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Turkey talk

Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Wild turkey wander along a fence line in northeastern Pampa, looking for breakfast on a frosty Panhandle morning.

Still no test results from DPS lab in Conrad deaths

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer Investigators are still waiting for laboratory test results of evidence collected in Missouri in connection with the Sept. 30 shooting deaths of members of the Brian Conrad family, according to Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Daniel Hawthorne of Clarendon.

Hawthorne, a DPS public information officer assigned to the Childress DPS office, said in a telephone interview Thursday that no information had yet been released

from the DPS crime labs which are conducting the tests.

"There have been no reports yet," Hawthorne said of the crime lab tests.

The Texas Rangers and Gray County Sheriff's Office are the principal investigators in charge of the case. Investigators are awaiting test results before seeking to file charges.

"No charges have been filed yet," Hawthorne said. "The district attorney has been apprised of everything, but no evidence has been taken to her yet."

Brian Conrad, 31; his wife, Michelle Conrad, 35; Zach Doan, 14, Michell's son; and Michell's unborn baby died in the early hours of Sept. 30, when they were shot at their home approximately 13 miles south of Pampa off Highway 70.

The only household member to survive the shootings was Robin Doan, then 10, who reportedly made the 7:15 a.m. 911 call to report the shootings Sept. 30.

Investigators focused their attention on Levi A. King, last of St. Louis, Mo., when Missouri law

enforcement contacted them about a possible connection between King and the Pampa homicides.

King was arrested Oct. 3 in El Paso as he was trying to re-enter the United States at the Mexican border, according to the Associated Press. He was wanted in connection with the shooting deaths of a Missouri couple.

King has been charged with two counts of first-degree murder in connection with the deaths of Orlie and

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Bazaar to aid Lefors girl

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Lefors Civic Center to raise funds for medical expenses for Taylor Shaller, a 5-year-old Lefors girl.

Shaller received a kidney from her father, David, a year ago. After a four-month stay at a Dallas-Fort Worth hospital, Shaller and her father and mother, Irene, learned that the child will need bowel surgery in January, followed by a stay at a Washington, D.C.-area hospital, according to Pam Franks of Lefors.

Donations of homemade

and baked goods, as well as purchased items, are being accepted for the bazaar. The items may be brought to the center between 5 and 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Franks said.

"Cash donations are accepted any time," she said.

A fund has been set up at Lefors Federal Credit Union for donations and bazaar proceeds. Persons wishing to donate to the fund may ask that their donations be credited to the Taylor Shaller Fund.

Lefors Civic Center is located in the same building as Lefors City Hall, 103 N. Court.

Commission to interview EDC hopefuls on Monday

The Pampa City Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in city commission chambers on the second floor of City Hall.

Commissioners will meet in executive closed session to interview applicants for the Economic Development Corp. board of directors.

After the closed session, commissioners will reconvene in open session to take any action necessary.

Man escapes burning home

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A White Deer man escaped serious injury but lost his home to a Thursday evening blaze which is believed to have been caused by an exploding water heater.

Tootie Meador was reportedly asleep when the fire broke out at his two-story home, at the intersection of Farm to Market Roads 293 and 295, at about 8:45 p.m. Thursday, said White Deer Volunteer Fire Department Chief Terry Sargent.

"The pipes froze, the water heater blew up and the house burned to the ground," Sargent said.

"He was asleep when the fire broke out," sargent said. "He heard a noise, opened the door and got singed but was able to get out."

Meador was the only occupant of the house at the time of the blaze. He was able to save some possessions from the home, Sargent said.

Fire department units from Groom and White Deer, and fire department tanker trucks from Skellytown and Panhandle, responded to the fire.

"We needed all the water we could get," Sargent said of the tankers. There are no fire hydrants at the location

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Fish, Wildlife Service seeks conservation grant proposals

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has announced it is seeking proposals for conservation projects on private lands through its Private Stewardship Grants Program. For FY 2006, approximately \$6.5 million is available through this grant program to support on-the-ground conservation efforts on private lands. Proposals must be submitted by Jan. 23, 2006.

As envisioned by President Bush, this program provides federal grants on a competitive basis to individuals and groups engaged in voluntary conservation efforts on private

lands that benefit imperiled species such as federally listed endangered or threatened species as well as proposed, candidate and other at-risk species. Landowners and their partners may submit proposals directly to the Service for funding to support those efforts.

Applicants in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas should submit proposals to the USFWS, Attn: David Frederick, 500 Gold SW (P.O. Box 1306), Albuquerque, NM 87102, 505-248-6587.

In September 2005, the Service

awarded 72 grants totaling more than \$6.5 million to individuals and groups to undertake conservation projects for endangered, threatened, and other at-risk species on private lands in 38 states and one territory.

For more information regarding this grant opportunity and on how and where to submit proposals, visit the Service's Private Stewardship Grants Web site at http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/private_stewardship.html. The Private Stewardship Grants Program is identified in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance as number

15.632. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 545 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates

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White Deer Land Museum New Year's Eve Party Saturday, December 31, 2005 • MK Brown Heritage Room • 8:00 pm to Midnight Silent Auction and Dance • Tickets \$35.00 per person for more information call 669-8041 or 662-2727

President Bush's approval ratings improve in recent weeks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush shifted into campaign mode in recent weeks to tout the economy's strength and explain the high stakes in Iraq — possibly helping to boost his job approval rate to 42 percent in the December AP-Ipsos poll.

While attitudes about Bush's handling of the economy and Iraq

both improved slightly, building on that progress may be complicated.

A majority of people remain skeptical about Iraq and improved feelings about the economy could be dampened by expensive winter heating fuel.

"Anxiety about the war and terrorism is still a factor," said

Richard Curtin, director of consumer surveys at the University of Michigan. "There is greater anxiety about energy prices and the possibility of having a colder-than-normal winter."

With his public support at the lowest levels of his presidency, Bush has been making stump speeches about the economy's

strength and about the economic progress and military goals in Iraq.

"Now it's not a one-sided debate," said Republican pollster Ed Goetas, citing Bush's recent speeches on the health of the economy and the high stakes in Iraq. "You have a message getting out there in a much more positive

way." Bush has improved standing with whites, men, Catholics and other core supporters — a key factor in pushing his job approval rating up to 42 percent. While still relatively low, that's the highest level of job approval for Bush since summer.

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

Services today

PAYNE, Roger "Buddy" — 3 p.m., First Baptist Church, McLean.

Services tomorrow

BIDWELL, Bonnie — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, McLean.

BILLINGSLEY, Jerry "Pa" — Memorial services, 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Bonnie Bidwell, 96

McLEAN, Texas — Bonnie Bidwell, 96, of McLean, died Dec. 9, 2005, at McLean. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, in First Baptist Church of McLean with Pastor Kelly Raymond officiating.

Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Bonnie George was born Oct. 27, 1909, in Charleston, Texas, to White Curtis and Dovie Olive George. She married Joe Bidwell in Pampa, Texas, on Feb. 12, 1931.

Mrs. Bidwell was a homemaker, and she was a member of First Baptist Church in McLean.

Survivors include one son, Terry Bidwell

(Wanda), Fritch, Texas; one brother, Noel George, Olestie, Okla.; three grandchildren, Shelley Brooks (Keith), Washougal, Wash., Logan Bidwell, Amarillo, Texas, and Tyrell Bidwell, Fritch, Texas; two great-grandchildren, Emma Grace and Murphy Clyde Brooks, Washougal, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Bidwell was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Bidwell; two brothers, Paul and Duane George; and two sisters, June Zitterkob and Audrey Fry.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of McLean, Texas, or BSA Hospice in Pampa, Texas.

Jerry 'Pa' Billingsley, 66

Jerry "Pa" Billingsley, 66, of Chicken Creek, Texas, died Dec. 8, 2005, at Chicken Creek. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Pastor Paul Nachtigall, of the Highland Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Billingsley was born Feb. 22, 1939, in Shamrock. He had lived and worked in the Pampa and surrounding areas all of his life. He had been manager for the Ledrick Ranch for 25 years.

He was the owner and operator of the 7H Cattle Company.

Survivors include best friend and partner, Katy Wilde; children, Brad Billingsley and wife Janis of Canyon, Shann Clark of Irving, Kerri Lake and husband Bo and Robin Kelley and husband Cliff, all of Pampa, and Tim Johnson and wife Rene of Woodbury, Minn.; one brother Doyal Billingsley and wife Nancy of Amarillo; one sister, Margaret Nix and husband Keg of Clinton, Okla.; seven grandchildren, Brandon Billingsley, Jacklyn Billingsley, Ashlee Clark, Allie Clark, Justin Lake, Jared Lake, and Kade Morse; and many nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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

Christopher George Coberley, 36

AMARILLO — Christopher George Coberley, 36, died Dec. 8, 2005, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at Westcliff Bible Church of Amarillo with Pastor Steven Waterhouse and Amarillo Police Chaplain Merrill Gilbert officiating. Graveside services were at 3 p.m. at Memory Gardens in Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Jim Powell, Pastor of Hobart Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Arrangements were by Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon.

Burial was in Memory Gardens in Pampa. Chris Coberley was born Dec. 21, 1968, in Pampa, Texas, to Chancie and Nancy Margaret Coberley. He graduated from Tascosa High School in 1987, where he was active in the debate club and baseball team.

Chris joined the U.S. Army in January of 1988 and was trained as a Military Police Officer. He was stationed in Germany where he met his wife, Vera Hohmann, and they were married in 1991.

After Chris's four year tour of duty, they moved to Amarillo. Chris attended the 62nd Panhandle Regional Police Academy in



Coberley

1992. He then went to work for the Randall County Sheriff's Office where he was a deputy for nine years. In 2001, Chris was employed by McCoy Meyers as a computer programmer. He graduated from West Texas A&M University in 2004 with a Bachelor degree in Computer Science.

Survivors include his wife, Vera Coberley of Amarillo; a son, Harrison George Coberley of Amarillo; his mother, Nancy Margaret Coberley of Wichita Falls; his father and stepmother, Chancie and Iva Ann Coberley of Sunday Canyon; a sister, Lucretia Anne Stephens and husband, Shawn of Snyder, Okla.; a brother, John Jeffrey Coberley and wife, Stacey of Wichita Falls; a stepbrother, Alex Chancia and wife, Kristen of Amarillo; his grandmother, Doris Coberley of Pampa; grandparents, W.C. and Doris Miller of Glenpool, Okla.; grandparents, Bill and Betty Tedder of Abilene; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to American Brain Tumor Association or American Cancer Society.

Dixie Dell Ratliff, 84

SWEETWATER — Dixie Dell Ratliff, 84, of Sweetwater, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, at Sweetwater. Graveside services were held Saturday in Garden of Memories with the Rev. David Chittenden officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home, Inc., of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Ratliff was born Aug. 15, 1921, at Stephenville. She married Adrian Lee Ratliff on Oct. 2, 1952, at Fort Worth; he died April 26, 1986. She was a homemaker and belonged to Broadway Baptist Church. She was retired from the telephone company.

Mrs. Ratliff lived in San Diego, Calif., from 1942 until 1947. She moved to Sweetwater in 1958 and later to Bronte.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Phillip H. and Pearl Van Dyke; two sisters; and one brother.

Survivors include two sons, Phillip David Ratliff of Bronte and Steven Lee Ratliff of Pampa; four sisters, Margaret McLaughlin of Brownwood, Cardelia Oden of Sweetwater, Irene McLelland of Lillie, La., and Velma Massingill of Snyder; and two grandchildren.

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Emergency Services

Sheriff

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

Friday, Dec. 9

Francisco Ortega Mendoza, 46, 501 Carr, was arrested by Pampa Police Department for driving while license invalid.

Inez Hernandez, 37, 501 Carr, was arrested by Pampa PD for failure to maintain financial responsibility and no valid driver's license.

Jason Paul Allen, 34, 419 N. Dwight, was arrested by GCSO for burglary of a building.

William Johnson, 56, 1068 Prairie Drive, was arrested by Pampa PD for criminal

trespass.

Saturday, Dec. 10

Curtis Ray Smith, 18, 1204 Deane Drive, was arrested by Pampa PD on a capias pro fine for minor in consumption.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Dec. 9

5:12 p.m. — Two units and seven personnel responded to the 1800 block of Coffee on a structure fire. Firefighters extinguished a small blaze on the exterior of the house. Estimated damage to the home was \$1,500.

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Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 56.
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Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low near 29.
Wind chill values between 21 and 26. West-northwest wind around 10 mph.
Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 52.
West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-southeast.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.
South-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 51. South-southwest wind around 10 mph becoming north-northwest.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.



Angel Tree coats

From left, Margie Turner, Salvation Army Captain Patricia Steward and Mary Counts hang 16 coats bought for Angel Tree recipients by the Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats. Deadline for returning gifts and angel tags to the business where the tag was removed is Dec. 18. Gifts should be left unwrapped, Capt. Steward said.

TV producer offers to make deal

AUSTIN (AP) — A producer for the television show "Dateline NBC" has offered the governors of Texas and Florida a deal: waive the death penalty for a murder suspect and he'll help solve three murder cases in their states.

Producer Shane Bishop offered the deal to Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Florida Gov. Jeb Bush in a letter dated Nov. 29. A copy of the letter was obtained by the Austin American-Statesman under Texas public record laws.

The letter offers to help solve the cold cases if the governors would "guarantee not to pursue the death penalty" against an Arkansas convict serving life without parole for murder.

Michael Ronning "has admitted to me that he has committed a total of seven murders," Bishop wrote, insisting he is "convinced"

that Ronning killed Annette Melia, 20, in Arlington in September 1982 and Melissa Jackson, 16, who disappeared from a Grand Prairie apartment building in Aug. 12, 1983.

The remains of both victims were eventually found a few hundreds yards from each other, according to the letter.

