

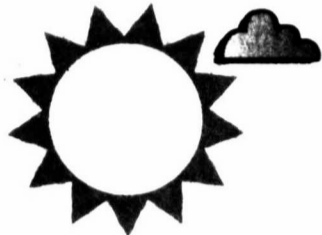
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### Hearings yield little ground for Abu Ghraib defendants

FORT HOOD (AP) — After two days of legal hearings, three soldiers accused of abusing detainees at Abu Ghraib are relying on the same legal argument as before: they had no choice but to follow orders from higher-ups inside the notorious Iraqi prison.

On Monday, lawyers for Spc. Charles Graner Jr., considered a ringleader in the abuse scandal, lost a bold bid to have charges against him dismissed on the grounds that statements by President Bush and others would make it impossible for him to get a fair trial.

Col. James Pohl, the military judge presiding, rejected that argument, saying what the president, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and other top leaders said about Abu Ghraib does not appear specific enough to taint the jury pool for Graner's trial.

But Pohl said he might revisit the issue if it becomes apparent that prospective jurors have been influenced to the degree that Graner's right to a fair trial is jeopardized.

The Army reservist from Uniontown, Pa., is scheduled for trial at Fort Hood beginning Jan. 7.

### Lawmaker offers foster care recommendations

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas has a moral obligation to ensure the safety of children taken from their homes and placed in foster care, a lawmaker said Monday as she made recommendations to improve the foster care system.

"Too many times over the past few years, we've seen horrible stories of children living in horrible conditions in state care and that's got to stop," said state Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp, R-Lampasas.

Hupp's recommendations come amid increased scrutiny of the Texas foster care system. Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn in April detailed the problems she found with foster care.

## Officers shut down alleged 'pot shop'

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

An alleged "pot shop" was closed down in the wee hours Monday when Pampa police officers and Gray County deputies served a search warrant at 320 N. Gillespie and arrested three adults and

detained a juvenile.

"Officers had been investigating, for some time, reports of marijuana being sold from the house," said Police Lt. Fred Courtney in a news release.

At 2:07 a.m., city and county officers, including Police Sgt. David Lee and Officer Casey Ingersoll,

decided to force the door at the residence after no one answered their repeated knocks, according to the release.

Inside, officers reportedly found one pound, three ounces of marijuana, along with drug paraphernalia and a "large amount" of cash, inside the home. The exact amount of

money was not included in the report.

They also found three people asleep in the house, police said.

"A fourth person was later taken into custody after Sgt. Lee called her by phone and told her to come home

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## Fresno couple jailed

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

A man and woman from Fresno, Calif., are free on bond after Texas Department of Public Safety troopers found pot and pills in their vehicle Saturday.

Rachelle Nichols, 41, and Lynn Murray, 36, were stopped near the 144-mile marker eastbound on Interstate 40 at about 3:30 p.m., Dec. 4, by DPS troopers for allegedly speeding.

They gave verbal consent to troopers to search the 2004 Ford Explorer they were driving. Troopers reportedly found 59 pounds of marijuana concealed behind both front fenders and in the spare tire. Also in the spare tire was a surgical glove containing eight grams of Ecstasy tablets, said a DPS spokesperson.

The two were booked into Gray County Jail, and each was charged with possession of marijuana over 50 pounds and under 2,000 pounds, and possession of a controlled substance over one gram and under four grams.

Bond for each of the two charges was set at \$10,000 each for Nichols, or a total of \$20,000, according to jail records. Bond on the marijuana charge was set at \$15,000 for Murray, and another \$10,000 was set on Murray's controlled substance charge, for a total of \$25,000.

Nichols and Murray were released on bond Monday, according to jail records.

No money was found in the vehicle during the search, and the vehicle was not seized, according to the DPS spokesperson. It is uncertain where the two were headed, the spokesperson said.



Pampa News photo

Hard work by Leslie Fisher, above left, and Teresa Winkler, right, paid off when Fenton Motor Company's "At the Cross" entry won first place in the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce's 2004 Christmas Parade. Lexi Haynes, 3, in the photo below left, enjoys some of the candy she caught from a float during the parade. She's savoring one sucker, while holding another in reserve.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

## Chamber names parade winners

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce has announced the winning entries in each of six divisions of the 2004 Christmas parade, held Saturday.

Fenton Motors of Pampa was judged best commercial entry, with their float depicting a cowboy kneeling before a cross.

Girl Scout Five Star Council 221 and 222 won the non-commercial division.

A 1929 Ford entered by N&T Specialty Welding and Manufacturing was named top entry in the antique/classic car

category. Gary and Sherry Bolch earned top honors in the motorcycles-four-wheelers division with their red Harley-Davidson "tryke."

First place in the religious category went to St. Vincent de Paul Danza Guadalupana, or Indian dancers, who were near the head of the parade in red costumes.

Best horse entry was an equine entry by Linda and Stacey Huddleston. A horse named Rajah, decorated by Linda Huddleston, carried Rachel Andorfer in the parade.

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## Survivors dwindle that recall attack on Pearl Harbor

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — Paul Goodyear was standing on a signal bridge on the starboard side of the USS Oklahoma in 1941 when bombs started falling from the sky and torpedoes zeroed in.

Explosions, screams, chaos and gunfire shattered the calm morning of that Dec. 7, and within 12 minutes, the massive battleship rolled over and capsized, trapping hundreds of men belowdecks.

Sixty-three years later, Goodyear can still hear their cries and tapping for help.

Goodyear, 86, and a dwindling number of survivors returned to the site of their most haunting memories to honor the 429 men from the Oklahoma and nearly 2,000 others who died in the Japanese sneak attack that plunged the United States into World War II.

"There's a great bond between us," Goodyear said.

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Flags line the central walk at Memory Gardens Cemetery today as smaller flags decorate the graves of military veterans. The flags fly in recognition of today as the anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, a day "that will live in infamy," according to then-President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

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**CASA recognition**

Jeanne Townsend, center in the photo above, receives a CASA of the High Plains "Life Savers" jar in honor of her 10 years of service as a volunteer, board member and past Board of Directors President from Stephanie Kelly, CASA representative, right, and District Judge Lee Waters, left. Worley Kennedy, Sara Martindale, and Cullen Allen, left to right in the photo below, were recently elected to serve on the CASA of the High Plains Board of Directors. They began their terms in office by hosting a "Thank You Celebration" in honor of the many CASA volunteers who serve in the Pampa and surrounding areas. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates for children who become involved in the judicial system.

**Attack**

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Goodyear was a 23-year-old petty officer in 1941 whose life was saved when, after he jumped into the burning waters of the harbor, someone threw him a line from the USS Maryland and he was able to pull himself up.

The USS Oklahoma suffered the second-highest number of Pearl Harbor casualties behind the USS Arizona, where most of its 1,177 killed crewmen remain entombed after the ship sank.

"I could see the torpedo coming and I was yelling at the gunner to shoot the bastard down," said Goodyear, of Casa Grande, Ariz.

The anniversary will be marked with simultaneous ceremonies Tuesday aboard the USS Arizona Memorial above that sunken battleship, and on shore. Each ceremony was to feature a moment of silence at 7:55 a.m. — the minute the attack started.

Goodyear, head of the USS Oklahoma Survivors Association, joined four

other survivors and about two dozen friends and family Monday evening for the unveiling of a permanent exhibit on the Oklahoma.

Although they were pleased with the small exhibit in the Arizona museum, survivors of the USS Oklahoma are pressing for a permanent memorial.

"I've written every congressman," said George Brown, 83. "I'll doubt I'll ever see it."

Goodyear said he also wants the USS Arizona Memorial's name changed to the Pearl Harbor Memorial or the Memorial of the Pacific.

"The kids on the Arizona died one of the most merciful deaths known to man, whereas the kids on the Oklahoma suffered one of the most horrible, traumatic demises known to man and yet no one knows the Oklahoma was here," he said. "They suffered casual-

ties and they should be remembered, but there were other ships there too and that's our beef."

The National Park Service, which operates the Arizona Memorial, said it is considering changing the name and broadening the museum's scope.

When it sank, the Oklahoma was anchored off Ford Island on Battleship Row in the middle of the harbor, next to the USS Maryland. The Oklahoma took the brunt of the torpedoes, leaving the Maryland relatively intact.

