the bill. It's not fair to tax the whole community when we don't have that many brick streets to begin with."

Johnston said one possible compromise would be for the city to pay for the cost of paving. Those interested in maintaining the brick streets would pay the difference.

"Those who are going to benefit the most should foot the bill," he said.

Amarillo Mayor Kel Seliger said he opposes re-bricking more than "about a block" of downtown.

Luise Tyson, who lives in a historic Amarillo neighborhood that still maintains its brick streets, said paving over the bricks would be a mistake.

"I certainly don't think asphalt would be an improvement," she said. "They are thinking about very short term improvements to something that makes very unique neighborhoods. Other cities are spending millions and millions of dollars to add brick streets to special areas. When you enter the area with bricks you know it is a special part of the city."

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COUNTY

approximately \$7,500 tax refund due to a lawsuit settlement with Gray County Appraisal District.

Approval was granted by the commission to change signatures on the District Attorney's Forfeiture and Seizure Fund account.

The commission also approved creating a separate checking account for disbursement and receiving of funds in regard to the restoration project. It is a requirement of the Texas

Historical Commission to maintain a separate account for restoration funds.

Disposition of Gray County Law Library items, including law books, that are owned by the county was also discussed. Greene will be contacting the Friends of the Library to obtain a consensus if that organization would want them while Peet will contact local attorneys about their interest in the law books.

Commissioners approved payment of bills and salaries totaling \$434,221.

City Briefs

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BOARD

change in the district's financial procedures.

No action was taken on renewing property insurance for the district, presently provided by the Texas Association of School Boards. TASB has notified the district that property insurance will be increased by \$3,500 per year — up 40 percent — despite the fact the district has made no claims on the policy in seven years.

"Other bids that are coming in are even higher," Dinsmore said.

The school district's property insurance policy comes up for renewal on Jan. 15. Board members agreed to continue to investigate other options until it is time to renew the policy.

In other action, the board signed an agreement with Eastern Panhandle Share Services Arrangement for projected special education services totaling \$15,444.

Through the arrangement, 10 area school districts share the cost of diagnosticians, speech therapists, occupational and physical therapy practitioners, and all other ancillary services related to special education for kindergarten through 12th grade students. Shamrock ISD serves as fiscal agent.

Board members approved November bills and reviewed fund balances. As of Dec. 1, 85 percent of property tax revenues had been collected.

Junior High and High School All-Region Band qualifiers and 1st and 2nd Team All-District Football members were recognized by the board at the meeting. The students were presented with Certificates of Accomplishments at the school Tuesday.

A report was presented on the Soil & Water Conservation District project to plant trees at the football field in conjunction with the elementary classes.

Hewlett-Packard employee reportedly despondent before plane death

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A Hewlett-Packard Co. employee who fell 2,000 feet from an airplane into a backyard garden has left behind a baffled team of investigators who are trying to determine whether her death was a tragic accident or suicide.

Friends and co-workers described Elisabeth Mathild Otto as despondent, possibly from the stress of moving to the United States and starting a new job. They and her

husband had suggested she seek psychological help. The San Jose Mercury News reported Saturday, citing sources familiar with her situation. The newspaper also reported that a source close to the investigation confirmed the woman had leaped out.

"We've ruled out foul play on behalf of any of the passengers," FBI spokesman Andrew Black said. "We're looking at it strictly as a possible suicide or an accident."

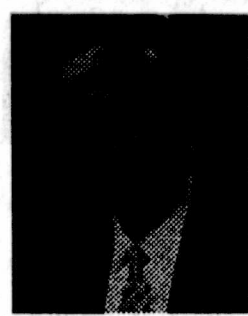
The FBI said two passengers who saw Otto plunge from the plane were so distraught that they were unable to tell the pilots what had happened. Police were not notified she was missing until 45 minutes after the plane landed in San Jose on Thursday night. Her body was found Saturday afternoon.

FBI investigators interviewed passengers and the woman's business associates.

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AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO

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

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

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

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

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

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.

GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Gray County Genealogical Society will not meet in the month of December. The January meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library and will feature a hands-on orientation to the Internet.

PAMPA BOOK CLUB

Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10 at Lovett Memorial Library. The group will discuss "East of the Mountain" by David Guterson. Visitors are welcome.

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.

FIRST ASSEMBLY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

First Assembly of God Church, 500 S. Cuyler, will present its annual "Home for Christmas" program at 10 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 24 in the sanctuary of the church. Pastor Mike Moss will share the Christmas story, Christmas carols will be sung by candlelight and refreshments will be served. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Moss at 665-5941 or 665-6060.

SINGLES NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The Singles Ministry at Paramount Terrace Christian Church of Amarillo will host an area-wide Singles New Year's Eve dinner and dance from 7 p.m.-12 a.m., Dec. 31 in Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza. Music will be by Sharla Lee Hayes and Double Diamond Band. A photographer will be available at 6:30 p.m. for personal photos. Tickets are \$20 per person and will include a guest speaker, dinner and dance. Deadline to purchase tickets is Dec. 22. The event will be alcohol- and smoke-free. For tickets or for more information, call Penny Lawlis or Mike Nuthman at the church, (806) 353-6615.

TRAIN SHOW

Amarillo Model Railroad Association will hold its annual Magic of Christmas Past Train Show beginning Nov. 24 in Western Plaza. Show hours are, 12 noon-8 p.m., Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 25-31 as well as 5-8 p.m., every Friday in December. The association will raffle off a 4' x 8' HO-scale model railroad at 4 p.m. Christmas Eve. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50-cents for children. Raffle tickets are \$1 a chance or six for \$5.

MIP CLASSES

Clarendon College will offer ABC Computer Class from 1-4 p.m., Dec. 14 and from 8:30 a.m.-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Dec. 15. Minor in Possession classes are scheduled from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Dec. 11-12 in Clarendon. For more information, call Clarendon College-Pampa Center or Eddie Hankins, (806) 874-5074.

ADOPT-A-SEA TURTLE

Adopt a sea turtle for some one you love this holiday season. For a tax-deductible \$25, the Sea Turtle Survival League, an educational, outreach program of the nonprofit Caribbean Conservation Corp., will send participants a personalized color sea turtle adoption certificate, a sea turtle fact sheet, colorful decal and magnet and a subscription to the organization's quarterly newsletter, all in a special folder. For more information, call 1-800-678-7853 or visit www.cccturtle.org. on the Internet.

DISCOVERY CENTER

The Don Harrington Discovery Center in Amarillo is introducing the exhibit "Air Discovery: Soar to New Heights" this month. For more information, call the center at (806) 355-9547.

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/usagermanyship on the World Wide Web.

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.

TEXAS VACATION PACKAGES

The Musical Drama "TEXAS" is continuing its fall, winter and spring vacation packages showcasing area attractions such as Amarillo Rattlers, Amarillo Opera, Amarillo Symphony, Lone Star Ballet, American Quarter Horse Association and much more. The packages include hotel/motel accommodations, dining in the best western tradition and one-stop shopping. For more information, call 1-800-655-2181 or visit www.texasmusicaldrama.com. on the Internet.

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.

UM ART CONTEST

The University of Mobile, Ala., is calling for entries in its 10th annual Art With a Southern Drawn contest which is open to artists working in any media who currently reside in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee or Texas. Only original artwork will be accepted. Entry deadline is Jan. 10, 2007. To obtain an application form or for more information, call (334) 442-2283 or 1-800-946-7267, ext. 2283, or e-mail UMDrawl@yahoo.com.

ACT

ACT, Inc., education and career planning organization has announced the following do-it-yourself college planning resources on the Internet: www.act.org, www.c3apply.org, www.collegenet.com, www.finaid.org, www.ed.gov/finaid.html and www.fafsa.ed.gov (financial aid sites), and www.bls.gov/oc-home.hum (career planning).

STUTTERING FOUNDATION

Stuttering Foundation of America is offering a free copy of its brochure "The Child Who Stutters at School: Notes to the Teacher." For more information, contact the non-profit foundation by mail: Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111; or phone 1-800-992-9392. The brochure is also available at www.stutteringhelp.org. on the World Wide Web.

JAGER MP3 CONTEST

Jagermusic.com is currently sponsoring Jager MP3 Song Contest. Deadline for entry is 9 a.m. Dec. 30. For more information or for contest rules, call (914) 633-5630 or visit alechner@sidneyfranco.com on the Internet.

TWC WEBSITE

The Texas Workforce Commission recently unveiled its new website located at www.texasworkforce.org on the Internet. The new site is designed to meet the needs of five customer groups — businesses and employers; job seekers and employees; service providers; boards and network partners; and researchers and policy-makers.

ARTS AND KIDS

Arts and Kids will hold its Annual Art Competition. The contest is free and open to all youth 17 and younger. The deadline for entry is Dec. 31. To participate, send one original work, any style and medium, to: Arts and Kids, Suite 101-2112, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Be sure and include name, address and age on the back of the artwork. For more information, visit www.ArtsandKids.com on the Internet. A total of \$38,000 in prizes and scholarships will be awarded.

STUDENT LEADER COMPETITION

Johnson and Wales University in Providence, R.I., is sponsoring its Fourth Annual Outstanding Student Leader Competition for high school seniors. Prizes include a tuition scholarship to the university in the amount of \$20,000 and an opportunity to learn one-on-one from one of America's foremost business executives. Deadline for

nominations is Jan. 25, 2007. To obtain an entry form or for more information, call 1-800-342-5598.

COLGATE YOUTH SERVICE CONTEST

Local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, Girls Inc., Camp Fire and 4-H organizations are invited to enter their best community service projects in the 28th annual "Colgate Youth for America" campaign. Cash grants of up to \$2,000 will be awarded to the most creative and best executed projects from local clubs and troops. Entry forms are available through regional offices of the national organizations or by sending a SASE to: Colgate Youth for America Campaign, P.O. Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, NY 10150-1058. Deadline for entry into this year's program is March 15. Forms are also available on-line at www.colgate.com.

BBB RESOURCE GUIDE

The Better Business Bureau is offering "The Spring BBB Membership Directory and Resource Guide." The publication is available free of charge and includes a listing of BBB member companies as well as businesses who qualify as members and who uphold BBB's standards of ethical practices. The guide also provides tips on how to be better shoppers along with information on current scams. For more information or to obtain the guide, call (806) 379-7133.

GED TESTING

Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every month. Those taking the full test must attend both days. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

The National Arbor Day Foundation is offering "What Tree is That?," a 72-page tree identification guide book. The book is free of charge and may be obtained by sending your name and address to: "What Tree is That?," The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

TCA WEBSITE

A list of "10 Hot Summer Cultural Events" can be accessed via the Texas Commission on the Arts website at www.artsonart.com — the most comprehensive arts calendar on the Internet in Texas. Visitors to the site can search the database by city, region, date, topic or organization name as well as access a travel planner section that allows visitors to hyperlink to vendors to rent a car, make airline reservations or book hotel rooms.

DIALOGUE

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

PATHWAYS

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-part support series for those who have lost a loved one, from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Tanya Mock, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

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It's sad to see Oldsmobile retired

It was sad to me last week when I heard that Oldsmobile is going to be a thing of the past before long.

As one colleague said while going through the Associated Press wire, "I can't believe they are going to quit making Oldsmobiles."

I know it isn't the first auto line to go by the wayside, but I grew up on Oldsmobiles and, besides, it's the oldest American auto line. I feel like we're losing a part of history.

But, the dollar has to rule and Oldsmobiles aren't selling like they once did. I remember my 1977 Oldsmobile Cutlass Broughm. All black. It was the first, and, I guess, only car that I ever ordered.

Someone in Pampa has a '77 Cutlass that is in great shape. I saw it out in front of our office one day. As some would say back where I'm from, "That car's been kept in a shed." There certainly was evidence it has been well taken care of.

Back to that Cutlass. I can't remember the amount of the car payment ... but I do remember pulling the transmission out a couple of



Kate B. Dickson
 associate publisher/editor

times because I used it to pull my horse trailer.

I won't make that mistake again. You know, there was a time that the Cutlass was the most popular car on the American road. It also held the top and near top spot on the most often stolen vehicle, too. Those two things often go together ... makes sense.

There were other types of cars in my childhood, of course. There's a picture of me as a 2- or 3-year-old standing in front of a red Buick with a black top. I don't know if it was a four-holer or three holer. But I do recall my mother

saying the sack boy at the grocery sure liked the car.

And there was a yellow and white Buick later. It was our first air-conditioned car we had. It had those funnel-like clear things that came out by the back window. (There I go. Sounding like a geezer again. But, no, I didn't walk to school carrying a biscuit in an old lard bucket).

It was a 1967 kinda greenish-blue Oldsmobile that I remember best. In the summer, I'd ride around in it and leave my (non-airconditioned) Mustang parked sometime if it was really hot. I also used that Oldsmobile to drive to Fayetteville to freshman orientation at the University of Arkansas. I remember getting up and getting ready to go and hearing that Robert Kennedy was dead.

There's no real point to all of this. I was just thinking so I took to typing — excuse me, keyboarding, that is. Sometimes I think better with my fingers.

(To contact Kate B. Dickson email kbd@pan-tex.net or write The Pampa News at P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79065)

Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Sunday, Dec. 17, the 352nd day of 2000. There are 14 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Dec. 17, 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright went on the first successful manned powered-airplane flights, near Kitty Hawk, N.C.

On this date:
 In 1777, France recognized American independence.

In 1830, South American patriot Simon Bolivar died in Colombia.

In 1925, Col. William "Billy" Mitchell was convicted of insubordination at his court-martial.

In 1939, the German pocket battleship Graf Spee was scuttled by its crew, ending the World War II Battle of the River Plate off Uruguay.

In 1944, the U.S. Army announced it was ending its policy of excluding Japanese-Americans from the West Coast.

Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:
 Waco Tribune-Herald on our CHIP challenge:
 Being born on this earth is a game of chance. You could be born into great privilege or into poverty. You could be among those whose every physical need is met or one whose needs are left out to dry by the winds of fate.

But we shouldn't resolve ourselves to chance when it comes to health coverage for Texas' children. We have the means to cover them all and need to muster the method. Witness the Texas Lottery.

If there's one Texan in 10 who doesn't know about the Texas Lottery, we'd like to meet that person and find out exactly what stimuli it would take short of a large rock or other blunt object to get through to him or her.

Texas made Lotto a household word. It ought to be able to do the same with CHIP the Children's Health Insurance Program. After all, CHIP is far more crucial and a far better bet.

It is low-income health insurance for children whose parents make too much to qualify for Medicaid yet not enough to afford health insurance, or whose employers don't offer it.

Texas has made encouraging gains in enrolling families in CHIP compared to previous efforts to close health care gaps before. But vast numbers of eligible Texans aren't enrolled. In McLennan County, only 1,216 of 4,000 eligible children are enrolled.

State Rep. Kip Averitt, R-Waco, who is closely involved in health insurance issues in Austin, said marketing is the key to CHIP enrollment, the kind we're all accustomed to seeing for all sorts of products on the market, including the Texas Lottery.

He wants the Texas Department of Insurance to handle CHIP and have private companies market it, rather than what is done now with the state Health and Human Services Commission relying on a network of non-profit agencies and service organizations to get the word out. Let us do whatever works.

CHIP is not free health insurance but very low-cost health insurance, involving a modest enrollment fee, copayments and very affordable monthly premiums. It would be the answer to many prayers. What Texas needs to do is drop this alternative into as many laps as possible.

As a wise use of dollars, CHIP is a no-brainer, not just for uninsured families but also for Texas itself. Texas gets \$3 for every \$1 it spends under the federal program. In return we all get healthier children, better school attendance and performance, and fewer emergency room visits.

Putting your money on CHIP is the surest "sure thing" we know.

From our files

40 years ago

Dec. 16, 1960
 More than 200 persons attended the annual Ladies Night Christmas party and banquet given by the Pampa Lions Club last night in Fellowship Hall of First Methodist Church.

Dec. 18, 1960
 Pampa African Violet Society entertained with a Christmas party on Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Lee Harrah with Mrs. Joe Shelton as assisting hostess.

Dec. 19, 1960
 Hundreds of people turned out yesterday to greet the Pampa High School Harvester band following their return from Chicago and the Midwest Band Clinic where they received a rousing ovation following their Wednesday performance.

25 years ago

Dec. 16, 1975
 Equipment was moved onto the site Monday for the start of work on Pampa's \$1.2 million sewage treatment plant east of the city.

Dec. 17, 1975
 Proposed sale of the Coronado Inn motor-hotel for \$950,000 to Jack Jones, Clinton, Okla., hotel man was announced today by George W. Scott, president of the Community Hotel Co. of Pampa.

Dec. 18, 1975
 While unemployment in the Pampa area is estimated at less than four percent, unemployment benefits paid during fiscal 1975 for the five-county area served by Texas Employment Commission's Pampa office reached an all time high.

10 years ago

Dec. 16, 1990
 Trees arrived at Pampa High School Saturday morning as part of the landscaping project currently under way sponsored by alumni of the Class of '44.

Dec. 17, 1990
 Local Salvation Army only needs \$4,000 by this weekend to qualify for a \$30,000 matching grant from a local foundation.

Dec. 18, 1990
 California authorities were en route to Pampa today to pick up a man who is a suspect in the Saturday robbery and killing of a 44-year-old liquor store clerk in North Long Beach, Calif.

States are becoming more divided

We've had close presidential elections before, but this one is emblematic of dangerous, unbridgeable and growing gaps among the American people. Some of this can be seen by examining a map showing U.S. counties won by George Bush and those won by Al Gore.

In general, the densely populated counties along the East and West coasts, Midwestern counties mostly along the Mississippi River and a smattering of counties in the southwest were won by Gore. But if the election were to be decided by who won the greatest number of the nation's 3,142 counties, Bush would have bested Gore by at least 2,500 counties.

While who won how many counties is irrelevant to the presidential selection process, it says something about the degree of national polarization. What are the characteristics of counties won by Bush versus those won by Gore? The values, politics and religion of the counties in the southern, western and rural sections of the country, won by Bush are not like those in the mostly coastal, highly populated counties won by Gore. The Bush counties are: more conservative and respectful of traditional values, pro-life, and more religious, and they have less social pathology such as high crime, illegitimacy and deviancy. Counties won by Gore tend to be just the opposite.

By no means do Americans who voted for Bush enthusiastically and unequivocally support the values expressed in our Declaration



Walter Williams
 Syndicated columnist

of Independence and Constitution, but they are not nearly as parasitic, interventionist and contemptuous of the principles of liberty as Gore supporters.

The constitutional provisions created by the Framers to protect us against the interventionist and parasitic classes have long been under siege and are severely weakened. The Bill of Rights, election of senators by state legislators and other protections against mob rule have been weakened or eliminated. Limitations on the power of the central government, through the enumerated powers and separation of power doctrines, have also been severely compromised. Constitutional protections against parasitic plunder, through its prohibition against direct taxation (no income tax), have been abolished.

Thomas Jefferson gave voice to our most important protection in his First Inaugural Address in 1801, saying, "If there be any among us who wish to dissolve the Union or to change its republican form, let them stand

undisturbed, as monuments of the safety with which error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it."

The right of secession was taken for granted in the founding of our country, and it wasn't only a Southern idea. Timothy Pickering of Massachusetts was George Washington's chief of staff, his secretary of war and secretary of state, and later a Massachusetts congressman and senator. In 1803, Pickering wrote, "The principles of our Revolution (of 1776) point to the remedy — a separation — for the people of the East cannot reconcile their habits, views and interests with those of the South and West."

Irreconcilability faces us today. There's one group of Americans who does not wish to bother anyone but wishes to be left alone. Another group of Americans wants to plunder and control the lives of others. This latter group of Americans shows no sign of letting up, much less retreating. A return to rule of law and constitutional government or separation are the only peaceful solutions. Separation and independence don't require that liberty-loving Americans overthrow the federal government any more than it required George Washington to overthrow England or his successor secessionist, Jefferson Davis, to overthrow Washington, D.C.

So here's my question: Should we Americans continue to forcibly impose our wills and values on one another, or should we part company and be friends?

Adventures to be had in written word

Do you like sea stories? If so, let me recommend some, in case you've already read your way through the Horatio Hornblower and the Jack Aubrey series.

I'm a firm believer that all aesthetics are purely subjective and that literary critics are essentially parasites who can't write but are clever enough to earn a living by obfuscating.

To me, it's simple: Do you like it or not? If you like it, that's all you need to know about it. The original series of sea adventures were the novels about Horatio Hornblower, and most of the later series have followed that formula — starting with a young officer who gradually climbs through the ranks after many battles and adventures.

The current series that has the critics crowing is a group of historical novels by Patrick O'Brian, whose heroes are Jack Aubrey, a British naval officer, and a surgeon and intelligence officer named Stephen Maturin. O'Brian died recently, so his series has come to an end.

However, Alexander Kent, another British writer, has a series going, also set during the Napoleonic wars, and Maine sailor James L. Nelson has two series going — one set during the American Revolution and the other set during the Colonial period. Both of these men know how to tell a good story.

It's odd that I love these sea stories so much because I have no desire whatsoever to go to



Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

sea. I've twice crossed the North Atlantic by ship, and it seems perfectly clear to me that the sea is an alien environment as far as folks are concerned. The idea that a thin, steel hull is between me and 6,000 feet of cold, dark water is not especially pleasant. You either have to adopt a religiouslike faith in your ship and crew, or you have an anxious voyage. I preferred to sail with blind faith but nevertheless was always happy to dock.

I even grew up in a Navy town, but when Uncle Sam came calling, I said, "Give me a rifle, some boots and a shovel, and I'm your man." I am a strong believer that in the natural order of things, the natural habitat of man is dry land. I love old Mother Earth, and I'll leave the sea and the sky to other folks.

At the same time, a good adventure story is a good adventure story. Those men who sailed

the wooden ships and fought them were one tough breed. They had, of course, neither radar nor radio and were at sea for months entirely on their own.

When they fought, they fired broadsides into each other, usually followed by boarding and hand-to-hand fighting with pistols, pikes and sabers. Then, if they were still afloat, they had to repair their own damage.

In this age of missiles and submarines and airplanes, the face of naval battles has changed, but many of the Navy traditions have not. The captain at sea is still God. The crew must still work together as a unit to fight their ship.