"Why am I writing you to beg you take up this effort? Because it's the right thing to do," Bishop wrote. "But I am certain Dateline NBC would give substantial coverage to the solving of these three cold case murders tied to a serial killer, and the essential roles played by the Governors of Texas and Florida."

Bishop said Ronning didn't know he was writing the letter.

Perry's office said it would improper for the governor to get involved in an

investigation or punishment. Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt said the letter was sent to state and local law enforcement officials.

Bishop's letter said a written no-death penalty guarantee is necessary to get Ronning to discuss the case.

Bishop's letter said he has been a producer for "Dateline NBC" for 12 years. Network spokeswoman Jenny Tartikoff said Bishop wrote the letter on his own, not on behalf of "Dateline NBC."

An Arkansas prisons official and several former attorneys said they did not know if Ronning, 48, currently has a lawyer.

In the Texas cases, Bedford Police Chief David Flory, who said he was chief of detectives in the Fort Worth suburb at the time of the murders, said he supports a waiver of the death penalty if it will draw a confession.

Marion Christmas playhouse gift building full of memories

By JANET GRAFE
The Seguin Gazette-Enterprise

MARION, Texas (AP) — Even though Roslyn Tondre Bates was only 4 years old, she has fond memories of Christmas Eve 1936.

"The German custom is that none of the children saw the tree until Christmas," Bates said. "The adults set it up and kept it behind closed doors. We were told not to look, and it was like the tree would evaporate if we took a peek. So we never saw the tree until Christmas Eve."

Bates remembers the excitement when the doors opened to show the brightly decorated tree. On its branches hung a tag from Santa

that told her to go outside. There in the backyard was a beautiful playhouse with a metal roof and gingerbread trim on the porch. It was lit with a lantern and had a little decorated Christmas tree set up inside and furniture, which included a little stove, child-size table and chairs, a dresser and a baby bed.

The playhouse was home for the fun and games of many children before coming to rest in the Marion Veterans Community Park across the street from City Hall.

Like many things in Marion, its roots go deep into the area's past. Originally built in 1915 by Curt Brotze of Cibolo for his 4-year-old daughter, Frieda, and son, Arnold, the playhouse moved to the home

of Alfred Schraub in Cibolo when the Brotze children outgrew it.

Ross and Laura Tondre of Marion bought it for \$25 and moved it to their house in 1936 for Roslyn's Christmas present.

"Very seldom did I play with dolls in it," Bates said. "We played cowboys and Indians in those days, and it was always a fort or something like that. We used to have rubber gun fights."

"We would take strips of rubber from old tire tubes and shoot them with wooden guns with clothespins," she said. "We were free if we could get into the playhouse. We used it for everything."

Roslyn's children played in the playhouse when they visited their

grandmother, Laura Tondre. Then in 1990, the playhouse moved again, this time to Seguin for Bates' granddaughter's fourth birthday.

Now all grown up, Kara Bolf remembers playing in the playhouse.

"I loved my playhouse because none of my other friends had one," Bolf said. "I had a lot of friends that came over to play in it."

Bolf and Bates especially remember a birthday party where all the girls came dressed up in their mothers' clothes and high heels and carrying purses.

When Bolf grew up, Bates and her husband, T.J. Bates, of McQueeney, decided to donate the

playhouse to the city of Marion.

"The City Council was very receptive when (Roslyn) and Mrs. (Dena) Rittimann came to the council to see if we were interested in taking possession of the playhouse," said Marion Mayor Glenn Hild. "(Roslyn's) mother, Laura Tondre, was a longtime highly respected lady in our community."

Tondre served as Marion's post-mistress for many years, Hild said. Other than getting a new coat of paint and a new corner board, everything in the playhouse is original, Bates said.

"(The playhouse) is generating a lot of interest and a lot of discussion," Hild said.

System failures blamed on plant blast

By The Associated Press
Management system failures were to blame for the Texas City oil refinery blast that killed 15 employees and injured more than 170, plant owner BP PLC said Friday

in its final report on the explosion.

BP, one of the world's largest oil and gas companies, said in a news release that its investigation team "found no evidence of any-

one consciously or intentionally taking actions or decisions that put others at risk" in the March 23 blast.

BP also said it plans to invest about \$1 billion over the next five years to

improve and maintain the site.

At its full capacity, the Southeast Texas refinery processes 433,000 barrels of crude oil a day and 3 percent of the nation's gasoline.

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69 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resources offices, and 81 ecological

services field stations.

The agency enforces Federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat

such as wetlands, and helps foreign and Native American Tribal governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fish-

ing and hunting equipment to State fish and wildlife agencies.

For more information about the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, visit <http://www.fws.gov>

Conrads

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Dawn McCool of Pineville, Mo. They are believed to have been killed on the evening of Sept. 29 at their home.

King is being held without bail in the McDonald County, Mo. jail.

At the time of his arrest, King was driving a pickup truck owned by the McCools. Evidence found in the pickup prompted Missouri officers to contact local investigators concerning a possible connection between King and the Conrad deaths.

The evidence which may have a Pampa connection reportedly included a name tag with Brian Conrad's name on it, which was found in the pickup King was driving at the time of his arrest, according to an Associated Press report. The caliber of bullets recovered from the bodies of the Pampa victims matches the caliber of one

of the weapons King has been accused of stealing from his father's home, according to the AP report.

Representatives of local law enforcement who are investigating the Conrad case traveled to Missouri to examine the evidence and the suspect in October. They returned with the evidence on Oct. 21, and it was submitted to the DPS labs on Oct. 24, Hawthorne said.

Information on the type of evidence and the number of pieces of evidence is not available, according to Hawthorne.

In Missouri, Texas and Gray County law enforcement officers attempted to question King concerning the Conrad shootings, but King's attorney advised against his making any statement concerning the case, Hawthorne said.

King is the only suspect in the Pampa case at this time, Hawthorne said.

"They feel confident the case is headed in the right direction," he said.

Fire

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of Meador's home. White Deer Volunteer Ambulance Service also responded to the location.

No firefighters were injured, Sargent said.

"They made a couple of attempts to try to put the fire out, but decided to pull back," he said. Firefighters concentrated on containing the blaze and preventing its spread after it became apparent the walls were near collapse, Sargent said.

No dollar estimate of loss was available concerning the home as of press time Friday.

Pampa Special Olympics would like to give a big "Thank You" to Hidden Hills Golf Course for their support during our golfing season and tournament. And to Harvester Lanes for their support during our bowling season and tournament. Also a "Thank You" goes to Culligan Water for their donations at both tournaments.

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Viewpoints

These are a few of my favorite things

This is the time of year when family and friends always ask what I want for Christmas.

Since they cannot give me a Miata, an S Type Jaguar or tickets to the World Series, I just ask for books or CDs.

Which brings me to things that I like.

Here is a brief list of some of the things that give me the warm fuzzies:

Songbirds singing in the morning dawn and mock-ingbirds making a racket at dusk.

Intellectual literature, provocative writing that makes me think.

"The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" and John Houseman's poetry.

Most anything by Miles Davis and John Coltrane, especially my all-time

favorite album, "Kind of Blue."

The soundtrack from "American Graffiti."

Kiri te Kenawa.

The Oscar Peterson trio with Herb Ellis and Ray Brown.

Finding someone who knows what I am talking about when I say, "Illinois Jacquet and Flying High."

Bob Dylan and Maynard Ferguson.

The Dave Brubeck Quartet and the Modern Jazz Quartet.

Children laughing out loud.

Dobie Gray and "Drift Away."

Second generation Datsun Z cars, the 1979 through 1983 280ZX. Smooth, indestructible and fun to drive.

Pre 1984 Corvettes.

Open wheel racing: Formula One, CART and Indy cars.

Old cars and car shows, especially seeing a restored 1948 Plymouth coupe.

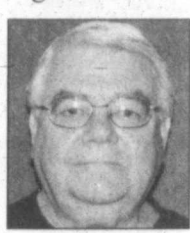
The squeak of sneakers on a basketball court.

Driving just about anywhere.

Sitting in a baseball park on a summer day or evening, watching a good baseball game, with a bag of peanuts, whether it is a Major League park, a minor league venue, or kids playing a Little League game.

The sounds of baseball: the crack of the sweet spot

on a wooden bat, and the slap of a baseball in a leather glove.



Dennis Spies
Editor

Aubrey and Steven Maturin.

Deep sea fishing.

Sailing.

A small tenderloin cooked just medium rare with a topping of blue cheese and horseradish sauce, sautéed mushrooms and a baked potato.

Homemade chicken and noodles.

Shrimp in any form.

Praying when I think I might be heard.

Memories of riding a

Husqvarna dirt bike at the Canadian River on the trail to Turkey Creek.

Our dog Lucky, with a toy in his mouth wanting to play.

Any meal prepared by my wife, a wonderful cook.

Most any beer, especially Guinness and Porter.

A spot of Glenmorangie single-malt on occasion. When it is not available, a spot of Dewar's in moderation.

An annual Christmas toast with my son and two sons-in-law and anyone else who wants to join in.

The company of friends on special occasions.

Hearing my grandchildren say, "I love you, grandpa."

Sharing my literature and music with anyone who

enjoys it as much as I do.

Watching some of my favorite movies, such as "On the Waterfront," "Stagecoach" (the original), "Red River," "From Here to Eternity," "Jeremiah Johnson," "The Natural," and "Field of Dreams" to mention just a few.

Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, Ken Follett, John Steinbeck.

Yard work in the fall, when the shadows are long and there is a nip in the air.

Cooking green chili stew, corn chowder, *cordon bleu*, and grilling anything.

An occasional martini with two olives.

Opening day of baseball season when I still believe the Cubs have a chance yet another year.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 11, the 345th day of 2005. There are 20 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 11, 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne in order to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson.

On this date:

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

In 1872, America's first black governor took office as Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback became acting governor of Louisiana.

In 1928, police in Buenos Aires thwarted an attempt on the life of President-elect Herbert Hoover.

In 1937, Italy withdrew from the League of Nations.

In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind.

In 1946, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established.

In 1980, President Carter signed a bill creating a \$1.6 billion environmental "superfund" to pay for cleaning up chemical spills and toxic waste dumps.

In 1980, "Magnum P.I.," starring Tom Selleck, premiered on CBS television.

In 1981, the U.N. Security Council chose Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru to be the fifth secretary-general of the world body.

In 1991, a jury in West Palm Beach, Fla., acquitted William Kennedy Smith of sexual assault and battery, rejecting the allegations of Patricia Bowman.

Ten years ago: U.S. Rep. Enid Greene Waldholtz, R-Utah, held an emotional news conference, publicly addressing the scandal surrounding her personal and campaign finances and blaming the mess on her estranged husband, Joe.

Five years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments from lawyers representing George W. Bush and Al Gore concerning the Florida presidential vote recount. Shortstop Alex Rodriguez agreed to a \$252 million deal with the Texas Rangers.

One year ago: Doctors in Austria determined that Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko had been poisoned with dioxin, which caused the severe disfigurement and partial paralysis of his face. Vitali Klitschko stopped Danny Williams in the eighth round to retain his WBC heavyweight title.

'The fear of life is the favorite disease of the 20th century.'

— William Lyon Phelps
American educator and journalist



Vapors of life often shades of gray ...

It sounded like a gravelly-voiced braggart whose comments penetrated the mumbling of dozens of others. It was standing room only on the city bus rumbling down the street, and we heard him bellow above the din. "Just think — only twelve more shoplifting days left until Christmas," he guffawed.

And what may have been a related conversation a few seats back provided a different slant on friendship. "Let me tell you about friends," the guy said. "A good friend will come and bail you out of jail, but a true friend will be sitting next to you in the cell, saying, 'Man, that was fun!'"

The driver, plopped dead-center on the seat so he could hang over equally on all sides, was much at peace

with his world. His talk was smallish, but he had kind words for each passenger climbing aboard. (Maybe he's the guy Jackie Gleason copied for his role on "The Honeymooners.")

"You're safe with me, 'cause I know how to drive," he chuckled. "If most drivers out there were placed end to end, it would be a good thing."

He joked about losing 6,000 pounds, but gaining back 6,050. "I tried for years to lose weight, but couldn't get the hang of it. Finally my doctor just suggested that I forget about it and concentrate on being jolly."

A youngster, maybe a third-grader, was celebrating Christmas early. He said he'd been a good boy, saving most of his allowance all year long. Finally, he had just enough money to buy a

used trombone spotted weeks earlier at a resale shop. (I admire trombonists; they're so good at just letting things slide.)

He fretted, lacking one nickel having enough money to ride. The driver was at once in the rescue mode, fishing a 5-cent piece from his own pocket, telling the kid he could "pay him back next year."

It was fun, the brief bus ride, mostly because of a sunnyside up driver, and riders happy to settle for just getting there, not necessarily on time.

I thought of a zany guy named Spike Jones, who with his goofy band, sang songs in rhyme 60 years ago, and made us laugh. "When I'm riding with my wifey on a bus, and a dear old lady stands in front of us, I resolve to be the gentleman discreet, and politely offer her my wifey's seat. This is my new year's resolution."

Half the riders bailed out at the stop where a new movie opened that very day. That's where I was headed, too.

We all wanted to re-visit
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Don Newbury
Columnist



Bubba steps over the line in combat zone

By traveling to Dubai, just a few hundred miles from the combat zone, to denounce the American involvement in Iraq as a "big mistake," Bill Clinton has made a big mistake of his own.

Normally, a top leader of the Democratic Party and the spouse of a presidential candidate can and should feel free to say anything he chooses. But a former president of the United States should be more careful before he tells hundreds of thousands of young men and women, many of whom served under him, that they are risking their lives for a mistake.

To do it in the Arab world, compounds the error. His denunciation of our war effort so close to the spots where our troops are fighting summons memories of Jane Fonda.

