

Deaths

Jo Ann Crafton, 55, administrative assistant. Jimmy Don Goodwin, 63, shipping clerk.

**Tommie Ruth Williams** Griffis, 89, cook.

### Texas Today

Seminary awards master's degree to 100-year-old man

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — When Eugene Florence wanted to become a preacher in the 1940s, he had to attend seminary at night because black students weren't allowed to take day classes.

On Friday, 53 years after he graduated with a theology degree, 100-year-old Florence was awarded a master of divinity degree at Southwestern **Baptist** Theological Seminary's

commencement ceremony. Officials said they were correcting the injustice he endured at the then-segregated institution.

"There's no way the seminary could go back and atone for all of its mistakes," said Paige Patterson, the seminary's president. "... But we could do at least one thing to say ... we're sorry for where we got it wrong.'

Patterson said Florence actually earned the master's degree in 1951 after taking classes two nights a week for eight years. Patterson said the previous race policy, which also barred black students from receiving master's degrees, was "unbiblical, ungodly and unchristian in every way."

### Man charged with capital murder in death of daughter, 2

HOUSTON (AP) — A man accused of beating his 2-year-old daughter to death has been charged with capital murder, authorities said.

Melvin James Hughes surrendered to police on Thursday and confessed to beating his daughter Tameshia, who died earlier that day after being struck several times in the chest, Harris County sheriff's detectives said.

A second daughter, 1year-old Anika Moore, was hospitalized in guarded condition with bruises and scratches. She had been whipped with a belt until her buttocks bled, said Lt. Danny Billingsly of the Harris County Sheriff's Department.

## Who ever heard of city's Fund 12?

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Editor

Few people are aware that a charitable fund exists for the City of Control Animal Department and if enough people gave to it, less lost animals and strays would have to be killed and more could find homes.

Fund 12, as it's called on the city's

books, was set up "years ago" when for grooming so that a dog would hosted "The Most Beautiful Pet Contest" to raise money for special needs, Sandy Burns, department head, explains.

"It's not a part of the general fund," she said.

She said the animal shelter often had needs that went beyond the department's budget, such as paying

the Animal Control Department have a better chance of being adopt-

Progressive reductions in personnel caused the demise of the pet contest, Burns said, but some citizens continue to donate to Fund 12.

every year," she said. "I let (the donations) build up and then when I need things I can use it to get them."

"Usually this time of year, I have people who give to the fund," she said, adding that it is a tax-free dona-

Burns estimates there's approximately \$1,000 in the fund. "(The city finance department) sends me a "I have some people who donate report every so often, but I don't really watch it unless there's some-

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**PISD** 

## Have you seen this reindeer?



Pampa News photos by BEN BRISCOE

Kevin Shepp, Frosty the Snowman, and Kaylen Jones, Vixen, talk about where Santa is at in Pampa High School Theater Department Production of, "Have You Seen This Reindeer?" The play was performed for elementary students Friday morning and a public performance was held Friday in the high school's auditorium.

Machiko Taniguchi, Assistant Manager of the Elf Workshop, sews a new Santa Costume in Pampa High School Theater **Department Production** of, "Have You Seen This Reindeer?' Proceeds from the play are to be donated Bright to Beginnings Day Care Center. ▶



## board meets **Dec. 13**

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By DEE DEE LARAMORE Editor

Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education plans to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 13, at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

Among the agenda items scheduled for action Monday are bids on two new pickups and a contract with JR3 as a third party employer for some full-time teaching positions in the district.

JR3 provides a temporary employee plan for school districts for a fee, reducing some employee costs for the district. The company's employees are usually retired teachrs who benefit by drawing a reduced retirment in addition to their teaching salary.

The board also plans to take action on paper bids and the proposed sale of delinquent tax property in the Keisters Addition.

Reports are to be presented on the district's employees who meet "highly qualified" standards and on Pampa High

Discussion items before the board include consideration of a local policies on relations with parent organizations and compensation and benefits for leaves and absences and salaries, wages and stipends.

An Academic Spotlight is planned at the beginning of the meeting and a public comments period is scheduled for 7 p.m.

## PPD warns public about identity theft

Pampa Police Department warns mation, credit card and bank residents to guard against identity account information is filed away theft, a crime which has risen in a safe place or destroyed by across the country and which is using a shredding device.

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"It is that time of year when crooks try to take advantage of whomever they can," said Officer Donny Brown.

Approximately 10 million people have become victims of identity theft, Brown said.

avoid • becoming such a victim, guard per-crimes are hard to solve," he said. sonal information. Make sure that all paperwork with personal infor-

especially apparent during the hol- "Crooks will go through your

mail box and your trash. A crook has no dignity. They will dive into a dumpster and get whatever they can find," Brown said.

A crook has no "If someone steals your identity, they could buy cars, houses and many other Donny Brown items in your name. Pampa Police Officer You may not find out

about it until it is too late. These types of

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## Local girl wins national holiday card art contest

MIAMI – A Miami Middle School being celebrated around the world. student has won second place in a a holiday card contest sponsored by Nelson will receive a Lexmark Lexmark International, Inc., as part X5270 for her home. Nelson's holi-

Print Educational Program.

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Danielle Nelson will have her artwork sent to Lexmark tomers and busipartners

around the world and posted on Lexmark's Web site for users to download this holiday season.

Several schools throughout the nation, who participate in Lexmark's Print Art Educational Program, were asked to have their students demonstrate their creativity by drawing pictures of how they envision holidays

As the second place winner,

day card, along with the other top

contestants' artwork, can be found on Lexmark's Web site at www.lexmark.com.

Miami Middle School became part of the Lexmark

Print Art Educational Program in April 2004. Through the program, Lexmark donates an inkjet printer, lesson plans and "Print Gallery" CD-ROM featuring high-resolution art masterpieces from a consortium of Europe's leading museums, including

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## **Obituaries**

### Jo Ann Crafton, 55

Jo Ann Crafton, 55, died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, in Pampa. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at Fairview Cemetery, with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of the Briarwood Full Gospel Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Crafton was born Jan. 19, 1949, in Quanah. She had been a resident of Pampa most of her life. She married Darrel Crafton on Jan. 17, 1975, in Pampa. She had been an administrative assistant for Clifton Supply for the past 12 years.

She is survived by her husband, Darrel Eugene Crafton of the home; two daughters,



Crafton

Jeanine Marie Malone Amy Dawn Davis, both of Pampa; her mother, Laverne Devoll of Pampa; one sister, Rita Hughes of Cheyenne, Okla.; three grandchildren, Tyler Malone, Avery Malone, and Darcy Davis, all of Pampa. She was preceded in

death by her father, L.D. Devoll.

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

### Jimmy Don Goodwin, 63

ENNIS - Mr. Jimmy Don Goodwin, 63, Employee Credit Union. died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004, at the Baylor Medical Center.

He was born April 28, 1941, in Ennis, the son of Adolphus and Louise Hendrix Goodwin. He was reared in Ennis where he graduated high school in 1959. He then attended Stephen F. Austin University.

On Dec. 20, 1975, he was married to Molly Cornutt of Ennis.

After their marriage, they lived in Ennis. He was employed as a clerk for the Southern Pacific Railroad for 19 years. He then worked several years for Sears. At the time of his death, he was the shipping clerk for Intuit in Addison.

He was a member of the Church of Christ and a board member of the Dallas UP

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He is survived by his wife, Molly, of Ennis; two sons and their wives, Kevin Lee and Stephanie Goodwin of Ennis and Rodney and Tracy Goodwin of Ennis; a sister, Carolyn Howard of Ennis; and six grandchildren, Randy, Morgan, Anthony, Blake, Aaron and Lindsay.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Keever Chapel with Darryl Willis officiating.

Interment will be in Myrtle Cemetery under the direction of J.E. Keever Mortuary.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

www.jekeevermortuary.com

## **Tommie Ruth Williams Griffis, 89**

Tommie Ruth Williams Griffis, 89, of Altus, Okla., are scheduled for 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at the Elm & Hudson Church of Christ with Bill Osborne officiating. Burial will follow at the Victory Cemetery under the direction of the Kincannon Funeral Home of Altus, Okla.

On Dec. 10, 2004, one of God's singers was called home. Tommie Ruth Williams Griffis was born Jan. 15, 1915, to Tom E. and Ada (Coker) Willis near Shelbyville, Tenn. The family moved to Oklahoma in December of 1929. Tommie married G.W. Williams on Jan. 8, 1936, in Altus, Okla. They were blessed with five children, Marietta, T.E., Jane, Sue and Judy.

Tommie was a faithful servant of our Lord and a member of the Elm & Hudson Church of Christ. She was retired from Kellwood's and had worked as a cook at the hospital, Duke Schools, and Alberto's and Cattlemen's restaurants. Tommie had enjoyed working with the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion and had served as president for several years. Her hobbies included singing, gardening, canning, painting, crocheting, and knitting. She especially cousins, and friends.

ALTUS, Okla. - Funeral services for loved making quilts and had made a quilt for each child and grandchild. After her first husband died in 1978, Tommie married Walter Griffis in April 1981. They enjoyed 23 years together.

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Tommie was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Edwin Willis and Dr. Glenn Willis; two sisters, Corrine Hunt and Dorothy Podmajersky; her first husband, G.W. Williams; one daughter, Judy Bennight; and one son-in-law, C.D. Marsh.

Tommie is survived by her husband, Walter; two brothers, Park Willis and Jess Willis and wife Barbara; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Ann Willis; one brother-in-law, Bion Hunt; three daughters, Marietta Montgomery and husband Dale, Jane Breeding and husband Bill, and Sue Marsh; one son, Dr. T.E. Williams; and Oscar and Ina Bennight.

She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Mona McDow, Monty Montgomery, Donna Marsh, Janet DeHoogh, Dianna Jarvis, Keith Breeding, Angus Black, Lynn Bennight, and Dr. Bob Williams; 20 greatgrandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews,

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### **CRAFTON**, Jo Ann — Graveside, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa. **GRIFFIS**, Tommie Ruth Williams – 10 a.m., Elm & Hudson Church of Christ, Altus,

## Services

Emergency

Pampa Police Department made the following arrests according to Gray County Jail records on Saturday.

Pampa PD

Friday, Dec. 10

Neysha Renee Rodgers, 18, 2600 N. Hobart B-5, was arrested on a warrant for failure to attend school and released to pay later.

Ian David Spencer, 19, 232 Tignor, was arrested on a warrant for violation of probation for burglary of a building.

Shane Adam Willett, 18, 12175 Co. Rd. D, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Saturday, Dec. 11 Stephanie Lynn Hunt, 29, 416 Lefors, was arrested for no valid driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

### Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office Saturday reported the following arrests.

Friday, Dec. 10

Stephen C. McAnear, 38, McLean, was arrested for possession of drug parapher-

Samual B. Woods, 26, McLean, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and released on bond.

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with a high near 58. North northwest wind between 15

Gray County Weather-

and 20 mph. Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 28.

Monday: A slight chance of snow before 11 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and

Sunday: Mostly sunny, snow between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., then a slight chance of rain after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 43. East wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

> Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. East southeast wind around 15 mph.

Tuesday: A slight chance of snow before 10 a.m., then a slight chance of rain between 10 a.m. and noon. Partly cloudy, with a high around 46. Southeast wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

### nalia and released on bond. Wind chill values between 18 and 23. Northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph.

"To those who didn't know her... no words are adequate To those who knew her... no words are necessary. God saw she was getting tired and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around her and whispered, come with me. Although we couldn't bear to lose her, we could not bid her to stay. A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands laid to rest. God let our hearts be broken, To prove He only takes the best. ne family of Velda Jo Huddleston would like thank everyone for all the flowers, cards, food and especially the prayers. The care and concern were greatly appreciated. Lori & Joe Smith • Ellen & Jeff Gage

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## Airport ranger program allows equestrians ride, helps security

HOUSTON (AP) — Visitors to Texas expect to see cowboys and horses, but those landing at Houston's Bush Intercontinental Airport may be surprised to see them out their airplane windows.

Under a year-old program that's grown beyond expectations, the airport has more than 600 "Airport Rangers" who comprise a volunteer cavalry that looks for anything unusual on the airport's vast property.

"It is kind-of like low tech security, but it solves a problem when you are dealing with an 11,000-acre facility,' Houston Airport System Director Richard Vacar said. "The horses can go where others can't go."

For decades, riders illegally took their horses to the wooded airport property, considered one of the few places in an urban area where they could ride in a natural environment for long distances.

Construction of new neighborhoods and businesses eliminated many trails and pushed riders closer to the airport, said Kay Bauer, an assistant Harris County attorney who rides at the airport about twice a week.

"They have just a huge amount of land out there," she said. "It is very scenic. It just gives equestrians the ability to ride for miles and miles and miles, just like the old West."

Darolyn Butler-Dial, who runs an equestrian center about two miles from the airport, began riding the airport's perimeter in the

"I assumed they were so used to seeing me ride around that nobody cared any more," she said.

After the 2001 terrorist attacks, things changed. Butler-Dial and others were told they no longer could ride at the airport.

Vacar said at first he was concerned about liability issues, but he later realized the security benefit riders could offer and found a way to make it work. Now, riders get to enjoy the property as volunteer rangers.

Rangers are required to sign a liability waiver, pass a background check and must carry a cell phone with them when they ride.

They must check in when they arrive on airport property and report the direction they plan to ride. Before leaving, they must check out with security. If they see anything suspicious during a ride, they're required to report it.

"We just want them to be the eyes and ears," said Vacar, who also rides horses. "We don't rely on it 100 percent, but it is just another layer."

Rangers, who can ride whenever they please, keep an eye out for anyone on airport property who doesn't have a badge or people doing

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any kind of surveillance.

They also check fences to make sure they're secure and keep an eye out for animals that could get to a runway and cause problems for aircraft.

So far, the rangers have found potentially dangerous materials dumped on airport property and stolen vehicles, said Greg Walker, the airport's security manager.

"It makes everybody's job easier, because if we didn't have these people out there, we would have to have somebody out there," Walker said. "And that means we would have to go invest in our own mounted patrol. It results in a savings for us in terms of expense and allows for us to more efficiently use the manpower we have.'

