

Deaths

Eulene Rexroat Cockrell, 83, longtime Frank's Foods employee. Jerrell Ray Montgomery, 60, Enron retiree

Evelyn Marie Young Phillips, 81, graduate of Groom High.

Dr. Kenneth L. Royse, 79, veterinarian.

Howard M. Shouse, 71, Graham resident.

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Cookie buvers giving Girl Scouts the shaft

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Girl Scouts are putting the bite on cookie monsters who failed to pay for the boxes of sugary treats they ordered last year.

The Girl Scouts of the San Antonio Area sued 24 people earlier this month in an effort to recover more than \$20,000. Each person owes between \$200 and \$5,925.

Many of the debtors are parents who did not pay the organization for the cookies their children sold, Girl Scout officials said.

The lawsuits, all of which were filed in Bexar County, followed months of letter writing, first by the local scouts and then by their lawyer.

"We've tried several different times to get in touch with these people," said David Dauphine, chief financial officer for the Girl Scouts of the San Antonio Area. The organization also offered to work out payment plans with them, he said.

Dauphine said believes many of the debtors used the cookie money to cover pressing financial obligations, thinking they'd be able to replace it quickly. But they often can't pay the group back as their other debts mount.

The scouts have used a combination of lawsuits and collections agencies to pursue debtors in the past. This year, though, the organization filed lawsuits against everyone who owes more than \$200. Smaller debts will be handled internally.

The San Antonio scouts will begin their next cookie sale in January. They raised about \$3.1 million in last year's sale.

Low-rated schools may see transfers

293,000 students at the state's worst campuses have the right to transfer to a better school under Texas' education choice law after the number of low-rated schools saw a dramatic jump this year.

The Texas Education Agency listed 420 schools statewide Friday, up from 126 a year ago. Houston led the state with 62 schools that failed to make the grade. The Dallas school district had the second-most, with 48 campuses.

Even with the transfer option, few students are expected to take advan-

that transportation is not provided and school districts are not required to accept students from neighboring districts.

Republican leaders in the Legislature may use that fact to argue that students need vouchers that can be used at private schools to be free of low-performing public schools.

State education officials attributed tougher performance standards introduced this year that were based in large part on the state's redesigned year," she said.

AUSTIN (AP) — More than tage of the Public Education Grant achievement test, the Texas program. Reasons for that include Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

"We expected to see an increase because schools are being held to higher standards under the accountability system, and we added test scores in science and social studies to the criteria," said Debbie Ratcliffe, a spokeswoman for the Texas Education Agency.

"Low student performance on the the increase in failing schools to the science test was one of the most common reasons that schools were rated academically unacceptable this

To make the list, a school had to have more than 50 percent of its students fail the TAKS or its predecessor the TAAS in any two of the last three years or have been rated academically unacceptable this year or in 2002. Performance ratings were not issued in 2003.

Students from those schools can transfer to another public school in their own district or another district — if that district agrees to accept them. Those that do receive a financial incentive from the state - an

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Laxer flu shot limits expected

ATLANTA (AP) Worried that tens of thousands of doses may go to waste, a federal advisory panel wants the government to ease restrictions on the nation's supply of flu vac-

The panel recommended Iriday that the shots be made available to everyone 50 and older.

The U.S. supply of flu vaccine was cut in half earlier this year when a Liverpool, England, factory was shut down because of contamination.

In response, the government recommended October that healthy adults delay or skip a flu shot this season to save vaccine for the estimated 98 million people in the country who need it most — the elderly, infants or those with chronic conditions.

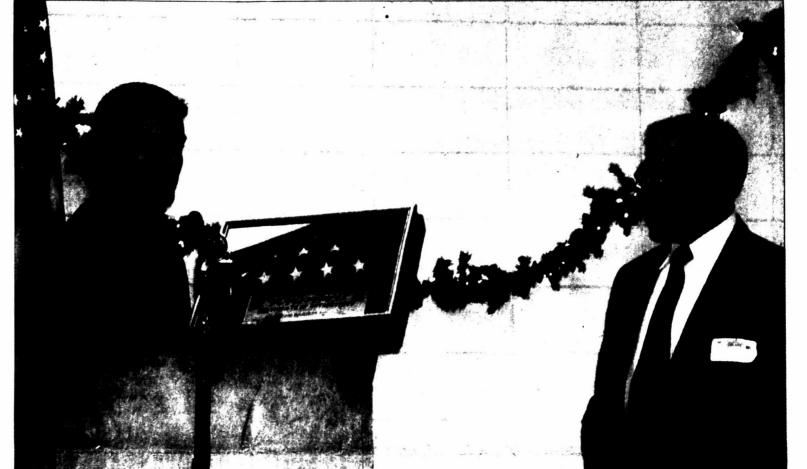
Those people are at highest risk of severe complications or death from the flu, which kills on average 36,000 people and hospitalizes 200,000 each year in the country.

More than four out of five states report having sufficient supplies of flu shots, and at least six states have reported a surplus, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.

One reason is that many of the elderly or chronically ill people who were given top priority for flu vaccinations did not even try to obtain a shot because they figured they would not be able to get one.

Also, the flu season has been mild so far.

A flu shot is only good for the flu season it is made for, and any excess must be disposed of at the end of the season, which can run through April.



For supporting our troops

During the Titan Specialties, Ltd., annual Christmas party recently Clifton Dyer, left, presents Clarence Marak, right, with an American flag from the 709 MP Battalion which flew over Bagdad, Iraq, on Sept. 6, 2003. The flag was presented to the Marak and Titan Specialties in honor of the support the company has given to U.S. troops. Titan employees Dyer, Doug Fulton and Mauricio Vasquez were recognized for their military service.

Dobson official clarifies position

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Dobson Duffy of Tim Communications would like to set the record straight.

Duffy, who is senior vice president and chief technical officer of the company in Oklahoma City, Okla., was unavailable for comment when an update on the new cell phone transmitter tower one mile west of Pampa was published in the Dec. 5 issue of The Pampa News.

"I wasn't able to respond or return calls, being out of the country," Duffy said in a telephone interview last week.

"There have been numerous conversations between us and Debbie Stokes. Also, the tower owner has been in contact with her, but she won't talk to them anymore," he said.

Stokes and several of her neighbors have expressed displeasure with the initially, when the tower was built, the

tower's placement near the intersection strobes were on all the time. But in the of County Roads D and 5, one mile interest of public safety and the resiwest of Pampa. They have cited condents, we changed them to red at

effects on property values, health, safety and enjoyment of their homes, with the tower seen as an eyesore.

The strobe lights originally mounted on the tower, which Stokes cited as a potential health hazard that could cause seizures in people with epilepsy, were changed at

Dobson's initiative, not due to any action by Stokes, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) or the from the FAA or FCC about this Federal Communications Commission tower" since the time when licensing (FCC), Duffy said.

"The lights were changed because

cerns about the tower's possible night," he said. 'I wasn't able to

> the country. — Tim Duffy Company official

respond or return

calls, being out of

Stokes had said the lights were changed after the FCC had responded to complaints she had lodged.

She also had said that an antenna mounted partway down the tower, as well as a satellite dish-style antenna, were removed because it was required by the

"We have had no communication for the tower was sought and received, Duffy said.

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Children's Shopping Tour draws 200 volunteers

By John W. Warner Special to the News

"I have been in the business of helping children at Christmas for 35 years," said Capt. Patricia Stewart of the Salvation Army, "and the Children's Shopping Tour is the best project of its kind that I have ever seen."

On Saturday, Dec. 11 more than 200 volunteers from the community provided 88 children an opportunity to give to others at Christmas through the Children's Shopping Tour. The children shopped at chaperones fanned out of the shopping, the children drinks. Cooks included

Wal-Mart and Top Of Texas Outlet for members of their households, not for themselves.

They purchased bicycles, coats, clothing and toys "The children

really do a good job of shopping, said Gayla Rigdon, a Optimist Club to pick up Kiwanian who was the gen-

eral chair for the event. Rigdon gave an overview to spend \$30 for each family of the project before the member. After doing their

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Capt. Patricia Stewart

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Mrs. Club spon-

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sored the wrapping party. The Optimist Club, head-

returned to the Optimists Billy West, Bill Kidwell, Jimmy Cantrell and K.T. York "We served 310 hamburg-

ers," Haynes said.

Children who finished their shopping and wrapping early, competed in a coloring contest sponsored by the Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Director Jana Gregory was in charge.

"I had a hard time deciding who the winners were," ed by Ronnie N. Haynes, Gregory said. "Some of provided a hamburger lunchthem were exceptionally

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Eulene Rexroat Cockrell, 83

sons, Norman Rexroat,

Connie of Corpus Christi;

one daughter, Kathy Harden

and husband Clint of Clovis,

N.M.; two sisters, Norma

"Beany" Zagurski of Casper,

Wyo., and Barbara Stalnaker

of Edmond, Okla.; one

brother, Anthony "Tony"

She was a Baptist.

Eulene Rexroat Cockrell, Foods for about 20 years. 83, of Pampa, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004, in Pampa.

Services will be at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Pearson, associate pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cockrell was born April 21, 1921, at Belzoni, Okla., and had been a resident of Pampa since 1948.

She worked for Frank's

Morrison of Moore, Okla.; 20 grandchildren; numerous

Jerrell Ray Montgomery, 60, of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, at Amarillo.

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Graveside services are

great-granchildren; and several grat-great-grand-Survivors include four children.

Rexroat of Centerville and Bill Rexroat and wife a grandson. Mark Rexroat.

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Jerrell Ray Montgomery, 60

scheduled at 3 p.m. Monday in Fairview Cemetery with the

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AT 6:00 P.M.

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West Side of the Cemetery

Memory Garden Cemetery

and Mausoleum of Pampa

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Rev. Bob Thomas, chaplain of Odyssey Hospice, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Montgomery was born April 15, 1944, at Clarendon and grew up in Pampa. He moved to Lipscomb in 1980 and returned to Pampa in 2000.

Mr. Montgomery retired after 10 years of service with Enron and previously worked as a meter tester for Trans-

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She was piceded in death Richard Rexroat and wife by her parets, A.C. and Cynthia, all of Amarillo, Jim Laura Morrion; her first husband, himett M. Rexroat; her lecond husband, Wayne Ockrell; two brothers, Lestir "Boots" Morrison and Roel "Jinks" Morrison; a sister, Iva Rae "Jane" Morrison Duffel; and

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Montgomery

Western Pipeline for 15 years. Survivors include two daughters, Michelle Smith and Linda Boyd, both of Amarillo; a son, David Montgomery of Austin; a sister, Linda Ledgerwood of Hilton, Okla.; and five grand-

whatley.com.

Services tomorrow___

MONTGOMERY, Jerrell Ray — Graveside services, 3 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Evelyn Marie Young Phillips, 81

Marie Young Phillips, 81, of White Deer, died Friday. Dec. 17, 2004, in Levelland.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the First Southern Baptist Church in White Deer with Calvin Winters, of First Baptist Church in Fritch, officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery under the direction Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Phillips was born Jan. 4, 1923, in McPherson, Kan., to Glen and Kate Young. She moved to Groom at an early age and graduated from Groom High School. She attended college in Oklahoma City and worked

as a telephone operator.

home in the White Deer area. Mrs. Phillips was involved

in various town, county and civic organizations including the First Baptist Church of White Deer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jay, in May of 1996; a brother, Glendon Young; and a grandson, Terrance Danislavs Cincinnati, Ohio.

Survivors include a daughter, Fern Danislavs and husband John of Cincinnati, Ohio; two sons, Galen Phillips and wife Debbie of White Deer and Don Phillips and wife Suvena of Levelland; grandchildren, ter Anita Clark, Tony and Kelly She married Jay Phillips of Danislavs, all of Cincinnati,

WHITE DEER — Evelyn White Deer on Dec. 20, Clayton and Chrisie Phillips 1942, and they made their of Panhandle, Scott and Shirley Phillips of North Pole, Alaska, Joshua and Erin Phillips of Duchesne, Utah, and Corey and Crystal Phillips of Amarillo; six great-grandchildren, Thomas, Logan and Hunter Phillips of Duchesne, Utah, and Alexia Danislavs, Avery Danislavs and Devin Clark, all of Cincinnati.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 411 S. Omohundro, White Deer, TX 79097; Levelland Nursing Home, 210 W. Ave., Levelland, TX 79336; or a favorite charity.

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Dr. Kenneth L. Royse, 79

Dr. Kenneth L. Royse, 79, member of the Texas of Pampa, Texas, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, at Association, Services will be at 2 p.m. Medical Association,

Tuesday at the First United the Methodist Church with Elder Stephen Porter, of the Primitive Baptist Church of Paducah, and Dr. Jerry Lane officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Dr. Royse was born July 19, 1925, in Elk City, Okla. He married Ruby Bozeman on Dec. 22, 1946, in Elk City. He received his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

He had been a resident of Pampa since 1959 where he owned and operated Royse Animal Hospital until his retirement earlier this year.

He was a member of the Church. Dr. Royse was a life one son, James Lowell "Jim"

Veterinary Medical Oklahoma Veterinary American Veterinary Medical Association, and was a life member of the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma

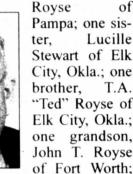
He was a board member of the Top O' Texas and close friends, Mr. and Rodeo Association for 17 years and was a past board president. He was a member and former director of the Chamber

Commerce. Dr. Royse served as veterinarian for the Top O' Texas Livestock Show for over 20 years and was active in FFA and 4-H for several years.

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He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.T. Royse; and by two brothers, Dr. Paul Royse and Sam Royse.

First United Methodist Ruby Royse, of the home; whatley.com.



Royse

Stewart of Elk City, Okla.; one brother, T.A. "Ted" Royse of Elk City, Okla.; one grandson, John T. Royse of Fort Worth; several nieces and nephews;

Lucille

Mrs. Jimmy Smith of Elk City, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Smith and daughter Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Seitz and Dr. and Mrs. Brian Gordzelik and children Sarah and Kyle, all of Pampa. The family requests

memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981; or Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939.

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Howard M. Shouse, 71

GRAHAM — Services died Saturday, Dec. 18, ter are pending for Howard M. 2004, at Wichita Falls. Shouse, 71, of Graham, who

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

on Saturday reported the following arrests, according to Gray County Sheriff's Office jail records.

Friday, Dec. 17

Shawn Lee Weatherford, 33, 1101 S. Christy, was arrested for driving while license invalid, wrong motor vehicle registration and failure to display motor vehicle

Jesse Hernandez, 19, 312 Pampa Police Department Jean, was arrested for no driver's license and on a capias pro fine for no driver's

Saturday, Dec. 18

Tim Clemmons, 27, 1336 Coffee, was arrested for evading arrest, expired motor vehicle inspection, failure to obtain driver's license and on a capias pro fine for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sheriff

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

Saturday, Dec. 18

Kennith Walker, 22, 413 N. Yeager, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Janea P. Smith, 22, 524 Crawford, was arrested for theft by check.