Yes, Clinton's attacks were highly specific. He praised getting rid of Saddam, but criticized President Bush for being overly optimistic about how easy it would be to leave Iraq afterward. He also attacked the administration for not leaving the "fundamental military and social

and police structure intact." Really? That infrastructure killed, tortured, maimed and mutilated hundreds of thousands of people. Should President Harry Truman have left the Gestapo in place?

Moreover, Clinton knew that the sound bite that would emerge was "big mistake" — a remark far outside the normal bounds of criticism of a president by one of his predecessors.

But there's another, all too familiar, concern here — Bill

Clinton, blurring his roles as political advantage dictates.

Is he the husband of the 2008 White House frontrunner, predicting that his wife would be a better president than he was? Sometimes. Is he the former president rising above party to join former President George H.W. Bush in appealing for aid for victims of tsunamis and hurricanes? Often. Is he the partisan critic, the nation's chief Democrat, slashing away at administration policy and rallying the faithful on the left? Increasingly.

When he travels to Israel, is he the ex-president bring-

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Dick Morris
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the 50s — a time when radio was king and television had arrived only for the rich.

The movie, "Good Night, and Good Luck," provided a sharp focus on late newsman Edward R. Murrow, arguably the nation's most respected newsman for a quarter-century.

"Good Night, and Good Luck" is more than a clever title. These were the exact words Mr. Murrow chose to end his radio and television newscasts in the 30s, 40s and 50s.

He is most remembered for taking on late Wisconsin Senator Joseph McCarthy. It was the latter who spent much of his time spewing charges that Communists lurked behind most bushes.

The theater, perhaps 50 percent full for the matinee, had a 100 percent Geritol crowd. The aroma of popcorn this day was no match for strong whiffs of BenGay. Most patrons had gray hair; the rest had none.

The movie, stark in black and white, could have been underwritten by Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company. Every newsman, it seemed, was smoking, and smoke-filled rooms were settings for most

scenes.

Dusting off memories from the 40s, I recalled that smokers — and there were many — lit up in two different groups. One, the big spenders, smoked "ready-rolls" — cigarettes rolled, packaged, ready for immediate lighting.

Relatives I had seen smoking up close were in the larger make do group. They rolled their own, usually from Bull Durham or Duke Tobacco in string-tied bags stuffed in shirt pockets.

Those with steady hands could fashion smokes that looked closely-akin to the machine-made cigarettes, and they were a heap cheaper. We kids collected the empty bags, tucking them away in cigar boxes. Often that's where we kept our marbles.

By movie's end, I decided that Murrow must have been an all right guy. I got back on the bus, figuring that if the McCarthy people had made the movie, the account might have varied greatly. But, it, too, would have had smoke-filled rooms.

In those days — and these — and those yet to come — few issues are clearly black and white. Wafting through vapors we call life are varying shades of gray.

—Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author in the Metroplex. His weekly column appears weekly in 125 newspapers in six states.

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ing his wife along on an almost official visit to our chief Middle Eastern ally, or is he the husband of the candidate trotting along for photo ops? He's both — with not a care over the conflicts of interest.

It's a potent combo. His support for his wife carries weight because he is a former president; his attacks on Bush are important because he is the husband of the likely Democratic nominee in 2008; his quasi-ceremonial role as a former president gains bite because he still commands massive support in his party as its leader.

Indeed, we have not had a popular ex-president running

around criticizing a less favored incumbent since Theodore Roosevelt did it in 1912 against President William Howard Taft. And, of course, we have never had a candidate's spouse assume such a role.

Hillary Clinton has her own version of this blurring — alternately embracing and shunning her husband's record.

When the senator boasts of the job creation and balanced budget of her husband's tenure, she's arrogating these accomplishments to her own resume. But she's nowhere to be seen as evidence emerges that U.S. intelligence knew that Mohammed Atta was a man to watch in the late 1990s and that we had indications of suicide hijackings of passenger aircraft but did nothing

to modify our air-safety system.

Finally, Bill and Hillary are playing a pas-de-deux in satisfying both the left and the center of the Democratic Party. For the first time in their careers, they can really be all things to all people — Hillary, a hawk voting for the war; Bill, a dove blasting the decision to wage it.

Should the elections in Iraq really turn the corner and give that nation a working democracy and America a way out of Baghdad, Hillary can always say she was there from the beginning. But should the casualties only mount, she can join Bill on his leftist perch.

—Eileen McGann co-authored this piece. Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

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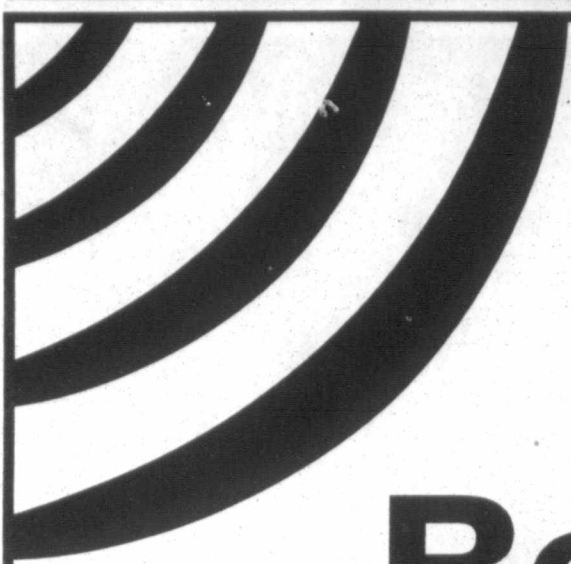
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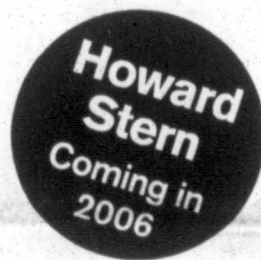


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ALL BUSINESS: Limited results for some investors

By RACHEL BECK
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When major shareholders attack corporate leaders over how they run their businesses and demand big changes,

financiers — are sure to say there are no quick fixes in corporate America. That may be true, but it still doesn't explain how some companies not only have seen their stock prices plunge since the activists got involved but also are in worse financial health.

While big investors are trying to shake up some of the nation's largest companies including Blockbuster Inc., Time Warner Inc., General Motors Corp., Calpine Inc. and OfficeMax Inc., their activism hasn't yet turned into a bonanza for those holding the stock.

It is something to keep in mind given all the publicity lately that large shareholders have been getting for blasting companies. When big investors — loudly demand change, other stockholders tend to hope that the activists will get what they want.

The ultimate goal usually is to send the stock price higher. But this year, that tactic doesn't seem to be working.

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Those making all the noise — everyone from hedge funds to well-known

Several things are fueling a recent rise of activism. Some want a say over CEO pay, while others disagree with corporate spending. Many want companies to be more generous in doling out cash through dividends or stock repurchase plans.

Yet while they all share a similar purpose — to make money by raising the stock price as a way of boosting their own performance, which helps them retain and

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Realty banquet

The Pampa Board of REALTORS®, Inc., recently held its Installation Banquet at Pampa Country Club with the President/CEO of Texas Association of Realtors®, Benny McMahan, joining them from Austin to perform the installation and to present the program. Pictured are 2006 Officers, Sandra Schuneman, director; Becky Baten, secretary; Sue Baker, president; McMahan; Irvine Riphahn, vice president; and Joan Mabry, director. Not pictured: Judi Edwards, director.

Maine looks to Cuba for new ag deals

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — The state's agriculture industry is hoping to finalize agreements to export \$10 million worth of Maine-produced seed potatoes, lumber and fish to Cuba.

Gov. John Baldacci is planning to join a trade mission to Cuba this weekend in an attempt to finish the deals. Representatives of several Maine industries are also expected to attend.

The governor's participation shows that the state takes seriously its opportunity to do business with Cuba, said Richard Daives, a staff aide.

Maine's Legislature passed a resolution in 2002 to lift a trade embargo and normalize relations with Cuba. The U.S. embargo limits travel and trade with Cuba, but food and agricultural products can be sold to the country on a cash-only basis under an exception created in 2000.

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Pedestrian mall in works at college campus

CANYON — Traffic patterns at West Texas A&M University will change dramatically in the months ahead as construction begins early in 2006 on a pedestrian mall in the heart of the campus.

It will be located directly north of Old Main where Wisdom Road and University Drive intersect, and both will cease to be through streets. The affected roads instead will be redesigned to end in a trio of cul-de-sacs on the outskirts of the grassy pedestrian mall.

"It has long been a dream of mine to have a portion of the campus closed to vehicular travel," University President Russell C. Long

'A pedestrian mall provides so many opportunities for our students as a gathering place for social interaction.'

— Russell C. Long
 University president

said. "A pedestrian mall provides so many opportunities for our students as a gathering place for social interaction."

The revamped area will feature landscaped berms, a yet-to-be-designed water feature — a fountain or a pond — and a monumental marble sculpture of a buffalo and calf by artist Doug Scott of New Mexico. Scott has

begun work on the creation, which will stand eight feet tall and sit prominently near the southwest corner of Killgore Research Center.

Work on the pedestrian mall, which includes landscaping and roadwork, is scheduled to commence in January and be completed in time for an official dedication in October 2006 during Homecoming.

"The pedestrian mall is sure to become a focal point for student gathering," Gary Barnes, vice president for business and finance, said. "It certainly will add aesthetic value, and safety will be greatly improved when these two streets are no longer thoroughfares through campus."

"But I think the main thing is that it will provide our students with a place for more formalized outdoor functions and activities, not just between classes but throughout the year. It means more green space and more of a university-type environment that reflects who and what we are."

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Maine

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\$10 million export agreement was signed by Robert Spear, then Maine's agriculture commissioner, and Pedro Alvarez Borrego, head of the Cuban import agency Alimport.

Some contracts under that agreement have already been executed,

including one that exported Maine cows to Cuba.

Other producers, including seed potatoes and apples, are looking to complete deals during the upcoming trade mission, said Doyle Marchant, president of Cedar Spring Agricultural Co. LLC and mission coordinator. Other potential contracts could benefit growers of tablestock potatoes, frozen fish, sardines, lumber, alpaca wool, pasta and dairy cat-

tle, said Marchant.

"The Cubans are clearly looking to turn trade of agricultural products (into) an opportunity to open relations with the United States," said Marchant.

Representatives of the lumber, potato, biotech, seafood, wholesale grocery and cattle industries will participate. The mission is mostly financed by private funds, Davies said.

Business

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gain new clients — the results have proven disappointing.

Maybe that's why financier investor Carl Icahn stepped up his attack on Time Warner in recent weeks, launching a full-blown proxy fight to control a majority of the media giant's 14-member board and pressing the company to engage in further restructuring.

It's the latest chapter in his confrontation with the

New York-based company, which began in August. He has pushed for the company to increase its share repurchase plan — which it did, boosting it from \$5 billion to \$12.5 billion last month — and wants it to spin off its cable television unit.

Icahn, who together with an affiliated group of investors owns nearly 3 percent of Time Warner stock, has also been very public in discussing his displeasure with the company, including sending letters to shareholders detailing his complaints.

But Time Warner stock has barely budged since Icahn launched his cam-

paign on Aug. 15, when it closed at \$18.40 a share. It now trades at around \$18 a piece.

It wouldn't be the first time this year that his activist role hasn't paid off, at least yet. Icahn owns a 10 percent stake at Blockbuster and captured three board seats earlier this year after criticizing management for its strategy and spending habits as the movie-rental chain tried to take on competitors.

But since he went after Blockbuster management last spring, business at the Dallas-based company has fallen off and its stock price has slumped. Blockbuster shares are now trading around \$4 each, less than half of what it was when Icahn began his fight.

Things at General Motors have gone from bad to worse since billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian announced he had amassed almost a 10 percent stake in the automaker and indicated his firm might seek a seat on GM's board of directors.

Profits have tumbled, as has Detroit-based GM's U.S. market share. All that has come despite an aggressive promotional campaign that offered vehicles at deep discounts. Last month, the company expanded its cost-cutting plan by announcing its intentions to slash 30,000 jobs and close nine North American factories. There has even been some talk in financial circles about the possibility of GM filing for bankruptcy.

With its prospects looking grim, GM shares last month sank to their lowest level since 1987, though they have gained almost \$2 since to now trade at around \$22 each. Kerkorian is deep in the red on a bet that GM could turn itself around — he has posted paper losses of more than \$300 million on the more than \$1 billion he has invested in GM since June.

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ROBERTS (WILDCAT & N.E. RED DEER Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #3033 Byrum, 1500' from South & 990' from West line, Sec. 33, B-1, H&GN, Pd 10800'.

