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HOUSTON (AP) — The world's first indoor baseball park could become its biggest luxury casino if a Texas lawmaker has his way. State Rep. Ron Wilson wants to bring the Astrodome back to life, wagering that the state and county could pull in probably \$1 billion in revenue a year running the gambling operation. "I think it's an excellent idea; the Eighth Wonder of the World. You've already got 30,000 parking spaces," said Jordy Tollett, president and chief executive officer of the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau. Wilson's sponsored gambling proposals before.

DEATHS

Mary Ann Speed Hawkins, 76, long time Pampa resident.
William F. Stroud, 86, a World War II veteran.
Juanita Parcell, a Pampa resident.

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Pampa church hosts free Christmas dinner

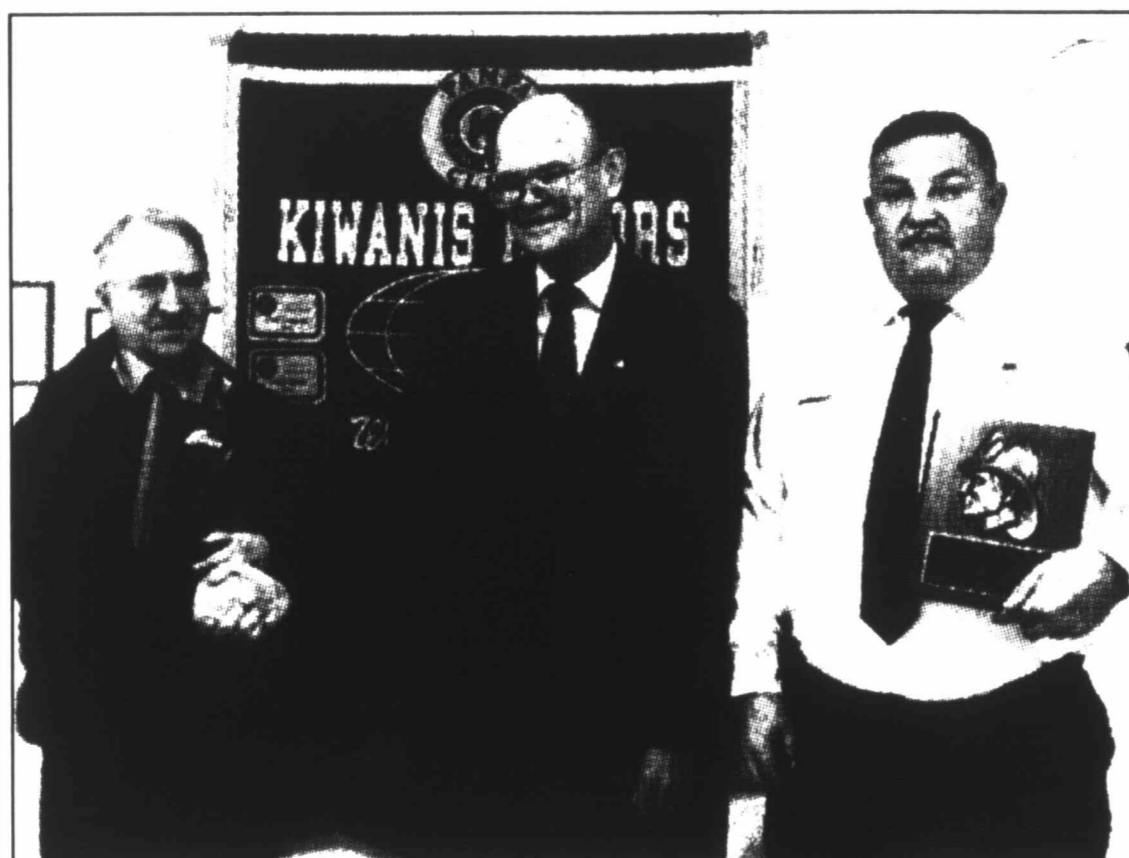
Good food and fellowship top the Christmas Day menu offered by Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ to everyone in the community. Any Pampa resident who doesn't want to spend Christmas Day alone is invited to share a free Christmas dinner served by the members of

Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, located across from Pampa High School. The church has served the public holiday meal for the past 17 years. "Even though this event only happens once a year, we hope that it is representative of our desire to be there year-

round for those who are in need in our community. With our regular food and clothing distributions, we are trying to reflect the Lord's concern for physical needs in close partnership with His primary work of spiritual redemption," said Rodney Tedford, minister. "We are happy that we have

this wonderful opportunity to share the Lord's bountiful blessings with others during this holiday season. We hope to have a house full!" Many of the church families who help with the dinner have established this as a Christmas tradition with their children who assist with the

day's activities. Entire families help by assisting with the cooking, serving, decorating, and greeting of guests. Many families arrive early Christmas morning at the Fellowship Hall on Mary Ellen Street to begin the preparations. The church-wide outreach (See CHRISTMAS, Page 3)



Gray County Jail Administrator David Potter, left, and Pampa Fire Capt. Mike Day, right, are congratulated on their awards for outstanding public service by John Warner of the Downtown Kiwanis Club.

Potter and Day cited for outstanding public service

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Two longtime emergency workers were recognized Friday by the Downtown Kiwanis Club as outstanding in their public service to the people of Pampa and Gray County. Gray County Jail Administrator David Potter was named 2002 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year while Captain Mike Day was named the 2002 Firefighter of the Year. Describing the two men, Kiwanian John Warner told the approximately 40 members of the organization and their guests that the two men were assets to their communities and respected by their co-workers.

"David Potter serves the citizens of Gray County, Texas, every working day in pain as the Jail Administrator of the Gray County Jail," said Warner. "He has severe arthritis which often makes it difficult for him to move. Yet he rarely misses work and has accumulated more than 400 hours of sick leave." Warner said Potter's wife, Cathy, often encourages her husband to take off until he feels better. "That would just leave them in a bind," he says, and keeps on working. The couple has two children, four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. He is a U.S. Army veteran and served in Viet Nam. (See OUTSTANDING, Page 3)

U.S. soldier killed in Afghanistan as commander warns of more attacks

By TODD PITMAN
 Associated Press Writer

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — Hours after a top American commander warned that coalition troops face the threat of increased attacks, a U.S. soldier was killed Saturday in a firefight in Afghanistan while another was injured by rocket fire in a separate incident. The soldier who died was shot while on a nighttime operation in the eastern province of Paktika, near the border of Pakistan. His name was not released until his family could be notified. He was the first American soldier killed in combat in Afghanistan since May. Two other U.S. soldiers were injured in separate incidents and, in a third incident,

an American base came under rocket fire — underscoring the continuing danger in Afghanistan. On Friday, Lt. Gen. Daniel K. McNeil, a top U.S. commander in the region, warned that more attacks on American and allied troops were likely. "Is there likely to be an increase in hostile acts against the coalition? I think yes," McNeill told The Associated Press in an interview. McNeil, speaking from the U.S. command center at Bagram Air Base, said American forces were stepping up reconstruction efforts in the war-battered nation, but their first priority was to hunt down terrorists — and that job was not over. "We have not in my view captured or killed all the terrorists in Afghanistan," he

said. "Some of them have gone underground so deep that it's difficult for me to put an absolute mark on them." About 8,000 American troops are deployed across the mountainous nation, mostly along the eastern border with Pakistan. McNeill said the soldiers were in Afghanistan for the long haul, and he did not expect troop strength to be reduced if the United States goes to war with Iraq. The soldier killed Saturday was in the eastern province of Paktika (Pak-TEE'-kuh) when his unit got into a firefight about 4 a.m. with forces suspected of being linked to the ousted Taliban regime or the al-Qaida, said Army spokesman Maj. Steve Clutter. "They had these individuals under observation for (See SOLDIER, Page 3)

Rylander warns shortfall could be higher than the \$5 billion that she initially predicted

By JIM VERTUNO
 Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Firing a warning shot of even tougher fiscal times for Texas, state Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said Friday the state budget shortfall could be "significantly larger" than the \$5 billion she predicted two years ago. Rylander isn't the first to predict the shortfall could be larger than first thought. But her remarks to graduates at Texas A&M University were significant because next month she will give lawmakers the official estimate of how much money they have to spend in the 2004-05 state budget.

"I have scores of Ph.D.s and economists on my staff, and they've been carefully monitoring our Texas economy," Rylander said. "And they've done a remarkable job, but now they're telling me that the economy has softened to the point that the initial \$5 billion shortfall I warned about two years ago could grow significantly larger." Some state lawmakers had predicted the figure could be higher, but Rylander had previously refused to budge off her original estimate. Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, said in September the shortfall could be as high as \$12 billion. Rylander dismissed it as a doomsday prediction and said at the time \$5 billion was "concrete." Texas is not in a recession, but "we are in an extended period of anemic growth," Rylander said. She did not reveal a new estimate on Friday and said she would wait as long as possible before the start of the next legislative session on Jan. 14. "I will wait as long as necessary so I can watch every possible economic indicator before releasing the next revenue estimate," she said in a copy of the speech provided to The Associated Press. Rylander's office did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment. The state constitution prohibits a budget deficit. The shortfall is the amount of money needed to cover higher-than-expected costs in the current budget. Those overruns will be covered with money that would otherwise be spent in the next two-year spending plan. Gov. Rick Perry and legislative leaders have said the shortfall can be managed without raising taxes. Others have predicted lawmakers will be forced to slash services in order to trim spending. "This reinforces why the governor has said fiscal responsibility will be one of his top priorities in the next session," Perry spokesman Gene Acuna said. Perry will work with Lt. Gov.-elect David Dewhurst and presumptive Speaker Tom Craddick — all Republicans — in drafting a state budget that meets basic services, Acuna said. "We still won't know where we stand until final revenue estimates are announced next month," he said. One key legislator said lawmakers can live with Rylander's latest prediction. "It's not a surprise to me," (See SHORTFALL, Page 3)

Fort Worth horse bites Dallas mayor during goodwill visit

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — You can lead a Fort Worth horse to Dallas, but you can't make it be nice. Happy Jack, a horse from the Fort Worth herd, bit Dallas Mayor Laura Miller on the right arm Thursday during a trip meant to cordially invite the City Council to the 107th Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth next month. Miller, who laughed after the horse nipped her, said it hurt but that she has dealt with worse in her political career. Fort Worth started a daily cattle drive in 1999, the city's 150th anniversary, as a tourist attraction. Several horses herd more than a dozen longhorns

down a side road in the historic Stockyards. The herd representatives' appearance in downtown Dallas was the latest in Fort Worth officials' ongoing effort to make nice with their neighbor to the east since Miller became mayor in January. The one-time intense rivalry between the two cities about 30 miles apart has faded in recent years. Fort Worth City Councilman Jim Lane said he hoped Miller was OK, then laughed heartily at the horse's antics. "Maybe Happy Jack was giving her a love bite, or maybe he was mad at her because he had to go to Dallas," Lane said.

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OBITUARIES

MARY ANN SPEED HAWKINS
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Mary Ann Speed Hawkins, 76, of Pampa, died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002. Services will be at 2 p.m., Monday in First Christian Church with Barry Loving, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Hawkins was born Aug. 12, 1926, in Tulsa, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1930, graduating from Pampa High School in 1944. She married Leaton Dale Hawkins on April 7, 1946, in Pampa. She worked for Hawkins Radio Lab for approximately 22 years as a bookkeeper, retiring in 1982.

She was a lifelong member of the First Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Carrie Jean Speed, in 1963; and her parents, William E. "Bill" Speed, in 1959, and Carrie Emily Speed, in 1985.

Survivors include her husband, Leaton Dale Hawkins, of the home; a son, Stephen

Dale Hawkins and his wife Gloria of Pampa; a daughter, Jean Ann DuBowik and her husband Joe of Austin; five grandchildren, Steve Hawkins of Dallas, Matt Hawkins of Lubbock, and Keeley Martinez, Randy Randle, and Will Randle, all of San Antonio; and three great-grandsons.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065; or to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



JUANITA PARCELL

Juanita Parcell of Pampa died Friday, Dec. 20, 2002. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral

Directors of Pampa.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com on the Internet.

SERVICES TOMORROW

CUPELL, David — 11 a.m., First Baptist Church, Liberal, Kan.
HAWKINS, Mary Ann Speed — 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Pampa.

ON RECORD

SHERIFF

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

Friday, Dec. 20

Ashmad Rashard Sessions, 22, 922 Love, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of delivery of a controlled substance.

Guy H. Salom Jr., 54, North Miami Beach, Fla., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of possession of marijuana, more than five pounds, but less than 50.

Antonio Alfaro, 42, Moriarty, N.M., was

arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of possession of marijuana, more than five pounds, but less than 50, and on charges of evading arrest.

Cassandra Ann Ramirez, 18, 322 N. Christy, was arrested by Pampa police officers on warrants out of Terry County charging her with burglary of a habitation and possession of a forged instrument.

Saturday, Dec. 21

Tammy Jo Ellis, 36, 624 E. Craven, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of simple assault.

WEATHER FOCUS

A winter storm watch in effect for Monday and Monday night for the area. Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy skies with highs in the mid 40s, and woutheast winds 5 to 15 mph. Sunday night should be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow, lows in the mid 20s, east winds 5 to 15 mph, and a 20 percent chance of snow. Monday shoulder be cooler. Snow showers likely. Snow accumulation of 1 to 4 inches. Highs in the mid 20s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of snow 60 percent. Monday night, snow showers likely. Moderate snow accumulations. Lows in the

lower 20s. Chance of snow 70 percent. Tuesday, cloudy. Chance of snow showers in the morning then slight chance of snow in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 20s. Chance of snow 50 percent. Tuesday night, cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Christmas Day, cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s. Wednesday night, cloudy. Chance of snow. Lows in the lower 20s. Chance of snow 30 percent. Thursday, cloudy. Chance of snow. Highs in the mid 30s. Chance of snow 30 percent. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s.

City Briefs

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Frist ready to step up to plate to take Lott's place in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — It took Republicans little time to anoint Bill Frist as Senate majority leader after Trent Lott's historic resignation over his apparent nostalgia for segregation, and not long for critics to launch a scrutiny of Frist's own history with race.

While Frist seems a shoo-in — none of the 51 GOP senators challenged him after Lott's resignation Friday — the Tennessee heart surgeon faced questions about allegations of minority intimidation during this year's Senate race and his former membership in a white-only country club.

Senate Republicans didn't seem too concerned, rushing to endorse their affable colleague. They planned a conference call Monday to tally votes — although interviews by The Associated Press Friday showed Frist has more than the 26 votes he needs when the GOP takes over the Senate Jan. 7.

The party wants to repair its relations with America's minorities and move on to this year's congressional agenda.

But Democrats said letting Lott go would not end the discussion on race started by the Mississippiian at the 100th birthday party for South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond on Dec. 5. Lott said Americans would have been better served had Thurmond won his 1948 segre-

gationist campaign for president.

"Sen. Lott's remarks represent a symptom of a much larger problem his resignation does not solve," Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., said in a statement.

Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, called Friday for a Justice Department investigation of allegations that the National Republican Senatorial Committee — run by Frist — was behind the intimidation of minority voters during this year's election.

"Sen. Frist owes us a full accounting," Conyers said.

The nonpartisan Center for Public Integrity pointed out that Frist, 50, was a member of the then all-white Belle Meade Country Club in Nashville, Tenn., before entering public life. He resigned from the club before running for Senate in 1994, saying he left because of the impression it left with voters.

Frist's past drew other spotlights as well. Consumer groups criticized Frist for owning stocks in HCA, the nation's largest for-profit hospital chain, which settled allegations of health care fraud this week for \$631 million. HCA's founders include Frist's late father and brother.

The Humane Society raised Frist's shamed confession in a 1989 book to adopting cats as a medical student, and then experimenting on them. "We hope that the drive behind that pattern of behavior has been fully purged," said Wayne Pacelle, the Humane Society's senior vice president.

Frist, known to be close to President Bush, would offer the GOP a fresh face who often comes across in a reassuring manner.

When an anthrax-laden letter surfaced in the office of Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle's office a year ago, Frist — who periodically performs medical procedures in hospitals in the United States and Africa — led an effort to calm his colleagues and worried Americans.

He also has been a leading Republican on health care issues, and many Republicans say they believe he may consider a presidential run in 2008.

Frist said nothing about his candidacy for the Senate leadership Friday after being approached by several senators asking him to seek the job, only praising Lott for making "the selfless decision."

Leadership elections are notoriously unpredictable affairs in which promised votes fail to materialize and lawmakers' decisions are based on personal relationships, past conflicts and any number of unpredictable factors.

But most of Frist's Republican colleagues praised him and said the eight-year Senate veteran and millionaire heart surgeon would be good for the party.

"I am confident he will lead the Republican Party to accomplish important priorities for the American people," said Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., who was considered a potential rival of Frist.

Lott, a 30-year congressional veteran who as late as Thursday vowed to fight on for his leadership post, bowed out with a terse written statement that he was doing so "in the interest of pursuing the best possible agenda for the future of our country." He said he'd continue to serve in the Senate.

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OUTSTANDING

Known affectionately as "Mr. Potter" to all the inmates and employees of the sheriff's office, he has worked for Gray County since 1985. He served two years as Justice of the Peace before becoming a correctional officer, and has been the Jail Administrator for the past six years.

"He has the respect of the inmates," said Warner. "Somebody asked an inmate once what would happen to Mr. Potter in the event of a breakout. 'We'd take good care of Mr. Potter,' the inmate replied.

Warner went on to describe just how much Potter is respected when he experienced an accident while transporting a prisoner.

"Another time Mr. Potter was taking a prisoner to a doctor's office on a snowy, icy day. Those days are very difficult for him because he has had both hips and both knees replaced because of his arthritis," said Warner.

Potter fell on the snow and ice, said Warner, and was unable to get up.

"Hey, Joe," Potter said to his prisoner, related Warner. "Take this key, unlock those handcuffs and help me up."

The prisoner did. "It takes a great relationship with a prisoner to have him respond to that kind of trust," said Warner.

He said that Potter has to keep up with documents involving court appearances, arraignments, bail bonds, acquittals and convictions.

"Years ago, when defendants were sentenced to the

penitentiary, the sheriff or one of his deputies simply picked up a copy of the judgment and drove them to the prison at Huntsville," said Warner.

He explained that the system has changed.

"Now, Mr. Potter has to submit paperwork to the proper authority, wait for approval and then keep up with the prisoners while they are on a waiting list for transfer to one of the penitentiaries in Texas," said Warner. "Mr. Potter has developed a reputation with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for being reliable and having his paperwork in order."

As Jail Administrator, Potter supervises 16 correctional officers, and sees to it that the jail meets all the state requirements as well as the standards of decency.

"He is on call literally 24-hours of the day and night. This is a 24-hour a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year endeavor," he said.

Volumes of paperwork are involved in jail administration.

Summing up Mr. Potter's impact on law enforcement in Gray County, Sheriff Don Copeland said, "Mr. Potter is indispensable to me and to this office. He is so knowledgeable about the corrections aspect of law enforcement. The jail, under his direction, continues to meet or exceed the standards prescribed for county jails under state guidelines. Inmates are in court when they are supposed to be. Their paperwork is correct. Things in the jail run smoothly when Mr. Potter is in charge. He is truly a credit to this office, as

well as to the citizens of Gray County. He is one of our greatest assets at the Gray County Sheriff's office," said Sheriff Copeland.

With his constant pain, Potter continues to do his job.

"A lesser person might be totally disabled," Warner said.

Mike Day has been employed by the City of Pampa's Fire Department for more than 17 years. He has been a captain on "B" shift since Oct., 1993. He and his wife, Becky have two children: Misty is 18 and Shaun, 16.

He is a certified advanced firefighter. To achieve the certification he was required to have nine years experience as a firefighter and take at least 40 college hours or about a year and one-half of college training in firefighting courses.

Warner told of a recent incident in which Day's experience and caring were extremely beneficial.

"Recently Mike helped work a vehicular accident which occurred near the prison. A cold and scared lady was trapped in her vehicle. Mike's crew used the jaws of life to cut the driver's door off," said Warner. "However, when they did this the dashboard fell, keeping her trapped. When they lifted the dashboard up, the brake pedal pinned her in. Each time the crew tried something, they were frustrated. They literally hit a brick wall trying to free her. Fortunately, Mike had experience and knew how to handle the situation. He kept talking to the lady. 'How are you doing?' We are going to get you out of here.' He kept

her calm and kept encouraging his crew to stay calm. He finally had his crew cut the top off her vehicle to get her out."

Warner said when Day works a structure fire, Chief Kim Powell praises his ability to stand back and survey the entire situation rather than be drawn to the flame like a moth. "This allows him to make the best use of information fed him by the firefighters under his command. That ability comes from experience," he said.

Warner said Mike's experience keeps him from being caught off guard. He told of a grass fire in 1996 which was threatening a business on Wilks Street.