CITY BRIEFS

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

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BIG SALE at Rolanda's Silk Flowers & Gifts.

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CASEY MARTINDALE (2 time winner) with 127 points of Pampa, local winner of the Pampa News Football Power Points Game and regional winner Gary McDaniel of Fulton, Tx. with perfect score

CHRISTMAS DINNER. Wed., Dec. 22nd, 10:45-12:45. Call in take-out orders Tues. or Wed. before 9:30 a.m. Members & their guests welcome. Pampa Senior Citizen's Center, \$5.

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MISSING! FAM. Pet, from shortbed truck, runs good. Loop 171 S. of Hwy 60. Fem. Great Christmas gift, \$3,800, dog. Color similar to coyote. Call 665-4545 or 662-0838.

> NO PAMPA News on Sun. Dec. 26th, so Lifestyles section will be in the Fri. Dec. 24th newspaper. Deadline for weddings, engagements & cradle call will be Mon. Dec. 20th, 12 noon for Dec. 24th.

> PARTY TRAYS for holidays. We deliver! Hoagies Deli, 665-0292.

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SKELLYTOWN NEWSPA-

LONESTAR CHIMNEY son, 403 W. Atchison, No phone calls please.

The children sang Christmas carols led by Ann Franklin, the Kiwanian who also put together a brochure on the project for the chaperones to refer to. The children heard a rendition of "The Night Before Christmas" and another Christmas story before hearing a devotional by Danny Hendricks, a youth director for First United Methodist Church.

The Gideon organization gave Bibles to any child or adult who wanted one.

"We gave out about 150 Bibles," said Dr. Mark Ford.

One of the highlights of the luncheon was the appearance of Santa Claus, who had a gift for every child. The children had their pictures taken with Santa by Kiwanians Rigdon and Shelly Cook and given them as a souvenir. Cook was in charge of recruiting the volunteers who assisted with the project.

Capt. Stewart and Sandra McKinney, of the Texas Department of Health and Human Services, checked all applications.

"We had 296 applications this year and wound up inviting 99 to attend," said John Wagner, who has been in charge of registration for the past four years. "We would like to have more children but we limit it to children who are between the ages of five and 10 who have never been on the tour before."

"Everything I heard from everybody was positive," Haynes said. "I think this project touched the hearts of those

who helped in a special way. I had many people make it a point to tell me that they were blessed to have participated and would definitely help again next year. That's what we like to hear."

One chaperone explained that she had never seen a child so happy as when he walked into his living room with his arms full of presents for his family.

The project is a joint project between the Pampa Optimist Youth Club, Pampa Kiwanis Club and Salvation Army. The **Energizer Sunday School Class** of the First United Methodist Church, Tralee Crisis Center and the Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross also furnish members of the Steering Committee, which organizes the project.

Other groups involved this year include Pampa Harvester Basketball Team, Lady Harvester Basketball Team, Pampa Harvester Football Team, Drug Free Youth in Texas, ASTRA Club, Aldersgate Sunday School Class of FUMC, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Body of Christ at

Gideons, Pampa, Service League, Pampa High School Rodeo Club, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, First Christian Church and its Disciple Women's Ministry and Lamplighter's Sunday School Class, the Miami Area . Organization, First Baptist Church of Miami and City of Pampa Police Department.

The combined efforts of these groups put happy smiles on the faces of an estimated 293 children and family members whose Christmas season was brightened by the project.



For Heaven's Sake

For Heaven's Sake Daycare & Preschool recently held a special holiday program, "Someone Has a Birthday!," narrated by Sherry Etheredge. In the foreground, from left to right are Ashlyn Roby, Elizabeth Yearicks and Mackenzie Gordon as shepherds and Lynnze Standerfer as an angel.

FOOT FACTS BY BROWNS SHOE FIT CO.

BED AND SHOES... A wise doctor said, "Everyone should own a really comfortable bed and a good pair of shoes, for you are in one or the other most of your life." The average person takes about 15,000 steps each day. If you weigh 150 pounds, the feet and nervous system absorb about 2,250,000 pressure pounds daily. If you are a housewife or sales girl, you will average 8 miles a day; a policeman on his beat, 14 miles; a mailman, 22 miles; a youngster, about 12 miles daily. Common sense tells us that no item of clothing is more important than shoes - and shoes that fit correctly. Trust your feet only to an experienced and conscientious shoe fitter.



Seminar to examine feedgrain marketing options

2005, will help producers develop a feed-Cooperative Extension economist.

"We will focus on break-evens, market fundamentals and technical signals, and seasonal trends in cash, basis, and forward Amosson, Extension economist based at

"We will also discuss pre- and post-harvest marketing strategies and how to use these strategies based on market conditions.

"We will use a combination of classroom lectures and small work groups to provide a learning environment similar to our Master Marketer training. Our goal is for every participant to leave the seminar with a written marketing plan for their operation for the upcoming year.'

The seminar will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Amarillo.

AMARILLO — A two-day Advanced based at College Station, will teach the Topic Series seminar slated for Jan. 12-13, seminar. Both are co-directors of Extension's Master Marketer program and grain marketing plan, said a Texas have taught more than 100 beginning and advanced marketing courses.

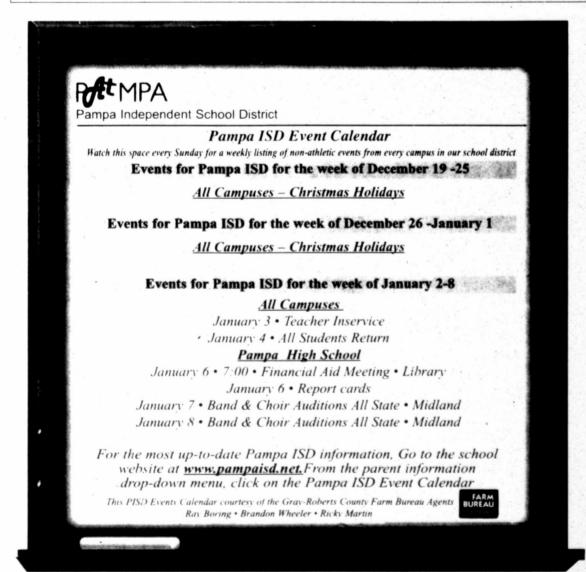
Registration is \$125 per person, and includes educational materials, breaks and lunch. Spouses can attend for the same fee, contracts for feedgrains," said Steve as long as the couple shares materials, Amosson said.

Preregistration is required. The registration deadline is Jan. 5. To register or to get more information, contact Amosson at (806) 677-5600. Registration forms are also available at Extension offices.

Extension offers several Advanced Topic Series agricultural marketing workshops each year. Partial funding for this year's Advanced Topic Series is provided by the Southern Region Risk Management Education Center, Amosson said.

The series is also underwritten by the sponsors of the Master Marketer Educational System, the Texas Wheat Producers Board, Texas Corn Producers Amosson and Mark Waller, Extension Board, Texas Farm Bureau and the Texas economist in grain marketing and policy State Cotton Support Committee.





Has anyone seen Jesus this Christmas?

Christmas hasn't sneaked up on me like Thanksgiving did.

I didn't decorate until last weekend, but that was by choice. I haven't bought but one present. That's also by choice.

In these past 20 some-odd years, I've written a lot of Christmas columns. Each year, Christmas means something different to me. Each year, the holiday reveals something new to

This year, I find myself searching for Jesus. Where is Jesus? Christmas is supposed to be the celebration

the Christ child in mainstream America.

even politically correct to "Merry Christmas" say because one may offend God to carry his son. those who are not Christians.

As Steve Martin would whether say, "Well, excu-u-u-use

I think it's about time that the rest of the world respects my beliefs.

Christmas, they can at least acknowledge and respect the fact that I do.

Technically, of his birthday, yet there believe that Jesus was not passed, that would make that coincided with the

seems to be little mention of born in December, but in the Jesus' birth likely to have Jewish Passover. spring - probably April, In the Bible, Luke says that the In fact, apparently it's not angel Gabriel visited Mary "in the sixth month" to tell her she had been chosen by

> It could be debated Dee Dee Laramore Luke refers to the sixth Editor month of the Jewish cal-

endar or the If they don't believe in sixth month of the Roman calendar - June. If it was the Roman calendar and the normal human gestation scholars period of nine months

happened in March. Because Luke was Greek, he probably referred to the Roman calendar.

As Christianity grew, early Christians replaced the

> pagan winter solstice celebration which occurred around Dec. 21 with a reli-

gious observance of Christ's birth.

Spring already had Easter, the celebration of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection

Now the world seems to be returning to pagan rituals, trying to push aside any reference to Christmas as a religious holiday.

While certain commendable traits such as charity and compassion seem to remain in secular holiday observances, to me, these traits aren't the same without Jesus "as the reason for the season."

Anyone watching television would think that the primary focus of the holidays is to buy, buy, buy and eat, eat, eat.

Without a doubt, all retail businesses capitalize on the gift-giving Christmas.

Retailers blanket all forms of media with advertising geared at drawing holiday shoppers to their wares.

Television isn't about to turn down that advertising. Neither is the newspaper business.

In the midst of it all, I miss Jesus. I can't find him in the glitz and glitter. I can't find him among all the lights and decorations.

I hope I find him before this Christmas season ends.

No doubt he'll be in some quiet, dark, extremely humble place, softly lit by a sin-

Ottawa Citizen

Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 19, the 354th day of 2004. There are 12 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 19, 1843, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, was first published in England. On this date:

In 1732, Benjamin Franklin began publishing "Poor Richard's Almanac."

In 1776, Thomas Paine published his first "American Crisis" essay.

In 1907, 239 workers died in a coal mine explosion in Jacobs Creek, Penn.

In 1932; the British Broadcasting Corporation began transmitting overseas with its Empire Service to Australia.

In 1957, Meredith Willson's musical play "The Music Man" opened on Broadway.

Politics is the art of preventing people from taking part in affairs which properly concern them."

> — Paul Valery French poet and critic (1871-1945)

In 1972, Apollo 17 splashed down in the Pacific, winding up the Apollo program of manned lunar landings.

In 1974, Nelson A. Rockefeller sworn in as the 41st vice president of the United States.

In 1984, a fire at the Wilberg Mine near Orangeville, Utah, killed 27 people.

In 1984, Britain and China signed an returning accord Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty on July 1, 1997.

In 1998, President Clinton was impeached by the Republican-controlled House for perjury and obstruction of justice (he was later acquitted by the Senate).

Ten years ago: Former President Jimmy Carter, on a peace mission to Bosnia-Herzegovina, met with Bosnian Serb leaders, who offered a four-month cease-fire. CNN publicly acknowledged it had wrongfully disobeyed a judge's order in broadcasting former Panamanian military ruler Manuel Noriega's jailhouse telephone conversations.

Five years ago: Space shuttle Discovery and seven astronauts roared into the night toward the crippled Hubble Space Telescope. Macau spent its last day under Portuguese control before being handed back to China, ending 442 years of colonial rule. Cleveland Browns offensive tackle Orlando Brown was ejected for pushing referee Jeff Triplette to the ground during a game against Jacksonville after accidentally being hit in the eye with Triplette's weighted penalty flag.

DID I JUST HEAR YOU CORRECTLY? DID YOU ACTUALLY SAY 'HO, HO, HO, MERRY CHRISTMAS'? I'M OFFENDED. IN FACT, I'M GOING TO COMPLAIN TO THE MALL MANAGER ... YOU'RE 50000 FIRED.

One is calm, the other definitely bright

She wants her due and takes no guff. Picture her as a "young" Clara Peller, this efficient new mom who is a heads-up winner in life's mini-crises along the way, particularly in the hubbub of Christmas shopping. (Of course you remember the late Ms. Peller! She was the gray-haired grandmother who demanded to know the whereabouts of beef on Wendy's burgers.)

This no-nonsense woman knows that hindsight is 20-20, and she's re-visited the vignette several times. Seems to me she's mighty close to being 20-20 in foresight, too.

Here's the scene. She's running 20 minutes behind, and she's still 20 minutes ror. from home. Her 20-weekold daughter is 20 minutes late getting her bottle. Her

hunger screams are at the 20-decibel mark and counting. Bottle is in the baby bag but devoid of warmth.

Dr. Don

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Columnist

M o m spots a fast food place, grateful to see the drive through lane open.

She'll grab a sandwich and a NOT going to happen on my cup of hot water to warm the bottle. Or so she thinks.

"Safety procedures preclude our serving hot water," the new attendant responds, emphasizing the "preclude" part, suggesting she had practiced enunciating it repeatedly in front of a mir-

Not to be outdone, Mom smiles at her, nods and orders a cup of hot tea - without the teabag.

"Ma,am, you don't understand. Our policy likewise precludes

selling hot tea without teabags. Clearly, you are scheming to get

hot water, and it is

watch." Mom, now fully challenged by this 20-something upstart, smiles again. "Fine. I'll take a large cup of coffee, and cancel the sandwich order."

She watches the attendant fill the cup halfway with coffee, then top it off with tap water. "That's \$1.08 including (not precluding) tax," she prattles, passing the

tepid coffee through the window. By this time, a halfdozen cars are in line.

"I do not drink tepid coffee; it has to be as hot as McDonald's, and if it isn't, I want to speak to the manager," Mom fumes. Now, the clerk is steamed, too, but she's not about to get the manager involved and she's out of options. Snarling, she hits 90 seconds on the microwave, slaps a lid on the cup and warns of the dangers of steaming hot coffee.

Mom removes the lid, pronounces it to be "just right," pours half of it out on the driveway, plunges the milk bottle into the remaining brew and drives away. Oh, I almost forgot. She pays for it with 108 pennies

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More prisons not necessarily the right solution

crime crowd has maintained simplistic that crooks would straighten out if Texas built more prisons. After a decade of building more and more cells, that same crowd has discovered two things: It takes more than prisons to straighten out crooks, and prisons are mighty expensive.

Dismissed once as just more liberal feel-goodism, rehabilitation is making a comeback in Texas legislative circles, the American-Statesman's Mike Ward tell you. reported recently.

news, it's common sense. Criminals are a complex lot, and for the better.

For years, the tough-on- so anyone expecting that a lock-em-up approach would work over the long haul was dreaming.

> If you lock up a drunk or drug addict for commitcaused by their addiction with- Austin American-Statesman out treating the addic-

tion, you're wasting time and money, as any number of experts will

Even so, past legislatures Not only is that good have cut into rehab programs. But that's changing,

budget, prison officials are asking for an additional \$28 million for increased supervision of probationers, \$27

million for additional ting crimes Texas Thoughts local beds for probation violawho tors would otherwise end

> up in prison, and \$10 million more for additional drug treatment for parolees.

> Another strong signal of refocus is the department's creation of the Rehabilitation and Re-entry

In their proposed two-year Programs Division last spring. The aim of the unit is to consolidate and coordinate existing state and local initiatives to help the 60,000 inmates who leave Texas prisons each year.

> The effort mirrors a Travis County experiment designed to soften the re-entry convicts experience upon their

> State Rep. Ray Allen, R-Grand Prairie, once the hardest of hardliners, has come to realization that throwing away the key involves throwing away a lot of money.