WHEELER (FRYE RANCH Granite Wash 'A') Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #3 Young '32', 933' from South & West line, Sec. 32, A-3, H&GN, PD 12930'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., #1A Reed, 1320' from North & 1270' from East line, Sec. 2, 1, B&B, PD 16400'.
Recompletion

Oil Well Completions
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #2 Thome '75', Sec. 75, A-2, H&GN, spud 5-18-05, drlg. compl 6-13-05, tested 10-7-05, flowed 14 bbl. of 55.7 grav. oil + 163 bbls. water thru 64/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 21143, TD 12025', PBDT 11095' —

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Axio Production Co., L.P., #4061-C Lard, Sec. 6, C, G&M, spud 8-7-05, drlg. compl 8-21-05, tested 10-22-05, flowed 144 bbl. of 52.4 grav. oil + no water thru 16/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 2187, TD 9210', PBDT 9210' — Dual w/4061-T Lard, Gas Completion on this Report

Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (ALPAR Tonkawa) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Forgey '112', Sec. 112, 41, H&TC, spud 8-11-05, drlg. compl 8-22-05, tested 10-12-05, TD 8350', PBDT 8265' — SWR approved to downhole commingle

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WAL-LOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #6 Fillingim '44', Sec. 44, M-1, H&GN, spud 7-16-05, drlg. compl 8-7-05, tested 10-17-05, TD 12780', PBDT 12730' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WAL-LOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #1658 Francis, Sec. 58, M-1, H&GN, spud 7-21-05, drlg. compl 8-13-05, tested 10-1-05, TD 12800', PBDT 12740' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WAL-LOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #5410 Meek 'G', Sec. 54, M-1, H&GN, spud 8-11-05, drlg. compl 8-30-05, tested 10-29-05, TD 12860', PBDT 12820' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WAL-LOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #8054 Meek 'G', Sec. 54, M-1, H&GN, spud 6-23-05, drlg. compl 7-15-05, tested 9-5-05, TD 12936', PBDT 12900' —

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Forgey '94', Sec. 94, 41, H&TC, spud 9-15-05, drlg. compl 9-29-05, tested 11-2-05, TD 8550', PBDT 8285' — SWR #10 has been approved for, to commingle

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co.,

312668 Hobart Ranch, Sec. 68, A-2, H&GN, spud 5-17-05, drlg. compl 6-10-05, tested 10-28-05, potential 16790 MCF, TD 12800', PBDT 12724' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #1270 Hobart Ranch, Sec. 70, A-2, H&GN, spud 6-12-05, drlg. compl 7-11-05, tested 10-28-05, potential 16790 MCF, TD 12800', PBDT 12706' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #13 Hobart '49', Sec. 49, A-2, H&GN, spud 7-11-05, drlg. compl 8-4-05, tested 10-2-05, TD 12910', PBDT 12846' —

ROBERTS (LARD RANCH Granite Wash 'C') Axio Production Co., L.P., #4061-T Lard, Sec. 61, C, G&M, spud 8-7-05, drlg. compl 8-21-05, tested 9-26-05, PD 9210' — Dual w/4061-C Lard (oil) —

ROBERTS (LARD RANCH Granite Wash 'C') Axio Production Co., L.P., #5061 Lard, Sec. 61, C, G&M, spud 9-4-05, drlg. compl 9-17-05, tested 10-12-05, TD 9158' —

ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Questar E&P, Inc., #7025 Christie Tipps, Sec. 25, B-1, H&GN, spud 6-12-05, drlg. compl 7-7-05, tested 9-21-05, potential 12964 MCF, TD 10440', PBDT 10404' —

WHEELER (WEST PARK Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #2 Effie Hayes '18', Sec. 18, RE, R&E, spud 6-20-05, drlg. compl 7-16-05, tested 9-4-05, TD 14500', PBDT 12789' —

WT schedules speaker

CANYON — More than 500 West Texas A&M University students have applied to receive undergraduate or graduate degrees during commencement exercises at 7 p.m. Dec. 16 at the First United Bank Center.

University President Russell C. Long will deliver the commencement address. Long, who is stepping down as president later this month, has spent 13 years at WTAMU. He joined the University in 1992 as provost and vice president for academic affairs. In 1994, he was named interim president, and after a nationwide search, was named the University's ninth president in April 1995.

He holds a baccalaureate degree from Sul Ross State University, a master's degree from New Mexico State University and a doctoral degree from Texas A&M University. His academic career includes faculty appointments at Schreiner College and Tarleton State University, where he served as assistant vice president for academic affairs and chaired the Department of English and Languages before coming to WTAMU.

Long is the author of numerous scholarly articles and active in various professional organizations as well as several community boards. His tenure at WTAMU is marked by increased enrollment, enhanced academic programs and numerous campus improvements.

Mall

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The project will be conducted in two phases, the first of which will be the redesign of Wisdom Road, a north-south span along the east side of the nearly completed Fine Arts Complex. The second phase — the University Drive portion of the project — likely will begin before the first phase has been completed.

Barnes said the pedestrian mall is not a new concept at WTAMU; it was first penciled in on the University Master Plan in 1988.

"We looked at doing it then, and we've looked at doing it since," Barnes said. "Now, with the pending completion of the Fine Arts Complex, Wisdom Road needs to be redone anyway. We've got the money set aside for this project, and now just seems like the perfect time to go ahead with it."

The mall project will displace about 80 parking spaces, mostly those used by faculty and staff. But Barnes said the overall plan also calls for immediate expansion of parking behind Buffalo Courts Alumni Center and the Computer Center that will add 45 spaces back into the mix.

"Losing a few parking spaces is a small price to pay for something that will change the face of this University in an extremely positive way," Barnes said. "We have let the University community know that these changes are just around the corner, and the idea has been met with overwhelming approval."

Seminars to help producers map crop year

By KAY LEDBETTER
Texas A&M News

AMARILLO — The 2006 crop year will present unique problems for producers, and understanding the situation is key to attacking the problem, said one Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

Help in evaluating crops and establishing production strategies will be available at "Crop Profitability: What Will Work in 2006?" seminars around the High Plains, said Dr. Steve Amosson,

Extension economist here. "We are faced with the highest projected energy costs we've ever seen, so things are going to have to be penciled very closely," he said. "With \$10 (per mcf) gas, it's almost double what we were facing last year, and it's going to severely hurt the feasibility of irrigation crops."

In each three-hour seminar, Amosson will discuss supply and demand of major commodities in the area and the profitability for those and alternative crops.

Dustin Gaskin, Extension

risk management program specialist, will address profitability for minor irrigated and dryland crops, as well as ways to minimize production costs.

DeDe Jones, Extension risk management program specialist, will analyze crop share lease agreements.

Extension risk management programs also will be discussed.

Meetings scheduled include:

•Randall County. 8 a.m., Dec. 21, Herbert F. & Jeannie Kuhlman Extension

Center, Canyon;

•Deaf Smith County. 8:30 a.m., Dec. 19, Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C, Hereford;

•Hansford County. 1 p.m., Dec. 20, O'Loughlin Center, Spearman;

•Gray County. 9:30 a.m., Jan. 4, Gray County Annex, Pampa;

•Ochiltree County. 1 p.m., Jan. 5, Ochiltree County Expo Center, Perryton; and

•Lipscomb County. 7 p.m., Jan. 5, Darrouzett School Auditorium, Darrouzett.

STEERS

Gray County 4-Hers place at area stock shows

Several Gray County 4-Hers participated in area stock shows recently.

Placing at the 19th Annual Wichita Classic Steer Show in Lawton, Okla., was Kelby Rucker, Ring A and B, heavy weight angus, second place.

Rucker placed second in heavy weight angus at the Wheeler County Steer Jackpot in Wheeler. Courtney Crawford placed second in medium/heavy weight Chianina and Meagan Crawford fourth in medium weight Charlois.

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Sports Day

Wrestling



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Freshman Jonathan Olsen and his Caprock counterpart are given the start whistle during a recent match between the Longhorns and Harvesters in Amarillo. Olsen, who wrestles in the 275 pound weight class, and his Pampa teammates were in Tucumcari Friday to take part in tournament competition.

Peek finds his place after much prodding

HOUSTON (AP) — Linebacker Antwan Peek stands out by being one of the most aggressive players on Houston's defense.

He loves getting to quarterbacks and knocking down running backs so much now that it's hard to believe that there was a time when the former receiver didn't want to play defense.

A college coach begged him "forever" before he finally relented and took a try on the other side of the ball. As he completes his first season as an NFL starter, he knows it was a decision that changed his life.

Peek played some defense in high school, but had decided that he was only going to play offense in college at Cincinnati. But after seeing him in practice his coaches had a different idea.

"I was so aggressive on the offensive side of the ball that coach tried forever to get me to go to the defensive side of the ball," he said. "I didn't want to go. He forced me into it."

He quickly fell in love with his new position at defensive end, added 65 pounds to his then-lanky 185-pound frame and broke school records for sacks (27.5), forced fumbles (14), fumble recoveries (10) and blocked kicks (6).

He moved to linebacker when he joined the Texans three years ago and is having his best season yet with 34 tackles, four sacks and two fumble recoveries.

Peek's aggressiveness sometimes gets him in trouble. For instance he was

flagged twice for roughing the quarterback on Sunday against the Ravens, even though coach Dom Capers questioned one of the calls.

"Antwan's a guy that has really come a long way," Capers said. "On defense you want the kind of temperament that Antwan brings. He's going to give you everything he has. He's going to go 100 miles per hour."

And he has no plans of slowing down.

"If I make a mistake or anything goes wrong I feel like I'm responsible for making things right," Peek said. "If it was a mistake made by me it frustrates me and it makes me more aggressive because I'll try that much more to make a play."

Peek takes pride in his reputation and thinks the defense as a unit would benefit by adopting his ferociousness.

"I'm not the type of player that can play nonchalant," he said. "I'm high-energy and I think that if us as a team, if we were as energized, I think that it would be hard for a lot of people to go through our defense."

CHASING 1,000:

Despite missing two games with a knee injury, running back Domanick Davis is close to recording his third-straight 1,000 yard rushing season.

Davis had his best outing of the year last week against Baltimore with 29 carries for 155 yards to put his season total at 837 yards.

Stunning comeback: UNI shocks Texas State, fans, 40-37

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — Matt Tharp intercepted Barrick Nealy's third-down pass after Brian Wingert made a 25-yard field goal to give Northern Iowa a 40-37 overtime victory over Texas State in the Division I-AA semifinals on Friday night.

Northern Iowa (11-3) will face the winner of Saturday's game between Furman (11-2) and Appalachian State (10-3) next Friday night in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Northern Iowa tied it at 37 with 1:27 left on Terrance Freeney's 2-yard touchdown run and Eric Sanders' 2-point conversion pass to Justin Surrency. Sanders, who passed for 417 yards and four touch-

downs, was 6-of-7 on the 72-yard tying drive.

Texas State had a chance to win in regulation, but the Bobcats (11-3) ran out the final 1:16 to set up the overtime, drawing boos from the crowd of 15,712.

Texas State took a 37-29 lead with 5:01 left on Daniel Jolly's 2-yard run. Dominic Giametta recovered Johnny Gray's fumble deep in Panthers' territory to set up the TD.

Sanders' completed his first nine passes, including a 30-yarder to a diving Justin Surrency in the end zone, and another for 12 yards to Brian Cutright for a touchdown, and Northern Iowa led 14-0 with 3:30 left in the first quarter.

Texas State answered with an 11-play, 82-yard drive capped by Barrick Nealy's pass to a wide-open Markee White, but the Panthers came right back. Sanders' play-action fake froze the Bobcats' defense, and receiver Patrick Hunter was 20 yards behind the nearest defender on a 69-yard scoring play that helped the Panthers take a 23-17 lead at the break.

DALLAS MAVERICKS

Mavs 90, Grizzlies 83

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki matched his season high with 35 points and grabbed nine rebounds Friday night as the Dallas Mavericks beat Memphis 90-83 to snap the Grizzlies' six-game winning streak.

Nowitzki was 13-of-29 from the field and missed only one of nine free throws before fouling out with 37 seconds left. The Mavericks extended their winning streak to four.

Memphis, which trailed by as many as 16 in the second half, cut Dallas' lead to three on several occasions in the final six minutes, the last time when Damon Stoudamire hit a 13-footer with 23 seconds left. But Stoudamire and Eddie Jones missed 3-pointers down the stretch.

Memphis hurt itself by missing seven of its first nine free throws in the fourth quarter, including a miss by Stoudamire, who shoots 92 percent. The Grizzlies were 30-of-45 from the line.

Marquis Daniels scored 18 points and added six assists for the Mavericks, while Keith Van Horn finished with 13 points. Devin Harris added 10 points and eight assists.

Mike Miller led Memphis with 19 points, Shane Battier scored 17 and Stoudamire finished with 15. Leading scorer Pau Gasol had 13 but was 5-of-13 from the field.

Memphis leads the league in defense, but Dallas looked like the stronger defensive club. The Mavericks kept Gasol from taking the ball inside and held the Grizzlies to 31 percent shooting.

Parcells and Vermeil: Mutual admiration, opposite styles

IRVING, Texas (AP) — After spending last season and this summer with the Kansas City Chiefs, safety Willie Pile and linebacker Scott Fujita joined the Dallas Cowboys a week before this season began.

When did they first notice the difference between playing for Dick Vermeil and Bill Parcells?

"The first practice," Pile said, laughing. "We got out there ... and it was like, 'This ain't Kansas.'"

Parcells and Vermeil are both Super Bowl-winning coaches known for getting the most out of their players — but with highly contrasting styles.

Parcells needles his guys with witty, sometimes cruel wisecracks, usually about what they can't do. That tough-love approach challenges players to prove that they can do.

Vermeil is equally demanding, but uses an affectionate approach that makes players eager to please him. When they do, he's liable to start bawling.

When it comes down to it, both coaches are football lifers, which is why they also share a friendship filled with mutual respect and admira-

tion. They speak several times each season, but they'll get the rare chance to catch up in person Sunday when their teams meet at Texas Stadium.

"Sometimes I call him and ask for an opinion or to see how he's doing," Vermeil said. "He loves what he's doing and there's nobody better at it."

Parcells said he admires Vermeil's "tremendous resolve."

"This guy is a very straightforward, honest, candid guy. I like that in my profession," Parcells said. "I think he's had an impact on a lot of people in a really positive way. As a coach, if any of us that are worth a damn hope for a legacy, that's what you would hope it was. ... He has a lot of respect for this game and a lot of respect for his predecessors. That's very important to me."

The Chiefs (8-4) come in

on a three-game winning streak, while the Cowboys (7-5) have lost two in a row. Both are second in their division, one game out of the lead, and among a pack of teams vying for wild-card spots, so the stakes go way beyond one coach trying to top the other.

The relationship between the coaches dates to 1981, when Vermeil was in his sixth year running the Philadelphia Eagles and Parcells was breaking in as defensive coordinator of the New York Giants.

Vermeil was 10-0 against the Giants going into that season, then won again in the opener. Preparing for the rematch in late November, Vermeil was struck by how much New York's defense had improved. So before the game, Vermeil sought Parcells and told him, "Young man, you've sure made a difference in this

football team."