And unlike a ground-pounder, a sailor at sea cannot retreat if his ship is badly damaged. Sailors either keep her afloat or go down with her. In one sense, a warship is like a floating Alamo.

The hell of battle described in these novels is not unlike the hell the men of the USS Cole went through as they fought to keep their ship afloat in the blazing heat of Aden.

The Clinton-Gore administration is certainly eating away at Navy traditions like termites. They have put women on ships at sea and, some Navy officers claim, are now teaching situational ethics at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Too bad those two guys never served under a stern British sea captain.

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Holiday stress can be lessened, say experts at Big Spring State Hospital

BIG SPRING — Social obligations, activities and daily chores can sap the strength many people need to make the marathon stretch between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The holidays will arrive and depart, how you handle this special time will make a difference in whether you enjoy yourself or make you and your loved ones miserable.

The compulsion to fill those four-plus weeks with events that we believe will recreate a Christmas of our past creates unnecessary stress. Stress steals necessary resources we need to replenish our soul during this month-long journey and can trigger depression — a more serious illness.

But following a few guidelines, according to Gail Zilal, a licensed therapist and Big Spring State Hospital director of the Activities Therapy Department can alleviate the deafening emotions, which accompany the holidays.

■ Busy schedules don't allow for adequate downtime. Remember to get the rest necessary to maintain the energy needed for shopping, cooking, traveling, decorating and entertaining in addition to your daily schedule.

■ Don't sabotage your diet of healthy and nutritious foods. Rich, sugary foods add pounds and play havoc with your digestive system. In addition, the guilt of overeating fuels depression. If you plan on attending a party, think ahead of time how you will handle the buffet line.

■ Be aware that holidays trigger memories of enjoyable or traumatic times in your life. These memories may make you feel lonely. If you have no way of counteracting these memories, be aware that they are natural feelings, so if, and when, they occur you won't be caught off guard.

■ Don't overextend finances to fulfill every-

one's Christmas wish list. Set a budget, and stick to it. Involve your family in making homemade gifts and decorations this year.

■ Avoid hosting a large get-together. The party can be a heavy burden in addition to an already loaded schedule. If a celebration can't be avoided, enlist some help or plan a potluck supper. Don't be a martyr and carry the burden yourself.

■ If you regularly exercise, don't postpone your workouts until after the holiday, said Renae Porch, Big Spring State Hospital patient educator. You'll feel guilty for letting go of something you do for yourself. If time becomes an issue, decrease the number of workouts, but increase the intensity of each one to get the most bang for the buck.

"I know time is in short supply, but 30 minutes every other day will make you feel fit and better about yourself," Porch said. "When you have a positive self-image, the everyday stresses won't bother you as much."

■ Accommodating visiting relatives or friends can be a real back-breaker when you're already stressed. Be up-front with houseguests about what you need to help your household run efficiently.

■ Planning long-distance trips to visit friends or relatives may be difficult, especially for parents of young children. Take along books, puzzles and games to keep them entertained. Try to be organized, and remember that it is better to get somewhere late than not to get there at all.

■ When times become tense, play a CD or tape to lighten the mood, suggests Dana Boes, director of Music Therapy at Big Spring State Hospital. Sing out loud, sway to the music and release some of that pent-up tension. Music can be used to create memories with your own children.

The holidays will arrive and depart, how you handle this special time will make a difference in whether you enjoy yourself or make you and your loved ones miserable.

Big Spring State Hospital is a psychiatric hospital, which serves people with mental illness in a 78-county area in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle, including Midland, Odessa, El Paso, San Angelo, Abilene, Lubbock and Amarillo.

PUC sets return equity on electricity distribution, transmission utilities

AUSTIN — The Public Utility Commission has established retail electric competition begins. Customers will pay the 11.25 percent as the return on equity allowed for transmission and distribution utilities when

Senate Bill 7, the electric restructuring legislation signed by Gov. George W. Bush in June 1999, requires investor-owned utilities to separate operations into power generation, power delivery and retail provider services. Power delivery, also called transmission and distribution, will continue to be regulated. Transmission facilities include power lines, substations and some associated interconnections.

Under this continuing regulation, the transmission and distribution utilities, along with the PUC and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, will assure the utilities plan, build and operate the transmission system efficiently. The rules are designed to assure customers have reliable electricity when the retail electric market opens for competition on Jan. 1, 2002. Retail competition pilot projects begin June 1, 2001. Municipal utilities and electric cooperatives are not required to participate in retail competition.

Return on equity is one part of the utilities' rate of return, which also includes the cost of debt. The rate of return is based on a utility's weighted average cost of capital. In setting the return on equity, the PUC also established an interim capital structure of 60 percent debt and 40 percent equity.

This capital structure, along with the approved return on equity, is designed to maintain the financial integrity of the transmission and distribution utilities while minimizing customer rates and promoting competition. The PUC also considers the need for reliability and transmission capacity. The cost of debt and overall rate of return will be determined for each company in its pending rate case.

Christmas program



(Special photos)

Grandview-Hopkins Elementary School students will present the holiday program "A Storybook Christmas" at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 18 in Grandview-Hopkins School and Community Auditorium. This Christmas musical will involve Santa and his elves along with The Three Little Pigs, The Big Bad Wolf, Little Red Riding Hood and many more colorful storybook characters. Top: Elves (back, left-right) Emily Ruhl, Andi Hutto, Evan Aderholt, Zachery Ponce; (front) Cody Schiffman, Kade Wilson, Conor Wilson, Channar Clendennen, Robert Ponce, Hilary Acker. Bottom: Brodie Peters, "Willie Weasel"; Taylor Smith, "Walter Weasel"; and Taylor Aderholt, "The Big Bad Wolf."

Rylander announces Internet pilot project

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has announced four Texas school districts have been chosen to launch an Internet pilot project that could open a world of new opportunities for students in Texas schools.

Rylander's office developed the project as part of the Comptroller's e-Texas initiative to take advantage of new technology in the 21st Century.

"Our goal is to show how technology can enhance education and open new opportunities for all of our students all over the state," Rylander said. "This pilot project targets Texas' gifted and talented students, but with success the same technology could help kids in special education, bilingual classes and any number of other areas, as well as students in the mainstream."

Rylander said school districts that will participate in the December kickoff include Paris, Plainview, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, and Donna.

The Comptroller's office coordinated the program with the help of The University of Texas' High School Distance Learning Center, the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented, IBM, and Cisco Systems. IBM is providing laptop computers, a server and special software to each participating school district. Cisco Systems will provide technical support to access the Internet. Both companies have been successful nationally and internationally with education-related projects.

The Comptroller's pilot project will offer a web-based U.S. Government course to gifted and talented high school juniors who apply and are selected to participate. The stu-

dents will have access to the course 24 hours a day, seven days a week through their school and home computers and laptops donated for the project by IBM.

Instruction will be guided by Dr. Rosemary Morrow, a gifted and talented instructor specializing in U.S. Government, who will work directly with the students via e-mail and other electronic means.

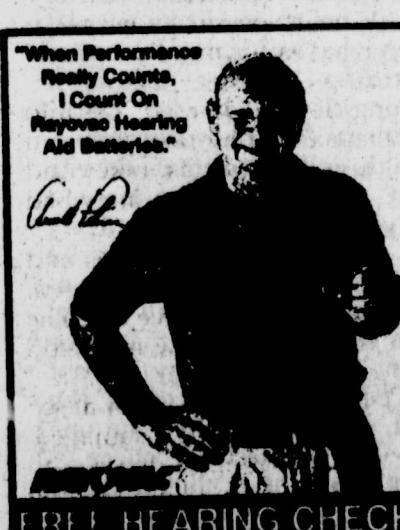
The course curriculum will include video conferences, a live chat room and an electronic bulletin board. Guest speakers and interactive presentations from state leaders also may be included. Students will be required to complete lessons on-line that will be supplemented with a textbook.

Currently, more than 330,000 students in Texas schools are identified as gifted and talented, more than 8 percent of the total student population.

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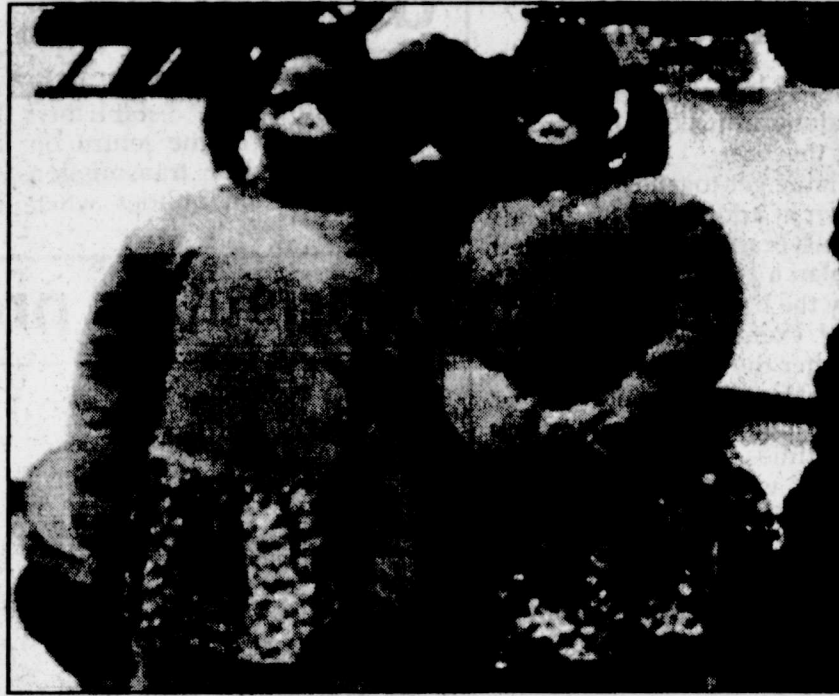
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Baggerman, Dakota Schiffman, Marisa Ponce, Chloe Zedlitz, Reid Bradley, Hilary Zedlitz, (middle) Amber Harris, Lyndi Whitson, Andrew Brown, Joseph Slatten, Zachary Peters, Ty Hutto, Claire Hopkins, Alex Ragsdale, Justin Johnson. Middle photo: The Three Little Pigs, Alex Hutto, Jessica Baggerman and Hannah Hopkins. Far right: Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, Kenzie Clendennen and Ricky Davis.

'Prison Food' cookbook raises funds for legal services

By RENEE C. LEE
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — You don't have to be on the wrong side of the law to appreciate what's served up in this cookbook.

Just ask the Texas judges, lawyers and other law professionals who submitted the more than 200 recipes in the "Better than Prison Food" cookbook, a holiday fund-raiser published by Texas Lawyer Press.

U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders highly recommends his ceviche appetizer listed under

Not all the recipes made the final cut. A recipe that called for five baby possums marinated in Dr. Pepper was quickly rejected, Patton said.

the Discovery chapter. The only thing, Sanders said, is you have to have good tomatoes and the right kind of fish.

Bob Strauss, a Dallas political

powerbroker and lawyer, shares a chili recipe in the Pre-Trial Motion chapter that's fit for a president. Strauss says he has made his famous chili for former President George Bush and former Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev.

"There is nothing earthshaking about it," Strauss says in the book. "It is so simple any fool could make it."

A portion of the cookbook sales will go to the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides money to support legal services, said Julie Patton, director of product development for Texas Lawyer Press.

The cookbook is a first for the publishing company, which specializes in legal publications.

A sales representative who loves cooking came up with idea, Patton said, and the company soon was calling for cooks in the legal profession to send in their favorite recipes.

"We were really surprised by the wonderful response," said

Colleen McGushin, editor-in-chief of Texas Lawyer, who came up with the book's catchy title.

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Sanders said he chose to submit his ceviche recipe because it is a palate pleaser he has used for more than 20 years.

"Once in a while, I bring it into the office," he said. "I make it on the weekend, but if I'm not careful, I eat it up."

Ed Shipman, who publishes the Dallas Cowboys' annual cookbook, said the fund-raisers are a successful way to raise money. The Cowboy cookbook includes recipes from Cowboy players and pictures of them with their families. The proceeds help support Happy Hill Farm Home, a local residential school for at-risk children founded by Shipman and his wife 26 years ago.

"You're talking about high profile people," Shipman said. "The name association is good for the cause. People have an

interest in personalities whether they're a football player or a well-known judge. The cookbooks gives a behind-the-scenes look at their lives. They see that they do eat and have preferences."

Shipman published the first Cowboy cookbook in 1978, printing 5,000 copies priced at \$9.95. About 15,000 copies of the cookbook, now \$19.95, were printed this year, he said.

"If you can create interest, you can make a lot of money," Shipman said. "Hopefully Texas Lawyer will. It's been good for us."

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Letter to the editor

What's to be learned from Election 2000?

To the editor,
One person; one vote?

In the wake of this year's presidential election, there are a lot of people contending that every vote counts. Indeed, due to its closeness, many point to this year's election as evidence that everyone's vote makes a difference. Prior to accepting this, however, a few questions should be asked regarding some of the votes cast on Nov. 7.

At the conclusion of the Florida recount, it was determined that the Republican candidate had won the state and hence, the election. While the world waited for Florida to finish counting — and recounting! — no one was at all concerned with Oregon. While this seem-

ingly unimportant state was tallying its votes, it had already been decided that which ever candidate won Florida would be the next president — due to how the electoral college votes would be cast. In other words, it was determined, quite early in the election night, that even if every person casting a vote in Oregon were to have cast it for the Democratic candidate, it would not have changed the outcome. This being the case, how many of Oregon's votes counted this year?

The Democratic candidate received over 200,000 more votes nationwide than did his Republican opponent. Due to the preeminence of the electoral college — an institution that was created in an effort at keeping popular opinion out of presiden-

tial elections — the Republican won the election. That being the case, how many of those 200,000 plus votes counted this year?

Every state has absentee ballots. The absentee ballots came into play in Florida despite the fact that they were not all received until some 10 days after Election Day. Unless all of the other 49 states had laws mandating receipt of absentee ballots by Election Day — in which case, what was Florida's problem — then how many of those non-Floridian absentee ballots counted this year?

And, too, there were all of those who spoke of expediting things so that the country could move on. These comments were made even as lawyers were running to court in their efforts to keep certain votes from counting. It should be asked, then, how many votes they were actually able to keep from being counted.

The facts are simple: The electoral college has until Dec. 18 before they are required to cast their vote for president. The Congress will not tally those votes until January, and the president-elect will not be inaugurated until after that. So, waiting a few days or weeks or even a month to ensure that all votes have been tallied is not the impediment to government that the politicians would have the people believe.

The question should not be why is it taking so long to elect a president this year. It should be why was it done so quickly in years past. The idea that, in 1996, people knew who the new president would be before the 11 o'clock news should be suspect given what was learned this year regarding absentee ballots if nothing else.

Perhaps even more distressing, though, is the fact that, despite what the country has learned this year, in 2004 it is quite likely that the overzealous media machine will announce the winner while the night is still young. Even worse is the fact that, once again, the winner may be, not the person who received the most votes but, rather, the one who won the electoral college.

Both of these eventualities should cause every American citizen a certain degree of concern for the mere fact that, despite all that happened this year, nothing will change; nothing will have been learned; and, since the nation will not have learned from its mistake, in future elections — just as in the past — millions of votes will simply not count.

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A bond forged by need and hope inspiring

By MARY ANN ROSER
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — The lives of Jake Petty and Bobby Hunter converged in Austin when death came after them and, amazingly, was turned back.

While trying to forget the terrifying way they came to be next-door neighbors, Petty and Hunter embrace the routine rhythms of their lives and revel in their new-found friendship. Their daily workout is a marriage of the mundane and the surreal. It goes like this:

Petty, clad in gray sweat pants and a brown and blue plaid shirt, hears Hunter beeping outside his door. Petty ambles outside, a surgical mask covering his nose and mouth. He greets Hunter, who also is masked and standing in blue plaid pajamas. Their faces wrinkle with pleasure.

"You ready, Bobby?" Petty asks.

"Yeah."

"How far did you go yesterday?"

"Thirty-seven minutes," Hunter replies, proud of his endurance.

It doesn't take Petty long to start the teasing, first accusing Hunter of swiping a piece of his exercise equipment, then threatening to press the buttons on Hunter's treadmill.

"Want me to speed you up, Bobby?"

Hunter, who moves more slowly than his pal, shakes his head and laughs. "I don't want my legs to give out on me."

Just two workout buddies in their 40s, yukking it up. Except for this: Both men are patients at Seton Medical Center, trying to cling to normalcy when their lives have tipped topsy-turvy. Each is tethered to a 400-pound machine that clicks around the clock and beeps when it's on battery, all the while pumping blood for their ruined hearts. You can see the blood as it swirls through the pumps, attached to tubes that go inside the men's hearts and extend from slits in their chests.

The two men know they would have died had it not been for these machines, ventricular assist devices, that serve as a bridge to their next ordeal: a heart transplant.

To gain strength, they work out together daily on hospital treadmills. They also wait in painful uncertainty for a scarce heart to come their way. Because they have different blood types, they are not competing for the same donated organ.

Two other patients at Seton, Austin's only heart transplant center, are on the same kind of device. Having four at once is unusual, said Dr. William Kessler, director of the Seton mechanical circulatory assist device program. It highlights the severe organ shortage that has doctors and patients fretting nationally and locally.

At least 30 people in the 56-county region served by the Texas Organ Sharing Alliance are waiting for hearts. So far this year, about 105 people in the region have received organs, including livers, hearts and kidneys. But more than 10 times that number crowd waiting lists. Their survival is linked to the tragedies of others.

"One of the things Jake and I first talked about when I met him was, how do you pray for a heart?" said one of Petty's nurses, Silva Callaway. "What we decided was instead of praying for a heart, we were going to pray for patience, just to wait until the time comes."

Five to 10 years ago, Petty and Hunter would not have survived the heart attacks that caused them to be rushed, near death, to Seton, Kessler said. Petty, 49, was flown in by helicopter from Waco on Oct. 2; Hunter, 46, came by ambulance two weeks later from his Bastrop home. Petty has two pumps dangling from his chest that do the work for both sides of his heart. Only the left side of Hunter's heart is on the mechanical pump.

The device can keep people alive for long periods, and most will survive long enough to get a transplant. Of those, 93 percent on the single left-side pump, like Hunter's, will live. Eighty percent survive when both sides of the heart are being pumped, according to Thoratec Laboratories, the company that makes the device. The all-time record on the machine is 515 days, said Erich Brehm, clinical sales specialist at Thoratec. The company is awaiting federal government approval of an 18-pound version of the machine so patients like Petty and

Hunter can go home and wait.

Petty, who loves spending time with Hunter and making him laugh, is not the most patient of patients, Kessler said. "He needs to adopt Bobby's attitude," said Kessler, one of five surgeons in the Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeons group who does assist device implants and heart transplants. "Bobby said, 'I'm better than I've been in a long time. I'm not going anywhere. I'm just going to sit here and be patient and wait for my heart.'"

Petty, who had moved to Waco recently from South Texas, copes with the agony of waiting by playing tricks on Hunter and the nurses. He once had his nurse and Hunter convinced he was going to escape that night.

He joked recently that if he doesn't get a heart soon, he's going to "take out a classified ad."

"Bobby's the shy one. Jake's the troublemaker," said Petty's wife, Linda, who is at the hospital night and day. She is staying at Seton's League House, which is near the hospital and is used by out-of-town families.

The two men, while different in temperament, share blue-collar backgrounds and similar philosophies. They have simple tastes and pleasures and draw strength from their faith, their families and each other. Both men ate junk food and smoked until about three years ago.

Now, they are in adjacent rooms at the hospital, waiting and hoping.

"The main thing is, he has life

right now," said Shirley Hunter, of Bastrop, Bobby's sister and a regular visitor. "It's a great gift."

Hunter, who is single, worked in maintenance for the Bastrop schools until his heart condition worsened several years ago. He's on Medicare, the federal program that provides health coverage to disabled and elderly people. Petty, the father of three grown children, worked on a ranch near Waco before the owner learned of his heart trouble and said she couldn't use him anymore.

The Pettys are depending on Seton's charity care but hope a federal program for people with disabilities might help pay for the transplant. The average heart transplant in Austin costs about \$96,000, Kessler said. That doesn't include a lot of the current hospital costs that Petty and Hunter are accumulating.

Hunter looks forward to singing again with his Bastrop Gospel group, Heavenly Praises. Petty said his second chance at life has brought him closer to God. He will be going to church "and respecting the Lord more" when he gets out, he said.

For now, he is grateful for Hunter, someone who intimately understands what he is going through. Hunter feels the same way.

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Petty, Hunter doesn't hesitate. "Everything," he said. "He keeps me laughing all the time."

Much of what they hope and fear, however, goes unsaid, even when they're alone together.

"Me, I just block it out of my head," Petty said. "I went through such a bad experience."

"Me, too," echoes Hunter.

"You don't realize what you have until it's almost gone," Petty said. "You don't realize how great life is until you're caged up... in this room."

Both heap praise on the medical staff and express amazement at the technology. Aside from the vibration of the pumping action, they are not in pain.

"We just consider ourselves very, very lucky," Petty said. "We're here to be joking with each other. We take it one day at a time."

"Yeah," Hunter said. With Petty around, "I can wait."

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Study: Men use only half of brain when listening

CHICAGO (AP) — Score one for exasperated women: New research suggests men really do listen with just half their brains.

In a study of 20 men and 20 women, brain scans showed that men when listening mostly used the left sides of their brains, the region long associated with understanding language. Women in the study, however, used both sides.

Other studies have suggested that women "can handle listening to two conversations at once," said Dr. Joseph T. Lurito, an assistant radiology professor at Indiana University School of Medicine. "One of the reasons may be that they have more brain devoted to it."

Lurito's findings, presented at the Radiological Society of North America's annual meeting, don't necessarily mean women are better listeners.

It could be that "it's harder for them," Lurito suggested, since they apparently need to use more of their brains than men to do the same task.

"I don't want a battle of the sexes," he said. "I just want people to realize that men and women" may process language differently.