The Oklahoma was refloated in 1943 and sold for scrap after the war, but it sank in the Pacific while being towed to California.

On the Net:  
USS Arizona Memorial: <http://www.nps.gov/usar>  
Pearl Harbor Survivors Association: <http://members.aol.com/phsasecy97/>

*'I could see the torpedo coming and I was yelling at the gunner to shoot the bastard down.'*

— Paul Goodyear  
Pearl Harbor survivor



**Fritch group to perform 'Random Acts of Christmas'**

FRITCH — Borger-Fritch Academy of Performing Arts will present the Christmas production "Random Acts of Christmas" starting with pre-show seating at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10, followed by an Italian meal catered by Creator's Cottage of Fritch at 6:30 p.m.

The show will get under way at 7 p.m. at Fritch Elementary School.

The show, a celebration of Christmas, will entertain through song, dance and acting. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under and seniors 55 and over.

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### Tasty Thanksgiving history lesson

K-5 students at Community Christian School celebrated Thanksgiving by eating a traditional meal wearing Native American headbands. This concluded a study on early American history. Students pictured back row from left are Bryson Troxell, Hailey McCall, Tyler DeVuyst, Cameron Washington, Derek Norris. Front from left are Mary Kate Haley, Harper Kelly, Elise Kennedy, Clayton Mitchell, and Sarah Gordzelik.

## House Republicans putting last stamp on intelligence bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A long-delayed bill overhauling the nation's intelligence agencies is nearing passage now that President Bush and House Armed Services chairman Duncan Hunter have endorsed a compromise guaranteeing battlefield commanders access to top-secret information.

Bush has called on Congress for months to pass legislation implementing the Sept. 11 commission's recommendations to protect the nation from terrorists. House GOP leaders have been holding up the bill because of Hunter's concerns that it might interfere with the military's ability to get vital information.

Hunter now supports it because House-Senate negotiators added language to ensure Defense officials would have priority in battlefield areas over the nation's

spy satellites and other intelligence equipment.

The California congressman had worried that a new national intelligence director, a position the legislation would create to coordinate spy agencies, would have been able to insert himself into the chain of command from the president to the combatant commanders.

House Republicans met Tuesday to put the final touches on the bill. Lawmakers from both parties expect the bill to pass and said its reforms were long overdue.

"We have not in 50 years changed the intelligence system. We've never walked away from the Cold War model," Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said

Tuesday on CBS' "The Early Show." "We now have a bill which will pass both houses, I hope, that will change the intelligence system and head it in the right direction."

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, the chief Republican negotiator on the bill, told CBS that by creating the post of national intelligence director, the legislation would create "a single individual who will be responsible for coordinating our intelligence and who will be accountable. We've lacked that in the current system."

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., had refused to bring the bill up before Thanksgiving because of the opposition from Hunter and House Judiciary chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis. Sensenbrenner said he would still oppose the bill.

## HHS: Foreign flu shots on the way

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is pressing to buy more flu vaccine despite a slow start to the flu season.

The Food and Drug Administration has signed off on the safety of a portion of 5 million doses that are available from plants in Canada and Germany. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson was scheduled to announce the vaccine purchase Tuesday.

The FDA has inspected the facilities where the vaccines were made. The agency also tested that they would be effective against the dominant flu strain expected in the United States and made sure the vaccines have been stored properly since they were made, HHS officials said Monday.

They spoke on condition of anonymity in advance of Thompson's announcement.

Earlier Monday, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cautioned health care officials to remain alert even though the flu season has begun slowly, with no widespread outbreak reported.

But health care officials were urged

to remain alert.

"A slow start doesn't necessarily reflect a slow season," Dr. Judith Gerberding, director of the CDC, said at an American Medical Association conference in Atlanta. "The most common month of peak activity is February."

The FDA has been working since October to arrange for additional flu shots that were not made for U.S. consumption.

Canadian flu shot maker ID Biomedical has just over 1 million doses to sell to the United States, while British drug manufacturer GlaxoSmithKline can provide 4 million doses from a German plant, Thompson said in October.

Officials declined to say how much vaccine was being purchased now.

Separately, Illinois, New Mexico and New York City have located

another 650,000 doses from drug wholesalers, but have not yet gotten FDA approval to purchase the vaccine for their residents.

Health officials had planned to have more than 100 million doses of the vaccine this season, the biggest supply ever. But flu shot maker Chiron Corp. announced Oct. 5 that it could not ship its 48 million doses after British health officials suspended its license because of contamination at a Liverpool plant.

The resulting shortage was a major concern to physicians at the AMA meeting who complained that the flu vaccine was at times available on a first-come basis instead of reaching high-risk patients as a top priority.

However, Gerberding said, "volunteerism works" as most Americans followed CDC guidelines for reserving the vaccine for those in greatest need.

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•ANIMALPRINTS.COM. AnimalPrints.com has dedicated \$1 from each sale of a newly released series of artist's prints to benefit animals in need. For more information or to view the prints, go to [AnimalPrints.com](http://AnimalPrints.com) on the Internet.

•AIYSE. American International Youth Student Exchange Program is seeking American high school students, ages 15-19, to participate in its foreign exchange program. Students will spend a semester or year with an European family or participate in a 4- to 6-week family stay abroad in the summer. Students are screened by AIYSEP school counselors and educators in local schools. To qualify, students must have evidence of maturity, superior character and knowledge of English and a foreign language. For more information, call 1-800-347-7575 or visit [www.aise.com](http://www.aise.com) on the World Wide Web.

•Arbor Day Foundation. The National Arbor Day Foundation offers a "Tree Planting Resource Kit for Volunteers." The kit is available for \$29.95 plus ship-

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The National Arbor Day Foundation has also published "What Tree is That?," a pocket guide for identifying trees. The 84-page guide identifies 157 different trees in the western United States. To obtain the tree guide, send your name and address along with \$3 to "What Tree is That?" The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410 or log onto [arborday.org](http://arborday.org) on the World Wide Web.

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•ASSE. ASSE International Student Exchange Programs helps bring foreign students to visit in the U.S. and provides opportunities for American teens to study abroad. Area representatives receive training, are reimbursed for expenses and enjoy developing friendships with people from all over the world. To learn more about becoming an area representative, call 1-800-473-0696 or (409) 745-2433.



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## A charming holiday home

*Schneider House: Senior living at its best ...*



The Schneider House Apartments offers senior adults and disabled individuals a charming place to call home.

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"We want potential residents to see how comfortable and roomy our apartments actually are," said Debbie Sigala, apartment manager. Sigala said each apartment comes furnished with a stove, refrigerator and central heating and air conditioning.

In addition, an alert system is provided to each resident should they get into difficulty and need to signal for help.

"We have a laundry room downstairs, and an elevator to take you there," Sigala said, adding that in addition to the laundry facilities Schneider House runs an indoor mail service and has a modern grande lobby on its ground floor as well.

Many Schneider House residents gather in the mornings for breakfast and fellowship.

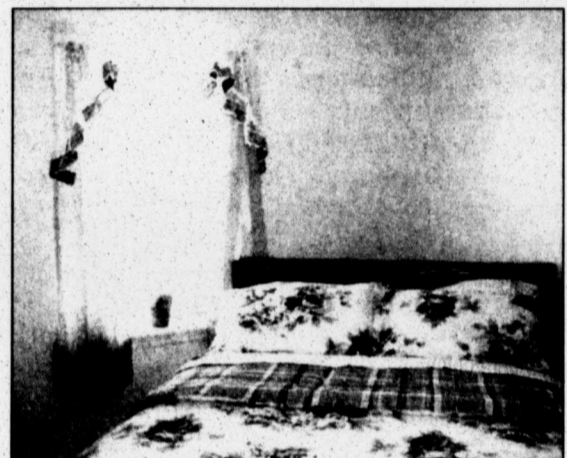
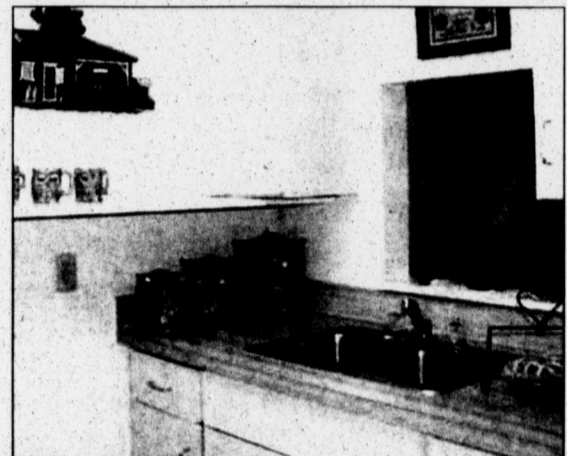
Besides a weekly movie night, residents may enjoy a multitude of fun and engaging activities such as the weekly country and gospel music night, craft days, parties, church services, cook-outs and much, much more.