"Mike's crew answered the call. Power lines started to arc because of the extreme heat. White flashes, which were followed by sounds like shotgun blasts, created a dangerous situation for firefighters and their equipment. Mike saw the danger and calmly said to one of his crew, 'Power lines, man, better move.' The firefighter had been concentrating on the fire and had not recognized the danger. After the fire truck was moved to safety, Mike set up the attack, and his crew put out the fire with ease."

He also told of a grass fire which occurred in several years ago during the month of January near Celanese.

Mike and Jerry Tomaschik had been dispatched with only one engine because all of the boosters were out fighting a huge fire in southeast Gray County, said Warner.

"It was one of the days when the entire county was

burning up," Warner said Tomaschik told him.

"The road was covered by smoke. The wind was blowing fiercely. Mike and Jerry could not drive and see the road. Mike said, 'Let's put on air packs and drive slowly through the smoke. We can get to the other side.'"

Warner said Tomaschik said Day was very decisive.

"They had to get through the smoke in order to get to the fire. There was no time to find a detour route. They proceeded through the smoke. They had no idea if a stalled car or something else might be blocking the road. Mike wanted to be sure that they did not kill or injure somebody by rushing to the fire," said

Warner.

He told of a house fire Saturday, Dec. 14, on East Browning Street, and said his experience again paid off as there was danger of the fire spreading next door.

"Mike set up an attack to keep fire from spreading to other structures. He got a line on the other house first. Then he turned his crew's attention to the fire itself. His training and experience paid off again for the citizens of Pampa," he said.

Realizing that the firefighters must have a closeness in order to do the best job possible, he organizes family functions for firefighters who are on duty on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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CHRISTMAS

project is not limited to members of the local church.

The meal will be turkey, dressing, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, cran-

berry sauce, and desserts.

Church members cook turkeys and hams to be served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 25. Most of the congregation participate.

All on-duty emergency per-

sonnel including police, sheriff's deputies, fire department, and ambulance workers can join the Christmas Day meal.

The church also plans to deliver Christmas dinner for the Meals on Wheels program.

Deliveries will also be made to shut-ins who have made prior arrangements through the church office. There will be no take-out meals.

Additional information is available at 665-0031.

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awhile," Clutter said. "They were actually getting ready to approach them to investigate and as they got closer they realized they were armed."

The enemy forces fled across the border into Pakistan, Clutter said.

In the other incidents, a U.S. special operations soldier was hurt Friday afternoon when rockets were fired at a U.S. compound in Asadabad, the capital of Afghanistan's northeastern Kunar province.

The air base immediately sent an A-10 aircraft to Asadabad. It strafed the area with 2,000 rounds from its 40-mm guns to try to flush out the enemy attackers. It was not known whether any of the attackers was hurt or killed.

Rockets, many Chinese-made and connected to crude water timers, have been fired frequently at U.S. troops stationed at the Khost airfield in eastern Afghanistan.

A third soldier was hurt in a weapons training exercise with the Afghan military near Spinboldak in southeast Afghanistan. The soldier was trying to correct a misfire on a rocket-propelled grenade launcher at the time.

He was stable after under-

going surgery at Bagram. In the fourth incident, the military said two rockets were fired near a U.S. base at Khost in eastern Afghanistan. There were no injuries.

Despite the incidents, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers said the situation is getting better.

"U.S. and coalition forces have been shot at from time to time. We're going to take some casualties," Myers said while visiting troops at Bagram Saturday.

U.S. forces are hunting fugitive al-Qaida and Taliban in the rugged mountain peaks of eastern and northeastern Afghanistan. U.S. special forces are also looking for

renegade rebel commander Gulbuddin Hekmatyar in the same region. Hekmatyar has made frequent calls for a holy war against American soldiers in Afghanistan.

This week the United Nations issued a report saying that al-Qaida training camps had resumed in eastern Afghanistan. The camps are small and mobile.

The area also borders regions of Pakistan where suicide bombers are being recruited and trained.

The bombers are being offered \$50,000 for their families if they carry out suicide attacks in Afghanistan, the sources said.

With Saturday's death, 16

U.S. servicemen have been killed in combat or hostile situations in Afghanistan since the anti-terror campaign began last year. The most recent fatality was on May 19.

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said Rep. Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston, who is Craddick's likely choice to chair the budget-writing House Appropriations Committee. "We're prepared to deal with this as we go through the process. It's not an insurmountable task."

Rylander's latest prediction doesn't change Republicans' promises of no new taxes.

"Preparation is not altered," Heflin said. "It doesn't change that picture as far as I'm concerned."

Rylander, a Republican, also opposes new taxes.

"More taxes is not the answer," she said. "We Texans are made of strong stuff. We will come through this tough economy."



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A tongue: Small but powerful

My good friend, the late Doyle Burke from Newport, Ark., always had several funny stories to share with me each time I saw him, but some time back I saw him when he was almost speechless. It was at the Convention Center in Little Rock on the day he received a plaque to mark his retirement from the education profession. He was asked to say a few words before 600 of his peers. He simply stated, "it's better to remain silent and have people assume you are a fool than to speak and no longer have them assume it."



JIM DAVIDSON
COLUMNIST

The ability to speak is a wonderful gift that God has given us and for those who can develop it to a high degree of proficiency, it can bring all sorts of rewards. If I were to ask you to state in one word the most powerful part of the human body as it relates to speaking and communication, what would be your answer? If you said the little six letter word, called a T-O-N-G-U-E, you would be right.

The reason I believe this is true is because I've seen the tongue lift the spirits and motivate a 260-pound man to action, and I've also seen the tongue slash another person to shreds. Yes, the tongue is a very powerful thing and learning to control it is a goal worthy for any person. The tongue is like a two-edged sword: one side is good and the other side is bad. It's how we choose to

use it that makes the difference. It's only when we learn to control our tongue and use it for good that we can rightfully expect good things to happen in our lives. In my own experience I have found many people have Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde personalities in respect to their tongues.

When they're in public or "on stage", so to speak, they use their tongues one way, but when they are "off stage" you would never know they were the same people.

The Bible says in Matthew 15:18, "But those things that proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart and they defile the man." So there you have it — it's really the heart of a man or woman that determines the kind of speech that comes out of his or her mouth. The tongue, on the other hand, is just a protrusile, freely moving organ that in human beings serves as an organ of taste and speech. I believe if you will give this some serious thought, you will see that it

is not the smart or intelligent people or even those who are gifted with unusual skills, that learn to control their tongues wisely. It's the people whose hearts are right who exercise self-control and learn to speak only those things which serve to build lasting relationships.

If you have a problem controlling your tongue and you want to do something about it, a good place to start is to examine your heart. When you get your heart right with God and with others, it will be easier to control your tongue. I always admire the soft-spoken, gentle person who speaks the truth and is always positive when talking about others. There just seems to be an inner strength that says it's not necessary to tear others down to build themselves up.

Until next time, when it comes to our tongue and the words it produces, here is something to keep in mind; automobiles run and airplanes fly, but human beings literally talk themselves forward. A mediocre idea well expressed is often more effective than a better idea poorly expressed. Words are the most powerful success tools available to human beings. As I said in the beginning, it's all a matter of how we use that thing we call a T-O-N-G-U-E.

Write to Jim Davidson at 2 B. Atley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Amendment doesn't help

Texas Constitutional Amendment: The Office of Constable. This amendment which passed by an approximately 4-1 margin during the Nov. 5 election did little or nothing to afford commissioner courts the means in which to declare the office of Constable excess when it becomes evident the office is not necessary and constitutes a drain on the financial resources of the county.

When the amendment was drawn up, constables were asked to contribute their thoughts. The results which recently passed provides job security for every constable in the state of Texas whether or not the office is necessary for a period of seven years or two election cycles. An office cannot be declared dormant until it has not been filled by election or appointment for seven consecutive years. The passage of this amendment will not provide any cost savings in this area. It is hardly advisable to have the fox conduct running inventories of the hen house.

Local voters and commissioner courts should be provided the authority to eliminate the office of an incumbent constable if the court determines that the most cost-efficient and effective means of addressing the needs of the county would be to eliminate the office. Unfortunately this amendment did not provide that latitude.

Bill Reeves
McLean

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Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



Homeland Security: Bureaucratic monster

The new Department of Homeland Security will merge 22 federal agencies and 170,000 federal employees into one monstrous bureaucracy. It will not make America safer.

After all, the key agencies most directly involved in fighting terrorism are excluded. They are the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Defense Department, not to mention the National Security Agency. So, if the most important intelligence agencies are left as separate agencies, what do they hope to accomplish by consolidating less-important agencies?

It's bad enough they picked a name George Orwell might have thought of, but they are overselling this to the American public. It will take many months, probably even years, to actually put it together, and it is a rule of thumb in government that the bigger the bureaucracy, the harder it is to manage.

It's appropriate that it is being compared to the reorganization after World War II. That, too, was an Orwellian screw-up. Instead of a War Department - a lean, mean machine that had successfully carried us through two global wars and plenty of smaller ones - we got a Defense Department that soon ballooned into the elephantine bureaucracy it is today. Instead of the president talking directly to the people involved, we got the bureaucracy called the National Security



CHARLEY REESE
COLUMNIST

Council. And, of course, the Central Intelligence Agency that, as it turned out, was and is not today a real central intelligence agency because there are more than two dozen other agencies also engaged in intelligence.

If I had to sum up the essence of conservatism, I would say that it is the belief, founded on centuries of experience, that government is the least efficient way to do anything. The motto of government should always be "Keep It Simple, Stupid." The more layers between a decision at the top and execution at the bottom, the more expensive, inefficient and fouled up the mission is likely to be.

I know it's hard to believe, but Franklin Roosevelt fought World War II with a White House staff of about 15 people. And that was a global, two-front war with 12 million Americans under arms. Today's peacetime White House usually has a staff well over 3,000. At one point, there were 80,000 civilian bureaucrats in the Defense Department. I understand that's been trimmed, but I don't know by how many.

Why are we playing bureaucratic games when we cannot even find a 6-1/2-foot giant in a nation of short people? You can be sure Osama bin Laden is not burdened with a gigantic bureaucracy. Think about it. How would you manage 170,000 people? You know how government works. There will be layers and layers of submanagers between the head, who won't do much besides make speeches, and the people who actually do the work way down at the street level. They will be lucky if their instructions can filter down in three weeks.

Furthermore, you can count on the fact that in this long process of consolidation, the individual agencies will have their work disrupted. So under the most optimistic projections, the immediate effect will be less efficiency and effectiveness, not more. I hasten to add, of course, that only God knows how the Immigration and Naturalization Service could possibly be more inefficient and inept than it already is.

So, OK, I'm like old Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia. I can't think of anything good to say about this new monster bureaucracy. The only cheerful thing I can think of is what a British aristocrat, who hated us, said more than a century ago:

"God looks out for fools, drunks and the United States of America." I sure hope that still holds.

(Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802)

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Dec. 22, the 356th day of 2002. There are nine days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 22, 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge, U.S. Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe reportedly replied "Nuts!" when the Germans demanded that the Americans surrender.

On this date: In 1775, a Continental naval fleet was organized in the rebellious American colonies.

In 1807, Congress passed the Embargo Act, designed to force peace between Britain and France by cutting off all trade with Europe.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman sent a message to President Lincoln: "I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the city of Savannah."

In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.)

In 1941, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrived in Washington for a wartime conference with President Roosevelt.

In 1971, the United Nations General Assembly voted to ratify the election of Kurt Waldheim to be secretary-general.

In 1984, New York City resident Bernhard Goetz shot four black youths on a Manhattan subway, claiming they were about to rob him.

In 1989, Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, the last of Eastern Europe's

hard-line Communist rulers, was toppled from power in a popular uprising.

In 1989, playwright Samuel Beckett died in Paris at age 83.

In 1991, the body of Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, an American hostage murdered by his captors, was found dumped along a highway in Lebanon.

Ten years ago: President-elect Clinton chose Warren Christopher to be his secretary of state, and tapped Les Aspin as defense secretary. A Libyan Boeing 727 jetliner crashed, killing 157 people.

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Living on Love: Kilgore family raises 21 children

By BECKY CRABTREE
KILGORE NEWS HERALD

KILGORE, Texas — "Cheaper by the Dozen," a classic novel and true story of Frank and Lillian Gilbreath, a couple who strove to have 12 children, had a small family compared to one Kilgore household.

Take the number 12 and reverse it. Doris and Guenter Stone in Kilgore have 21 children, although six of the children are living on their own.

The Stones, who both grew up in one-child families, said they have always dreamed of having a large family, but they had no idea their family would become this large.

"When I was a young girl, I used to say I want 12 children, and I want to adopt a lot more," Doris Stone recalled. "I never knew it would really happen later. It was just something I've wanted to do my entire life."

Forty-one years ago, the Stones started their family with five biological children. But, they didn't want to stop there. They became foster parents nine years later, taking in the "hard-to-place" children that no one else wanted.

The Stones ran what Child Protective Services calls a group home, with at least 12 foster children in the home at all times.

Although they were subsidized \$1,000 per month from the state for each foster child, in addition to clothing allowances, the Stones said God had another plan for them.

"We felt God wanted us to give more of ourselves. God wanted us to give these kids more permanency. Even our best foster homes are not homes these kids know there is no permanency there. It is just sad," Doris Stone said.

At that time, the Stones were fostering four siblings who each had fetal alcohol syndrome. Doris Stone said a conversation with the oldest child, Corina, made her realize that adoption was the right thing to do for the children.

"Corina came up to me one day and said 'Momma, you're never going to leave me, are you?' I couldn't answer her. I knew she could be moved to another foster home at any time. When her mom died, we knew we had to adopt those four kids," she said.

Although Guenter Stone is twice retired, and the parents admit they are in their twilight years, the couple said they wouldn't spend their retirement days any other way.

"My daughter says 'Mom, this is a time in your life when most couples are traveling and going on cruises.' And, I say, 'We could go on a cruise and be retired, but then what would we do?' This way, we are busy all the time," Doris Stone said.

The Stones moved to Kilgore a year ago from La Marque, but the couple had to leave behind four of their bedridden children who require constant care. Their 32-year-old child and four nurses care for the children in La Marque until they will be able to move to Kilgore as well.

"As soon as we can add on to this house, we will bring them up here," Doris said, stating their Kilgore home is only 1,800 square feet.

"We had hoped as soon as we moved here we would add on, but then my husband had to quit Tyler Pipe and the income went down. We're at a stand still, but we are in prayer. On weekends, I go home and Guenter keeps the fort down here. We love the school system here, so we don't want to leave."

Although the Stones admit that supporting 15 children can be a challenge, they say a frugal lifestyle and faith in God gets them through the tough financial times.

"We support our family on savings, inheritance and just being blessed," Doris Stone explained. "God's been wonderful and has blessed us richly. Because we've been obeying Him, He provides for us."

Doris Stone admitted her weekly grocery bill runs \$400-600 per week, but she said her cooking habits help her keep the cost down.

"I remember when I was a child how my mother cooked from scratch and with lots of vegetables. I don't buy ready-made items. We even make our noodles. We peel our own potatoes, and the kids are good about eating their vegetables," she said.

All of the Stones' adopted children have disabilities ranging from autism to Downs syndrome to fetal alcohol syndrome, but their disabilities don't prevent them from helping out around the house.

"The children all make their own beds, and the two oldest ones help with the laundry in the evenings," Doris Stone said, pointing out that she does 7-8 loads of laundry per day here and 4-5 loads a day in La Marque.

Doris said she's never had anyone compare her to the nursery rhyme of the old woman in the shoe, who had so many kids she didn't know what to do.

"We know what to do," Guenter Stone replied.

However, the Stones said going out in public often means others will stare at their unconventional family. "They stare and say 'Do all of these belong to you?' and we say, 'Yes, aren't we blessed?'" Doris Stone said.

The Stones said taking in so many children does have its limits, however, and they will not adopt any more children when they can no longer provide for any more.

However, the holiday season already presents a financial strain for the family.

"Everyone gets three presents because otherwise, we simply couldn't afford it. They give us a list of six or seven items they want, but they know Santa can only pick three, and they seem to be happy," Doris Stone said.

Doris and Guenter Stone say their purpose for adopting so many children is to provide them with the love and attention they need and deserve. The family says they only wish other families would join them in their mission to adopt the children no one else wants.

"We have so many children in the State of Texas that are going into institutions and need to be adopted. They just need love. If we can do it, they can do it. We are not wealthy we are just ordinary people. There's always room to squeeze another person in," the couple said.

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Artist to be featured at museum

Grant works primarily through commissions, painting portraits, and showing in various galleries. He has been recognized internationally and in "Artist's Magazine" for two years.



(Photo courtesy of White Deer Land Museum)

White Deer Land Museum will host an exhibit of paintings by artist Grant Johnson Jan. 2-29 at its location at 112 S. Cuyler in downtown Pampa. The show is entitled "The Face Behind the Face" and will be on display during regular museum hours.

White Deer Land Museum is honored to be able to host a large body of work by local artist Grant Johnson. The exhibit is called "The Face Behind the Face," and will be shown during the month of January. The paintings will then leave Pampa and tour the country for approximately two years.

Johnson describes his feelings about this collection, "We all have one thing in common, regardless of race, creed, or color. We are human, the family of man. And we are emotional creatures, often concealing emotions behind the facade of the flesh. My motivation for producing this body of work is to reveal that hidden part of us all, the elements within us all that we might not rather expose.

"The goal is to have a better understanding of one another, even a deeper empathy. I hope as you view the work, you will try to 'feel' the subtlety of emotion, whether positive or negative.

"I chose to work in monochromatic tones throughout the series due to the feeling that vibrant color might detract from the emotional content that I envisioned. I hope that you will take time to view this work thoughtfully, to enjoy it, and maybe be 'moved' by it."

Grant works primarily through commissions, painting portraits, and showing in various galleries. He has been recognized internationally and in "Artist's Magazine" for two years. Johnson's work has won many awards in local and regional competitions, and he teaches at seminars, workshops, and the like. Grant

lives in Pampa with wife Kelly, who is an award-winning, published author.

White Deer Land Museum is located at 112 S. Cuyler. The collection of Grant Johnson's work will be housed in the Holland Wing Exhibit Room from Jan. 2-29, 2003. Visiting hours are from 1-4 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.

White Deer Land Museum Director, Anne Davidson, invites everyone to take the opportunity to see this series of paintings before they are moved down state.

"This is a unique collection right here in our own area," Davidson said. "We're delighted to have them."

WT regents okay Incubator purchase

CANYON — West Texas A&M University recently received approval from The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents to purchase a 31,000-square-foot building in Amarillo.

If subsequent approval is received from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the building, located at 2300 N. Western St., will house the University's Rural Agricultural/Business Incubator and Accelerator program.

"This takes us one step closer to launching the incubator full scale," Don Taylor, director of WTAMU's Office of Business Resources, said. "Once the Amarillo Hub is established, we plan to initiate satellite incubators throughout the region."

Based on a hub-and-spoke system, WTAMU's business incubator is a unique concept that combines a number of businesses under one roof, assuring the most effective and efficient use of resources — sharing expenses and benefiting from the entrepreneurial expertise and technological resources of the University. The incubator presently leases the property, which is located in Potter County.

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PAMPA MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Pampa Middle School recently released its honor roll for the second six-weeks grading period of the 2002-03 school year.

A HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade. Taylor Blake Aderholt, Brenna Danielle Alrucht, Kathryn Miranda Aler, Tryniti L. Chaney, Shannon Nicole Clay, John Luke Covalt, Keisha Leigh Crowell, Karmie Erin Doughty, Mary Elizabeth Dyson, Codi Lane Guthrie, Cole Allen Guyer, Andrew Ashley Hatcher, Jennifer Huffhines, Stephanie Joiner, Kara Leigh Lane, Rachel Arae Lee, Courtney Renee Linn, Taylor Ray Daniel Little, William Rex, McKay, Diana Renee Mechelay, Shelby Lynn Needham, Dayla Renea Newman, Carley Jo Richardson, Justin David Romero, Shawna Marie Salazar, Blake Ryan Sieck, April Rose Silva, Matthew Thomas Smith, Whitney Colette Webster, Holly Ann Winegeart.

Seventh Grade. Claire Elizabeth Boyd, Kristopher Neil Boyd, Colby Aaron Copeland, Jimmy Lee Craig, Annie Jo Day, Kristen Lea Dunn, Jesse T. Finney, Colden Trey Fortenberry, Anna Elizabeth Hillman, K'lyn Brook Holmes, Aaron Nathaniel Hudson, Kailee Bri Internann, Lacy Elizabeth Loving, Ryne D. Malone, Daniel Jad Mcguire, Kayla Diane Mendoza, Eddie Lee Pena, Dustyn Taylor Randle, Lindsey N. Riley, Brody Reece Russell, Lidia Salazar, Mary Lillian Street, Justin Wayne Strickland, Jacee Danae

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Eighth Grade. Jacklyn Jean Cargill, Todd Carter, Meredith Brooke Couts, Michael Craig Crowell, Amber Karen Fisher, Margaret Sue Hopkins, Kyle Mark Irvin, Shawn Alan Johnson, Cherish Autumn Kirkland, Eric Michael Knott, Richard V. Leal, Jack Andrew Mackie, Landon Allen McNeely, Angela Mechelay, Lensey Ann Mixon, Whitney Nicole Morris, Kenzi Lea Nickell, Holly Francene Owens, Maegani Marie Patterson, Aaron Pepper, Manuela Retana, Cody Lane Snow, Donald Van Houten, Isaac Jon-David Wilson.