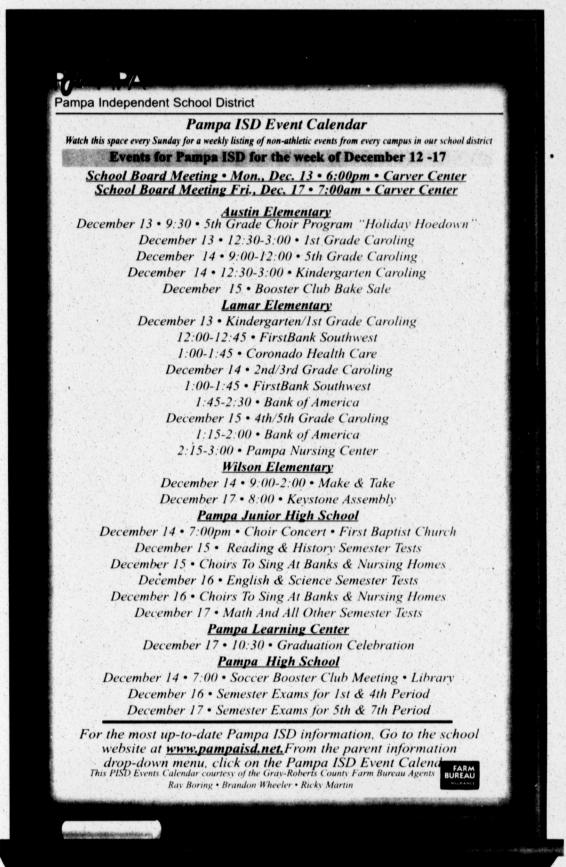




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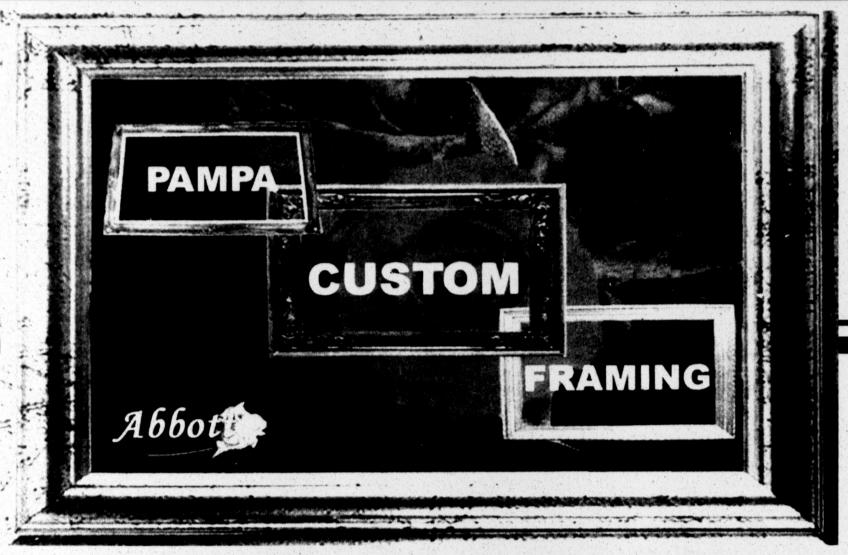
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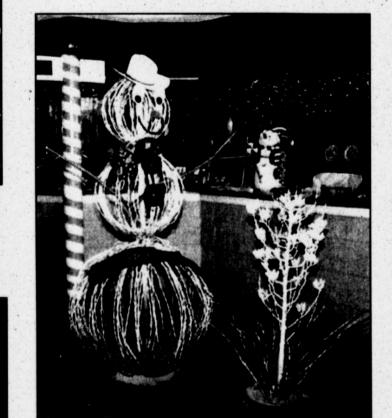
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As the Christmas season pay, she added. approach, Pampa Meals on the community program.

made of ceramic and two others of pewter, are available, according to Jeanne Autry, executive director of the non-profit organization. The ceramic ornament represents the Meals on Wheels logo of a chuck wagon and sells for \$8. The two pewter angel ornaments are \$10 each.

for one week of service or teers and board members." \$80 for a month of service

Wheels is offering special fundraisers can contact this past year. decorations commemorating Meals on Wheels at 669-Three ornaments, one program at 302 E. Foster.



A Meals on Wheels board of our community, have not to prepare for themselves," member is crafting a had an opportunity to visit us Autry said. "Celebration Quilt" with at our new location, 302 E. names of friends and loved Foster, we invite you to drop teers, who so faithfully give ones for \$2 per name, Autry in Monday through Friday your time on a daily or weekfrom 8 a.m. until noon," Meals on Wheels also has Autry said. "We love to give would cease to exist without an "Adopt A Friend" spon- tours of our new facility you." sorship program that allows which were paid for through the public to provide meals at grants. Remodeling of the board of directors and staff

Autry said she and her for those who are unable to staff would also like to thank a United Way agency.

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"A special thanks to the 1007 or mail a check to the churches and Sunday School classes that give to us on a

> monthly basis," she said. "Also to those of you who remember us with memorials or to honor a friend or loved one.

> "It is your kindness and generosity that allows us to provide a warm, nutritious meal, five days each week, to

those in our community "If you, the general public who are aging and are unable

"We thank you, our volunly basis," she added. "We

Pampa Meals on Wheels increments ranging from \$20 interior was done by volun- wish the public "Merry Christmas.'

Pampa Meals on Wheels is

## **Theft**

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Credit card and banking transactions on the Internet should be performed with caution. Internet users should make sure they are giving their information to a legitimate company before hitting the "submit" button, Brown said.

"Recently, there have been scam e-mails issued from persons purporting to be from PayPal and other credit card and banking

companies who want you to click a link that is in the body of the e-mail and then enter your personal and/or banking information," he

Clicking links in suspicious e-mails may also allow hackers to have access to a computer and its

Anyone who is suspicious of an e-mail from credit card, banking and other such institutions may want to call the bank or credit card company and verify that they did indeed send the e-mail.

"Most banking institu-

tions will not send you an email requesting account or personal information. They already have it," Brown

Businesses can protect their customers by asking them for identification to verify that they are the person nar on checks and credit cards.

"Everyone is in a losing situation in identity theft cases, with the exception of the crooks. They are living off your money," Brown said.

> - Marilyn Powers, staff writer

## **Fund**

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thing we need."

She hopes to work with local veterinarians on a reduced spay-neuter pro-

Right now, spaying and neutering adoptable pets would rapidly deplete the fund, Burns said.

She'd also like to use the fund to get vaccinations for the most adoptable pets that

come to the shelter.

Recently a Pampa couple, Audrey and Cleo Meeker, adopted 12 kittens and a dog from the shelter as their Christmas presents to each other and then found homes for them. All now have a new family, the Meekers said.

"We had quite a batch of kittens in here," Burns said. "I've got to get people to spay and neuter their pets, then the numbers would go down."

Burns said that feral

(wild) cats are a major problem in Pampa.

She believes that an aggressive spay and neuter program would help lower that population, also.

A gift to Fund 12 could help, not only Pampa's quality of life, but also the quality of life of pets who might otherwise be euthanized.

Burns also wants to remind pet owners to be sure their pets are safe during harsh winter temperatures by providing adequate food, water and a shelter for them.

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tury European masterpieces to 21st century students.

In 2000, the Print Art Educational Program was piloted in Fayette County, Ky., where Lexmark is headquartered.

technology and photo-quali- Fayette County used the

ments to their existing curricula. The success of the pilot program convinced Lexmark to expand the educational initiative.

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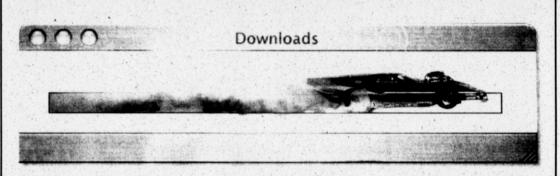
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2:07 p.m. - One unit and four firefighters responded to the 600 block of North Wells on a medical assist.

4:34 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to the 400 block of North Christy on a report of an open fire in a yard. The residents were barbecuing a pig

10:56 p.m. – Two units and seven firefighters responded to the 900 block of Cinderella on a report of smoke. The smoke was coming from a fireplace.

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## Record

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Jacob N. Rowsey, 17, 1101 S. Hobart, was arrested for possession of dangerous drug, capias pro fines for public intoxication - minor and criminal mischief, and municipal warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear and minor in possession.

Bryan Dale Helms, 22, 8552 Co. Rd. 2, was arrested on a Potter County warrant for theft by check.

Randell Dale Northcutt,

Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated and driving the wrong way on a one-way street.

Saturday, Dec. 11 Bunnie B. Reeves, 46,

11630 Hwy. 152, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Julie Marie Swanson, 38, 353 Locust, was arrested on an instanter warrant for public intoxication.

### Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following

## Calendar items

 Tralee Crisis Center Admission is \$8 for adults has recently instituted its Christmas Tree Project. Crisis center officials say a number of parents and children are in need this year. Drop by the office at 310 S. Cuyler to pick up a card and help a needy family out. All presents must be returned to

Tralee by Dec. 15.
• Pampa Meals on Wheels is insituting a special holiday program that allows individuals to pay for patrons not presently receiving meals or who can only pay the minimum 25-cents for meals. With increased gasoline and food prices, MOW officials say each meal is averaging \$4. For more information, contact MOW. Individuals may sponsor a patron for one week at \$20; one month at \$80; or one year at \$960.

· Amarillo College's Lamplight Youth Theatre will present "A Toby Show" by Aurand Harris at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and Saturday, Dec. 11, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at AC's Ordway Hall-Washington Street Campus.

and \$5 for students. To purchase tickets, call (806) 371-5353.

 Twentieth Century Cotillion Study Club will present its annual Christmas Tour of Homes from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12 in Pampa. The cost to tour all three homes is \$10. Tickets will be available at the door of each home.

 The next Pampa Area Singles dance is scheduled from 8 p.m.-12 midnight Saturday, Dec. 18 at M.K. Brown Auditorium with Indian Summer. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking alcohol allowed. Snacks welcome. For more information on this dressy occasion, call 665-7059.

 The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Cancer Harrington Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Dec. 23 and Jan. 31, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, in Pampa. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.



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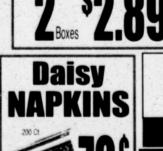
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## Edward Jones ranks first in national survey of brokers

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Edward Jones said, to rank their firms in various categories.

"The firm received verbal praise for its ethics, for its unwavering business focus and for its attention to the needs of its reps, including

asks them, a press release from its long-standing policy of providing a full-time assistant paid for by the firm," according to the magazine's December 2004 issue. The firm's ranking on "support" topped all other firms, the magazine reported.

Edward Jones investment representatives gave the firm its highest scores in 17 of the 24 categories in which it was rated. Some of those categories included ongoing training, client account statements, quality of the products offered,

management and the firm's strategic focus.

"The firm's steady, conservative approach was consistently lauded by reps," the magazine reported.

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Girl Scout Troop 10 won "Best Handmade Ornaments" in the Pampa Garden Club Festival of Trees 2004. The tree was donated to the troop by West Texas Landscape. After the festival, the tree was donated to the pediatric unit at Pampa Regional Medical Center. Pictured from back to front (left): Sherry, Tia and Shala; (right) Keva and Rebekah.

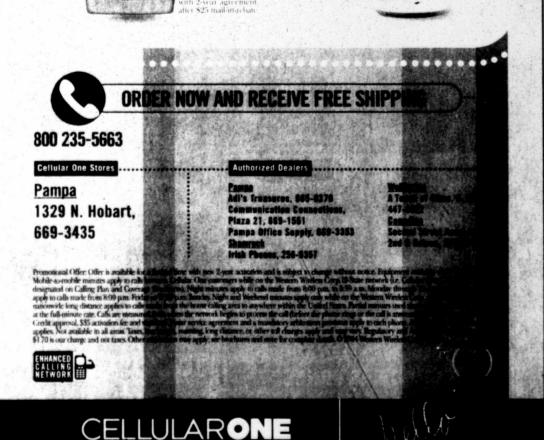
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WHEELER (WILDCAT **ALLISON-BRITT** Chesapeake 12350') Operating, inc., #2022 Grayson, 1980' from North & 1707' from West line, Sec. 22, RE, R&E, PD 15000'.

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to Drill HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #1413P Carr '14', 940' from South & 467' from West line, Sec. 14,4,AB&M, PD 13500'. Amended to change well location & PD HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #4 Meadows 5SE, 2310'

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Oil Well Completions HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #3 Meadows 5SE, Sec. 5,4,AB&M, spud 5-11-04, drlg. compl 6-8-04, tested 11-4-04, flowed 95 bbl. of 46 grav. + 68 bbls. water thru open choke on 24 hour test, csg. pressure 760 psi, tbg. pressure 190 psi, GOR 7389, TD 13410', PBTD 13340'—

HEMPHILL (MATHERS Cleveland) Devon Louisiana Corp., #5 Mathers Ranch, Sec. 165,41,H&TC, spud 5-8-04, drlg. compl 7-10-04, tested 7-10-04, flowed 20 bbl. of 48.7 grav. oil + 60 bbls. water thru 18/64" choke on 24 hour test, csg. pressure 550 psi, tbg. pressure 100 psi, GOR 29600/1, TD 17409', PBTD 9980' — Plug-Back

**Gas Well Completions** HEMPHILL (ALPAR Tonkawa) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #3091 Isaacs, Sec. 91,41,H&TC, spud 4-13-04, drlg. compl 4-24-04, tested 9-16-04, potential 297 MCF, TD 8415' -

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HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Pantera Energy Co., #5085A Alamosa Sanford, Sec. 85,46,H&TC, spud 9-10-04, drlg. compl 9-12-04, tested 11-8-04, TD 28804', PBTD 2804' —

WHEELER (ALLISON BRITT Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #306 Britt, Sec. 6,1,B&B, spud 6-10-04, drlg. compl 6-27-04, tested 9-15-04, potential 1096 MCF, TD 12900', PBTD 12844' —

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #3 Zybach '65', Sec. 65,M-1,H&GN, spud 8-22-04, drlg. compl 9-4-04, tested 10-26-04, potential 787 MCF, TD 11647', PBTD

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RANCH Granite Wash) Apache Corp., #1068 Stiles. Sec. 68.A-7,H&GN, spud 7-31-04, drlg. compl 9-8-04, tested 11-2-04, potential 7734 MCF, TD 14035', PBTD 13996' -

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Apache Corp., #203 Stiles, Sec. 3,A-3,H&GN, spud 7-11-04, drlg. compl 8-20-04, tested 11-2-04, potential 3492 MCF, TD

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con. Inc., #4 Britt Ranch

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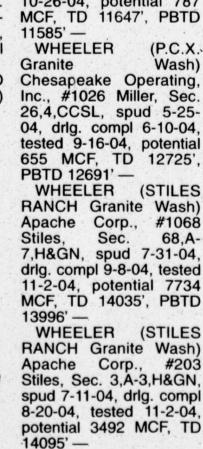
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## Half-century later, townspeople reopen slaying incident

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Dock Teegarden

Former undersheriff

BOULDER, (AP) — The death certificate read, "Unidentified Woman." The newspapers christened her "the unfortunate girl." The card with the red gladioli sent to her funeral was addressed "To Someone's Daughter."

Folks never quite knew what to call her, the mystery woman whose bat-

tered, nude body was found 50 years ago along a creek in filled with cottonwood and pine trees. Boulder Canyon. Eventually, she came to be known by the inscription on the small granite headstone placed at her grave:

"Jane Doe. April 1954. Age about 20 years."

Back then, this picturesque university town was a much different place, and murder still a rare atrocity. Jane Doe's story made headlines across Colorado and beyond, yet no one ever came forward to claim her. So the people of Boulder adopted "someone's daughter" as their own.

They donated money for a private cemetery plot rather than see her buried in a pauper's grave. Town florists sent sprays of roses and sweet peas to cover her casket, along with arrangements purchased out of the pockets of strangers. A pastor conducted a nondenominational service, and dozens came in their Sunday best to pay their respects.

Then the murder investigation turned cold, and the nameless victim was all but forgotten.

A half-century later, her remains have been unearthed and her case reopened — thanks to a curious historian who strolled by her grave and came away haunted by a question: "Who is she?"

Now a new generation is trying to find out, and perhaps solve the biggest mystery of all.

Not just who is Jane Doe. But who killed her?

"GIRL FOUND SLAIN NEAR BOULDER!" screamed the headline in Denver's Rocky Mountain News.

the day before spring break was to begin for the 7,000-plus students at University of Colorado at Boulder. The previous evening two freshmen, their exams done, had driven nine miles west of town to explore Boulder Falls, a popular picnicking spot in the heart of a canyon

When they spotted her remains, they first thought it was a mannequin. "We didn't think it could possibly be a human

body," one of the students would tell a reporter. She lay on some rocks next to the stream. Her body was blackened and bruised. She was about 5-foot-3 and 100 pounds, 17-20 years old. Her hair was strawberry blonde. The coroner estimated she had been dead up to a week, and was probably still alive when her body was dumped.

That was about all investigators would learn of their vic-

No clothes were found, and she wore no jewelry. Her face and hands were so ravaged by animals her features, even eye color, were unrecognizable and a solid fingerprint impossible to obtain. She had no cavities to compare against dental charts.

All that was left to distinguish her were three bobby pins and an appendectomy scar.