Another advantage of living at Schneider House is that residents are within easy walking distance of downtown and have use of an attractive park directly across the street from the great, old-fashioned apartment building, the front of which has a long, sheltering overhang to shade residents who want to take to the air. A comfortable row of benches lines the shaded porch.

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Museum reception

# City of Fritch to honor late civic leader, artist

FRITCH — The Lake Meredith Aquatic & Wildlife Museum will host a reception honoring the late LaNelle Poling from 2-5

p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the museum. The City of Fritch announced in November a proclamation establishing

Dec. 12 — Mrs. Poling's birthday — as LaNelle Poling Day. Mrs. Poling was born in Amarillo in 1932, married

Walt Poling in 1951 and moved to Fritch in 1952. She and her husband established Poling Ranch south of Fritch on Highway 136.

They spent numerous hours volunteering for their community in different capacities, among them the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts,

Lions Club, Psi Omega and PTA. Assigned to the Fritch Bicentennial Committee in See **POLING**, Page 14



## Career Clinic

(Left-right) Leona Willis, Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa member, Eric Barry and Blaine Bertrand, both of Texas Productions in Canyon, and Altrusan Pat Johnson visit during Career Clinic held recently at Pampa High School. Altrusa and Rotary Club co-sponsor the clinic every two years. Professionals from various fields speak to the high schoolers regarding their respective careers.

## Masons to close historic home

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas Masons have decided in a final vote to close their historic Fort Worth home and school for displaced children at the end of the school year.

The Masons voted at their annual convention in Waco on Friday to close the 105-year-old Masonic Home and School of Texas at the end of the school year in May.

The 2,600-1,100 vote confirmed a similar division in a preliminary vote taken last year.

The Fort Worth facility has provided shelter and schooling for displaced children since 1899. The school also pays for health care and clothing for the children, ages 4 to 18, who come from across the state for various reasons.

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December 4....."Snacks With Santa" St. Matthews Episcopal Church  
Christmas Parade..... A "Texas Tumbleweed Christmas" 1:00 p.m.  
"The Nutcracker" Pampa Civic Ballet.....M.K. Brown Auditorium, 7 pm  
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## Jurors mistakenly convicted Peterson, witnesses say

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — In tearful testimony, Scott Peterson's family and friends pleaded with jurors to spare his life, contending that he was mistakenly convicted of killing his pregnant wife, Laci.

Defense witnesses have already testified that Peterson sang to seniors on Sundays, distributed food and clothes in Tijuana and that he was a good friend and loving son.

On the fifth day of the trial's penalty phase, Peterson's relatives questioned the jury's verdict.

"I don't believe he's guilty," said his

uncle, John Latham. "I would not like to see him die. It would tear our family apart."

But jurors showed no expression, some even looking away or toward the ground as Latham spoke.

Testimony in the seven-month-old trial's penalty phase was set to continue Tuesday and run into the next day before closing arguments.

Jurors were expected to begin deliberating Thursday whether to sentence Peterson to life without parole or the death penalty.

Peterson was convicted Nov. 12 of

one count of first-degree murder in the death of his pregnant wife, Laci, and one count of second-degree murder for the killing of her fetus.

Prosecutors say he smothered or strangled Laci in their Modesto home on or around Christmas Eve 2002, then dumped her body into San Francisco Bay.

The remains of the victims were discovered about four months later a few miles from where Peterson claims to have been fishing alone the day his wife vanished.

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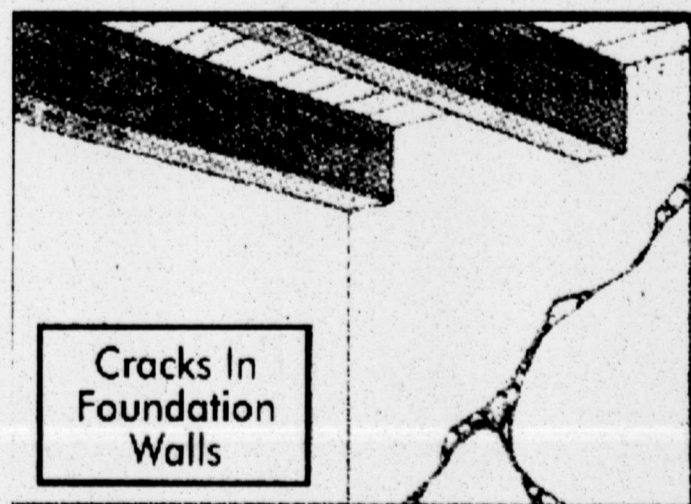
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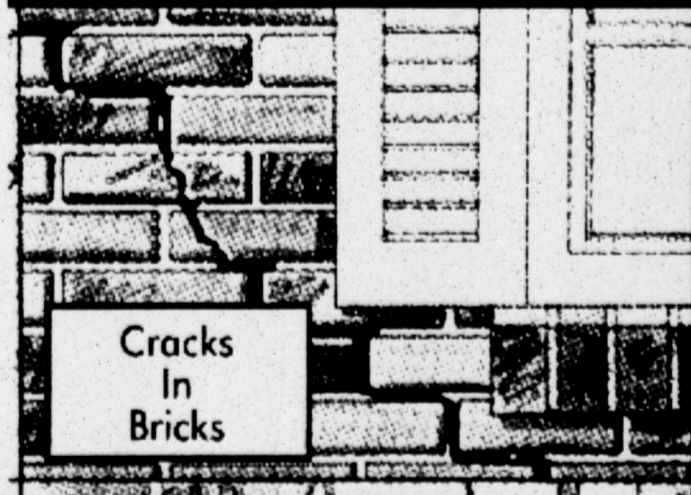
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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter from "All Tipped Out," commenting on the increasing number of "tip jars" she encounters in business establishments, I had to write and say I couldn't agree more.

I first noticed the phenomenon about 15 years ago, at a wine-and-cheese fund-raiser for an organization to which I belonged. I was flabbergasted to see that the people pouring the wine had a tip jar on the bar. I assumed that we had hired these people as part of the contract, and certainly never expected to see them blatantly soliciting tips.

However, I couldn't convince the event organizers to do anything about it.

Since then, I have seen tip jars on the open bars at weddings. Only once have I seen the father of the bride have the good sense and righteous indignation to order them removed immediately.

There is no reason to tolerate paid help hustling one's invited guests for tips. You wouldn't put up with this at a catered event at your home. -- PAT C., HOCKESSIN, DEL.

DEAR PAT: Good point. Frankly, I too was surprised at how prevalent the practice has become. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Please tell "All Tipped Out" to hold onto her hat. There is a doctor's office in our town -- a beautiful facility with lots of employees and patients -- that does the same thing, although in a slightly less blatant way.

A friend of mine went to this office to have a procedure done. It was not performed by the doctor, but by a technician. When she went to pay at the reception desk, she was asked if she would like to "tip" the technician.

I have no problem tipping in establishments where I know the employees are not receiving minimum wage and depend on tips to supplement their incomes.

However, I have no doubt that technician was earning more than minimum wage, and I don't think it was appropriate to ask a patient for a tip.

I will be more on my toes than my friend was. I will say, "Perhaps the doctor should give his technician a raise if she needs tips." -- ALWAYS A NEW TWIST IN WYOMING

DEAR NEW TWIST: What you have described seems more like a demand than a request, and it's appalling.