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Don Snider, Veronica Solorzano, David Soto, Kayleen Stallings, Kathryn Stevens, Mark Richard Stone, Samantha R. Sutterfield, Lilian Vargas, Krystal Alexa Kay Voyles, Elizabeth Joy Wade, Gregory James Wariner, Lydia Joy West, James Drew Williams, Kelli Marie Willson, Cody Wayne Wood, Emily Faith Woodruff.

Eighth Grade. Michaela Yvonne Arzola, Natasha Erin Bailey, Jarod Allen Barrett, Jeremy Tyler Been, Ryan Kelly Braswell, Austin Doss Bruner, Dru Cameron Buttram, Jovany Cabrales, Marcos Campos, Kerri Dawn Carter, Levi N. Cave, Juan Antonio Chavez, Jaron Freeman Clark, James Walter Coffee, Bridget Katherine Craig, Maegan Nichole Crain, Robbie W. Dixon, Con Elliot Elledge, Courtney Marie Ericson, David Brett Ferrell, Jareth Fortenberry, Shon Anthony Freelen, Benjamin K. Gibson, Ricardo Adam Gonzales, Shaunna Lynne Gray, Kathryn Lyn Haire.

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Graduation exercises



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Rachel Debord, left, of Dalhart and Patti Montoya, right, a mass communications major from Pampa, recently received degrees from West Texas A&M University during commencement in the new WTAMU Event Center.



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Sixty percent of funding to purchase and equip the facility will be from federal appropriations, while 40 percent will come from state funds.

Once established, the incubator program — at the Amarillo Hub and at regional satellites — would be available to pre-venture businesses, start-ups and early stage companies that generate "new" revenue.

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CALENDAR ITEMS

COMMUNITY, CHURCHES

ACCORD. Gray County Chapter of Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development in Agriculture, Inc. (ACCORD INC.), meet the first and third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Lovett Memorial Library. For information, call 665-8516 or 665-7659.

Boy Scouts. Boy Scout leaders meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

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.

Clean Pampa, Inc. Clean Pampa, Inc., holds its monthly membership meeting at 12 noon on the second Tuesday of each month at Clint and Sons, 1421 N. Hobart. The public is welcome. No fee to join. For more information, call 665-2514. Office hours are 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Eastern Star. Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

Fellowship of Christian Cowboys. The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Jim Greene at 665-8067 and Bill Kidwell at 669-6347. For memorials or donations write Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, P.O. Box 91, Pampa, TX 79065.

Girl Scouts. Pampa Girl Scouts meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Pampa Girl Scout House on Kingsmill.

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.

Highland Baptist. Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, will host prayer time from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., each Thursday with a special time of prayer from 12:15-12:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at 669-6509.

Macedonia Baptist Church. Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

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

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966. Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at 420 W. Kingsmill.

Pampa Ministerial Alliance. Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes monthly.

Pampa Prison Ministry. The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

RCIA. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church hosts Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) beginning at 7:15 p.m., Wednesdays at 2004 Williston. For more information, call Aloise Martin at 883-4901 or Peggy Rodriguez at 669-2683.

Red Cross. Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers from the community to respond during times of crisis in Pampa and other parts of the county. As well as personal satisfaction, volunteers learn how to protect themselves and cope with disaster by planning ahead, particularly essential during tornado season. In addition, ARC is willing to deliver informational discussions on disaster preparedness to area church or community organizations. For more information, call (806) 669-7121.

St. Mark CME Church. St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Donations will be accepted.

Story Hour. Lovett Memorial Library will offer a story hour at 10 a.m., every Tuesday. The free program is open to children 18 months to 6 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

Veterans. To recognize the contributions Texas veterans have made to the liberty we enjoy, Memory Gardens Cemetery is assigning grave spaces to honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. If you are a veteran, you may be qualified for free burial space. However, you must register to obtain the free plot and you must show proof of honorable discharge. A number of veterans' spaces are available. Certificates will be issued on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, call (806) 665-8921.

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

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Golden Spread Coin Club. Golden Spread Coin Club, originally Amarillo Coin Club, meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month. GSCC is a member of American Numismatic Association. For more information, call (806) 352-8281 or (806) 342-9536.

Gray Co. Ass'n for Retarded Citizens. Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

Gray Co. Extension Education. Gray County Extension Education meets at 1:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Gray County Courthouse Annex.

Gray Co. Genealogical Society. Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society. Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

Magic Plains ABWA. Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at The Coffee Shop, 220 N. Cuyler. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

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Love,
—Nichole Rodriguez, 6

Dear Santa,
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Love,
—Oscar Salazar, 8

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas!
My name is Shelby Broaddus, and I am 8-years-old. For Christmas, I would like to have a new baby doll, a new CD player, two new movies, "Lilo and Stich," and "Stuart Little," and also some new clothes.

I will leave you a snack on the table.
Thank you,
—Shelby Broaddus, 8

The following letters were submitted by Mrs. Engle and Mrs. Collins pre-K classes at St. Matthew's

Episcopal Church:
Dear Santa,
My name is Nathan. I am 4-years-old. Since last year, I have been real good. For Christmas, I would like a Zoid. Thank you for the Zoid.

I hope you come see me real soon.
—Nathan Vike, 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Tessa. I am 4-years-old. Since last year, I have been good. For Christmas, I would like a singing Barbie. Thank you for the singing Barbie.

I hope you come to my home.
—Tessa Buckhaults, 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Cason. I am 4-years-old. Since last year, I have been playing with my doggies. For Christmas, I would like a pretend gun, a swather (hay baler), a tractor, and a Christmas tree. Thank you for my puppies.

I hope you bring doggy bones for my doggies.
—Cason Troxell, 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Emily. I am 4-years-old. Since last year, I have been good. For Christmas, I would like a Barbie house. Thank

you for the giving me presents. I hope you come.
—Emily Miller, 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Savannah. I am 5-years-old. Since last year, I have been watching cartoons. For Christmas, I would like skates and a Barbie house. Thank you for the all Christmas carols.

I hope you will have a good holiday.
—Savannah Watson, 5

Dear Santa,
My name is Brady. I am 4-years-old. Since last year, I have been to school. For Christmas, I would like a horse, a toy wolf, and a Spiderman and Batman. Thank you for my toys you gave me last year.

I hope you come to my house because I have been a good boy.
—Brady Harrison, 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Micheal Bryce. I am 4-years-old. Since last year, I have been good. For Christmas, I would like a Jake Snake, a Spiderman that is remote control and a Santa Claus toy. Thank you for my toys.

I hope you come to my house.
—Bryce Gordon, 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Junior. I am 4-years-old. Since last year, I have been good. For Christmas, I would like good presents. Thank you for my toys.

I hope you come to my house.
—Junior Villegas, 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Gage. I am 5-years-old. Since last year, I have been good. For Christmas, I would like a red combine and Power Rangers. Thank you for my toys.

I hope you work good on my toys.
—Gage Greenhouse, 5

Dear Santa,
My name is Cody. I am 4-years-old. Since last year, I have been good. For Christmas, I would like a red Power Ranger sword. Thank you for my Power Ranger.

I hope you will come to my house.
—Cody Beyer, 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Kylie. I am 5-years-old. Since last year, I have been good. For Christmas, I would like a Barbie Townhouse. Thank you for my Barbie Townhouse that you are going to bring me. I hope you come to my house because I will make you oatmeal cookies.
—Kylie Pickering, 5

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Angus Productions Inc. (API) will provide online coverage of the 2003 Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show. Cattle enthusiasts can go to www.4cattlemen.com for a wealth of information, news releases and links related to the convention as it happens. The convention is set for Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 2003, in Nashville, Tenn.

Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., is providing sponsorship of the Web site. The site will include a schedule of activities, summaries of the presentations at the Cattlemen's College, articles about the events that are taking place, reports of the various council meetings and some of the committee meetings, along with pictures and announcements of award winners.

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MEDICAL

Scientists peer into brains of mice, study effects of time

BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ
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Scientists have found a way to track tiny features of individual brain cells in living mice, providing a glimpse at how brains change over time. In one case, they watched the animals' brains rewire after their whiskers were clipped.

The technique will help scientists explore how the brain forms memories and reacts physically to its owner's experiences.

The advance "will have far-reaching implications" for studying the brain, according to Ole P. Ottersen and P. Johannes Helm of the University of Oslo in Norway. They wrote a commentary that accompanies two reports on the technique in a recent issue of the journal *Nature*.

Brain cells called neurons signal each other across tiny gaps, called synapses. The signals are received by tiny spines. Researchers in both studies followed the growth and destruction of the spines over time.

The researchers tracked the spines, which measure less than one twentieth the width of a human hair, using specially bred mice that carry a gene which makes some of their neurons glow. They used laser and electron microscopes to peek through windows implanted in the mouse skulls, or through skull bones thinned with a drill.

In one study, the researchers clipped the highly sensitive whiskers of mice and watched changes in the part of the brain that receives signals from the whiskers. Two to four days after clipping, the

number of spines created or lost in that area increased significantly, indicating new synapses were being created and others destroyed, the researchers reported.

Graham Knott, a researcher at the University of Lausanne in Switzerland and an author of the study, said the group had for the first time tracked a brain as it adapted to change.

"By changing the input to the brain, you've got a situation where you're changing the connections," Knott said.

"You knew you would get change... the way in which cells receive the information changes. But to actually look at and see physical changes, that's actually what's happening, you're actually watching the brain connect."

Michael Merzenich, a University of California at San Francisco researcher who studies the brain but was not involved in the new research, said the results were expected, but "no one has ever actually watched it happen."

In a separate study, researchers at the New York University School of Medicine found that such spines can be long-lived, much longer than the first group found.

Spines in the visual cortex, the part of the brain that responds to information from the eyes, lived longer in adult mice than young mice. The NYU group tracked young and adult mice over periods ranging from several hours to several months.

The findings suggest some spines can last an entire lifetime, but the

NYU researchers said they also found evidence of changes in the shape of individual spines, which could be a means of improving the efficiency of synapses.

Larry R. Squire, a neurobiologist at the University of California at San Diego School of Medicine, said the findings of the two studies are not necessarily contradictory because the researchers looked at different parts of the brain using differing techniques.

The findings of the two studies also are "some of the best evidence" about how synapses behave in adult mammalian brains and could help explain on how the human brain works, Squire said.

"There can be no doubt that similar phenomena occur in the human brain," Squire said.

Mammograms important for women with implants, UT researchers say

DALLAS—Misconceptions about mammograms among women with breast implants may place their health at risk, say doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Women who have undergone augmentations are less likely to have yearly mammograms because they assume implants interfere with the detection of breast cancer or that the procedure will cause their implants to rupture, said Dr. Phil Evans, who leads the breast imaging program at the Southwestern Center for Breast Care.

More than 206,000 women underwent breast augmentation procedures in the United States last year — a 533 percent increase since 1992 — so it's important to clear up the

misunderstanding about mammogram guidelines, said Evans, professor of radiology.

"Mammography is the single most important method for detecting breast cancer and reducing mortality," he said. "All women, including those with breast implants, who are 40 and older should have an annual mammogram and breast examination by a health-care professional and perform monthly breast self-exams."

According to the American Cancer Society, mammograms reduce breast cancer mortality by 66 percent.

Silicone- and saline-filled implants, which are encased in a silicone shell, create an opaque image on an X-ray. To get a better view of the

breast tissue in women with implants, radiologists take twice as many views — four of each breast.

During a standard mammogram, the breast is compressed between two plates to spread the tissue apart and accurately image the breast tissue.

"For women with implants, we use a special technique, known as implant-displaced views, to mobilize the implant away from the breast tissue," said Evans. "The implant is pushed back against the chest wall, and the breast tissue is pulled forward. This allows more breast tissue to be imaged than with the routine views."

Dr. Rod Rohrich, chairman of plastic surgery at UT Southwestern, performs about 100 breast augmentation procedures every year. He routinely reminds his patients who are 40 and older about the importance of mammo-

grams in detecting breast cancer.

"Most breast implant patients are reluctant to undergo a mammogram because they worry that the pressure will cause their implants to rupture," said Rohrich. "It is rare to have an implant rupture during a mammogram."

Evans agreed, saying he has never had an implant rupture during a mammogram exam in his 27 years in practice.

"The possibility of a rupture shouldn't deter women from having a mammogram," he said. "They should concentrate on the fact that a mam-

mogram may detect breast cancer at an early stage."

Evans said that from a radiologist's perspective, implants placed behind the chest wall allow better imaging of the breast tissue.

Women who have had their breasts augmented can still perform monthly breast self-exams as well.

"Regardless of the placement of the implant, women can still do self-exams. It is important for women to become familiar with their breast tissue and report any persistent changes to their physician," Evans said.

Combination vaccine spares infants from six painful shots

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parents, expect fewer screams in the pediatrician's office: A new vaccine that promises to cut out six of the 20 injections that babies get before age 2 won federal approval recently.

The vaccine, called Pediarix, combines into one injection today's shots that protect against five different diseases — diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, hepatitis B and polio.

Until now, it has taken nine separate injections for babies to get that much protection. Pediarix requires only three shots staggered through the first six months of life.

Pediarix won Food and Drug Administration approval after studies involving thousands of babies proved it was as effective as the nine separate shots. The combination vaccine will begin selling early next month, and cost about the same as the separate injections added together, said manufacturer GlaxoSmithKline.

Pediarix doesn't cover everything: Babies still will need separate shots to protect against two types of meningitis and pneumonia. After their first birthday, they start getting shots against other diseases, such as measles and chickenpox.

In 1980, babies were immunized against just four diseases. Today, by age 2 most children have had up to 20

shots to protect against 11 diseases. That mean more and more protection against deadly illnesses — and it also means more crying.

For parents, eliminating the need for six of the shots is good news.

Take Yehoshua Halle, who at age 6 months got a whopping six shots — the usual four immunization injections in addition to shots for the flu and another dangerous respiratory infection, needed because he was born premature.

"Even the nurse was amazed she had to administer six shots at one time," said his mother, Tamara Halle of Silver Spring, Md., recalling that October visit. "He did well, he did a fantastic job, but it's a lot for a little person to have to handle."

Fewer shots per visit doesn't eliminate the fact that babies still will cry through some injections at ages 2, 4 and 6 months, noted Mimi Laver, a Washington mother who remembered her now 17-month-old's inoculations as not being too bad.

"It's sad to see him crying. Once he was crying, the extra shot didn't really matter," she said. Her son, Noah Freedman, would calm down after a few minutes, leading her to conclude that while fewer shots are nice, "it doesn't rank high on my priorities for child health."

Remedy for cold may not be useful

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Echinacea, a popular but largely untested herbal remedy for the common cold, showed no benefit when given to a small group of college students with sore throats and stuffy noses, researchers say.

University of Wisconsin researchers gave capsules of the herb to 73 students suffering from cold symptoms. Another 75 got a placebo, or dummy pill, made of alfalfa. After 10 days, both had gotten equally ill, the study said. "Compared with placebo, unrefined echinacea provided no detectable benefit or harm," researchers wrote in the study published in a recent edition of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

The group of Wisconsin students taking the placebo was sick for an average of 5.75 days, compared to 6.27 days for the group given echinacea.

Echinacea flowers blossom throughout North American prairies and plains. Americans annually spend about \$300 million on the herb, according to the National Institutes of Health.

In an editorial accompanying the Wisconsin study, Dr. Ronald Turner of the University of Virginia School of Medicine said anecdotal reports about echinacea's benefits were "difficult to ignore," despite discouraging research, and deserved further study.

At least two large studies in Germany concluded the herb was safe and effective for treating cold symptoms. And a 1999 study of 95 employees at a York, Pa., nursing home found that drinking four to five cups of echinacea tea at the onset of a cold, followed by at least a cup a day, diminished symptoms and could cut the time of illness from about 14 days to about 4 days.

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AMARILLO — The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center recently received a donation in the amount of \$846,000 from the late Lois Lasche Hankins, a longtime supporter of the Center.

An official presentation was held Friday at the cancer center. Hankins, 72, died in March 2002 at Fort Worth. She retired as president of a credit union after 25 years of service and was director of Texas Credit Union League.

She married Roy Hankins in 1995 at Miami Shores. The owned Amarillo Area Glass and later Bar H Cattle Co. in Shamrock.

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For Christmas this year, I would like a carrykokie, CD's, a Mike teddybear, makeup, nail polish, shoes, books, Lilo and Stich movie, Stuart Little 2 movie, Mary-Kate and Ashley dolls, and an Easy bake oven. Could you please bring my baby brother a blanket, clothes, shoes, toys, and diapers?
We will leave you milk and cookies. Thank you.
Your friend,
—Michaela DuBois

Dear Santa,
My name is Jeff Richards, and I am 4-years-old. For Christmas, I would like "Attack of the Cone" Storm Troopers and that is it.
Thank, Santa!
Love,
—Jett Richards, 4

Dear Santa,
I am 3 1/2-years-old. I would like Transformers, HeMan, Power Rangers, Imagination, and clothes.

I am here visiting my grandpa and grandpa for a week, but I live in Palestine.

I have been a good boy, and I will leave you milk and cookies.

Tell Rudolph hello.
Love,
—Tyler Shae Marsh, 3 1/2

Dear Santa,
My name is Cameron Martin. I am 4-years-old. I want for Christmas some Play Station 2 games, especially wrestling because I like Chris Jericho.

I would also like to have two GI Joes and two Power Rangers. I have been a good boy this year. I will leave milk and cookies by the tree for you.

I love you. Merry Christmas.
—Cameron Martin, 4

Dear Santa,
I am fixing to be 1-year-old Jan. 1, so I don't want much on Christmas. I have to save some for my birthday.

I do want some clothes and toys and to start walking. If you have time, can you please take care of my Grandma Carolyn and Grandma Jean. They are both sick, and I want them better.

Thank you, Santa.
—Shylyna Sperry
P.S. Don't forget your milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,
I hope everything is good in the north pole.
For Christmas I would like a

DVD player and some kids DVD's. I would also like some shelves to keep my DVDs on. I want a remote control car for my barbies. And a few new barbies. I also would like the dolls called Bratz.

Thank you, Santa. Merry Christmas.
Love,
—Sarah Ennis

Dear Santa,
Iev-bean-good-all-day-and-night.

Dear-Santa-will-you-help-my-mommy-have-her-baby-pleas,Santa-I-No-you-can-do-it.
The-End
—Jade Smiles, 7

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm doing well in school. How busy are you? I'm very busy cause I'm playing basket ball, starting softball for my 4th year and I have a science project due in February! I don't have a clue on what I should do!

You know I could use a few things like! Some C.D.'s (please); Fib finder that tells you if you're friends lied about something funny; I need slippers for when my feet get cold and a dart board! Oh I play darts where ever theres a dart board!

I hope U enjoy youre cookies and carrots for the raindeer. Do you like milk or Diet Coke better? Just kidding!

My hand huts now and I have to go. Bye-Bye
—Sydney Minchin

Dear Santa,
How are you? Wut are you downen? I wut a gtr. I wut a drum set, a nutren is Jinz, and that is all.
Love,
—Madison Minchin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year, and I would like a baby doll, bicycle, Power Puff girl, toys, clothes, shoes, and my brothers have been good, too.
See you Christmas.
Love you,
—Payton, 3 1/2

Dear Santa,
I am Hannah's little sister, so she's going to help me. I have

been very good, too, and I would like to ride Rudolph, too.

I want a baby doll, too, some clothes, balloons, shoes, learning toys, and a puppy.

I sat on your lap last year, and I like it.
Love you,
—Lesley, 20 months

Dear Santa,
I hope you are feeling good. I'm just a little girl, but I've been very good. When you come, I would like to sit on Rudolph. He's my favorite.

I would like to have a patient baby doll, so I can take care of her, some sparkly dresses and shoes, "Lilo and Stich" movie, a kitty, and I still like dinosaurs.

I saw you looking at Baby Jesus, and I know you love him, too, so happy birthday, Jesus.

I'll help Lesley with her letter.
Love you,
—Hannah, 3 1/2

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year, and my brothers, too. I would like Bob the Builder toys, Blue's Clues toys, clothes, shoes, and a truck.

Be careful.
Love you,
—Bryce, 3 1/2

Dear Santa,
I want an Émergency Matchbox Car Wash. I want everything. I have been really good lately.