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from another child's piggy bank in the back seat.

small, yet worth pursuing. The 7-year-old boy, sporting a report card that gives parents bragging rights, was rewarded with a trip to see the Dallas Mavericks play basketball at the American Airlines Center. He had never been inside the splendid basketball palace, and upon taking his seat was

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Allen, chairman of the

Committee, told Ward: "Tight

budgets have forced fiscal

conservatives like myself to

ask the same questions liber-

Corrections

ready for the sights and sounds of the evening.

It was yet early. Mostly, he busied himself reading ads; he was not short on reading. The UPS slogan on the scoreboard caught his eye: "What can brown do for you?" The question had Indeed many victories are bugged him since preschor when he first heard it on a TV ad. It whirled in his head like the "Little Drummer Boy" melody playing on endless audio loops at the malls.

As Dirk Nowitzki and lesser stars took the floor, the 7-year-old high-fived with his folks and others within reaching distance. Oh, it had

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nothing to do with the team's arrival. He had the answer for the UPS question, and surely it might earn him a nice prize.

I've got it! I've got it," he screamed. "Call UPS immediately! I know what brown can do for us: Mixed with white, it can give us tan."

Seems reasonable to me. Ah, and the Mavericks won! There were no injuries, on or off the court. Crowd deportment was feisty, but well short of unruly. Security folks pretty much blended in, chatting with fans. It was a good night.

45,000 and carries a \$2.4 billion annual budget.

In the 1990s the prison system added 100,000 beds and became the largest penal system in the free world (if you'll pardon the expression.)

All that adds up. Contrast a \$45 per day per convict price tag with the \$2 a day it costs to keep a convict on

One wonders what lies ahead in new safety measures for thousands of people at sporting and concert events. Some people employed to keep the peace at the latter venues are called "bouncers." What may be needed instead "deflaters."

Avoid situations with bouncers. Take a deep breath as you finish out the year; keep in mind that folks on the high road diffuse many problems. A friend reminds that first-class people treat others first class; secondclass people treat others third class.

May the gifts you get and

probation.

money well spent.

No one would responsibly advocate putting everyone on probation because some people need to be in jail.

Paying for the knowledge to identify those convicts who should be locked up and those who could safely serve an alternative sentence would be

Tower

behind bars."

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The microwave and satellite antennas were "removed at our choice. It had nothing to do with Debbie Stokes. The lower antenna was temporary and was no longer needed," he said.

Dobson Cellular Systems, which is a cell phone service provider in Pampa, and Cellular One are not owned by the same company, and Dobson does not own Cellular One, as understood by Stokes, Duffy said.

"Dobson Cellular Systems is owned by

Dobson Communications Corporation of Oklahoma City. Cellular One in Pampa is owned by Western Wireless Corporation out of Seattle, Wash.," he said.

Dobson has contracted for use of the tower, and Stokes said she understood Cellular One also was using the tower for transmissions.

Not everyone in Pampa is unhappy with the new tower, Duffy said.

"We have received many calls applauding our investment in Pampa," he said.

"This is progress for Pampa. The fact that we are willing to go out there and spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to provide state-of-the-art service to Pampa says something about the Dobson family," Duffy said.

the state program.

ber of eligible campuses is transferring student, unlike

Public Since the Education Grant program began in the late 1990s, just under 2,000 students including 127 last year have used it to transfer to a new school.

Information from: The Dallas Morning News, http://www.dallasnews.com

give all fit and please, each bundled in "first-class" sentiments. And, as you move about in ever-increasing traffic, avoid fast-food drive throughs if the line is long and the front car has a baby seat in it.

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River of Life plans Christmas service

SKELLYTOWN - On Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m., River of Life Assembly of God in Skellytown will host a Christmas candlelight and communion service for the public.

"It's a wonderful time to celebrate Christmas with the family," said Pastor Danny Trussell. "Plan to bring the whole family for a beautiful service. Come and put Christ at the center of your Christmas celebration."

River of Life is located on the corner of 5th and Chamberlain streets. Go to the old Taylor Mart building, turn right on 5th and go to Chamberlain. The church will be on the right.

Continued from Page 1 extra 10 percent per pupil.

Schools

Students at substandard schools also have the right to transfer to a better school under the federal No Child Left Behind Act but the numless than half that under the Texas Public Education Grant program.

In September, 199 Texas schools were put on the federal list. Passing rates on the TAKS were the main criteria in compiling that list.

Under the federal program, school districts must provide transportation to a

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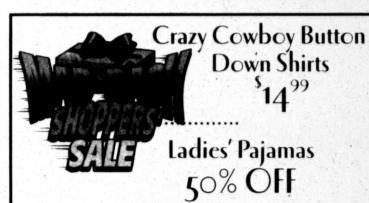
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Texas cotton production shows gain

 Texas Upland cotton production for 2004 is expected to total 7.6 million bales, up 76 percent from 2003 and down 1 percent from last month, according to figures released by Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

"Recent rain and snow throughout the month of November caused harvest delays," reported Robin Roark, state

By the end of the month, harvest was at least three weeks behind the fiveyear average.

Statewide harvested acreage is esti-

mated at 5.5 million acres, 26 percent above last year.

Yield is expected to average 663 pounds per acre compared with 478 pounds last year and 672 pounds from the November forecast.

Production on the Southern High Plains is estimated to total 3.33 million bales, up 91 percent from last year's production. Average yield, at 615 pounds per acre, is 208 pounds more than a year ago.

The Northern High Plains crop, estimated at 1.2 million bales, is 126 percent more than last year. In the Low Plains production is estimated at 950,000 bales, 68 percent more than

last year. United States Upland cotton production is expected to total 22.1 million bales, up 24 percent from last year and up 1 percent from the November fore-

Yield is expected to average 818 pounds per acre compared with 723 pounds in 2003. Harvested acreage is estimated at 13.0 million acres, 10 percent higher than a year ago.



Altrusa honorarium

Altrusa President Billie Dixon, left, recently presented a \$1,000 honorarium to Mary Wilson, right. The funds are to be used for a scholarship in Wilson's name. Wilson has been a member of the Pampa Altrusa Club for 40 years.

Iowa farm land values hit record price

average price of Iowa farmland jumped 15.6 percent this year to a record \$2,629 an acre, according an annual survey by Iowa State University.

lion acres of farmland in the past five years. increased \$11.5 billion in the year that ended Nov. 1, said Michael Duffy, an Iowa State economist who conducted the study.

It is the fifth consecutive year that farmland prices have risen.

Duffy said that when price of Iowa's farmland is about the same as in 1973. That was the beginning of the farmland boom, which led to 60 percent of farmland was

AMES, Iowa (AP) — The a peak value of \$2,147 an acre in 1981. After that, Iowa farmland lost 63 percent of its value, falling to a statewide average of \$787 an acre.

Farmland prices have rebounded, soaring 234 per-The increase means the cent in the past 18 years. value of the state's 32.6 mil- Prices have risen 47 percent cent of lowa's farmland is

He said several factors, such as inflation and the size of government farm program payments can influence the market. A big difference between now and 20 years ago is that more farmland is debt free.

The rapid increase has adjusted for inflation, the some wondering if another crash is just around the corner, Duffy said.

In the early 1980s, about

free of debt. When interest rates shot up, many farm loans became unmanageable and the land was put back on the market, which drove prices down further, Duffy

Today, more than 75 perdebt free, making it less vulnerable to increasing interest rates, he said.

Another difference is that government farm program payments, which totaled more than \$11 million between 1995 and 2003, have supported farmland prices, Duffy said.

Between 25 percent and 50 percent of Iowa's farmland prices are attributed to government farm payments, something that wasn't the case 20 years ago, he said.

The Iowa State study surveyed real estate brokers, farm lenders and others who work directly with farmland markets.

Call this man when your city gets sued

By LARRY McSHANE Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -Consider the case of the soused spouse.

Shortly after midnight on Nov. 14, 1999, a drunken Jose Ordonez returned to his East Harlem home and demanded dinner. When his wife refused, the 240-pound Ordonez allegedly beat her. Police arrived and arrested Ordonez; as they walked the intoxicated suspect down the stairs, he stumbled, missed a step and broke his ankle.

Ordonez's next step? He called a lawyer and sued the

Each year, 37,000 people sue New York City. Some of those cases strain the imagination.

There was the Bronx man, legally blind, who drove his car into a concrete barrier and sued.

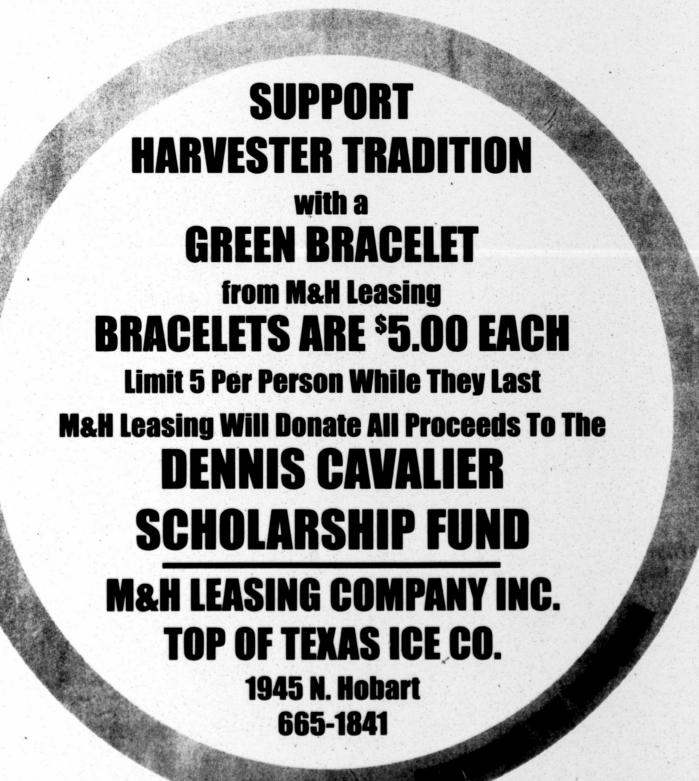
The guy who bought a stolen SUV in a city airport parking lot for \$75 and sued.

The two inmates who shot themselves with a smuggled handgun in their Rikers Island jail cells and

Representing the Big Apple in the nation's most litigious city is Michael Cardozo, named in January 2002 as New York City corporation counsel. The city's top legal gun runs an office of 650 lawyers in all five boroughs.

"This is the greatest general counsel job that any lawyer could ever have," said Cardozo, a descendant of the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Cardozo. "The variety of legal issues is just so overwhelming."

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Included in Cardozo's annual budget is \$560 million to pay off lawsuit judgments or settlements. The city isn't giving money away: New York's lawyers post a pretty fair 52 percent

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— Edward Hayes New York attorney

winning mark in court.

"New York City is endlessly sued — sometimes with no basis at all, or a concocted basis," said veteran New York attorney Edward Hayes. "Someone is always trying to rip them off. I think the corporation counsel's office is pretty good."

Ordonez might agree. He sought \$6.5 million for his ankle, but wound up with zip from a Manhattan jury.

The corporation counsel's office is nearly as old as the city itself, created in 1683 as a New World version of an English position called "the recorder."

The job disappeared during the Revolutionary War, but it was an absolute necessity by the start of the 19th century. It wasn't until 1849 that the actual office of corporation counsel was established, with a five-member

The office expanded with the city. It now stands as the third largest law firm in New York, behind only the interpowerhouse national Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom and the citywide Legal Aid Society. Its 17 divisions stretch into virtually every aspect of the city's massive legal machin-

In Family Court, 80 lawyers handle cases ranging from a knife-toting

explore our

schoolkid to a teen drug mule packed with heroinfilled condoms at Kennedy International Airport.

North of the city, in Kingston, a half-dozen city attorneys deal with environmental, real estate and zoning issues involving the city's reservoir.

The city signs off on \$4 billion worth of contracts annually, and the counsel's office approves each

"One better be

ready for this job 24/7," said Victor Kovner, corporation counsel during the Dinkins administration. "It's very hectic, very demanding."

The tort division, with 180 lawyers, handles cases of every size and shape and takes a staggering 60 of them to trial every week. The lawsuits often linger for years; a case won by the city last month dated back to 1991.

"The amount each lawyer handles is breathtaking," said Larry Levy, a 14-year veteran of the corporation counsel's office now in private practice.

The bizarre cases make headlines. But the caseload also includes thousands of lawsuits, on everything from police brutality to worker's compensation, filed by legitimate plaintiffs with legitimate complaints.

When a Staten Island ferry crashed in October 2003, killing 11 people and injuring dozens more, Cardozo's office settled more than 50 claims within 13 months.

His lawyers also uncovered one fraud Manhattan man who claimed he was a passenger when the ferry slammed into a concrete pier. An investigation showed he had filed more than 10 previous lawsuits against the city, and was only trying to cash in on the tragedy.

"You get some stories to tell at cocktail parties," said Kate O'Brien Ahlers, communications director for the

Michael Hess, corporation counsel during the Giuliani administration, remembers his first week on the job in 1998: It included a \$76.4 million jury award to a reputed Bronx gang member left paralyzed by a gunfight with an off-duty police officer. The city argued that the officer only returned fire after the plaintiff shot at him with a Tech-9 submachine

"That jury should have

thought, 'Where is this money coming from?"' Hess said. "It's taxpayer money. That's something to be thought about."

A legal note: Sixteen years later, the case remains on appeal by the city.

There are dozens of similar cases down through the years, part of the lore in the counsel's office. In 1990, in one of the most infamous incidents, a drunken dishwasher lost his left arm when he tumbled in front of an oncoming subway train. He won a \$9.3 million award from a Bronx jury.

"God bless America!" proclaimed the plaintiff, Francisco Marino, Mexican immigrant. Six years later, a state appeals court threw out his would-be windfall.

"There's always those bizarre, frivolous claims," said Kovner, whose watch coincided with the Marino case. "I noted them, and try not to think about them."

For Cardozo, such cases are now part of the routine. He came to the corporation counsel's job from one of the city's top law firms, Proskauer Rose, where he was a senior partner. He spent four years there as cochair of the litigation department.

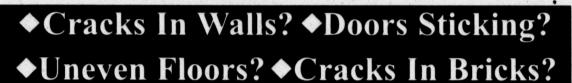
His office has established a "risk management" unit to assess the lawsuits, paying off legitimate cases but tar-

geting those that appear shady. "It's so important to say, 'That's a lot of baloney. We've got to defend that

case," he said. After all, potential lawsuits can crop up almost anywhere. Consider the case of

the lumbering lawyer. Levy recalled one night several years back when he was crossing a wet Greenwich Village street. He suddenly lost his balance and tumbled to the street.

"I slipped," he said with a laugh. "And suddenly there were three strangers on the corner shouting, 'Sue the city! Sue the city!"