DEAR ABBY: I work in a local bakery, and there is a tip jar; however, the employees who work the counter earn the same as everyone else, and it's more than minimum wage. Yet they expect tips and make rude comments when the customer leaves if they are not received. I find this embarrassing. I'd be less dismayed if the tips were divided by everyone, and the comments were kept in check. -- E. CLAIRE IN CAMBRIDGE

DEAR E. CLAIRE: Your boss should be made aware of what's going on in the front of his shop. If word leaks out, it will affect the business.

DEAR ABBY: I work in a small restaurant where there's a tip jar on the counter. I don't "expect" tips because of it. What makes my day is when a customer is friendly, cheerful, and says "please" and "thank you." "All Tipped Out" needn't feel obligated to tip. Just being polite and friendly will make an employee's day far more than any tip could. -- HAPPY SERVER IN CANADA

DEAR HAPPY SERVER: You're 100 percent right -- but that's a subject for another column.

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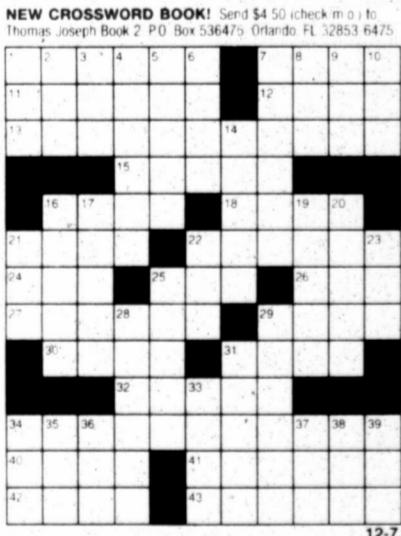
### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's answer



## Marmaduke



"If you want to feel something really cold, feel Marmaduke's nose."

## The Family Circus



"I made the team. They all liked my touchdown dance."

## B.C.



## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blondie



## Flo & Friends



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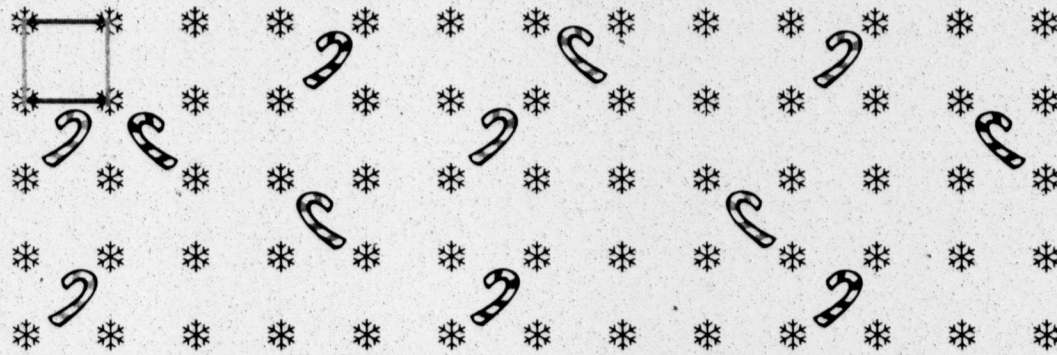
This Week: Christmas Celebrations

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# Christmas Around the World

## Froliche Weihnachten Merry Christmas from Austria

In Austria, some families celebrate Christmas with this sweet tradition. Each Christmas, tiny wrapped packages are hung on a small Christmas tree. Everyone who comes to visit can take one. Inside each package is a piece of candy.



Draw a vertical or horizontal line between two snowflakes. Then have a friend do it. Keep taking turns connecting the snowflakes. The person who completes each box scores 2 points. If the box contains a candy cane, that's worth 5 points.

Austria contributed something to the celebration of Christmas that is now part of traditions in many other parts of the world. Write the letter that comes after each letter alphabetically to discover this contribution.

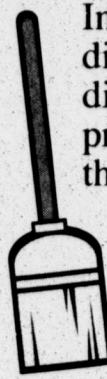
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Standards Link: Social Science: Students compare beliefs, customs, ceremonies, traditions and social practices of varied cultures.

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### Merry Christmas from Norway

In Norway, families have a big dinner on Christmas Eve. After dinner, it is time for opening presents. Then all the brooms in the house are hidden.



Long ago, Norwegians thought that bad spirits came out on Christmas Eve. It became a tradition to hide the brooms, fire shovel and tongs so that naughty spirits couldn't play with them.

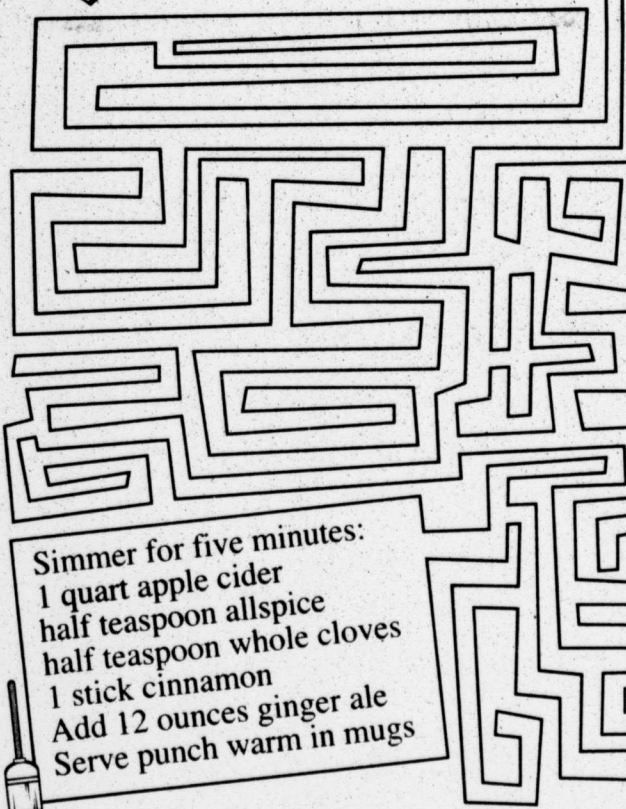
How many brooms can you find on this page?

## Wendy's Wassail Cup

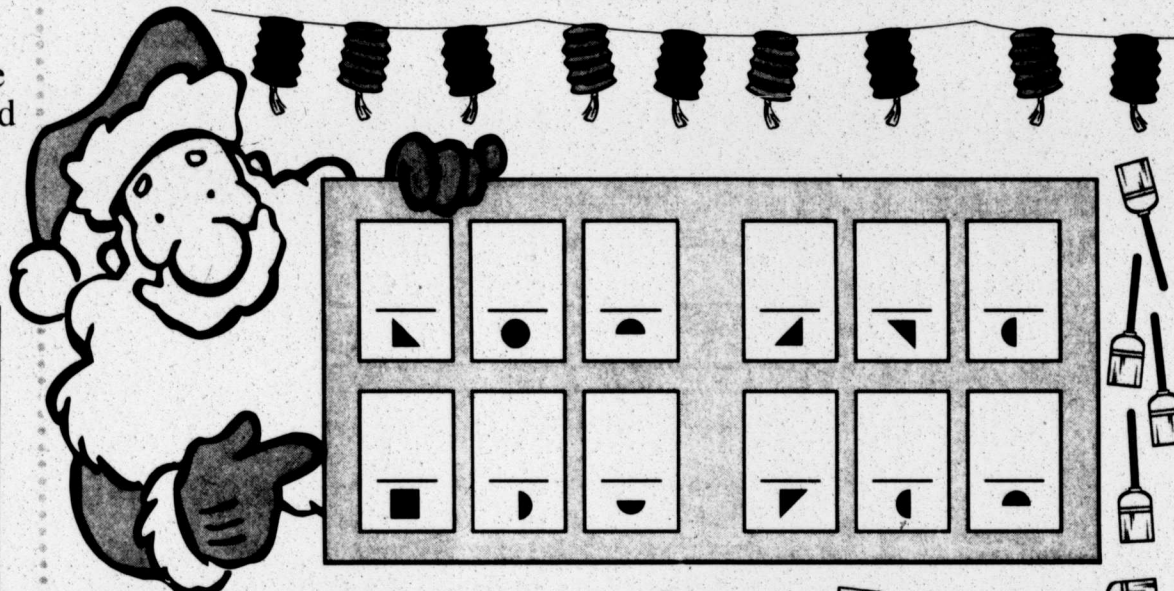
### Merry Christmas from England

"At my home in Britain," says Wendy, "we like to go caroling. After a long walk singing in the cold, we come home for some warm wassail punch. You should try some!"