"I really was very impressed with what he'd done with that defense and how his players were reacting to his coaching," Vermeil said. "Some young coaches, you can just tell they have a great future in the profession."

The Giants beat the Eagles that day. They met a month later in the playoffs and New York won that one, too. New York took both games the following season, Vermeil's last in Philadelphia.

In 1983, Parcells took over the Giants and Vermeil began a career in broadcasting. While Vermeil was in the booth, Parcells won two Super Bowls with the Giants, then got the Patriots to the Super Bowl.

They remained friendly enough that when Vermeil was deciding whether to get back into coaching with St. Louis in 1997, Parcells was among the people he asked for advice.

"He was telling me how much he changed and how he had better control of his emotions," Parcells said. "He was going to do things a lot differently and he could handle situations a lot better. I told him that was all fine during the draft and the preseason. Then when you lose three straight you're going to be the same guy you always were. He laughed at that."

They coached against each other for the first time in 1998, when Parcells was with the New York Jets. Vermeil's Rams won 30-10; it was one of only four losses the Jets had en route to the AFC championship game. A year later, the Rams won the Super Bowl.

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Panhandle, West Texas fishing report

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Dec. 7. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

PANHANDLE
BAYLOR: Water lightly stained; 60 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are slow.

GREENBELT: Water lightly stained; 50 degrees; 21.65 low. Black bass are slow on dark jigs and live bait fished tight to cover. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair on live bait and Chrome Rat-L-Traps. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait. Walleye are fair. Catfish are fair on stinkbait.

MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 50 degrees; 66.8 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are slow. Smallmouth bass are slow. Walleye are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair.

MEREDITH: Water lightly stained; 50 degrees; 24' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair on live bait and crankbaits near rocky points. Smallmouth bass are fair. Walleye are fair on bottom bouncers and live bait. Channel catfish are fair.

PALO DURO: Water lightly stained; 48 degrees; 42.35' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Smallmouth bass are slow. Walleye are slow. Catfish are fair.

WEST ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 52 degrees. Black bass are slow on dark jigs fished tight to cover. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water lightly stained; 53 degrees; 1.6 low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits in back of coves and creeks. Crappie are good on minnows near the derricks about 17 and at Henrietta Bridge; and fair near State Park. White bass are good on shad-imitation baits east of State Park and Sailboat Cove. Blue catfish are good on cut shad, prepared baits and trotlines.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 70 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 62 degrees; 4.45' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair on live bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 61 degrees; 9.65 low. Black bass are slow on dark jigs and crankbaits near rocky points. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striped are fair on live bait. Catfish are slow.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 60 degrees. Black bass are fair on shad-colored crankbaits. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on cut shad and minnows. Catfish are fair on minnows.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 58 degrees; 18.45 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are slow. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 61 degrees; 15.9 low. Black bass are fair on Carolina-rigged dark soft plastics and live bait fished near creek chan-

nels. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair. Channel catfish are slow.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 55 degrees; 2.8 low. Black bass are fair in Rock Creek area. White bass are good in Bluff Creek and Neelys Slough. Striped bass are fair near piers in Willow Beach area. Blue and channel catfish are fair in the upper part of reservoir.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 57 degrees; 45.5' low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Striped bass and hybrid striped are fair on inline spinners and minnows. Catfish are fair on prepared baits.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 60 degrees; Black bass are fair on slow-rolled white spinnerbaits and live bait. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White and striped bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 31.55 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

WHITE RIVER: Water lightly stained; 52 degrees; 22.65' low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Walleye are fair on minnows. Channel catfish are slow.

WICHITA: Water muddy; 51 degrees. Crappie are slow. White bass and hybrid striped bass are fair on large minnows and white twister-tails along dam, near spillway and trolling. Channel catfish are fair on bait shrimp, punch bait or trotlines. North side public ramp is temporarily closed for maintenance.

OUT THERE

Pigeon fanciers breed for speed

OLMITO, Texas (AP) — The first thing to know about the hundreds of pigeons cooing in the wood-and-chicken wire lofts behind Ed Marshall's home is that these birds aren't anything like the pigeons that bum for stale bread crumbs at city parks.

"These are thoroughbreds, like Kentucky Derby horses," Marshall says proudly. "Pound for pound, they are the most athletic animals in the world."

Marshall raises racing pigeons, making him among a small group of devotees in an ancient sport. The feeding, the breeding, the careful checking of feathers and wings — all are practices shared by historic figures such as Noah, Kublai Khan, Charles Darwin and Mike Tyson.

A racing pigeon's heart is nearly twice the size of other pigeons. It flies at an average speed of 40 mph to 60 mph, with one fancier in Dallas claiming a bird reached a speed of 100 mph. It is a variety of the homing pigeon, a descendant of the rock dove, with the uncanny ability to find its way back to its loft from wherever it is released.

It has 5,000 years of human matchmaking imprinted in its DNA, fine-tuned over the past two centuries for racing — a sport thriving in Europe, Asia and the Middle East, but waning in the United States.

"We really want to get more people interested," Marshall says.

Marshall is a member of the Tip of Texas Racing Pigeon Club, which has 11 members in two southern Texas counties. It is among approximately 600 clubs in the American Racing Pigeon Union.

Each fancier has a unique tale of how he got into it, most dating to childhood.

Marshall learned from his father back in Missouri; he remembers being a kid waiting by the loft for the pigeons to come home.

Mike Roark learned the sport in Iowa. Victor Valdes learned it on the rooftops of Brooklyn, N.Y.

To spread interest, the American Racing Pigeon Union encourages members to take their passion to schools and give demonstrations at libraries and civic groups. Some donate birds and help new enthusiasts build and manage lofts.

"There was a concern the sport would vanish here," says Deone Roberts, spokeswoman for the Oklahoma City-based organization. She says membership is increasing about 3 percent each year.

"More families are taking interest," she says. "Animals are calming, and it's very calming to be with the birds. It takes you away from all the stuff of the day."

Some communities have ordinances against the birds, but many fanciers say neighbors grow to appreciate them.

While avian bird flu is an international concern, Marshall, a federal wildlife inspector, says U.S. racing pigeons are not in contact with poultry and should be safe from the disease.

And a hunting we will go



Twelve-year-old Shanna Keown, a student at Westover Park Junior High School in Amarillo, poses with the mule deer she took while hunting with her father just south of Clarendon recently. This was Keown's first deer. Her father, Rod Keown, resides in Pampa.

Courtesy photo

Palmeiro agrees to new contract

DALLAS (AP) — Free-agent outfielder Orlando Palmeiro agreed to a \$1.9 million, two-year contract Thursday to stay with the Houston Astros.

Palmeiro, an 11-year veteran, was primarily a pinch-hitter and fill-in outfielder for the NL champion Astros last season, when he hit .284 with three home runs and 20 RBIs in 114 games. His 15 pinch hits included a team-record seven pinch-doubles.

Before joining the Astros two years ago, Palmeiro played for the Angels (1995-2002) and St. Louis Cardinals (2004).

Also, the Astros selected minor-league right-hander Ben Diggins from the Milwaukee Brewers' organization in the Triple-A phase of the winter meeting draft. Houston didn't lose any players in the draft.

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 Pampa Freshman vs Canadian • 6:00pm at Pampa

TUESDAY • DECEMBER 13

Lady Harvesters vs Borger • 6:00pm at Borger
 Harvesters JV vs Borger • 6:00pm at Borger
 Lady Harvesters JV vs Borger • 7:30pm at Borger
 Harvesters Varsity vs Borger • 7:30pm at Borger

FRIDAY • DECEMBER 16

Lady Harvesters vs Estacado • 6:00pm at Lubbock
 Harvesters JV vs Estacado • 6:00pm at Lubbock
 Lady Harvesters JV vs Estacado • 7:30pm at Lubbock
 Harvesters Varsity vs Estacado • 7:30pm at Lubbock

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Sign language popular as a foreign language among hearing students

By LISA CORNWELL
Associated Press Writer

MASON, Ohio (AP) — Britney Alcorn had always wanted to be able to communicate better with a family friend who is deaf, so she signed up last year for an American Sign Language course offered at her public high school.

She enjoyed it so much that she took another class this year and plans to enroll after graduation in a two-year community college program that will enable her to

become an interpreter.

"I really would like to interpret in a hospital," said the 17-year-old senior at Mason High School. "It would be a way for me to do what I enjoy and help break down some of the communication barriers the deaf face in health care."

The silent form of communication has become one of the most popular foreign languages taught to the hearing at high schools and universities around the country — booming over the last five years. Some educators and

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— Christie Thieman
High school teacher

language experts say the growth was sparked partly by sign language's increased visibility in movies, TV series and commercials, and at public events such as con-

ferences, political speeches and church services.

At least 35 states now recognize ASL as a language for public schools and well over 100 four-year universi-

ties accept it for foreign language requirements. Experts say the number of two-year colleges that offer it is even greater.

A survey of state education departments by the Teachers College of Columbia University showed at least 701 public high schools offering sign language classes in 2004, up from 456 in 2000 and 185 in 1995.

"We just started offering ASL in 2003, and already we have students who have to be turned away because we

don't have enough classes," said Christie Thieman, who teaches four classes at Mason High in this Cincinnati suburb. They have a total enrollment of 120 students.

Thieman wants her students to understand that "ASL is much more than just learning the signs for words," she said. "There are not even signs for some English words. You have to communicate through a range of gestures, facial expressions and body language."

Celebrating the season



West Texas A&M University celebrated the holiday season with its annual Carol of Lights recently. The campus Christmas lights were officially turned on as students, staff and faculty sang holiday carols. Dirk Swope, left, an undeclared major from Pampa, Austin Wylie, center, a sophomore pre-pharmacy major from Amarillo, and Brad Evans, a senior accounting major from Perryton, at the festivities.

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Lifestyle

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

Church of the Brethren. Church of the Brethren hosts a country gospel program at 7 p.m., every Monday at its location at 600 N. Frost.

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

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

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

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

Gospel Singing. First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

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

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

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966. Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 420 W. Kingsmill, stated meeting is the third Thursday of each month at the same time.

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

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

Dreaming of a White Christmas



Susie the poodle wears a Christmas collar as she eyes the crowds lining the parade route. Her owners, Kenneth and Gayle Steward of Pampa, pilot the 1963 Ford Custom Cab pickup owned by Raymond Swaney of Lefors.

"Dreaming of a White Christmas" was the theme of this year's Christmas parade, held Dec. 3.

The Girl Scout Five Star Council served as this year's grand marshal, representing Paula Goff, who was posthumously named Pampa's Citizen of the Year for 2004. Girl Scouts turned out in force to fill up the flat trailer of an 18-wheeler which led the parade.

Brownie Troop 221 was right behind them with their own float, featuring Christmas trees and girls costumed as Christmas gifts.

The Five Star Council float was the second-place winner in the non-commercial division, while Troop 221 took third place in that division.

Pampa High School's marching band provided seasonal music as they marched along the parade route in their green jackets.

Kathey and Karami Rice carried out the "Dreaming of a White Christmas" theme with their all-white costumes as they rode white horses. The pair had the winning entry in the horses division.

Four wheels seemed more popular than four legs this year, with a handful of equine entries but plenty of antique and classic cars and four-wheelers.

A giant snow globe with Santa in his sleigh perched atop the pickup and trailer of Pampa Sheltered Workshop's entry.

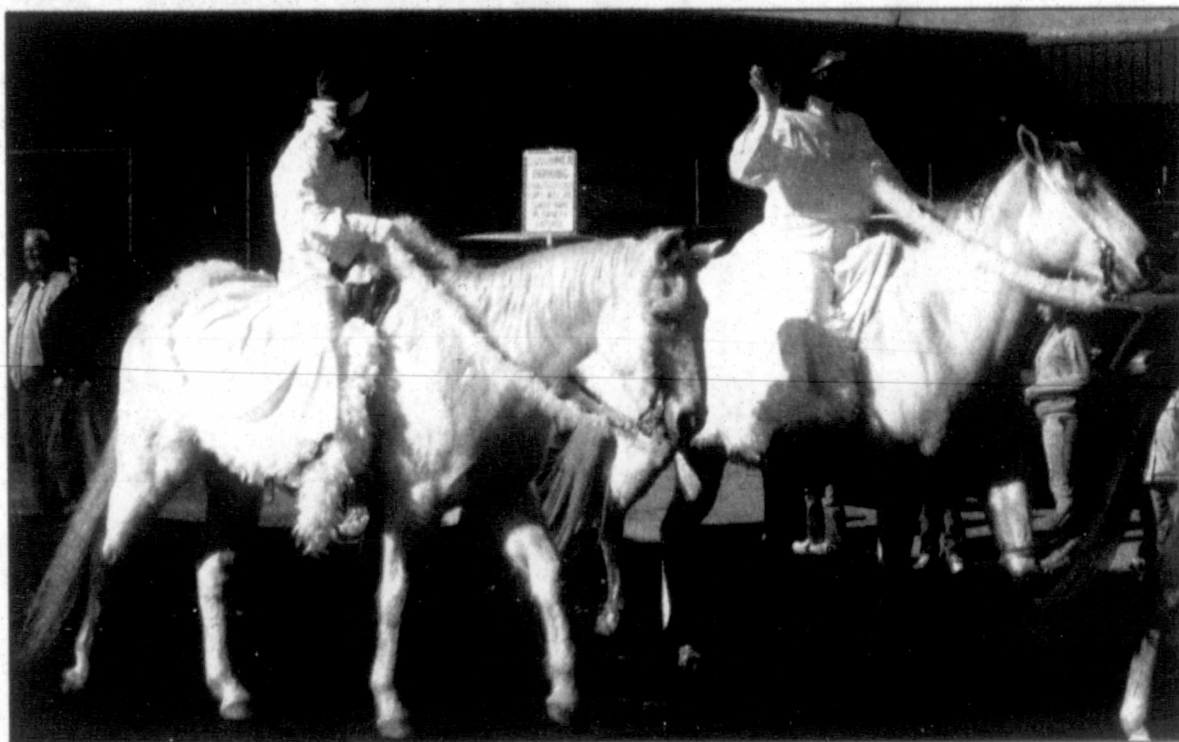
Total entries numbered 91, the same number as was reported for the 2004 Christmas parade.