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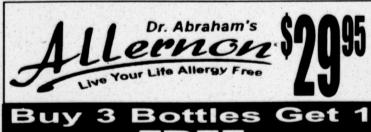
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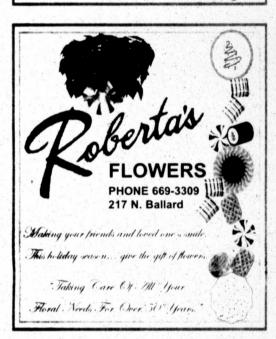
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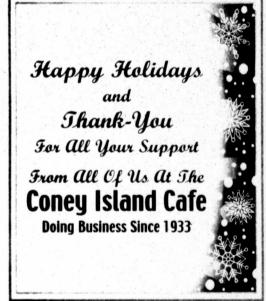


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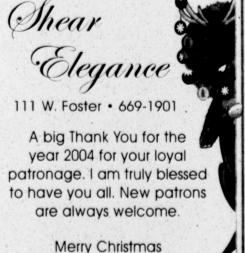
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How the legend of Rudolph began

On an icy January morning in 1939, Robert L. May felt like a loser as he was going to his job grinding out catalogue copy in the Montgomery Ward building at Chicago. His wife was gravely ill, and he was deeply in debt.

In the copy department, he was asked by the department head to design a booklet to replace the Christmas give-away coloring books that Montgomery Ward had been buying from local peddlers.

The proposed booklet would save money for the firm, and the boss thought that it should be an animal story with a character like Ferdinand the Bull.

That night May decided that a reindeer would be the appropriate animal

plot to give hope to children by show- like a flashlight. The nose would help ing that a little reindeer who was teased by other reindeer could turn into an admired leader of Santa's rein-

Eloise Lane White Deer Land Museum, Pampa

deer.

As he wondered what could make his little Rudolph different from Donner, Blitzen and the other reindeer, suddenly he had the idea of a bright for a Christmas story. He wanted the red nose that could shine through fog

Santa bring joy to children.

May's boss was not pleased with the plan for the booklet and said that a rednosed reindeer would be a monstrosity, but May had faith in Rudolph and asked a friend in the art department to draw a reindeer with a big red nose that would still be appealing. The boss studied the sketches for a long time before he smiled and told May to put his story in finished form.

May finished his booklet in late August, and Rudolph's story was rushed into print. About 3 million copies were given to children for Christmas, and soon the copy office at Montgomery Ward was flooded with enthusiastic letters from grateful par-

In 1949, song publishers began to contact May for permission to use Rudolph's story for a song. A company official said that Rudolph belonged to Montgomery Ward, but Sewell Avery, then chairman of the board of directors; said, "Let Bob May have the copyright."

In 1949, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," with lyrics and music by Johnny Marks, was published by St. Nicholas Publishing Company in New York. It was first sung and then popularized by Gene Autry, and now it is sung at Christmas time by children over all the world.

In December 1964, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was featured on TV in a stop-motion animation style dubbed "Animagic" by producers Arthur Rankin, Jr., and Julian Bass.

The song has aired annually ever since, finding a new home in 1972 at CBS who gave the song its 40th anniversary telecast on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004.

In the 1950s and 1960s, boys and girls attending Sam Houston Elementary School in Pampa sang a parody based on "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

The parody was about Randolph, the bow-legged cowboy, who had a very shiny gun - anyone who saw it would turn around and run. The cowboys laughed at Randolph and would not let him join in any poker games.

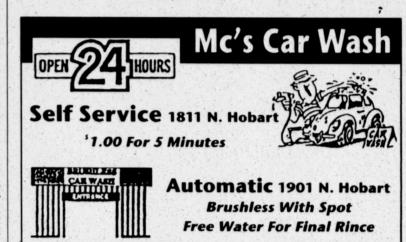
Then one foggy Christmas Eve, the sheriff asked Randolph to use his gun so bright to guide the posse through the night. Then the cowboys shouted out with glee and told Randolph that he would go down in history.

RRC offers some propane safety tips

Texans can locate nearly 1,000 propane refueling sites as well as recreational vehicle parks and state historic sites by logging onto the Texas Railroad Commission's website:

Winter http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/. This one-stop website, also found http://www.propane.tx.gov/s afety/winter-texans.html, provides RV operators with

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To: Santa Clause North Pole 85921

Dear S.C., Can I have a Gameboy BBue. S.B.P. on Ps2. Shrek2 the movie and game. Destiny's Child the CD. Juice Box. Brats pack. The brats Boy's. Love, your friend, Jazmyn, 9

Dear Santa,

I would like traintwister and mathbox, haunted house and Sorry Battle Ship, Bulls-eye ball, mission painter, shirt, basketball goal, video now, Conner four, spiderman, 2 blonive, Dwel disk, turtles, Whao-a-Mole, life, CD player, pac-man.

Daniel

P.S. Thank you.

Dear Santa, For Christmas, I want my brother Jeremy to come home from the Army. I also want a robot that has fire shooting from his head and I want some cowboy clothes.

Thank you. Clayton

Dear Santa, Pong ping, cholr, teboy, puzzle, sorry. **Hailey Hutchison**

Dear Santa,

I have been good to others and kind. Bring me, Mom, Dad and Chichi lots of stuff. All my friends have been very good they all deserve cool CDs. My grandparents deserve thousands of gifts.

Bring my cousins alot of gifts. Please remember to sing Happy birthday to Jesus! I love you Santa.

Ho Ho Ho love, Dacie McGill, 7

Dear Santa, How are you? I hope good. My name is Thomas J.

I am only 6-months-old. Santa, I am a good baby. I like my Christmas tree. The lights excite me.

Santa, I need some clothes and shoes. I would like

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HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & AMY Morrow) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #1 Holland '57', 676' from North & 447' from West line, Sec. 54,M-1,H&GN, PD 15100' (BHL: 660' from North & East line of Sec. 57,M-1,H&GN) Directional well

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & AMY Upper Morrow) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #3 Meek '54' 660' from North & 467' from West line, Sec. 54,M-1,H&GN, PD 15100'

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., #16H J.P. Meek, 365 from South & 2285' from East line, Sec. 69,M-1,H&GN, PD 11270' (BHL: 666' from North & 2285' from East Sec. line) Horizontal - Drainhole

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ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Range Production Co., #6150 Courson Ranch S, PA-2, 42' from South & 211 from East line, Sec. 150, C, G&M, PD 6500'. Rule 37

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & PARSELL Lower Morrow) Range Production Co., #332 Stella Killebrew, 902' from North & 1469' from East line, Sec. 32,43,H&TC, PD 11500'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & ALLISON-BRITT 12350') EOG Resources, Inc., #4 Britt '7', 600' from North &

2300' from East line, Sec. 7,1,B&B, PD 12800'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & BRITT RANCH 'D-5') Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #8 Britt Ranch 'D-5', 2135' from South & 2320' from East line, Sec. 5,2,B&B, PD 15850

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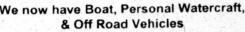
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propane safety tips, current highway and weather conditions, and visitor information for popular destination cities. In addition, propane suppliers and refueling stations can be located by calling the Texas Commission's Railroad Alternative Fuels Division at 1-800-64-CLEAR.

More than 1.3 million non-Texans, known as "snowbirds" or Winter Texans, travel to the Lone Star State each winter spending about \$900 million annually. Many of these Winter Texans live in recreational vehicles and rely on propanepowered camp heaters, lanterns and stoves.

Commission Chairman Victor Carrillo said, "Before buying a propane appliance, consumers should look for a label from a testing laboratory, such as the circled 'UL' from Underwriters Laboratories, and they should follow all manufacturers' directions to the letter when using these products."

For those using propane appliances when camping, Commissioner Charles Matthews said, "Always make sure your shelter or campsite is adequately ventilated at all times. Never go to bed and leave a heater, stove or lamp

Moving and storing propane cylinders involves safety guidelines as well, said Commissioner Michael Williams. "Always store, move and use propane containers in an upright position, unless otherwise indicated on the cylinder itself. Also, keep cylinders and appliances away from children at all times."

Additional safety recommendations include taking RVs in for a checkup by a qualified propane gas dealer or licensed RV repair facility to examine propane systems for leaks and to ensure the systems have proper regulator settings. A checkup also should include inspections of valves and fittings and checking propane tanks for rust and dents.

Campground owners with propane storage tanks are encouraged to contact local suppliers and asked to be placed on automatic delivery or "keep-full" status, to make sure their fuel does not run out during cold weather or bad road conditions, which could affect propane truck deliveries.

Texas occupational injury, illness rate lower than the national rate

AMARILLO — In the latest reporting of passengers and cargo, warehousing and period for nonfatal workplace injury and illness incidence rates, Texas was lower than the national rate. In 2003, the Texas incidence rate was 4.0 injuries and illnesses per 100 fulltime workers, while the national incidence rate was 5.0. This is the 14th consecutive year that the Texas rate has been lower than the U.S. rate.

Texas rate information was obtained from a survey conducted by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The totals were based on survey findings from approximately 11,000 private industry employers.

In 2002, the Annual Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses began collecting data according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), which replaced the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) System.

Because of differences between NAICS and SIC, the results by industry for 2003 constitute a break in the series, and users of this information are advised that comparisons between the 2003 industry categories and data from previous years is not possible.

SIC codes were assigned based on the principal product produced or services rendered; NAICS codes are assigned based on production processes. This difference allows each country using the new classification system (United States, Canada, and Mexico) to produce information on inputs as well as outputs.

In 2003, the transportation and warehousing sector had the highest injury and illness incidence rate in the U.S. and Texas. highest. Transportation and warehousing includes industries that provide transportation

storage of goods, and scenic and sightseeing transportation.

Manufacturing is comprised of industries engaged in mechanical, physical, or chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products. The health care and social assistance category includes industries such as medical establishments and programs that provide for individual and family needs.

The Commission's Workers' Health and Safety Division collects survey data in order to calculate the annual injury and illness rate for Texas. The division also provides several safety and health services to help employers, safety professionals, and policymakers reduce injuries and illnesses in the workplace through accident and illness prevention.

Those services include free safety consultations; assistance to hazardous employers; safety education and training; and safety and health publications and audiovisual resources from an extensive library. For more information on these services, visit the Commission website at http://www.twcc.state.tx.us/commission/divisions/division.html.

In the following months, the Commission will be releasing more in-depth safety and health information about high incident rate industry sectors and the resources available to promote and maintain safety in the workplace in those industries.

Additional Texas fatal and nonfatal occupational injury and illness data are available online through standard or customized tables at http://www.twcc.state.tx.us/rss/twcc/hsda-Manufacturing had the second highest rate, ta select.html or by contacting the and health care and social assistance was third Commission's Safety Information Systems Section at 512-804-4637 or Injury.

Letters

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any kind of toy that talks and something that I can chew on. I am cuttint teeth.

Santa, I am also trying to sit up if this helps any.

Thank you, Santa. We will have cookies and milk for you.

I love you, Santa, too. Thomas J. Carpenter

Dear Santa,

How are you this year? hope good. My name is Lindsey. I am 4-years-old.

Santa, I have been good all year around because I know you're watching me.

Santa, I would like a Cabbage Patch baby,

some clothes and shoes and some babies and a Princess carriage for them. Thank you, Santa. I will have cookies and

milk for you. I love you, Santa.

Lindsey Carpenter

Dear Santa,

How was your summer? Did you make toys all summer?

I want a rock tumbler and a John Deere 3-point and a paramedic GI Joe action figure and a hot tub for the sunroom. I want a ATV 4-wheeler with a battery that can be recharged after riding for an hour. I will leave you some ginger snaps and a glass of milk.

Jimmy Townson

Remember: Don't drink and drive

MIAMI — The holiday between season Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve is one of the busiest on the nation's roadways and also one of the most dangerous, due to a high incidence of alcoholrelated traffic crashes.

Roberts County Crime Victim's Assistance Program is joining with other national, state and local law enforcement officials to remind everyone this holiday season not to drink and drive.

The holiday season is supposed to be a time for family, friends, and celebrations, but it is unfortunately also a time when we see a tragic jump in the number of alcohol-related highway fatalities each year.

Nationally, more than 17,000 people died in alcohol-related highway crashes during 2003. Every 30 minutes, nearly 50 times a day, someone in America dies in an alcohol-related crash. Hundreds of thousands more are injured each year.

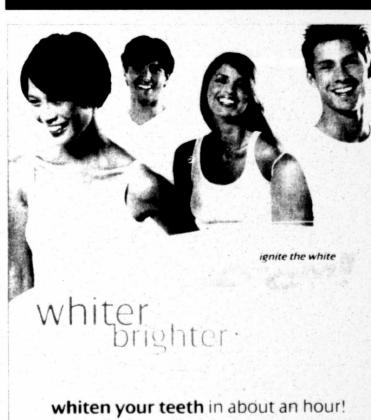
According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), about three in every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives. Simple reminders for a

getting behind the wheel of your vehicle if you've been out drinking;

a sober friend or family

safer holiday season: · Don't even think about · If you are impaired, get

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Area news

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum adding to its staff

CANYON - Amy David has been chosen as the new programs coordinator at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, according to a press release from PPHM.

A Florida native, David was the curator of education at Henry B. Plant Museum in Tampa, Fla., and was the former executive director of Safety Museum Harbor of Regional History at Safety Harbor, Fla.

David holds a bachelor of art degree in art history from Salem College in Winston-Salem, N.C., and a masters of liberal studies in museum studies from the University of Oklahoma at Norman.

David's professional responsibilities have included the creation and implementation of educa-



Amy David

tional programs, fund-raising, development of outreach programs and promotion of corporate and individual membership benefits and services.

Professional affiliations include membership in the American Association of Museums and former board of trustee position with Florida Association of Museums.

"I am thrilled to have this opportunity to join the team at such an outstanding institution," Davidsaid in the press release. "I look forward to new programming and outreach opportunities for both the museum members and the general pub-

"Ms. David possesses significant museum-related work experience, and she will be an important part of the museum's efforts to provide high-quality learning experiences for residents of the region and state," said. Guy C. Vanderpool, director of PPHM.

Drilling

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Energy Production Co., L.P., #1 Effie Hayes '18', 502' from South & 2270' from East line, Sec. 18,RE,R&E, PD 14600'. Recompletion

WHEELER (WEST PARK Granite Wash) **Devon Energy Production** Co., L.P., #2 Holmes '17', 800' from North & 1063' from East line, Sec. 17,RE,R&E, PD 14500'.