Reports of missing girls poured in immediately, overwhelming the three-man sheriff's office. A mother from Pueblo came to view the body, while letters arrived from such places as Tuttle, Okla.; Excelsior Springs, Mo.; Crooksville, Ohio.

"Am writing you in regards to the unidentified girl ..." "I have a daughter who has been missing since Feb. 13 ..." One included a yearbook snapshot of a smiling young

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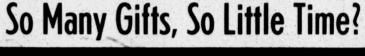
It was April 9, 1954, ones. I couldn't begin to tell you how many, but I guess hundreds would cover it," recalls 85-year-old Dock Teegarden, who served as undersheriff in 1954. He spent weeks searching mountain cabins for clues and investigating leads. "All of them checked out."

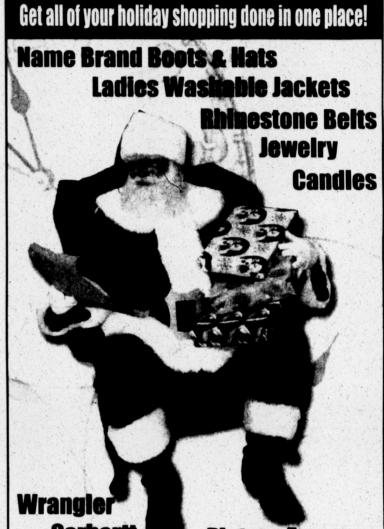
The hunt for the killer also proved fruitless. Potential suspects were questioned but found to have no connection to the case. At one point, blood was found in a car with Colorado plates in Oklahoma, but the driver admitted killing someone

Boulder was on the verge of a population boom, but at the time of the slaying, it remained a quiet, close-knit college town, leading investigators to conclude the victim wasn't a

"There was a lot of sympathy, of course," Teegarden says.

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## Survey

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While it's always an honor to be recognized by a national publication, this particular ranking is significant for a variety of reasons, a press release from Edward Jones said.

"This ranking is formed by the opinions of our investment representatives the people who meet with clients every day," said Douglas E. Hill, Edward Jones managing partner. "That makes it a good meas-

ure of how well we are serving our clients, which gives this ranking even greater significance.'

The three Pampa Edward Jones investment representatives also say that they are particularly proud of the No. 1 ranking because of the number of years Edward

distinction. Edward Jones interactive Web site is located at www.edwardjones.com.

Jones has achieved this

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dence, they say. Edward

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**Drilling** Continued from Page 6 WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con, Inc., #4 Britt Ranch 'I' 4, Sec. 4,2,B&B, spud 5-17-04, drlg. compl 6-6-04, tested 9-22-04, potential 970 MCF, TD 13750', PBTD 13750'



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## Slaying

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"Who was the girl? Why was she up there? A lot of people felt, 'That could've been my daughter." When officials announced plans to bury her at

Columbia Cemetery in an unmarked pauper's grave, people came forwith ward donations. The \$95 needed for a private plot was quickly raised.

A granite manufacturer began work on a headstone, while H o w e Mortuary donated the casket and its chapel for a service

'Any siblings she might have had—they're probably in their late 60s or early 70s. If we're going to make an identification, it'd have to be now. This is our last, best chance.'

— Phil West Sheriff's lieutenant

Two weeks after she was found, about 30 people filled the funeral home pews. During the service, at each place where the minister would have said the name of the deceased, he simply paused.

The next day, a newspaper photograph showed a crowd of men in suits and women wearing dresses and pill box hats standing before a flower-strewn casket at the cemetery. The headline read: "Will This Grave Mark an Unsolved Mystery?"

On a sunny morning this past June, a small band of folks gathered at Columbia Cemetery once more.

"Let's have a moment of silence for Jane Doe," a sheriff's lieutenant said before a backhoe scraped away the first clump of earth.

Standing on the grass, Silvia Pettem imagined the day 50 years earlier, when another cadre of Boulder citizens had assembled there. "They were burying her; we're digging her up," Pettem thought.

"But it was still a group of people who cared," she would later remark, "and wondered who she was."

Pettem has wondered more than most.

It was 1996 when she first discovered Jane Doe. A longtime Boulder historian, Pettern was part of a "Meet the Spirits" cemetery reenactment in which volunteers portray the dearly departed. Her character was a university professor, but it was Jane Doe who caught her eye.

Though a performer depicted the mystery

woman — "Someone with a little acting flair could get into it," Pettern says — the historian found herself returning to the grave, unsatisfied with a made-up life story.

"Who is she?" she wondered.

Three years later, Pettem revived Jane Doe's tale in a history column she writes for the Boulder Daily Camera. In the newspaper's research room, in the "murders" file under "U" for Unidentified, she found a stack of brittle articles from 1954.

Pettem was hooked.

She wondered if Jane Doe could finally be identified. She wrote the FBI to see what it knew of the case; the letter was returned with a note reading, "Too vague."

Pettem, who has spent years probing records about Boulder's past, wasn't about to stop there. "A relentless sleuth of the highest order," is how the Boulder Weekly describes the 57-year-old grandmother, whose mild manner belies her Nancy Drew instincts.

In 2000, she contacted the Boulder County Sheriff's Office, but it no longer had records on the case. Over the next three years, Pettem set about building her own file.

before it closed, and found the funeral record for Jane Doe and an envelope still containing cards from those who sent flowers. She contacted newspapers and purchased old photographs of the investigation and funeral. She posted a query on a genealogy Web site until a friend created a site solely dedicated to Jane.

Finally, in the fall of 2003, Pettem presented her findings to sheriff's investigators. What were the chances, she asked, of reopening the case and exhuming Jane Doe?

Sheriff Joe Pelle and his detectives were enthusiastic but said they couldn't justify spending taxpayer money on such a cold case. Pettem came up with a solution. What if, as they had 50 years earlier, the citizens of Boulder donated the costs?

On Feb. 4, 2004, Pelle held a news conference announcing his department would reopen the case if enough money could be raised to fund an investigation. Then Pettem spoke, telling the story of Jane Doe and imploring the community to pull together again "for this unknown victim."

The money flowed in.

"I hope you will be successful," one contributor wrote. "Somewhere a family still wonders where she is."

The exhumation took two days. A mortician who once worked at Howe supplied the equipment.

Jane Doe's remains have since been shipped to a lab, where forensic anthropologists recently finished reassembling the skull. Sheriff's detectives hope a facial reconstruction expert can now create a sculpture of what Jane Doe might have looked like, so they can circulate a sketch that a long-lost relative or friend might recognize.

Other forensic analysts are working to extract a DNA sample from her remains. The experts are all members of an organization Pettern tracked down earlier this year that does its work pro bono.

The private donations will be saved to pay for DNA tests, should detectives find a possible family member.

Time is running out. Sheriff's Lt. Phil West stresses that authorities can't even begin looking for Jane Doe's killer until they know who she was.

"Any siblings she might have had — they're probably in their late 60s or early 70s. If we're going to make an identification, it'd have to be now," he says. "This is our last, best chance."

Pettem understands that all too well. Now and then, she returns to the cemetery where Jane Doe first piqued her interest, and stands near her nowempty grave. What began as curiosity has evolved

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Silvia Pettem

Boulder historian

into a personal cause for Pettem, who just can't fathom losing a loved one and never knowing what became of that person.

"If Jane Doe were my sister or mother," she once wrote, "I would hope that someone would care enough to research her remains for me." She still wonders,

"Who is she?"
Perhaps she was escaping an abusive husband or boyfriend. Perhaps she was a hitchhiker or a runaway.

Then Pe

imagines something else: The day when Jane Doe might be laid to rest for good. Instead of strangers all around, Pettem pictures an elderly brother or sister, nieces and nephews, or cousins. Some of her Boulder family, too.

"I want to be in Iowa or Tennessee or wherever she came from," the historian says wistfully, "at that burial."

And wherever that place is, Pettem envisions a new headstone to mark it.

One with Jane Doe's real name at last.

On the Web: http://www.boulderjanedoe.com

## TSCRA launches program

FORT WORTH — Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is putting the finishing touches on its expanded Horse Identification Program prior to its official launch on Jan. 1, according to an association press release.

HIP is a one-of-a-kind, Web-based theft prevention and horse identification program developed by TSCRA's law enforcement division, the release reports. The program seeks to identify and record information on individual horses and put that data to work should an enrolled horse be stolen.

When activated, the release explained, HIP's Stolen Horse Action Plan systematically distributes the animal's electronic file to target areas across the country to initiate the search.

"The key to recovering many stolen or missing horses is getting accurate information delivered to the right people as soon as possible," said HIP Director Todd McCartney. "That's what HIP does best. In a short time, HIP can alert specific authorities and law enforcement personnel, wherever they are located, and provide them with vital horse ID information."

HIP's secure and confidential database will house electronic files, the release said, for each horse containing detailed descriptions, multiple color photographs, microchip data and extensive owner contact records.

The hub of the new program is the interactive web

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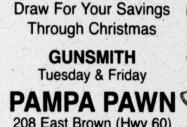
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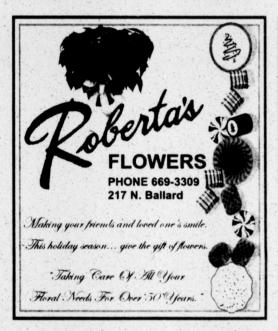
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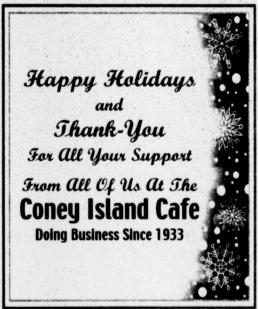




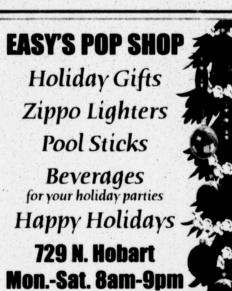






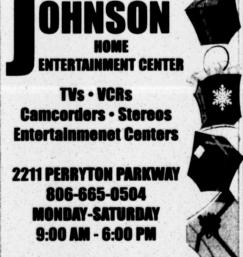










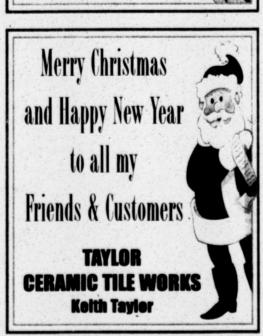






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## HIP

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site at www.hipprogram.org. Here, subscribers can enter their horses directly into the program by submitting the required information, photos and payment.

Once a horse's individual files are in the system, the release explained, subscribers can easily access them online to update the information and use the site's other features.

These include online recordkeeping tools to aid in daily management. Subscribers can add personal records on medical information and notes on feeding, shoeing

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The web site is up and running and can be accessed now to find out more about HIP and how to subscribe.

HIP subscriptions are available nationwide, and TSCRA membership is not required. The initial set-up and enrollment fee is \$30

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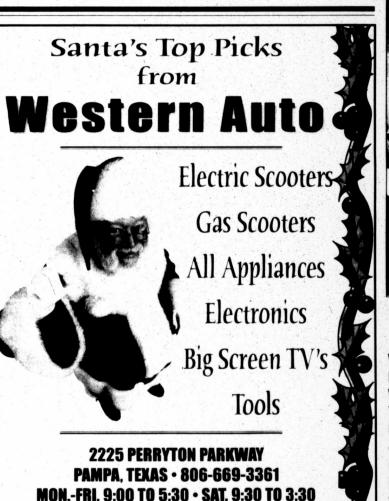
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## Event woos women to firefighting

By BEN DOBBIN Associated Press Writer

MONTOUR FALLS, N.Y. (AP) — After strapping on a 50-pound vest, Julie Pisanello reeled in a fire hose, hoisted two ladders, whacked a sledgehammer a dozen times against a door-like simulator, crawled through a dark maze and dragged a 165-pound mannequin a distance of 70 feet.

The substitute schoolteacher is already a volunteer firefighter in suburban Albany. To join the mere 98 women who earn their livelihoods from firefighting in New York a state with 20,000 career firefighters— she needs to demonstrate on-the-job dexterity.

"It's so difficult!" Pisanello, 21, said with a gasp midway through an eight-station course set aside especially for female hopefuls on a fall weekend at the New York State Academy of Fire Science. "Keep going! You are so close, girl!" shot back an instructor.

It was when Pisanello came to the final event — wielding a pike and hook atop a 6-foot-long pole to replicate pulling down a ceiling in a burning building — that she almost buckled.

"If she even drops that pole she'll fail" said Fire I t

"If she even drops that pole she'll fail," said Fire Lt. Donna Kubarycz, whispering running commentary from nearby.

Seeking to broaden a field still dominated overwhelmingly by men, the main firefighter's union helped develop a Candidate Physical Ability Test in 1999 that reflects not just brute strength but strictly job-related demands.

Pisanello was not disqualified. Neither did she finish

soon enough — she was about four minutes over the test's cutoff time of 10 minutes, 20 seconds. But she came away encouraged.

Intent on building her strength and endurance through inline skating, swimming, running and weightlifting, and improving her technique by routinely tackling hands-on drills at her volunteer fire station, she is confident she'll be a full-time firefighter someday.

That would land her in rare company. Of the 275,000-plus career firefighters in America, only about 6,500, 2.4 percent, are women. That's up from zero in 1972. Some 40,000 women serve as volunteer firefighters.

"Is it small because it's only 2 percent or big because we've increased 50 percent" in a decade? asked Terese Floren, co-founder of Women in the Fire Service, a research group in Madison, Wis. "People have to make that call for themselves."

The third annual training camp at the Fire Academy drew 200 women, from volunteers practicing entry-level tests to professionals getting guidance in arson detection, hazardous materials and emergency responses to ice rescues and acts of terrorism.

The state-sponsored sessions at a converted, Civil Warera college campus in the rustic Finger Lakes region broke ground in bringing together female firefighters from around New York. "There was no forum for them to ever get to know each other," said Jackaline Ring of the state Office of Fire Prevention and Control.

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## Tralee honoree.

Walt Williams, left, is congratulated by Karon Harmon of Tralee Crisis Center. Tralee named Williams one of two "Most Honorable Men of the Year." Williams received a gift from Tralee and will be invited to participate in a variety of functions offered by the agency throughout the year. He was nominated by Lola Richardson who said, "Walt helps all who need him; nursing home, children, widows, and orphans."



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## In Argentina, life's little daily irritants mother of invention

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Daniel Nunez never thought of himself as an inventor. But the 45-year-old salesman vowed to do something after his failing eyesight forced him to rely on strangers to point out the right bus on his way to work.

"When a bus arrives, I can see it's a bus, but I can't see which route number it is," Nunez says. "I need to ask, and it's always a bother."

Fed up with feeling embarrassed, Nunez rolled up his sleeves and joined scores of tinkerers, fiddlers and inventors in this city who are trying to devise solutions to all manner of life's daily irritants.

He came up with the "talking bus stop," an electric signpost that receives radio signals from buses as they approach. The signpost announces the bus's route out loud and, if a waiting passenger pushes a button, flashes a light alerting the driver to stop. Nunez hopes his invention will capture the interest of city officials.

As one of South America's most cosmopolitan cities, Buenos Aires has

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They survived all

the picketers,

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Fernandez

Inventor

long fostered an inventive spirit. Juan Vucetich pioneered the first fingerprint classification system here back in 1891. In the 1940s, Ladislao Jose Biro, a Hungarian immigrant, developed the ballpoint pen.

The current generation of inventors regularly gathers for exhibitions, competitions and lectures on the intricacies of patents and intellec-

tual property law. There is even an inventor's school for young problem-solvers, ages 5 and up.

"The Argentine is someone very capable and very determined," says Nunez, whose talking bus stop won first prize in one competition.

At a recent exposition, inventors showed off a plastic air bag to prevent remote controls from breaking if they fall, a bottle opener that lets wine lovers uncork bottles of Dom Perignon with a single hand, and a low-friction engine that needs little oil.