Austin Starbuck checks out his grandparents' entry in the parade. Ray and Mary Denham's Volkswagen took second place in the motorcycles/four-wheelers category.



Ethan Greer, left, and Caylee Steward bundle up for their ride on the Cornerstone Baptist Church float.



Karami Rice, left, and her mother Kathey won first place in the horse division with their all-white entry.



Angie Polendo works on balloon strings for Gray County Tax Office's float.



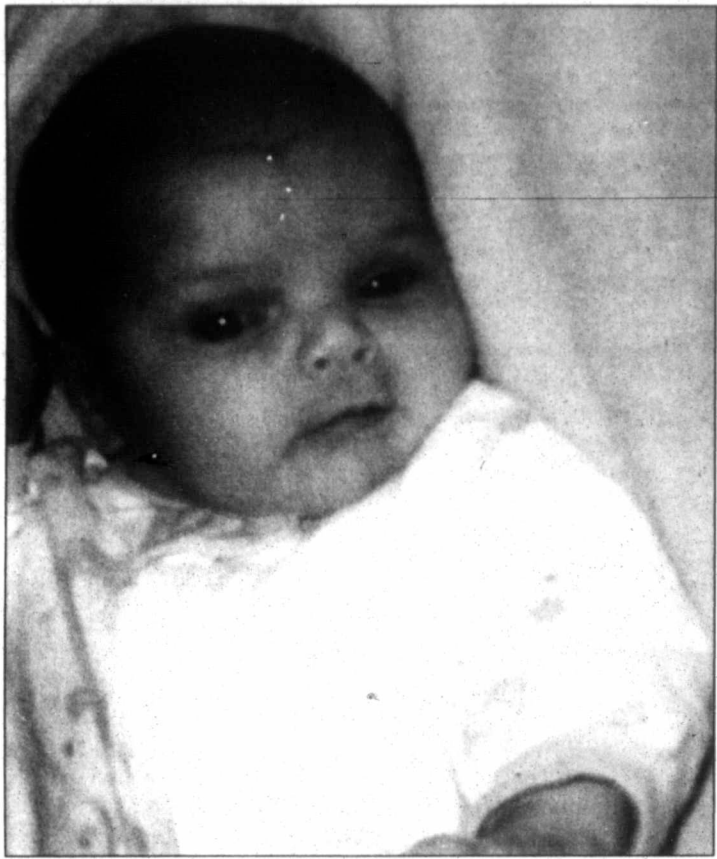
Kenneth Cox's 1949 Chevrolet carried Dusty Romines, Chris Cox and Codee Bowman along the parade route.



Austin Preas, left, and Matt Bowen rode decorated four-wheelers in the parade.

Story and Photos by Marilyn Powers

Cradle call



Jordis Renee Lee

Jordis Renee Lee was born Oct. 13 at the Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, to Tracy and Dina Lee of Garland. The infant weighed 8-pounds, 4-ounces at birth and was 20 1/2-inches long. Her relatives include grandparents, James and Pat Lee of Pampa and Arturo and Olga Rameriz of Brownville.

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Hicks, Hazen-Bourne tie knot

Cynthia Hazen-Bourne and John Hicks, both of Pampa, were wed Nov. 25 in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Pampa with the Rev. Bill R. Boswell officiating.

The maid of honor was Amanda Perkins of Pampa. The bridesmaid was Christina Hart of Pampa.

Bailey Hicks of Amarillo and Jennifer Olaguez and Makaylia Hicks, both of Pampa, served as flower girls.

Robin Whinery of Pampa registered the guests.

Acting as best man was Clint Steward of Pampa. Levi Hicks of Pampa was ring bearer.



John Hicks and Cynthia Hazen-Bourne

The ushers were Lexx Larue and

Dakota Whinery, both of Pampa.

The bride is the daughter of Donny and Connie Brown of Pampa and Steve and Debra Bourne of Lake Worth. The groom is the son of James and Janice Hicks of Graham.

A reception followed the service with Lesleigh Larue, Kasey Whinery of Pampa and Angel Whinery of Lubbock serving the guests.

The bride is a student at Frank Phillips College in Borger, and the groom is employed at Halliburton.

The newlyweds intend to make their home in Pampa.

Menus

Week of December 12-16

<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Waffle sticks. Lunch: Mini corn dogs or steak fingers, English peas, potatoes, peaches.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast. Lunch: Popcorn chicken or pizza, green beans, salad, pineapple, rolls.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls. Lunch: Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, spinach, fruit, rolls.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits. Lunch: Chicken patty on a bun or beef/cheese nachos, French fries, blackeyed peas, fruit, chocolate cake.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Been/cheese burritos or hot dogs, salad, Spanish rice, apples.</p> <p>Lefors Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chili cheese dogs, French fries, apple and orange smiles, sherbet.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.</p>	<p>Lunch: Enchiladas, salad, beans, cinnamon dessert.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers, salad, carrots, beans, crispy cereal treat.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Sack lunch.</p> <p>Kid's Cafe-Wilson MONDAY Chicken noodle soup, salad, dessert.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Ham sandwiches, baked beans, lettuce/tomatoes, dessert.</p> <p>Kid's Cafe-Lamar TUESDAY Taco bake, Spanish rice, salad, dessert.</p> <p>THURSDAY Ham sandwiches, potato casserole, salad, dessert.</p> <p>Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or fajita chicken breast/rice, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, beets, beans, lemon</p>
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See MENU, Page 3-B

CREATE a BEAT!

Pampa Community Center for the Arts will be offering the following classes

Musikgarten's Cycles of Seasons (Preschool Music Experience) for children ages 3 to 5. The classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:15. A parent's orientation will be held on January 3. A non-refundable \$50 registration fee is required to hold your child's place in the class. The registration fee covers the cost of the materials, orientation class, and a cloth Musikgarten carry bag. The cost of the 15 classes (Jan. 10 - May 9) will be \$175 for the semester. Register before December 21. Class size is limited.

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Musikgarten's Music Makers at the Keyboard for children ages 6-10. The classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-6:30. A parent's orientation will be held on January 3. A non-refundable \$50 registration fee is required to hold your child's place in the class. The registration fee covers the cost of the materials, orientation class, and a cloth Musikgarten carry bag for your child. The cost of the 15 classes (Jan. 10 - May 9) will be \$175 for the semester. Register before December 21. Class size is limited.

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Menu

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poppy seed cake or chocolate sundae cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Salisbury steak or chicken/ham tetrazinni, Potatoes O'Brien, fried okra, buttered squash, tomato spice cake or butterscotch icebox pie slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, carrots/peas, corn, beans, devilsfood cake or peach cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or taco salad, curly fries, Italian green beans, cheese grits, beans, pineapple upside-down cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or stew, potato wedges, brussels sprouts, beans, cinnamon swirl cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY

Park roast, sweet potatoes, green beans, cake.

TUESDAY

Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, peas, pineapple.

WEDNESDAY

Ham, dressing, corn casserole, green beans, cranberry salad.

THURSDAY

Stew, cornbread, pears.

FRIDAY

Turkey, rice pilaf, English peas, yam apple bake.

COWBOY CHRISTMAS

Museum schedules slate of holiday activities

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — During November and December, the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum® in Oklahoma City will provide exciting exhibits and holiday events for all ages.

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Prosperity Junction, an authentic 1900s cattle town, comes alive with historical characters, a schoolhouse cakewalk and sounds of a traditional Christmas.

Prosperity Junction, an authentic 1900s cattle town, comes alive with historical characters, a schoolhouse cakewalk and sounds of a traditional Christmas. Admission is free for Museum members. Nonmember admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 11 and under. Pay at the door.

Dining on Persimmon Hill, the Museum's popular restaurant, will serve dinner from 5-8 p.m. prior to Horseshoes & Holly and A Night Before Christmas activities begin.

For Saturdays for Kids, a free monthly children's program will host an old-fashioned ornament-making program on Dec. 3 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. to decorate the Museum's schoolhouse and tree in its Western town or to keep for a personal family tree. Reservations required (ext. 264).

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A Night Before Christmas, the Museum's annual holiday open house sponsored by Mustang Fuel Corporation is Dec. 13 from 6-9 p.m. School and church choirs and a variety of musical entertainers will perform on stage in the Sam Noble Special Events Center where refreshments are served.

Lifestyles Policy

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing births, weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We also reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds. (See form for more details.)

8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

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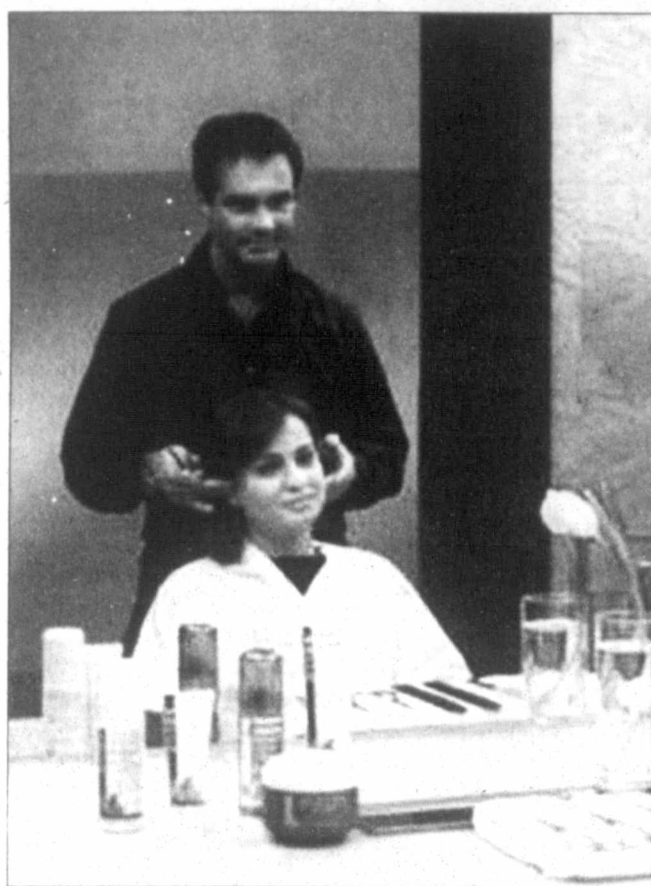
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NYC stylist, Julien Farel, creating a holiday look with Phyto hair care.

Tips show how to create the ultimate holiday look

(MS) — Imagine having your very own team of personal stylists this season. Holiday glam would be a snap. Your holiday wish can come true by simply relying on the finest products and tips from celebrity stylists for a DIY (do-it-yourself) glam session.

To moisturize and prep winter skin before make-up application, celebrity make-up artist Shannon Grey Williams suggests preparing the skin with Lierac's Relance cream, an ultranourishing moisturizer made with prickly pear extract to hydrate skin. Then mix a few drops of Lierac's Masque Lifting with your favorite foundation for a fresh-faced glow.

To add dimension to your look, contour your face with different shades of Caron Paris's luxe shimmering powders. Apply Venetienne on the apple of your cheek, use bronzer to contour and finish off with the luminescent Galaxie to highlight cheekbones. Next, highlight eyes with a smoky charcoal and finish off with a sheer lip gloss.

What glamorous look would be complete without

a fabulous holiday up-do?

New York City stylist Julien Farel, owner of Julien Farel Salon, relies on Phyto, the experts in botanical hair care, to create his unique looks. For ultra shine with maximum staying power he uses PhytoLaque Soie and PhytoSpecific Extreme Shine Spray. The Shine Spray is formulated with illuminating karanja oil, chamomile and sage, giving hair a healthy sheen. Finish with a spritz of PhytoLaque Soie hair spray made with silk proteins and Indian wood resin and you'll dazzle the night away.

Every woman knows you're not fully dressed without a favorite fragrance. A dab of Nuit De Noel from Caron Paris behind the neck and on the wrists offers a delightful crisp scent of ylang ylang, jasmine, rose and sandalwood.

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Important to schedule time for family

(MS) — Most parents wish they had more hours in the day to spend with their children, whether it be preparing and sharing meals together, laughing and playing together, or just spending some quality time talking or sharing and exchanging thoughts and ideas.

But in today's busy world, with both parents working and putting in longer hours than ever before, and with their kids spending more and more time at day care facilities or participating in extracurricular activities, it seems that family togetherness has almost become extinct.

If parents want to prevent the deterioration of their family unit and bring their

families closer together, they must get involved with their children and adjust their busy schedules to make more time available for them.

Parents also need to learn how to build memories and enhance special occasions. That way, parents and children can grow closer together and remain close, and children will have fond memories and traditions that they will be able to pass on to their children.

As author Phil Callaway says in his book, "I Used to Have Answers, Now I Have Kids" (Harvest House Publishers), "We must make money to make a living. But remember that we must

make memories to make a life."

With our jam-packed schedules, some of life's simplest but most satisfying pleasures may be lost.

Callaway suggests to start off simply by hugging your child, taking him or her on a trip to the golf course (or wherever your sports passion takes you), or spending a day in the country.

Spending time with your children and making lasting memories, no matter how simple the activities or how little the time, will help build a wonderful parent-child relationship.

Below are some additional ideas that have been seen **FAMILY**, Page 7-B

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Smiles are inevitable when visitors browse a new exhibit, Humor in the West Through the Carvings of Gene Zesch, a Mason, Texas rancher who captures the humorous side of the rancher's life in his special wood-carved characters.