Follow the path to discover how to make wassail punch.



Simmer for five minutes:  
1 quart apple cider  
half teaspoon allspice  
half teaspoon whole cloves  
1 stick cinnamon  
Add 12 ounces ginger ale  
Serve punch warm in mugs



## Sheng Dan Jie Merry Christmas from China

In China, people who celebrate Christmas decorate their houses and Christmas trees with beautiful paper lanterns, paper chains and paper flowers. Santa Claus fills muslin stockings hung by the children with gifts.

Use the code to find out what children in China call Santa.

<b>CODE</b>	A = ▸	L = ■
	C = ▴	N = ◐
	D = ▾	O = ◑
	E = ◀	R = ◓
	H = ▹	U = ●

ANSWER: SUN CHE LAO REN

## Extra! Extra! Holiday Fun

Look at the headlines in today's newspaper. Rewrite each headline so it means just the opposite.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Apply knowledge of antonyms.

## Weekly Writing Corner

### Holiday Traditions

My family is Jewish, so I don't celebrate Christmas. Instead, I celebrate a different holiday. It is called Hanukkah. I get presents just like Christmas. It is lots of fun.

Ethan,  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade

A holiday tradition in my family is every year at Christmas we have Slovakian food like chicken paprskosh (chicken and dumplings), perogies, lima bean soup with prunes, and haluski. Sometimes we follow the European tradition of opening presents on Christmas Eve and going to church after looking at the Christmas lights.

John,  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade

My dad was born and raised in Italy. And in Italy on January 5<sup>th</sup> an old, good witch called Befana comes at night. If you hang up a stocking, she will stuff it to the top with your favorite toys and your favorite food. Now that's if you're good. If you're bad, then she will fill it with coal. I know it's a lot of fun to get presents, but coal, I couldn't tell you.

Delia,  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade

A holiday tradition in my family is to listen to Christmas music way before Halloween. It sometimes "burns me out" on Christmas music. It's just one of my mom's quirky little things. A tradition I have is to bug my mom to give me a cookie fresh out of the oven before it's cooled. I think that one is my favorite.

Nicole,  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade

My family's tradition is making special reindeer food. We make it by mixing oats, sugar and sprinkles, but it has to be a certain sprinkle, like pink or blue. We make it before Christmas so that we can sprinkle it all over the lawn. The food we make is for the reindeer. It gives them a break while Santa delivers gifts.

Ashley,  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade

One of my family's traditions is buying live crab. Then we cook them and freeze them for about an hour. On New Year's Eve, we eat the crab while watching a movie.

Gianna  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

## Write On!

### Vegetable Valentines

"Lettuce be Friends"  
Write a Valentine message using the names of one or more vegetables (or fruits).

Deadline: Jan. 9, 2005  
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Send your story to:

Please include your school and grade.

## Feliz Navidad

### Merry Christmas from Spain

In some small villages in Spain, people go to the village square on Christmas night. Everyone writes his or her name on a piece of paper and puts it into the "urn of fate." The names are drawn out, two at a time. Each pair will be best friends for the coming year.



Find an exact match for each of these ornaments.

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

## Double Double Word Search

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MATCH

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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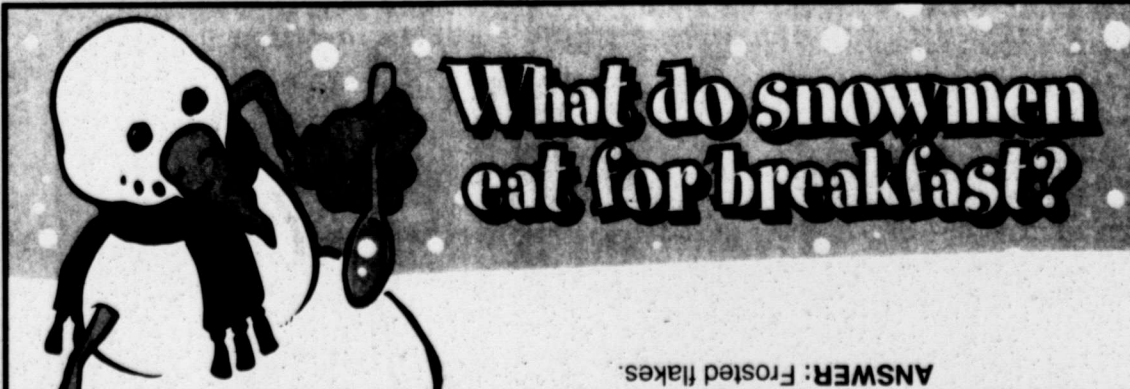
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## BEYOND Kid Scoop

### Holiday Symbols

Look through the newspaper for pictures that symbolize Christmas and other holidays. Select two or more and find out the history of that symbol. Write a paragraph telling what the picture symbolizes and why.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write information reports that include facts and details for focus.



## What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

ANSWER: Frosted flakes.

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**HOW TO PLAY**

Select a winner from each of the week's games, listed below. Select in descending order of your CONFIDENCE in your choices. Win points at left for each correct selection toward possible total of 136 points. See complete rules below. You must be at least 8 (eight) years old to enter. To enter, clip along dotted line, then place game entry in POWER POINTS container at the Pampa News office. Entrants must list name, address and phone number below.

**LIMIT:** You may enter the contest only once per week.

**DEADLINE: 2 PM FRIDAY**

**TIEBREAKER 1**  Total points scored (both teams) in TEXANS game.

**TIEBREAKER 2**  Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game.

**THIS WEEK'S GAMES**

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NY Jets at Pittsburgh	San Francisco at Arizona
St. Louis at Carolina	Tampa Bay at San Diego
Philadelphia at Washington	Kansas City at Tennessee

**.... POWER POINTS OFFICIAL RULES ....**

- Object of the game is to amass as many of the 136 possible points as you can. Simply review the week's schedule of games listed on entry form and decide which game you are SUREST of picking a winner in. Write the name of your projected winner on the 16-point line, and so on down to the 1-point line, which game you figure to be a toss-up. Next, fill in Tiebreaker 1, the total points scored by both teams in the week's designated game. If this step fails to produce a winner, the judges will apply Tiebreaker 2, total offensive yardage from scrimmage in this game. If a winner still doesn't emerge, a drawing will be held among those contestants still tied. Decisions of the judges are final. The weekly South/West regional winner will receive \$1,000.
- Any entry form that does not contain a legible name, address, etc., will be disqualified.
- Entries that fail to forecast a winner from each and every game will be disqualified, as will entries that fail to distinguish between the Jets and Giants of New York and other similar teams.
- No points are awarded on tie games or in case any game is not played for any reason during its scheduled week.
- Entering POWER POINTS constitutes permission by contestant for his or her name and photograph to be used for news and reasonable promotional purposes at no charge.
- Employees of this newspaper and their immediate families are ineligible to participate.
- Any inquiry about a protest of weekly results must be made by noon on the Friday following the announcement of winners.
- No purchase necessary. Facsimile game entry forms will be accepted. Enter contest by dropping entry form into POWER POINTS container at participating co-sponsors.
- Weekly deadline for entry will be 2 p.m. Fridays except when noted otherwise on weekly entry form.
- Neither this newspaper nor any co-sponsor will be responsible for illegible entry forms or those lost, stolen or damaged in any way.
- Limit: one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of one entrant; group entries, systems or other attempts to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filing out extra forms and putting your friends and relatives' names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.
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# Sports Day



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

With his team's complete attention, Pampa Head Coach Jeff Reed goes over assignments near the end of Saturday's game against Randall. Pampa defeated the Raiders 51-48.

## Pampa vs. Tascosa tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Pampa is back home in the friendly surroundings of The Pit to host Tascosa High School tonight. The Lady Harvesters will get things started at 6 p.m. The boys will follow at 7:30 p.m.