Recompletion Gas Well Completions (ALPAR HEMPHILL Tonkawa) Petroleum Texas, L.P., #2113 Yarnold, Sec. 113,41,H&TC, spud 3-20-04, drlg. compl 4-10-04, tested 9-16-04, potential 581 MCF, TD 8312' — HEMPHILL (BUFFALO

WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #4306P Bourassa 'C', Sec. 43,M-1,H&GN, spud 8-13-04, drlg. compl 8-28-04, tested 10-26-04, TD 11900', PBTD 11836'

HEMPHILL (N.W. MEN-DOTA Granite Wash) Pablo Energy, Inc., #101 Vollmert, Sec. 1,B-1,H&GN, spud 8-17-04, drlg. compl 9-8-04, tested 11-4-04, TD 11751', PBTD 11349' -

HUTCHINSON (WILD-CAT) Burnett Oil Co., Inc., #3802 Coble Suffolk, John Gibbs Survey, A-38, spud 5-16-04, drlg. compl 6-1-04, tested 8-2-04, potential 1273.2 MCF, TD 7050', PBTD 6618' -

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9-27-04, tested 11-8-04, TD 2750', PBTD 2693' -

WHEELER (ALLISON-BRITT 12350') Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #2-21 Elmore, Sec. 21,RE,R&E, spud 7-26-04, drlg. compl 8-10-04, tested 9-15-04, tested 9-15-04, potential 2653 MCF, TD 12800', PBTD 12751' -

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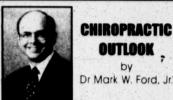
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spud 1-19-58, plugged 8-25-04, TD 3258' -#59, Sec. 106,5,1&GN,

spud 8-3-58, plugged 8-3-04, TD 3174' #65, Sec. 106,5,1&GN,

spud 10-30-58, plugged 8-11-04, TD 3131' #68, Sec. 126,5,1&GN,

spud 9-25-04, drlg. compl spud in 1957, plugged 9-9-04, TD 3122' -



CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

CHIROPRACTIC HELPS BOTH

ACUTE AND CHRONIC PAIN An injury can cause acute medical conditions. Your child falls off a swing and gets a sprain or you hurt your back from raking. These types of situations usually require frequent treatments by the Doctor of Chiropractic in the early stages when there is swelling and pain. How long it takes for treatment varies, depending on the severity and type of problem. However, early treatment will help prevent the situation from becoming chronic or persistent.

Chronic conditions are those that are present for longer periods of time. In many cases, an illness that started many months or years in the past is still present. For example, some people get headaches for many years. A medical situation often goes from being acute to chronic because it is not originally treated to the degree that is needed. Unfortunately, chiropractors see this happening all too frequent-

Perhaps a person ignores a subtle backache, thinking the problem will go away. However, the pain becomes increasingly worse. Had the condition been treated in its early stages, recovery would have been swift. Now it will take much longer for the chiropractor to determine the cause and eliminate the problem. If you are injured in an accident or feel unusual aches and pains, do not wait for the situation to deteriorate. Make an appointment with your chiropractor sooner rather than later.



T.R.I.P. deters farm equipment theft

MIAMI — Texas Recovery and Identification Program (T.R.I.P.) is designed for owners of both commercial and farm grade equipment to enter specific information regarding their property into a database that will be utilized by law enforcement personnel in tracking stolen equipment. Registration of equipment is done online and is free.

According to the Texas Crime Information Center, in the year 2000, 784 pieces of commercial equipment were stolen and 801 pieces of farm equipment. The year 2001 reflected 788 pieces of commercial equipment and 1063 pieces of farm equipment stolen. Therefore, with equipment theft on the rise, it was necessary for the Texas Department of Public Safety to implement a program that would assist in the recovery of these items.

the T.R.I.P. must meet three criteria: it must at 868-2089.

be commercial or farm grade, it must have permanent wheels or tracks, and it must have a manufacturer Property Identification Number (PIN) or serial number.

T.R.I.P. was designed as a pointer system to find out who the owner of the equipment is and allow law enforcement to verify if it has been stolen. The program helps owners of this equipment because law enforcement will already have their equipment information available in the event it is stolen. It is possible that law enforcement might know the equipment is stolen before the owner does because the registration information is placed in a law enforcement database that is accessible 24/7.

Equipment is registered online at http://records.txdps.state.tx.us/mvt . For help or questions on the program or registering equipment, call Kacy Bivens, with Roberts Types of equipment that are eligible for County Crime Victims Assistance Program,

Protecting vehicles during the holidays

to steal Christmas, he wants to steal your car, too! Protect your vehicle this holiday season from Mr. Bah Humbug himself: The Auto Thief.

A car is stolen every 25 seconds in the United States, amounting to over 1.2 million vehicles stolen across the country last year alone. In 2003, Texas motor vehicle theft victims suffered losses totaling \$782,330,063, making auto theft the number one property crime in the state.

Sgt. Jerry Hataway with Arlington Police Department warns, "Thieves are everywhere. Most are opportunists who try to take the easy way out. Don't leave your car anywhere you're not sure of and be aware of your surroundings."

Thieves are always looking for the next victim, and the holidays are a perfect time for them to score big. While you

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member to come and get you;

· Or just stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober;

 And remember – Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk. Take the keys and never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive while impaired.

Driving impaired or riding with someone who is impaired is simply not worth the risk. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else. but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be really significant and not the way you want to spend your holiday season.

enjoying friends and family this season, you can help protect your vehicle, valuables and life if you follow these simple preventative steps:

1. Always take the keys with you and lock the doors. Park in well-lit areas.

Use anti-theft devices anytime your vehicle is left unattended.

4. Do not leave valuables out in plain sight to mation. Be proactive this holtempt thieves.

The Grinch not only wants are out shopping, dining or vehicle burglary picks up at the shopping malls and congestive areas. Thieves go where the crowds are because it makes it easier for them to blend in and commit a crime," Sgt. Hataway said.

> Thieves target all vehicles, which makes every driver a potential victim of auto theft.

> By stealing your car a thief can also gain access to your identity and personal infor-

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CELLULARONE

Sports Day



Lefors Lady Bandit Emily Jackson, #14, battles a Wheeler player during a recent home game. Lefors won the game, 37-8, improving to 4-1 on the season. Jackson scored 11 points in the game. Other top Bandit scorers included Rebecka Lawrence with six points. Ashlyn Johnson added five. Haley Smith and Ashley Shepard each ended with four points. Misty Parish, Valerie Willis and Lacey Johnston finished with two points each.

Bears, Texans match 5-8 seasons

CHICAGO (AP) — The Texans kept Soldier Field. Peyton Manning and the NFL's most potent offense out of the end zone for an entire half last week, a rather remarkable feat against the touchdowntossing Colts.

That would seem to make Houston's assignment Sunday a little more manageable this Sunday, when the league's wobbliest offense will be across the line of scrimmage.

But bundling up the Chicago Bears could be more than a test of Houston's 3-4 defense, it might also mean defeating the elements. Same deal for the offense — moving the ball and completing passes when the fingers are a bit numb.

Winter is forecast to roar across Lake Michigan on Sunday, spitting out some snow and leaving temperatures from single digits to the teens on what shapes up as a bone-chilling day at

It's a venue where teams from the South or those who play in domed or retractable roof stadiums generally don't warm up.

"I think we'll be cold, but I think the Texans will be colder," offered Bears defensive back Charles Tillman.

"You just got to wear some warm clothes," Texans' quarterback David Carr said.

"They have to play in it, too," Houston tight end Billy Miller said. "I don't believe there is any way to get used to weather. When it's cold, it's cold. It's cold for everybody."

Bears linebacker and leading tackler Lance Briggs has been trying to get his body ready for the surge.

"I'm still a California guy trying to live in Chicago, so I have to stop wearing flip-flops when I come to work," he said.

BUSY WEEKEND

Basketball results and more Monday

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS **Sports Editor**

The Pampa Harvester varsity boys' and girls' basketball teams are in Clovis Saturday night, each team facing an undefeated opponent in the Wildcats.

The girls' game had a local start time of 7 p.m., while the boys' game was to begin at 8:30 p.m.

The Lady Harvesters entered the night with a 6-8 record. The boys were 10-3 going in.

We have results and more in Monday's Sports Day.

We will also bring you results from the Harvester wrestling meet at River Road and Pampa's swim and dive performance at Midland.

Eagles' starters make their last stand? Henson now third QB

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Donovan McNabb and Vinny Testaverde will start

the game. Koy Detmer and

Tony Romo might finish it. First place was on the line the last time Dallas came to Philadelphia. The stakes are much lower this year, with the Eagles preparing for the playoffs and the Cowboys

looking toward the future. The four-time NFC East champion Eagles (12-1) are one victory away from securing home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. Andy Reid plans to play his starters against the Cowboys (5-8) on Sunday. But they might not be in

there the whole game. "Right now the guys are going to play and we'll keep ourselves sharp and get ourselves ready to go," Reid said. "As much momentum as you can keep going into the playoffs, that's what

you'd like."

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final two g a m e s against St. and Louis Cincinnati, but understands he'll probably end up watching Detmer and third-string quarterback Jeff Blake take plenty of snaps.

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I'm a guy that loves playing football.. I want. to get out there and continue to get better, so when the playoffs come around we are at our best and ready to go.

 Donovan McNabb Quarterback, Philadelphia Eagles

postseason. Romo, who his two seasons in Dallas, said this week he moved are at our best and ready to ahead of Drew Henson into the No. 2 spot behind Testaverde on the quarterback depth chart. If so,

> against Philadelphia. Henson, considered the Cowboys' quarterback of the future, started one game against Chicago last month, but coach Bill Parcells said the former Michigan star isn't ready to play full-time yet after a three-year layoff to play professional base-

Romo could make his debut

"He's not had enough looks really. That's all," Parcells said. "He hasn't played much here or before, so how can I think he's ready to play? I think he's as ready as he could be under the circumstances."

The rivalry between the Cowboys and Eagles has lasted decades Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman to Ron Jaworski and Randall Cunningham, from Tom Landry and Jimmy Johnson to Dick Vermeil and Buddy Ryan, from Tex Schramm and Jerry Jones to Leonard Tose and Jeff Lurie.

But it has lost some intensity in recent years as the Cowboys have struggled Parcells said.

while the Eagles established themselves as one of the elite teams in the NFL.

Parcells' arrival in Dallas last season renewed the rivalry. After three straight 5-11 finishes, the Cowboys started winning again. When they came to Philadelphia last Dec. 7, the Eagles held just a one-game lead in the division. A convincing 36-10 victory kept Philadelphia atop the standings, a spot it hasn't relinquished.

The Eagles thoroughly dominated the Cowboys in a 49-21 victory before a Monday night audience last month. They would sweep their division for the first time in team history with another win over the Cowboys.

"Sweeping the division, no one ever expected that to happen, so that would definitely be a special feeling for all of us," McNabb said.

Perhaps the most interesting side note will be seeing if Terrell Owens gets his 15th touchdown catch. Reid promised before the season to wear black spandex tights if Owens reached that total. Owens had three TDs against Dallas on Nov. 15, but only two in the last four

"It's just a matter of time," Owens said. "I'm not going to say if it doesn't happen I'm not going to be disappointed. It'll happen, I'm not really worried about

The Cowboys didn't have Julius Jones when they last played the Eagles. The rookie running back has run for 517 yards in the four games since returning from a shoulder injury.

Jones could have a big day against the Eagles, who are inconsistent against the run and will be without their best run stopper, injured defensive tackle Hollis Thomas.

"I think we are a little bit better off than we were from the first time we played them, so hopefully we can something there," do

IRVING, Texas (AP) -Drew Henson lasted just two quarters as the starting quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys. Three weeks later, he's not even their top backup.

Henson was dropped to No. 3 this week and Tony Romo was moved up to No. 2. Romo has been with the team since the start of last season without taking a snap in a regular-season game.

Romo revealed the change Wednesday, about a half-hour after Parcells said he hadn't set the depth chart. At his daily news conference Thursday, Parcells insisted the change was no big deal, saying he likes to flip-flop the order every so often "to make sure they are staying in tune with what we're doing and preparing for the game like they're going to play in it."

Although Parcells said he "wouldn't make too much out of' the change, he knows there are no minor issues when it comes to Dallas Cowboys quarterbacks.

Cowboys fans are always looking for the next leader

to carry on the tradition of Don Meredith, Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman. Henson is supposed to be next in line and he seemed to be coming along well. He spent the first five games as the third-stringer, the next five games as the backup then started the 11th game, albeit mainly because Vinny Testaverde was injured.

Parcells benched Henson at halftime of a tie game and went back to Testaverde. Henson remained at No. 2 the last two games but didn't throw a pass.

Now he's back where he began the season. And, this time, there are only three games left, which is why Parcells also is talking about possibly sending him to NFL Europe for some game experience.

"It's not demotions or psychological warfare," Parcells said. "It really

Henson said he was disappointed to be "farther from being on the field," yet he remains hopeful he can get some snaps this sea-

KC lineman hearing from Notre Dame fans

(AP) — All he said was, "Jordan Black, Dallas Christian High School." That was more than enough to upset many Notre Dame

The Kansas City offensive tackle admits he's miffed at his alma mater for coach **Tyrone** Willingham, but insisted he was only seeking to promote his Mesquite, Texas, high school during TV introductions Monday night.

The calls began flooding in quickly.

"As crazy as some of the comments have been, I think I've probably burned

KANSAS CITY, Mo. a lot of bridges," said Black, who started 42 games for the Fighting Irish. "Notre

Dame thinks I'm the devil." Black, a fifth-round draft pick in 2003, made his first NFL start at right tackle in the Chiefs' 49-38 victory over Tennessee.

He said before the game he would probably identify himself by his high school, which is on a fund-raising drive. But he also made it clear he did not like the way Notre Dame handled the coaching situation.

"It doesn't seem like they did their homework or had a Black plan," Wednesday.

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Jim Leslie figures the least he can do is let these brave U.S. soldiers - most wounded in Iraq or front row at a Dallas Mavericks game.

"It's a small way for me to show some appreciation for what they've done for us," said Leslie, one of dozens of Mavericks season-ticket holders giving up their seats for Saturday night's game. "I still don't think it's enough."

In all, about 140 injured soldiers from Brooke Army Medical Center near San Antonio will fly to Dallas - on a chartered jet donated by American Airlines to see the Mavericks play

the Atlanta Hawks. They'll enjoy complimentary food and beverages, and have their pictures taken with Mavericks players, dancers and officials, including owner Mark Cuban.

"This is bigger than the game," Cuban said in an email. "This is a chance for Afghanistan — sit on the these servicemen and women to feel the admiration and respect of 20,000 people, reinforcing for them that we as a nation feel grateful for what they have done for us."

> The key playmaker for "Seats for Soldiers" is a season-ticket holder named Neal Hawks, who reluctantly let the Mavericks publicize his name, a team spokeswoman said.

Hawks first offered front-row seats to soldiers last season, bringing eight to each of three games.

NHLPA takes its case to the public

NEW YORK (AP) — The NHL players' association is taking its case public.

Annoyed and dismayed by financial figures they call "absolutely ridiculous," NHLPA officials sought to discredit projections that the NHL made when it rejected the union's proposal for a new collective bargaining agreement.

The NHL lockout reached its 93rd day Friday and has wiped out 430 regular-season games, plus the 2005 All-Star game.

Negotiations broke off Tuesday after the NHL rejected a players' proposal that featured a 24-percent salary rollback. The league handed back a salary capstructured counteroffer that also was turned down during the 3 1/2-hour meeting in Toronto.

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minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White

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NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 59 degrees.

Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair. Redfish are fair.