Through Jan. 8, Pendleton Photographer Lee Moorhouse and the Real West showcases the work of Lee Moorhouse, a photographic hobbyist from the Pacific Northwest who recorded the transition from frontier life to the early modern era during the early 1900s.

Revolving around his historical photography, the exhibition includes connections to the famed Pendleton Round-Up rodeo, American Indians, Pendleton Woolen Mills and early 20th-century

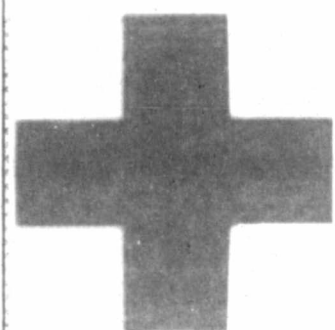
Pendleton artifacts.

Supporting sponsor for Music and Dance in American Indian Painting, on view in the Silberman Gallery of Native American Art is Phillips McFall McCaffrey McVay & Murrah, P.C.

Also on exhibit is Field and Studio: Western Hunting Photography through Dec. 11 in the Osborn Photography Studio, located in the Museum's cattle town, Prosperity Junction.

For more information, prices and reservations, call (405) 478-2250, ext. 210. The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum marks its 50th anniversary preserving history — making memories, with special exhibitions and activities.

Nationally accredited, the Museum is located in Oklahoma City's Adventure District at the junction of I-35 and I-44. The Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.



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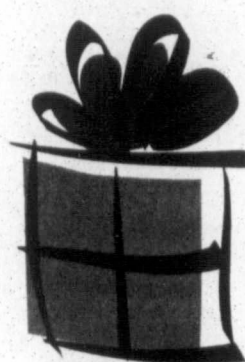
Hurricane Katrina/Rita Survivors with volunteers

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Ways to save energy throughout the year

(NUC) — According to a recent report for the Energy Information Administration, natural gas users can expect to pay an average of \$350 more this winter compared with last year, an increase of 48 percent. And those who heat with oil will pay an estimated \$378, or 32 percent more.

As a solution, the Alliance to Save Energy suggests energy efficiency, and the simplest place for consumers to start saving is at home.

The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy estimates that if each person increases the energy efficiency in major appliances by 10 percent to 30 percent, it will release the demand for electricity by the equivalent of 25 large power plants.

Saving energy also saves money. By using energy-efficient products, the average household can save up to \$400 per year on utility bills.

Here are some ways to save energy at home:

- Weatherize your home. The gaps around the windows and doors in an average American house are the equivalent of a 3-by-3 foot hole in the wall. Caulk and weatherstrip to seal off these air leaks. This can save as much as 40 percent on your home's heating and cooling costs.

- Stop air from escaping under doors with "sweeps" or "shoes" attached to the bottom. Use window putty to seal gaps around loose window panes.

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Achieving prosperity in the new year

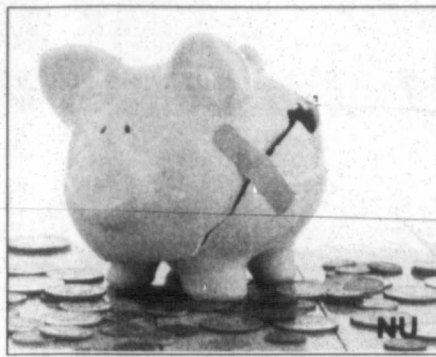
(NUC) — With inflation, high gas prices and cost of living on the rise, many Americans are examining their budgets and resolving to save money in the New Year.

Whether you're saving up for a new car, your college education or a special vacation, here are some tips to help you cut back:

- Avoid eating out. Trips to restaurants and fast-food joints can quickly eat away at your budget. For a week, keep a running list of how much you spent each time you dined out. At the end of the week, you will have an idea of how much you're really spending and how much you need to cut back.

- Start by limiting yourself to dining out once a week. Try a new cookbook to make the experience fun, and join a wholesale club, where you can save money by buying items in bulk.

- Remember, talk isn't cheap. Evaluate your calling plans to make sure you are getting the best deal possible. Between land lines and cell phones and your Internet connection, you may be paying too much for



Get your finances on track in the new year.

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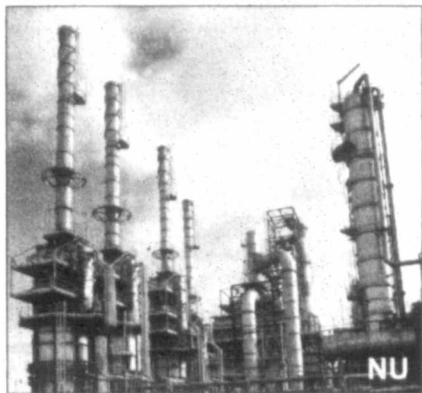
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For \$4.99 per month, you can get a secondary Virtual Number from any area code Vonage offers. If your family and friends live across the country and you choose a Virtual Number in their local calling area, they can call you locally. To learn more, visit www.vonage.com.

- Stay organized. If you lose an item you recently bought, you'll most likely buy another to replace it. Also, before you purchase anything, ask yourself if you really need to have it or whether you're shopping emotionally. If you're not 100 percent sold on something, give yourself a day or two to decide. It's easier to come back and buy it than to deal with having to return it.

- Become a savvy comparison shopper. Whether it is car insurance, a mortgage or travel planning, taking time to secure the best possible deal can save you hundreds, even thousands, of dollars. The Internet is an easy and efficient way to comparison shop.



Oil refineries will be welcoming more business.

Drillers hoping to strike it rich with old oil wells

(NUC) — Exploration firms are finding that reopening oil wells that have long been closed may help decrease the crude oil shortages.

For example, Desdemona, Texas, which was booming with oil production in the early 1900s, once was one of the largest oil producers in the region.

Unfortunately, the town's heyday ended almost as fast as it started

due to some of the oil wells drying up. Its production of 7.3 million barrels of oil per year was rapidly depleted. Production plunged to under 2.5 million barrels within two years.

But thanks to enhanced oil recovery techniques such as waterflooding (the injection of water into an oil reservoir to recover its petroleum) old wells in Desdemona are experiencing a

rebirth and will be converted into producing and injection wells.

This also is true for good producing wells that were capped in the early to mid-1990s in the Appalachian Basin region. Research by Mammoth Resource Partners, Inc., a Kentucky-based oil and gas exploration company, found that many landowners and small oil companies were unable to maintain these wells at the low oil

prices they were being offered.

Given the current worldwide oil crisis, many experts agree that state-of-the-art technology is a key component for companies who want to reopen closed oil fields. Dr. Roger L. Cory, President of Mammoth Resource Partners, Inc., says that a healthy dose of optimism and expertise will help as well.

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- Check your light strings and packaging to determine the maximum number of strings that may be strung together.

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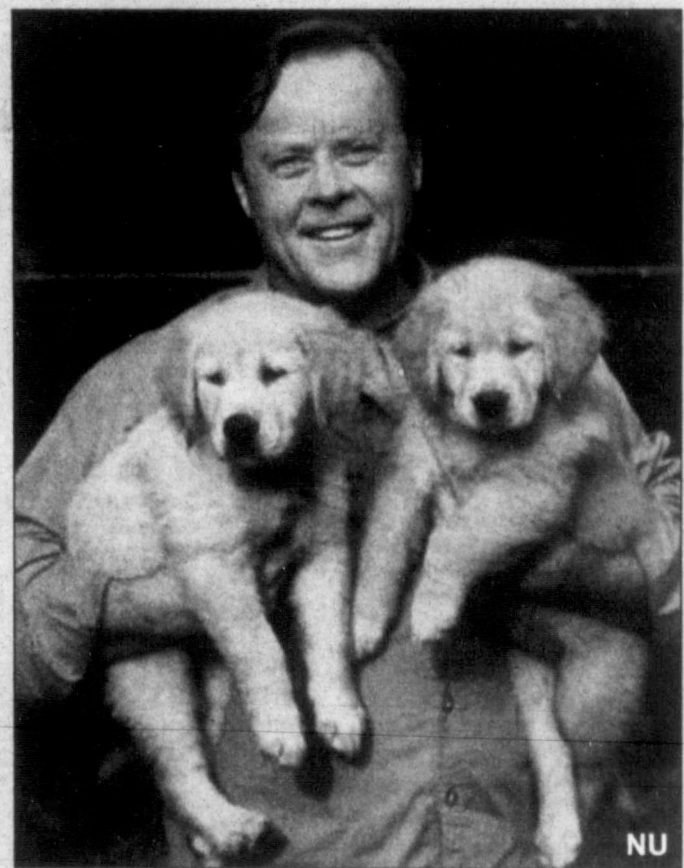
Some suggestions to help make smarter, more trainable puppies

(NUC) — Everyone knows pets make great companions, but training our four-legged friends can sometimes be a daunting task. Research shows, however, that the type of food puppies are fed could make a difference.

In a study conducted by The Iams Co., puppies nourished with enhanced levels of docosahexaenoic acid, or DHA, responded better to training. DHA is an omega-3 fatty acid believed to play a role in healthy brain development.

Based on this research, the company developed Iams Smart Puppy formula, a food containing enhanced levels of DHA, to help dog owners raise smarter, more trainable puppies.

"For veterinarians, the research on DHA means training can be easier for the client when their puppy is nourished with optimum levels of this key brain-building nutrient," said Dr. Dan Carey, a veterinarian with Iams.



Brian Kilcommons, dog trainer and pet expert.

But can food alone do the trick? "While top-quality nutrition or training alone will better your chances of raising a well-behaved puppy, it is in combination that owners truly see the best results," said dog

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Medical

A decade later, Lasik still a luxury procedure

By CARLA K. JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Christopher Tomes, 43, opened his eyes one morning, looked out the window and could read the license plate of a parked car.

He'd had Lasik eye surgery the day before, becoming one of the 5 million Americans seeking to shed their eyeglasses with laser vision correction during the past decade.

"It's exceptional," Tomes said of his vision nine days after surgery. "I'm extremely happy I did it."

Since U.S. doctors began offering laser vision correction in 1995, safety has improved and new methods give people with more severe vision problems a chance to have the procedure.

There's still no guarantee of 20/20 eyesight, the procedure's long-term safety is unknown and one recent study showed nearly 18 percent of patients require a second Lasik treatment. A lack of health insurance coverage keeps the procedure a luxury item, affordable only to people who can spare \$3,000 to \$5,000.

A technology arms race means some vision clinics are bragging about their new equipment and techniques, such as wavefront-guided Lasik and a new "blade-free" method. That further complicates a consumer's decision.

"You listen to the radio, you hear the ads," said Chicago refractive surgeon Dr. Colman Kraff. "A lot of it is trying to market to the patient to scare them a little bit into having one procedure over another."

The average Lasik patient is about 39 years old with an income of about \$88,000, said Dave Harmon, president of Market Scope, a company that tracks the industry.

"Their education level is significantly higher than average," Harmon said. "Very few people in

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their 20s have it done. Very few people in their 50s have it done."

Patients choose their doctors by word of mouth, Harmon said.

Friends' endorsements led Tomes, the Chicago Lasik patient, to Kraff's downtown clinic. Tomes, who heads a company that creates animated advertising for the Web, had grown tired of misplacing his glasses.

"Glasses are easy to leave on an airplane," he said. "I was losing, on average, three or four pairs of glasses a year, and that got expensive."

Tomes met with Kraff and learned he was a good candidate for Lasik. He chose all the new technology Kraff had to offer: both the "wavefront" method, which creates a custom map of the corneas, and the "blade-free" procedure.

Conventional Lasik surgery is based on the patient's glasses prescription. Wavefront-guided Lasik bounces light waves off the back of the eye to create a 3-D map that's used to guide the laser treatment. One small study of 25 patients suggested that wavefront Lasik yielded fewer nighttime distortions, such as halos and glare, than conventional Lasik, and resulted in better vision for slightly more patients.

Tomes didn't have severe nearsightedness or an astigmatism, but wavefront-guided Lasik recently was approved by the Food and Drug Administration for both those conditions, expanding the number of people eligible for the surgery by about 1 million. It's also been

approved for farsightedness.

Tomes also chose to go "blade-free," that is, the doctor used a new laser technique, instead of a disposable blade, to create a flap in the cornea. All Lasik surgeries include making this thin, hinged flap, a layer that is folded back into place after the laser treatment to speed healing.

In the blade-free procedure, the surgeon uses a brand-name laser, called the IntraLase, to create thousands of tiny bubbles under the surface of the cornea. The bubbles allow the surgeon to peel a flap from the cornea with a small blunt tool, called a spatula.

The blade-free procedure takes a few minutes longer compared to the usual method, is more expensive and is not necessarily superior for every patient, Kraff said.

Although the only studies comparing the two techniques are small or funded by industry, results in vision correction appear similar. Some doctors have reported more redness of the eyes with the bladeless technique, possibly due to the longer time the patient's eye is held still by suction.

The word "blade-free" makes patients more comfortable psychologically, Minneapolis refractive surgeon Dr. Elizabeth Davis said. "They have the heebie-jeebies about a blade going across the eye," she said.

Even with "blade-free" in his plans, Tomes felt a moment of anxiety before his operation. That was when he read and signed forms listing all Lasik's risks.

"It was quite daunting: a list of

many, many complications," he said. "One in particular jumped out at me. It was the potential, but rare, that the machine in the middle of the procedure could malfunction with a quarter of the eye still to be done. And it would be difficult to fix that."

Other rare but scary possibilities include sight-threatening infection, eyesight that's worse than before and a scratched cornea. According to Dr. Douglas Koch, ophthalmology professor at Baylor College of Medicine, there are rare reports of legal blindness "perhaps no more than less than 10 cases out of over 10 to 15 million procedures performed."

Tomes decided to go ahead, despite his last-minute worries, and is glad he did.