In the study, functional magnetic resonance imaging — or fMRI — was used to measure brain activity by producing multidimensional images of blood flow to various parts of the brain.

Inside an MRI scanner, study participants wore headphones and listened to taped excerpts from John Grisham's novel "The Partner" while researchers watched blood-flow images of their brains, displayed on a nearby video screen.

Listening resulted in increased blood flow in the left temporal lobes of the men's brains. In women, both temporal lobes showed activity.

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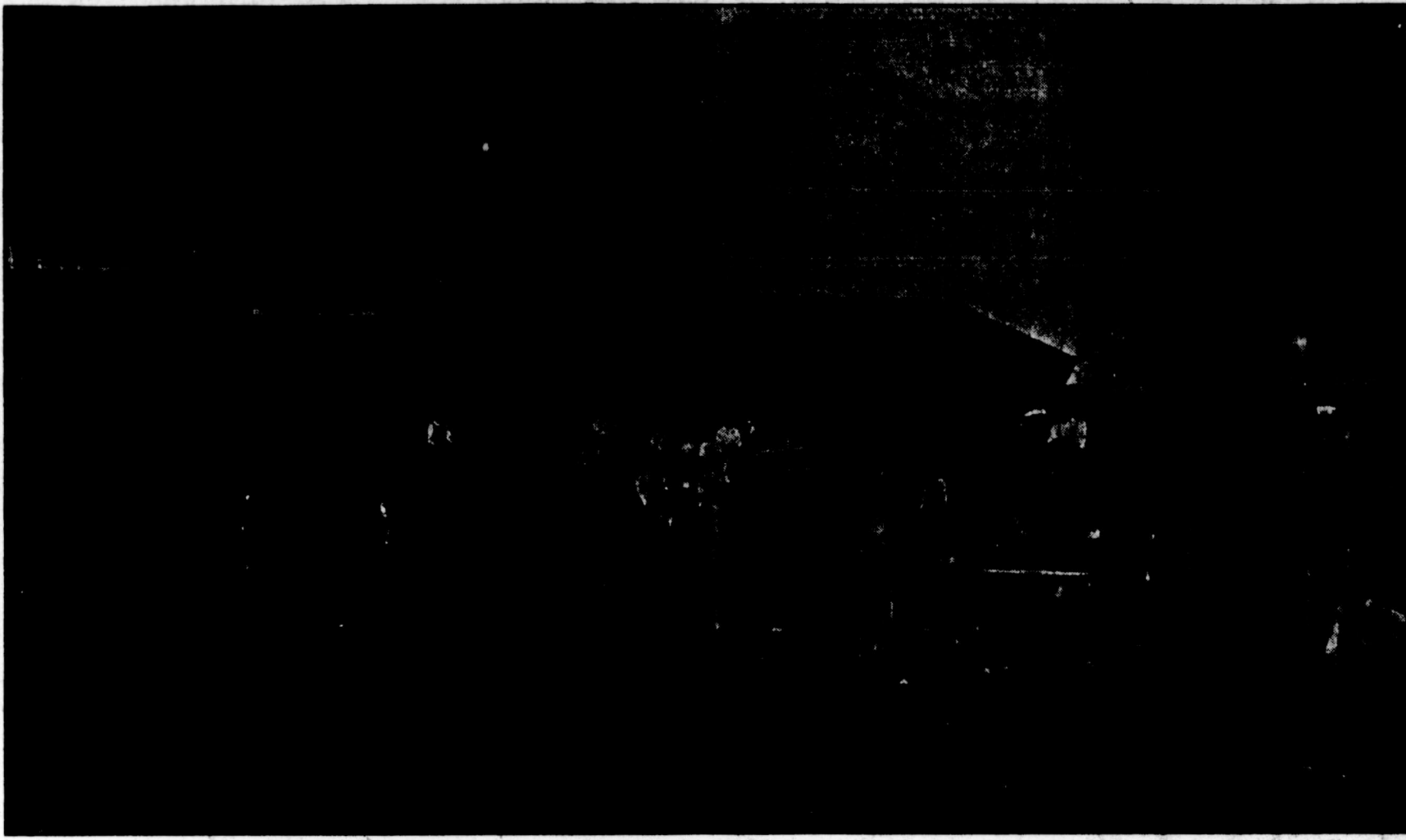
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A story in "Gray County Heritage" states that the Panhandle Lumber Co. was at one time located in the 300 block of South Cuyler, extending south to the Alfred Holmes house on the northwest corner of Cuyler and Craven.

The first Pampa city directory (1929) lists the Panhandle Lumber Co. at 209 N. Cuyler with L.N. McCullough as manager. The company advertised lumber, builders hardware, paints, bricks, rig timbers, windmills, water well supplies, etc.

The city directory for 1930 states that after March 1, 1930, the Panhandle Lumber Co. would be at 412-18 W. Foster (later 420 W. Foster).

The 1940 directory lists W.F. Ford as manager of the Panhandle Lumber Co. L.N. McCullough left Pampa to go to Albuquerque, N.M., where he had a lumber yard and a lumber mill. His son, Lawrence, became a psychiatrist. Directories for 1945 and 1946



The Panhandle Lumber Co. located at 209 N. Cuyler at a time when lumber was hauled in wagons pulled by horses.

(Photo courtesy of White Deer Land Museum)

list Houston Bros., Inc. (formerly Panhandle Lumber Co.) with Jack R. Sullivan as manager, but

the 1947 directory lists Panhandle Lumber Co. again. Manager Jack Sullivan was followed by L.H. Cossell, Otis Nace and Cecil W. Dalton, manager in 1954 and 1955.

Cecil W. (Spud) Dalton was manager of the Panhandle Lumber Co., General Building Supplies from 1956 until 1960 when it became Houston Lumber Co. He continued as manager until 1977 when Houston Lumber Co. of Texas, owned by Gary and Greg Dalton, purchased the business. Gary and Greg Dalton continue to operate

the company and serve the citizens of Pampa and the surrounding community. The company lists General Building Supplies and Anchor Paints in the 1999 city directory.

Neil McCullough, a former manager of the Panhandle Lumber Co., was the son of Samuel M. and Isabell McCullough who came from Ohio to Pampa about 1909. Sam McCullough became connected with C.B. Barnard, who owned one of the first general stores in Pampa, and worked with Barnard for nine years before he retired. Sam and Isabell McCullough lived at 207 N. Gray.

After a long illness, Sam McCullough died on Feb. 21, 1934, and was buried in Fairview Cemetery. His survivors included his wife Isabell; two children, Mrs. E.E. Mead of Miami and Neil McCullough of Pampa; and two grandchildren, Martha Lucille and Lawrence McCullough.

In the summer of 1934, the First United Methodist Church of Pampa organized two mission churches: McCullough Memorial Methodist Church at 1910 Alcock and Harrah Chapel at 709 Barnes. The two mission churches were made possible through memorials by Mrs. Sam McCullough and Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Harrah. In 1954, McCullough Memorial Methodist Church was moved to 918 Buckler and became St. Paul United Methodist Church.

McCullough Street, named for Sam McCullough, is listed for the first time in the Pampa city directory for 1947. It begins at 1300 Barnes and extends westward to U.S. Highway 60.

(The correct title for Museum Mementos for Nov. 12, 2000, is "Chaplain during World War I was Rev. C.E. Lancaster.")

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Bureau of Public Debt announces Series EE savings bond rate

WASHINGTON — The Bureau of the Public Debt has announced the rate for Series EE savings bonds issued on or after May 1, 1997.

The 5.54 percent Series EE savings bond rate is in effect for bonds issued on or after May 1,

1997, that enter semiannual earnings periods from November 2000 through April 2001.

The rate is 90 percent of the average five-year Treasury securities yields for the preceding six months. A new interest rate is announced effective each May 1 and Nov. 1. A three-month interest penalty is applied to these bonds if redeemed before five years. The Series EE bonds on sale now increase in value monthly. The bond's interest rate is compounded semiannually.

The 5.23 percent Long-Term Series EE savings bond rate is in effect for bonds issued from May 1995 through April 1996 as they enter semiannual earnings periods from November 2000 through April 2001.

The 5.36 percent Short-Term Series EE savings bond rate is in effect for bonds issued from May 1996 through April 1997 for bonds that enter semiannual earnings periods from November 2000 through April 2001.

Series E savings bonds continue to reach final maturity and stop earning interest. Bonds issued from May 1941 through October 1960 along with those issued from December 1965 through October 1970, have stopped earning interest.

All Savings Notes, issued from May 1967 through October 1970, have stopped earning interest. Series E Bonds with issue dates shown here will reach final maturity in the next six months.

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Biosafety lab in San Antonio keeps viruses in their place

By CINDY TUMIEL
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — The stuff inside San Antonio's newest laboratory is so dangerous that scientists prepare as though they are going to face alien creatures on a hostile planet.

Before setting foot beyond the sealed doors to the biosafety Level 4 lab at the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research, scientists step into suits that shield them, from head to fingertips to toes, in plastic as thick and gummy as a body-sized inner tube.

Once inside the box, they stay tethered to coiled tubes that pump filtered air into their protective suits. They wear headsets inside the suits and maintain

radio contact with someone on the outside.

When their task is finished, usually after an uncomfortable three- to four-hour shift, the researchers exit through a six-minute torrent of disinfectant, delivered at such high pressure that they literally cannot see their hands as they stand inside the shower.

"You just assume every surface is contaminated," said Jean Patterson, the foundation's chairwoman of virology, explaining the extraordinary precautions taken to keep potentially deadly bugs sealed inside the lab. "You filter in and filter out."

Scientific colleagues elsewhere are envious. The high-containment lab, operational since March, makes San Antonio one of

the few places in the United States where scientists can tackle mysteries of emerging infectious diseases — lethal viruses such as dengue, Ebola and hemorrhagic fever, for which there are no vaccines and no cures. The 1,000-square-foot BSL-4 lab at Southwest Foundation is one of five in the country, the first built west of Atlanta, and marks the start of a miniboom in "hot" labs that eventually could bring a second high-security containment facility to San Antonio.

That one, on the Texas A&M University drawing board since the early 1990s, would be capable of containing animals and would give scientists the capability of studying potentially lethal diseases that can be passed from animals to humans.

The plan has been dormant for several years, languishing for lack of federal funds. But if it regains momentum, a key A&M researcher said, Texas Research Park in San Antonio represents "a logical place" to locate a facility that would study zoonotic diseases in the United States and Latin America.

"This is where Latin America does business in the U.S.A.," said Gary Adams, a professor and associate dean of research at A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine. "You're sitting in the hub of it in San Antonio."

A&M drew preliminary plans for a \$50 million facility in 1995. The hefty price tag is because the facility must be able to house animals in top-security containment.

University planners had positive early discussions with officials from Texas Research Park, the University of Texas Health Science Center and the city, Adams said. But without congressional approval of the facility and federal seed money, the proposal hasn't progressed, he said.

"We're working toward getting it back on the agenda in Congress," he said.

In the meantime, two other Texas institutions — the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and Texas Tech University in Lubbock — are closer to adding BSL-4 labs to their research facilities.

The UT Board of Regents in May approved Galveston's \$7.5 million Center for Tropical Diseases, which will include a BSL-4 laboratory. Groundbreaking is scheduled next summer and completion is expected late in 2003.

Texas Tech also has talked about building a high-containment lab as part of its effort to research counterterrorism for the Department of Defense. The university has said it can pay for half of the anticipated \$8 million cost, but no construction schedule is set.

Some are skeptical that the nation needs so many high-containment laboratories. But institutions recognize such facilities as a key to attracting top scientists and grant money in the newly hot field of emerging-disease research.

Plus, local scientists say, these diseases are a growing public

health threat, as people travel to more exotic locations and development presses further into wilderness areas of Africa, Asia and South America.

"You have to maintain research facilities. Otherwise, you have no means of controlling the diseases," said Rebeca Rico-Hesse, a Southwest Foundation scientist. "If you don't know what it (an infectious organism) is, you absolutely have to have BSL-4."

Rico-Hesse studies dengue and arenaviruses, a category of hemorrhagic fevers carried by rodents primarily in South America and Africa. Fourteen arenaviruses have been discovered, including one named Whitewater Aroyo Fever that killed three people in California between July 1999 and last May.

"We're still discovering new ones," Rico-Hesse said. "We don't have the slightest idea of why disease develops or why some cause epidemics and some don't. We don't know what factors make them infectious in humans."

Rico-Hesse came to San Antonio four years ago from Yale, in part to escape an area where community fears made it difficult for institutions to build facilities capable of handling these deadly bugs. Federal guidelines list 16 viruses that must be handled only in BSL-4 labs, but the list could grow as more diseases emerge.

Unlike the East Coast, where residents have risen in protest of government plans to make a laboratory on Plum Island capable of handling BSL-4 level pathogens, San Antonio's lab went in with little public concern.

Instead, Patterson said, she sensed community excitement

and pride as Southwest Foundation planned to include a top-security lab in its \$11.5 million Betty Slick and Lewis J. Moorman Jr. Laboratory Complex.

"I spoke to lots of groups all over the community with the idea that we weren't going to try to hide it," said Patterson. "I think it's because this is a military town and people understand the concept of risk. Plus, we tried to be really open about it and discuss the built-in safety factors."

Every mechanical system power, heating, ventilation, sewer and water is duplicated inside the lab as a precaution, Patterson said. Windows around the top of the room are made of bulletproof glass. Air pressure inside is kept low, so any bugs wafting around will stay inside. The doors are vacuum sealed.

The top-containment lab is infrequently used. Scientists enter only when they must, and they plan work carefully so they don't have to stay in there long.

"Physically, it's taxing, mentally, it's taxing, and it's something you want to minimize," Rico-Hesse said. "You want to be efficient when you go in there."

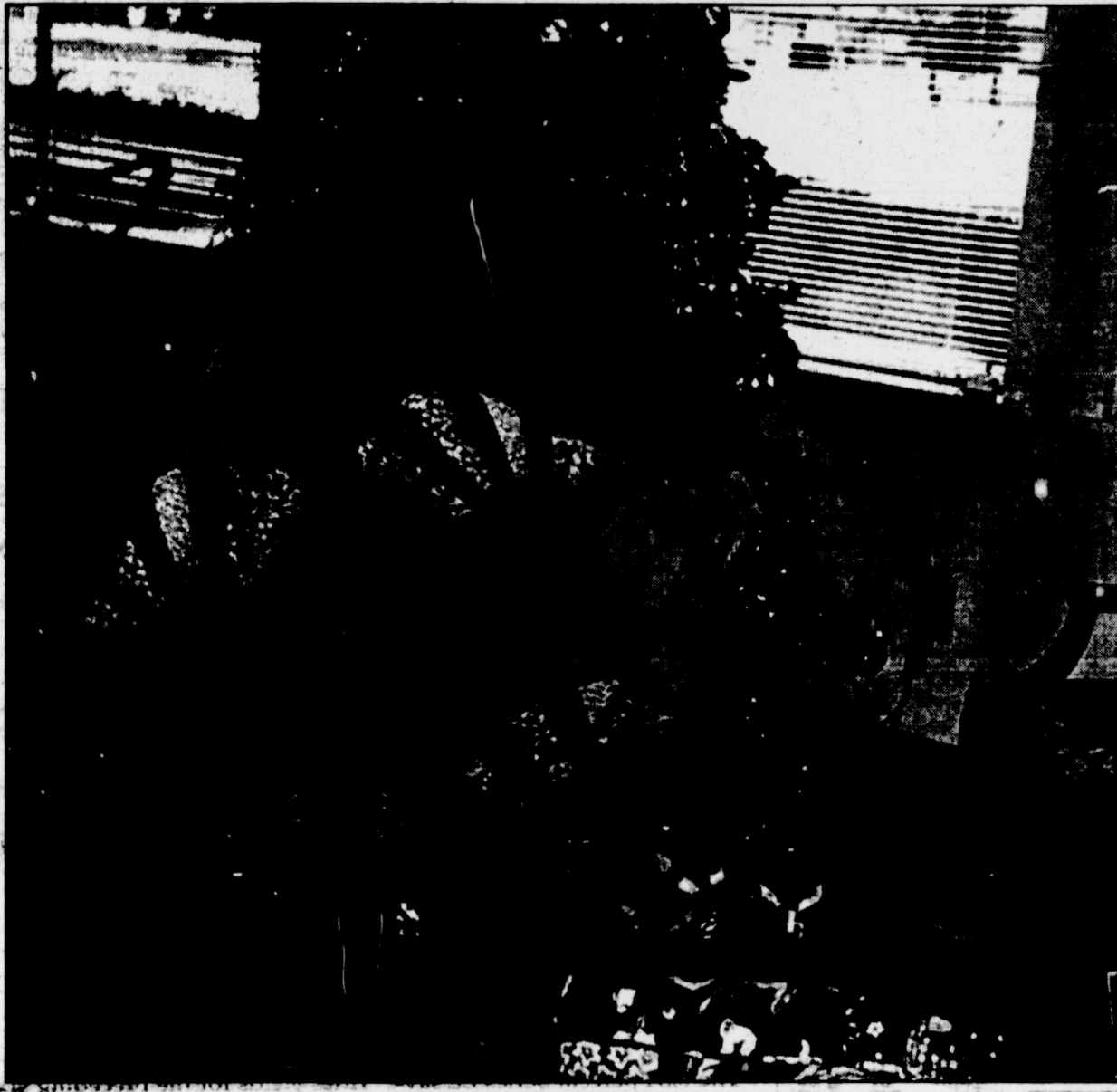
Rico-Hesse plans her entry days in advance, and even switches to lighter, low-fat meals and refrains from caffeine or other substances that can enhance dehydration. She never enters if feeling ill or tired.

But the risk of work with deadly bugs doesn't weigh her down.

"You don't want to be self-conscious or paranoid," she said. "You have to be confident."

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Quilt raffle



Nancy Poole shows off the quilt she won recently during a raffle sponsored by Pam Apartments. (Community Camera photo by Pat Bolton)

Comptroller delivers December tax rebates

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently sent local governments their final sales tax rebates for 2000, including \$191.5 million to Texas cities and \$15.7 million to counties.

December's rebates bring the total sales tax allocated to local taxing entities in 2000 to \$3.8 billion, a new one-year record for local sales tax revenue and an increase of 8 percent compared to \$3.5 billion in sales tax allocations in 1999.

In 2000, Texas cities received \$2.5 billion in sales tax rebates, an 8.5 percent increase compared to 1999. Counties received \$212.3 million, a 6.1 percent increase over 1999. Sales tax rebates to six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments totaled \$987.9 million, up 6.6 percent compared to 1999. Fifty-six special purpose districts received \$90.6 million in sales tax revenue, an increase of 14 percent compared to last year.

Though 2000 sales tax rebates are up 8 percent overall, rebates to local taxing entities for the month of December are down compared to December 1999, when local governments received extraordinarily large sales tax rebates, as the comptroller streamlined the process. This year, because of the steps the comptroller took to speed the monthly processing of sales tax revenue, local governments received more of their share of sales tax dollars sooner.

December's city sales tax rebates of \$191.5 million are down 6.4 percent compared to a year ago, and county rebates of \$15.7 million are down 14 percent compared to December 1999. December sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in October and reported to the comptroller in November.

The comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 12, 2001.

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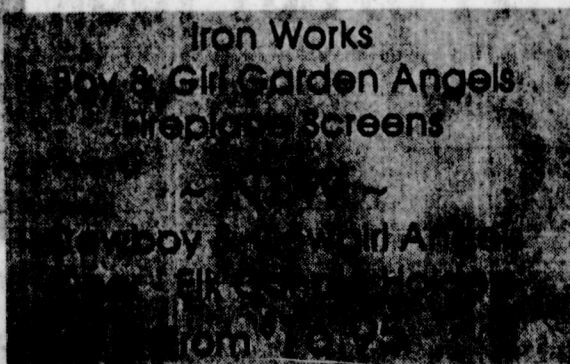
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—Amanda Bullock

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May I have a intendo 64. And some cloths. Can I also get a bike. And some roller blades and a speshl doll and if you have any give thing else to me you got. Give it to me at Christmas.

Thank you, Santa, for giving me somtoys. And I will leave you some cookies and milk. I love you Santa Clause.
And a radio.
—Rudi Rivera

Dear Santa,
Of all the things in the world all I want for Christmas is to meet Britney Spears and hang out with her for a day. And if you can do that I will never ask for anything again.
Thank you.
—Matt Francis

Dear Santa,
This year I want a portable dell computer, beanie baby's, Mary-kate Olsen and Ashley Olsen barbie dolls, and a stuffed white tiger and a stuffed orange tiger. Thank you for the toys last year!
Your friend,
—Matricia Davis

The following letters were submitted by Grandview-Hopkins Elementary School:
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—Andrew Brown, kindergarten

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—Alex.Ragsdale, kindergarten

Iv ban a var gd grl i wd like to have a Barbea Cashragestr.
—Claire Hopkins, kindergarten

I wta 3whr ED, a 4whr Pez ED, a pupe doog.
—Joseph Slatten, kindergarten

I wta ntrssk nong EZ.
—Ty Hutto, kindergarten

I wnt nctmnc n atn.
—Zachary Peters, kindergarten

I have been a good girl and i wood like some baby dolls and some barbies and a per of snow boots and a poochee dog and a yoyo that cams back up by its self and a sleekee.
—Amber Harris, first grade

I wat a diva sor and a pooche and a blou yoyo and a brid brbe and a dive sor and a soddr and makup and nel polih.
—Ashtin Sackett, first grade

I have bin a good girl whut I whut for Krsmus is a pupe is shado.
—Chloe Zedlitz, first grade

I ban a good boy I wyt a binslegvz end a binslakpok. I love you, Santa Claus.
—Dakota Schiffman, first grade

I have bin a good girl this year. I want a poochy and a hit clips.
—Hilary Zedlitz, first grade

Fol Kesms i yot a motr bike and a tol tok and a tol kolr.
—Justin Johnson, first grade

I bin vare good I wut a tv or sm rolr bats.
—Lyndi Whitson, first grade

I wut anow tier for Crismus and I wut a now skonder and I wut a now gamdound.
—Marisa Ponce, first grade

I hav bin a good boy I wuta helicoptor and I wut a meil for Kime.
—Trevor Smith, first grade

I have been a good girl this year. I want a scoter skateboard please. And I want a don't wake daddy game. And make-up. a soccerball. And some hair coloring that is blue.
—Brenna Ellison, second grade

I want a drum that goes around your wast a four drum that goes around your wast and a big drum.
—Channar Clendennen, second grade

I want a game Boy Color and Jell pen's and jnco's please!
—Conor Wilson, second grade

I wan't a cedeey player that does en't have to plugen.
—Kyle Turner, second grade

I have been a good boy and I wont a trisicl and a monster truk and a traler and a for weller and a johnn Deer com bin.
—Ty Baggerman, second grade

I want a skatebord. By the way pleas get me X game blade letrick drum, a set of tombras, Jinkos, lagows that are soccer and a dream kast. Thank you for all this stuff!
—Reid Bradley, second grade

TFS: Cold weather, seasonal celebrations bring fire concerns

LUFKIN — State fire control leaders are reminding everyone that good fire safety indoors and out will be necessary to prevent an increase in fires during the cooler fall and winter months and during the holiday season.