In a Latin American country prone to violent strikes, protests and occasional political unrest, chaos helps spark creativity — like the "vandal-proof" trash can.

Eduardo Fernandez, a prolific inventor, saw a news report in 2001 about vandals destroying thousands of public trash cans in Buenos Aires. So he teamed up with a fellow inventor, Hugo Olivera, and devised a fortified trash can — built from iron — that can't be smashed, shattered or ripped off walls.

So far, no one has managed to break into or steal test versions on busy downtown areas.

"They're still there. They survived all the picketers, meetings, strikes, everything," says Fernandez, who has dozens of inventions to his name.

Olivera was inspired to create a one-handed wine bottle opener after a waiter recounted the ordeal of opening 50 bottles at a party one night.

"His hands felt terrible afterward," Olivera recalls. "We did some research, and found out there was nothing on the market to solve the problem."

Voila the "Descorjet." A sleek and efficient cork-popping

contraption, the Descorjet has sold by the thousands and is See **IINVENT**, Page 11 EIC TEMPL

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## Elderly psychiatrist serves in Iraq

TEMPLE, Texas (AP) — After spending three months in Iraq, it's not memories of the 120-degree heat or sounds of distant explosions that haunt psychiatrist Paul Hill.

It's the soldiers: a young man who showed up at Hill's makeshift office with his uniform and boots still splattered with his friend's blood, another shaken after seeing his friend decapitated during a convoy bombing.

Hill said one commander told him he felt an incredible sense of guilt because his troops had been injured three times in attacks in one week, but he kept going on missions — although he vomited before each one.

Hill said he was a bit surprised by his sometimes tearful reactions to their stories. After all, he thought he had seen it all in his 71 years - from his 20 years in the Army, including a year in Vietnam, to working about 30 years as a psychiatrist, sometimes treating older veterans.

"People over here have no idea how

much stress these guys are under," said Hill, who returned to central Texas in early November. "An awful lot of these soldiers are on the road every day, and it would be unusual not to get shot at. ... They said, 'We feel like sitting ducks."

Going to Iraq was not something Hill initially planned. A postcard delivered from the military last year asked retired doctors to volunteer their service. He thought someone had made a mistake — that he was too old, even for a non-combat role.

When he was told that age didn't matter, he still didn't sign up right away. He carried the folded card in his pocket for months, struggling with the decision to become part of something he had grown to deeply oppose.

"I think it was a big mistake (going to war), but it isn't the soldiers' fault," Hill said. "They didn't ask for it, but they're over there, and the soldiers need some help. I thought I could help them."

So Hill signed up for a year of active duty, serving the first three months in Iraq. He will work the next nine months at Fort Hood in Killeen, near San Antonio, counseling soldiers at the Darnell Army Community Hospital.

The general age limit in the Army is 55, but that limit does not apply to senior officers or volunteers, said Lt. Col. Bryan Hilferty, an Army spokesman. The oldest people serving in Iraq are volunteer doctors, but the Army cannot track who is the oldest, Hilferty said.

Twenty-eight volunteer doctors have served in Iraq since the war began, and nine of those remain on active duty, said Jaime Cavazos, a spokesman with U.S. Army Medical Command.

Hill had to pass physical and mental exams, different from those for combat troops. Aside from slightly elevated blood pressure and prostate problems, he was in good shape. He has compet-

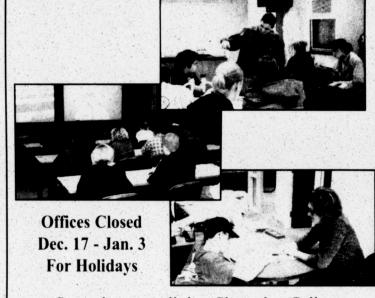
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## **Fire**

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programs designed to bolster the female ranks have since been tried in Pennsylvania and Illinois. Fraternal groups within professional fire departments also are striving to create recruitment, training and mentoring programs that better prepare women wanting to join up.

While some cities have broken the pattern — at least one in seven firefighters in Minneapolis, San Francisco and Wis., is Madison,

female — many others have nearly all-male forces. Only 26 of New York City's firefighters are 11,500 women.

tradition — one of the most physically demanding jobs retains a fiercely male culture — and female trailblazers who cracked the shell a generation ago have failed to win a transformation in many places.

"It all depends on who's things," said running Kubarycz, 45, who in 1987 became the first female firefighter career Rochester, N.Y. "A lot of times you try to get things going and, if you don't have backing from the important

higher-ups, it doesn't get ing job that not many people anywhere.'

On one side is stiff competition — "there are so many qualified men" - but perhaps harder is getting word out to women "that this is a option," said Kubarycz, a bodybuilder steered into firefighting by a

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— Julie Pisanello

Substitute schoolteacher

are willing to do," said Pisanello, still panting after her workout. "They can't fake it." If men have stronger tor-

sos, "women may have stronger legs," said Christa Lombardo, 29, a fire captain's daughter who joined Buffalo's

> department 1995. "Guys can put a lot of oomph into The women, it may take a little more technique."

While Lombardo "practically grew up" in

a fire station, "if you don't pull your weight, they don't care who you are," she said. "You have to test men and the sequential order of bat- women equally. There's dif-The barriers begin with tling a fire, "is not only stan- ferences in body types and mechanics, but the job is still the job."

Often, her colleagues find themselves scattered in various firehouses, so the women-only weekend is a rare chance to get together.

ing diversity "both in gender and ethnicity," he said. "We hang out, we talk, we of discuss," Lombardo said. "The guys do it, we can do Fire Academy roared their

"I see some women who are very discouraged within their own fire department," said the Fire Academy's director, Richard Nagle. "They're accepted because

they have to be accepted, not because they are considered to be equal in their abilities:

"The men have to say, Yes, there are women who can do the job and I wouldn't mind trusting my safety to a female the same way I would to a male."

The union test is required across New York. Rather than considering anyone who passes, however, some career fire departments like New York City's draw up hiring lists weighted in favor of those who score highest on both written and physical

"People should be judged on their ability to do the job and not anything else," said Nagle, a retired FDNY lieutenant. Still, he expects "a couple of generations" will pass before there are substantial numbers of female firefighters.

On the Net:

the Fire Women in ervice: http://www.wfsi.org/

Office of Fire Prevention and Control: http://www.dos.state.ny.us/fi re/firewww.html

International Association Fire Fighters: http://www.iaff.org

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now being marketed in 25 countries and on the Internet. "It's a very high-quality item, and we like it," says

Craig Tarbeck at Clever Gear, a Florida Internet retailer that promotes the Descorjet.

While Fernandez and Olivera have reaped financial rewards from their ingenuity, others are waiting to cash in.

To foster the inventive spirit, Buenos Aires is also home to an "inventor's school" for children ages 5 to 16. Lucas Perfumo, a 22year-old inventor, leads the students in investigating everyday machines and trying to improve them.

The classroom is a jumble of gutted appliances and electric doodads.

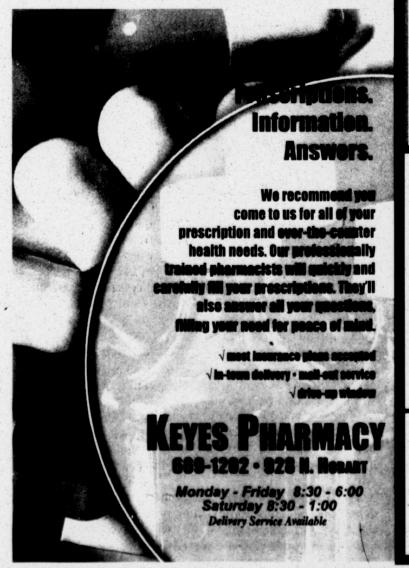
A boat propeller lies, beside a clothes iron. A phone cord runs from an old box of chocolates covered with masking tape.

The room buzzes on a Saturday afternoon as young people eagerly unscrew machines and inspect circuit boards. One cluster studies the arm of an old record player while another pokes at a computer speaker.

"I never get tired of taking things apart," says 10-yearold Joshua Nicolas Torres as he probes the innards of an electric pencil sharpener. Joshua says he already has ideas for 34 inventions and considers the school one of his favorite places. "I can come up with things and use big tools, and I can help other people," he says.

Some inventors say selfreliance and problem-solving skills are especially handy in Argentina, where many people gripe about the lack of effective government services.

"The government doesn't do many things. We have to solve our problems alone," says Rodrigo Valla, an 18year-old assistant teacher and inventor.





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## Sports Day

## "Toughest decision I have ever made"

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Saying it was, "One of the toughest decisions I have ever had to make", Heath Parker was introduced to the Amarillo media Friday afternoon as the next head coach of the Tascosa Rebel football program.

AISD Athletic Director took little time in making the introduction.

"To say it was a difficult decision would be one of the greatest understatements I have ever made," said Parker. When asked why he accepted the Tascosa job, Parker replied, "We just love what we do. We also put this decision in God's hands and trust that we are taking his direction." The 'we' Parker refers includes coach Scott Lewis, and one or two others who will make the move with him. Among the others will be Andy Cavalier who is reportedly ready to get back into coaching.

Parker has always credited Lewis with playing a key role in Pampa's success with his year-round physical development and training program. Lewis also served as Pampa's offensive line coach.

So will Parker take the Harvester program to Tascosa? "We will try to adapt what has made us so successful in Pampa here." And how long does Parker expect that to take? "I expect to have this team ready to play by next fall. We will be ready to compete."

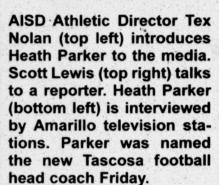
A somewhat bold statement on Parker's part given the Rebels football program has been all but dormant in recent years. Under Ron Rogers, whose resignation created the opening Parker filled, Tascosa was an abysmal 14-36 from 200-2004. A quick scan of seasons prior to the Rogers era doesn't paint a picture of success. But Parker is an outsider of sorts that may be able to breathe new life into Tascosa. He will bring a fresh approach and new ideas that should excite his new players.

Prior to leaving for Amarillo Friday, Parker met with the players he is leaving behind. "It was the toughest talk we have shared," he said. He has yet to meet with his new team.

So when will Parker officially take over the Rebel program? "We will do that following the Christmas break."







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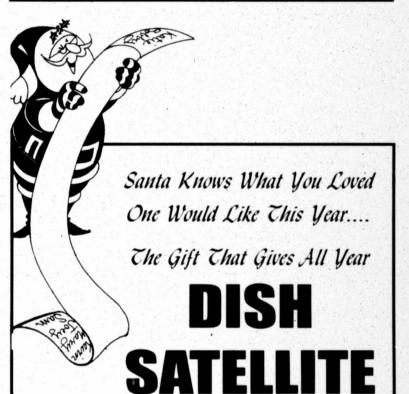
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## Pampa 9-3 with win over Lions By MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Sports Editor

varsity boys' basketball team overcame a slow start to overpower the Trinity Fellowship Lions 68-54 in Amarillo last night.

The Harvesters were lethargic in the opening period, scoring just 9 points while TFCS 11 points.

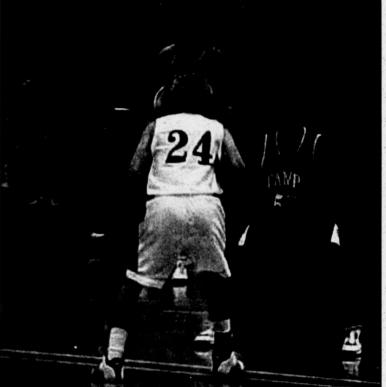
Pampa improved in the second period with 21 points but the Lions stayed within striking distance by putting up 19 of its own. At teams entered the locker 7:30 p.m.

The Pampa High School room tied at 30 points

The third period would be the difference maker for the Harvesters, outscoring TFCS 23-8. The Lions mounted a comeback in the fourth period but came up

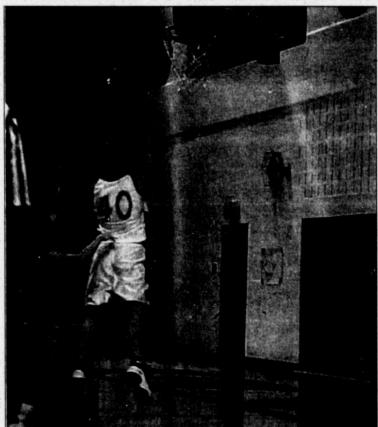
Sharod Young had a good night tossing in 16 points. Clayton Hall added 15 points.

Pampa is now 9-3. Trinity Fellowship is 3-8. Next up for the the break, Pampa had a Harvesters will be Borger fight on its hands as both at home Tuesday night at



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Sharod Young, #55, defends against a Trinity Fellowship player in Friday night's win. Young posted 16 points for the night.



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

McKensie East, #40, snags a Pampa rebound Friday night.

## **Lady Harvesters** fall to Coronado despite big finish

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Coach Troy Fry and his Lady Harvester basketball team met the the second half however, Lubbock Coronado at Canyon High School last night. Pampa, despite a fevered finish, came up short, 63-57.

Pampa fell behind in second, managing only points nine Coronado's 20. At the break, the Lady Harvesters found themselves in the hole, 37-19. Pampa came to life in

outscoring the opponent 38-26. With the loss,

Pampa's record falls to Top Lady Harvester

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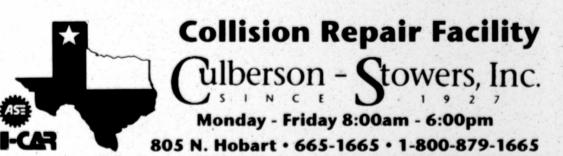
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## Cowboys hope to ride emotional win

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The helmets, pads and jerseys came off. The smiles didn't. They couldn't.

The Dallas Cowboys had just gone from blowing a big fourth-quarter lead to pulling off a remarkable comeback, all before a national audience on a Monday night.

In the locker room afterward, players were savoring what they'd accomplished.

The smiles they shared and the joy they felt were the kind of things that bring a club together and can lead to bigger, better

It happened early last season, starting a five-game winning streak that Dallas rode into the playoffs.

Now the Cowboys are hoping another similar win this past Monday night can be their springboard into the postseason.

"There's always a point in the season where it clicks for you," defensive tackle

La'Roi Glover said. "Hopefully this is that point." The first test of their newfound confidence and kinship comes Sunday against the New Orleans Saints (4-8), who have

lost three straight and are already thinking

about changes for next season.

Dallas is only barely better at 5-7, but that's good enough to be in the NFC wildcard chase.

And the Cowboys have reasons to believe they can emerge from that group.

They've won consecutive games for the first time since Weeks 2 and 3 and coach Bill Parcells says they're playing better than they have all season.

The offense is clicking thanks to the emergence of rookie running back Julius Jones and the defense has improved since being simplified three games ago.

Factor in that three of their last four games are against fading teams and remember the spark provided by their 43-39 victory over the Seahawks and it's easy to see why the postgame giddiness was still evident during the week.

"The team just needed a little confidence to see that things were going to change," Parcells said. "Once they started getting it, they perked up."

The Seattle game was the ultimate confidence booster. It nearly was the ultimate downer.

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## Cowboys

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The Cowboys let a 12point lead in the fourth quardeficit. Then came a touchdown catch, a recovered onside kick, a touchdown run by Jones and an incomplete desperation pass by the Seahawks on the game's final play.

Dallas fans who believe in omens must've been thrilled. After all, the TD grab could've been ruled out of bounds, the onside kick never worked that well in practice and that last-second pass did bounce off the face mask of a Seattle receiver.

No wonder that locker room scene was so special.

"Those first couple of minutes after an emotional win, that's the best feeling I think there is in sports, no matter if it's the first game you've won or the Super Bowl," quarterback Vinny Testaverde said. "This game

is played on emotion and with emotion. That was as emotional as it gets. ... Hopefully we can win our next four and it'll carry us where we want to get to."