White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish

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and minnows. Catfish are fair. No boat ramps open. 4x4

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Black bass are fair on black/blue jigs and live bait. Crappie

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bait. Smallmouth bass are fair. Channel catfish are fair on

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 56 degrees; .5'

low. Black bass are fair at 5-10 feet. Crappie are slow.

White bass are fair. Striped bass are fair on live shad or

sunfish fished vertically. Channel and blue catfish are

good in river just above the reservoir on trotlines baited

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 58 degrees; 49.6' low.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 60 degrees; 4.57'

low. Black bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on

jigs and minnows. White and striped bass are fair on slabs

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nows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are slow on live

18.7' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Walleye

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Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with whole

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are fair. Channel catfish are fair on live baits.

shad or drift fishing using shrimp or punch bait.

Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair. Striped bass and hybrid striper are slow. Catfish are slow.

vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 57 degrees;

tion to our significant proposal by saying they'd be right back where they were. Well, that's a bunch of hogwash," union head Bob Goodenow said. "They mixed up and diced up statistics in a blender and came out with what I think are absolutely ridiculous fore-

No new negotiations are scheduled, leaving the NHL perilously close to becoming the first North American sports league to lose a season to a labor dispute.

"It is a lockout that's going to extend for an awful long time if the parties aren't able to try to work together," Goodenow said.

Although no drop-dead date has been set, there figures to only be about a month of negotiating time left to save the season. The lockout during the 1994-95

season ended on Jan. 11 and allowed for a 48-game season to be played.

The players' association already believed that the NHL's financial figures were off when they saw them in the counterproposal. After a few days of crunching numbers, the union made sure to let everyone know just how wrong it feels the amounts are.

Using a 3-year projection based on league numbers, the NHLPA said its offer would produce a \$275.5 million profit for teams as opposed to a \$568.5 million loss, as stated by the NHL.

"They were desperate to mischaracterize things and try to throw a high, hard one past a lot of people," Goodenow said. "That's why we've taken the time to go back and restate reality."



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BAYLOR: Water lightly stained; 55 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are slow.

GREENBELT: Water lightly stained; 49 degrees; 24' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair on jerkbaits along the dam. Smallmouth bass are slow. Walleye are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair on minnows and stinkbait.

MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 67.5' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Smallmouth bass are slow. Walleye are fair on slabs tipped with minnows.

MEREDITH: Water lightly stained; 49 degrees; 23.45' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair on live bait and crankbaits. Smallmouth bass are fair on jerkbaits. Walleye are fair on slabs tipped with minnows and bottom bouncers. Channel catfish are slow.

PALO DURO: Water lightly stained; 48 degrees; 44.67' low. Black bass are slow. Crapple are fair on jigs and minnows. Smallmouth bass are slow. Walleye are fair. Catfish are fair on stinkbait and minnows.

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 59 degrees; .05' low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are slow on minnows

ARROWHEAD: Water muddy in upper end; 57 degrees; 4.8' low. Black bass are slow on crankbaits and spinnerbaits near rocky areas and flooded vegetation. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs suspended 12-14 feet near the derricks. White bass are fair on shallow flats 3-8 feet on shad-imitation crankbaits and larger jigs with inline spinners. Blue catfish are good on cut shad and prepared baits in shallow water and along the vegetation line.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 70 degrees; .75' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow. FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 55 degrees; .6'

low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live bait. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 60

Beltre may soon be a Mariner

NEW YORK (AP) -Prized free agent Adrian Beltre and the Seattle Mariners agreed to a \$64 million, five-year deal Thursday, The Associated Press learned.

Beltre's contract is subject to him passing a physical, a person close to the third baseman said, speaking on condition of hurts," Dodgers general anonymity.

The deal could be announced as early as Friday.

Seattle did not comment on the agreement.

A day earlier, the Mariners added another slugger by finalizing a \$50 million, four-year contract with free-agent first baseman Richie Sexson.

Seattle finished a distant last in the AL West, going 63-99 for their worst record since 1983.

The Mariners was last in the league with only 136 homers and 698 runs.

Beltre, 25, led the majors with 48 home runs for the Los Angeles Dodgers. He hit .334 with 121 RBIs, and finished second behind Barry Bonds in the NL MVP voting.

Beltre also improved on defense last season, committing only 10 errors.

The Dodgers wanted to keep Beltre and offered him salary arbitration.

But Los Angeles recently gave itself some protection, signing free-agent Jeff Kent and saying that he could play third base, along with his usual spot at second. "We're disappointed. It

manager Paul DePodesta said. "Obviously, we would have loved to have him back."

"I think all of us knew this certainly was a possibility. We feel like we stepped up and made a very competitive offer, actually tried to make it a compelling one by offering a sixth guaranteed year. Unfortunately for us, Adrian decided to go else-

where." Beltre made \$5 million last season, and figured to cash in after a career year in which he led the Dodgers to the NL West division title and their first postseason spot since 1988.

DePodesta said the Dodgers' six-year offer to Beltre and agent Scott Boras included an option for a seventh season.

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DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines says it will begin selling \$3 snack boxes in the main cabins of long U.S. flights beginning Feb. 1.

American, which cut back on in-flight food after the industry downturn of 2001, said Friday it would offer food in the main cabin on all domestic flights longer than three Food will be sold on more than 500 daily non-transcon-

tinental flights of three hours or more. That's about 300 more flights than currently offer food, said Fort Worthbased American, the largest U.S. carrier.

The snack boxes will replace current main cabin food service on about 120 other transcontinental and 40 Hawaii flights, which the airline said would help it save about \$30 million a year.

The airline said it would continue to offer complimentary food for first-class passengers.

American had tested food on-board flights for maincabin passengers since September.

American said Friday it would sell a "morning snack box" containing a muffin bar, dried cranberries, bage

chips, cream cheese spread and a mint from 6 a.m. to 9:59 From 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., the snack boxes will include crackers, sliced salami, cheddar cheese, fruit mix and

Oreo cookies, the airline said. On some transcontinental and Hawaii flights, passengers will be able to buy breakfast sandwiches or turkey

Shares of AMR Corp., the parent of American Airlines,

fell 21 cents, to \$9.95, in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

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WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Approximately 279 students from Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford will complete requirements for either bachelor's, master's or doctoral degrees after the current fall 2004 semester.

These students had the opportunity to participate in the 2004 SWOSU graduation ceremony or wait and go through convocation exercises at the conclusion of the spring 2005 semester.

Students from Pampa who completed degree requirements for December include Gaurav Patel, bachelor of business administration degree in management, and Kimberly Porter, bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University held commencement Saturday in United Spirit Arena in two separate ceremonies. Thomas V. Mallon, author, was the featured speaker at both cer-

Outstanding students carried banners representing their respective colleges at the commencement including Dillon Ross Hill of Pampa who carried the College of Visual and Performing Arts banner.

Hill is a music major with an emphasis on teacher preparation.

PLAINVIEW

Commencement was held recently at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview for the university's fall graduates.

Diplomas were awarded to Shanna Michelle Buck, daughter of Mike and Shirley Buck of Pampa, who graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in religion; Maegan Nicole Dyer-Conner, summa cum laude, bachelor of science in interdisciplinary studies in elementary education; Penny N. Greer, BA in religion; and Jessica Renea Blandford Milligan, daughter of Larry and Jessica Blandford, magna cum laude, BSIS in elementary education, all of Pampa.

A workshop by Lee Carter, technology director for Pampa Independent School District, was recently chosen as one of the 30 "Best of NECC" workshops.

Carter's workshop "Using Photoshop to Create Cool Graphics for the Web" earned this honor while competing against more than 140 contenders at National Educaton Computing Conference 2004 in New Orleans, La.

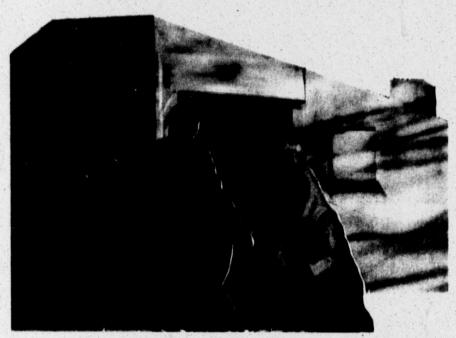
"This is quite an accomplishment given the fact that each year NECC attracts some of the best ed-tech presenters in the country," a press release from NECC and International Society for Technology, in Education said. "The criteria for selection of our 'Best of NECC' presenters includes quantitative and qualitative evaluation of numerous factors such as workshop enrollments, participant evaluations, relevancy of topic, and overall audience appeal."

Should Carter enter NECC 2005, a icon will single out his entry as an "advance program."

The First Christmas



The angel Gabriel appeared unto Mary to tell her she would bear the Son of God.



In Bethlehem, where Joseph and Mary went to enroll in obedience to a decree by Caesar Augustus, there was no room at the inn.



The newborn Jesus was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. A star in the East heralded his arrival.

The story of the Nativity is on display in a series of figures at Burdette Park, immediately north of the Hughes Building on Francis Street.

The display is patterned after scenes which were first created in 1947 and placed on the lawn of Gray County Courthouse.

The story told by the figures begins with the Angel Gabriel telling Mary she will bear the Son of God, and ending with Joseph, Mary and Jesus fleeing Bethlehem for Egypt to escape King Herod's plan to murder Jesus.



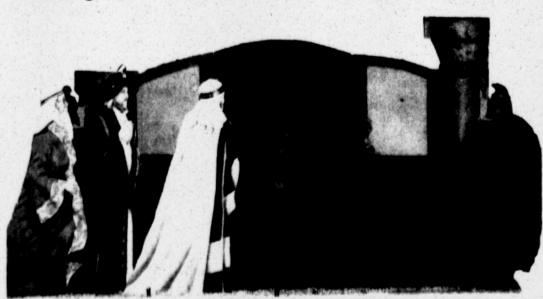
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An angel appeared to shepherds in their fields to bring them the news of the birth of their savior, Christ the Lord.



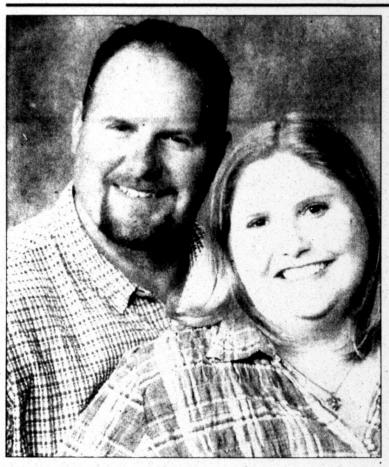
Three wise men followed a star to Bethlehem in search of the newborn king.



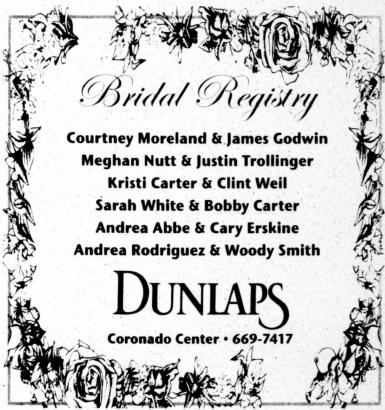
King Herod sought information about the newly born Son of God from priests, scribes and the three wise men.



Joseph and Mary flee with baby Jesus into Egypt to escape Herod's plan to kill Jesus.



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Griffis, Lewis tie knot at Fellowship **Baptist Church**

Dayla Lewis of Pampa Christi ushered the guests to and Michael Griffis of Bells exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 13 at Fellowship Baptist Church in Pampa. Charles Lowry, of Bethel Baptist Temple in Tulsa, Okla., presided over the cer-

The matrons of honor were Jessica Dawes of Amarillo and Amber Brookshire of Denton. The bridesmaids were Danielle Green of Richardson, Annabell Ferguson of Jennifer Canyon, Stubblefield and Brynna Stubblefield, both of Pampa, and Alyssa Lowry of Tulsa.

The flower girl was Nakita Ellis of Azle.

Richard Goode of Bullard stood up with the groom as best man. The groomsmen were Bobby Griffis of Dennison, Jason Smith of Sherman, Clinton Lewis and Alva Ferguson, both of Canyon, Rylee Lowry of Tulsa and Braden Clay of Pampa.

was ring bearer.

their seats and Sadina Rider, also of Corpus Christi, Angela Resendiz Richardson and Keri Lewis of Canyon served as candle-

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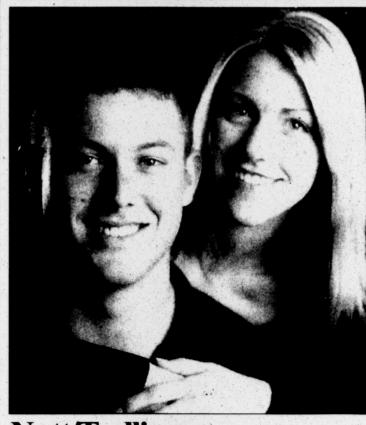
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lowing the service in Knights of Columbus Hall with Deanna Watson, Nikki Brown, Stephanie Boyd and Laticia Dudley, all of Pampa, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Dale and Alma Lewis of Pampa. A student, she attends the University of North Texas and is a substitute teacher for Pampa Independent School District.

The groom is the son of Richard and Kay Goode of Bullard. He is a mechanic at Union Pacific Railroad and is a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

The newlyweds honey-Adrian Elam of Canyon mooned in Cancun, Mexico. They live in Pampa but plan Scott Rider of Corpus to relocate to Dallas soon.



Nutt/Trollinger

Meghan Nutt and Justin Trollinger, both of College Station, plan to wed Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at First United Methodist Church in Grapevine. The bride-elect is the daughter of Jim and Susan Nutt of Grapevine. She holds a degree in sports management from Texas A&M University and is currently employed at Aerofit Health and Fitness Center. The prospective groom is the son of Bobby and Susan Trollinger, formerly of Pampa. He is scheduled to graduate from Texas A&M with a degree in construction science Dec. 17. After graduation, he plans to work for a commercial construction company in

Walkers celebrate 50 years of marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Walker of Pampa celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 27 at Mitchell's Restaurant in Shamrock with David and Carroll Kilpatrick of Amarillo and Leigh Anne and Denny Thrasher of Tucson, Ariz., hosting the dinner.

Norris Walker and Leoma Martin were married Dec. 18, 1954, at Gateway Church of Christ in Borger. They have been Pampa residents for more than 50 years and are members of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ and Pampa Senior Citizen Association.

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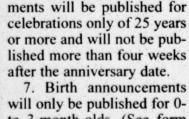
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Lily Darlene Forbes

Lily Darlene Forbes was born at 7:57 a.m. Oct. 8 at Pampa Regional Medical Center, to John and Melody Forbes of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 8-pounds, 10-ounces and was 21-inches long. Relatives include a brother, Dillon Forbes; grandparents, Dwight and Kathy Dennis, Larry and Judy Parker, all of Pampa, and Tom and Wanda Forbes of Ackerly; and great-grandparents, A.M. Dennis and W.J. and Virginia Welch, all of Pampa, and Ray and Velma Forbes of Ackerly.