Cold weather and the Christmas holiday season signal an increasing likelihood of accidental fires, according to Bobby Young, associate director for forest resource protection with the Texas Forest Service in Lufkin.

Cold weather frequently prompts unsafe efforts to heat homes, said Young, who noted improperly using kitchen ovens for home heating and unwise placement of space heaters contribute to home fires every year. The former volunteer fire department chief added the Christmas holidays typically bring an increase in home fires due to overloaded extension cords, dry natural Christmas trees placed near heat sources and carelessness with holiday candles.

Noting "it only takes one unsafe act to turn a joyous holiday celebration into a season of sorrow and personal tragedy," Young offers several suggestions to safeguard homes and property from needless fire tragedies:

- Avoid overloading extension cords and wall electric outlets.
- Avoid using multiple plugs to extend the capacity of wall outlets.

- Don't use kitchen stoves or ovens for home heating.
- Keep natural Christmas trees well watered and away from heat sources such as candles, space heaters and fireplaces.

Consider electric lights in place of candles for holiday lighting. When using candles, locate them away from flammable materials and place in containers wide enough to contain candles should they accidentally tip over. Purchase and install smoke detectors and replace batteries in existing detectors.

Unsafe burning of wrapping paper, gift boxes and natural Christmas trees could spark outdoor fires, according to Mary Kay Hicks, fire prevention coordinator with Texas Forest Service in Waco.

Hicks advises strict attention to outdoor fire safety precautions and recommends people with natural Christmas trees look into having their tree ground up for mulch or used to help stabilize sand dunes, build structure for fish in a lake or pond or provide shelter for birds and other wildlife.

The fire prevention leader also suggested most wildfires can be prevented through proper outdoor fire safety.

Obey bans on outdoor burning. Keep all outdoor fires well away from dormant vegetation. Before burning leaves and brush, construct wide firebreaks around the material to be burned and stay with every fire until it is completely out. Avoid burning on dry, windy days. Dispose of smoking materials properly by either putting them in your ashtray or by smothering them with bare mineral soil. When using spark-producing equipment outdoors, remove vegetation from the work area or wet it down prior to and during equipment operation.

If you plan to use fireworks, use them in areas cleared of dead grass and other debris. Read and follow label instructions on how to properly discharge fireworks. Keep tools and water nearby just in case a fire starts. Finally, never allow children to use fireworks without adult supervision.

"Please observe these precautions and help insure a fire-free holiday for your family," Hicks said.

Better Business Bureaus warning consumers about holiday scams

The Better Business Bureau recently issued an international alert to consumers to beware of websites falsely advertising the availability of popular electronic games and related products. Many times the items advertised are hard-to-get, much-sought after games or toys such as Sony Playstation2 products which have sold-out in stores across the nation. A number of complaints have been traced to two Canadian-based websites and the Canadian BBB reported receiving more than 20

calls a day concerning this scam.

"What's particularly alarming is the fact that purchasers were asked to fax a photocopy of the front and back of their credit cards to assure speedy delivery of their gifts. No legitimate business will request photocopies of your personal financial information," said Janna Serrano Kiehl, executive director of the BBB serving the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Sony Entertainment Canada has advised the BBB any commercial website claiming to have "thousands of" Sony Playstation2 products for sale is making a bogus claim and Visa and MasterCard Canada are alerting their U.S. counterparts about the potential for credit card fraud.

During the holiday season, consumers are urged to be extremely cautious when evaluating advertisements for gifts and products known to be in short supply.

The BBB advises Internet shoppers to do business with merchants they know or look for an on-line seal that signifies the merchant is affiliated with a reputable on-line consumer protection program like BBBOnline.

Popular electronic games and products are also being advertised through on-line classifieds and auctions. Consumers are cautioned to exercise similar care when evaluating the sales pitches of private sellers.

"If you are considering purchasing a product from an individual who is selling goods via the Internet, your legal recourse may not be the same as against a business. Be wary of 'too good to be true' prices or deals, and if possible, pay with a credit card, using a secure browser, to ensure the most protection if something goes wrong," Kiehl concluded.

APEX Award-winners



(Special photo)

Jaclyn Spearman and Jerica Timmons were recently awarded Pampa Middle School APEX Awards for October and November. The APEX Award is presented to students demonstrating excellent leadership skills. These girls received a gift certificate from Texas Rose Steakhouse and Dyer's Bar-B-Que and money was put into their individual lunch accounts. Spearman is mayor and Timmons is vice-mayor of the middle school this semester. Each are dressed up for school spirit dress-up day.

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Year 2000: A bold new era in America?

By DAVID FOSTER
Associated Press Writer

First the good news: Civilization did not crumble. America's computer networks did not crash. The year 2000, for all its millennial baggage, slipped by with nary an apocalypse in sight.

There was, however, Florida. The real Y2K bug turned out to be hanging chad — a low-tech glitch with high consequences. Who would have thought that clinging bits of paper ballots in Florida could help throw the nation into turmoil during the closest presidential election of modern times?

It was a fitting icon for 2000, a reminder that even as America embraced a bold new millennium, technology's reach sometimes exceeded its grasp.

There were other reminders, too.

A jackscrew broke on the tail of an Alaska Airlines jetliner off the California coast, causing a crash that killed all 88 people aboard.

The Love Bug virus wreaked havoc on computers across America and elsewhere, spread through an e-mail attachment seductively titled "ILOVEYOU."

Product recalls revealed shortcomings in consumer safety: Firestone tires were blamed for fatal blowouts. Ford ignition systems were suspected of making cars stall while moving. Tacos sold nationwide contained a type of bioengineered corn supposedly kept separate from the human food supply.

Investing in technology also lost some allure in 2000. Faltering dot-com businesses dragged down the stock market. Personal computers gathered dust on warehouse shelves. And mighty Microsoft met its match in a federal courtroom when a judge ruled the company was an unfair monopoly and ordered it split in two. Bill Gates hoped to do better in appeals court.

High tech did have a few golden moments:

Astronauts shuttled between Earth and orbit, building an international space station. Down below, scientists completed the first rough map of the human genetic code after a 10-year effort.

New gadgets, from fold-up scooters to the indispensable Boogie Bass, made our lives presumably better. And most people had jobs to pay for all the new stuff, as unemployment fell to a 30-year low of 3.9 percent.

If modern technology made us happy, however, it didn't stop the complaints.

Republicans whined about Democrats, who whined about Ralph Nader. The elderly complained about the high cost of prescription drugs. Motorists grumbled at paying \$2 a gallon for gas. In April, anti-globalization protesters dumped cow manure near the U.S. Capitol. A month later, tens of thousands of moms rallied there to demand stricter gun control.

Florida was louder still.

First came the flap over Elian Gonzalez, the 6-year-old Cuban boy whose sad story sparked a seven-month debate pitting family unity against patriotism. Should Elian stay in America, the land of freedom that his mother died trying to reach? Or should he return to communist Cuba, where his father awaited? He went back, but only after armed federal agents snatched him from defiant relatives in Miami.

It was more than a year's worth of excitement for any state — and then came the election to end all elections.

In his bid for the presidency, Vice President Al Gore won the national popular vote by a hair's breadth. But neither he nor opponent George W. Bush could claim enough votes in the Electoral College without winning Florida — and Florida had trouble making up its mind.

After weeks of counts and recounts, the official tally had Gore trailing Bush by a few hun-

dred votes out of the 6 million cast in the state. Gore insisted that wrongly rejected ballots would put him over the top, if only someone would count them.

A cloud of litigation settled over the Sunshine State as election officials, lawyers, judges, legislators, protesters and party operatives tried to wrest a president out of a race in which the margin of error exceeded the margin of victory. Finally, a narrowly divided U.S. Supreme Court gave Bush the decisive edge.

Republicans and Democrats could have learned something from Appalachia's famously feuding Hatfields and McCoys, who finally made peace at a two-clan reunion in June.

"I don't know how the two parties can make amends, because their feelings are so deep-seated," said reunion organizer Bo McCoy. "But maybe by looking at our families, it will

help. We've buried the hatchet." Reconciliation soothed other old wounds, as well. The federal Bureau of Indian Affairs apologized for its "legacy of racism and inhumanity" toward the people it was supposed to help. The Confederate flag was removed from atop the South Carolina Statehouse, replaced by a smaller version near a Civil War monument on the grounds.

Eras ended with the passing of "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz, at 77, and Cardinal John O'Connor of New York, at 80.

President Clinton wrapped up his own tumultuous era in the White House. Intent on polishing his legacy, he acted the diplomat during a trip to Vietnam and emulated Teddy Roosevelt in declaring a host of national monuments out West. He even took a turn at loyal husband, applauding from the sidelines as his wife, Hillary, won a Senate seat in New York.

Clinton presided over a superpower not quite powerful enough to guarantee world peace. A U.S.-sponsored summit failed to prevent a new round of fighting between Israel and the Palestinians. Middle Eastern violence hit even closer to home when a terrorist bomb tore into the USS Cole, killing 17 American sailors in Yemen.

America made some strides toward harmony with other nations. The United States and four other nuclear powers on the U.N. Security Council agreed in principle to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.

But harmony with nature seemed elusive. The United States blocked an international pact to combat global warming — even as a blazing summer back home in the American West reinforced the idea that it's plenty hot out there. Seven million acres burned across America in 2000, the worst fire season in

more than half a century.

Faced with gritty reality, some citizens found diversion in sports: American athletes brought home 97 Olympic medals from Sydney. Tiger Woods swung a record-breaking summer of golf. The Yankees beat the Mets in a Subway Series that gave New York its own self-contained universe of baseball.

And in a new kind of sport, a business consultant named Richard Hatch with a Machiavellian streak and a penchant for going nude won \$1 million by outlasting his competitors on a tropical island.

The CBS television series "Survivor" was a runaway summer favorite with a millennial twist — a blending of primitive survival with 24-hour Orwellian surveillance.

Following the show's finale, Hatch rushed out a book called: "101 Survival Secrets: How to Make \$1,000,000, Lose 100 Pounds, and Just Plain Live Happily."

His take on 2000 can be found in Rich's Rule No. 7: "Never look back, at least not begrudgingly."

After Florida, there's a presidential would-have-been finding that hard advice to swallow.

New president-elect is faced with an economic slowdown

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Down through the ages it's been said again and again, that in some obscure and contradictory way victory loves trouble. Too often, it seems, problems are the prize for winning.

President-elect George W. Bush knows this, and undoubtedly is laying plans to deal with them. But planning, and all the good intentions that go into it, are easy, even pleasant, compared to the realities ahead.

The economy, to name one concern, is acting up like it hasn't in a decade. Profit growth is slowing. Stocks are falling. Sales are slipping. Confidence has eroded. Bad loans are rising. Recession is feared.

The President-elect has had

little to do with the slowdown, and most people know this, but it's inevitable that a contrast will be made with President Clinton, who presided over eight bountiful, unmatched years.

For the economy to expand for nearly 10 straight years was beyond the expectations of anyone, and how and why it did expand will be a chapter all by itself in future economic texts. It is still a bit of a mystery.

For the new president to extend it without interruption would be an equally stunning accomplishment, especially with so many economic elements having grown so boisterously they are as uncoordinated as a teen-ager.

Business inventories have grown out of proportion to sales. Small investors still have

very big ideas. Confronted by reality, e-commerce companies are collapsing. Big companies that overstaffed in expectation of faster growth will be laying off workers. Small companies will be pinched.

At the same time, the new president, absent a mandate, will be faced with fulfilling promises about tax cuts and Social Security privatization. And he'll be face to face with that old, old problem of a worsening balance of foreign payments.

In short, right at the time the new president will be making his initial impression, the economy will be taking a rest from growth, seeking to get its affairs back in order. It will hardly be a helpmate.

Still, there is a bright side to the challenge.

First, the economy that gave the nation a decade of prosperity hasn't magically disappeared without so much as a puff — just the expectations about it. Its embers still glow, and occasionally flicker into flame.

The magician who might fan those embers brighter is Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve chairman, who already has indicated that if things turn really bad, his agency will be prepared to act with lower interest rates.

When that might happen the Fed does not say. Like the U.S. Supreme Court, it seeks to guard its reputation for impartiality, and attempts to avoid situations and actions that have the taint of politics.

Next, even if the economy slides into a recession that only the most pessimistic sages now envision, it would certainly be rising again well within Bush's term in office. History confirms that. Recessions end.

In fact, painful as they might be, recessions are preludes to economic expansions. But until the new expansion begins, there might be nights when the president might wonder, fleetingly, why he ever sought the job.

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Aileen McConnell, a resident of Meredith House, holds her new 5-month-old great-granddaughter Kaitlyn Klemke on her lap.

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BASEBALL

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Tigers acquired pitcher Matt Perisho from the Texas Rangers on Friday for minor league pitchers Kevin Mobley and Brandon Villafuerte.

Perisho, 25, was 2-7 with a 7.37 ERA in 34 games for Texas last season. He made 13 starts.

He pitched briefly for the Anaheim Angels in 1997 and for the Rangers in 1998-99, and has a career record of 2-11 with a 7.29 ERA.

"Perisho is a young left-hander whose pitching style suits Comerica Park," general manager Randy Smith said in a statement. "He's got a good fastball and excellent changeup and is a pitcher we feel can make a contribution in 2001."

FOOTBALL

AUSTIN (AP) — Casey Hampton's standout defensive plays earned him several team honors Friday, including the Longhorn George "Hook" McCullough Most Valuable Player award.

Hampton is the second straight Longhorn defender to be named MVP, and the third defensive player in the past 10 years to earn the honor. He was recognized Friday during the university's annual football awards banquet.

The defensive tackle is an All-American and the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year.

In addition to the MVP award, Hampton claimed or shared the following awards: Mike Campbell Most Valuable Defensive Player, Outstanding Defensive Lineman, Joseph W. Moore Award for Tenacity and the Dr. Nasser Al-Rashid Strength and Condition awards.

He also was named a permanent team captain.

Running back Hodges Mitchell was named Texas' Darrell K. Royal Most Valuable Offensive Player and Outstanding Offensive Back.

Mitchell, a senior from Dallas, shared the Longhorns Offensive MVP award in 1999 and is a repeat winner of the Outstanding Offensive Back honor. He also was selected as a permanent UT captain.

Mitchell posted 1,118 rushing yards this season and has 2,664 career rushing yards — ranking him sixth in school history, school officials said.

He ranks fourth on Texas' all-time all-purpose list with 4,945 yards.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pete Carroll, fired from his two NFL coaching jobs and out of college football for 17 years, accepted the coaching position at Southern California. He succeeds Paul Hackett, fired two days after the Trojans completed a 5-7 campaign. It was their first losing season since 1991.

Carroll, who turned down the USC job three years ago, was out of coaching this year after being fired by the New England Patriots following the 1999 season. They were 27-21 in three years under Carroll, reaching the playoffs twice.

DENVER (AP) — Denver Broncos running back Terrell Davis, sidelined by the onset of a stress fracture in his lower left leg, will miss the final two games of the regular season and could be out for the playoffs after tests revealed no change in his condition.

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Virginia Tech quarterback Michael Vick announced he will return for his junior season, saying he wants to work on a few things before heading to the NFL.

Vick had a disappointing season after injuring his right ankle Oct. 28 against Pittsburgh.

Pampa frosh on the road to unbeaten season

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

PAMPA — A perfect season. The Pampa freshmen girls basketball team are close to the halfway point toward achieving that goal of greatness.

Their last game, which for the most part was over at the end of the first quarter, gave coach Billie Osborne's crew an unblemished 10-0 mark.

"These girls love the game. They just can't get enough of basketball," Coach Osborne said. "There's also no selfish players on this team. All they care about is if we've got more points on the scoreboard than the other team."

Pampa's 10th victory came Monday night in a 61-28 rout of Amarillo Gold.

Seven players were in the scoring column, including 20 by center Jennie Waggoner and 14 by her backup, Denisse Solis.

"I've told myself if these girls ever get beat it's going to be my fault because the talent is there. They come to practice everyday wanting to learn more about the game," Osborne said.

Osborne considers herself a tough taskmaster.

"I'm never satisfied, I'm always striving for perfection," she says. "I'm always nit-picking about things, but the girls believe in themselves and they believe in me."



Abbi Covalt brings the ball up the floor for the Pampa freshmen team.

The freshmen girls have been super-successful mainly because of their inside offense, the high-percentage shot around the basket.

"We use a double-post offense with Jennie Waggoner and Erika Skinner as my inside people. I'll bring in Denisse Solis, who I refer to as my 'country post.' Denisse is probably about 5-5, but she know how to post up and she has a quick release on her shot," Osborne said.

Abbi Covalt is the point guard. Tara Jordan and Stacey Johnson operate at the wings.

"Our guards and wings know enough about the offense to interchange with each other," Osborne said. "They don't interchange with the post players. That's saved for the big girls."

K'Lee Ratzlaff and Michelle Cox are two other post players Osborne depends on.

"I call them my 'twin towers.' We're always working on getting the ball inside, but we have some good outside shooters if we're forced to shoot from out there," Osborne said.

Other squad members include Samantha Conner,

Britney Downey and Amber Freeman.

"I couldn't do this job without my assistants. Actually, they're the managers Ashley Abbe and Raeanna Cowan. They're my right-hand men," Osborne said.

One of their biggest wins came in the Dumas Tournament in early December.

Going against another unbeaten team, Clovis Marshall, the Pampa girls pulled out a 20-18 squeaker. The Clovis team had a 12-0 record going into the game.

Scrimmaging against the high school varsity has benefited her players, Osborne said.

"We haven't scrimmaged them that much, maybe four times, but it has helped bump up our intensity. I know when we're in a tight game the girls are always saying, 'Play like we're playing against the varsity,'" Osborne pointed out.

The Pampa freshmen will be taking a holiday break until Jan. 4 when they travel to Amarillo to take on Palo Duro.

That's when they go for Victory No. 11 on their way to seeking perfection.

Shaq graduates

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Eight years and millions of dollars after he played his last college game, Shaq was back as the big man on campus, this time strolling to the sound of "Pomp and Circumstance."

Shaquille O'Neal donned an extra large cap and gown and received his bachelor of arts degree Friday from LSU, fulfilling a promise he made to his coach, his family and himself.

"I feel very secure," said the 7-foot-1, 320-pound center, who earned a bachelor's degree in general studies with a minor in political science. "I can get a real job now."

The comment drew cheers from other graduates, who knew that O'Neal lacked neither a job nor security.

O'Neal, who led the Los Angeles Lakers to their first NBA championship in 12 years last June, will earn \$19.286 million this season and is under contract through the 2005-06 season for more than \$152 million. He makes still more from endorsements, movies and rap albums.

"It didn't seem right to me to be telling kids to stay in school when I hadn't got my degree," O'Neal said. "Now I can tell them — stay in school."

O'Neal, 28, sat with his fellow students at the afternoon degree ceremony, but was on the platform with the academics for the morning commencement service. Provost Daniel M. Fogel introduced O'Neal as "our tallest graduate."

"From now on, this is 'Love Shaq University,'" O'Neal said. "This is a day I'll always remember."

His classmates seemed pleased to share the spotlight. Eric Bacas carried a sign that read, "Look Ma, Me & Shaq Graduate."

"Actually I went to school with him when he was here," said Bacas, 30. "We both left and went to work and still got our degree. I just hope this evens up our earning capacity."

The graduation of a high profile athlete was a good message to send youngsters, said fellow graduate Wardell Sykes, an LSU football player.

"He made a promise and he fulfilled it," Sykes said. "That's always good. Plus people know he's graduating. There are a lot of other athletes graduating here today, but nobody but their families are paying attention to that."

Brett Hull could be headed for another 50-goal season for Stars

DALLAS (AP) — At age 37, Brett Hull might be headed for another 50-goal season.

The Dallas Stars right wing scored twice in Friday night's 4-1 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks, giving him 19 goals in 30 games and 629 for his career.

Hull has five 50-goal seasons, but none since 1993-94 with the St. Louis Blues. He had only 24 goals in a 1999-2000 campaign marred by a series of nagging injuries, his lowest total for a full season. Many critics said he was fading, until he scored 11 goals in last season's playoffs.

Now Hull is healthy again, and performing like a much younger player.

"I think it's mainly a lack of injury," he said. "When you're healthy you're stronger and more confident. And there's a lot of hockey left. I'd like to think I'm a pretty good goal-scorer so I'm not really surprised."

Hull is one goal behind Detroit's Steve Yzerman for No. 7 in NHL history. Hull added an assist to give him seven goals and six assists in his last 11 games, and the numbers are starting to add up quickly.

"I just go out with the flow and let things happen," Hull said.

Hull's linemate, Brenden Morrow, said he feels like a fan as he watches Hull move up the goal-scoring list.

"I had his poster on my wall when I was growing up," Morrow said. "Nobody knows what it's like to be in a zone like Brett does. He's in that zone right now."

Hull had plenty of help, especially from Dallas goalie Ed Belfour, who came within 3:43 of his eighth shutout of the season.

Belfour, who played for Chicago from 1989-97, stopped the Blackhawks' first 26 shots before Boris Mironov scored his first goal of the season on a power play. Belfour finished with 29 saves.