Last season, Dallas blew ter turn into a 10-point an 18-point lead in the fourth quarter against the New York Giants, tied the game as regulation expired and won in overtime. The Cowboys went from possibly losing their first two games under Parcells to being 5-1 and hanging on his every word. They went just 5-5 the rest of the season, but still earned a wild card.

> This time, Dallas beat a better team — Seattle came is as a division leader — and the Cowboys showed a mental toughness that could've bec. trampled by them losing five games by at least 18 points.

> "Nobody on that field gave up," said Testaverde, who was knocked woozy, perhaps even 'suffering a concussion, while Seattle was rallying. "It shows the

character of the players and certainly brings us closer together."

As for the Saints, they're falling apart.

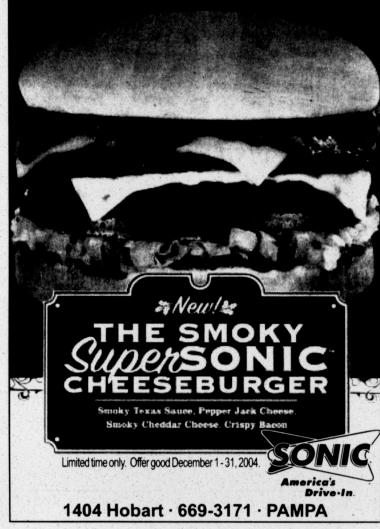
They've lost three straight and four of five, putting them one loss from yet another losing season and possibly costing coach Jim Haslett his job.

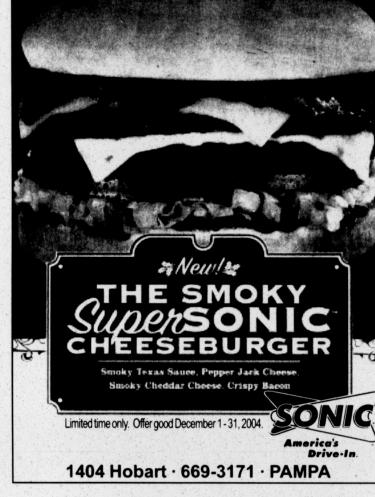
Although New Orleans could win out and be 8-8, possibly in the playoff race, quarterback Aaron Brooks said that hasn't even been discussed. He laughed when asked if he knows why the the Cotton Bowl.

team has struggled.

"Yeah. That's postseason, though." he said. "It's some of everything. It's just not going well for us right now. ... I'm remaining optimistic and staying very positive about the situation and trying to make the best out of these last four games, no matter what happens."

The Saints also have a quirky piece of history going against them: They've never beaten the Cowboys on the road, going 0-7 at Texas Stadium and 0-2 at





## PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL WEEK OF DEC. 13 - DEC. 18 HARVESTER BOY'S BASKETBALL

Monday . Dec. 13 7th & 8th Grade at Dumas • A Teams • 5:00pm 7th & 8th Grade at Dumas • B Teams • 6:30pm

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## Manning goes for Marino's TD mark HOUSTON (AP) — With only a During the Colts' five-game win-defense.

few seconds left in a certain victory for ning streak, Manning has thrown Miami, Peyton Manning threw a meaningless 6-yard touchdown pass to Marvin Harrison to cut the score to 24-

Or e-mail them at mayb@mayb.com.

Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Lady Harvester Audrey Dunn fires off a free throw

The Pampa High School Soccer Booster Club will meet

The deadline for the upcoming 3rd through 8th grade

Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m., in the PHS high school library.

boys and girls MAYB basketball tournament is Jan. 7,

2005. The tournament will be held Jan. 22-23, in Austin and

will offer a three game guarantee. For more information,

please contact the national MAYB office at (316) 284-0354.

Friday night against Lubbock Coronado.

**EVENTS AND MEETINGS** 

The date was Sept. 6, 1998, and Manning had salvaged his rough NFL debut with the first touchdown pass of his pro career.

On the other sideline was Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino, who was in the twilight of a career almost certain to be immortalized in Canton. Marino certainly couldn't have predicted greatness that afternoon for the highly touted rookie, who also threw three interceptions and was sacked four times in the game.

"I don't think anybody can see how a guy's future is going to be in one game," Marino said earlier this week, "but as the year went on you could tell he was going to be a heck of a player."

No kidding. Manning has gone on to throw TD passes at a rate unlike anyone before him, and he needs only four more on Sunday against the Houston Texans (5-7) to tie Marino's NFL record of 48 set in 1984.

fewer than four touchdowns only once — in a 51-24 win over Tennessee last week. He threw five in three quarters against Houston in a 49-14 victory in Indianapolis a month ago.

Pampa Soccer Booster Club to

meet; Kid's Inc. needs umpires

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Considering that kind of dominance and the Texans' continued struggles on defense, Manning and the Colts (9-3) might want to bring confetti and a few bottles of champagne to Houston. Indianapolis could also clinch the AFC South with a win.

"You don't want to be the team that gives him the record," Texans cornerback Aaron Glenn said. "But also you don't want to go into a game and solely focus on him not breaking the record."

There might not be a dependable high-powered Colts out of the end

The Titans tried three onside kicks in the first quarter. The Detroit Lions tried to confuse Manning with a variety of blitzes.

The Chicago Bears tried to keep everyone in front of them with a zone

A meeting for current and prospective umpires for the

All interested parties should attend this meeting. If you

know other persons interested in becoming an umpires

please pass this information along. If you have any ques-

2005 High School Girls fastpitch Softball season will be

held Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Kid's Inc.

Warehouse, located at 2201 East 27th, Amarillo.

tions, please call Kevin Cotter at (806) 499-3746.

If the Colts score 40 or more points against Houston, they would become the first team in NFL history to do that in five consecutive games. The L.A. Chargers in 1960 and the St. Louis Rams in 2000 are the only other teams with four straight.

"These are the types of offenses you like to play against, because nobody has figured out how to slow them down yet," said Texans defensive end Gary Walker, who accused the Colts of running up the score in their last meet-

"Who can you go out there and concentrate on shutting down?" Walker said. "They make you play disciplined and sound, the whole game."

The Texans will be hard-pressed to way - or legal one - to keep the keep Manning from surpassing Marino, especially after losing starters and primary signal-callers Marcus Coleman (shoulder) and Jay Foreman (ankle) for the season with injuries.

Making this even more of a mismatch is the fact Houston has one of the league's worst pass defenses.

## **Texas' Derrick Johnson** named Butkus winner

won the Lombardi.

Named for NFL Hall of

Fame linebacker Dick

sented by the Downtown

Athletic Club of Orlando.

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Texas linebacker Derrick Johnson won the Butkus Award on Friday night as Butkus, the award is prethe nation's best linebacker.

Johnson is the first Texas player to win the award, beating out Ahmad Brooks of Virginia and Matt Grootegoed of Southern California.

Johnson, who was a Butkus finalist last year as a junior, led the Longhorns this season with 128 tackles, 78 solo and 19 for loss. He also added two sacks, one interception and eight forced fumbles for No. 6 Texas, which faces No. 13 Michigan in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

Johnson has already been named the winner of the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, awarded to the nation's best defensive player. He was also a finalist for the Lombardi Award, given to the top college lineman. Georgia's David Pollack

## Bradley's appeal rejected

Supreme Court rejected for- player a speeding ticket. mer Cleveland Indians outfielder Milton Bradley's jail time, 40 hours' commuappeal of a three-day jail nity service and a \$250 sentence he received after fine.

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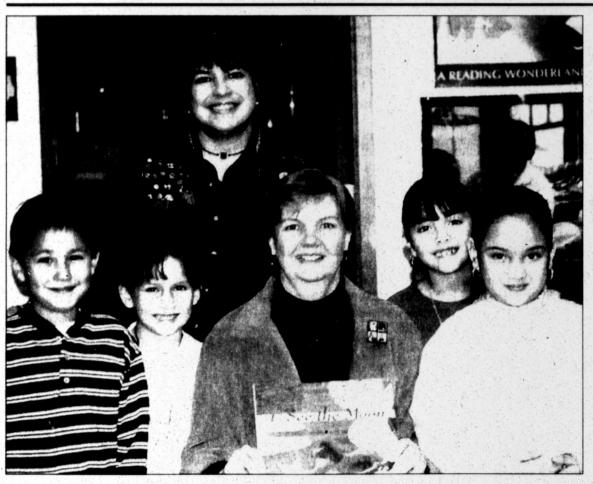
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## Author visit

Judy Hanson, Elementary School Library coordinator for the local school district, recently invited children's book author Kathi Appelt, of College Station, to visit all four of the city's elementary schools. Above are (left-right) Jonathan Mabra, Andrea Cotter, both first-graders at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, Appelt, Gaby Perez, Lizza Olivas, another Wilson firstgrader, and Karen Handley, library aide at Wilson. Appelt has authored more than 30 children's books including the "Bubba and Beau" series.

### New regs put nurse permits on hold

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The government announced plans to block a shortcut that Jan. 1 to use the shortcut that has allowed thousands of foreign nurses to get fasttrack U.S. work permits, a move that could worsen a nationwide nursing shortage when it takes effect next

In an announcement last week, the State Department said the nurses — predomi-

nantly from the Philippines - will not be allowed after has allowed them to begin working in U.S. hospitals as quickly as 60 days. Those applications could now take up to three years or more.

The new policy, which also could effect doctors and tech workers, is the indirect result of a more efficient immigration process.

## Iraq

Continued from Page 11

ed in 26 marathons, the most recent about a decade ago, and he has a daily exercise regimen of a 10-mile bike ride or a one-hour run.

After getting orders to deploy this summer, Hill spent a week at Fort Bliss in El Paso, where he got vaccinations, learned how to wear a gas mask and shot a 9 mm pistol at a firing range. He shaved his beard, leaving a neatly trimmed, white mustache, and got a crew cut.

In late July after a 26-hour flight, Hill stepped off a plane in Kuwait and was greeted with a blast of 145degree air, much higher than the usual daily summer temperatures of 119 to 122.

He began his stint at the U.S. Army's Camp Cuervo in southeastern Baghdad, where he was the only full colonel. He lived in an airconditioned building with about 10 rooms and a bath-

Hill always carried a pistol but never used it. When an alert for increased danger

was issued — something that happened about a third of Hill's time in Iraq everyone donned a helmet and 30-pound bulletproof

vest when going outside. Hill counseled soldiers in his office and prescribed medication, mostly antidepressants, he said. Aside from combat, soldiers talked

to him about their worries what was going on back home, whether their spouses were cheating on them, whether their children were OK.

But because Cuervo was a smaller camp, with a few thousand troops, Hill would go days without seeing

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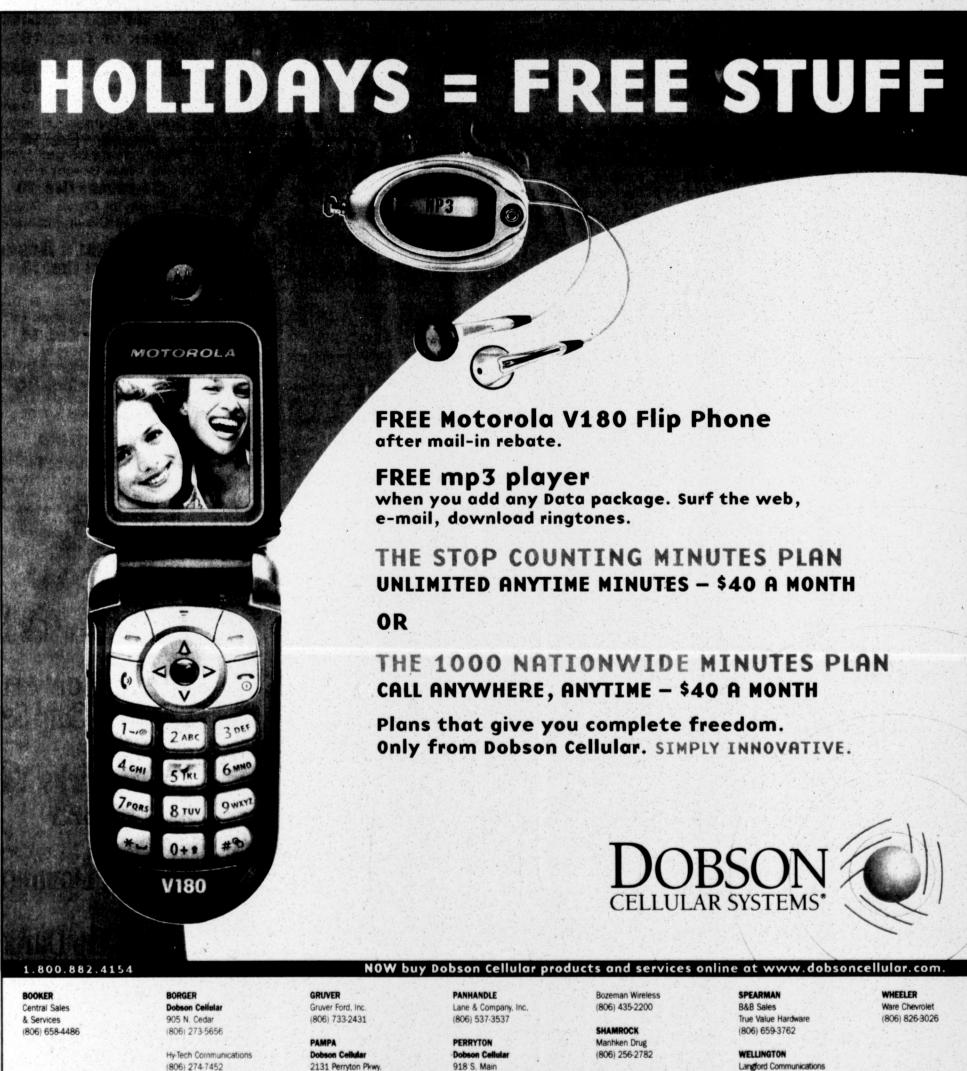
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## Lifestyle

### NEWSMAKERS

ALVA, Okla. - During Northwestern Oklahoma State University's recent annual



Scholarship Awards Ceremony, Stephanie Cameron of Pampa received the Milt and Becky Lehr

Education Scholarship, presented to her by Dr. James Bowen, dean of the university's School of Professional Studies. The award honors a student

with high scores in scholastic aptitude, reading and achievement who has been admitted to the teacher education pro-

Cameron, a senior English major, also received the Joe Dollins Scholarship. Both Lehr and Dollins were faculty members at Northwestern.

Jordan Holmes, son of Ronnie and Sharon Holmes of

West Texas University in Canyon with bachelor's



Holmes is assistant director of Pampa High School Band and director of the high chool jazz band.

PETERSBURG, Va. Army National Guard Pvt. rank D. Shaw has graduated

ual Training course at

Fort Lee, Petersburg. Shaw was trained to receive, inspect, segregate, store, inventory, issue, deliver and turn-in organizational and installation supplies and ment; maintain automated supply systems for accountability with use of unit computers; issue and receipt of small arms, and secure and control weapons and ammunition supplies.

Shaw is the grandson of Bina G. Shaw of Pampa. He is a 2003 graduate of Pampa High School.

## **Ounce of prevention** helps keep holidays happy, ARC says

Keep your family safe through this year's holiday season by setting up decorations with care and taking some simple steps to prevent fire or accidents, officials at the American Red Cross urge.

"Many deadly home fires happen each December as a result of Christmas trees catching fires," said Jana Gregory, Gray County ARC Chapter executive director. "We can all take some easy steps to keep this from happening."