Grayson Thomas Baker

Grayson Thomas Baker was born Sept. 30, at Wichita Falls, to Lane and Emily Baker. At birth, the infant weighed 6-pounds, 12-ounces and was 21 1/2-inches long. Relatives include grandparents, Tom and Sue Baker of Pampa and Nancy and Jerry Gholson of Iowa Park; and great-grandparents, Bill Medler of Amarillo and Glen and Helen Miller of lowa Park.

Menus

Week of December 20-24

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Holiday. **Senior Citizens** MONDAY

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broccoli/chicken/noodle casserole, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, butter cream cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Chicken strips or hamsteak/brown gravy/onions,

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Club news

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

Heritage Art Club

Heritage Art Club met Hudson for its annual Christmas party. Hostesses were Jennie Barker Barbara Stubblefield.

Members exchanged Christmas ornaments and Secret Pal gifts. The afternoon was spent playing

Ruth Barrett took home the door prize.

Present at the party were Polly Benton, Barrett, Roxanna Hendricks, Marjorie Holland, Theresa Maness, Betty McCracken, Louise Ward, Hudson, Barker and Stubblefield.

The next meeting is scheduled Jan. 3 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the home of Rue Park with President Linda Nowell presiding.

The following business conducted and announcements made:

-Pat Kindle read minutes from the previous meeting which were approved as

-Members discussed the Festival of Trees and voted to participate again next year. The club won in the category of most original ornaments at the recent 2004

-Kathy Gist and Nowell have been accepted for entry into the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum Invitational slated March 7

through April 7 in Canyon. The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 21 at the home of Dona Cornutt.

Progressive TEEA Club Texas Progressive Education Extension Club met Association Tuesday, Dec. 9 at the home Helene hostess Baumgardner for Christmas party and regular

Dennis presiding. The following business conducted announcements made:

meeting with President Eva

-Roll was taken and minutes read. -Beulah Terrell gave a

devotional.

-Members were advised the annual Christmas activity was scheduled Dec. 12 at the home of Joan Gray-Soria, county Extension agent. The club decided to take a favorite finger food and several items for infants to donate towards a special

The club will tend to the Gray County Annex kitchen for the month of January.

-Members participated recently at the home of Edie in games, a gift exchange, sang Christmas carols and home of Vonna Wolf. more.

-Geneva Barton won the hostess gift. Gray-Soria won the prize for the memory

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. Jan. 13 at the home of Mary Ann Bailey. Gray-Soria will present the January program with "chocolates" as her subject.

20th Century Club of Pampa met Dec. 14 at the home of hostess Phyllis White with President Fay Harvey presiding.

The following business conducted announcements made:

-Billie Dixon led the

club collect and delivered the treasurer's report.

-Secretary Louise Bailey read minutes which were approved as read.

-Members participated in a gift exchange.

-Donations were collected by White to benefit Tralee holiday project for the Crisis Center.

> program on "Christmas Customs of the Past."

> Harvey assisted the host-The next meeting will be

at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Altrusans met recently to

Altrusa

Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa met Dec. 14 at Pampa Country Club with President Billie Dixon presiding. Myrna Orr and DeLynn Gordzelik served as greeters.

The following business conducted and was announcements made:

-Members with service Twentieth Century Club to Altrusa exceeding 25 years received special recogntion. These members Mary McDaniel, were Georgia Johnson, Marian Stoup, Glyndene Seitz, Ruby Royse, Louise Bailey, Chleo Worley and Mary Wilson. Wilson, a member of 40

years, was also honored with a \$1,000 honorarium that will be applied to a scholarship in her name.

-Carolyn Kessell was welcomed as a new member.

-Dixon announced that the local club had received a \$500 grant from Altrusa International Foundation for -Pat Terry presented the Southside Community Center Reading Room project. The grant will be used to continue improvements at the center.

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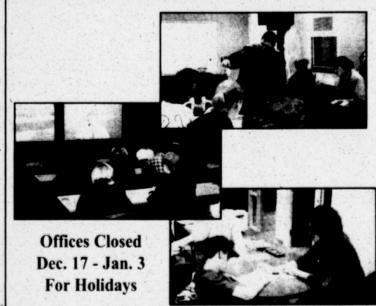
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Local Altrusa Club receives grant

Altrusa International, Inc. of Pampa recently received a through the foundation's commitment to community serv-\$500 grant from the Altrusa International Foundation Grants program to be used for the Southside Senior Citizens Reading Room project. The funds will go toward furnishing books and other materials needed for improving the reading room.

Billie Dixon, Altrusa Club President, said that grants of \$250 to \$1,000 are available through sponsoring Altrusa Clubs from the Altrusa International Foundation, Inc., to improve the economic well-being and quality of life ice and literacy.

Established as a charitable corporation in 1962, the foundation's sole purpose is to be an avenue through with Altrusans can assist Altrusa Clubs and other worthy organizations, throughout the world, to carry out their programs of community service and assistance to individuals in

Funding is provided by voluntary contributions from members, Altrusa Clubs and the general public.

Club

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wrap gifts for the Salvation

-Members volunteered at the Celebration of Lights on Dec. 1 and 13.

Gaye Whitehead, Terri Williams, Terry Gamblin and Mayda King shopped and purchased toys and clothing for two children from the Angel Tree.

-Fourteen members met recently to assemble Christmas stockings for clients in Child Protective Services. The club voted to fill the stockings with fruit and candy canes.

Pat Johnson and Leona Willis were presented award certificates for their successful coordination of the Career Clinic held recently at Pampa High School.

greetings -Birthday were extended to Karen Bridges, Mattie Norton, Kadda Schale, Anne Stobbe and Judy Warner.

The Altrusa Christmas Reception was held Dec. 5 at the home of Chleo Worley, 1901 N. Russell. The reception which was hosted by the Altrusa board of directors was held to honor the club president, Billie Dixon.

The next meeting will be at 12 noon Jan. 11 at Pampa Country Club.



SWOSU scholars

Shane Story of Pampa was among several Southwestern Oklahoma State University students who won Society of Manufacturing Engineers scholarships at the recent Technology Department awards banquet held at the university's Weatherford campus. Above, left-right: Students winning awards were Chris Bell, Weatherford, Okla.; Brandy Pizzini, Weatherford; Oliver Rozell, Duncan, Okla.; Nick Bidelspach, Chickasha Okla.; Story; and Bryon Hammer, Shidler, Okla

Lawyer gives up big salary to join Army

DALLAS (AP) — A chance meeting in Subway restaurant with an Army recruiter changed the life of Michael Brown, a

Dallas lawyer. When Brown, 26, left for basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., recently, he cut his annual income from \$120,000 to \$18,000 to serve in

The impetus was a conversation with Staff Sgt. Jerome Huntley in mid-July.

the Army.

"I had been thinking about doing it," Brown said. "It's on your heart and your thinking about doing it and there he is."

They talked in the restaurant and the next day Huntley came to Brown's apartment to describe life in an Army special operations unit, such as the Rangers or

Green Berets.

Huntley said Brown's enthusiasm eliminated any doubts about someone giv-

He was just saying he wanted something more exciting in his life."

— Jerome Huntley Staff sergeant

ing up a career as a lawyer. "He was just saying he wanted something more exciting in his life," Huntley

said. After 16 weeks of basic and advanced individual training as an infantryman at Fort Benning, he'll go to Fort Campbell in Kentucky. He hopes to then join a special operations unit.

A recruit like Brown is "relatively unusual" not only because of his profession,

but also because of his income and age, said Douglas Smith, spokesman for the U.S. Army Recruiting

Command at Fort Knox in Kentucky.

About 98.5 percent of Army officers have a bachelor's degree, and 40 percent of those have a master's or a doctorate, according to the Army. But only about 5 percent of enlistees have a four-year college degree or higher.

Smith said the average recruit's age is 21, and according to 2002 data, only 7 percent of enlistees come from households with incomes of \$100,000 to \$150,0000.

Brown grew up in Starkville, Miss., and played outside linebacker Mississippi College where he earned an accounting degree before going on to law school at the University of North Carolina. He moved to Dallas to practice

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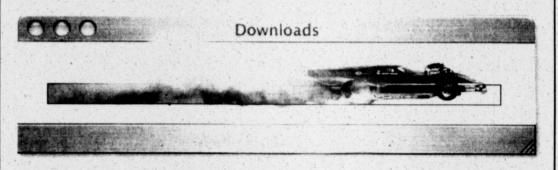


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Entertainment

Study suggests TV negative on religion

NEW YORK (AP) — Television entertainment programs mention God more often than they did in the mid-1990s but tend to depict organized religion negatively, a study recently released said.

The Parents Television Council watched every hour of prime-time on the broadcast networks during the 2003-04 season and logged 2,344 treatments of religion. They judged 22 percent of the mentions positive, 24 percent negative and the rest neutral.

The conservative group's last study, released in 1997, found far fewer mentions of the topic — an average of once per hour compared to three times per hour last season.

But any mention of a religious institution or member of the clergy was at least twice as likely to be negative than positive, the council said.

"Ninety percent of the American people believes in God," said Brent Bozell, the council's president. "It is an important issue to most people. Hollywood is attacking the very thing that they consider important in their own lives. Perhaps Hollywood ought to be changing its world view."

Negative examples varied widely: from comic Jimmy Kimmel joking on the American Music Awards that winners should resist thanking God, to a Catholic priest admitting on "The Practice" that he had had sex with a

woman who was later murdered.

Well-publicized scandals about pedophile priests made Catholics particularly vulnerable, the council found.

"Catholicism is in the bulls-eye of the entertainment medium," Bozell said.

'It is an important issue to most people. Hollywood is attacking the very thing that they consider important in their own lives. Perhaps Hollywood ought to be changing its world view.

> Brent Bozell Council president

His group singled out NBC, saying its mentions of religion were nearly 10 time more likely to be negative than positive. "Law & Order" episodes, which tend to have stories ripped from the headlines, helped skew those numbers, the group

Bozell noted, however, that one of the negative NBC examples the PTC cited -Karen on "Will & Grace" quipping, "let's go by that historic church and turn it into a gay bar" - reflected as poorly on the character as on religion.

Entertainment

After Chinese reality series barnstorms across U.S., its next stop is China itself

many reality shows in which a guy, racing around a track against fellow contestants, slides into the finish line, skins his elbows and offers this assessment: "You bleed and sacrifice for the people.'

Then again, there aren't many reality shows in which all the contestants are speaking Chinese — at least, not that many that use the American landscape as muse, backdrop and all-purpose obstacle course.

Take four teams of young people steeped in Chinese culture - from Hong Kong, Taiwan, the mainland and the United States. Pit them against each other — but in a nice, collaborative way. Then send them on a weird road trip through New England, Amish country, the rural South and Miami Beach.

What you end up with is "Quest USA," a compelling bilingual reality show envisioned by its producers as the first in a series of real-life exploits by ethnic Chinese from all over. It's "The Real World" meets Kerouac meets "The Simple Life 2" — in Mandarin, with heavy overtones of politeness and a very Chinese sense of duty and commitment to teamwork.

"We wanted to do Americana: Amish country, Mystic Seaport, those things that are very much American," producer Sarah Zhang says.

"This kind of thing makes Chinese feel that average, ordinary people can become stars. I think that's interesting for them," she says. "It gives them a platform, that 'I'm nobody, but I still have the opportunity to be on TV, to be a public figure."

The show, which chronicled an eight-day odyssey and was shot on a budget of \$60,000, aired this fall on two channels in New York and is avail-

NEW YORK (AP) — There aren't able now on DVD. It includes a throbbing soundtrack — a pure product of globalization that includes the unlikely fusion sound of "Chinese bluegrass" and a cool track by the band Notorious MSG called "Dim Sum Girl."

> Now the producers begin a second, more daunting quest — to air the show on mainland Chinese television and get the Beijing government and a

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> Sarah Zhang Producer

major Shanghai production company involved in producing a sequel, "Quest China," which would involve teams running across the Chinese landscape and encountering various unique challenges there.

Zhang and her husband, the show's executive producer, returned from China a few weeks ago, and she's brimming with optimism that the project can start filming next spring. She says Shanghai Media Group, a television powerhouse, is "extremely interested" in helping produce a show where teams from the United States, Australia, Canada and China would turn the Chinese countryside into a playground.

"They'd start from Beijing, end in Shanghai," Zhang says. "But they (wouldn't) know where they're going.

Maybe fly to Xi'an. Maybe take a train to Chongqing or visit one of those villages with a minority ethnic group in southern China."

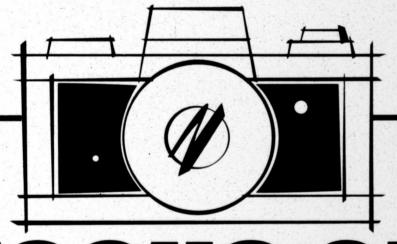
She adds: "Our goal is to show the real China to the outside world — and also what China looks like now. Foreigners only want to see ethnic and exotic culture. They don't know how advanced China is now and that Shanghai looks like the city from the future."

China is dabbling in reality TV as its reform process opens up the culture in many respects; among its latest entertainment efforts is a reality show filmed in the heavily Muslim (and heavily restricted) desert region of Xinjiang. But it's still a dictatorship. That means it's a place where government officials — both central and local don't always cotton to outsiders running around with video cameras.

So arranging to film such a show in China will undoubtedly involve delicate negotiations and endorsements from the top levels in Beijing. In addition, says Zhang, "The government doesn't want to promote too much American ideology. They don't want to see too much backstabbing in order to succeed."

She needn't worry. China is, after all, a society where the central government, a generation ago, heavily promoted this slogan: "Friendship first, competition second."

The Chinese sensibility of cooperation and taking one for the team infused every episode of "Quest USA." Sacrifice was invoked often. Contestants — many of them graduate students — talked of how their parents back home expect so much from them. Participants who got too aggressively competitive were often admonished by teammates.



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ried in 1998, my husband "Grant" and I agreed that we would never put our parents into a nursing home as long as we were physically able to care for them. After our home was built, my father-in-law, "Papa Jake," moved in with us. Papa Jake is now 73, wheelchair-bound from a stroke, and an alcoholic.

He gets into his motorized wheelchair every day and heads out to the local bar, which is a mile away. When he returns, he's completely intoxicated, and sometimes falls. Papa Jake is also belligerent toward me, and I don't want our 2-year-old son living in this environment. I didn't bargain on this when I married Grant.

that if he can't live by the rules he needs to leave. I have reached my limit. I love Grant, but I can't live like this anymore. When is enough enough? -- FED UP IN **NEW YORK**

DEAR FED UP: Papa Jake appears to be a danger to himself. If you haven't already done so, inform his doctor about what's going on. It's extremely unfair of your husband to wimp out and allow his father to treat you so disrespectfully -- let alone drive his wheelchair drunk on the public roads.