Love,
—Jimmy Townson, 4

Dear Santa,
I would like a easy bake oven and to learn to be good in school and to stop getting my name on the board and also to get me a wedding dress likes Samantha and let my mom now where Jaclynn lives and let me get a lot of spresents and make sure there girl stuff. Merry Christmas.
Love,
—Raquel Ramirez, 7

Dear Santa,
I want a gugnballz for Chiistmas and oso I want a new ballan and I wont a new fixins toy for Christmas.
Love,
—Miguel Resendiz

Dear Santa,
I want a big rateyo for Christmas, and some shows for Christmas to and I don't no what eles and proly a bicke ore some clows to please.
Love,
—Kiana Nelson, 8

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a Esey bake oven that makes ice cream, and a Diva star doll, and the blo pens with the whole set.
Love,
—Mariela Resendiz, 8

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a little

box with finger nell polage and lip stick and I even want fake nells or I want earrings or a neckles or a ring with a angle or hart or flower because I like those or I wood like some close or shoes or socks and a backpack too.
Love,
—Valeria Chavez, 7

Dear Santa,
I want a videocamara and a Playstanshan 2 for Chrims and a trapoling.
Love,
—Alfredo Renteria, 8

Dear Santa,
I love your job because it

makes childrens happy i like your elfs too how dis you do that well i know you are magick i gis wanted to know.
Love,
—Sierra Wildmon, 7

Dear Santa,
I want a video camar and I want a playstashin 2 four Chirstmas I want a fish. I want a knew puppy.
Love,
—Cali Brezner, 7

Dear Santa,
I want a sowich maker like my brother and can it be blue pleas.
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SPORTS

Harvesters beat Hereford in district opener

High School Basketball

HEREFORD — Pampa held off Hereford in the fourth quarter to open the District 3-4A season with a 59-51 win Friday night.

The two teams spent the first three quarters trading the lead, but the Harvesters scored eight points in a row early in the fourth quarter for a 50-41 advantage. Hereford rallied to cut the deficit to one with a minute left, but Pampa went on another scoring run for the eight-point margin of victory.

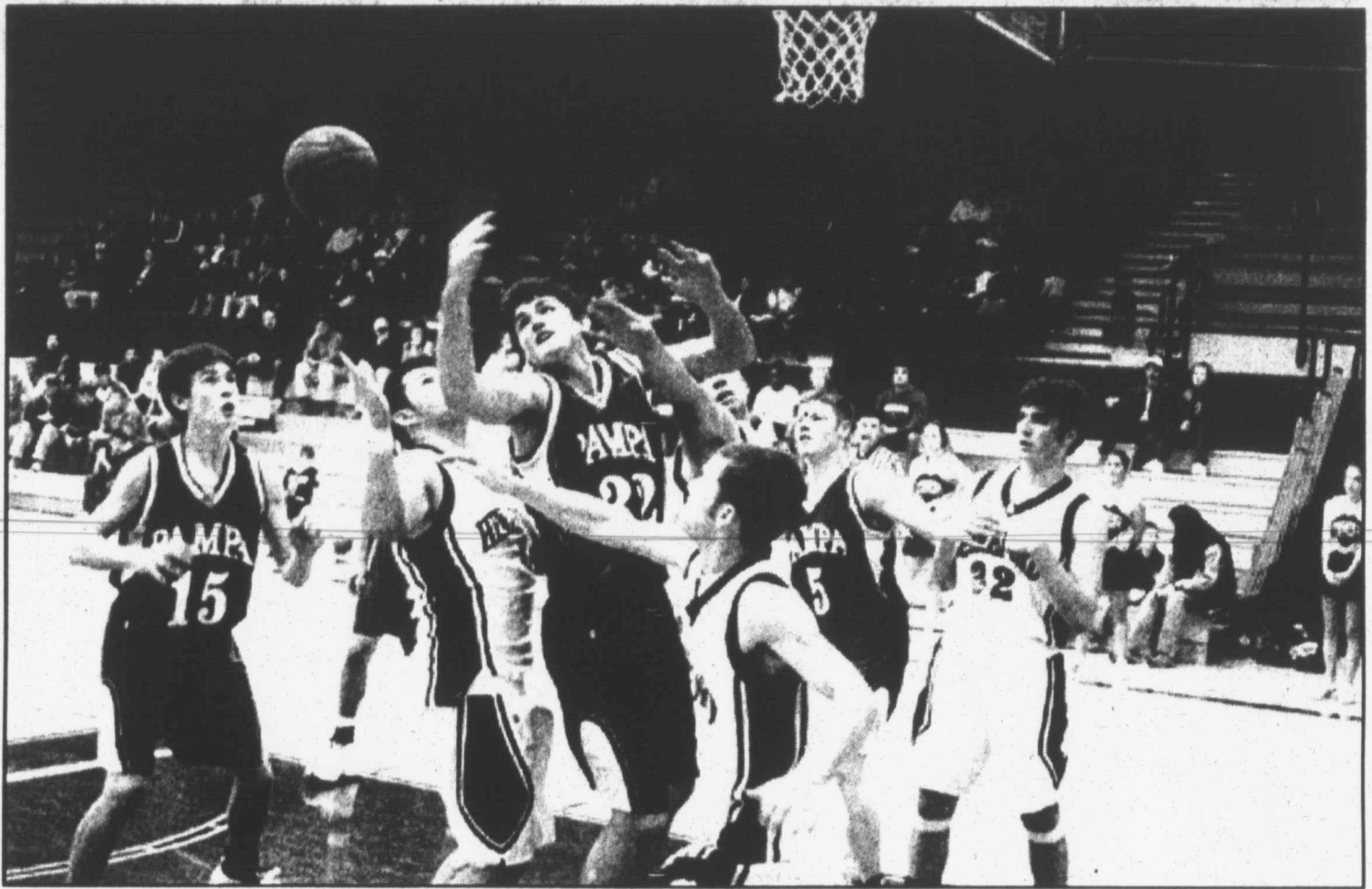
Max Simon led the Pampa offense with 14 points while Ryan Zemanek and James Silva chipped in 10 each.

Leading scorer for the Whitefaces was Jorge Gonzalez with 16 points. Raul Delgado and Russell Carr added 10 each.

Others who scored for the Harvesters were Collin Bowers with 8, Clayton Hall 6, Chance Bowers 4, Brittin East 4, and Jed Martin 3.

Pampa has a 5-9 record for the season while Hereford is 6-10.

Carlie Henson scored 21 points to lead Hereford past Pampa 68-47 in the girls



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa's Clayton Hall (15), Ryan Zemanek (center) and Collin Bowers (5) follow the bouncing ball in a rebound battle with Hereford.

contend. Jennie Waggoner had 10 points to lead Pampa, followed by Abbi Covalt with 9, Valerie Velez 6, Mariza Scott 5, Casey Fisher 5, Tara Jordan 5, Stacey Johnson 3, Billie Ramirez 2

and Jackie Gerber 2. Sarah Griffin added 17 points for the Lady Whitefaces. Hereford is 12-2 overall and 2-0 in district. Pampa is 3-10 and 0-3.

CHANNING — Groom rolled to a 37-13 win over Channing in girls basketball Friday night. Staci Britten topped the Tigerettes in scoring with 17 points. Amanda Conrad followed with 14 points.

Moore and Ford had 4 points each for Channing. Channing was a 51-18 winner in boys' action. Layne Grant paced Channing with 17 points. Cody Babcock had 11 points for the Tigers.

NOTEBOOK

GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills held a 4-man senior scramble last week.

Results are as follows:
1. Buzz Tarpley, Harley Knutson, John Howell and Callans George, 42.

2. Fred Courtney, Kent Olson, James Lee and Ken Williams, 62.

3. Bill Hammer, Bob Young, Charles Terrell and George Gamblin, 63.

4. Gary McCabe, Travis Johnston, Reece Fields and Butch Shepherd, 63.

PAMPA — The Pampa High golf team is raffling off a Yamaha 4-wheeler and other prizes at the Harvester basketball games Jan. 2 in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Limited ticket sales forced the team to cancel the drawing for a 2002 Ford Ranger pickup. Persons who have already purchased a ticket can have their money refunded or continue with the raffle.

Proceeds from the raffle will go to the golf program.

The following prizes will be given away at the Jan. 2 drawing.

— One 2003 Yamaha "Big Bear" 400 4x4 four-wheeler (retail value: \$5,500).

— One set of Ping i-3 irons (retail value: \$1,000).

— One Hewlett Packard computer (retail value: \$650).

— One 1/2 side of beef (retail value: \$550).

— One 19-inch TV-VCR-DVD combination set (retail value: \$350).

— One 25-pound beef pack (retail value: \$80).

— One \$75 gift certificate at Wal-Mart.

— One \$50 gift certificate at United.

FOOTBALL

EDMOND, Okla. (AP)

University of Central Oklahoma officials have selected a Sooner living in East Texas as head coach of the Bronchos football team.

Former University of Oklahoma player Chuck Langston was introduced as UCO's new football coach Friday morning.

Langston, 29, has been head coach at Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Texas, for the past three years. He replaces longtime UCO coach Gary Howard, who was fired at the end of this season.

Howard replaced Phil Ball as head coach in 1977 after Ball led the Bronchos 13 years.

Busy trading day sends Millwood to Phillies, Floyd to Mets

NEW YORK (AP) — Persistence paid off for the New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies.

The Phillies and Mets kept up their offseason dealing Friday, with Philadelphia acquiring right-hander Kevin Millwood from Atlanta, and New York agreeing in principle to a \$26 million, four-year deal with outfielder Cliff Floyd.

It was a busy day in baseball. Fred McGriff agreed to a one-year deal with Los Angeles, Sandy Alomar Jr. signed a \$700,000 deal with the Chicago White Sox, shortstop Mike Bordick agreed to a \$1 million deal with Toronto, and lefty Shawn Estes finalized a \$3 million deal with the Cubs.

Also, All-Star Robert Fick, World Series champion designated hitter Brad Fullmer, Jose Cruz Jr. and Shane Spencer all became free agents when their teams did not offer them con-

tracts for 2003. But the biggest news came in the NL East.

After watching the Braves run away with yet another division title this year, the Phillies and Mets have been two of the busiest teams this offseason.

The Phillies finished just two games behind Atlanta in the NL East in 2001, but faltered last year, finishing 21 1/2 games out.

Philadelphia already committed \$102 million to free agent first baseman Jim Thome and third baseman David Bell, but missed out on pitchers Tom Glavine and Jamie Moyer.

The Phillies are very pleased with their addition. "He had electric stuff last year," manager Larry Bowa said of Millwood. "He had the best stuff on that staff."

With the Braves looking to shed salary and unload an extra starter, they got catcher Johnny

Estrada for Millwood.

Millwood was 18-8 with a 3.24 ERA last season, helping the Braves win an unprecedented 11th straight division title. He made \$3.9 million last season. He is eligible for salary arbitration, and will get a hefty raise in 2003.

"We had no choice but to move payroll," Braves general manager John Schuerholz said. "We had to trade Kevin Millwood. It wasn't a pleasant thing to do."

The Mets committed \$44 million to sign Glavine and reliever Mike Stanton but still needed to upgrade one of the NL's worst offenses if they want to reverse a last-place finish.

Floyd batted .288 with 28 homers, 43 doubles and 79 RBIs last season for Florida, Montreal and Boston. He must pass a physical to make the deal official.

The Mets missed out on third

baseman Norihiro Nakamura, who decided to stay in Japan.

"Despite Mr. Nakamura's decision, today was a productive day for the Mets' organization," GM Steve Phillips said.

McGriff, whose deal also will be finalized when he passes a physical, will take over at first base after Los Angeles traded Eric Karros to the Cubs.

The 39-year-old McGriff hit .273 with 30 homers and 103 RBIs for the Cubs last season. He needs 22 homers to become the 17th player in history with 500.

"He is coming off another solid season and would add more power to our lineup," GM Dan Evans said.

After a disappointing 2002, Estes was reunited with manager Dusty Baker and former pitching coach Dick Pole.

Estes was an All-Star in 1997 when he pitched for Baker and Pole on the Giants, going

19-5 with a 3.18 ERA. But the former All-Star struggled last season, going 5-12 with a 5.10 ERA for Cincinnati and the Mets.

Alomar returned to the White Sox as a backup catcher five months after they traded him to Colorado.

Bordick finished last season with 110 consecutive games without an error and 543 consecutive errorless chances, both major league records for a shortstop. He will back up Chris Woodward.

Also, several players agreed to deals ahead of Friday's deadline to offer 2003 contracts to unsigned players on 40-man rosters: Florida infielders Luis Castillo (\$4.85 million) and Alex Gonzalez (\$1.7 million); Cubs catcher Paul Bako (\$750,000) and right-hander Alan Benes (\$600,000); Milwaukee lefty Valerio De Los Santos (\$925,000).

State legislator wants to transform Astrodome into casino

HOUSTON (AP) — The world's first indoor baseball park could become its biggest luxury casino if a Texas lawmaker has his way.

State Rep. Ron Wilson wants to bring the Astrodome back to life, wagering that the state and county could pull in

probably \$1 billion in revenue a year running the gambling operation.

"I think it's an excellent idea; the Eighth Wonder of the World. You've already got 30,000 parking spaces," Jordy Tollett, president and chief executive officer of the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau, told the Houston Chronicle in Saturday's editions.

Wilson has bet against the odds before. The Houston Democrat concedes he's sponsored state gaming proposals in the recent past that never

went anywhere.

The Astrodome, once the venue of former President Lyndon Johnson's barbecue for astronaut heroes and former President Bush's second nomination to the presidency, was also once home to the Houston Astros' National League team.

But since a retractable-roof facility was designed for construction next to the Astrodome, its fate has been in question. When the Astrodome opened in 1965, it was the largest such facility

ever. But some Houstonians are taking Wilson seriously after county officials scoffed at the idea.

County Commissioner Steve Radack noted that Wilson is known for his headline-grabbing exploits.

"It sounds like a publicity-seeking bill," said Radack. "Never mind the fact that the state doesn't own the dome, and never mind that the owners aren't even asked about it before he wastes a bunch of time drafting a bill."

The Texas Legislative

Council is drafting Wilson's measure, calling for Texans to amend the Texas Constitution to legalize state-sponsored gaming in Houston, Dallas and San Antonio.

"I like the idea of the state running casino gambling," said Wilson. "Then you can manage advertising, the number of compulsive gamblers it creates. If you have private industry that does it, they don't care about creating compulsive gamblers."

Wilson estimates development costs at \$25 million.

Hilltoppers win first football title

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Jack Harbaugh made a name for himself, and his Western Kentucky Hilltoppers lived up to theirs.

After 41 seasons, the father of former NFL quarterback Jim Harbaugh finally reached the pinnacle Friday night.

He guided Western Kentucky through a remarkable turnaround to its first football title, avenging an early loss by beating McNeese State 34-14 in the Division I-AA championship game.

The 63-year-old Harbaugh stood in disbelief on the sidelines as the clock ticked down to zero.

"I'm a very average coach," he said, reflecting on

his 116-95-3 record in 19 years as a head coach. In all, he's worked at eight colleges and three high schools.

"There is no possible way to explain the emotion I felt," he said. "I was fired at Western Michigan (in 1986). ... There aren't many coaches that get a second chance."

And not many teams like Western Kentucky get another chance.

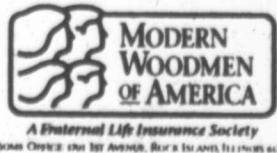
Jon Frazier ran for two touchdowns and Jeremi Johnson caught a TD pass for the Hilltoppers, who were 2-3 after a 38-13 loss to McNeese State on Sept. 28.

Western Kentucky won its final six games to reach the playoffs.

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Coyotes may outlive bounty offer

SEGUIN, Texas — Just about everybody here in Guadalupe County has a coyote story to tell.

County Commissioner Butch Kunde lost a cow and her calf to the wily canine. Coyotes put Marvin Voight's family out of the poultry business and killed the pet Chihuahua. And Voight hasn't seen a jackrabbit on his Cibolo ranchland in years.

"I could well do without them, that's my opinion," Voight, 73, said.

Tales such as this are why a program that pays \$15 for each coyote killed in Guadalupe County has enjoyed relatively strong support here for nearly a decade.

But the times could be catching up to the controversial bounty. Newly elected county officials might seek an end to the program, which has been around in some form since at least the 1950s.

Kunde, the program's leading proponent, was defeated in the March primaries. His successor said she has serious questions about the program's safety and effectiveness.

Commissioner-elect Judy Cope said she understands the problems that ranchers have with coyotes, but said she wants to "look at all the pros and cons" before renewing funding for the \$4,000-a-year program. "There's a lot of things that we really need to look at," Cope said. "I'd like to talk to other people and see if they have any other ideas of how we might do this other than the bounty program."

Although Cope said she hasn't made up her mind, her election has led to speculation that the program is on its way out.

"I'm sure when he (Kunde) gets out, the program will die," said Roger Bierstedt, manager of Producer's Coop in Seguin, one of six places in the county where people register coyotes for the bounty.

Super coyote

With few natural enemies, the coyote's main threat is people. As the population of the United States continues to grow and the coyote's natural habitat shrinks, it has learned to adapt to changing environments with astonishing ease, wildlife officials say.

Rural Guadalupe County's population has doubled in the past 15 years and is expected to double again in the next 15 years.

"It's not the coyote's fault. People are building right in the middle of them," Bierstedt said. "It seems to me like the coyote's going to survive no matter how many you kill. He was here before we were, and he'll be here after we're gone."

Since 1915, federal wildlife officials have hired trappers to kill predators as a service to ranchers. Their methods include poisoning, trapping and shooting them from helicopters.

The program led to an estimated 94,000 predators being killed in 1999 nationwide — 85 percent of them coyotes. That year in Oregon, nearly 8,000 were killed by federal hunters, according to conservation groups.

In one Texas county alone in 1996, 2,700 coyotes were killed by federal trappers, according to media reports.

In Texas, about 120 trappers are employed through a combination of local, state and federal funds.

Although Guadalupe County hasn't had its own federal trapper in years, surrounding counties pay around \$1,800 a month for the service, said Gary Nunley, the federal program's director for Texas.

That's about \$21,000 per year — five times the cost of Guadalupe's bounty. But the federal program also fights feral hogs, beavers and other predators that kill poultry, calves, deer, rabbits, sheep and other wildlife and livestock, Nunley said.

A few years ago, the county had the opportunity to take on a federal trapper but decided against it, Kunde said.

"It was discussed that it may be a more professional way to do things, but I kind felt like by doing it locally, the money was staying right here in Guadalupe County," he said.

But in spite of efforts nationwide to bring down their numbers by killing them, coyote populations have flourished, conservationists say.

"We've got coyotes in more numbers than we've ever had in the past," said David Gaillard of the Predator Conservation Alliance in Bozeman, Mont. "They're now in every state except Hawaii."

Killing coyotes instead of letting them control their own numbers "breeds a super coyote," he said. Fewer coyotes competing for food means that more pups can survive at a faster rate than people can kill them, he said. And without elder coyotes to teach natural survival techniques, the juveniles are more apt to seek out domestic animals and livestock, he said.

He and other conservationists also argue that coyotes account for only a tiny percentage of livestock losses each year.

According to the Agriculture Department, which runs the federal predator program, fewer than 2 percent of cattle deaths in the United States in 2000 were tracked to predators. In Texas, that number is higher, at nearly 10 percent — roughly 2,800 cattle. USDA officials say coyotes account for more than half of predator attacks on livestock.

Bounty money
Since the Guadalupe program began in October 1995, more than 2,000 dead coyotes have been turned in for the bounty, officials say.

It wasn't a new idea. In the

1950s and 60s, the county paid \$7 for a pair of coyote ears, and 25 cents for crows' feet.

The recent bounty began as a contest, funded by local feed stores and ranchers, as a creative way to battle rabies. A federal vaccination program eradicated the disease before it reached the county, but the program caught on and was funded the following year.

"I don't see nearly as many coyotes as I have in past years," Kunde said. "It seems to have made a dent in it."

Voight said he has seen the deer population make a comeback. And coyotes no longer bother his sheep, he said.

"I'll never eradicate them, and that's not my intent," Voight said. "They have a purpose here, too. ... But if you get too much of any one species, you're going to have a problem if you don't keep them in balance."

In the past seven years, Voight has caught 292 coyotes within a half-mile radius of his home and collected more than \$4,000 in bounty money, which he says covers only his expenses. He spends an hour each day checking the 50 snares he has set up on his ranch, and disposes of the carcasses in a makeshift bonfire a short walk from his back door.

Voight said ending the program would be "a big mistake."

"It's costing the county some money, but it's doing a lot of good," he said.

Cope isn't convinced that it controls the coyote population. The program lacks a way to ensure that the coyote was killed in Guadalupe, she said. It also doesn't stipulate how the animals have to die, so someone could find one on the side of the road and turn it in for taxpayer money, she said.