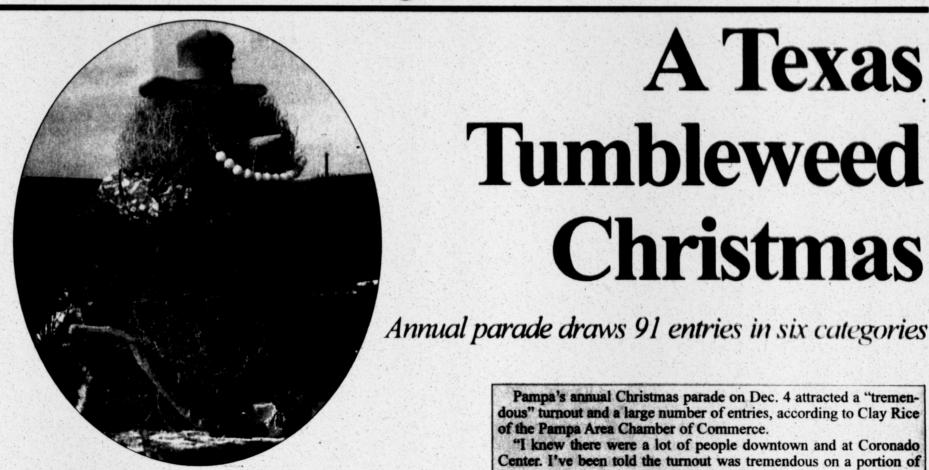
According to the National Fire Protection Association, a press release from the ARC said, four out of seven home fires occur during December, January and February, and about half of these fires are caused by using candles and overloading electrical circuits.

The Red Cross recommends the following safety tips to help ensure a happy holiday season for your and your household:

-Keep Christmas trees fresh. Place your tree away from heat sources and exits. Water it daily. Make sure your artificial tree is fire-retardant.

-Use electrical outlets and lights carefully. Check the tree lights each year to make sure they

See SAFETY, Page 3-B



Atmos Energy's tumbleweed snowman followed this year's parade theme.

Pampa's annual Christmas parade on Dec. 4 attracted a "tremendous" turnout and a large number of entries, according to Clay Rice of the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce. "I knew there were a lot of people downtown and at Coronado

**Tumbleweed** 

Christmas

**A Texas** 

Center. I've been told the turnout was tremendous on a portion of the parade route I wasn't able to see," Rice said.

The 1 p.m. start time seems to be more popular than morning parades or nighttime parades which were tried in the past.

Ninety-one entrants made up this year's parade, with 19 entered in the commercial division; non-commercial, 20; antique/classic car, 24; motorcycle/four-wheelers, 15; religious, five; horses, three; two patrol cars each from Pampa Police Department and Gray County Sheriff's Office; and the Pampa High School marching band.

Mayor Lonny Robbins drove the car bearing this year's parade marshal, John Forister. Out-of-town entrants included Lefors volunteer fire department and ambulance, and Amarillo Harley Owners.

Candy throwing was once again approved for this year's parade, and gum, lollipops, hard candies and other treats flew through the

Candy-throwers and parade-goers alike got into the spirit of things. Children were seen clutching plastic bags bulging with goodies gathered from the curbsides. One parade entrant said she was out of candy before even reaching the halfway point of the parade due to the large turnout of spectators.

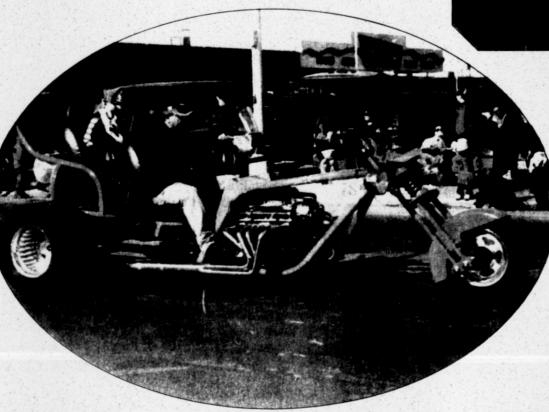
Parade entry winners not shown on this page were Fenton Motors of Pampa, commercial; and a 1929 Ford entered by N&T Specialty Welding and Manufacturing, antique/classic car. See photos for other division winners.

"Everybody's been very complimentary" about the parade, Rice



A group of Santa's elves, also known as members of Brownie Troop 222 and Daisy Troop 221, wait to get in position for the parade to start. Girl Scout Five Star Council 221 and 222 won

Story and Photos by Marilyn Powers



Gary and Sherry Bolch of Pampa earned first place honors in the motorcycles/four wheelers division with their Harley-Davidson "tryke."



Audrey Meeker and a plush reindeer friend wave to the crowd from a black Mercury entered in the antique/classic car division.



Members of St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church's Danza Guadalupana, or Indian dancers, were named best religious entry.



Brightly colored sleigh bells attached to the wheels of a pickup made a Christmas-y sound as the vehicle rolled slowly along the parade route.



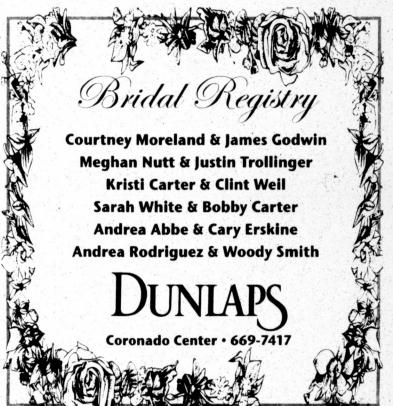
Rajah and her rider, Rachel Andorfer, were both decked out in Christmas style for the parade by Linda Huddleston. Linda and Stacey Huddleston. won first place in the parade's horse division.

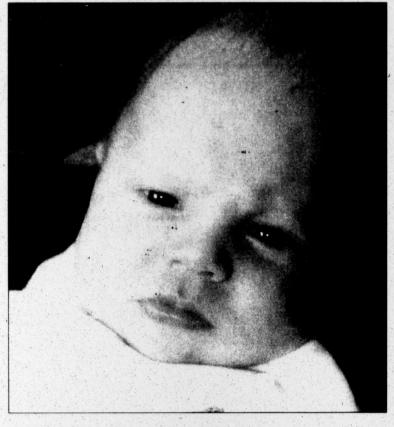
## Cradle call



## **Carter Jack Gordy**

Carter Jack Gordy was born at 3 p.m. Oct. 23 at Pampa Regional Medical Center, to Clay and Karen Gordy of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 4-ounces and was 20-inches long. Relatives include grandparents, Steve and Patti Brass of McLean, Terry Rains of Cleveland, Okla., and Richard Gordy of McLean; and great-grandparents, Bob Gordy of Skellytown, Marianne Stuart of Mesa, Ariz., and Bob and Betty Brass of Coldwater, Kan.





## **Westin Layne Bruce**

Westin Layne Bruce was born at 1:10 a.m. Oct. 3 at Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, to Wade and Season Bruce of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 8-pounds, 7 1/4-ounces and was 21 1/2-inches long. Relatives include grandparents, Karen Putman and Wayne and Teresa Bruce, all of Pampa, and Bobby Putman of Lubbock.

## Menus

### Week of December 13-17

Pampa Schools
MONDAY

Breakfast: French toast

Lunch: Popcorn chicken or pizza dippers, mashed potatoes, gravy, English peas, mixed fruit, rolls. TUESDAY

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, flour tortillas.

Lunch: Ravioli or chicken nuggets, green beans, applesauce, garlic bread.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon

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Lunch: Ham/cheese pockets, carrots, potatoes, strawberries.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Cheese

omelet, toast.

Lunch: Barbecued wean-

ers or beef nachos, corn, pinto beans, peach cups, rolls.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
Lunch: Bean/cheese burritos or corndogs, potato wedges, apricots, cookies.

Lefors Schools

MONDAY

Breakfast: Pop Tarts, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Steak fingers or chicken strips, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, cherry cobbler, pineapple, salad bar.
TUESDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Stew or Sloppy Joes, chili beans, fruit cups, salad bar.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: French toast, cold cereal, toast, juice,

Lunch: Mexican chicken or soft tacos, rice, salad, refried beans, tropical fruit, salad bar.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Cheese omelets, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Barbecue franks or chicken patties, potatoes, corn, steamed broccoli, mandarin oranges, salad bar. FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Sack lunches.

Kid's Cafe-Wilson MONDAY

Polish sausage on a bun, chips, fruit.

WEDNESDAY Enchiladas, Spanish rice,

pinto beans, pie.

Kid's Cafe-Lamar

Soft burrito supreme, salad, corn, pudding cups.
THURSDAY

Barbecue smoked sausage on a bun, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, fruit. Senior Citizens

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken chow mien/rice, mashed potatoes, succotash, spinach, northern beans, German chocolate cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Meatloaf or chicken pot pie, scalloped potatoes, fried squash, California blend, beans, Boston cream pie or chocolate sundae cups, slaw,

See MENU, Page 3-B



## **Bobby Angelo Abad Chavarria**

Bobby Angelo Abad Chavarria was born at 7:54 a.m. Nov. 17 in Pampa, to Robert and Newlinda Chavarria of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 7.5-ounces and was 20-inches long. Relatives include sisters, Jessalyn Abad, Amandaa and Amber, all of Pampa, Crystal Marie of San Antonio and the late Bobbie Rose; brothers, Robert and Joe of Michigan; and grandparents, Rogelio Abad and Flordeliza Abad of the Philippines.



## Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Helms

Alvin and Wilma Helms will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception between 12 and 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 in the auditorium at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

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1. The Pampa News ding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

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Nancy Coffee reviewed week for Sunday's paper is history of five Christmas Wednesday at 5 p.m. This carols followed by group singing of the carols at the recent meeting of Las Pampas Chapter of the Night!" Daughters of the American Revolution. All the songs

included "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," of Glory," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Silent Night! Holy

Sudie Reeder presented the flag fact and Coffee the

were written before 1900 and Constitution minute. Louisa entries for the American Britton reported on the Veteran activities, the contri-"Angels, From the Realms bution to the VA Medical Center in Amarillo and the 24 dozen cookies donated for the Veterans, Day program at Travis. She presented the National Defense report.

Jan. 4 is the deadline for

History contest for fifth through eighth grades. The topic is "Along the Trail

with Lewis & Clark and the Corps of Discovery, May

See CLUB, Page 7-B

Happy 57th

Wedding Anniversary!!

John & Betty King

### Vietnamese tradition

## illage dreams big ceramic dreams

BAT TRANG, Vietnam (AP) — Nguyen Trong Hung smooths his weathered hands over a 5-foot-tall porcelain vase spinning hypnotically on a potter's wheel. Years of practice make his movements look effortless, creating a flawless work based on traditions passed down through generations.

Bat Trang, a village on the Red River just outside Hanoi, has been producing ceramics and pottery for 1,000 years and is known throughout Vietnam for its quality and innovative wares.

And, with communist Vietnam opening its doors to a market economy, artisans like Hung who were once forced by the government to work for pennies are now fledgling entrepreneurs dreaming that their village will someday rival France's famed Limoges porcelain

region. "All of the ceramic craftsmen in this village are very proud of the craft we inherited 1,000 years ago from our ancestors," says Hung, who began learning the trade at age 5. "We hope with this project, more people in the world would know about Bat Trang ceramics and that would help to raise the sale of our products to a new height."

Hung's family and 26 others from the village of 400 ceramics producers have joined a pilot project that began promoting their wares under a Bat Trang brand in November.

They hope that with some expertise from the Mekong Private Sector Development Facility — managed by a branch of the World Bank — they can begin selling directly to department stores in countries like the United States and France, without going through a costly middle man.

Last year the village, which employs an estimated 30,000 people, exported about \$23 million worth of ceramics.

It's a number that project head Len Cordiner hopes to double over the next three years.

The cultural value of the product is its economic strength. It helps the foreigners understand Vietnam, and the quality of the product will help them to believe in other products made by Vietnam.

> — Duong Trung Quoc Historian

"I think it's ambitious, but given how they market today — it's not done well at all — I would hope that if this brand works and the trading works it's very doable," Cordiner says. "To become a household name will take 10 or 20 years, but we may — at least I'm hoping - do reasonably well in the wholesale and retail trade.'

There are hundreds of craft villages scattered across Vietnam with skilled artisans making everything from rattan and wrought iron furniture to silks and lacquerware. But Bat Trang is special.

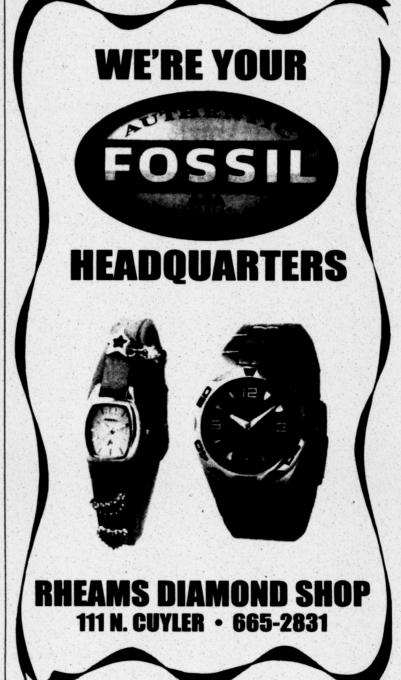
Its history traces back to a site outside the ancient capital of Hoa Lu in northern Vietnam where pottery artisans once gathered. In 1010, the craftsmen moved with the capital to Hanoi, and relics of Bat Trang pottery and ceramics have been unearthed at the site of an ancient citadel there - evidence that even Vietnam's royal families used wares created by the villagers' ancestors.

Bat Trang products have been found in shipwrecks across Southeast Asia and exhibited in museums worldwide. Foreign experts were surprised to find that some of Bat Trang's ancient techniques were more modern and sophisticated than expected, similar to relics found in Japan and China, says Duong Trung Quoc, a Vietnamese historian.

"The cultural value of the product is its economic strength," he says. "It helps the foreigners understand Vietnam, and the quality of the product will help them to believe in other products made by Vietnam."

While still making each item by hand - right down to the intricate scenes and patterns etched on the porcelain some families are innovating. Three years ago, Hung switched from a coalfired kiln to one powered by natural gas. It's 50 percent more expensive, but his pieces are more evenly heated and there is no more messy coal dust or time lost hauling in fuel.

Only 30 percent of his output is exported now, but Hung's family earns about \$6,370 annually, far above the national average of about \$420 a year and a big change from the poverty and hardship of two decades ago.



## Olive farmers strike oil in California hills

RUTHERFORD, Calif. (AP) — A decade ago, there was just a handful of companies producing extra virgin olive oil in California. Today, 125 certified producers make more than 400,000 gallons of the golden liquid annually.

past 10 years," said Ryan MacDonnell, founder and owner of Round Pond Olive Oil in the Napa Valley.

Olives are harvested in late fall. This year, picking began at Round Pond in early four types of extra virgin olive oils.

MacDonnell said a warm summer matured the olives early, allowing most to be harvested before a recent cold snap. "We hours.

didn't have to deal with frost," he said. It's a quick trip from field to bottle. Olives must go directly from tree to press to

get the highest quality oil. On a recent afternoon, workers picked Coratina olives in the thin warmth of the

"We've seen an incredible interest in the autumn sun before sending them to be washed and pressed.

Some olives are crushed in a stone mill, ground beneath two granite wheels that weigh two tons each and spin rapidly on an axle, a process that crushes both the olive November and finished last week. The and the pit to extract a softer-tasting oil. company's harvest produced more than Another method is the hammer mill, a 2,000 gallons of oil, which will be used for mechanical churning device that essentially shreds the olive, producing oil with a more robust flavor.

The whole process takes about four

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WEDNESDAY Ravioli, chuckwagon corn, salad, green

beans, jello. THURSDAY Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish

**FRIDAY** 

Mushroom meatballs/noodles, lima beans, carrots, mixed fruit.