"It would have been nice, but

the main thing is to win the game," Belfour said. "To get the shutout would have been a bonus."

With seven shutouts, Belfour is on pace to break the NHL record of 15 in a season set by Tony Esposito of the Blackhawks in 1969-70.

The Blackhawks dropped their fifth in a row to match their longest losing streak of the season.

Chicago got off to a strong start, outshooting Dallas 12-5 in the first period. But the Blackhawks couldn't get the puck past Belfour until they'd fallen behind 4-0.

"The team was ready to play, we just got beat," Chicago coach Alpo Suhonen said.

Lady Whitefaces victorious

HEREFORD — Hereford handed Pampa a 66-46 setback Friday night in a District 3-4A girls basketball game.

Pampa is 4-9 for the season and 0-2 in district play. Hereford is 7-9 overall and 1-1 in district. Sarah Griffin had 16 points and Tiffany Mercer 13 to lead the Lady Whitefaces.

Chasity Nachtigall and Jennifer Lindsey had 10 points each for the Lady Harvesters.

Hereford jumped out to a 7-0 lead and never trailed in the contest.

Others who scored for Pampa were Ashley Derington with 9 points, Lindsey Narron 6, Charity Nachtigall 5, Ashley Jordan and Stephanie Cameron 3 each.

The Lady Harvesters travel to Dumas for more district action Thursday night with the tipoff at 6.

Knicks score 58 in loss to Jazz; West 6-0 against East

By The Associated Press

On a night when the West was a perfect 6-0 against the East, the Jazz played nearly perfect defense against the Knicks.

New York had as many turnovers (25) as baskets, shot just 39 percent from the field, and produced their lowest point total since the 24-second shot clock was introduced for the 1954-55 season.

It all added up to an 89-58 loss Friday night against Utah.

"Tonight was as big a disappointment as I've experienced," Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "How we lost is a great disappointment. The turnovers are way up and the offense way down. The attitude is real bad. We're fighting ourselves. A lot of internal things cropped up. More than ever before."

The Knicks managed just 13 points in the first quarter, 12 in the second and 10 in the fourth. They went nearly five minutes without a point against Utah's reserves and trailed by 15 at halftime. The Jazz doubled that margin in the second half.

The five other games between Western Conference clubs and teams from the Eastern Conference ended with wins for the West.

Minnesota beat Detroit 99-90 in Joe Smith's first game against the

Timberwolves since the NBA voided his contract with them, Dallas defeated Philadelphia 112-94, Sacramento topped Boston 104-81, Seattle beat Miami 99-81 and Portland got past Orlando 106-96.

Elsewhere Friday night, Toronto held out Vince Carter from late in the third quarter and lost to Milwaukee 104-97, the Los Angeles Lakers beat Vancouver 98-76 even though Shaquille O'Neal missed the game to receive his college diploma, Charlotte beat Washington 103-89, Cleveland defeated Indiana 103-95, Atlanta topped Chicago 85-74 and the Los Angeles Clippers got by Phoenix 98-88.

While the Jazz were shutting down New York's offense, former Knicks player John Starks celebrated his return to Madison Square Garden by scoring 18 points.

"The guys did a great job finding me," Starks said. "My mind was clear. I got up and shot the ball." Karl Malone, who became the second-highest scorer in NBA history last week when he passed Wilt Chamberlain, also had 18 for the Jazz.

The Knicks just made too many mistakes against the Jazz (17-6), who are tied with the 76ers for the league's best record.

The Knicks' previous low point

total was 61, on April 12, 1992, at Detroit.

Timberwolves 99, Pistons 90

Smith scored 16 points, while Minnesota's Kevin Garnett had 26 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists to lead the visitors.

Timberwolves guards Terrell Brandon, Chauncey Billups and Anthony Peeler combined for 48 points.

Smith signed with the Pistons after his contract with the Timberwolves was voided by the NBA in October because of a secret agreement that violated the salary cap.

He was greeted by his former teammates with handshakes and hugs before the game.

Mavericks 112, 76ers 94

Dirk Nowitzki had a career-high 36 points as Dallas welcomed back head coach Don Nelson.

The 60-year-old Nelson, who is also Dallas' general manager, had missed the team's prior three games while consulting with doctors about how to treat his prostate cancer. He will have surgery Jan. 4 and will be away from the team for 6-to-8 weeks.

Allen Iverson had 26 points for host Philadelphia.

Kings 104, Celtics 81

Chris Webber had 30 points and 13 rebounds as Sacramento

improved to 1-2 on its road trip. Antoine Walker led Boston with 15 points.

SuperSonics 99, Heat 81

Gary Payton had 25 points and 13 assists as Seattle kept Miami winless in 13 games at Key Arena.

Patrick Ewing made his first seven field goal attempts and finished with 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Sonics (13-12), who moved past .500 for the first time this season.

Trail Blazers 106, Magic 96

Rasheed Wallace had 22 points as Portland, at home, won its fourth straight game.

Tracy McGrady had 39 points — one under his career high — to lead Orlando, which played without Grant Hill for the 19th time in 23 games this season.

Bucks 104, Raptors 97

Carter, who had 15 points, iced his sore left knee down the stretch at Milwaukee. "I just took a precaution," Toronto coach Lenny Wilkens said.

Glenn Robinson scored 31 points for Milwaukee, which has won nine of its last 11 games.

Lakers 96, Grizzlies 76

O'Neal got his diploma at LSU on Friday — and the Lakers didn't miss him. Horace Grant tied his season high with 19 points and added 13 rebounds, and Kobe

Bryant had 17 points as Los Angeles sent visiting Vancouver to its fifth straight loss.

Hornets 103, Wizards 89

Charlotte's David Wesley scored 25 points and Jamal Mashburn had 21 as Washington lost its ninth consecutive game. Mashburn added seven rebounds and eight assists for the Hornets, who broke a three-game road losing streak.

Hawks 85, Bulls 74

Jason Terry had 17 points and 13 assists, and Dikembe Mutombo tied his season high with 18 rebounds for Atlanta.

Mutombo added 12 points and six Hawks scored in double figures as they prevented the host Bulls (3-20) from putting together their first winning streak of the season.

Cavaliers 103, Pacers 95

Zydrunas Ilgauskas and Andre Miller scored 16 of Cleveland's final 19 points as the Cavs won their fifth straight game.

Ilgauskas finished with 24 points and Miller had 17 for the Cavaliers, who snapped Indiana's four-game home winning streak and knocked the Pacers (11-12) back below .500.

Clippers 96, Suns 88

Jeff McInnis scored 24 points and rookie Quentin Richardson added 21 as host Los Angeles beat Phoenix for the first time in 13 tries.

All-time UIL champions

<p>DALLAS (AP) — Texas high school football champions since the University Interscholastic League began sanctioning titles:</p> <p>1920 Houston Heights 0, Cleburne 0 (tie)</p> <p>1921 Bryan 35, Dallas Oak Cliff 13</p> <p>1922 Waco 13, Abilene 10</p> <p>1923 Abilene 3, Waco 0</p> <p>1924 Dallas Oak Cliff 31, Waco 0</p> <p>1925 Waco 20, Dallas Forest Avenue 7</p> <p>1926 Waco 20, Dallas Oak Cliff 7</p> <p>1927 Waco 21, Abilene 14</p> <p>1928 Abilene 38, Port Arthur 0</p> <p>1929 Port Arthur 0, Breckenridge 0 (tie)</p> <p>1930 Tyler 25, Amarillo 13</p> <p>1931 Abilene 13, Beaumont 0</p> <p>1932 Corsicana 0, Masonic Home 0 (tie)</p> <p>1933 Greenville 21, Dallas Tech 0</p> <p>1934 Amarillo 48, Corpus Christi 0</p> <p>1935 Amarillo 13, Greenville 7</p> <p>1936 Amarillo 10, Kerrville 6</p> <p>1937 Longview 19, Wichita Falls 12</p> <p>1938 Corpus Christi 20, Lubbock 6</p> <p>1939 Lubbock 20, Waco 14</p> <p>1940 Amarillo 20, Temple 7</p> <p>1941 Wichita Falls 13, Temple 0</p> <p>1942 Austin 20, Dallas Sunset 7</p> <p>1943 San Angelo 26, Lufkin 13</p> <p>1944 Port Arthur 20, Highland Park 7</p> <p>1945 Highland Park 7, Waco 7 (tie)</p> <p>1946 Odessa 21, San Antonio Jefferson 14</p> <p>1947 San Antonio Brackenridge 22, Highland Park 13</p> <p>1948 City Fort Worth Arlington Heights 20, Houston Lamar 0</p> <p>1949 Waco 21, Amarillo 0</p> <p>1950 IA Monahans 14, New Braunfels 0</p> <p>1951 City San Antonio Jefferson 31, Dallas Sunset 13</p> <p>1952 2A Wichita Falls 34, Austin 13</p> <p>1953 1A Littlefield 13, Mexia 0</p> <p>1954 City Dallas Sunset 14, Houston Reagan 6</p> <p>1955 2A Wichita Falls 14, Austin 13</p> <p>1956 1A Wharton 13, Kermit 9</p> <p>1957 4A Lubbock 14, Baytown 12</p> <p>1958 3A Breckenridge 20, Temple 14</p> <p>1959 2A Arlington 7, Waco La Vega 0</p> <p>1960 1A Gidings 25, Newcastle 14</p> <p>1961 4A Lubbock 12, Baytown 7</p> <p>2A Breckenridge 28, Temple 20</p> <p>2A Terrell 61, Yoakum 13</p> <p>1A Wink 26, Deer Park 20</p> <p>1962 4A Houston Lamar 33, Odessa 7</p> <p>1963 3A Port Neches 24, Big Spring 13</p> <p>1964 2A Huntsville 40, Ballinger 6</p> <p>1A Ranger 34, Luling 21</p> <p>1965 4A Abilene 14, Houston Austin 7</p> <p>1966 3A Breckenridge 20, Port Neches 7</p> <p>2A Phillips 21, Killeen 13</p> <p>1A Deer Park 26, Albany 6</p> <p>1967 4A Abilene 33, Tyler 13</p> <p>3A Port Neches 20, Garland 14</p> <p>2A Stamford 34, Hillsboro 7</p> <p>1A Deer Park 7, Stinnett 7 (tie)</p> <p>1968 4A Abilene 14, Corpus Christi Ray 0</p> <p>3A Garland 3, Nederland 0</p> <p>2A Stamford 26, Brady 13</p> <p>1A Stinnett 35, Hondo 13</p> <p>1969 4A Highland Park 21, Port Arthur 9</p> <p>3A Nederland 20, Sweetwater 7</p> <p>2A Terrell 41, Brady 6</p> <p>1A Mart 7, White Oak 7</p> <p>1970 4A Wichita Falls 48, Pasadena 6</p> <p>3A Breckenridge 42, Kingsville 14</p> <p>2A Stamford 23, Angleton 0</p> <p>1A White Deer 44, Elgin 22</p> <p>1971 4A Corpus Christi Ray 20, Wichita Falls 6</p> <p>3A Breckenridge 20, Cleburne 20 (tie)</p> <p>2A Stamford 19, Brady 14</p> <p>1A Katy 16, Sundown 6</p> <p>1972 4A Corpus Christi Miller 13, Wichita Falls 6</p> <p>3A Brownwood 26, Port Lavaca 6</p> <p>2A Denver City 26, Bellville 21</p> <p>1A Albany 20, Crosby 20</p> <p>1973 4A Wichita Falls 21, Galena Park 14</p> <p>3A Dumas 6, Nederland 0</p> <p>2A Donna 28, Quanah 21</p> <p>1A Albany 18, Hull-Dalsetta 12</p> <p>1974 4A San Antonio Brackenridge 30, Borger 26</p> <p>3A Dumas 14, Pharr 3</p> <p>2A Jacksboro 52, Rockdale 0</p> <p>1A Rotan 39, Ingleside 6</p> <p>1975 4A Garland 17, Corpus Christi Miller 9</p> <p>3A Corsicana 7, Pharr 0</p> <p>2A Rockwall 7, Houston Dulles 6</p> <p>1A Petersburg 20, George West 12</p> <p>1976 4A Garland 26, Galena Park 21</p> <p>3A Palestine 24, San Marcos 15</p> <p>2A Palacios 12, Marlin 0</p> <p>1A Archer City 13, Ingleside 6</p> <p>1977 4A Odessa Permian 11, San Antonio Lee 6</p> <p>3A Brownwood 14, Bridge City 0</p> <p>2A Plano 20, Edna 17</p> <p>1A Willis Point 14, White Deer 0</p> <p>1978 4A San Angelo 21, Spring Branch 14</p> <p>3A Bridge City 30, McKinney 6</p> <p>2A Sweeny 29, Granbury 7</p> <p>1A Sonora 40, Schulenberg 14</p> <p>1979 4A Austin Reagan 20, Abilene Cooper 19</p> <p>3A Brownwood 36, El Campo 12</p> <p>2A Plano 27, San Antonio Randolph 8</p> <p>1A Tidehaven 7, Clifton 6</p> <p>1980 4A Austin Reagan 17, Odessa Permian 11</p> <p>3A Lubbock Estacado 14, Refugio 0</p> <p>2A Daingerfield 7, Lufkin Dunbar 6</p> <p>1A Sonora 9, Poth 0</p> <p>1981 4A Wichita Falls 28, San Antonio Lee 20</p> <p>3A Brownwood 34, West Columbia 16</p> <p>2A Iowa Park 31, Klein 14</p> <p>1A Mart 28, Sonora 0</p> <p>1982 4A Austin Reagan 21, Odessa Permian 14</p> <p>3A Brownwood 14, Cuero 0</p> <p>2A Refugio 7, Iowa Park 7 (tie)</p> <p>1A Sonora 45, Pflugerville 6</p> <p>1983 4A San Antonio Lee 28, Wichita Falls 27</p> <p>3A Plano 21, Gregory-Portland 20</p> <p>2A Jacksboro 20, Rosebud-Lott 14</p> <p>1A Barbers Hill 3, Sonora 3 (tie)</p> <p>1984 4A Odessa Permian 37, Baytown Sterling 7</p> <p>3A Uvalde 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<p>2A Pilot Point 0, Tidehaven 0 (tie)</p> <p>1A Valley View 7, Rankin 6</p> <p>6-Man Milford 36, Highland 16</p> <p>1993 5A Richardson Lake Highlands 19, Houston Yates 6</p> <p>4A Brownwood 24, Willowridge 9</p> <p>3A Cameron 26, Gilmer 3</p> <p>2A Pilot Point 32, Garrison 0</p> <p>1A Bremond 12, Wink 9</p> <p>6-Man Whitharral 56, Mullin 36</p> <p>1994 5A Beaumont West Brook 21, Hurst Bell 10</p> <p>4A Willowridge 22, Corsicana 17</p> <p>3A Refugio 22, Littlefield 21</p> <p>2A Eastland 28, East Bernard 6</p> <p>1A Union Hill 13, Roscoe 0</p> <p>6-Man Highland 60, Mullin 13</p> <p>1995 5A Converse Judson 25, Midland Lee 21</p> <p>4A Bay City 30, Lubbock Estacado 0</p> <p>3A Daingerfield 42, Sweeny 0</p> <p>2A Boyd 16, Groveton 8</p> <p>1A Knox City 27, Bremond 20</p> <p>6-Man Highland 67, Mozella 50</p> <p>1996 5A Odessa Permian 21, Beaumont French 21 (tie)</p> <p>4A Denison 27, Tomball 13</p> <p>3A Medina Valley 21, Daingerfield 13</p> <p>2A Groveton 38, Panhandle 7</p> <p>1A Munday 13, Union Hill 0</p> <p>6-Man Jayton 44, May 28</p> <p>1997 5A Houston Yates 37, Odessa Permian 0</p> <p>4A Sweetwater 17, Tomball 7</p> <p>3A Daingerfield 47, Cuero 22</p> <p>2A Electra 29, Groveton 13</p> <p>1A Goldthwaite 24, Runge 7</p> <p>6-Man Jayton 64, Christoval 14</p> <p>1998 5A Plano 24, La Marque 7</p> <p>4A West Orange-Stark 21, McKinney 9</p> <p>3A Jefferson 24, Cuero 0</p> <p>2A Shiner 18, Mart 0</p> <p>1A Burkeville 33, Throckmorton 7</p> <p>6-Man Fort Hancock 50, Christoval 36</p> <p>1999 5A Plano 28, Houston Stratford 21</p> <p>4A West Orange-Stark 17, Rockwall 7</p> <p>3A Cuero 14, McGregor 6</p> <p>2A Loerna 8, Refugio 7</p> <p>1A Wheeler 23, Bremond 21</p> <p>6-Man Lohn 58, Wellman 30</p> <p>2000 5A Dallas Carter 31, Converse Judson 14</p> <p>4A Paris 31, West Orange-Stark 13</p> <p>3A Southlake Carroll 42, Navasota 8</p> <p>2A Corrigan-Camden 35, Quanah 14</p> <p>1A White Deer 14, Flatonia 13</p> <p>6-Man Fort Hancock 76, Zephyr 30</p> <p>1999 5A Odessa Permian 28, Aldine 14</p> <p>4A Tyler Chapel Hill 14, A&M Consolidated 0</p> <p>3A Mexia 22, Vernon 21</p> <p>2A Groveton 20, Lorena 13</p> <p>1A Thorndale 42, Sudan 24</p> <p>6-Man Fort Hancock 48, Jayton-Girard 24</p> <p>2000 5A Big School Marshall 21, Converse Judson 19</p> <p>5A Regular School Aldine 27, Arlington Lamar 10</p> <p>4A Wilmer-Hutchins 19, Austin Westlake 7</p> <p>3A Vernon 41, Crockett 20</p> <p>2A Groveton 25, De Leon 19</p> <p>1A Bartlett 36, Munday 28</p> <p>6-Man Fort Hancock 66, Christoval 17</p> <p>1999 5A Division I Killeen 14, Sugar Land Dulles 10</p> <p>5A Division II Odessa Permian 27, San Antonio Marshall 14</p> <p>4A A&M Consolidated 35, Carthage 16</p> <p>3A Groesbeck 7, Burnet 0</p> <p>2A Schulenberg 21, Albany 0</p> <p>1A Memphis 21, Oakwood 14</p> <p>6-Man Fort Hancock 64, Christoval 14</p> <p>2000 5A Division I Converse Judson 52, Eules Trinity 0</p> <p>5A Division II Temple 38, Houston Yates 20</p> <p>4A Waxahachie 28, A&M Consolidated 24</p> <p>3A Southlake 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7</p> <p>3A Division II Newton 21, Daingerfield 0</p> <p>2A Division I Omaha Paul Hewitt 28, Brookshire-Royal 26</p> <p>2A Division II Celina 21, Elysian Fields 0</p> <p>1A Tenaha 20, Wheeler 13</p> <p>6-Man Trinidad 62, Borden County 16</p> <p>2000 5A Division I Midland Lee 42, Aldine Eisenhower 21</p> <p>5A Division II Garland 37, Katy 25</p> <p>4A Division I Texas City 27, Hereford 14</p> <p>4A Division II Stephenville 28, Port Neches-Groves 18</p> <p>3A Division I Texarkana Liberty Eylau 49, Mathis 6</p> <p>3A Division II Commerce 17, Sealy 10</p> <p>2A Division I Mart 40, Boyd 7</p> <p>2A Division II Celina 38, Elysian Fields 7</p> <p>1A Bartlett 35, Aspermont 6</p> <p>Sixman Gordon 54, Groom 34</p>

Dallas, Houston submit bids to host 2012 Summer Olympics

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Eight U.S. cities submitted bids Friday to host the 2012 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The U.S. Olympic Committee received bids from Cincinnati; Dallas; Houston; Los Angeles; New York; San Francisco; Tampa, Fla., and Washington, D.C.; Baltimore, Md. by Friday's deadline.

"The United States Olympic Committee and America's Olympic athletes are thrilled by this

tremendous outpouring of enthusiasm for the Olympic Games by eight tremendous communities," USOC president Sandra Baldwin said.

"The delivery today of the eight bids doubles the previous level of interest by U.S. cities in hosting the games. I know we will have a competitive and spirited process ahead of us, and I am convinced that we can bring the 2012 Olympic Games to the United States, and stage these games in the same successful way that previous American cities have."

As part of the bid package, each city was required to address 19 themes relating to the city's ability to handle an event the size of the Olympics.

That includes security, medical and health services, environmental conditions and protection, customs and immigration formalities, accommodations, media and transportation.

Each city also was required to address issues relating to the athletes, their accommodations and "Olympism" and culture, as well as issues such as marketing, finance, technology and legal matters regarding the games themselves.

The USOC's International Relations Department will review each bid for structural

compliance and send letters to each city by March 1 indicating any revisions that need to be made to meet bidding requirements.

Each city will then have until June 1 to make any necessary changes and


resubmit the bid. The USOC will make its final choice for the United States' candidate city at its 2002 board meetings. The International Olympic Committee will choose a host city in September 2005.