Cope said she has heard complaints that people — particularly hunters who live elsewhere — dump the carcasses on private property and in local creeks. And Cope wonders how sanitary it is to bring a dead coyote that may be diseased into a busy feed store.

"If you just look at 'Yes, they're killing the coyotes and it's helping the farmers,' that would be fantastic. Go for it," Cope said. "But you start looking at health, sanitation and disposal — imposing on other people's property — there are problems that need to be addressed."

Amarillo chamber honors Lefors athlete

Lefors cross country runner Rachel Stubbs was recently honored by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee, who named her the November High School Athlete of the Month in area high school girls' cross country.

Stubbs, only a freshman, had a season that is usually reserved for upperclassmen. She led the Lady Pirates to the district championship while winning both district and regional individual titles. Stubbs qualified for the Class 1A state meet and finished a respectable sixth.

Ryan Maney of Tulia was honored by the chamber in high school boys' cross country.

Although there are no official records, it's safe to say Stubbs has the school's fastest times in girls cross country.

"We've never had a runner do what she's done at Lefors, and she's not through yet," says Lefors coach Craig Summers.



Rachel Stubbs

Stubbs opened the season by placing third at the Perryton Invitational.

She never lost again until the state meet at Round Rock.

"Rachel has such a strong competitive drive. She has something you just don't see in some other athletes. Rachel gets behind and she just digs a little deeper," coach Summers said. "It's amazing to watch her."

Stubbs' cross country teammates gave her strong support throughout the season. They were Savannah Smith, Amanda Daugherty, Kayla Andis, Alicia Whitehead, Lindsay Duckworth and Jonelle Tinney.

Rockets blast past Hawks, 101-82

HOUSTON (AP) — Glen Rice, Cuttino Mobley and Yao Ming led a third-quarter turnaround as Houston had its highest-scoring period of the season in a 101-82 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Friday night.

After trailing 49-38 at the half, the Rockets outscored the Hawks 37-19 in the third quarter. Rice had 11, Mobley had 10 and Yao nine in the period. Houston added a 14-4 run in the fourth, with Steve Francis scoring eight, to go ahead by as many as 19.

Francis scored 23 points, Mobley added 22 and Yao had 17 points and eight rebounds — only the second time in

nine games he has missed a double-double.

Glenn Robinson led Atlanta with 28 points.



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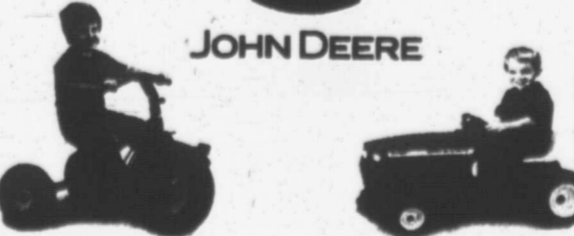
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I hoop your have a good taim. I want a Bardie Cash and a Bardie as read Pansel. And a PlayStation 2, Ice Sage.
I love you, Sant Clause!
—Jazmyn Hair, 7

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Ashleigh. My mommy is writing this letter for me because I cannot write yet.

Here is what I want: A big Barbie car, a unicorn stick-horse, a Barbie Rapunzel, and some clothes.
Thank you.
Love,
—Ashleigh Nicole Wood, 4

Dear Santa,
I wanta air hockey and a stuff raindeer and a bell from you'r sleigh.
Love,
—Janell, 8 1/2

Dear Santa,
I want the shole Rapunzle set and the Rapunzle Movie. I want a bell from your slay and a T.V. for my bedroom. I am 7-year's-old.
Love,
—Heather Parks, 7

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a computer, baby doll blanchest yellow or blue colored ball (basketball), barbiedoll with seooter purple or blue clothes, shoes, books for my leाप-pad, games for my nintendo, big stuffed dog, bab for my doll, games, puzzles.
I will leave you some cookies milk and cheese.
Please make sure every little girl and boy gets some toys.
Thank you, Santa.
Love,
—Lindsay Garmon, 8

Dear Santa,
I have bine good I want a bike and a baby and a barbiy and slippers
Love,
—Brianna Leshar, 8

Dear Santa,
My name is david. I am 5. I have tried real hard to be good this whole year. I want a bike, a Spider Man, remote control car or truck.
Love,
—David Leshar, 5

Dear Santa,
I am Fayth. I am only 2. I try to be good but it's hard. I like hasis tubies and the ugliest babies.
Love,
—Fayth Leshar, 2

Dear Santa,
Can you get me an X-Box, the second and third Bionicle sets, the Harry Potter and Life on Mars Lego sets, a lot of Dragon Ball Z toys, Transformers, some PlayStation games, some computer games, a lot of Legos and He-Man toys. I have been good this year and will have cookies and milk waiting for you.
Love,
—Kyle Gordy

Dear Santa,
My name is Colton. I have tried to be a good boy this year.

I would like to have a kite, a pair of cowboy boots, and some chaps.
My little brother Tucker would like to have a truck, cars, and clothes.
Please remember all the other boys and girls.
My brother and I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
—Colton and Tucker Summers

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like one of the dolls you usally give me and a Trapoline with a cage so I want fall of and a glow in the dark basketball. A password journal so my brothers can't see it. A hermit with supplies and cage and some goodies for my stocking
Love,
—Cali Gibson

Dear Santa,
I would like a:
1. Basketball goal
2. Trampoline with cage around it.
3. Password Journal 2
4. New paint for my spin art
5. Stuff for my stocking.
6. basket ball shoes.
Love,
—Danielle Wall

Dear Santa,
I am 10 years old.
I would like a:
1. Basketball goal
2. Trampoline with cage around it.
3. Password Journal 2
4. New paint for my spin art
5. Stuff for my stocking.
6. basket ball shoes.
Love,
—Danielle Wall

Dear Santa,
I just had a birthday and got a police helicopter, so for Christmas I want you to bring me some clothes and maybe a hunting jeep. Andrew needs some baby toys and big brother Jonathan needs a helicopter just like me.
Love,
—Nick Stevens, 4

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so I am writing this wish list to help you out on Christmas! I would greatly enjoy any of the following:
Choo-choo truck with a train.
Thank you very much!
Sincerely,
—Kyler Ray

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so I am writing this wish list to help you out on Christmas! I would greatly enjoy any of the following:
Longest choo-choo train.
Thank you very much!
Sincerely,
—Greyson Wilson

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so I am writing this wish list to help you out on Christmas! I would greatly enjoy any of the following:
Barn, horses, cowboy trailer.
Thank you very much!
Sincerely,
—Tate Tolbert

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Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a Star Wars castle and a Spiderman Web Blaster and costume.
For my baby brother, bring some baby toys. My dad needs Star Wars stuff, too. He likes it as much as me.
For mom, bring a big suitcase that will hold lots of stuff and rainbow pictures.
Love,
—Trevor Turner, 4

Dear Santa,
I am 3-years-old. My "Ma-Ma" is writing this for me.
Please bring me a scooter, tap shoes, a "Dumbo" movie, and some diamond earrings. I have been a good little girl.
Please don't forget my cousin, Pete, and all the other boys and girls.
I'll leave you some cookies and milk, but watch for my cat, "Socks." He might scare you.
I love you,
—Remington Cooke

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this whole year. I want a lamp and a Casey the Kinderbot. Please say hi to Rudolph.
Love,
—Jonathan, 5

Dear Santa,
Most of the time I've been pretty good. I want a red suit just like yours, and I would like to go up in your sleigh if I could.
Love,
—Tanner Stevens, 4

Dear Santa,
I would like a IP and zoom Shannon, Karioke Machine, Mary Kate and Ashley car, Casper movie, kitchen, Leap Pad, cheer care bear, art set, and a real dog, Barbie camera. Santa please spend the night with me. I love you.
—Ashley Stark

Dear Santa,
My name is Tanner. I am 4-

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so I am writing this wish list to help you out on Christmas! I would greatly enjoy any of the following:
Horses, cowboy hat, Mommy needs jewelry, Dad needs more cologne.
Thank you very much!
Sincerely,
—Brayden Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so I am writing this wish list to help you out on Christmas! I would greatly enjoy any of the following:
Black cowboy hat.
Thank you very much!
Sincerely,
—Sarah Gordzelick

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so I am writing this wish list to help you out on Christmas! I would greatly enjoy any of the following:
Truck.
Thank you very much!
Sincerely,
—Jacob Barton

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so I am writing this wish list to help you out on Christmas! I would greatly enjoy any of the following:
2 Barbie's.
Thank you very much!
Sincerely,
—Emily Deloach

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Dear Santa,
My name is Tanner. I am 4-

years-old. I have been a very good boy. I want a robot and a guitar. Santa, please check you list and make sure I'm on the good list. My Aunt Angie and my grammy say that Santa is going to leave me rocks.
Love,
—Tanner, 4

Dear Santa,
I want a lepfrog and I want a CareBears and Care Beary movies and Lite Brite and Barbie Travel Train and Cotton Candy Maker and a Operation Brain Surgery, 1313 Dead end drive, Bingo is his name oh! and imagination Desk and Galloping Pony.
I love you, Santa,
—Alana Shephard, 5

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is CDs, but I really want the movie "Sweet Home Alabama." I also want a Game Boy and make-up boy and make-up clothing. Nice ones, please. I want hip huggar pants. And I want a TV with a VCR and stuff to go with my room.
—Ashley Shephard, 11

Dear Santa,
If you would I would like
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3. a new computer
4. Game boy
5. a lite brite
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—Fayth Leshler, 2

Dear Santa,
Can you get me an X-Box, the second and third Bionicle sets, the Harry Potter and Life on Mars Lego sets, a lot of Dragon Ball Z toys, Transformers, some PlayStation games, some computer games, a lot of Legos and He-Man toys. I have been good this year and will have cookies and milk waiting for you.
Love,
—Kyle Gordy

Dear Santa,
My name is Colton. I have tried to be a good boy this year.
I would like to have a kite, a pair of cowboy boots, and some chaps.
My little brother Tucker would like to have a truck, cars, and clothes.
Please remember all the other boys and girls.
My brother and I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
—Colton and Tucker Summers

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like one of the dolls you usally give me and a Trampoline with a cage so I want fall of and a glow in the dark basketball. A password journal so my brothers can't see it. A hermit with supplies and cage and some goodies for my stock-ing
Love,
—Cali Gibson
P.S. Bring some stuff for my 3 dogs and my 2 cats.

Dear Santa,
I am 10 years old.
I would like a:
1. Basketball goal
2. Trampoline with cage around it.
3. Password Journal 2
4. New paint for my spin art
5. Stuff for my stocking.
6. basket ball shoes.
Love,
—Danielle Wall
P.S. Please bring my family stuff for their stockings. And my puppy toys for his.

Dear Santa,
I am 9 1/2 years old for christmas I wold like:
1. Password journal 2
2. Cd player and cd's
3. Blow pens and magic pens
4. Spin art with metalic paint
5. A new baseball bat and glove
6. A new hermit crab
Love,
—Madilyn Shults, 9 1/2
P.S. Please bring my cat and dog a present that they will like my sister too.

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring a bow and sene arrows and I want a Game Cube.
I will leave you milk and cookes by the reindeers.
—Keenan Hughes, 6

Dear Santa,
I am 4-years-old. At Christmas, I will be at Mamaw and Hoho's house. I would like for you to bring me a baby doll and bring my baby sister a stocking. Thank you.
Love,
—Bailee Budd, 4

Dear Santa,
I've been pretty good, except when I fight with my wild brother Tate. I would still like for you to bring me a sled, bicycle, and big blocks just like at Mother's Day Out.
Love,
—Drake Tolbert, 5

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a Star Wars castle and a Spiderman Web Blaster and costume.
For my baby brother, bring some baby toys. My dad needs Star Wars stuff, too. He likes it as much as me.
For mom, bring a big suitcase that will hold lots of stuff and rainbow pictures.
Love,
—Trevor Turner, 4

Dear Santa,
I am 3-years-old. My "Ma-Ma" is writing this for me.
Please bring me a scooter, tap shoes, a "Dumbo" movie, and some diamond earrings. I have been a good little girl.
Please don't forget my cousin, Pete, and all the other boys and girls.
I'll leave you some cookies and milk, but watch for my cat, "Socks." He might scare you.
I love you,
—Remington Cooke

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this whole year. I want a lamp and a Casey the Kinderbot. Please say hi to Rudolph.
Love,
—Jonathan, 5

Dear Santa,
Most of the time I've been pretty good. I want a red suit just like yours, and I would like to go up in your sleigh if I could.
Love,
—Tanner Stevens, 4

Dear Santa,
I just had a birthday and got a police helicopter, so for Christmas I want you to bring me some clothes and maybe a hunting jeep. Andrew needs some baby toys and big brother Jonathan needs a helicopter just like me.
Love,
—Nick Stevens, 4

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so I am writing this wish list to help you out on Christmas! I would greatly enjoy any of the following:
Choo-choo truck with a train.
Thank you very much!
Sincerely,
—Kyler Ray
P.S. Tell Rudolph "Hello!"

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so I am writing this wish list to help you out on Christmas! I would greatly enjoy any of the following:
Longest choo-choo train.
Thank you very much!
Sincerely,
—Greyson Wilson
P.S. Tell Rudolph "Hello!"

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so I am writing this wish list to help you out on Christmas! I would greatly enjoy any of the following:
Barn, horses, cowboy trailer.
Thank you very much!
Sincerely,
—Tate Tolbert
P.S. Tell Rudolph "Hello!"

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so I am writing this wish list to help you out on Christmas! I would greatly enjoy any of the following:
Horses, cowboy hat, Mommy needs jewelry, Dad needs more cologne.
Thank you very much!
Sincerely,
—Brayden Mendoza
P.S. Tell Rudolph "Hello!"

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so I am writing this wish list to help you out on Christmas! I would greatly enjoy any of the following:
Black cowboy hat.
Thank you very much!
Sincerely,
—Sarah Gordzelick
P.S. Tell Rudolph "Hello!"

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so I am writing this wish list to help you out on Christmas! I would greatly enjoy any of the following:
Truck.
Thank you very much!
Sincerely,
—Jacob Barton
P.S. Tell Rudolph "Hello!"

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year, so I am writing this wish list to help you out on Christmas! I would greatly enjoy any of the following:
2 Barbie's.
Thank you very much!
Sincerely,
—Emily Deloach
P.S. Tell Rudolph "Hello!"

Dear Santa,
I would like a IP and zoom Shannon, Karioke Machine, Mary Kate and Ashley car, Casper movie, kitchen, Leap Pad, cheer care bear, art set, and a real dog, Barbie camera. Santa please spend the night with me, I love you.
—Ashley Stark

Dear Santa,
My name is Tanner. I am 4-

years-old. I have been a very good boy. I want a robot and a guitar. Santa, please check you list and make sure I'm on the good list. My Aunt Angie and my grammy say that Santa is going to leave me rocks.
Love,
—Tanner, 4

Dear Santa,
I want a lepfrog and I want a CareBears and Care Beary movies and Lite Brite and Barbie Travel Train and Cotton Candy Maker and a Operation Brain Surgery, 1313 Dead end drive, Bingo is his name oh! and imagination Desk and Galloping Pony.
I love you, Santa,
—Alana Shephard, 5

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is CDs, but I really want the movie "Sweet Home Alabama." I also want a Game Boy and make-up boy and make-up clothing. Nice ones, please, I want hip hugger pants. And I want a TV with a VCR and stuff to go with my room.
—Ashley Shephard, 11

Dear Santa,
If you would I would like
1. cloths, perity-cloths please
2. toy skindalike boy toys a bunch
3. a new computer
4. Game boy
5. a lite brite
6. C.D. player and CDs

7. cotton candy maker
—Amber Shephard, 8

Dear Santa,
My name is Zachery and I am 7-years-old. My school is Lamar. I am in 2nd grade. I have been very good.
Please bring me a Game Boy Advance, Spongebob aquarium, Jimmy Newton video and video game, Kirby, and Sly Cooper.
Please bring my mom a new sweater and my dad a new watch. Please bring my cousins some Barbie dolls.
We will leave you milk and cookies and a present for you.
Love,
—Zachery Andrew Wolfe, 7

Dear Santa,
My mommy is having to write this for me because I'm only 2-years-old. I would love to get some toy horses. My cute little puppy, my mommy's best friend, Amanda, got me for an early Christmas gift, that I really do love with all of my heart.
Love lots,
—Jacob Honeycutt, 2
P.S. Please don't forget about my two cousins Eric Brown and Kayla Brown. My great-grandpa and great-grandma and my new puppy.

Dear Santa,
I tried really hard to be a good girl this year. How have you and Mrs. Clause and the elves been doing? Have you been busy making toys for Christmas?
(See 'LETTERS,' Page 11)

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COMMUNITY

NEWSMAKERS

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Approximately 241 students from Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford will complete degree requirements at the conclusion of the 2002 fall semester.

Commencement will be held in May of 2003.

Students receiving diplomas include: **Jason Williams** of Pampa, bachelor of science degree (BS); and **Stephanie Kidd** of Shamrock, BS.

CANYON — **Jessica Lloyd Patton** of Pampa recently received West Texas A&M University's 2001-02 Master's Best Thesis Award, an honor that includes a \$250 cash award for each winner.

Patton, a graduate student in history, won the award for her thesis, "Indentured Servitude in Seventeenth Century Virginia." Patton's faculty adviser is Dr. Wade Shaffer, assistant professor of history.

The nominees for Master's Best Thesis Awards are chosen from different disciplines each year. This year, the nominees were selected in the areas of humanities, art and physical sciences.

CANYON — **Amy Moore Wolfforth**, a graduate student in nursing at West Texas A&M University, was recently inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), the honor society of nursing at WT.

STTI inducted 16 members in a special ceremony at Mary Moody Northern Hall on campus.

Sigma Theta Tau International is dedicated to improving the health of people worldwide by increasing the scientific base of nursing practice. Members are nursing scholars committed to the pursuit of excellence in clinical practice, education, research and leadership.

UPCOMING EVENTS

'LEGACY'

The M.K. Brown "Legacy" book is currently on sale at White Deer Land Museum, Hastings and the Chamber of Commerce.

GOP HEADQUARTERS

The Republican Party is headquartered locally at 1621 N. Hobart next to the Sears store. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Saturday. For more information, phone 886-4967.

PCCA

Pampa Community Concert Association's 2002-03 season will kick-off with "Swingerhead" scheduled to perform at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Borger High School Auditorium. Borger's CCA will co-sponsor. Other upcoming PCCA presentations include: "Quintet of the Americas," Nov. 19; "The Ennis Sisters," Jan. 11; and "Dancing on Common Ground," March 18. All will be staged at 7:30 p.m., at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. For tickets or more information, contact Ruth Riehart, PCCA president, at 665-3362.

MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY

A H.O. Scale Model Railroad will be on display at Lake Meredith Aquatic and Wildlife Museum from Dec. 14 through the 22nd. The exhibit will also include artwork by David "Joel" Kennedy, posters, coloring books, and other materials from Santa Fe Railroad, Burlington Railroad, Amtrak, Lionel, and others. Exhibit hours will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, and 1-5 p.m., Sunday-Friday at the museum in Fritch. Admission is \$2. Children under 3 get in free. All proceeds will benefit the Aquatic Rehab Project.

GCAP MOMS&BABIES

Gray County Area Partnership for Moms and Babies will not meet during the month of December.

PACSG

Pampa Area Cancer Support Group voted at its last meeting not to convene during the month of December. The next meeting will be an "After the Holidays" party on Jan. 16.