## Safety

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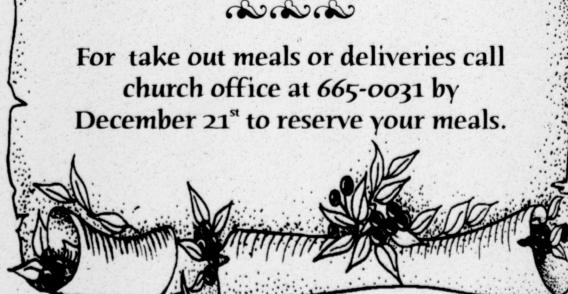
butts after any holiday party. -Protect your children from fire hazards. Never leave children unattended in a room with lit candles and always keep candles, as well as matches and lighters, out of the reach

of youngsters.

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Inspect fireplaces and wood stoves. Have your chimney connections and flues inspected by a professional and cleaned if necessary prior to the start of the heating season. Burn only wood. Never burn paper, discarded gift wrap or pine boughs. If you plan to hang stockings on your fireplace, do not use the fireplace for fires.

-Enroll in a first aid, CPR or AED course. Although these tips can help prevent an emergency, it is also important to be prepared should an emergency situation arise. To enroll in a first aid, CPR or AED course, contact your local American Red Cross. Call 669-7121 to contact the Gray County ARC.



## Medical

## Stem cells ferry concentrated anti-cancer drug to tumors

Texas researchers say they have perfected a method to deliver cancer treatment directly into tumors, bypassing healthy tissue.

The study was done on mice, but human trials could begin soon, said Dr. Michael Andreeff, one author of the study in a recent issue of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

The research team used the benefits of a known anticancer therapy, interferon beta, that can kill cancer cells. In practice, that therapy has proven problematic. It causes toxic side effects and its benefits disappear within minutes of patients getting their shots.

The research team worked around those problems by manipulating a certain type of stem cells to encode the interferon beta gene. The stem cells then move like guided missiles, targeting tumor cells and producing high concentrations of therapeutic proteins within the tumor cells, Andreeff said.

Besides taming toxic side effects, the cancer treatment stuck around in the tumor longer, he said in an interview.

Mice with human breast cancer treated with the engineered human stem cells survived for 60 days, according to the JNCI paper. Mice treated with interferon beta alone lived for 41 days. Untreated mice survived for 37 days. Meanwhile, mice with melanoma treated with the stem cells survived 73.5 days, compared with 30 days for untreated mice.

Andreeff said he's working on a protocol for a clinical trial to test the procedure in

humans within a year, if the Food and Drug nant cells act just like "never-healing Administration agrees. Patients would be infused with the stem-cell-delivered anticancer treatment four times a week, said Andreeff, a professor in the departments of blood and marrow transplantation and leukemia at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

The targeted delivery of anticancer therapy to tumors builds on what researchers already know about how wounds heal.

The specialized stem cells — known as mesenchymal stem cells — come from bone marrow and help maintain healthy connective tissues. When new tissue is needed to heal wounds or form scars, those special stem cells swell in number.

Even though they're tumors, the malig-

wounds," Andreeff said. Half the tumor is made up of stomal cells that provide structural support. For the body, forming that tumor support structure is much like healing wounds and forming scars.

Enter the specialized stem cells. Giving them the clues they need to take on the construction duties of stomal cells delivers the cancer-busting ability directly to tumors.

Andreeff's research team did not see engineered stem cells drift into healthy organs like the lungs, liver, spleen, kidney or mus-

But because the stem cells are driven by a duty to help, that means a wound elsewhere in the body could distract some from reach-

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## Modern medicine: Paralyzed Dallas man walks again with help of sophisticated robot

device attached to his legs. Chuck Benefield takes step after step, smiling easily as he clocks in an hour on the the fountreadmill.

"It feels good to be up there going," said Benefield, v e r y who was paralyzed in a motorcycle accident in 2003.

With a harness supporting his weight over the treadmill, Benefield's legs and hips are strapped into a robotic exoskeleton, known pracas the Lokomat, which simulates a walking motion as he "stands" in front of a large mirror at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Benefield is among who coor-247,000 people nationwide who live with paralysis following a traumatic spinal cord injury, according to the National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center.

Spinal injuries and treatments for them were highlighted last week following the death of "Superman" star Christopher Reeve, who became an advocate for spinal cord research after he was paralyzed in a horse-riding accident in 1995.

Susan Howley, director of research for the New Jerseybased Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation, said the Lokomat is "wonderful for cardiovascular function.

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OUTLOOK

by Dr Mark W. Ford, Jr

DALLAS (AP) — With wonderful in helping to pre- a tough road," each swish of the robotic vent pressure sores," and Benefield, who could only helps build a person's confi- move one big toe after the dence.

> "We at dation are When they put me certainly on the Lokomat, in interested the first two to three in moving weeks I was amazed this theraat the difference. I into wide look the first steps clinical with my left leg tices," after a month. Howley said.

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more widely availability.

14 Lokomats, which cost about \$250,000 each, are

now available in the United

Benefield, 50, began

using the Lokomat earlier

this year as part of a 90-day

study of patients with partial

damage of the spinal cord.

He still uses the device three

days a week as part of his

Benefield, who was thrown from his motorcycle

after being rear-ended on a

country road just outside

Dallas, now gets around in

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— Chuck Benefield Patient

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Benefield still needs the help of therapists and a walker, but he now moves Developed by the Swiss company Hocoma AG, the his legs on his own most of first Lokomat came to the the time. United States in 2001. About

He says working on the Lokomat has helped reduce the swelling in his legs and improve his endurance. He's regained muscle tone and feeling in his legs. His fingers, tightly curled before he started his workout, become more loose after an hour on the machine, Benefield said.

"The best part is not necessarily watching his body," physical therapist Nathan Foreman said. "It's watching the smile on his face."

Tansey said research has shown that animals with cut spinal cords will learn to take steps if placed over a treadmill.

"The circuitry in the spinal cord alone is enough for it to learn stepping," "I knew it was going to be Tansey said. The thought is

that the same thing can happen in humans, he said.

Brain scans also have shown more activity in certain areas of the brain after spinal cord patients do such training, Tansey said.

Southwestern is beginning to study a various aspects of the Lokomat, including the difference between working out on the machine and training on a treadmill with a physical therapist, Tansey

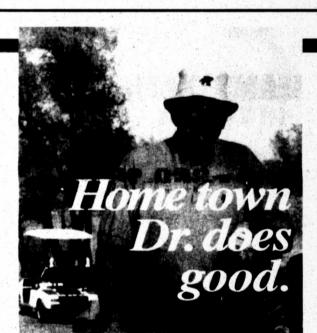
One advantage of the Lokomat is that it eliminates the need for several therapists to assist patients. During conventional treatments, physical therapists manually move a patient's hips and legs, which is tiring to both the patient and the therapists.

While the Lokomat isn't a cure for paralysis, some patients with partial spinal cord injuries can walk "household distances" after working on the Lokomat, Tansey said. Patients with complete spinal cord injuries show some minor benefits, like more muscle activity, he

"When they put me on the Lokomat, in the first two to three weeks I was amazed at difference." the Benefield, who previously did manual training. "I look the first steps with my left leg after a month."

Benefield said the Lokomat has given him the hope of a faster recovery.

"All they would tell my family was doom and gloom — I wouldn't be able to walk again," he said. "I never listened to them. I may not be able to walk without the assistance of a walker, but I know I'll be able to get around. It's a matter of



Dr. Joe Donaldson, retired surgeon, avid golfer, gardener and art collector.

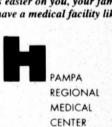
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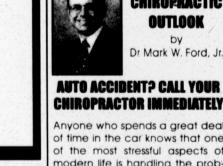
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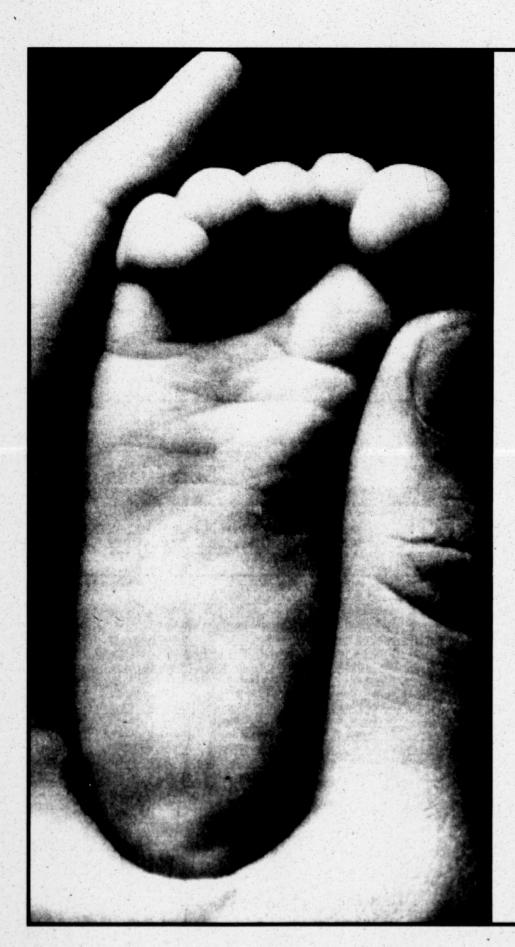
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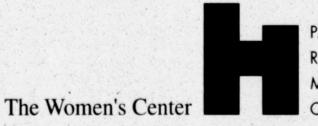
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## Dear Abby... By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 13-year- here!" old daughter, "Dena," is in the same grade as her friend "Amanda." Amanda has a sister, "Barb," who turned 15 last month. Amanda told my Dena that Barb's 16-year-old boyfriend has been sneaking in Barb's bedroom window several nights a week for a while now, after their mother and stepfather have gone to bed. Amanda also confided that Barb told her that she and the boyfriend have had sex a couple of times, including before Barb turned 15.

I am not close to the mother and stepfather, although I do run into them at school functions. I wouldn't begin to know how to approach the parents and tell them what I know. Should I be concerned with what's happening in other people's homes after they've gone to bed? Or should I keep this to myself and let them find out the hard way down the road? -- ANOTHER MOTHER IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR MOTHER: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Call that girl's mother and tell her what you know and how you learned it. If what your daughter's friend confided is true, they need bars on the windows and a chastity belt for Barb (and some serious counseling).

DEAR ABBY: I work in the mailroom of a large company. Every day we deliver the mail that is sent to the people who work here. On some occasions, I deliver mail to people who have private offices. Sometimes, these people are having a meeting in their office and do not shut the door. When this happens, should I just give them their mail, or wait until they are finished talking to that person? I'm asking because sometimes I get dirty looks from those people at least check back every 15 or while I'm giving them their mail 20 minutes to see if you're still -- like, "How dare you come into breathing. Shame on him. my office while someone is in

Abby, I don't talk to them and I try to stay out of their way, because I know that someone walking in can be distracting. What is the correct mailroom etiquette? -- CONFUSED DELIV- ' ERER

DEAR CONFUSED: The universal signal for "Do Not Disturb" is a closed door. If the door is open, then you should be free to enter. However, since you are being given dirty looks for making deliveries while there is a conversation in progress, the next time the person is alone, ask what he or she would prefer under those circumstances. Another suggestion would be to stand quietly in the doorway for a few seconds and wait for the person to acknowledge you and motion you in. \*\*\*\*\*

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Kurt" for 13 years. It's a second marriage for both of us. Kurt consistently fails to introduce me at social functions and leaves me to fend for myself. At the last party we attended, he left me to talk to the most attractive blond woman there -- someone we had both just met. At the end of the evening he hugged her and told her to call when she's back in town.

I told Kurt his behavior hurt my feelings, and if he respected me he wouldn't act this way. He says I'm out of line. What do you think? -- SOCIALLY ABAN-DONED IN BEND, ORE.

DEAR SOCIALLY ABAN-DONED: Your husband appears to suffer from social amnesia -- he "forgets" he's married when the two of you go out. You are not out of line; he is. If he had any consideration for your feelings, he would

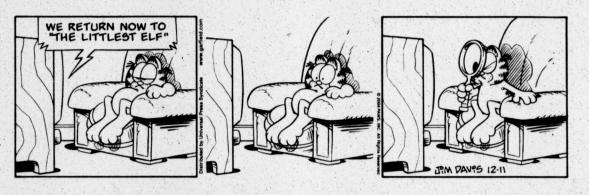
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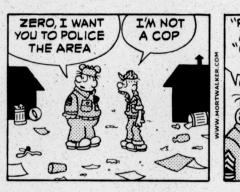
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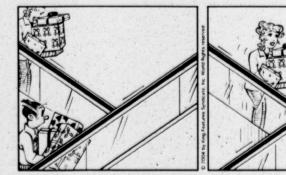
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Phyllis Jeffers City Secretary B-34 Dec. 5, 12, 2004

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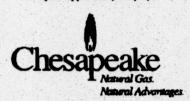
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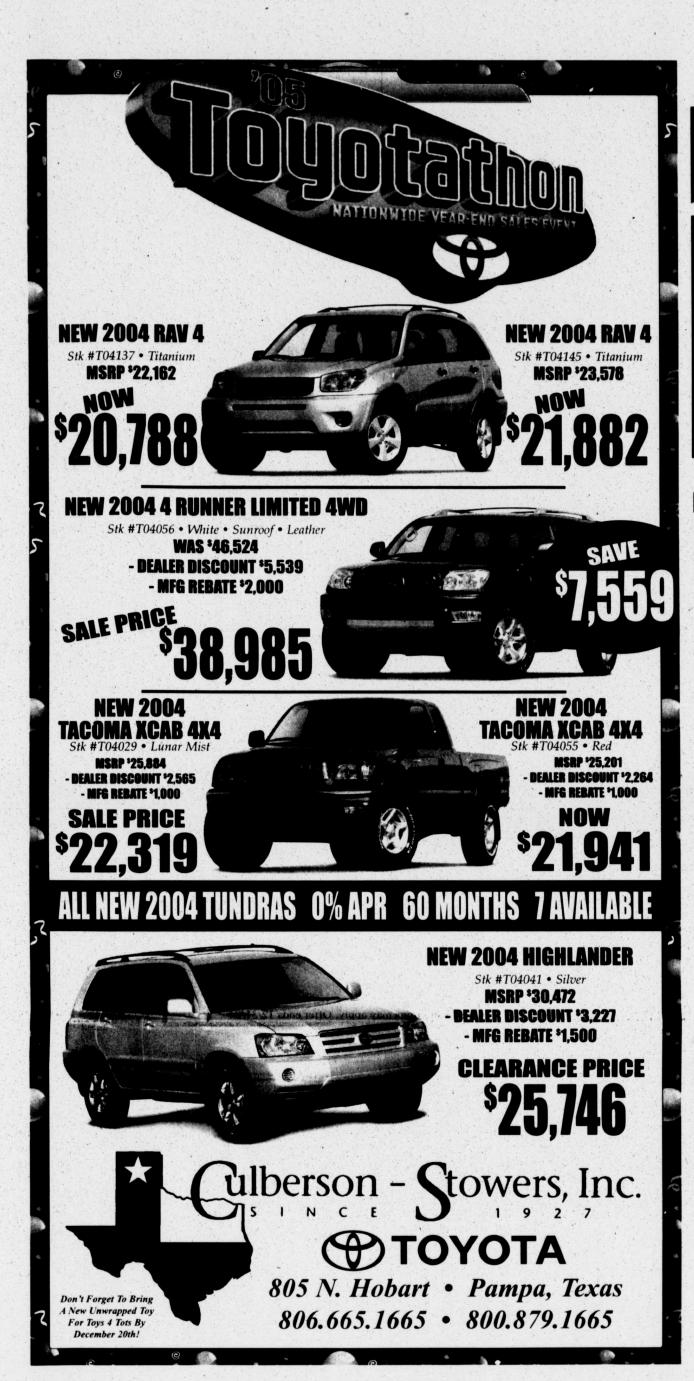
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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004:

This birthday year, you have a good time wherever you are. As a result of this quality, you draw many people to you. Network, socialize and reach out for others. Professionally and personally, you always find solutions as you kick away rigid thinking. You don't understand the word "impossible." Go for your wishes and desires. If you are single and want a relationship, you will conjure up just that. If you are attached, your relationship could become much warmer and more enjoyable if you decide you want more closeness. Act like new lovers. ARIES has fun with you

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\* Know that you are leader of the gang. Others seek you out; you just might be delighted by a certain someone's gesture. Allow your imagination to wander. Be willing to fanta size and share more of your desires. Tonight: Act as if it is Friday night. This Week: An assumption is totally off. Start accepting more responsibility. Watch that temper Thursday.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Schedule some personal time, even if you are thinking of others. A partner or friend seeks you out. A talk needs to be held in private. Don't take this person's comments personally, but listen. Indulge and give more of yourself. Tonight: Curl up with a good book if you have finished your

This Week: Finances and loved ones do reversals, or at least become a lot clearer. Do needed research, Look for

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* You don't want to be alone. Join friends, or drop in on a party or two. No parties? Consider throwing your own impromptu holiday gathering. Others reach out for you. Make a call to someone at a distance and make arrangements to get together very soon. Tonight: You are the

This Week: What happens Monday could be wild. At last, you feel that you're on track. A partner opens up

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* Responsibilities call and could keep you out all day. Make it your pleasure to gather with loved domestic matter. Be present in the moment. Relish what is happening, especially within a partnership. Tonight: A must show. This Week: Let go of a hidden resent-

ment, and you'll flourish once more. Work with others. Be a follower. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Pick up the phone and call

family and friends at a distance. You cannot get away from blood ties, even if a person is difficult. Make an extra effort. Carouse and socialize with pals and loved ones later on. Tonight: Forget the idea of an early bedtime. This Week: What has been an obstacle could disappear. Don't force an issue. Just do your thing. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Schedule special time with a close loved one or a friend. You might need to put the kibosh on plans, which could irritate a pal. If this person verbalizes his or her disdain, appreciate the fact that he or she is that open. Nurture more. Tonight: Live under the mistletoe.