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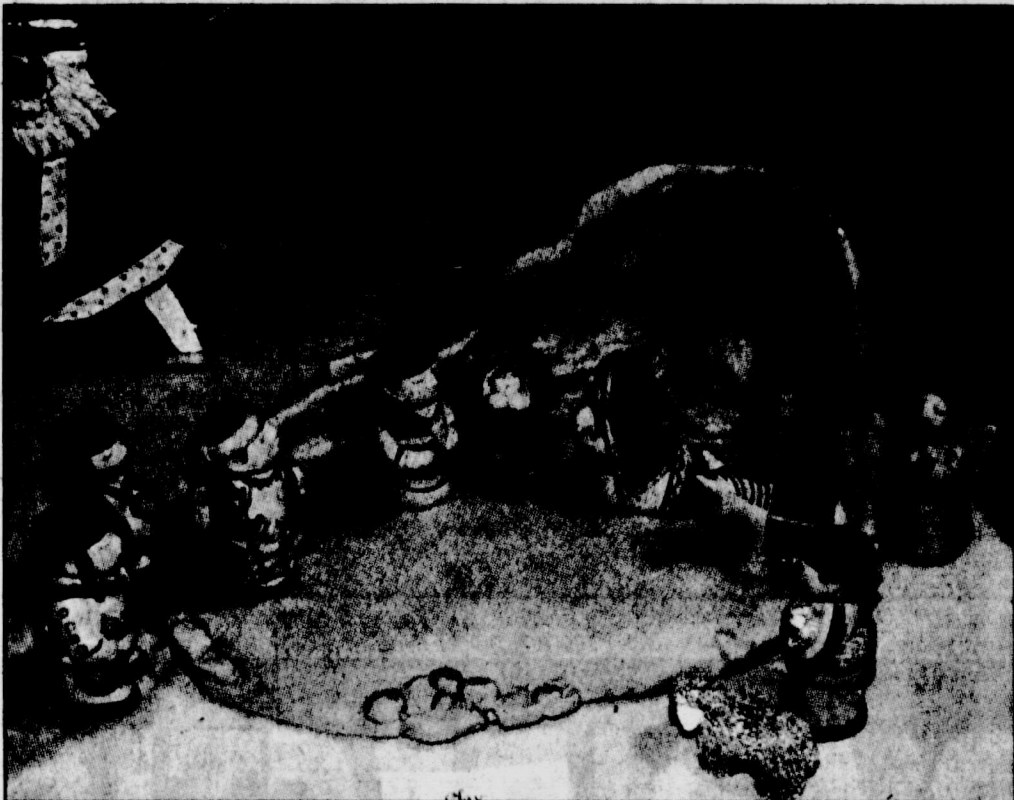
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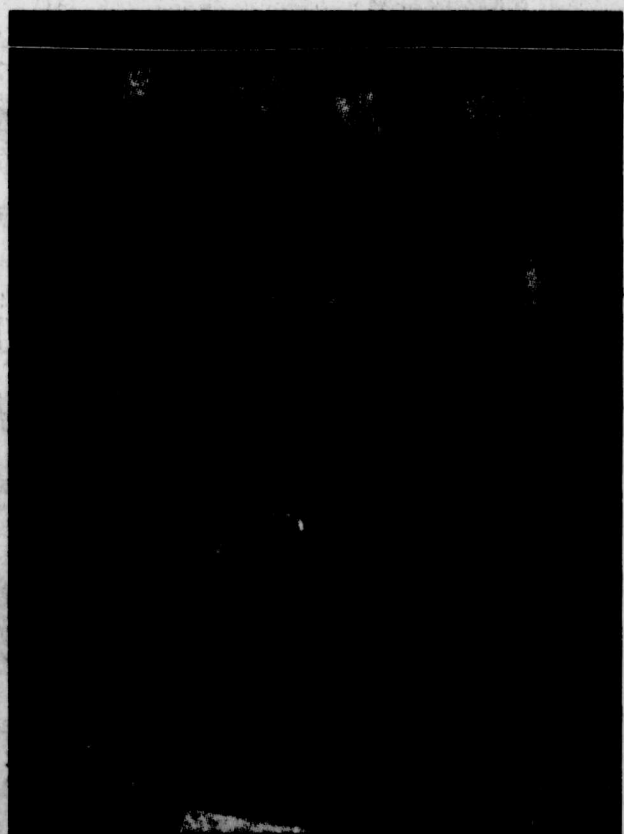
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By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

If you're looking for something to put you in the mood for Christmas, a trip to the White Deer Land Museum is just the place to visit.

Watching the sparkling eyes of children as they discover the many cultures represented by the large collection of nativity scenes is well worth the sojourn. The older set will definitely appreciate the skill and craftsmanship of the variety of scenes.

The mesmerizing collection of nativity scenes has been loaned to the museum by local resident Jan Ragsdale for display during the holiday season.

Ragsdale has been collecting nativity scenes for over 20 years, and has between 130 to 140 in her private collection. She said she has received many of the sets from friends who have seen her collection.

"I like to collect the scenes made of the different materials from other countries," she said. "I like to see how these nativities represent the people and their cultures."

The intricately crafted scenes are contained in one room at the local museum and are displayed on tables. Many nativity scenes of the Christ Child surrounded by Mary, Joseph, the three Wise Men are quite large, while others are contained in only a few short inches.

Some of the exhibits reenacting the birth of Jesus are very elaborate, while others are quite primitive. All are as different as the culture they represent.

There is not enough space to display Ragsdale's entire collection at the muse-

um, but there is wide diversity in the many nativity scenes which are displayed. Countries from throughout the world are represented in her collection.

Nativity scenes from Slavacia, Bangladesh, Africa, Mexico, Ireland, Poland, Viet Nam, Germany, Spain, Philippines, Peru, Haiti, Belgium and the United States are included in the museum exhibit.

Visitors will appreciate the Russian Matryshka design from India as well as the carved soap stone from Vietnam. Hand carved ebony from Kenya, Africa, Balsa Wood from Indonesia and handmade paper scenes from Bangladesh will also be enjoyed.

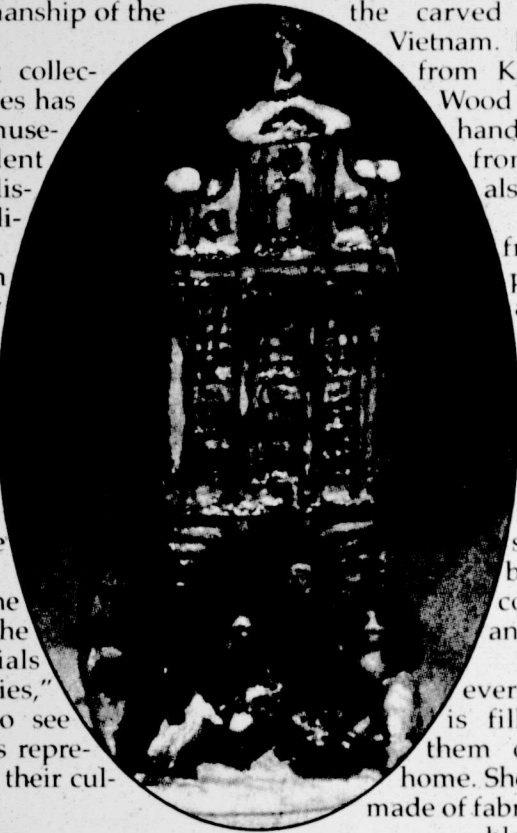
Figures crafted from brass and pewter in Mexico are among the scenes as well as a simple teepee made of leather and wood in the southwest area of the U.S.A.

Other materials include wood, straw, resin, felt, clay, birchbark, shells, coconut, corn husk, and plaster.

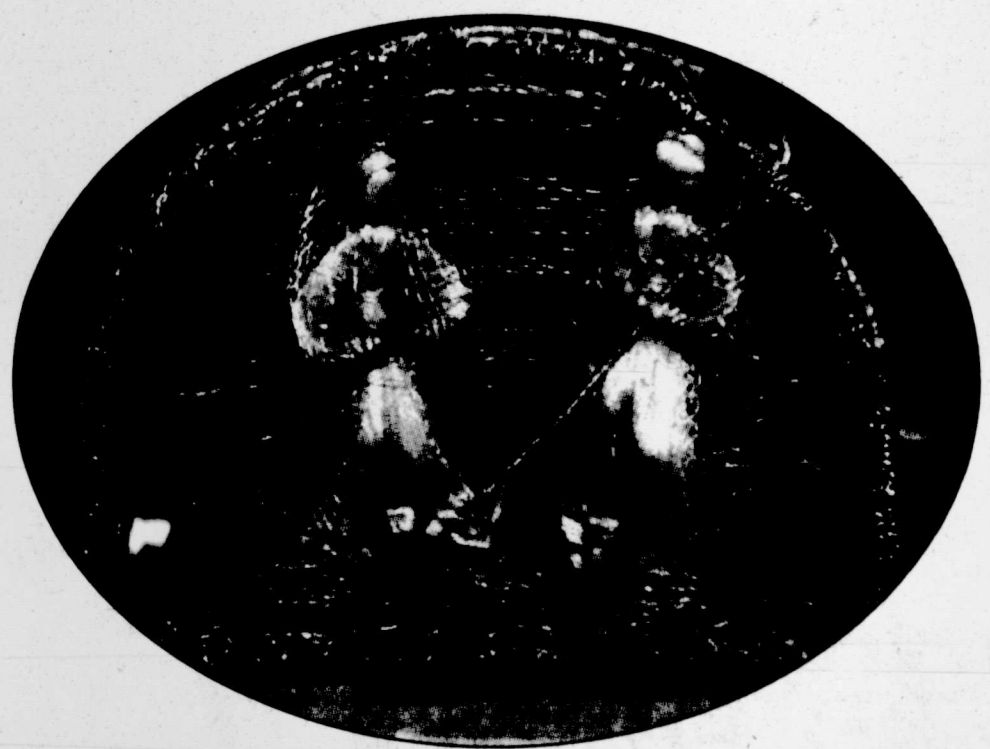
Ragsdale said every 'nook and cranny' is filled when she has them on display in her home. She said she has scenes made of fabric which are accessible to her three granddaughters, and with which they are allowed to play.

She said she recently learned a convention for Friends of the Creche, those who are interested in nativity scenes, is being held in November, 2001, in Pennsylvania. She is hoping to be able to attend. "A lot of people collect nativities," she said. "I'd really like to meet them and see other collections."

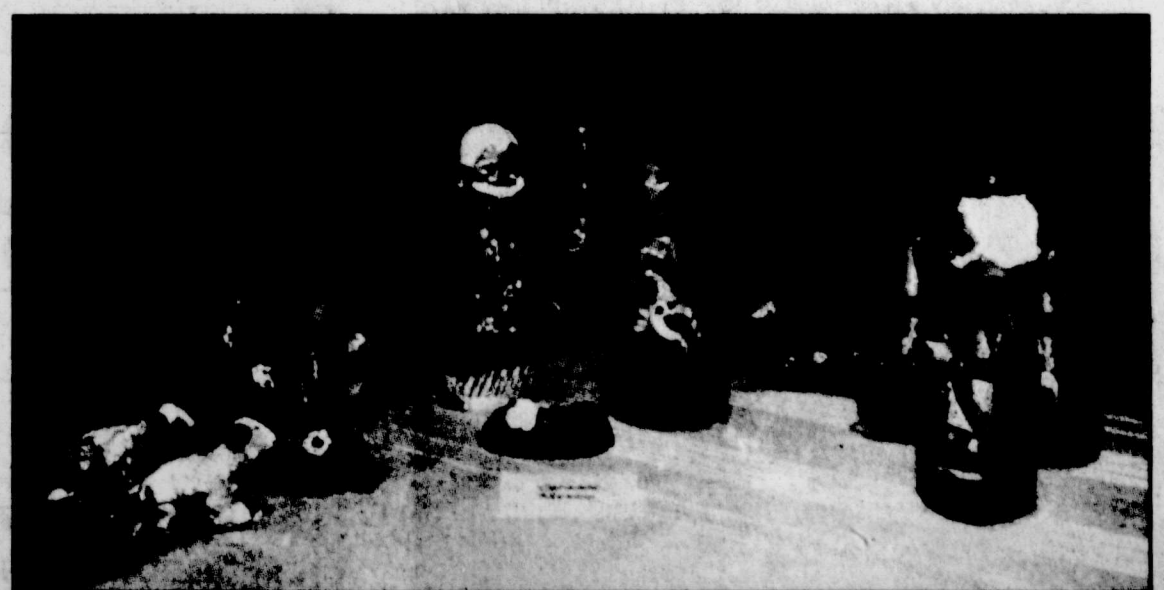
Visitors may view this display from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, through Jan. 6. It is located in the Holland Wing at 112 S. Cuyler.



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Sixty-three year old develops safety booklet for children

A 63-year-old grandfather has developed a system of self-protection for children of all ages to safeguard them from abductors and child molesters. Lee Crull decided to use his life experiences and training to help parents teach their children how to defend themselves against society's predators.

Crull was trained as an elite, commando for international operations. He has also been a professional bodyguard to some of the wealthiest and most powerful people in the world. "I know practically everything there is to know about physical security and survival," states Crull. "It's been my entire life. It's time I used these talents to help our children."

With our society becoming more and more dangerous, and our children becoming more and more vulnerable, Crull felt the need to reveal his techniques and secrets. He's organized the Fear Not Foundation to distribute information on actual techniques and moves children can use to protect themselves.

Youngsters will learn:

—How to escape if they are grabbed by one wrist ... or both wrists.

—How to escape if lifted or picked up.

—How to escape if they are grabbed by the shoulders.

Some of the things parents and grandparents will learn and use:

—How to develop a "Family Safety Program" that children will learn and use everyday.

—Safety tips for securing the home.

—Tips for hiring good baby-sitters.

The Foundation offers additional free information along with the "10 Golden Rules for Safety — The Quick Kid's Version."

Send a long, self-addressed stamped envelope to the Fear Not Foundation, P.O. Box 81, Syracuse NY 13215.

Menus

Dec. 18-22

<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Pancakes. Lunch: Cheese nachos or pizza, refried beans, Spanish rice, apricots.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Donuts, sausage. Lunch: Ravioli or chicken nuggets, green beans, applesauce, garlic toast.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage. Lunch: Corndog or burritos, English peas, smiles, pineapple.</p> <p>THURSDAY-FRIDAY Holiday.</p> <p>Lefors Schools MONDAY Breakfast: French toast sticks, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken patties or Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, sweet peas, rolls, fruit, milk.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Barbecue wieners or egg rolls,</p>	<p>scalloped potatoes, broccoli, macaroni and cheese, rolls, fruit, milk.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Cook's choice.</p> <p>THURSDAY-FRIDAY Holiday.</p> <p>Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or parmesan chicken, mashed potatoes, California blend, beans, chocolate marble cake or coconut creme pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>TUESDAY Chicken strips or barbecue beef with onion rings, potato salad, spinach, chuck-wagon corn, baked beans, French vanilla cake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, diced carrots/peas, butter beans, strawberry cake or bread pudding, slaw,</p>	<p>tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>THURSDAY Baked turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, candied yams, green beans, pumpkin squares, cherry cobbler or fruit cups, cranberry sauce, deviled eggs, stuffed celery, olives and pickles, hot rolls. (order carry-outs Wednesday or early Thursday morning.)</p> <p>FRIDAY Holiday.</p> <p>Meals On Wheels MONDAY Barbecue wieners, macaroni and cheese, cabbage, cookies.</p> <p>TUESDAY Roast, okra/tomatoes, corn, cake.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit salad.</p> <p>THURSDAY Salisbury steak, peas, carrots, vanilla wafers.</p> <p>FRIDAY Barbecue beef on a bun, chips, pork beans, graham crackers.</p>
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Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Strate

Strate anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Strate will observe their 25th wedding anniversary with a reception from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, in fellowship hall of Calvary Baptist Church. The couple celebrated the occasion earlier this year with a cruise to Alaska and Canada in July.

L.D. Strate and Lois Ann Williams were married Dec. 19, 1975, in West Guthrie United Methodist Church in Guthrie, Okla. The couple has been Pampa residents for the past 21 years and belongs to Calvary Baptist Church.

Mr. Strate has been sports editor for The Pampa News for 21 years. Mrs. Strate has been associated with Joe Cree, CLU, ChFC, for 20 years and has been a Real Estate broker for 15 years. She is a member of Opti-Mrs. Club, Pampa/Gray County Crimestoppers Board of Directors, Pampa Board of Realtors, and Amarillo Association, Society of Financial Service Professionals.

The couple have one son, Shawn David Strate, a senior at Pampa High School.



Leslie Michelle Wagner and James Malcolm Hunt

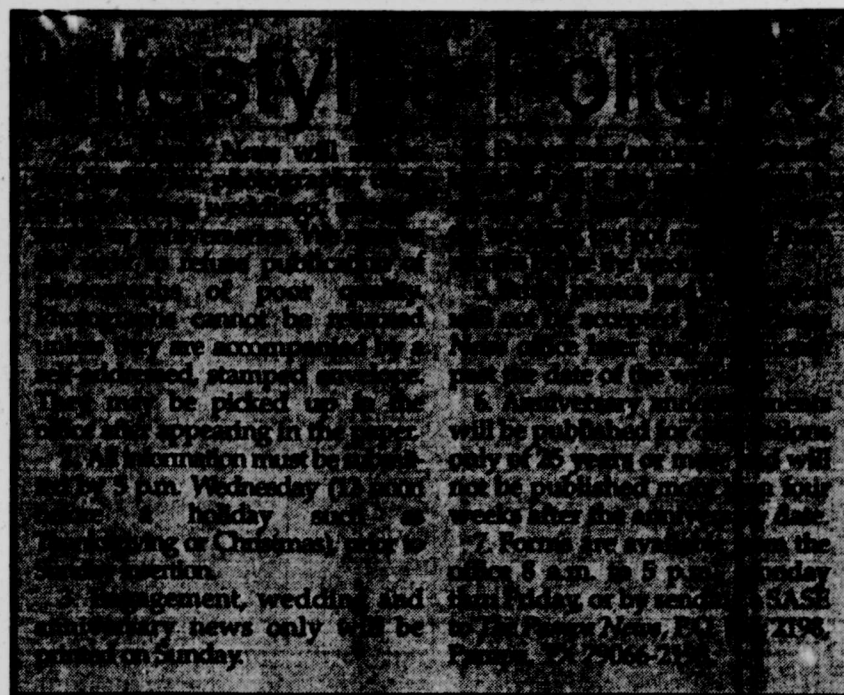
Wagner-Hunt

Leslie Michelle Wagner and James Malcolm Hunt were wed Nov. 18 in Highland Christian Church of Pampa with the Rev. Nathan Hopson officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Sam Curtsinger of Hereford and is the adopted daughter of Ronnie Wagner of Amarillo. Her mother is Kelly Beavers of Pampa. She is currently employed with Comprehensive Insurance Company.

The groom is the son of Bill and Cheryl Hunt of Houston. He is in Air Force Security at Aurora, Colo.

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



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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Barrett

Barrett anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Barrett observed their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 16, 2000. The couple and family will celebrate the occasion with a cruise to Cozumel.

Raymond Barrett and Dorothy Dixon were married Dec. 16, 1950, in First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. Longtime Pampa residents, each attended Pampa schools and currently belong to First Baptist Church.

Mr. Barrett, a Pampa native, has been farming since his discharge from the U.S. Navy in 1954.

A registered nurse, Mrs. Barrett worked in O.R. at both Highland and Coronado Hospitals for 20 years and was an elementary school nurse for six years, retiring in 1988.

Children of the couple are David and Gail Barrett of Pampa, Don and Susie Birtell of Borger, Tim and Becky McGaughy of Amarillo and David and Leigh Anderson of Pleasanton. They have 12 grandchildren.

Club news

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

PPI

Preceptor Theta Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Nov. 27 in the home of hostess Clara Sailor with Vice President Betty Schaffer presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—The chapter Christmas party is slated Dec. 11 in the home of Carolyn Smith.

—Schaffer will purchase items for a child PPI is sponsoring as part of the Salvation Army Angel Tree program.

—The annual Mardi Gras Dance and Casino fund-raiser was discussed and PPI's responsibilities concerning the event were reviewed.

(See, CLUB, Page 18)

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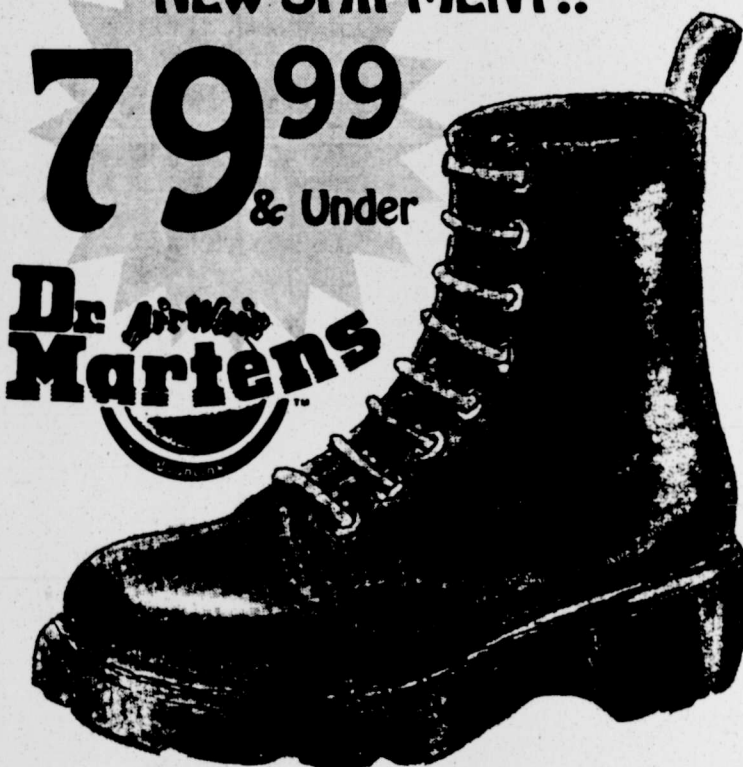


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Newsmakers



Matthew Robben

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced Matthew Robben, a Pampa High School student, was named a United States National Honor Roll Award Winner.

The Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all

American high school students. Robben was nominated for the award by Starla Kindle, a counselor at PHS. All USAA award-winners will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners based upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

Robben is the son of Bill and Paula Robben of Pampa and is the grandson of Ruth and Eddie Engel of Loretto, Kan., and Richard Robben of Walker, Kan.

FORT WORTH — Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has announced students receiving degrees during commencement

ceremonies recently.

Among students awarded diplomas was **Crispin M. Bradsher**, master of divinity degree. Bradsher attended Pampa High School and holds a bachelor of music education degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

He currently pastors a church in Grand Prairie and works for Fort Worth ISD. He and wife, Crystal, hope to obtain a full-time pastorate in the near future.

Bradsher is the son of LaVerne Bradsher of Pampa and the late Billy Bradsher.

ABILENE — Rose Fruge of Pampa recently performed with Hardin-Simmons University Concert Choir during the school presentation of "A Christmas Collection." HSU Orchestra, Concert Choir and Chorale all teamed up to present the Christmas program.