The junior varsity teams will be in action tonight as well. Coach Jeff Reeds' boys varsity team should still have their basketball

legs beneath them being just a couple days removed from their play in the three day long Gene Messer Tournament of Champions in Canyon over the weekend. Pampa came away from the tournament with an impressive fifth place performance. More importantly, invaluable experience as a complete squad.

In the Rebels, Reed expects to face a team that will run his Harvesters up

and down the court. The very thing that kept Pampa from hanging with and possibly defeating Hobbs last Thursday. "Tascosa is a very physical team and will run on you," said Reed. "They are coming off a very impressive performance at the Albuquerque Tournament." Tascosa took part in the Joe Armijo Classic where the Rebels advanced to the championship game but fell to Denver Mullen, 87-67.

Pampa is 7-3 going into tonight's meeting with Tascosa. The three Harvester losses have come

against 5A schools. Reed would like to get that monkey off his team's back. "We are 0-3 against 5A schools to this point. I would like to get a 5A win tonight," said Reed. "A win tonight would certainly build the confidence level up."

Coach Troy Fry's Lady Harvesters have not been on the court since last Tuesday when they defeated the Rangerettes of Perryton.

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*'We did add a couple of extra games at the beginning of the schedule this year. Tough games. We could just as easily be 4-5 right now.'*

— Troy Fry  
Head Coach, Pampa  
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### ON THE MATS

## Maxwell, Eakin of PJHS get top five finishes in Vernon; Pampa in Amarillo

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvester varsity wrestling team visits Amarillo tonight in a meeting with the Sandies and Randall Raiders. Matches will get underway at 7 p.m.

The Harvesters are coming off a tough weekend outing at the Raider Duels where they defeated Lubbock Monterey in the first round, but fell in the next two rounds against Lubbock High and Dumas.

The 7th and 8th grade junior high teams took part in a tournament in Vernon last Friday. In all, nine teams competed in the tournament.

Of note for Pampa Junior High School was the performance of Jeremy Maxwell who snagged a fourth place finish in the 118 pound weight group that included 18 wrestlers.

Jordan Eakin finished fifth among 18 competitors in the 142 pound weight group.

## Pampa Junior High results

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Pampa Junior High School 8th grade A and B basketball teams hosted the Bulldogs of Plainview last night. Both games were exciting contests between two teams who had just played each other in the Canyon tournament this past weekend.

The B team trailed most of the game due in part for the outstanding shooting of the Plainview squad. However, Pampa started to make up ground in the fourth period but lost 58-54. Leading scorers for the Pampa B team were Heath Skinner; 17, Daniel Kirkland; 11 and Cobron Harris; 9.

The A team was in a shoot out from the very beginning. Despite the poor shooting from the field, the hustle and constant pressure on the press kept the A team in the game. The Pampa,

down by as much as 14 points at one time, rallied back to take the lead.

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## Pampa swimmers dominate Caprock; PJHS swimmers show talent in exhibition

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Caprock Swimmers came to Pampa this past Saturday. Despite posting some of their best times of the year, Pampa dominated the Longhorn swimmers in the meet. This meet also included 24 Pampa Junior High swimmers who swam exhibition.

The girls were guided to victory by seniors Kandice Madox and Maike Knutz who both placed first. Sophomore Kirby Broadus and freshmen Lydia West also had first place finishes.

The other members of the team who well and contributed to the 99-25 victory were Angela Henthorn, Christina Kroubel, Telissa Sealy and Megan Addington.

Coach Greg Miller said, "Our Ladies are getting stronger each time we swim. I believe they have a good chance to repeat as District Champs."

"One of the new strengths on the girls' team was the addition of our two German exchange students, Christine Kroubel and

Maike Knutz. These two girls are working hard and scoring points for us each meet."

Derek Wishon, Tyler Wishon, Thomas Wilson and D.J. Elliott all placed first in their individual events and in their relays. "These four juniors are the back bone of our team," said Coach Miller.

Other boys that are coming on strong are Chris Keough and Gavin Eggleston, both sophomores, as well as freshmen Lucas Almanza.

The boys defeated Caprock Saturday, 107-21.

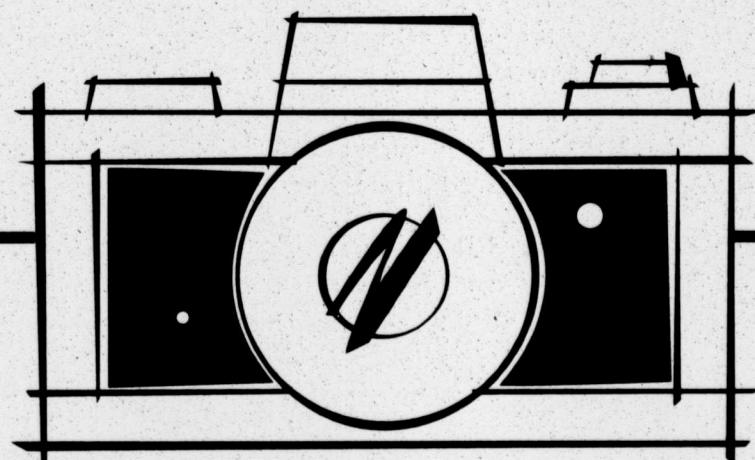
Miller says both the boys and girls from Pampa Junior High look incredible this year. Their season does not start for another three months and they are already

way ahead of last year's times. Miller notes, "Last year we had three swimmers place in the top ten at state. We are hoping for a better showing this year. Our goal is to have four boys and four girls that can make the top ten."

The PHS swim team will be traveling to Seminole this weekend.

*'I believe they have a good chance to repeat as District Champs'*

— Greg Miller  
Coach, Pampa Swimming



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# 2004 major college football bowl game schedule

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

All Times EST  
 Tuesday, Dec. 14  
**New Orleans Bowl**  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 North Texas (7-4) vs. Southern Mississippi (6-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 21  
**Champs Sports Bowl**  
 At Orlando, Fla.  
 Payout: \$850,000  
 Georgia Tech (6-5) vs. Syracuse (6-5), 7:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 22  
**GMAC Bowl**  
 Mobile, Ala.  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 Memphis (8-3) vs. Bowling Green (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 23  
**Fort Worth (Texas) Bowl**  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 Cincinnati (6-5) vs. Marshall (6-5), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Las Vegas Bowl**  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 Wyoming (6-5) vs. UCLA (6-5), 9:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 24  
**Hawaii Bowl**  
 At Honolulu  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 UAB (7-4) vs. Hawaii (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 25  
**Blue-Gray Classic**  
 At Troy, Ala.  
 Blue vs. Gray

Monday, Dec. 27

**MPC Computers Bowl**  
 At Boise, Idaho  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 Fresno State (8-3) vs. Virginia (8-3), 2 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Motor City Bowl**  
 At at Pontiac, Mich.  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 Toledo (9-3) vs. Connecticut (7-4), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 28  
**Independence Bowl**  
 At Shreveport, La.  
 Payout: \$1.2 million  
 Iowa State (6-5) vs. Miami (Ohio) (8-4), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Insight Bowl**  
 At Phoenix  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 Oregon State (6-5) vs. Notre Dame (6-5), 9:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 29  
**Houston Bowl**  
 Payout: \$1.1 million  
 Texas-El Paso (8-3) vs. Colorado (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Alamo Bowl**  
 At San Antonio  
 Payout: \$1.55 million  
 Ohio State (7-4) vs. Oklahoma State (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 30  
**Continental Tire Bowl**  
 At Charlotte, N.C.  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 Boston College (8-3) vs. North Carolina (6-5), 1 p.m. (ESPN2)  
**Emerald Bowl**  
 At San Francisco  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 New Mexico (7-4) vs. Navy (9-2), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN2)  
**Holiday Bowl**  
 At San Diego

Payout: \$2 million  
 California (10-1) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Silicon Valley Classic**  
 At San Jose, Calif.  
 Payout: \$750,000  
 Troy (7-4) vs. Northern Illinois (8-3), 11 p.m. (ESPN2)