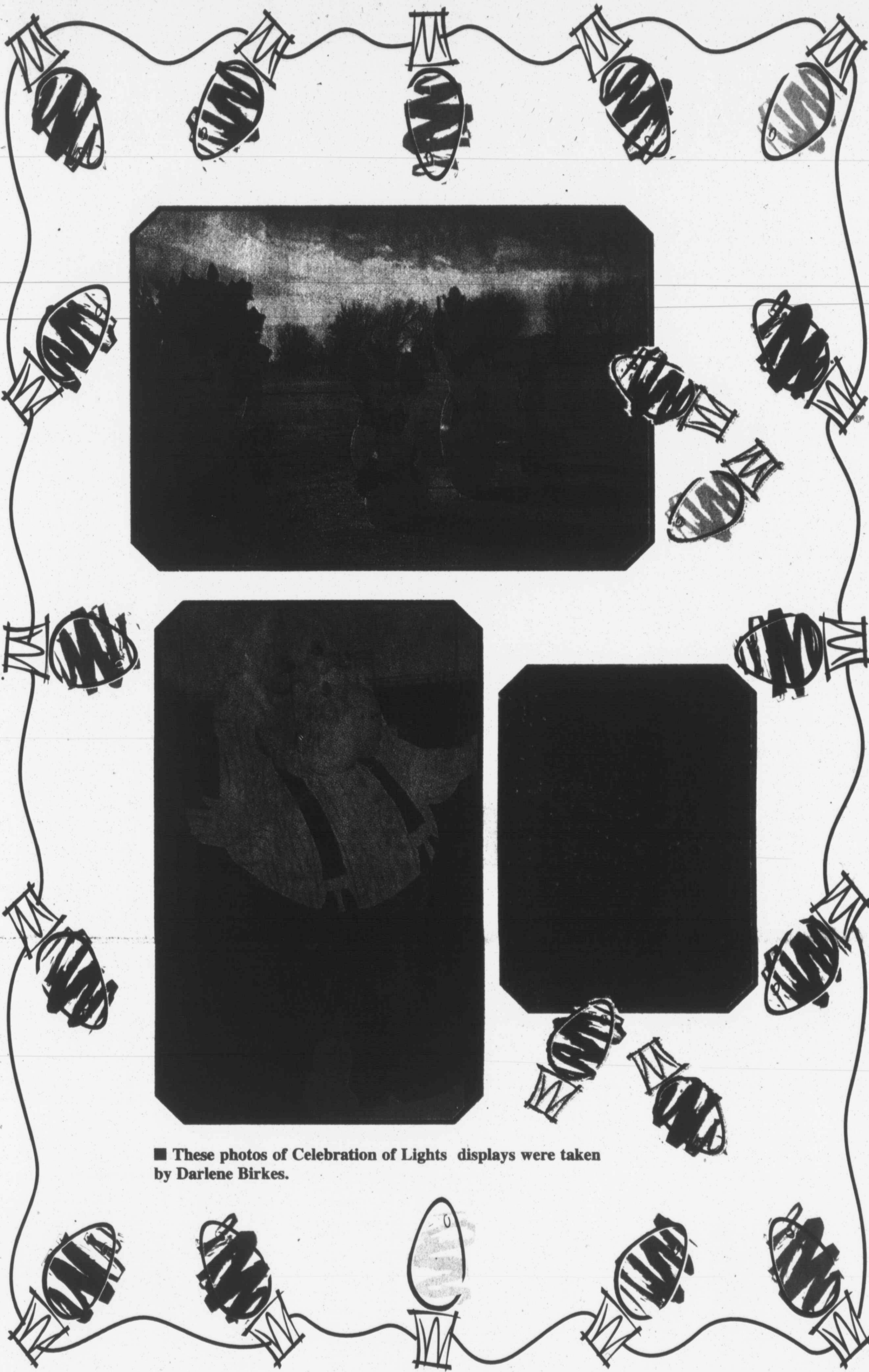
CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College will be closed now through Jan. 3. Offices will reopen Monday, Jan. 6 for regular business hours. Registration for the spring semester will be conducted from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and from 6-8 p.m., Jan. 13-14 at both the Pampa and Clarendon campuses. For more information, call 665-8801 or (806) 874-3571.

PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will not meet Dec. 26.

More 'EVENTS' on Page 23



■ These photos of Celebration of Lights displays were taken by Darlene Birkes.

Best Holiday Wishes!



■ Like many Pampa residences, this home on East Browning Street at Starkweather is all decked with in blue and white Christmas lights.

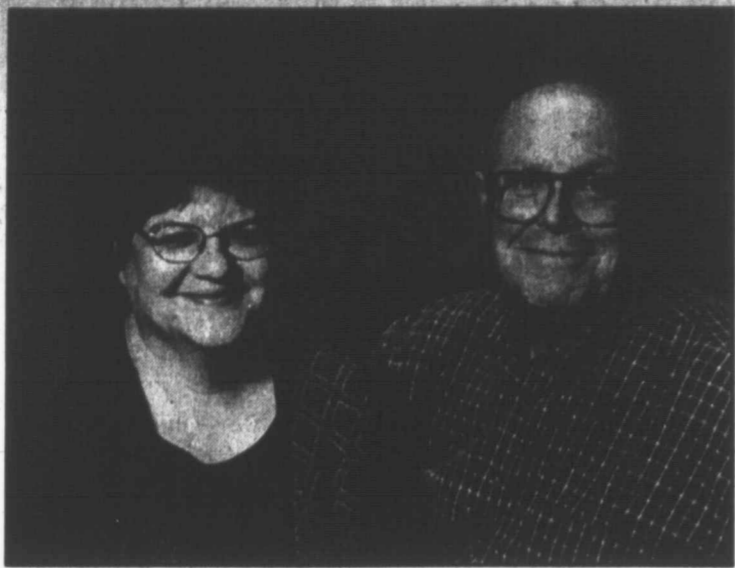
ANNIVERSARIES

Morris anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Morris of Pampa will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 23, 2002.

Larry Morris and LaVonna Lea Mott were married Dec. 23, 1977, in Barrett Baptist Church of Pampa.

Mr. Morris, son of Wilburn and Dorothy Morris of Pampa, is presently employed by Pampa Independent School District at Travis Elementary School in special education. He is currently attending Clarendon College.



Mr. and Mrs. Larry Morris

Mrs. Morris, daughter of Bob and Pat Mott of Pampa, is also currently attending Clarendon College.

WEDDINGS

Sims-Shipman

Angie Kay Sims and James Ryan Shipman were wed Nov. 29, 2002, at Hi-Land Christian Church in Pampa with Mike Sublett officiating.

The man of honor was Shawn Caskey of Austin. The bridesmaids were Stacey Lambright of Pampa and Angela McCarty, cousin of the groom of Amarillo. The flower girls were Ashley Shipman, niece of the groom of Pampa, and Megan Sims and Danielle Sims, both nieces of the bride of Lefors.

The best man was Eric Shipman, brother of the groom of Pampa. The groomsmen were Bryan Sims, brother of the bride, and Jason Huckins, both of Pampa.

The ushers were David Sims, brother of the bride of Lefors, and David Potter of Pampa.

A reception was held follow-



James Ryan Shipman and Angie Kay Sims

ing the service in Knights of Columbus Hall in Pampa with Jamee McCarty, aunt of the groom, and Toni Terrell, both of Amarillo, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Greg and Judy Sims of Pampa.

The groom is the son of Lane and Donna Shipman of Pampa.

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 that week. Thank you.

Pampa Garden Club

Pampa Garden Club met for its Christmas social Dec. 9 at the home of hostess Jerry Lovinggood with President Edie Hudson presiding over a brief business meeting.

The following business was conducted and

announcements made:

—Lovinggood read minutes from the previous meeting.

—Cynthia Mann delivered a report on Festival of Trees.

—The club sponsored a needy family over the Thanksgiving holiday and selected two "angels" from The Salvation Army Angel Tree as a Christmas community service project.

—A gift-exchange was held.

The January meeting will be at the home of Mary Ann Bailey.

Highland Hobby Club

Highland Hobby Club met

Dec. 9 at the home of Mairlyn Kirkwood with President Ferline Calvert presiding. Six members were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Kirkwood read minutes from the previous meeting and delivered the treasury report.

—The club is sponsoring a client from Tralee Crisis Center as its Christmas community service project. Calvert will take charge of the shopping.

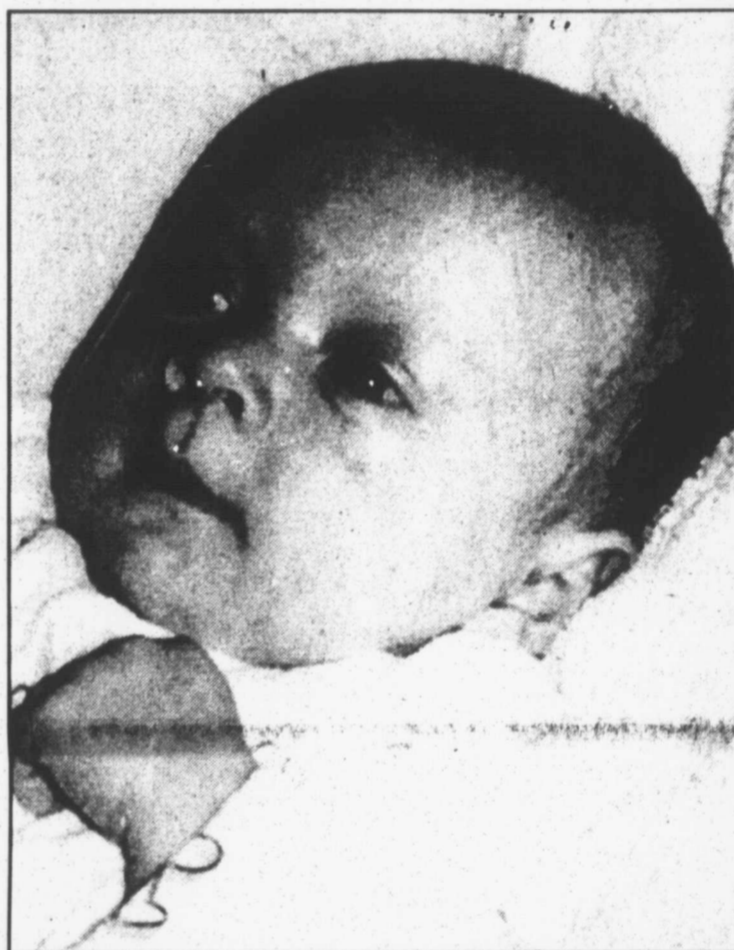
—Each member received a door prize.

(See 'CLUB,' Page 23)

LIFESTYLES POLICY

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing births, weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We also reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.
2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.
3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.
4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.
5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.
6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.
7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds. (See form for more details.)
8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.
9. Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a \$25 charge or four extra lines may be added to announcements for \$25 (\$50 for both).

CRADLE CALL



Gabriel R. Graves

Gabriel Graves

Gabriel Raymond Graves was born at 9:41 a.m., Oct. 16, 2002, in Bad Windsheim, Germany, to Staff Sergeant John and Melanie Graves of Illesheim, Germany.

Gabriel weighed 8-pounds, 4-ounces at birth and was 22-inches long.

He is the brother of Tiffany Graves and Adriana Graves, both of the home. He is the grandson of Carl and Cindy Graves of Pampa and Angelika Hey of Aubstat, Germany, and is the great-grandson of Melvin and Sue Clark of Pampa and Louise Graves of Amarillo.

MENUS

WEEK OF DEC. 23-27

Senior Citizens MONDAY-WEDNESDAY Closed.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or lasagna, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, carrots, beans, German chocolate cake or butterscotch pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or Frito pie, potato wedges, broccoli/cheese sauce, beans, coconut cream cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast, or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY

Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY Holiday.

THURSDAY

Salisbury steaks, mushroom gravy, fried okra, mixed vegetables, applesauce.

FRIDAY

Tuna loaf, English peas, carrots, peaches.

Card recycling project, to benefit St. Jude's

It's Christmas time again, and everyone will be receiving lots of Christmas Cards. If you usually throw away these cards, don't. Recycle them instead. How? You ask.

Now through Jan. 16, look at local businesses, banks, and churches for Christmas paper wrapped boxes to place those unwanted cards for recycling.

Clean Pampa Inc., (665-2514) has an official list of locations where boxes will be, or just bring your Christmas Cards to the Clean Pampa, Inc. office at 836 W. Foster. (See 'CARD,' Page 23)

OB/GYN Update
by Otoniel Huertas, M.D.
Obstetrics & Gynecology

A SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE

Herpes is a sexually transmitted disease caused by the herpes simplex viruses type 1 (HSV-1) and type 2 (HSV-2), which can be released from the sores that the viruses cause. They can also be released between outbreaks from skin that does not appear to be broken or have a sore. A person almost always gets HSV-2 infection during sexual contact with someone who has a genital HSV-2 infection. A person can get HSV-1, which causes infections of the mouth and lips, by coming in contact with the saliva of an infect person. HSV-2 is more common in women (approximately one out of four) than in men (almost one out of five). Most people with HSV-2 are not aware they are infected.

While The Pill has proved to be a popular form of birth control because it is easy to use and very effective, it offers no protection against sexually transmitted diseases. Rather than risking herpes and other infections, talk to your gynecologist about how to protect yourself against STDs, too. To schedule an appointment, phone my office at 806-273-7771. We are located at 106 S. Bryan, Borger. New patients are welcome.

P.S. While there is no treatment that can cure herpes, antiviral medications can shorten and prevent outbreaks during the period of time that the person takes the medication.

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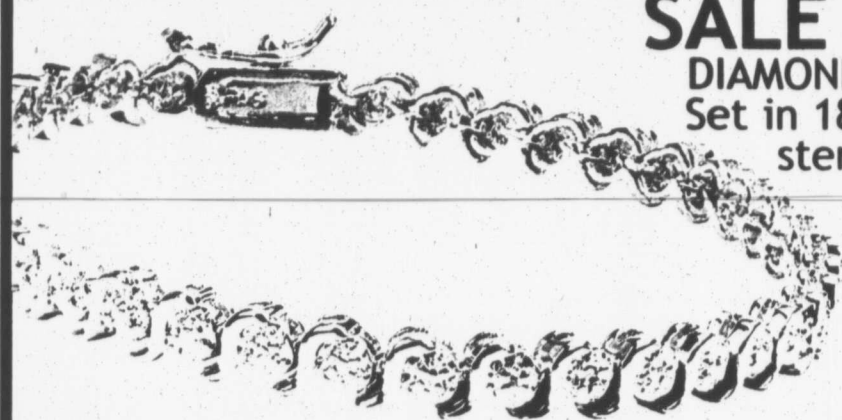
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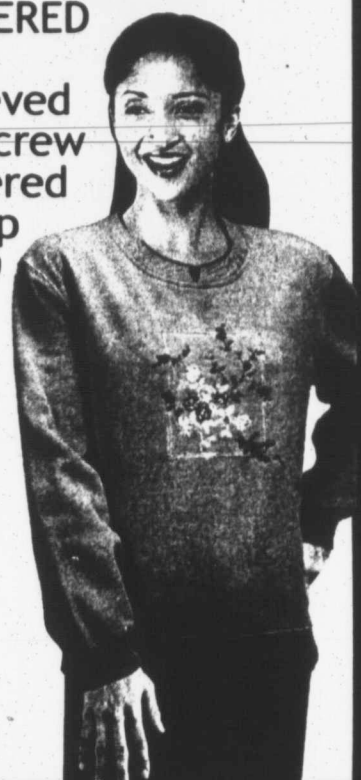


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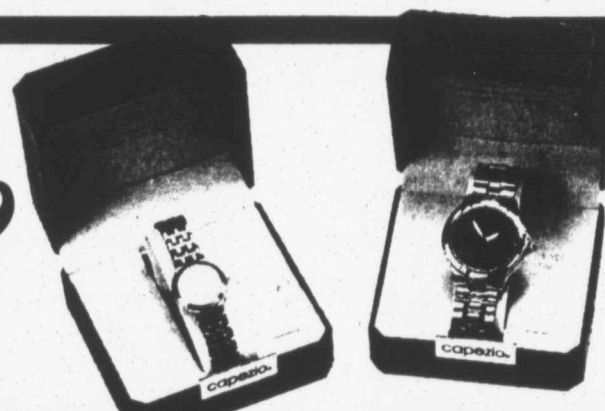


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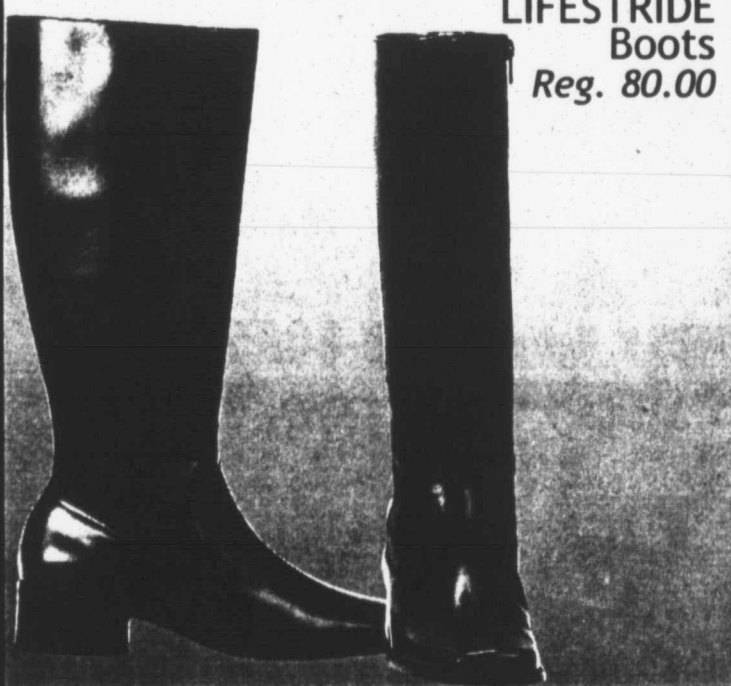
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Coronado Center

Dallas man helps musicians play premier instruments

By JAMIE STENGLE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

DALLAS (AP) — As a concert pianist, Barrett Wissman believes top musicians should be able to play the finest instruments.

Wissman is also a Dallas financier and investor, so he realizes those musicians often can't afford the rare and expensive instruments.

So about six years ago, Wissman formed an organization that buys expensive classical instruments — many created by master craftsmen hundreds of years ago — for the sole purpose of loaning them to those who can play them to the fullest.

"They're at the top of their profession and they need an instrument that's probably between \$1 million and \$4 million," said Wissman, 40, who is married to noted cellist Nina Kotova. "There are a few people who have helped people,

some systematically, others on a case-by-case basis. I decided to start something to systematically help people."

Wissman has bought more than 10 instruments, mostly violins and cellos. He wouldn't give specific prices but said they can range from \$100,000 to several million.

Christopher Adkins, the principal cellist of the Dallas Symphony, played an instrument on loan from Wissman for four years. He said he could never have afforded the cello, which was made in Rome in 1714 by David Tecchler.

"It's just one of the really glorious instruments in the world," said Adkins, also an adjunct professor at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. "I'm grateful to Barrett for letting me play on it for all of those years."

Getting fine instruments into the hands of the best players results in great music and can boost a musician's career, said Joseph Regh, vice president of The

Violin Society and a New York violin and bow maker.

And musicians realize how fortunate they are to know a wealthy accomplished musician who is willing to help others.

"I can think of one or two people in America who do that," said Ron Neal, director of Dallas Chamber Orchestra and adjunct professor at Southern Methodist University. He briefly used one of Wissman's Stradivarius violins.

The instruments are so expensive because they are so rare.

"Because of the collectible value of these things — and they cannot be recreated new — they've gone way up in value," Wissman said. "Where can you think of another object that has art value, that is also actively used, something that's 300 years old that somebody uses as a day-to-day instrument in their profession?"

Arthur Toman, president of the American Federation of Violin and Bow

Makers and a violin maker in Massachusetts, said handmade violins of good quality are in the \$10,000 to \$20,000 range, cellos from \$20,000 to \$40,000.

But, Toman said, "when you come to the old Cremonese Strads and Guarneris — a million to the sky's the limit."

Antonio Stradivari and Joseph Guarnerius del Gesu worked in Cremona, Italy, the center of high-quality violin-making from the mid-17th century to the mid-18th century.

There is a degree of risk in dealing with such expensive items, as Wissman found out when a Stradivarius turned up missing this year.

Wissman's organization, Cremona Society Limited, sued Christophe Landon Rare Violins in New York, claiming the workshop lost the 1714 Golden Period Stradivarius while acting as an agent for Cremona in the possible sale of the violin.

The lawsuit alleges Christophe Landon was negligent in losing one of about 650 Stradivarius instruments surviving today.

Cremona attorney Bill Brewer said the lawsuit asks for damages of \$3.5 to \$4 million, the amount experts say the instrument is worth. Insurance paid the insured amount — \$1.9 million, he said.

Landon, who builds, restores and sells violins, cellos and violas, took possession of the Cremona piece in February and it turned up missing in April.

Landon couldn't be reached for comment, but he has told police he left the violin with a client in a private room then discovered it missing two days later.

As a result of the missing violin, the company that insured the Strad pulled the insurance on many other instruments.

Now Wissman keeps the more expensive pieces, including the cello Adkins had been playing, in safekeeping until he finds another insurer.