Dr. Loyd F. Hawthorne, dean of the School of Music, and Dr. Robert R. Brooks, assistant professor of church music, jointly conducted the concert which was held in First Baptist Church sanctuary. Dr. David D. Eaton, assistant professor of organ, was the organist.

"A Christmas Collection" featured a combination of traditional and non-traditional church carols. HSU Chorale opened the concert and the Concert Choir completed most of the second half before combining for the grand finale, "Fantasia on Christmas Carols."

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young

Young anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m. today in the parlor of Central Baptist Church. Children of the couple will host the reception.

Robert Young and Doris Helen Coble were married Dec. 21, 1950. The couple has been Pampa residents for the past 49 years and belongs to Central Baptist Church.

Mr. Young retired from Pampa Fire Department in December 1990 after 36 years of service.

Mrs. Young was a legal secretary for 25 years and is also retired. Children of the couple are David and Karen Young of McKinney, Jan and Kevin Hucks of Pampa and Melinda and Paul Jenkins of Dumas. They have seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Few simple steps can protect your pet this holiday season

By LORIE GLANTZ

Dogs and cats love mischief, and it's much easier for them to find it this time of year. We can get so busy with gift-giving, family get-togethers, and decorating that we often overlook the potential dangers of festive celebrations for our pets.

A rule of thumb is to imagine the most dangerous object in your house, and then assume your dog or cat will be inexplicably drawn to it, and then proceed to put it in her mouth. But don't worry, you can help prevent an emergency trip to the vet by keeping a few simple pointers in mind.

- **Guests.** Inform your guests not to feed your pet. They may feed her something that is toxic to her (e.g., onions [cats] or chocolate) or that could pose a choking hazard (e.g., nuts or bones) without realizing the danger.
- **Gifts.** Gifts decorated with special trimmings can be a choking hazard to your pet—be especially cautious of gifts brought by visitors. Also, be sure your pet doesn't eat any wrapping paper, which may contain lead.
- **Decorations.** Place all candles and menorahs out of the way of a curious nose or furry tail. Be careful where you choose to display holiday plants—poisonias, mistle-

toe and holly leaves and berries can be hazardous to your pet if eaten. Even playing with the plants can be dangerous, since your pet may ingest the toxin by licking her paws.

- **Food.** Never leave food or candy, even wrapped, where your pet can get it (such as under the Christmas tree)—your pet will most likely find it before you have a chance to open it.
- **Just in case.** No matter how cautious you are, accidents can happen, so be prepared. Keep handy (e.g., on the refrigerator) the telephone number for your vet and an alternate after-hours emergency facility.

In all of the excitement of the holiday rush, try to stay focused on the things that really matter, like enjoying time with your friends and family members (including those with four legs!). So even when you have guests over and dinner isn't working out quite as you planned and then you burn the bottom of the cookies... stop and give your pet a hug—it will make both of you feel better. Remember, he or she will still adore you no matter what.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

—Glantz is the author of two pet journals.

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CLUB

The next meeting was to be Dec. 11 at the home of Carolyn Smith.

TRTA
District 16 of the Texas Retired Teachers Association recently held its annual Fall Convention at Region 16 Education Center in Amarillo. Pampan attendees at the conference were June Robbins, Bette Truly and Willie Mae Mangold.

During the convention, chairmen and local unit presidents were honored. Canyon High School Show Choir, under the direction of Doug McCause, entertained and was introduced by District President Roy Pennington of Dumas.

Members received information to share at the local level concerning legislation, membership, publicity, informative and protective services, community volunteer services and retirement education.

Dr. Kenneth Laycock of Canyon, immediate past president of TRTA, discussed state-level activities including the state convention in San Antonio this past spring.

Other speakers included State Rep. David Swinford who spoke of recent and pending legislation involving education and retired teachers; TRTA Legislative Committee Representative Kenneth Gibson of Amarillo who spoke on legislative priorities to be presented to the 77th Legislature when it convenes in January; and Charles Dunlap who addressed teacher retirement programs and the financial stability of TRS.

The business meeting was presided over by President Pennington. Officers for the 2001-02 year were installed and the new budget was approved.

TRTA has over 46,000 members and is the only state organization that works exclusively for retired public school and higher education retirees.

Altrusa
Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa, met Dec. 12 at Pampa Country Club with President Karen Bridges presiding. Terry Gamblin and Kerrick Horton served as greeters.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Glyndene Shelton conducted new member initiation for Billie Dixon, Beth Sutherland and Tina Sutherland.

—The club accepted with regret the resignation of Julie Cooke.

—Joan Gray gave the accent "America the Good Neighbor" from a Canadian newsletter praising America's generosity to others during troublesome times.

—The board of directors hosted a Christmas reception in the home of Brenda Tucker.

—Pat Johnson reported on the success of the Career Clinic and expressed appreciation to all who helped with the project.

—Anne Stobbe reminded members of the Salvation Army Gift Wrapping project Dec. 14 and 18.

—Shopping was completed for two children from the Salvation Army Angel Tree.

—The president presented "Stitches from the Heart" awards to Kadda Schale, Donna Crow, Judy Warner and Johnson for outstanding service on the Career Clinic.

Birthdays wishes went to Geneva Tidwell, Schale, Warner, Mattie Norton, Stobbe and Bridges.

The next meeting will be at 12 noon Jan. 9 at Pampa Country Club.

Highland Hobby Club
Highland Hobby Club met recently at the home of Johnnie Rhode, hostess, with President Ferline Calvert presiding. Five members were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Treasurer Mairlyn Kirkwood gave the treasurer's report.

—The club will sponsor a needy child this holiday season, selecting a name from the Salvation Army Angel Tree.

Door prizes were handed out to each member courtesy of Rhode.

The next meeting will be in January at the home of Mildred Salsman.

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WHAT IS BURSITIS?

Bursitis is the result from inflammation of the bursae. This can be caused by a direct injury over the bursae or from repeated excessive friction to the bursae.

WHAT TYPE OF TREATMENT CAN BE DONE TO DECREASE THE EFFECTS OF BURSITIS?

Many different treatments can be completed to decrease the symptoms of bursitis. Your doctor may prescribe an anti-inflammatory medication, administer a cortisone injection into the bursae or a combination of both. Physical therapy can also treat bursitis effectively with the below treatments:

- Iontophoresis •Ultrasound •Stretching •Ice Massage

The above treatments can be used in combination or individually.

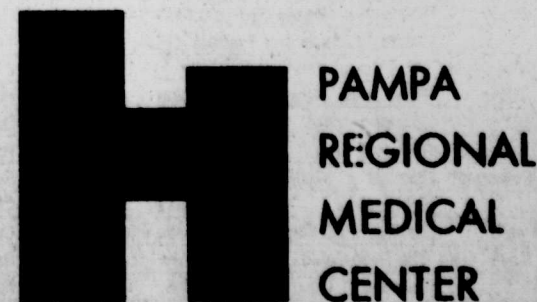
WHAT IS THE GOAL FOR TREATMENT OF BURSITIS?

The goals for treatment of bursitis include decreasing and eliminating the pain, improving functional mobility and restoring normal ROM and strength. Education is also a focus between therapy and the patient so that preventing a reoccurrence is achieved.

HOW DO I GO ABOUT GETTING TREATMENT FOR MY BURSITIS?

For Physical Therapy Treatment of bursitis you need to obtain a prescription from your physician. Discuss the option of therapy with your physician and then contact:

**Physical Therapy at
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DECEMBER 23, 2000

PAMPA TAKEDOWN CLUB WRESTLING open to youth five to 15 years of age. Practice is held at 900 N. Frost. Season ends in February 2001. For more information, contact Coach Rick Urganhart, 665-8321.

MAGIC PLAINS CHAPTER of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Furr's Cafeteria. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkler at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

FREEDOM MUSEUM, USA, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to Kosovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call 669-6066.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS meet the fourth Saturday of each month at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION meets at 2 p.m. the third Monday of every month at the Senior Citizens Center. For more information, contact Willie Mae Mangold, 669-7259.

FIRST PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH hosts "Second Sunday Singing" from 2-4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month. Singers and musicians from all over perform congregational singing. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, call Mina Towey, 665-8529.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Admission is free, elevator provided.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER support groups for victims of family violence — both women and children — meet every Thursday evening. For more information about adult support groups, call 669-1788, and to inquire about children's support groups, 669-1131.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER Coordinating Council meets once a month. For more information, call 669-1131.

MEALS ON WHEELS Garage Sale, 900 N. Frost, will be every Monday throughout February and April. For more information, call Cindy Gindorf, 669-1007.

PAMPA YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER Water Aerobics class will be from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713, or Lee, Betty or Liz at Pampa Youth Center, 665-0748.

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PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL will meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. For more information call Sharon King, 665-2818.

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-7501.

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

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GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY regular meetings will be at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the Sheriff's office classroom at the Francis Street entrance. For more information, call Harley Madison at 669-6294.

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

Billboard Hot 100: Top 20

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

1. "Independent Women Part I," Destiny's Child. Columbia.
 2. "It Wasn't Me," Shaggy feat. Ricardo "RikRok" Duena. MCA.
 3. "Case Of The Ex (Watcha Gonna Do)," Mya. University.
 4. "With Arms Wide Open," Creed. Wind-up.
 5. "He Loves U Not," Dream. Bad Boy.
 6. "Ms. Jackson," OutKast. LaFace.
 7. "Gotta Tell You," Samantha Mumba. Wild Card.
 8. "The Way You Love Me," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Nashville).
 9. "Kryptonite," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
 10. "This I Promise You," 'N Sync. Jive.
 11. "If You're Gone," matchbox twenty. Lava.
 12. "Dance With Me," Debelah Morgan. The DAS Label.
 13. "I Just Wanna Love U (Give It 2 Me)," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam.
 14. "Most Girls," Pink. LaFace.
 15. "I Wish," R. Kelly. Jive.
 16. "E.L.," Nelly. Fo' Reel.
 17. "Shape Of Me Heart," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
 18. "Between Me And You," Ja Rule (feat. Christina Milian). Murder Inc./Def Jam.
 19. "Again," Lenny Kravitz. Virgin.
 20. "Pinch Me," Barenaked Ladies. Reprise.
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The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 20

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

1. "1," The Beatles. Apple.
2. "Black & Blue," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
3. "Now 5," Various Artists. Sony/Zomba/Universal/EMI.
4. "Human Clay," Creed. Wind-up. (Platinum)
5. "Oops!... I Did It Again," Britney Spears. Jive. (Platinum)
6. "Greatest Hits," Tim McGraw. Curb.
7. "Dream A Dream," Charlotte Church. Sony Classical. (Gold)
8. "Chocolate Starfish And The Hot Dog Flavored Water," Limp Bizkit. Flip.

9. "Who Let The Dogs Out," Baha Men. S-Curve/Sheridan Square. (Platinum)
 10. "No Strings Attached," 'N Sync. Jive. (Platinum)
 11. "Hotshot," Shaggy. MCA. (Gold)
 12. "Lovers Rock," Sade. Epic.
 13. "Stankonia," OutKast. LaFace. (Platinum)
 14. "Renegades," Rage Against The Machine. Epic.
 15. "TP-2.Com," R. Kelly. Jive.
 16. "The Understanding," Memphis Bleek. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam.
 17. "Country Grammar," Nelly. Fo' Reel. (Platinum)
 18. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Nashville). (Platinum)
 19. "Greatest Hits," Lenny Kravitz. Virgin. (Platinum)
 20. "A Day Without Rain," Enya. Reprise.
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Hot Adult Contemporary

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Back Here," BBMak. Hollywood.
 2. "Cruisin'," Huey Lewis & Gwyneth Paltrow. Hollywood.
 3. "This I Promise You," 'N Sync. Jive.
 4. "Shape Of My Heart," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
 5. "The Way You Love Me," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
 6. "Taking You Home," Don Henley. Warner Bros.
 7. "I Need You," LeAnn Rimes. Sparrow/Capitol/Curb.
 8. "My Baby You," Marc Anthony. Columbia.
 9. "You Sang To Me," Marc Anthony. Columbia.
 10. "I Knew I Loved You," Savage Garden. Columbia. (Gold)

Mainstream Rock Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Loser," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
 2. "Hemorrhage (In My Hands)," Fuel. 550 Music.
 3. "Awake," Godsmack. Republic.
 4. "Are You Ready?" Creed. Wind-up.
 5. "N.I.B.," Primus (w/Ozzy). Divine.
 6. "Angel's Eye," Aerosmith. Columbia.
 7. "Why Pt. 2," Collective Soul. Atlantic.
 8. "Original Frankster," The Offspring. Columbia.
 9. "One Step Closer," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
 10. "Last Resort," Papa Roach. DreamWorks.

Modern Rock Tracks

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

1. "Hemorrhage (In My Hands)," Fuel. 550 Music.
2. "Hanging By A Moment," Lifehouse. DreamWorks.
3. "Loser," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
4. "Rollin'," Limp Bizkit. Flip.
5. "Man Overboard," Blink-182. MCA.
6. "Warning," Green Day. Reprise.
7. "Original Frankster," The Offspring. Columbia.
8. "One Step Closer," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
9. "Renegades of Funk," Rage Against The Machine. Epic.
10. "Drive," Incubus. Immortal.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "My Next Thirty Years," Tim McGraw. Curb.
 2. "Without You," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
 3. "I Lost It," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
 4. "Born To Fly," Sara Evans. RCA.
 5. "We Danced," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
 6. "www.memory," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
 7. "Tell Her," Lonestar. BNA.
 8. "Best Of Intentions," Travis Tritt. Columbia.
 9. "Just Another Day In Paradise," Phil Vassar. Arista Nashville.
 10. "Burn," Jo Dee Messina. Curb.
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Top Country Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Greatest Hits," Tim McGraw. Curb.
 2. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
 3. "Fly," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
 4. "Classic Christmas," Billy Gilman. Epic. (Gold)
 5. "One Voice," Billy Gilman. Epic. (Platinum)
 6. "When Somebody Loves You," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
 7. "Greatest Hits," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
 8. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville. (Platinum)
 9. "Brand New Me," John Michael Montgomery. Atlantic.
 10. "Brand New Year," SheDaisy. Lyric Street.
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Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Single and Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)
1. "Independent Women Part I," Destiny's Child. Columbia.
 2. "Ms. Jackson," OutKast. LaFace.

3. "I Just Wanna Love U (Give It 2 Me)," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam.
 4. "I Wish," R. Kelly. Jive.
 5. "My First Love," Avant Featuring Ketara Wyatt. Magic Johnson.
 6. "Just Friends (Sunny)," Musiq. Def Jam/Def Soul.
 7. "Mamacita," Public Announcement. RCA.
 8. "911," Wyclef Jean (feat. Mary J. Blige). Columbia.
 9. "Emotional," Carl Thomas. Bad Boy.
 10. "Danger (Been So Long)," Mystikal (feat. Nivea). Jive.
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Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "The Understanding," Memphis Bleek. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam.
 2. "TP-2.com," R. Kelly. Jive.
 3. "X," K-Ci & JoJo. MCA.
 4. "Stankonia," OutKast. LaFace.
 5. "Funkmaster Flex: 60 Minutes of Funk, Vol. 4: The Mixtape," Funkmaster Flex. Loud.
 6. "Lovers Rock," Sade. Epic.
 7. "Mama's Gun," Erykah Badu. Motown.
 8. "The Dynasty Roc La Familia (2000 —)," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam. (Platinum)
 9. "Ghetto Postage," Master P. No Limit.
 10. "Hot Shot," Shaggy. MCA
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Hot Rap Singles

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled, and Provided by SoundScan)
1. "Baby If You're Ready," Snoop Dogg Presents Doggy's Angels (feat. Toi). Dogg House.
 2. "Oh No," Mos Def & Pharoahe Monch (feat. Nate Dogg). Rawkus.
 3. "...On You," D-12. Shady/Interscope.
 4. "R.N.S.," Freddie Foxxx Bumpy Knuckles. KJAC.
 5. "Souljas," Master P. No Limit.
 6. "Cross The Border," Philly's Most Wanted. Atlantic.
 7. "Is That Your Chick," Memphis Bleek (feat. Jay-Z and Missy Elliott). Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam.
 8. "Big Doe," Suicide. Futurescope.
 9. "He Did That," Silkk The Shocker (feat. Master P and Mac). No Limit.
 10. "Peace of Mind," Darkside Ballaz (feat. Twista). Legit Ballin'.
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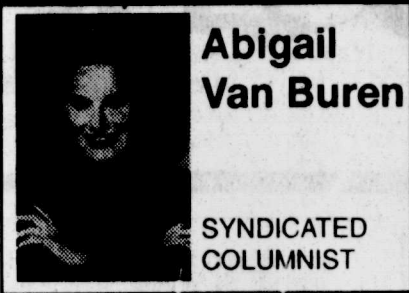
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Thieves Find Lots of Merriment During Bustling Holiday Season

DEAR ABBY: May I offer some words of advice for those who make it easy pickings for burglars? Stealing during the holidays is like taking candy from a baby. Most homes display lovely gift packages under Christmas trees. If no precautions are taken, homes become a "marketplace" from which thieves can "shop" with impunity. It is also a time when stores are teeming with careless, unsuspecting shoppers who are stressed out looking for last-minute gifts, and rushing around trying to get everything done. Pickpockets and muggers delight in how easy it is to rob shoppers during the holiday season.

Abby, I would like to provide your readers with some tips to help them avoid becoming victims this holiday season:

- Thieves hate bright lights, so install outside lights and keep them on at night. If you plan to be away, purchase timers for your indoor lights and set them to make it appear that someone is at home. (Lights left on 24 hours a day are a dead giveaway that the house is empty.)
- Be sure to have your mail and newspaper delivery halted until you return. If it piles up, it's a sure sign that you're not there.
- Leave curtains, shades and blinds in the normal position.
- Be certain door and window locks are in working order — and use them.
- Do not leave blinds or curtains open so that one peek in the



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

window reveals piles of gifts under the tree — or elsewhere. Allowing thieves to see the gifts is like extending an invitation.

— Going out for the evening? Turn on some lights, as well as your radio or television. It will make your dwelling appear to be occupied.

— Beware of couriers delivering packages. Criminals sometimes use that ruse to get a look inside, or if you appear to be alone, to force their way in. Thieves also pose as agents seeking charitable donations. Always ask for identification, ask to see permits, and also ask how the funds will be used.

— When shopping, be alert and aware of what's going on around you.

— Park in a lighted garage or lot, and be sure your path to the store is well-lighted. Familiarize yourself with your parking location so you needn't wander around looking for your car when you return. Be sure to place all packages in the trunk of your car and lock your car.

— Avoid carrying large amounts

of cash. Pay by credit card or check. To deter pickpockets and purse snatchers, don't overburden yourself with packages. Carry your purse close to your body, securely closed and not dangling by the straps. Men, carry your wallet in an inside pocket or in your front pants pocket.

— Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security guard if they become separated from you. And if you feel unsafe, do not hesitate to ask a security guard to escort you to your car.

— A final warning: Be sure your valuables are inventoried and marked. That way, if thieves succeed in robbing you, you have proof of loss and will be able to identify and claim your stolen items should they be recovered.

Happy, safe holidays to you and your readers, Abby.

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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 good intentions come through. Ultimately, you transform your view of a professional situation because of another's opinions and logic. Keep asking questions. Seek out solutions. Your creativity remains your strong suit. Think solutions. Forget the word "problems." Tonight: Go along with another's request.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Charge into work, with an eye to succeeding and getting your work done. Bosses inspire those around them, and co-workers spread good will and cheer. Your imagination takes you to a new level. Combine your strong drive with your need to accomplish work quickly and efficiently. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Your imagination leads and everything else follows, including you! Allow yourself to free-associate. You solve almost any problem and find great solutions. Listen to your sixth sense. Actions that are spontaneous lead you in the right direction. Nothing is impossible. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** You're coming from basics.

Understand what you expect from a partner. You also might not be seeing another realistically. You could find yourself feeling let down by this person. You don't see this person clearly. Understand how much your rose-colored glasses affect your sight. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Listen to friends. They have your best interests in mind. Discussions prove to be animated and lively. Your high energy triggers strong reactions. Luck comes through groups, people in general and friends. Understand the power of your charisma. Tonight: Where the gang is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Expenses soar. Keep pushing for what you want. Stay on top of problems. Your professional status can make a significant difference in your choices. Consider options carefully before making a decision. Brainstorm with co-workers. Success follows you. Tonight: In the limelight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Stay clear and direct with loved ones. You might not be sure what is important, but you ask the right questions to make a decision. Listen to another carefully. If this person is vague, you need to work on getting specifics. Don't take anything for granted. Tonight: Your smile wins the day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Remain upbeat with a loved one. Think about what you want and need. Another does care, but you need to figure out your feelings. Clear out the negatives, and then you can experience

the positives within a close relationship.

Make family a priority. Tonight: Take a night off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Beam in more of what you want. Your high energy and your sense of direction take you to a new level. Spread good news and share your message. Your high energy and charisma bring results. Tonight: Join your friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** You make waves. Others feel your influence. Your instincts lead you with bosses and others. Understanding and compassion help you break down someone's barriers. You also intuitively know which way to go with a financial matter. You're the veritable workhorse of the Zodiac. You can do anything. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Roll with the punches. Develop an expertise in solving problems and finding answers. Make calls and confirm the facts. Your imagination leads you in a new direction. Use your resources, and you and others will gain. You're in a pivotal position. Tonight: Catch a movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Your instincts lead you, both with financial and emotional matters. One-on-one relating proves to be necessary. Be secure. Be spontaneous. Listen to another carefully and reach out for a boss. You take charge and effectively handle a situation with another. Tonight: Close encounters.

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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30 Brokaw rival

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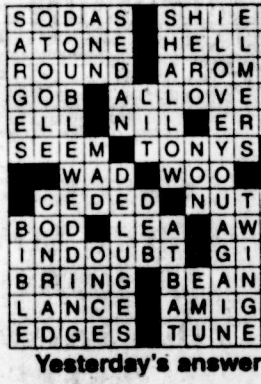
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AGRICULTURE

Pecan crop down; low yields mean higher prices

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Hot, dry weather allowed for top quality production of pecans this season, but low yields mean consumers can expect higher prices than last year, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Extension Horticulturist Dr. Larry Stein of Uvalde said the state's pecan crop is down considerably from last year but the quality is good. He said the biggest problem has been pressure from animals like deer, raccoon, crows and blue jays, which feed on the trees.