Friday, Dec. 31  
**Music City Bowl**  
 At Nashville, Tenn.  
 Payout: \$780,000  
 Alabama (6-5) vs. Minnesota (6-5), Noon (ESPN)  
**Sun Bowl**  
 At El Paso, Texas  
 Payout: \$1.5 million  
 Purdue (7-4) vs. Arizona State (8-3), 2 p.m. (CBS)  
**Liberty Bowl**  
 At Memphis, Tenn.  
 Payout: \$1.35 million  
 Boise State (11-0) vs. Louisville (10-1), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Peach Bowl**  
 At Atlanta  
 Payout: \$2.2 million  
 Miami (8-3) vs. Florida (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 1  
**Cotton Bowl**  
 At Dallas  
 Payout: \$3 million  
 Tennessee (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (7-4), 11 a.m. (FOX)  
**Outback Bowl**  
 At Tampa, Fla.  
 Payout: \$2.75 million  
 Wisconsin (9-2) vs. Georgia (9-2), 11 a.m. (ESPN)  
**Gator Bowl**  
 At Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Payout: \$1.6 million  
 Florida State (8-3) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

**Capital One Bowl**  
 At Orlando, Fla.  
 Payout: \$5.187 million  
 Iowa (9-2) vs. LSU (9-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)  
**Rose Bowl**  
 At Pasadena, Calif.  
 Payout: \$14.5 million  
 Michigan (9-2) vs. Texas (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)  
**Fiesta Bowl**  
 At Tempe, Ariz.  
 Payout: \$11-14 million  
 Utah (11-0) vs. Pittsburgh (8-3), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Monday, Jan. 3  
**Sugar Bowl**  
 At New Orleans  
 Payout: \$11-14 million  
 Auburn (12-0) vs. Virginia Tech (10-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Tuesday, Jan. 4  
**Orange Bowl**  
 At Miami  
 Payout: \$11-14 million  
 Southern Cal (12-0) vs. Oklahoma (12-0), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 15  
**Gridiron Classic**  
 At The Villages, Fla.  
 North vs. South, 11 a.m. (ESPN2)  
**East-West Shrine Classic**  
 At San Francisco  
 East vs. West, 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 22  
**Hula Bowl**  
 At Maui, Hawaii  
 Aina vs. Kai 7, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday, Jan. 29  
**Senior Bowl**  
 At Mobile, Ala.  
 North vs. South, 4 p.m. (ESPN2)

## PJHS

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The see saw battle would continue and Pampa would find itself down as much as nine points. However late in the fourth quarter, with Pampa's Matt Smith altering Bulldog shots, along with the rebounding of Thomas Fraser and Casey Trimble and steals by Alex Torres, the Green Team tied the

game right before the final buzzer sending it to overtime. Pampa pressure forced Bulldog turnovers in the extra period. Turnovers Pampa converted to points and an exciting 60-54 victory. Leading scorers for the Pampa A team were Hayden Skinner; 13, Alex Torres; 16, Casey Trimble; 9, Thomas Fraser; 8 and Blake Seick with 7. Pampa's next game will be in Dumas next Monday. The 7th grade teams also faced Plainview yesterday. The A team

fell to the Bulldogs 60-33. Alex Clending had 22 points in the game. Ryan Jimenez ended with 6. The 7th grade A team is now Record 1-1 and will take part in the Plainview Tournament that gets underway Thursday. They will open against Plainview at 5:15 p.m. The 7th grade B team also lost to Plainview, 58-33. Uriel Diaz finished the game with 14 points while Braden Hunt scored 13. They too are 1-1 and will play

## Listen up, ladies



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

**Lady Harvester Head Coach Troy Fry discusses some strategy with a couple of his players during a recent meeting against Amarillo High School. Pampa, 4-7, will host Tascosa tonight at 6 p.m.**

## Lady Harvester freshmen improve to 4-3 with win

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa 9th grade girls basketball team improved to 4-3 by defeating the Lady Longhorns of Caprock on their own court, 43-32 yesterday afternoon. Coach Troy Owens said after the game, "We played good defense and cut our fouls way down." Owens added, "We got several turnovers on our press. The ladies really got after it." Stephanie Jasso led the Lady

Harvester scoring with 12 points. Stephanie Polasek tossed in 8. Layce Beesley, Meagen Crawford, Trisha Moore, Sara Foster, Chelsey Stone and Kamra Jimenez also contributed. Chelsey Knight, who finished with 7 points, said afterward, "Our team is really starting to come together. These girls are awesome to play with and Coach Owens is a great coach." Pampa is at Canyon this Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

## Pampa

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It's that momentum Fry hopes will carry over into tonight. "We played a great game against Perryton a week ago. I hope we can pick up where we left off going into tonight."

Pampa met the Lady Rebels in mid November during the

Frenship Tournament. The Lady Harvesters won that meeting, 41-38. Fry feels his team matches up well against Tascosa. "They don't have the height some of the other teams we've played have," said Fry. He noted Amarillo High as an example. "We have played some tough teams to this point. Tascosa is certainly one of them." At 4-7, Fry likes where his team is right now. "We are about

where we were this time last year. We did add a couple of extra games at the beginning of the schedule this year. Tough games. We could just as easily be 4-5 right now," said Fry. Take into account the Lady Harvesters have already faced Amarillo High a few times as well as Canyon, to be within a couple games of .500 is testament to a team that likes a good challenge.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004:

This year you'll need to deal with others who are often unpredictable. You must deal with those who are in authority, whether you want to or not. Learn to take what is good from this person's ideas. Make it your objective to work with bosses and make their ideas practical. You also might decide to work for yourself. You will need to take plenty of time to let go of stress and tension. Your life demands a lot from you, and you demand a lot from life. You might move this year or have an unexpected change in your household. If you are single, you could meet someone who is quite unavailable. Carefully check out possible romantic partners. If you are attached, you might make a dramatic change in your household. Spend more time as a duo. SCORPIO understands.

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**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★★★★ A friend can be flaky at times. Today is no exception, as you will discover. Don't try to contain this person, but enjoy the excitement he or she delivers to your life. Others seek you out. Don't worry about company or a project. Tonight: Accept an invitation.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You can count on a boss changing directions easily. By now, you should be used to this behavior. The quality of your work counts more than anything. Continue to flow with this unpredictable person. Tonight: Exercise stress away.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★★★★ Your imagination integrates with news, no matter how unexpected it might be. You express your ingenuity and ability to break past black-and-white thinking. A relationship or new friendship could be heating up. Be sure you want to head in this direction. Tonight: Ever playful.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Push comes to shove. Others have expectations of you that simply don't conform with who you are. At the risk of upsetting someone or quite a few people, you cannot change who you are. Try to make it an early day. Tonight: Put your feet up and read a book or the newspaper.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★★★★ You might need to discuss someone's unpredictability, as you could be quite irritated. By sharing your discomfort with someone in a similar position, you feel better and gain understanding. Tonight: Head out to a favorite spot.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★★★★ New equipment or techniques might cause a moment of mayhem, but ultimately you will adjust. Understand the financial benefit of this change as well as the saving of time. You might become gung-ho by the end of the day! Tonight: Gather your bills.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★★★★ You're all smiles. You deal with others well because of your lively and somewhat offbeat personality. You

could find a child or loved one very touchy or unpredictable. Tap into his or her imagination and use it positively. Tonight: As you like.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 ★★★★★ You cannot calm down a domestic matter, or you might need to deal with a problem at home. You tend to keep your opinion to yourself, which might be better right now. Work through a problem on your own. Tonight: Take some personal time.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★★★★ Others seek you out for guidance. You might be dealing with an unusual amount of unpredictability or change. Listen to your friends. Hold a meeting to get a consensus. You don't always have to carry the ball. Tonight: A pre-holiday get-together with your pals.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★★★★ Your financial situation still has its ups and downs. You certainly have pulled the wild card. Put in the extra hours or do whatever you need to do in order to achieve your goals. Perhaps you need your own private piggy bank! Tonight: Pushing to the wee hours.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 ★★★★★ You might not be aware of what your newfound unpredictability sets off. Try to distance yourself from your behavior and imagine how others feel. You could get a whole new perspective. Try to explain yourself more often. Tonight: Find some mind candy.  
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# Supreme Court hears dispute over interstate wine sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is considering whether states may bar people from buying wine directly from out-of-state suppliers, a big-money question that could lead to sweeping changes in how alcoholic beverages are regulated and sold.

Justices were hearing arguments Tuesday in three appeals involving bans in Michigan and New York on direct shipments that cross state borders.