This Week: Finally, you wave goodbye to the bad-hair days -- maybe not immediately, but certainly this week. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22).

\*\*\*\* Your hectic pace might be a bit too much, even for you. Add playfulness and humor, and you might not mind. Others dominate and ask a lot. A romance will become spicy and very special if you allow your feelings to come forth. Tonight. Say "yes" to an invitation This Week: Others take command,

like it or not. Don't fight the inevitable

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). \*\*\* You could easily feel overwhelmed by all that you have to do. Just dig in and start. You will be quite pleased by all you accomplish. In fact, squeeze in a social get-together late this afternoon. You deserve it Someone shares a secret. Tonight:

Relax, finally This Week: Plow into work Monday Busy does not describe your next few - hectic works. Pandemonium

fits well. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Whether ice skating, eating roasted chestnuts or participating in the holiday celebrations, you'll have a great time. Don't let a grumpy loved one rain on your parade. Your happy ways could lift this person's spirit by the end of the day. Tonight: Think about taking tomorrow off. Play

This Week: Tap into your creativity You finally find a more receptive audience. Expect to cover all your bases from Tuesday on. Watch spend-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* Stay close to home. Others seek you out en masse. You might find yourself entertaining when you least expect it. Ask your visitors to pitch in, maybe to decorate the Christmas tree. Camaraderie will build as a result. Tonight: Just hang

This Week: You finally clear out a problem. On Tuesday the Sun moves into your sign. Use your especially strong energy

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Reach out for others Possibly all you will need to do is answer the phone. Others want you Your imagination and intuition blend as you come up with delightfully unique plans for your Sunday Tonight: Visit and enjoy those in your

This Week: Finally, relationships clear, though expect some uproar on the way. You might retreat as a result Bring work home if you must

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\* Finances play a big role in your decisions. You might feel a bit cut off or restricted. Kick in that especially wonderful imagination, and you'll discover that you don't need a whole lot of money. A loved one or a friend likes your ingenuity. Tonight: Let the good times happen.

This Week: At last, someone explains his or her recently weird behavior. Understand by walking in this person's shoes. Go for what you want.

**BORN TODAY** Singer, actress Edith Piaf (1915), actress Alyssa Milano (1972), actress Cicily Tyson (1933)

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 20, 2004:

You might find a key associate to be draining this year, but you also have ways of skirting the problem. You have a great imagination, and you find solutions. Others slowly open up, which could be frustrating, as you want to know everything yesterday. If you are in an artistic or creative job, what you do will flourish. Communication always needs confirmation and growth. If you are single, romance will knock on your door, not once but several times. Pick carefully. Know what you want. Be logical as well as amorous. If you are attached, add the sparkle to your bond once more. Re-create a first date. ARIES serves as a muse.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* No one likes disruptions or

obstacles tossed in his or her path. You have the energy and vitality to leap over problems. Don't you think it might be better to work things out rather than ignore the issues around you? News from a distance or office gossip is not on-target. Tonight: Make yourself

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\* Pull back, especially if you find that communication and people in general are overly "heavy." Touch base with a partner who has a much more positive and dynamic perspective. Make it OK to be vulnerable to this person. A private discussion might help you come to a conclusion. Tonight: Get some extra sleep. You're going to need

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* If you hit a problem, it will involve a partnership and/or finances. Skip over this issue, as it might not be resolvable right now. Meetings and gatherings in general pave your path to success. Finish up shopping during a break or at lunchtime. Tonight: A friend seeks you out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\* You might not intend to be difficult, but you might have a touch of Scrooge in your attitude. Relax more and allow others to run with the ball. Misunderstandings and confusion start clearing out. Be available for talks. Tonight: Dinner out. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\* Refuse to feel restricted. You might be creating this hesitancy or nervousness yourself. Detach and restrictions, whether they're selfimposed or the result of a situation. Do not accept "no" as an answer. Creativity and romance flourish again. Tonight: Brainstorm with someone you respect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Don't feel let down by a friend or a wish that falls apart. There is always tomorrow. Your creativity and caring unhook you from the problem. Look around and see how cared about you are. A romance could be heating up. Relate to individuals, not groups. Tonight: Where is the mistletoe?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* You might feel entrenched and overwhelmed by work and family. Socially, others expect you to make it to their celebrations. You have your hands full but clearly understand your priorities. Network and socialize. News comes forth, and with it, understanding. Tonight: Accept an invitation. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You manage to get your point

across to associates and those you care about. Not everyone agrees with you. Understand where this person is coming from. Get into his or her head and logic. Communication can flourish. Use care with your funds. Tonight: Work late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* A partner or associate contin-

ues to hold back. Try whatever you want -- you aren't going to loosen this person up right now. Head to more fertile ground where you are appreciated and cared about. Your creativity flourishes. Speak up. Tonight: Spice up your love life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* Despite challenges, you float over others' flak. You don't need to understand, but you do need to take honor the big picture. Break past care of a domestic matter. Overdue news will be heading in your direction. Accept what you hear. Quit overanalyzing. Tonight: Happy at home. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

> \*\*\* Say what you think, but don't expect a rousing response from coworkers. Even those close to you might not get the essence of your idea. Tomorrow is another day. Try again to share a suggestion. Blend logic and ingenuity together. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\* Finances demand your attention.

You might need to tap into your imagination for a loved one's or child's gift. Know your limits, and you will be on cruise control. Take time to pay bills as well, even if you are busy. Tonight: Finish off Santa duties.

**BORN TODAY** 

Magician Uri Geller (1946), actress Jenny Agutter (1952), artist, photographer Dianne Arndt (1939)

## Santa letters

To: Santa Clause North Pole 85921

Dear Santa.

I have been a good girl all year. I want a pasword jernoll, a hulahoop and sorry baby my little pony, and a ring.

I have a chimnuy now for you to come down.

I love you Santa. Kyler Ramming, 7

Dear Santa,

I would like a barbie motorcycle and a new deer iflea (rifle) and a barbie doll, and a gameboy.

Thank you. **Taylor Ramming, 5** 

Dear Santa.

I am 6-years-old and have been a very good girl this year. I would like to have a Bratz Head and some new clothes to wear to school. I will have homemade cookies and milk waiting for your again this year.

Love, **Ebby Morris** 

Dear Santa, I will be good. I am sorry for kicking my sister. I will try to be on the "nice" list. I will believe in you.

I have a wish list: want TransformerEnergon toy. I want the big transformer. I want the spider man costume and the web blaster. And the Stink blaster ...

Your Nice Boy Fernando Mendez Jr. P.S. I am going to claus.com.

Dear Santa,

I have been good and for Christmas I want a mejoman battlechip I ame or JVrassic Power Ranger or Batman utility belt or ultraman toy or colnppooder or Jurassic mortor or DVD player or Power ranger set or oltermam soote.

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have a safe trip yourfrend. Cody Beyer

Dear Santa,

I have been good, Santa. I want a real kitten for Christmas and I want a talking Strawberry Shortcake. I want a playhouse with dolls.

I love you Santa and Mrs. Clause. Have a very, merry Christmas on your

way! I want a Christmas bow for Christmas. I want a

Kinley Beyer, 3

Dear Santa,

game.

My name is Braydon Weatherly and I am 4years-old. I have been a very good boy this year. I was wandering if you would bring me a few things for Christmas:

1. A red Game Boy Advance SP and a monster truck game. 2. "Don't Wake Daddy"

board game.

3. A hockey table. 4. A red Dale Junior hat

and Dale Junior pajamas. 5. A red remote control monster truck.

6. And a aquadoodle. I will leave you some hot chocolate, chocolate candy and a thank you note on the bar. I love you.

**Braydon Weatherly** 

Dear Santa,

My mom is writing this letter for me. I'm too little. All I want for Christmas is a big red fire truck just

like my daddy's, Pa and Nanna. My mom will leave cookies and milk out for you. Have a safe trip.

Garrett McDonald, 4months

Dear Santa,

Hello I hope you have a would like a megazord, To Santue from Cody Teenage Mutant Ninja for my mom's back.

Turtles. I have a 3-yearold little brother named Braeden and he wants Spiderman and Webb Blaster. We would also

like a trampoline together. We also have a baby sister, Kaileigh who is 1year-old and she wants a walk along hippo that eats

We would also like some new clothes.

Please be safe and we will have milk and cookies ready for you!

We love you Santa

Tylen, Braeden and Kaileigh Marsh

Dear Santa,

I have been good most of the time. So have my brother and my sister. I would like a new trampoline and bike. My brother wants walkie talkies and 4-wheeler. My sister doesn't know just bring her something very special. She is 11-years-old.

Love, Braydon Oxley, 4

P.S. My Grannie bought us a special plate for your cookies. I forgot do you llike chocolate chip or ones with Christmas trees and snowflakes?

Dear Santa, Jeep Cell Phone Fish Car

Books **Austin Odell** 

Dear Santa, I have bean a good boy. Please send me a Hummer.

Your friend, Braden Kidd, 5 P.S. Happy birthday,

Dear Santa, I want a dvd player for safe trip. My name is my dad's truck, Dora talk-Tylen and I'm 5-years-old. ing house and a baby born, and a heating pad

**Allyson Roberson** 

Dear Santa. My name is Payton Rodgers and I am 5years-old.

For Christmas, I would like my dad to get better, lip gloss, a pink Barbie, clothes and some play make-up.

I will be sure to leave some cookies and milk out for you, and I hope you have a safe tripp!

**Payton Rodgers** 

Dear Santa,

Do you no what I want for Christmes? Well I would like a gameboy please with some games. My mom said I may ask for one thing for Christmes. She said that it is fair because there are so many boy and girls in the world and all must have a toy if they are on the nice list. There are more than 200 kids that deserve toys.

Love, Bennett Cambern, 7

Dear Santa,

My name is Tersa. I love you very much. If possible, would you please bring me a Barbie Doll Style, a baby doll with a playpen and a stroller, a tent for camping outdoors, some new movies and some new clothes.

I will leave you some cookies and milk when you come to my house. Please make sure all little children have a Merry Christmas.

I love you and thank you very much.

Tersa K. Fuller

Dear Santa,

I am 4-years-old. My name is Cooper Stone. am nice.

Please bring me Power Rangers with swords, and two dinosaurs that have claws. I need a play knife and shotgun.

My sister is named

Strawberry Shortcake.

We will eave chocolate milk and cookies.

We love you, Santa. Cooper and Gracie

Stone

Dear Santa, I'm 5-years-old. I don't print very good. My "Ma

Ma" is writing this for me. I would like a baby doll. Don't forget my cousin Pete and all the other little boys and girls.

I'll leave you some cookies and milk. Oh, yes, please bring my two cats some treats and cat toys. Love you.

**Remington Cooke** 

Dear Santa, My name is Payton, but

my cousin calls me "Pete."

Please bring me some Spiderman toys. Don't forget my friend Kaegan and

all the boys and girls. Oh, I forgot to tell you my "Ma Ma" is writing this. I'm only 4-years-old.

There will be cookies and milk for you.

Love you. "Pete" Payton Newman

Dear Santa, My name is Jacob. 1 would like to get this

Christmas a belt, guns and some T.U.M. Turtle. I also would like to get a movie of Shrek 2.

That is all for this Christmas. Also thanks for the gifts last year.

Love you. Jacob Honeycutt, 4

Dear Santa,

Pleas bring me a bike and a doll for Caitlynne. I whunt to see you so me and Caitlynn can sit with you so momma can take a picher of me and Caitlynne with you.

Love, **Bailee** 

## James Brown diagnosed with cancer

NEW YORK (AP) — James Brown, the "Godfather of Soul" and a legend in rap, rock and funk, has announced that he has prostate cancer.

In a statement released to The Associated Press on Friday morning, Brown, 71, said that he will undergo surgery for the ailment on Dec. 15.

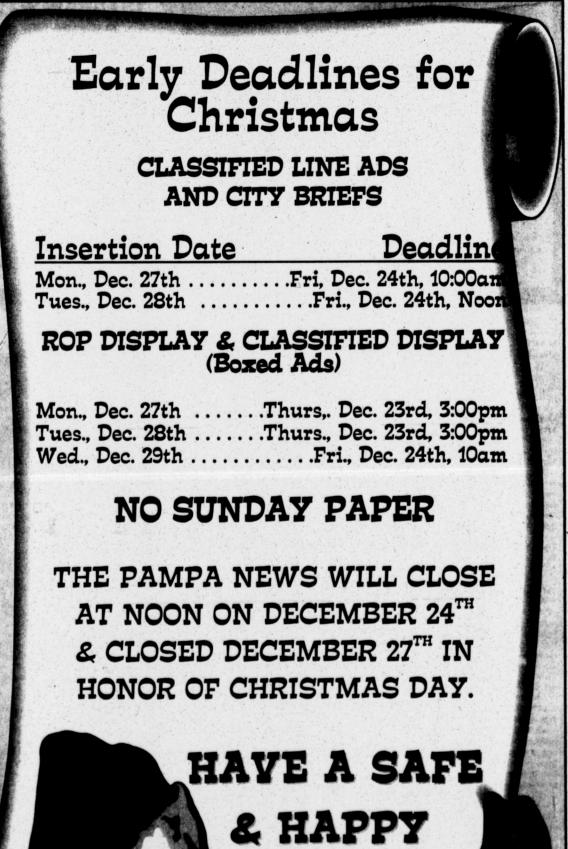
"I have overcome a lot of things in my life. I will overcome this as well," Brown said.

Brown, best known for seminal hits like "I Feel Good,"

"Please, Please," and "Cold Sweat," is also a diabetic. Dubbed the hardest working man in show business, he just finished a two-week Canadian tour on Thursday night. He is expected to spend three weeks recovering from the procedure.

Earlier this year, he faced other troubles when he was charged with domestic abuse after an altercation with his





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