The bargain you made with your spouse was that you would care for his father as long as you were physically able. Well, since you are not physically able to prevent Papa Jake's forays to the bar (which put his safety at risk), insist that the time has come for Jake to go, and do not back down.

my friend asked if I ever had a mother out on this emotionally flame-shooter. Then he went into loaded occasion. Certainly, she the bathroom and got a can of should not be alone -- and I am hair spray and some matches. He sure she would welcome the told me to light the match and emotional support. hold it. While I was holding the

DEAR ABBY: When we mar- match, he sprayed the hair spray on it, and then my hand caught fire. I wasn't burned, but it scared

> I'm not sure what to do. I want him to still be my friend, but I don't want him to get hurt. Should I let him keep doing it, or should I tell someone and have them tell him to stop? -- WOR-**RIED IN KANSAS**

DEAR WORRIED: Have you ever heard the saying that people who play with fire usually wind up getting burned? This applies to you and your friend. All you would need is for one of those "flame-shooters" to explode in your faces, and there would be lifelong consequences. The next time Grant refuses to tell Papa Jake your "friend" suggests playing that game, tell him you'd prefer to do something else. Your mother or your teacher should inform his mother about what her son is up to. The boy is a tragedy waiting to happen.

DEAR ABBY: Early this year, I lost my precious father to cancer. Mom and Dad's 50th wedding anniversary would have been in a few weeks, and we had started planning a big celebration. Now that Dad is gone, how can we acknowledge this day? It seems a shame to do nothing, since in her heart, Mom will always be "with" my father.

Is there a way to have a special acknowledgement of any kind? Any suggestions would be welcome. -- GRIEVING BUT **GRATEFUL IN ATLANTA**

DEAR GRATEFUL: While a large celebration of your parents' marriage would not be appropriate, I see no reason why family members and close DEAR ABBY: Before a game, friends shouldn't take your

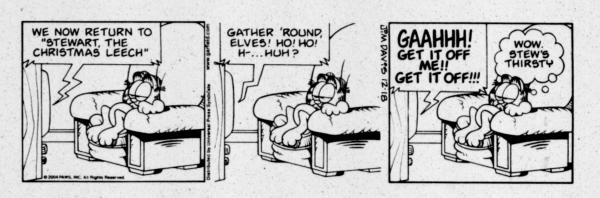
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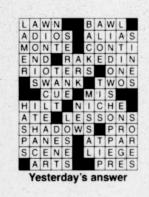
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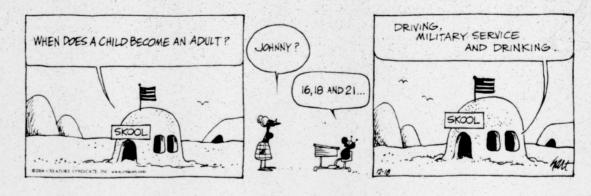
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All Business: Rampant insider selling raising red flags

NEW YORK (AP) — Talk about a double standard. While corporate leaders tout the benefits of investors owning their stocks, many executives seem to be running for the doors themselves.

Selling of shares by insiders which includes executives and other top officers and directors at a company has been rampant in recent months, with sales rising to their highest level in more than four years in November.

While no one can pinpoint an exact reason for that run-up, the implication is troubling since big insider selling is

often considered bearish for the overall market as well as for individual stocks.

Of course, not all insider selling should be construed as a bad sign. Some stock sales may just be routine or may be executives wanting to free up money to cover personal expenses or to help pay the taxes on shares they buy after exercising options. And in some sectors, namely technology, stock compensation is often the bulk of executive pay, so they sell their stock for income.

In addition, November has histori-

cally been a busy time for insider selling. That's because it comes after most companies have reported their thirdquarter earnings and restrictions for selling have been lifted. In addition, some executives sell in November for tax purposes.

Still, insider-trading trackers at Thomson Financial say the recent selling bonanza is "particularly notewor-

Some \$6.6 billion in insider stock sales took place last month, the highest level since the \$7.7 billion in sales tallied in August 2000, according to

Thomson. Contrast that with the \$144 million worth of stock that was bought by insiders last month.

The most selling came from in the financial sector, where executives sold \$882 million of their own stock in November, and health care companies, whose insiders sold \$734 million worth of shares. Selling in both sectors was double the five-year monthly average, according to Thomson.

On a company-specific basis, consider what has gone on at networking company Avocent Corp., where company statements seem to contradict insiders' actions. On Nov. 1, the company announced a buyback plan for up to two million shares and said in a news released that the purchase of the stock "represents a solid investment for our shareholders."

Apparently, the company's insiders seemed to have ignored that memo. In the month following the announcement, they sold 578,565 shares out of an aggregate of 645,756 insider shares sold during the last 12 months, according to Vickers Weekly Insider, a newsletter that tracks trading by company executives.

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.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ 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 fantasize 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.

★★★ 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

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

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

solutions 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 ones, even if your mind is on a 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 days -- 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

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.

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

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Shortages of flu shots become societal story

By MALCOLM RITTER **AP Science Writer**

Tomorrow is

Election Day. How

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Got your flu shot yet? That became a loaded question this year as traditional vaccination campaigns gave way to pleas that healthy Americans step aside to keep the vaccine available for those who need it the most.

and presidential

politics. Luckily, the flu season is off to a mild start. By year's end, some states reportdwindling ed demand for flu shots, as many people apparently followed government advice or gave up because of frustration or apathy.

News of the shortage mixed with continuing concern over the prospect of a deadly worldwide outbreak of flu some-

And it shared the headlines with some other major medical news this year, much of it regarding the safe-

ty of prescription drugs. There was the recall of the arthritis drug Vioxx from the market in late September because of links to heart problems. Other drugs like it were also questioned. And there were continuing concerns over antidepressant use in children, which led federal regulators in October to order that all antidepressants carry warnings that they increase the risk of suicidal thinking and behavior in children.

The flu-shot shortage appeared in early October. The nation's expected supply was suddenly cut in half when British regulators suspended the license of a Liverpool vaccinemaking plant owned by Chiron Corp.

Shocked public health officials called on healthy Americans to refrain from getting the shot, so supplies could be conserved for highrisk people like children ages six months to 23 months and adults 65 or older. Suddenly, a plain old flu shot

became a hot commodity. "Tomorrow is Election Day,"

comedian Jay Leno told his "Tonight Show" audience. "How many are voting first thing in the morning? How many are voting later in the day? How many are going to wait until everyone else is in line to vote and then sneak in and get a flu shot?" Some Americans went elsewhere

for a vaccination. One drugstore just north of the border Saskatchewan, Canada, attracted 80 Americans on a single day. Meanwhile, vaccine suppliers were accused of price-gouging, including one company sued by the state of Florida for allegedly boosting the price of flu vaccine by more than 900 percent.

The case was settled.

Some states felt compelled to outlaw giving flu shots to people who aren't at high risk, and some towns set up lotteries to parcel out their scarce supplies.

And the issue made political waves. After Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., made his office a makeshift clinic for giving shots to senators, there were cries of

unfairness. And while neither President Bush nor Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry got a flu shot, Kerry blamed the White House for the shortage during the cam-

But health experts are looking The flu-shot shortage spilled out beyond the current flu season to an of the medical domain into society even bigger project: getting ready for the next glob-

al outbreak of killer flu, a pandemic. Projections for the death toll range from 2 million to more than 50 million. The germ

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would probably emerge in Asia. Health officials there are keeping a close watch on bird flu in chickens, and especially its spread from chickens humans. That's because a bird-flu virus could run rampant through a human population if it gets the ability to spread easily from person to person, and if people carry no

Comedian

— Jay Leno

natural immunity to it. More than 40 cases of humans sickened with bird flu have been recorded this year in Thailand and Vietnam, with more than 30 deaths. Especially worrisome was a suspected case of human-to-human transmission in Thailand, in which a 26-year-old woman died in September after apparently getting the virus from her 11-year-old daughter. Luckily, no epidemic followed.

The federal government took several steps this year to deal with the threat of a pandemic, such as publishing a plan to respond to that event and boosting its stockpile of antiviral medicine.

In addition, the government awarded a contract to the nation's sole flu-shot supplier to move toward year-around vaccine production, which should allow faster action if a killer flu strain emerges. Federal officials also announced a

project to crack the genetic code of thousands of human and bird flu viruses. That should help scientists. find targets for vaccines and therapies against both ordinary flu and pandemic flu viruses. And the government awarded

contracts to two companies to produce and test an experimental bird flu vaccine, which might come in handy if a pandemic appears.

That worrisome event probably won't happen this flu season, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, told reporters recently. But it's on the horizon.

"We have a lot of chickens getting infected, and we're getting more and more (virus) jumping from chicken to human," he said.

Nobody can predict when a pandemic will arrive, but "is it going to happen sometime in the reasonable future? ... The answer is yeah," Fauci said "We're due for it."

On the Net:

information: www.niaid.nih.gov/factsheets/flu.ht

Flu information: www.cdc.gov/flu/

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 happy

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 diffi-

cult, 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 honor the big picture. Break past 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

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Despite challenges, you float over others' flak. You don't need to understand, but you do need to take 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

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.

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1 EA. TRUCK CHASSIS / CAB

Specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Public Service Superintendent. City Service Center, Pampa, Texas, Phone 806-669-5760 Ext. 3. Tax-Exemption Certificates shall be furnished upon request.

fice, City Hall, Pampa, Texas or mailed to P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 790666-2499. Sealed envelope should be plainly marked "CHASSIS / CAB BID ENCLOSED, BID NO. 04.11.G. "and show date and time of bid opening. Facsimile bids will not be accepted.

The City of Pampa reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive any formalities or technicalities.

The City Commission will consider bids for award at the January 11. 2005 Commission Meet-

/s/ Phyllis Jeffers City Secretary B-40 Dec. 19, 27, 2004

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/s/ Phyllis Jeffers City Secretary B-41 Dec. 19, 27, 2004

NOTICE OF **PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF** TRACT OF LAND

The City of Pampa, Texas, invites sealed bids for the exchange of a 0.534 acre tract of land in the 1000 block of North Somerville, Pampa, Texas described as follows: Being at an iron rod

found for the Northerly Northwest corner of a 5.97 acre tract recorded in Volume 795, Page 338 Deed Records, from which the intersection of West line of Hobart Street and South line of Somerville Street bears North 89° 17' East 167.9' and South 85° 15' East

Thence South 89° 17' West 204.5' with South line of Somerville Street to a point, for the Northwest corner of this tract;

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tract: Thence North 59° 57' East 262.96' with Northwesterly line of said 5.97 acre tract to a iron rod found, for Southeast corner of this tract:

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and with public street access. The title shall be free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, zoned commercial or a less restrictive use, and will be conveyed by general warranty deed. Scaled bids shall be accepted at the office of the City Secretary, 200 W. Foster no later than 10:00 a.m. on January 10, 2005. The bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. on January 10, 2005 in the City Commission room on the third floor of the City Hall, 200 W Foster. The bids shall include a legally sufficient description of the tract offered in exchange and a verification of the record ownership and that it meets the above terms and conditions. Upon the acceptance of a bid, the bidder shall provide acceptable proof of a defen-

sible title to said property.

The above tract proposed

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made as to any hazardous or environmental conditions which may exist upon the property which disclaimer shall survive closing.

The City Commission will consider any bids at its regular scheduled meeting which follows the bid opening. The City reserves the

right to reject any and all bids and to waive infor-/s/ Phyllis Jeffers

City Secretary cates shall be furnished B-42 Dec. 19, 27, 2004

the City Secretary's Of- THE GRAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE is taking bids for two new patrol vehicles. For a list of specifications and bid submission information, contact Sheriff Don Copeland, Gray County Sheriff's Office, 218 N. Russell, Pampa, Texas, 79065. Phone 806-669-8022, or Gray County Judge Richard Peet at Gray County Courthouse, 217 N. Russell, Pampa, Texas 79065, phone 806-669-8007. Bids will be accepted after December 15, 2004, and bids will be opened February 1, 2005. B-43 Dec. 19, 2004, Jan. 9, 2005

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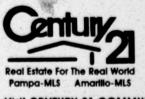
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construction and personal injury defense law.

Approaching Huntley that day was no spur of the moment decision, Brown said.

It was something that built for a long time. As a boy, he loved to play with toy soldiers and as a young adult he thought about

a career in the military, but he

went on to follow in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, both lawyers.

After Brown got to Dallas, he started contemplating the

switch. "The law may not be exactly what I want to do — the military's something I've

Brown, who is single, said he misses being out in the field, building a camaraderie with a group of guys like he always wanted to do," he said. did when he played football.

Santa's helpers



Raelynn Miller and Alexis Kraemer, students at Lamar Elementary School, dressed up as "Santa's Helpers" recently.

Rural Development announces \$6 million in grant funding

TEMPLE — Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State director, announced in a news release the availability of \$6 million in grant funding to support rural economic and community development efforts. Qualified private, nonprofit and public intermediary organizations proposing to carry out financial and technical assistance programs are eligible to apply.

The fiscal year 2005 Rural Community Development Initiative grant funds will provide, the release said, financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop projects relating to housing, community facilities or community and economic development.

Community Rural "Through the Development Initiative, rural Texans can increase their capacity to bring community and

economic development opportunities to local communities," said Daniel.

Funds may be used to provide technical assistance on how to create and operate a revolving loan fund, establish and manage cooperatives, or provide training on how to conduct homeownership education classes.

Grant recipients will provide training and technical assistance to eligible nonprofit community development organizations and low income communities located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less.

The maximum award per grant is \$500,000. Applications must be completed and submitted no later than Jan. 25, 2005. For more information, contact Francisco Valentin, Jr., Community Programs director, at (254) 742-9789.

Agriculture

Cotton offices close for holiday

ABILENE - Offices in the Northern Rolling Boll Weevil Plains Eradication Zone will be closed, according to a press release from Texas **Boll Weevil Eradication** Foundation, from Dec. 24 through Jan. 2.

Cotton producers who need to obtain an endorsement during this time for a check made jointly payable to Texas Department Agriculture, the release said, will need to make an appointment at their local office.

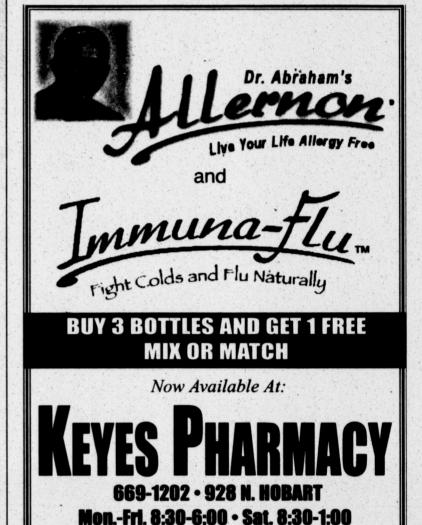
Area contacts include: Childress office. Barbara Jones, (940) 585-9499; or Debra Medford, (940) 585-4400.

Memphis office. Rusty Pierce, (940) 937-0000; Janet Montgomery, (806) 259-1116; or Barbara Booth, (806) 259-3333.

Wellington office. Debora Neeley, (806) 447-5426.

Endorsements may also be obtained at TDA's office in Lubbock or the office in Dallas. Growers are encouraged to call the offices to make sure someone will be there to help them. The Lubbock number is (806) 799-8555.

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