The dispute pits regulators and wholesalers against out-of-state wineries that want to sell alcohol to consumers, mostly over the Internet or by phone.

"It seems to be restraint of trade," said Juanita Swedenburg, owner of a family run winery in Virginia who is challenging New York's regulations.

The case involves a clash between two parts of the Constitution, with lower courts divided over which section should rule.

On one side is the 21st Amendment, which ended Prohibition in 1933 and explicitly granted states authority to regulate alcohol sales. Twenty-four states have laws that gen-

*'The question is, 'Do you think alcohol is a socially sensitive product that should be regulated by states and monitored by parents?' For more than 50 years, it has been.'*

— Viet Dinh  
Law professor

erally require outside wineries to sell their products through licensed wholesalers in the state. Michigan and New York allow in-state Internet or telephone sales of alcoholic beverages. Some other states allow such sales, others do not.

The Constitution also implicitly prohibits states from passing laws that discriminate against out-of-state businesses. That provision has been embraced by wine makers who hope to reach faraway Internet customers looking for favorite U.S. vintages unavailable in their home states.

While the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of

Appeals sided with New York in upholding the state restrictions, the 6th Circuit, based in Cincinnati, Ohio, struck down Michigan's laws as unconstitutionally protectionist.

"Michigan wineries enjoy both greater access to consumers who wish to have wine delivered to their homes and greater profit," the 6th Circuit stated, in ruling for wine consumers Ray and Eleanor Heald of Troy, Mich. "Out-of-state wineries, on the other hand ... may be shut out of the Michigan market altogether if unable to obtain a wholesaler."

The stakes are high in the \$21.6 billion

wine industry. States collect millions of dollars in alcohol taxes and claim the established system helps stem fraud and underage drinking. They argue they have less enforcement power over out-of-state sellers who aren't licensed.

"Allowing Internet sales of a highly dangerous and highly regulated product, such as alcohol or tobacco, is a genuine concern for state regulators," attorneys general from Ohio and 32 other states argue in a friend-of-the-court brief backing Michigan.

"The question is, 'Do you think alcohol is a socially sensitive product that should be regulated by states and monitored by parents?' For more than 50 years, it has been," adds Georgetown law professor Viet Dinh, who is helping represent wholesalers.

Owners of family owned wineries such as Swedenburg disagree.

They say there are other, less-restrictive ways to control underage drinking, such as requiring shipping companies to verify recipients are 21 or older, that don't burden wineries with hefty middlemen's fees.

## New regs meant to track contaminated food

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's food supply remains vulnerable to a bioterror attack, experts say, though new rules will help investigators track where in the chain of production and distribution an item may have been tainted.

The regulation, announced Monday by the Food and Drug Administration, aims to trace the source of food contamination after the fact. Most businesses involved in the nation's human and animal food supply will have to keep records showing where they received food and where they shipped it.

An attack on the food supply could happen, say experts led by Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, who said last week that he worries "every single night" about a possible terror attack on the food supply.

"For the life of me, I cannot understand why the terrorists have not attacked our food supply because it is so easy to do," Thompson said at a news conference announcing his resignation.

Thompson singled out the possibility that infected food would be imported from the Middle East, but experts say the threat is equally serious for food produced domestically.

"There are any number of threats, and they range from what's done across the oceans to what's done in the kitchen in the restaurant that you're eating in," said Michael Osterholm, associate director of the National Center for Food Protection and Defense at the University of Minnesota, a project of the Department of Homeland Security.

The new regulation is the fourth in a series of FDA rules implementing a 2002 bioterrorism law, passed after the 2001 anthrax attacks.

Previous regulations required food facilities to register with the FDA and made those exporting food to the United States give American inspectors advance notice before shipments arrived.

These are commonsense rules that will help FDA trace the source of contamination, but they don't do anything to prevent attacks, said Caroline Smith

DeWaal, director of food safety at the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

Also needed, she said, are more FDA inspections of food coming into the country and authority for the agency to inspect foreign plants.

She noted that after the anthrax attacks the FDA got \$100 million to increase inspections of food coming into the country but still only inspects 2 percent of it — up from 1 percent a few years ago.

The FDA regulates 80 percent of the U.S. food supply; the Agriculture Department regulates the rest. DeWaal notes that Agriculture rules require inspections of meat and poultry plants abroad, something she says FDA would benefit from.

The FDA responds that it is doing a better job picking what food to inspect once it arrives on U.S. shores, using the newly mandated data.

"We don't need and can't inspect every article of food," said acting FDA Commissioner Lester Crawford. Still, he said, something lethal could slip through.



### Tralee Tree

Tralee Crisis Center's Annual Christmas Tree Project is currently under way, and the agency is seeking community involvement to help its neediest clients have presents for Christmas. To help a needy family Tralee serves, stop by the office at 310 S. Cuyler and choose a card from the Tralee tree. Each card contains gift requests for one of these families, victims of either domestic violence or sexual abuse. Rhonda Ely, above, of Tralee and Heather Day pick one of the gift cards from the Tralee tree. Gifts must be returned to Tralee by Dec. 15 in order for staff to process and distribute the gifts before Christmas Day. For more information, contact Tralee at 669-1131.

## Poling

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1974, Mrs. Poling was instrumental in establishing Lake Meredith Aquatic & Wildlife Museum, painting and constructing the six wildlife dioramas that make up the main exhibit room.

Mrs. Poling served as president of the LMAWM's board of directors from its inception until 2000. In addition, she donated over 100 prints of her paintings to charitable organizations for fund-raisers in addition to at least seven original paintings to the Hutchinson Oil Patch Extravaganza to help raise funds to fight cancer.

Many of her prints were

used for Christmas cards for Fritch State Bank.

Mrs. Poling received the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Golden Nail Award in May of 1999 for her time and talent which she dedicated to the Arts.

She also received an award for LaNelle Poling Day in 2000 from Congressman Mac Thronberry and was featured in Accent West magazine.

The museum has set aside the gifts it has received in memory of Mrs. Poling to be used in the near future for a distinctive memorial honoring her and her dedication to the community.

Donations may be mailed to the Lake Meredith Aquatic & Wildlife Museum, P.O. Box 758, Fritch, TX 79036.

## Workers trying to bring relief to Philippines

REAL, Philippines (AP) — Relief workers battled rain and choppy seas Tuesday to deliver food and medicine to the country's northeast, while officials raised the death toll from last week's back-to-back storms to at least 740 people.

The mayor of Real, one of the three coastal towns worst hit by flash floods and mudslides, said at least three mountain villages remain isolated from rescuers, though they were not believed to be as severely affected.

Philippine officials have appealed for international aid, but the bad weather and damaged infrastructure were hampering relief efforts.

Real and the nearby towns of Infanta and General Nakar, about 45 miles east of Manila, were accessible only by boats and helicopters. Ships were unable to reach far-flung villages because of floating debris, and rubber boats ferried relief goods from ship to shore.

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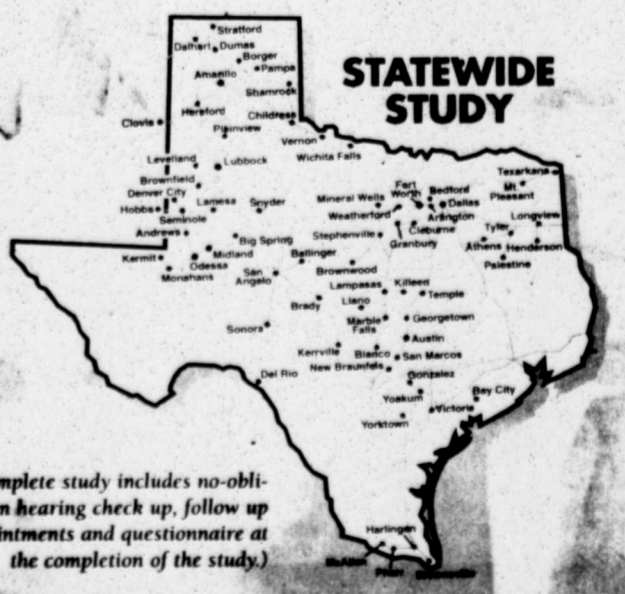
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