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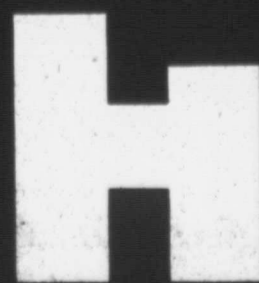
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**BILLBOARD
HOT 100: TOP 10**

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

1. "Lose Yourself," Eminem. Shady.
2. "Work It," Missy

"Misdemeanor" Elliott. The Gold Mind.
 3. "Jenny From The Block," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Jadakiss & Styles). Epic.
 4. "'03 Bonnie & Clyde," Jay-Z (feat. Beyonce Knowles). Roc-A-Fella.
 5. "Air Force Ones," Nelly feat. Kyjuan, Ali & Murphy Lee. Fo' Reel.
 6. "Beautiful," Christina Aguilera. RCA.
 7. "Bump, Bump, Bump," B2K & P. Diddy. Epic.
 8. "Don't Mess With My Man," Nivea (feat. Brian & Brandon Casey). Jive.
 9. "Underneath It All," No Doubt (feat. Lady Saw). Interscope.
 10. "The Game Of Love," Santana (feat. Michelle

Branch). Arista.
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**THE BILLBOARD
200 TOP ALBUMS: TOP 10**

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

1. "Up!," Shania Twain. Mercury (Nashville).
2. "Home," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
3. "I Care 4 U," Aaliyah. Background.
4. "Tim McGraw And The Dancehall Doctors," Tim McGraw. Curb.
5. Soundtrack: "8 Mile." Shady. (Platinum)
6. "Let Go," Avril Lavigne. Arista. (Platinum)
7. "Now 11," Various Artists. Universal/EMI/Zomba/Sony/UME.
8. "This Is Me... Then," Jennifer Lopez. Epic.
9. "Just Whitney...," Whitney Houston. Arista.
10. "Pandemonium!," B2K. Epic.

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HOT ADULT CONTEMPORARY
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1. "O Holy Night," Josh Groban. 143.
2. "The Game Of Love," Santana (feat. Michelle Branch). Arista.
3. "Cry," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
4. "Can't Stop Loving You," Phil Collins. Atlantic.
5. "A Thousand Miles," Vanessa Carlton. A&M.
6. "A Moment Like This," Kelly Clarkson. RCA. (Gold)
7. "You," Jim Brickman (feat. Jane Krakowski). Windham Hill.
8. "Soak Up The Sun,"

Sheryl Crow. A&M.
 9. "Landslide," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
 10. "I'm Gonna Getcha Good!" Shania Twain. Mercury.

**TOP CONTEMPORARY
CHRISTIAN ALBUMS**

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

1. "WOW Hits 2003," Various Artists. EMI CMG.
2. "WOW Christmas," Various Artists. EMI CMG.
3. "Worship Again," Michael W. Smith. Reunion/Provident. (Platinum)
4. "Almost There," MercyMe. INO. (Gold)
5. "iWorship: A Total Worship Experience. Various Artists. Integrity.
6. "Worship," Michael W. Smith. Reunion/Provident. (Platinum)
7. "All The Time In The World," Jump5. Sparrow.
8. "Christmas Worship," John Tesh. Garden City.
9. "Spoken For," MercyMe. INO.
10. "Stanley Climfall," Lifehouse. DreamWorks.

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

1. "When I'm Gone," 2 Doors Down. Republic.
2. "Cochise," Audioslave. Interscope.
3. "All My Life," Foo Fighters. Roswell.
4. "Bother," Stone Sour (feat. Corey Taylor). Roadrunner.
5. "The Red," Chevelle. Epic.
6. "You Know You're Right," Nirvana. DGC.
7. "Always," Saliva. Island.
8. "Prayer," Disturbed. Reprise.
9. "She Hates Me," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
10. "Poem," Taproot. Velvet Hammer.

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

1. "All My Life," Foo Fighters. Roswell.
2. "Always," Saliva. Island.
3. "You Know You're Right," Nirvana. DGC.
4. "No One Knows," Queens Of The Stone Age. Interscope.
5. "The Red," Chevelle. Epic.
6. "When I'm Gone," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
7. "Fine Again," Seether. Wind-up.
8. "She Hates Me," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
9. "Cochise," Audioslave. Interscope.
10. "Still Waiting," Sum 41. Island.

**HOT COUNTRY
SINGLES AND TRACKS**

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

1. "She'll Leave You With A Smile," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
2. "Who's Your Daddy?" Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
3. "These Days," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
4. "19 Somethin'," Mark Wills. Mercury.
5. "Fall Into Me," Emerson Drive. DreamWorks.
6. "Red Rag Top," Tim McGraw. Curb.
7. "A Lot Of Things - Different," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
8. "Somebody Like You," Keith Urban. Capitol.
9. "I Just Wanna Be Mad," Terri Clark. Mercury.
10. "The Baby," Blake Shelton. Warner Bros.

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

1. "Up!," Shania Twain. Mercury (Nashville).
2. "Home," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
3. "Tim McGraw And The Dancehall Doctors," Tim McGraw. Curb.
4. "Elvis: 30 (No.)1 Hits," Elvis Presley. RCA. (Platinum)
5. "Cry," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
6. "Unleashed," Toby Keith. DreamWorks (Nashville). (Platinum)
7. "Let It Be Christmas," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
8. "Melt," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street. (Platinum)
9. "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
10. "Drive," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)

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**HOT R&B/HIP-HOP
SINGLES AND TRACKS**

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1. "Love Of My Life (An Ode To Hip-Hop)," Erykah Badu (feat. Common). Fox.
2. "Work It," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. The Gold Mind.
3. "Bump, Bump, Bump," B2K & P. Diddy. Epic.
4. "Air Force Ones," Nelly feat. Kyjuan, Ali & Murphy Lee. Fo' Reel.
5. "'03 Bonnie & Clyde," Jay-Z (feat. Beyonce Knowles). Roc-A-Fella.
6. "Dontchange," Musiq. Def Soul.
7. "Miss You," Aaliyah. Background.
8. "Lose Yourself," Eminem. Shady/Interscope.
9. "Ignition," R. Kelly. Jive.
10. "Fabulous," Jaheim (feat. Tha Rayne). Divine Mill.

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**TOP R&B/HIP-HOP
ALBUMS**

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1. "I Care 4 U," Aaliyah. Background.
2. "God's Son," Nas. Ill Will.
3. "Just Whitney...," Whitney Houston. Arista.
4. "Pandemonium!," B2K. Epic.
5. "Better Dayz," 2Pac. Amaru.
6. Soundtrack: "8 Mile." Shady. (Platinum)
7. "Charmbracelet," Mariah Carey. Monarc.
8. "The Blueprint 2: The Gift And The Curse," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella. (Platinum)
9. "Electric Circus," Common. MCA.
10. "Swizz Beatz Presents G.H.E.T.T.O. Stories," Various Artists. DreamWorks.

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HOT RAP TRACKS

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1. "Work It," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. The Gold Mind.
2. "'03 Bonnie & Clyde," Jay-Z (feat. Beyonce Knowles). Roc-A-Fella.
3. "Lose Yourself," Eminem. Shady.
4. "Air Force Ones," Nelly feat. Kyjuan, Ali & Murphy Lee. Fo' Reel.
5. "Gimme The Light," Sean Paul. Black Shadow.
6. "Thugz Mansion," 2Pac. Amaru.
7. "Luv U Better," LL Cool J. Def Jam.
8. "When The Last Time," Clipse. Star Trak.
9. "React," Erick Sermon feat. Redman. J.
10. "Made You Look," Nas. Ill Will.

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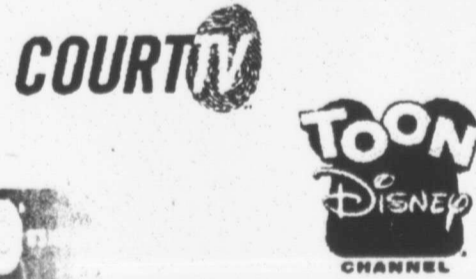


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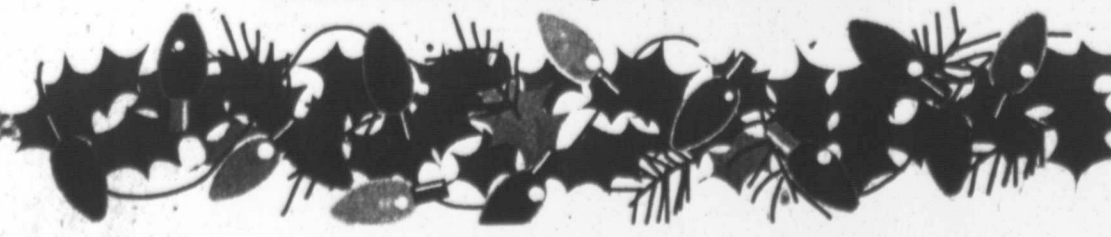
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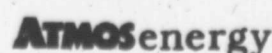
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Copies of the filing are available at the Atmos Energy Office at 5110 80th Lubbock, TX 79408-1121 or at an Atmos Energy Office nearest to you. Affected persons whose gas rates are subject to the original jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes with the Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective.



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

More 'EVENTS' on Page 23
HOLIDAY HERO BLOOD DRIVE
 Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo is planning a "Holiday Hero Blood Drive" from 2-7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 26 at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. All donors will receive a Christmas ornament specially designed by McCormick Advertising.

PAS DANCE
 Pampa Area Singles Dance will be from 8-12 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 28, at M.K. Brown Auditorium with Mike Porter. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. Bring a covered dish. For more information, call 665-7059.

LEAGUE OF CELTIC NATIONS
 League of Celtic Nations will stage a New Year's celebration Dec. 31 at the Canyon Club located in the Travelodge, 3205 I-40 East, in Amarillo. The event will include Scottish music and song, McNaughton Irish Step Dancers, raffles, whisky tasting, refreshments, First Foot contest, and more. Admission for the whisky tasting and party is \$12/nonmembers and \$10/members, for the party only \$6/nonmembers and \$5/members. To RSVP, call (806) 374-4243. Canned food items will also be accepted for donation to the High Plains Food Bank.

COLONEL'S WAY CONTEST
 The Seventh Annual Colonel's Way™ Award Contest, sponsored by KFC, is currently under way. This essay contest encourages children to

honor outstanding seniors age 50 and older who have had a positive impact on their lives. The contest is open to children 13 and under. For official rules, go on-line to www.kfc.com or send a SASE to: Colonel's Way Award Contest, c/o Edelman, 200 E. Randolph Dr., 63rd Floor, Chicago, IL 60601. **Entries must be submitted on-line or postmarked by Dec. 31.**

QUICK TASP
 Clarendon College will offer a Quick TASP test at 8 a.m., Jan. 7 and again at 1 p.m., Jan. 8 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky. For more information or to register for one of the exams, contact CCPC at 665-8801.

GIFT CARD GRANTS
 Financial Assistance Network's gift card program is open to eligible consumers who need to stretch their gift-giving budgets this holiday season. To qualify, individuals must have income of less than \$32,121. Families will also qualify to receive a \$150 gift card package if they have over \$7,500 in credit card balances and the balance is not getting paid off due to high-interest rates. Seniors and the disabled can also qualify for up to \$250 in gift cards. For more information, call (202) 882-6000 or mail five first-class stamps to: Financial Assistance Network, Gift Card Giveaway Package GCG-02F, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. Additional details are available at www.GiftCardGiveaway.com.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
 The Texas Department of Health will be offer-

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HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
 The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Nov. 26 and Dec. 20, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, in Pampa; Dec. 23, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; and Dec. 27, Family Care Center, Shamrock. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

UM ART CONTEST
 University of Mobile, Alabama, is calling for entries for its 12th annual "Art With a Southern Drawl" juried art competition. The show is open to artists working in any media, and only original artwork is accepted. To be eligible, artists must be born in or currently reside in Texas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, or Tennessee. The postmark deadline for entries is Jan. 11, 2003. For more information, call 1-800-946-7267, ext. 2420; log on to www.umobile.edu/awsd.htm; or e-mail UMdrawl@yahoo.com.

TACAC HOTLINE
 Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC) will sponsor its 18th annual toll-free College Information Hotline from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Jan. 18 through 19, 2003. The event provides information about post-secondary educational opportunities for students and their families. To access the hotline, call 1-877-275-7007 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., the 18th or 19th.

AC ALUMNI NOMINATIONS
 Amarillo College is currently seeking nominations for its 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award. The award is open to former students who have made outstanding contributions to their field and/or community. A ceremony will be held for the recipient April 27, 2003. For more information, contact Rhonda Stephenson

at (806) 371-5322 or via e-mail at stephensonr@actx.edu. **Deadline for nominations is Jan. 31.**

CIVIC AMARILLO AUDITIONS
 Auditions for Civic Amarillo's presentation of "Les Miserables" School Edition will be conducted Saturday, Feb. 8. The try-outs are open to full-time students age 10-19. Audition packages are currently available during normal business hours at Amarillo Civic Center Administration offices in downtown Amarillo.

HARRINGTON QUARTET
 Harrington String Quartet will perform its 21st anniversary season in 2002-03. The quartet will perform four subscription concerts on the following dates: Sept. 14, 2002; Nov. 16, 2002; March 8, 2003; and May 17, 2003. For ticket information, call the Amarillo Symphony Box Office at (806) 376-8782.

RELIGIOUS POETRY CONTEST
 New Jersey Rainbow Poets is currently sponsoring a religious poetry contest. To enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less, to: Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., PMB 70, Linden, NJ 07036; or enter on-line at www.rainbowpoets.com. **The deadline for entries is Jan. 4, 2003.**

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 National Grain Sorghum Producers will sponsor the 2003 Sorghum Industry Conference and 23rd Biennial Research and Utilization Conference Feb. 16-18 at the Albuquerque Marriott in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information, call (806) 749-3478.

TREE SEEDLINGS
 Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District is accepting orders for windbreak and wildlife tree seedlings and shrubs. The program is designed to offer tree seedlings at a nominal cost for environmental and protection purposes. The seedlings will arrive in the district office at the end of March. **The deadline for ordering the seedlings is March 10, 2003.** SWCD officials encourage early orders as many species sell-out very quickly. For more information, call 665-1751, ext. 102.

USS SPERRY
 The USS Sperry Association is seeking former shipmates who served between 1942-82 for a reunion celebration. For more information, call (517) 784-7810; write George Gallas, secretary, USS SPERRY (AS-12) Association, Jackson, MI 49203-1521; or e-mail georgecarole@modempool.com.

HOLLINGHEAD REUNION
The Hollingshead family reunion will be held August 2003 at Moorestown, N.J. The first Hollingsheads arrived in the American colonies around 1700. If you are a descendant or know one who might be interested, more information is available from Brian Hollingshead at HYPERLINK hollingshead@telus.net or write: 2692 Mountview Place, Burnaby, BC, V3J 1E3, Canada.

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CLUB

The next meeting will be in January.

Progressive TEEA
 Progressive Texas Extension Education Association Club met Dec. 12 at the home of Beulah Terrell with June Rowan presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—A call went out for donations for Children's Protective Services.

—The annual Christmas party held recently at the home of Joan Gray was discussed.

—Helene Baumgardner read "The Real Meaning of Christmas" and led the group on a memory game based on "Twas the Night before

Christmas" which Ruth Barrett won.

—A gift exchange was held.

—The group heard a report on the glass etching class taught by Barrett.

—Rowan gave the Council report and Mary Ann Bailey the treasurer's report.

—Three members were placed on the "sick list." Get-well cards will be sent to each of them.

The door prize went to Baumgardner.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m., Jan. 9 at the home of Ruth Barrett, 1120 S. Hobart.

PPQG
 Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met Dec. 12 for its annual Christmas get-together. A potluck meal was served and members participated in a gift exchange.

Christmas blocks were won by Jenny Fry and Della Bassett, and friendship blocks for the monthly exchange were returned to Joyce Taylor.

The regularly scheduled meeting for December will not be held. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 23 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Visitors are welcome.

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CARD

Christmas cards that are put in the boxes will be separated front from back and sent to St. Jude's Ranch in Boulder City Nev.

The fronts of the cards will be made into new cards to be sold by the children at St. Jude's. The backs will be recycled at Pampa Recycling Center located in Hobart Street Park.

Early Deadlines

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Letters to Dear Abby Open Window on Human Nature

DEAR ABBY: What on earth has become of college education when professors and teachers write that they use Dear Abby for English courses? I am horrified that an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher uses your column to teach foreign students our customs. What customs? Unresolved anger? Sibling rivalry? Mistrust of spouses? Broken homes? Drunk driving? Homosexuality? Sexual abuse? Internet pornography? It is insanity that this is what foreign students use to gauge American culture.

Abby, what about the monogamous marriage that has endured hardships? The couple still devotedly loyal and faithful to each other. Kids who still have the same mother and father and are contributing to society? What about the people who give 100 percent of themselves for community involvement with no thought to themselves? You have even said yourself that some people accuse you of making up the letters because they are so bizarre. Some are R-rated at best. And this is what teachers use to teach English? God forbid!

No wonder people in other countries think Americans are idiots. If they get all their information from Dear Abby, they may not be too far off the mark. You may print my name.

MICHELLE CRIPPEN,
 HARPERS FERRY, W.VA.

DEAR MICHELLE: Ouch! I cannot agree with you that the people who write to me are idiots. The problems they write about are human relations problems — and not necessarily unique to the U.S.A. Furthermore, they make interesting reading — and that, I think, is what motivates the teachers to use my column. By the time people reach adulthood, "See Spot Run" and "The Adventures of Dick and Jane" no longer hold their interest. Face it, my column has it all — drama, human interest, comedy, sex, drugs — and solid information that many people relate to.

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 and dream of becoming a voice for a Disney animated film. This is not some silly phase, Abby. I really want to do this. The only problem is, I have no clue how to get the attention of Disney. I have had little theatrical experience, and my school's drama program isn't the best. I have a good singing voice but have had no lessons.

I need your advice on what to do here. I have sent letters to Disney, but no response has ever come. Any suggestions you might offer would be great. Thanks.

DISNEY DREAMER
 IN CONCORD, CALIF.

DEAR DREAMER: You're welcome. I checked with my

friend, Tress MacNeille, who does voice-overs for "The Simpsons" and is the classic voice of Daisy Duck and Chip 'n Dale. She asked me to tell you that "longevity in a show business career can be measured by the amount of time spent preparing for it."

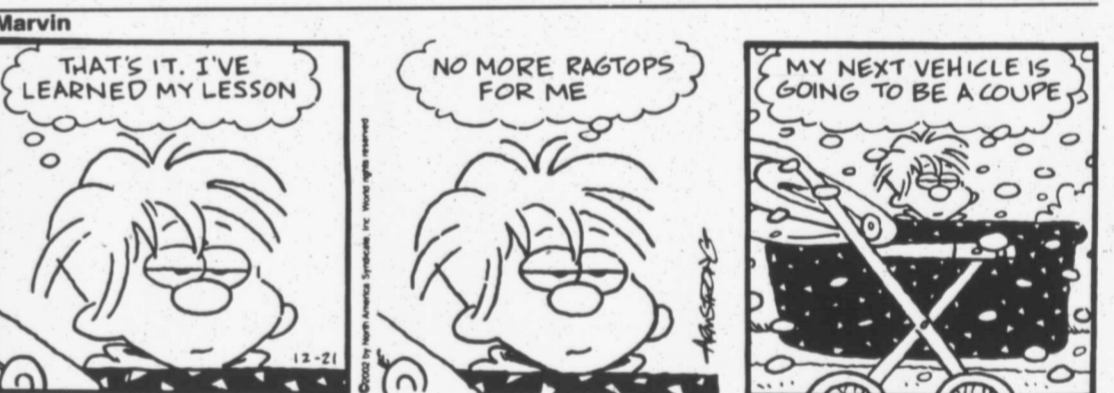
Do not attempt to do this straight out of high school. Study drama and speech in college, and work to sharpen your improvisational skills. Take every acting class you can. Be a reader and an observer, so you can pick up nuances of language in the mold of Robin Williams and Nathan Lane. And most important of all, remember this is not a part-time effort. Keep your eye on your goal. Good luck.

DEAR ABBY: Is it rude to open a drawer or medicine cabinet in the bathroom of someone's home?

DEAR SNOOPY: It certainly is, although many people do it anyway. It's also nosy — and it's wrong. (But fascinating.)

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanna Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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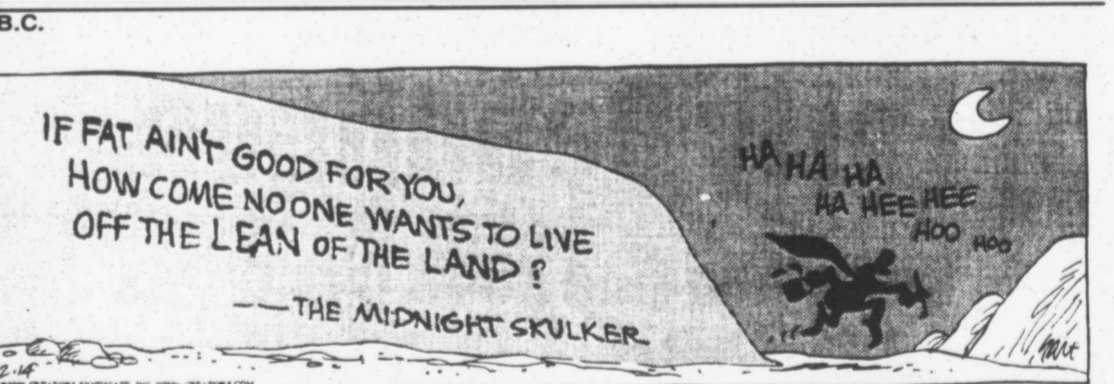
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An army of Bill Mauldin admirers remember

By **CHELSEA J. CARTER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

It began with a call to arms from one soldier to others — help one of their own fight Alzheimer's by writing of memories from another great battle.