"When there is a large crop, the amount lost to animals goes unnoticed, but with a small crop, they don't leave much," said Stein.

Stein said stinkbugs have been a problem in West Texas because they are attracted to green plants when the weather is dry. The insects feed on the nut during the earlier stages of growth and leave black spots.

Cindy Wise of Bryan, executive vice president of the Texas Pecan Growers Association, said because heavy rains have delayed harvesting, pecans are just now appearing on the market.

Wise said the reason for this year's small crop is last year's large crop and problems with animals. She said the drought was not a problem for pecans and even improved the quality.

"One of the good effects that you have in a drought year is that disease problems are very

low," she said. "When you have high humidity and lots of rain during the growing season, you have diseases show up that have to be treated."

Pecans are grown commercially in almost every area of the state, said Wise. The areas west of Interstate 35 and between San Antonio and Fort Worth are the highest production areas.

"We encourage people to stock up during this holiday season and buy fresh pecans to keep in the freezer, then they can enjoy them all year."

Extension Economist Joe Pena of Uvalde said a record 90 million pounds of pecans were produced in Texas last year. Because the pecan crop alternates from high to low yields each year, this year's crop is about one-third the size of the 1999 crop.

Pena said the cost of pecans the year is about \$1.50 to \$3 per pound for nuts with shells and about \$4 to \$5 per pound for shelled nuts. This is an increase from last year, which was the largest crop Texas has had. Pena said many of last year's pecans are still being sold in processed form.

"A lot of the pecan consumers are buying in the form of ice cream, cake and other processed items are last year's crop, which is less expensive," said Pena.

When choosing pecans, Pena said to look for nuts that are full, light brown and without blemishes or black spots.

"Pecans are very good for you," said Pena. "They

help lower bad cholesterol and improve good cholesterol. Pecans are one of the oldest crops and are native to Texas. They're healthy and they taste great."

District Extension Director Galen Chandler in Vernon said the wheat crop is improving with recent rain. He said early planted wheat has good quality, but late planted wheat will have limited, if any, grazing value.

Jett Major, district Extension director in Lubbock, said cotton, grain sorghum and peanut harvests are almost complete.

"Cotton and peanut yields and quality are significantly below average due to the dry summer and wet fall," said Major. "Wheat is in poor to fair condition but is responding well to rainfall."

Dale Fritz, district Extension director in Bryan, said winter annuals are emerging, but growth is slow because of overcast conditions, and many fields are too wet for fertilizer application.

"Continued rainfall has helped diminish effects of the drought, but excessive rain has caused runoff and possible washout of wheat crops in some counties," said Fritz.

District Extension Director Charles Neeb of Fort Stockton said most crops are very poor. He said pastures are in serious condition, but moisture has been beneficial to rangelands.

"It may take two or three years to get pastures

back in decent shape if we get some timely rains," said Neeb.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture is short to adequate. Harvest of sorghum, soybeans, cotton and peanuts complete. Wheat planting wrapping up; stands rated poor to excellent; irrigated wheat providing fall grazing. Recent moisture beneficial to wheat.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture is adequate. Pastures and ranges in fair condition. Cotton, grain, sorghum and peanut harvest continues. Cotton and peanut yields below average due to the dry summer and wet fall. Stocker cattle turned out on wheat fields.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Cotton harvest continues; yields below average with less than average quality. Early-planted wheat looks good. Peanut harvest continues with producers keeping close watch on near-freezing temperatures.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Conditions too wet for field activity. Winter pastures in fair condition. Ranchers feeding some hay to beef cattle. Harvesting pine trees at a moderate rate. Some harvest of nuts; no more than 30 percent complete.

Cargill Turkey Products recalls ready-to-eat poultry products

WACO (AP) — Cargill Turkey Products is voluntarily recalling 16.7 million pounds of ready-to-eat poultry products packaged under various names to safeguard against potential Listeria monocytogenes contamination, company officials said.

The items were produced at the company's Waco, Texas, facility from May 1 to Dec. 11. They were distributed at grocery stores, restaurants and institutions throughout the United States, Iceland and Venezuela.

John O'Carroll, company president, said people should return the items to the place of purchase for a refund.

The Springdale, Ark.-company has contacted restaurants and delicatessens that purchased the products in bulk to remove them.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food Safety and Inspection Service are studying whether some products from the Waco facility might contain Listeria monocytogenes, the company said.

The bacteria are associated with 25 cases of listeriosis, most of which have occurred since July 2000.

"Even though the conclusive results (of the study) aren't in, we just felt that we didn't want to wait," said company spokesman Mark Klein.

Listeriosis is an uncommon but potentially fatal disease with flu-like symptoms, including high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness, and nausea. The disease can cause miscarriages and stillbirths, and serious infections in those with weak immune systems.

Following is a list of the products recalled:

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- Riverside Pre-Sliced Hickory Smoked Turkey Breast, fresh and frozen
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- Honeysuckle White Pre-Sliced Oven Prepared Turkey, fresh and frozen

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- Honeysuckle White Cajun-Style Fried Whole Turkey, frozen
- Boar's Head Our Premium Low Salt Turkey, frozen
- Golden Catering Skin-on Turkey Breast, fresh
- Carmel Colored Our Premium Turkey Breast, fresh
- Our Premium Low Salt Skinless Turkey Breast, fresh
- Smoked Turkey Breast, fresh
- Oil Browned Chicken Breast, fresh
- Oven Prepared Skinless Turkey Breast, fresh
- Smoked Chicken Breast, fresh

Consumers with questions can Cargill Turkey Products — a division of Minneapolis-based Cargill, Incorporated — at 888-621-2717.

On the Web: <http://www.plantationfoods.com>

U.S. may benefit from mad-cow scare

By PHILIP BRASHER
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — American farmers will benefit from Europe's mad-cow scare and resulting restrictions on animal feed that are expected to boost imports of U.S. soybeans.

The European Union is banning the use of meat and bone meal in animal feed to prevent the spread of the disease and will need an extra 1.3 million tons of soybean meal, the Agriculture Department said Tuesday.

The higher exports should help increase soybean prices. In its monthly estimate of world agricultural supplies and demand, the department estimated that prices for this year's U.S. soybean crop will average about \$4.80 per bushel, up 10 cents from last month's projection and 17 cents above the average price for the 1999 crop.

"It's certainly going to help us," said Bill Biedermann, a commodity analyst with Allendale Inc.

But, he added, "It may not have the sustained benefit that we would wish it to have" because of competition from soybean crops in Argentina and Brazil.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, is believed to be transmitted when cattle eat fodder with ground parts of infected animals. It is also thought to cause a form of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, a fatal brain-destroying ailment, in humans who eat meat from infected animals.

USDA lowered its price estimate for corn by 5 cents to about \$1.85 per bushel because of lower demand and increased

production worldwide. Prices for corn, soybeans and a variety of other farm commodities fell sharply in the late 1990s because of strong production and falling demand in Asia and Russia and have never rebounded.

U.S. corn exports dropped sharply this fall after it was disclosed that a gene-altered variety of corn, known as StarLink, had gotten into the nation's food supply without being approved for human consumption.

Exports also have been hurt by competition from Argentina,

which has increased its corn exports this year by 1 million tons.

The United States is expected to export 2.2 billion bushels of this year's crop, 75 million bushels less than the department projected last month. Last year's corn exports totaled 1.94 billion bushels.

The United States had record crops of both soybeans and corn this year.

USDA slightly lowered its forecast of this year's cotton crop to 17.4 million bales, but that is still 3 percent better than 1999.



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Museum showcases welder's compelling sketches

By MICHELLE KOIDIN
Associated Press Writer

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — As a somber-faced Hal Ketchum plucked at his guitar, a disheveled man with wild hair hovered, flipping to a fresh sheet in his 8-by-10 sketchpad.

The man took the same spot 5 to 10 feet away when Lucinda Williams belted out tunes for two-steppers gliding by and beer-chuggers leaning on worn wood tables.

Back then, in the late '80s, Ketchum and Williams weren't even big enough to play on the main stage at Gruene Hall, a rustic old dance hall revered by country music fans. But from a makeshift stage beside the bar, they likely could taste their dreams.

Back then, Mark Nelson, the rose-cheeked man with the hair shooting about, had all but given up on his dream of making a living as an artist.

Regulars at Gruene (pronounced "green") Hall couldn't help but notice Nelson, who started showing up in 1987.

Like the sets of initials carved up and down the long wood tables, his presence added another little touch to the charming 122-year-old hall, where George Strait and Lyle Lovett played before they were anybody.

Nelson would bounce in almost every week, sometimes several times a week,

usually when there was no cover. He'd have pens sticking out from the pocket of his untucked shirt and a sketchbook under his arm.

For the most part, he kept to himself, sticking to a spot where he had a clear view of the performer. Opening his spiral-bound pad, he'd turn his black, steel-point pen loose on the paper.

"He would just kind of lurk around the hall, nonobtrusive," said Mary Jane Nalley, co-owner of Gruene Hall, a few miles off the highway from Austin to San Antonio. "But everybody knew who he was or what he did."

Some weeks he would fill an entire 24-page pad. Some pads already contained sketches of his teen-age daughters, or scenes from church.

He did the drawings for himself. Sure, he'd sometimes offer them to the musicians, but only a photocopy that he would send in the mail. One time, he made a small collage and sent it to Ketchum as a Christmas card.

At home, Nelson would stack the filled sketchbooks in his father's old Navy suitcase or a couple of battered canvas-covered ones he picked up at Goodwill. One day, he figured, he would bury the suitcases in Voyageurs National Park in his home state of Minnesota. In his will, he would leave a treasure map for his two daughters to go and find his work.

After all, he had worked as a welder for more than half his life, and it had been

many years since he abandoned his dream to be a professional artist.

But as his hair turned from mouse-brown to silver, he continued to depict scenes at Gruene Hall.

There's more to the sketches than caricatures done at festivals. The jagged and free-flowing lines capture action — the tightened face of a singer in deep concentration, mariachis blowing horns, an old bearded man soothing a baby in the audience.

"The drawing," he said, "is my private kind of journal."

As a teen-ager in Minneapolis, Nelson sketched his classmates and teachers, animals at the zoo, fairgoers. After attending the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, he went to trade school to learn to weld. It was a skill he could use for art, creating metal sculptures, and for work.

He married and moved south, welding for a trucking company in Florida and on a shrimp boat off the Texas coast and working as a roughneck in a South Texas oil field.

From Galveston, where he worked on the 19th century ship Elissa, Nelson moved to New Braunfels in 1987 to be a line engineer for a boat manufacturer.

All along, he sketched, lacking money to buy materials for sculptures.

At one point, some of his watercolor-enhanced drawings were displayed at the Galveston library.

The few times he brought his metal sculptures into museums or galleries, he was turned away. And he never thought his drawings were good enough.

"They aren't huge paintings or anything," he said. "To make a splash in the art world, you sort of have to do big stuff."

Charlie Gallagher was one of the Gruene Hall patrons who tried to sneak peeks at Nelson's drawings.

Over the years, he'd approach now and then, but Nelson hardly looked up.

About three months ago, though, Gallagher was able to grab the attention of the 53-year-old artist.

"We're putting together an exhibition on Gruene Hall," he began.

Gallagher was the founder of a contemporary fine arts center in Houston, but he left the business when he moved to New Braunfels in the late '80s and went into real estate.

Just a few months ago, he returned to the art world when the people running the local Hummel Museum asked for his help.

While they wanted to show respect for New Braunfels' German heritage by keeping the figurines inspired by the artwork of German nun M.I. Hummel, they felt it was time to broaden the museum's appeal.

They changed the name to New Braunfels Museum of Art. They changed

the focus to Texas art, folk art and music. Nelson jumped at the chance to show his drawings to Gallagher, loading the sketchbooks into his '86 Subaru and heading to the museum, about three miles from the dance hall.

Gallagher reviewed 600 to 700 sketches. "I have watched a lot of these shows, and he captured moments from those shows," Gallagher said. "The spirit of the performance is there."

They chose 267 drawings, hanging photocopies so Nelson wouldn't have to rip the originals from the books.

The drawings make up the heart of the exhibit. There's also a guitar signed by Lovett and an album cover signed by Strait that features a photo of him shot at Gruene Hall. There's newspaper clippings, memorabilia and photographs.

No art critics have reviewed the work, on display until Feb. 6, but Gallagher wants to lure one as he seeks grants and donations for the budding museum.

It's a bittersweet moment for Nelson, who wonders if he could have made it happen sooner.

Any regrets are tempered by feelings of pride.

"If you have dreams and they don't come true, then a lot of people quit doing it," he said.

"The reward," he said, "should be the satisfaction that you have from your work, or the fun you have while doing it. I get all that."

White House yule traditions on display in Delaware museum

CENTERVILLE, Del. (AP) — Who will light White House Christmas trees of the future is as much a question mark as the winner of this year's election has been, but voters can come now to see the yule traditions of presidents past.

The Winterthur Museum has opened its first White House Christmas tour, a series of displays called "Yuletide at Winterthur: America's First Families" highlighting the Christmas lore of past White House residents.

The displays range from a re-creation of a snowball fight inside the White House during President Andrew Jackson's term to a glamorous Christmas tree decorated by Jacqueline Kennedy.

"This is a nice reminder of the grace and beauty of what the White House can be about," said Elizabeth Murray, a Pennsylvania woman who was taking in the museum's gilded walls and shining tea services. Some 30,000 people are expected to visit the museum before the tour ends Jan. 7.

Behind one velvet rope stands the mannequin of a boy, his hand brushing the needles of a 2-foot-tall tree decorated with electric lights and hand-drawn Christmas decorations.

It is a rendition of 8-year-old Archie Roosevelt, who in 1902 sneaked the tiny tree into his bedroom

after his father, conservation-minded President Teddy Roosevelt, said the White House would not be having a Christmas tree.

The scenes are put together with historical care. The lights on Archie's tree, for example, are replicas of the round-bulb electrical lights used at the time of his father's presidency.

The Winterthur researchers knew about the tree, and what was on it, after finding details in a letter the president wrote to a friend.

In the museum's glass-walled conservatory is a towering tree decorated with brass horns, angels and painted nutcrackers — a replica of the Kennedys' 1961 White House tree.

Elaine Hall, a Winterthur researcher, used photographs supplied by White House archivists to duplicate the Kennedy tree.

"We try to make everything as authentic as possible," Hall said.

The tour took Hall and two other Winterthur archivists a year to put together. They pored over letters, diaries, old magazines, even old cookbooks, in a search for details to cement the reality of the scenes they were designing.

"They were great diarists back then. They wrote down, literally, everything," she said.

For example, Winterthur learned the details of a Jan. 4, 1824, party given in the White House of President James Monroe by Vice President John Quincy Adams through the diary entries of Adams' son, Charles.

The party was to honor Gen. Andrew Jackson, the "Hero of New Orleans," and the diary told of flower petals and eagles sketched in chalk on the ballroom's wooden floor and of greens twisted around columns in the rooms.

Detail was vital for the displays, Hall said.

When museum workers decided to build a model of a 1,235-pound cheese given to President Thomas Jefferson in 1802, they called a food historian who could tell them what the cheese looked like and what color it would be.

Hence, there is a giant wheel of faux cheese — 4 feet, 4 inches across and 15 inches thick, made of styrofoam and spackle — with wedges cut out as if for a presidential wine-and-cheese party.

But most of the attention is paid to the presidential Christmas trees.

On a tree decorated in World War II, when metal was scarce, chains of colored paper twist around the boughs instead of shining stars and spheres. The tree has no lights, because Washington under

President Franklin Roosevelt had blackout precautions to reduce the threat from enemy bombers.

There is a tribute to the first electrified White House tree, for Christmas 1896 in the administration of President Grover Cleveland.

All the china plates and punch bowls in the displays, even eight silver tankards sitting on a side table, all fashioned by Revolutionary War hero Paul Revere, are part of the collection started by Henry Francis du Pont in 1927.

Du Pont's passion for fine things and restoration was famous. When Mrs. Kennedy decided to restore the White House, she asked du Pont to head up the effort. Her handwritten thank-you notes are on display in the museum, next to the conservatory where the replica of the Kennedy Christmas tree stands.

Winterthur still acquires art and other fine things, but its current collection of more than 89,000 pieces was built during du Pont's lifetime.

Du Pont also left behind 1,200 boxes of documents: correspondence, receipts and records, all of which are still being sifted through by museum workers.

"They literally saved everything," Hall said.

'Nasal-naut' checks smells of space-bound substances

By DANIEL PEREZ
El Paso Times

EL PASO — George Aldrich has gone on 733 missions for NASA but has never spent a moment in space. He is a self-proclaimed "nasal-naut" who for 26 years has volunteered to smell things that go inside space capsules.

From epoxies and refrigerators to adult diapers and deodorant tampons, Aldrich is the senior smeller in the program based at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration White Sands Test Facility near Las Cruces.

The value of the Offgassing and Odor Lab, which was started in the mid-1960s, is easy to comprehend if one considers the money spent on a space shuttle flight or a mission aboard the international space station.

An illness or allergy could compromise the effectiveness of the astronauts, who are responsible for technical expertise and critical decisions during a mission. NASA officials do not want space stench to divert attention. "It's not as if you can roll down the windows in space," said Aldrich, a 45-year-old Las Cruces resident who is a chemical specialist in the Honeywell lab.

Test facility leaders have heard several astronauts applaud the lab's mission, said Harry Johnson, chief of the facility's laboratories. "What we do protects the astronauts from toxic hazards from materials and assembled items they carry with them and live with in space," he said. "If (astronauts) are uncomfortable, they won't be as effective."

The need for the odor lab

should increase in coming years, Johnson said. He said new items will be needed to repair the International Space Station, where ingredients will have to be mixed and cured in space.

Materials such as fabrics, paints, plastics, wiring and toiletries are studied for toxicity before they can be smelled by the odor panel.

The odor lab, which has a budget of less than \$400,000, employs nine people, including four chemists and three technicians. They study items as needed for NASA and the Navy, for use aboard spacecraft and submarines.

It's one of the testing areas in the 28-square-mile NASA facility that opened in 1963. About 1,100 people work at the site, which tests and evaluates potentially hazardous materials, components and rocket propulsion systems.

Aldrich said he joined the odor program when he was a NASA firefighter in 1974. He has stayed with the program because he saw value in it. He referred to a classic example that helps volunteer testers realize their importance.

Space crews were given new mission flight plans in the early 1970s. The new books included tests that weren't done because of the aborted Apollo 13 flight.

The odor panel reported the ink, which had passed the toxicity test, had an acrid smell. Within hours, the throat and nasal passages of all five testers were blistered. Their lesions took several days to heal.

Officials agreed that the astronauts probably would have suffered the same fate and another multimillion dollar mission could have been aborted because the

printer had changed the ink formula.

"Our work is directly related," said Rosemary Robles, a member of the odor test panel. "The astronauts are grateful. They don't want to get sick."

Robles, from East El Paso, and Aldrich were among the five testers who tested an aluminum epoxy last week that might be needed on a future space mission.

Aldrich has taken his volunteer position seriously, but he is not above having fun with it.

He has been a celebrity judge in the Armed Forces Odor-Eaters Rotten Sneaker Contest at White Sands Missile Range and at the international competition in Montpelier, Vt.

He is the most credentialed judge in the competition, said Jim Salvador, youth recreation specialist at White Sands Missile Range.

"I don't know George personally, but I know he's serious about his sniffing," Salvador said. "He comes in his white lab coat and brings up the status of the whole contest."

Aldrich's title as NASA's biggest "smeller feller" has gotten him spots on television game shows "To Tell the Truth" and "I've Got a Secret," and numerous radio, newspaper and magazine interviews.

Although he said none of the more than 700 tests have irritated him, he said smelling those sneakers has given him headaches.

"Sometimes I have to ease up (from taking big whiffs)," Aldrich said. "The emcee usually tries to give me two-to-three minutes between contestants."

California lifts restrictions on Wildlife Waystation

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California lifted restrictions that had barred the state's largest wildlife sanctuary for abandoned and mistreated animals from accepting new residents or exhibiting current ones.

The 160-acre Wildlife Waystation, which houses 1,200


horses, chimpanzees, lions, wolves and other exotic animals, may reopen to the public this weekend.

The facility, in the northeast San Fernando Valley, was closed in April for environmental and safety violations.

Most infractions have been cor-

rected, but cage violations still need to be fixed, and employees must complete state-mandated training, state Fish and Game officials said Thursday.

The Waystation remains on probation for environmental violations, such as dumping animal waste into creek beds.

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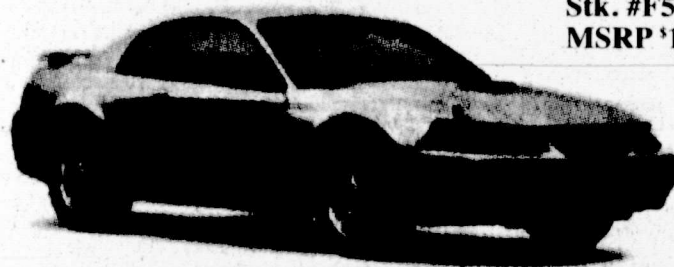
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\$359 a month
Auto, AC, CD, Captain Chairs

Stk. #F4207
MSRP \$24,290



2001 CROWN VICTORIA

\$369 a month
V8, AC, Auto, CD

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- P139 1996 DODGE RAM 3/4 Ton, X/C, 54XXX Miles \$17,995⁰⁰
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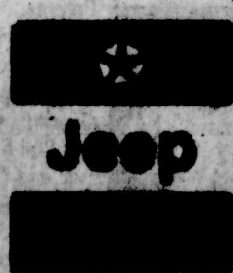
2000 F250 SUPER DUTY

\$499 a month
4x4, Power Stroke, Super Cab

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