The letters came by the thousands, from soldiers who survived World War II and the widows of those who did not. They came from children who had never seen war and soldiers embroiled in today's fight against terrorism.

Some were personal notes, sharing stories of survival and redemption with a man they never met. Others offered thanks to a man who brought laughter in dark times.

The letters were to cartoonist Bill Mauldin, who became the voice of the World War II infantry soldier with his characters Willie and Joe.

From 1940-45, Mauldin drew the two disheveled riflemen who lampooned the military for Stars and Stripes and other military journals. Mauldin also fought alongside soldiers, earning their respect as one of their own.

Today, Mauldin, who is 80, no longer remembers his family, his career, even his two Pulitzer prizes. But he remembers the war, and those who fought in it are helping him keep those memories alive with their letters.

Read one: "From one old dogface to another. Thanks for the memories."

In the introduction to "Up Front," a wartime compilation of his cartoons in 1945, Mauldin described the infantry soldier for whom he drew:

"If he is looking weary and resigned to the fact that he is probably going to die before it is over, and if he has a deep, almost hopeless desire to go home and forget it all; if he looks with dull, uncomprehending eyes at the fresh-faced kid who is talking about all the joys of battle and killing Germans, then he comes from the same infantry as Joe and Willie."

Mauldin enlisted in the Army in 1940 and, assigned as a rifleman to the 180th Infantry, started drawing cartoons depicting training camp life for the Division News, the newspaper for the 45th Division, known as the "Thunderbirds."

With Willie and Joe, Mauldin turned the foot soldier's miseries and the horrors of war to humor.

Once Mauldin was shipped overseas with the 45th, Stars and Stripes and The Yank, the servicewide newspapers, began publishing his drawings. Later, he was assigned to Stars and Stripes but continued to spend most of his time with the 45th Division where he once said he received his inspiration.

In 1945, at age 23, Mauldin won his first Pulitzer — for Willie and Joe.

He won the second in 1959 for an editorial cartoon in the St. Louis Post Dispatch. His best-known postwar cartoon came on Nov. 22, 1963, the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated: in it, a grieving Abraham Lincoln covered his face with his hands at the Lincoln Memorial.

But for old soldiers, it was Mauldin's Willie and Joe that reverberated through the years.

It started with 77-year-old Jay Gruenfeld, who spent years wondering what happened to the man who had made him laugh in a foxhole under fire.

Gruenfeld first read the cartoons in The Yank, the Army newspaper, as an infantry soldier in the battle for the Philippines. Gruenfeld was recovering in an Army hospital from wounds when his father sent him a copy of "Up Front."

With most of his squad killed, his future uncertain, Gruenfeld was grateful for the humor. He marveled at how Mauldin's Willie and Joe really knew the infantry did most of the fighting and the dying. They knew how young men felt so old.

More than five decades later, Gruenfeld self-published his memories of the war, in which he mentioned Mauldin's uplifting cartoons.

He tried twice to send his book to Mauldin. Twice it was returned. The last thing he remembered hearing about Mauldin was that he retired to New Mexico. He called a friend there and asked him to check a telephone book and see if any Mauldins were listed.

He found the cartoonist's son, Dave Mauldin. "When he called," the younger Mauldin said, "I had to tell him Dad was not doing well."

His father was suffering from Alzheimer's, he said. The family does not want to disclose Mauldin's specific location, but says he is living in a care home in Orange County, Calif.

"I heard that and said, 'Well, I have to go see him,'" said Gruenfeld, who days later made the four-hour drive from his home in Lompoc, along California's Central Coast.

He spent hours with Mauldin, telling stories about the war and the life after. He brought him his infantry patch and other memorabilia.

"He smiled this big, beautiful smile," he said. "You have to understand, Mauldin was just a paragon for us ... He needed to know he wasn't forgotten."

Gruenfeld returned home from that trip last spring with an idea: Get other veterans to write letters and visit.

He wrote to veterans organizations and contacted newspaper columnists. The word spread. Soon Mauldin was receiving hundreds of letters a day.

"Dear Bill," a typical letter begins. "I want you to know what Willie and Joe meant to me in that damned foxhole."

This letter is from Ed Trumble of Boulder, Colo., who, like many others, thought Willie and Joe could be in his unit.

Now 78, Trumble shared his story of survival during the Battle of the Bulge in 1944, one of the bloodiest battles of the war. He told Mauldin how he and a buddy had just read a cartoon in which Willie and Joe were under enemy fire and one said to the other: "They are trying to kiss us today."

"We were under an artillery attack and my buddy was digging in right beside me and he said, 'Well Trumble, they are trying to kiss us both today.'"

John Schaefer, 87, of West Chicago, Ill., sent Mauldin a May 15, 1945, copy of the Stars and Stripes with headlines that read: "Reich War Cost U.S. 750,000 Casualties" and "Russians Say Bullet-Torn Body In Berlin is Hitler's."

Inside the paper, Willie and Joe were searching homes for renegade Nazis. The caption read: "It sez here, 'Beware of the dog!'"

Schaefer said that when he learned of the campaign to contact Mauldin, "I tried to wrack my brain. What could I do?"

Then he remembered that when the war ended he had brought a half-dozen Stars and Stripes home. "I thought that might make him feel better than anything I had to say," said Schaefer.

Joe Carrigan, 77, of Lombard, Ill., told Mauldin how he worked at field hospitals, the first stop for wounded soldiers, in France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany.

"You can't believe how the men wounded or sightless would look forward to Willie and Joe because that was their life at the time," he wrote.

Carrigan said he used to read the cartoons to those who were blinded in battle.

"First, I would describe the cartoon to them. Then I would read the caption," he said.

The favorite among the men? "The one where Willie and Joe are standing in line while somebody's handing out Purple Hearts. The caption said: 'I've already got a Purple Heart. Where's the aspirin?'" he said in a telephone interview.

Richard Klein of La Jolla, Calif., told Mauldin he served in the war in France, fighting from Normandy to Nancy in 1944.

Enclosed in his envelope was a newspaper clipping of Willie and Joe that featured the two soldiers sitting on the ground and a determined-looking officer walking by: "That can't be no combat man. He's lookin' for a fight," the cartoon read.

"You were someone who knew and understood us as no outsider could," Klein wrote. Staff Sgt. Jay R. Boltin never served in

World War II, but he wanted to write Mauldin, too. Little has changed about military life in nearly six decades, said the staff sergeant stationed in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

"You have managed to capture the irony, double standards and outright insanity of Army life," he wrote, "in a way that allows us to laugh at ourselves and our leaders and keep moving forward in the face of adversity."

Letters, cards and drawings cover the walls and ceiling of Bill Mauldin's room at the convalescent home. For months, son Nat Mauldin has been reading letters to his father, standing at his bedside.

On a recent visit, he brought vanilla ice cream, his father's favorite, to ply him for a possible word or two. "It's a bribe," he said.

But mostly Mauldin remains silent. Nat Mauldin, 49, brushed the hair from his father's forehead, looked into his eyes and fed him a few spoonfuls of ice cream.

He picked through a stack of mail at the foot of his father's hospital bed. Many letters bear the shaky scrawl of an aging veteran; some have a child's broken handwriting.

"Hey Dad, this looks like a good one," he said.

The letter is postmarked Tucson, Ariz. It's from John S. Barker, a 78-year-old former corporal who served in Italy during the war.

Nat read: "Dear Mr. Mauldin, I have half-a-dozen grandsons, all in their early 20s, and all members of that generation that guesses Dec. 7, 1941, is somebody's birthday. Anzio is a viral disease and Cassino is a card game. They've asked about the war, but I lack the skills to make it come alive for them," he wrote.

Barker said he recently began trying to explain his war experience to his grandchildren by using Willie and Joe cartoons.

"They are beginning to get insights into the personal side of war, insights that might just work to minimize their chances of getting caught up in a similar adventure," the letter said.

Nat put the letter down, looked at his father and asked if he was feeling OK.

"Yeah," Bill Mauldin said.

The son beamed at the first word he'd drawn from his father in months.

It was one of four responses that day as the elder Mauldin heard more veterans' letters.

Later, Nat Mauldin pondered whether it was just a brief, random moment of clarity or whether — as "a part of me wants to believe" — the letters, the memories, helped break through.

"Whatever it was, I'll take it," he said.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Correspondence to Bill Mauldin can be sent to 10061 Riverside Dr., Box 1014, Toluca Lake, CA 91602.

Lost records delay award of Purple Heart 59 years

FORT WORTH — T.J. Shockley, 83, of Azle formally received his Purple Heart and Bronze Star recently at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base.

The Purple Heart came 57 years and some six months after he earned it.

That was in June 1945 when Shockley, a young Army private, was among 137 soldiers sent to take a hill in the Battle of Okinawa. Only 17 returned.

It was Shockley's first and last battle of the war. He was blinded by a phosphorus grenade and shipped back to Hawaii. His vision returned in September, about a month after Japan surrendered.

He was sent home to Fort Worth, glad to have survived. Medals were of little concern, but later he started to wonder.

The honors came to Shockley after a struggle that took longer than the war, said Bob Junger, a friend and retired Air Force sergeant who led the battle to get Shockley his due.

First, some of Shockley records were lost in the sinking of a ship. Others were lost in a fire at a records depot in St. Louis. Also, after 50-plus years, things tend to get misplaced.

"They claimed my records were lost. They had no record of me being in combat," Shockley said.

At one point, Shockley had to submit to a two-hour psychological examination just to prove he was sane.

For Junger, it became a mission. He spent countless hours poring through old records and bending the ears of people in Washington.

"This is well deserved and long overdue," U.S. Rep. Kay Granger said at the ceremony. She said later that the fight to win recognition for Shockley began during the tenure of her predecessor, Pete Geren.

Shockley, now retired and living in Azle, said the Purple Heart arrived in the mail a couple of months ago. He had received the Bronze Star back in 1963. It, too, arrived in the mail without any warning.

The Bronze Star is awarded for heroic or meritorious achievement in battle. The Purple Heart is awarded for wounds suffered in battle. It was created by George Washington and is the nation's oldest military decoration.

Medals such as these are supposed to be presented at a formal ceremony, so former Pfc. Shockley was ordered to show up at the base

on Friday. Navy Capt. Paul Paine, the base commander, pinned them on his chest and thanked him for his service to the country.

Shockley grew up in west Fort Worth. He graduated from Arlington Heights High in 1938 and went to Texas A&M on a football scholarship. He played halfback. He was hurt that first season, his scholarship was withdrawn and he enrolled at North Texas Agricultural College, now known as the University of Texas at Arlington.

The Army called him up in '43, and he had problems from the get-go. First, the Army insisted that he have a first name. His given name, however, the one on his birth certificate, simply was "T.J." Just to please the Army, he told them his name was "Thomas Jefferson."

Then he was assigned to 77th Infantry Division, also known as the Statue of Liberty Division. It was a New York-based outfit and almost all of the men were from New York.

"Here I am, a boy from Texas, and with all those Yankees, I wasn't sure who the enemy was until we got into combat," Shockley quipped.

In the spring of '45, Shockley and a boat full of Yankees were en route to Okinawa, an island about 400 miles south of Japan. It turned into the bloodiest fight of the Pacific War. U.S. casualties totaled more than 38,000 wounded and 12,000 killed or missing. The Japanese lost more than 200,000 soldiers and civilians.

After the war, Shockley went to work at Consolidated Vultee, which became General Dynamics and now is Lockheed.

He retired in 1978 to a 40-acre spread in Azle. It's now 36 acres. The county took away four acres for a road.

His wife, Wilma, died in 1990, just a few months after they celebrated their 50th anniversary. Together, they had three children and two grandchildren. Son, Jeff, and daughter, Gaye Ash, were there for the ceremony.

"He was a good soldier, but a better father," Ash said.

Shockley couldn't quite believe it finally happened.

"I think it could have been done without all this trouble," he said. "But I am glad it happened now instead of after I had died. I read all the time about people getting medals after they are dead. This is fine."

Austin residents complain about live music

AUSTIN (AP) — A grunge band bangs away on guitars at an outdoor venue. At the bar next door, an alterna-rock band flails about on stage. Across the street, dance music rattles the windows late into the night.

The competing rhythms converge on Sixth Street, a downtown entertainment district where boisterous, sometimes inebriated college students traipse from bar to bar, their voices wafting into the bedrooms of nearby apartments.

Many of those residents have had it with the noise.

They're urging the city to pass an ordinance next month to reduce late-night noise, the latest move in the long-running

standoff between revelers and sleepless residents.

"If you want to live this close to the action, you've got to realize that, well, you're going to be that close to the action," said Heath Macintosh, owner of the Red Eyed Fly. "It might not be the best circumstances at some times, but that's the exception you make for being so close to it."

Sixth Street is a strip of downtown Austin crammed with bars and restaurants, where struggling musicians have sought their start for years.

It was here that the likes of Stevie Ray Vaughan, Lyle Lovett and Willie Nelson gained notice, long before

developers realized there was money to be made by transforming abandoned downtown warehouses into trendy residential lofts.

Macintosh, who bought the Red Eyed Fly in January, has worked closely with residents to help squelch the late-night noise.

"With the original owners of the Red Eyed Fly, I called police almost on a nightly basis," said resident Steve Fowler, who owns a furniture store and goes to work at 7 a.m. "At 2 a.m. when someone with little to no skills was screaming and yelling and no one but his best friends were in the bar, then I did call on them almost every day."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 23, 2002.

Make the most out of the extraordinary nature of this year. Many financial opportunities drop in your lap through August 2003. You might want to go through a long process of picking and choosing. You also might not be comfortable dissecting everything that comes in your direction. Reach out for others, even if, at the time, you might be a bit uncomfortable. Your ability to take a risk separates you from the flock. You gain professionally and emotionally through travel during September 2003. Step out of your routine. Embrace something totally different. If you are single, you will meet someone quite unique and/or different in your life. The more open you are, the better your chances are for a successful relationship. If attached, you will develop together with more dialoguing, often wanting the same things. LEO gets down to the nitty gritty.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Take in another perspective. Be aware of news that heads in your direction. Important information drops in your lap. You might want to take action immediately. Your intensity mixes well with last-minute holiday errands. Tonight: Head on home.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Perhaps you are one of the people who left your errands to the very last moment. Tension builds in a new direction. You wonder what your limits are as you deal with so many last-minute requests. Could you be Santa, loading his sleigh? It feels like it! Tonight: Move along.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** You cannot stop someone from reacting. Keep reaching out for those you care about in between squeezing in a last-minute errand or two. You will tend to play down your financial instincts. Don't, if you possibly can. Deal with a partner's financial pressure. Tonight: Wrap last-minute gifts.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You're flying high. Others cannot stop you, even if they try. Encourage your immediate circle to toss cares to the wind and start enjoying themselves to the max. Fortunately, this is the only time of year you can play Santa or an elf, walking down the street. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Realize your limits when dealing directly with someone who is close to you. Though you might have had enough of someone pushing you, say so nicely. Remember that everyone is under pressure. Work with the status quo. Understand others. Tonight: Do something ultimately for yourself.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Keep reaching out for others. Discussions surround possibilities. Don't get too stuck in here and now thinking. Start wishing upon star. Think Santa. Try for what might seem impossible. That's more like it. Tonight: Start swapping presents with friends.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Take the lead, especially as you might find something that someone else might forget. Your ability to understand

and cover all your bases simultaneously you through a harrowing moment or two. A boss demonstrates his or her gratefulness. Tonight: A most show. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Take in an overview, and you could be quite pleased at what emerges. You think one thing, when clearly someone else thinks another. Work with associates to come to terms with a changeable situation. Tonight: Go caroling. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Others seek you out, perhaps excited about the gift he or she wants to share with you. Make the impossible possible. Don't simply slam doors on others. Listen to their suggestions. Consider your potential options. Tonight: Spend special time with a friend. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Others certainly run with the ball. Don't make it a big thing; rather, go along. Your time to exercise your independence and different thoughts will come soon enough. You'll find yourself heading in your own direction later on. Tonight: Go along with plans. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** You might not always be ready for everything you hear. Some unanticipated news throws you off course. Stay steady, even if it means handling a situation in a more serious manner. Consider your later alternatives carefully. Tonight: Handle last-minute details.
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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 22, 2002. Emphasize individual contact this year. Others will be much more responsive, and you will gain as a result. Financial partnerships star, though you cannot be too exacting about the how and where of your financial obligations. When vagueness fogs any area of your life, you could find yourself in trouble. You will build more solid ground within your relationships and life. In September 2003, you will break your patterns and change your life in a more dynamic way. You might do more traveling. It is possible that you might take a course or decide to do more inner, spiritual work. If you are single, you will want a relationship, and perhaps in your need you'll mistake one as being more important than it really is. Relax. You will meet someone very special after August 2003 who might be perfect. If you're attached, your relationship will grow because of your attentive ways. Plan something very special together for the fall. LEO understands you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** You create dreams right now. Don't slow down, but do take your time making a decision. Sometimes you might not be as sure of yourself as you'd like to be when on emotional turf. Willingly discuss your feelings. Tonight: Start playing away.

This Week: You could be delighted by Christmas Eve. Take Christmas as a day of giving to others — not necessarily materialistically. Share your mellowness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Decide on what is necessary in order to make this holiday work and be special. Listen more often to what others share, and you'll get a good idea of what to do. Make sure your home abounds with holiday music. Tonight: Share with loved ones.

This Week: Stay centered when dealing with any last-minute panic. You'll find that a special quality emerges on Tuesday that will mark this holiday week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Allow your playfulness to emerge when dealing with a child or loved one. Hang out. Share more of yourself. Spread cheer. Buy eggnog for a friend who might not be as perky as you

are about the upcoming holiday. Tonight: Out and about.

This Week: You express what you feel; others will listen. Still, you pull yourself in Tuesday through Thursday. You want the next few days to be cozy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Finish off last-minute details. Consider what is needed to make everyone in your immediate circle more comfortable. Get an extra gift or two in case someone unexpected surfaces out of the blue. Tonight: Your treat.

This Week: Don't let possessiveness mark the few moments before Santa's arrival. You'll enjoy Tuesday and Wednesday to the max, if you can relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Your personality helps others relax and make the best out of the next few days. Even if the holidays could be easy for you, they might not be OK for those around you. A suggestion might have a lot more energy behind it than you're aware of. Tonight: Add a touch of fun.

This Week: You tear into Monday, a force not to be stopped. Indulgence marks Tuesday and Wednesday. You're all smiles this week.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Slow down rather than tripping yourself up or causing yourself a problem. Understand more of what you need right now. Take time to rest if you have the intention of making it through the next few days. Schedule a nap or massage. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

This Week: Recognize that enough is enough. Stop all the racing around and start enjoying the holiday. Tuesday and Wednesday could be spectacular — just let it happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Your imagination can and will run wild. Be clear about your expectations with a friend. Reality might cast an odd light on a situation that could make you most uncomfortable. Take responsibility. Also, take off your blinders. Tonight: Where the action is.

This Week: You could become the perennial scrooge if you're not careful Tuesday and Wednesday. You'll feel much better by Thursday. What a relief.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Someone might make demands that you are not quite ready to meet. Realize how much pressure a particular situation creates in your life. You might want to consider making a change in the near future. Tonight: A holiday gather-

ing. This Week: All eyes turn to you Monday.

You'll remember this Christmas for many years. Start smiling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Venture past traditions or break out of the box. Where you might have made assumptions previously, you discover a snafu. Be happy that you have the opportunity to make up for a problem before it is too late. Tonight: Where your mind can wander.

This Week: Reach out for those at a distance. Stay on top of what is going on. You will need to take the lead this Christmas. Relax and smile on Thursday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** You deal well with others. Keep a problem clear, understanding what needs to happen in order to make a situation work. One-on-one relating produces yet another perspective on an emotional matter. Gain through discussions. Tonight: Close encounters.

This Week: You make a difference, especially to relatives at a distance. A phone call could mean as much as a present to some. Others need you Thursday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You could be confused by news that comes forward. Worry less about others and their reactions. Just put on your dancing shoes and enjoy. After all, the time has come to get into the holiday spirit. Allow yourself to relax. Tonight: Where the action is.

This Week: Others come toward you. Relationships star the next few days. On Thursday let your mind wander.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Reach out for those in your day-to-day life. Think of the people you don't normally consider, like your mailman or the grocery-store clerk you chat with. Don't forget those people in your life. In the long run, they grace your life in many ways. Tonight: Finish running errands.

This Week: Finish off any leftover details quickly. Early Tuesday, the party begins and will not end for a while — maybe this coming weekend.

BORN TODAY
Newscaster Diane Sawyer (1945), store founder Joseph B. Bloomingdale (1842), first lady Lady Bird Johnson (1912)

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