Talk to a Lasik doctor, and you're bound to hear the phrase "realistic expectations."

Doctors have discovered that avoiding disgruntled patients means spelling out the procedure's shortfalls upfront: A 35-year-old who has Lasik may still need reading glasses at age 50. Some people, after Lasik, see halos around lights. Some find their eyes feel dry for months, or permanently.

"Anybody who guarantees you a 20/20 result, you should get up and walk out," Kraff said.

Consumers should choose a good doctor and let the doctor choose the tools, refractive surgeons interviewed for this article agreed.

"You hire an experienced surgeon and he'll use the device that gives him or her the best results,"

said Dr. Robert Maloney, clinical professor of ophthalmology at University of California Los Angeles, and a paid consultant for Bausch & Lomb, a maker of Lasik devices.

Maloney advises consumers to seek referrals from eye doctors who don't do Lasik and from Lasik surgeons in other cities. A surgeon should be certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology and have performed at least 1,000 Lasik procedures.

"You don't want to be part of somebody's learning curve," Maloney said.

Maloney also suggests asking a surgeon for the percentage of his or her patients who get at least 20/40 vision from the procedure and for the percentage who experience complications.

"I'd be cautious about going to places that advertise a lot," Maloney said. "It's very expensive to advertise and they may have to do a lot of surgery to pay for it and push the limits on candidacy."

There are other options for people who want to get rid of their glasses:

—Corneal refractive therapy: Overnight contact lenses that reshape the eye during sleep are being offered by eye doctors for about \$1,000. Unlike Lasik, it's reversible.

—Implantable contact lenses were approved last year by the FDA with a five-year follow-up for possible side effects. At \$6,000 to \$8,000, it's more expensive than Lasik.

Nine days after surgery, Tomes, the Chicago Lasik patient, said his vision is better than normal now. Although he sees halos around lights at night that seems to be improving a little each day, he said.

And his glasses? "They're history," he said.

YOUR HEALTH

Achieve memory improvement with steps that help you not forget

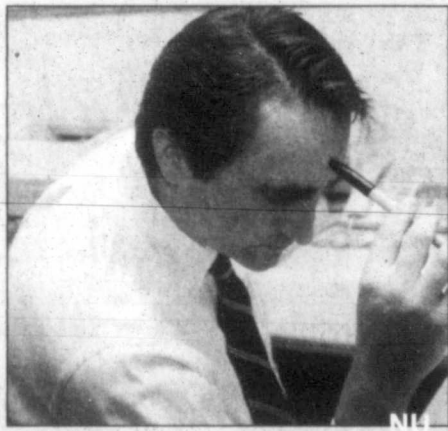
(NUC) — As a familiar face approaches, do you often find yourself wondering: "What's that person's name again?"

If so, you're not alone. With the hustle and bustle of everyday life, it's no wonder you can't keep everything straight.

The following tips can help you improve your memory:

- Make word associations. Linking a word or idea can help you remember, according to the U.S. National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health. For example, to keep in mind that you need to pick up your friend Sarah from the airport at 10 p.m., think "S at 10."

- Take notes. Jot down important information on an index card or in a planner. You also can take audio notes by carrying around a small tape recorder. Add to and review your notes periodically.



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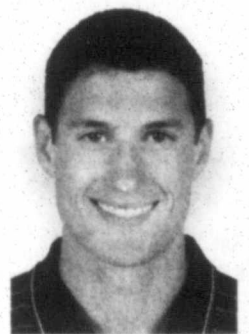
- Reduce alcohol intake. A recent study in *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, a journal developed by the Research Society on Alcoholism, shows that heavy alcohol consumption has a negative impact on day-to-day memory.

- Relax. If you can't remember something, take a step back to relax, then try to remember again. What you need to know may come to you in a few moments.

- Take a supplement. To improve your memory, some experts recommend taking a supplement specifically designed to help you focus and maintain high mental performance, like Focus from "The Spray" line of sublingual sprays.

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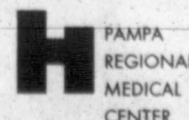
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My father went to prison five years ago, and my mother has been taking care of my brother and sister. (I'm older and out of the house.) I recently came across some shocking information. Mom has been going on dates with a clergy member who has been sending her text messages saying things like "I can't stop thinking about you," etc. I also found out she has a profile on a couple of Internet dating sites and has been coming home later than usual after going out "for drinks with friends" after work. When I confronted her, she first denied it, then got caught in a lie. She refuses to accept responsibility, insisting "it wasn't a date," although this man expressed romantic feelings for her. My father knows nothing about this while he languishes in a cell for what could be another five or six years. Should I tell him? I also do not know if I should confront this clergyman because I find his actions despicable. How can I explain to my mother that what she's doing is wrong? When I try to talk to her in a mature way, she says things like, "I can't hear you!" Any advice you can offer would be appreciated. -- **DISILLUSIONED SON IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR DISILLUSIONED: Please don't waste your breath trying to shame your mother into good behavior because it won't work. She knows what she's doing is wrong, and that's why she is practicing "selective deafness" when you try to reason with her. As tempting as it might be, I see absolutely nothing to be gained by telling your father. The news will only make him unhappier and more frustrated than he already is. If you would like to say a few well-chosen words to the clergyman who is dallying with your mother, you're certainly within your rights to do so. While you're at it, let him know you have proof.

That ought to dampen his ardor. As for the pain you are feeling, it's natural that you would ache inside. So please consider having some sessions with a licensed psychotherapist who can listen, guide you and help you make sure that this doesn't have an impact on your future relationships with women. Trust me, it will help.

DEAR ABBY: I recently learned that my neighbor's son offered my 14-year-old marijuana, and my son refused. (The two boys are close in age.) I heard all about it from my 12-year-old daughter. When I asked my son about it, he admitted it happened. I have no reason to doubt his story, and I hope he maintains his strength and resolve during the years to come. I am extremely proud of him. My question is, should I confront the neighbor boy about it, or should I let his parents know what I learned? Of course, the third option is to mind my own business. Eventually, they'll discover what's going on and deal with it on their own -- and no friction will be created between two otherwise great neighbors. -- **PROUD PAPA IN TORRANCE, CALIF.**

DEAR PROUD PAPA: You are in a position to do your "great neighbors" a favor. If the shoe were on the other foot, wouldn't you want to know your son was headed for trouble? If the answer is yes, apply the Golden Rule. However, when you tell these parents what they need to know, I strongly recommend that you not brag about how "proud" you are that your son refused the offer. Pride goeth before a fall.

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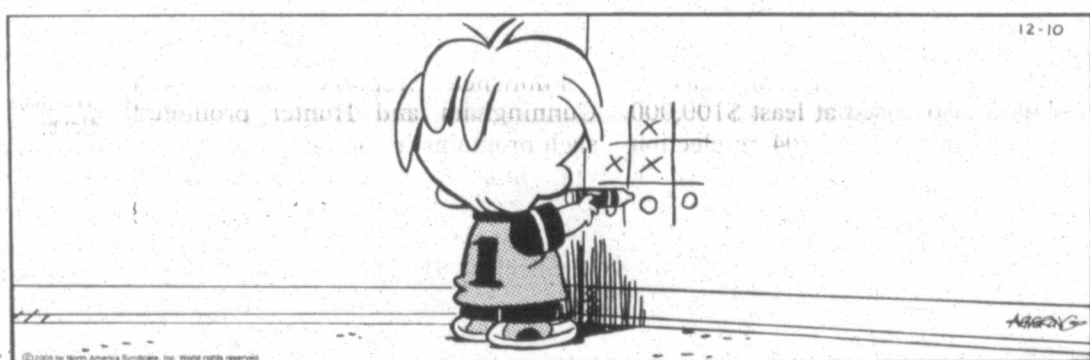
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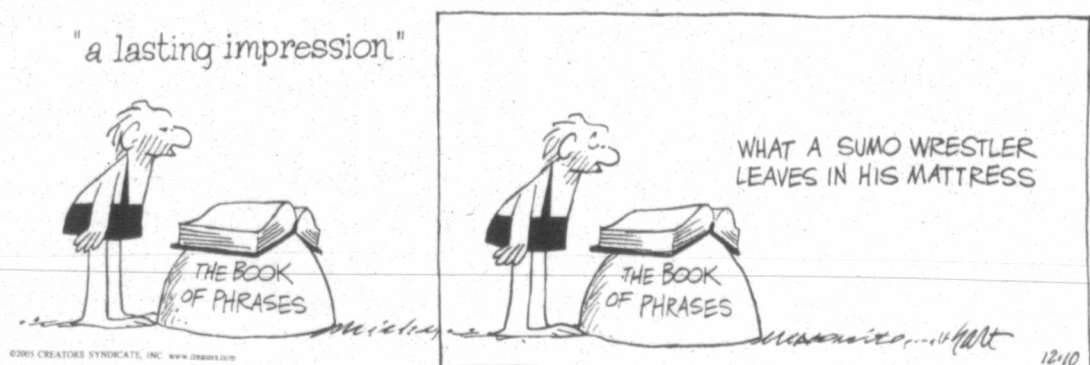
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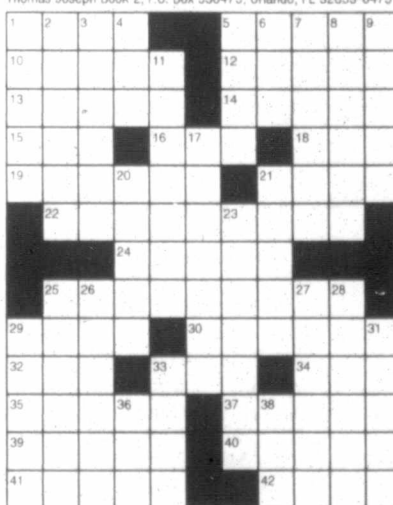
Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 41 Heads of France
 - 1 Car take-back for
 - 42 Heels short
 - 5 Sings like Ella
 - 10 "The end of —"
 - 12 Radium discoverer
 - 13 AKC concern
 - 14 Emulate Clay
 - 15 Bridge act
 - 16 Drops on the lawn
 - 18 Fuming
 - 19 Old suppliers
 - 21 Storage spots
 - 22 Feather holder
 - 24 Bakery buy
 - 25 "Love Story" actor
 - 29 Period of growth
 - 30 Tennis player, in slang
 - 32 Record
 - 33 Bow wood
 - 34 Dedicated poem
 - 35 Tickle
 - 37 Designer Simpson
 - 39 Temptress
 - 40 Like ears and brains
- DOWN**
- 1 Temple leader
 - 2 Better
 - 3 Carolina river
 - 4 Valuable rock
 - 5 Flat-bottomed boat
 - 6 Rascal
 - 7 Dumas character
 - 8 Tennessee team
 - 9 Melon waste
 - 11 Appended
 - 17 Touch-down site
 - 20 Palin address
 - 21 "John Brown's Body" poet
 - 23 Magazine order
 - 25 Dorm partner
 - 26 Dairy section
 - 27 Micro-scope
 - 28 Served the soup
 - 29 Detonation
 - 31 Must have
 - 33 Itches
 - 36 Take in
 - 38 Clinic nickname

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56th Brigade Combat Team completes mission in Iraq

CAMP ADDER, Iraq (Nov. 22, 2005) — As the late afternoon sun kissed the western horizon, bringing an end to the day, it also marked the end of the mission for the Soldiers of the Texas Army National Guard's 56th Brigade Combat Team (Thunderbolt), 36th Infantry Division, headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas.

The unit officially relinquished command as the Theater Security Brigade of Iraq to the Georgia Army National Guard's 48th Brigade Combat Team (Lightning Strike), headquartered in Macon, Ga.

The 56th includes soldiers from the Pampa and Amarillo areas.

The transfer of authority was observed by Brig. Gen. Jimmy G. Welch, commander of the Tennessee Army National Guard's 149th Engineer Brigade, during a symbolic ceremony here.

During the year-long deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Soldiers of the 56th BCT performed more than 7,000 combat logistical patrols

escorting convoys over 1,300,000 miles. These patrols protected more than 150,000 civilian trucks.

Approximately 90 percent of these operations took place at night, and the normal patrol was 12 to 14 hours in duration.

Soldiers of the 56th BCT encountered more than 330 improvised explosive devices while traveling on Iraqi roads, and the patrols were involved in more than 250 small arms engagements.

In other missions, supply route security patrols conducted joint operations with the Iraqi Highway Patrol in support of their efforts to interdict criminal elements operating in southern Iraq, and force protection patrols located several weapons caches and several tons of unexploded ordnance.

Six 56th BCT Soldiers paid the ultimate price while serving in Iraq, and 58 Soldiers have been injured or wounded due to hostile action.

In civil-military operations, the 56th BCT, in part-

nership with the U.S. Corps of Engineer (USACE) Southern Region and the Iraqi Ministry of Education, helped build 15 new schools in the unit's area of responsibility.

This effort, utilizing local contractors, provided much needed economic stimulus to the local economy and provided for the future of the local children.

Also in conjunction with the USACE, the brigade provided local construction oversight and coordination for several municipal infrastructure reconstruction projects in towns and villages near their headquarters.

During the rebuilding efforts, medical professionals of the brigade, along with the Iraqi Ministry of Health and coalition partners, supported numerous Medical Civic Action Programs that helped bring basic health care to local communities.

The 56th BCT, along with several U.S. civic organizations, corporations and volunteers, supported a humanitarian mission by



Army photo by MSgt. Lek Mateo, 56th Brigade Public Affairs Office
Col. James K. Brown, right, 56th Brigade Combat Team commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Eddie Chambliss fold the brigade color as soldiers of the 56th BCT and the Georgia 48th BCT look on during a transfer-of-authority ceremony at Camp Adder, Iraq.

coordinating and sponsoring Tyler, Texas, and 56th BCT commander, expressed his thanks to his soldiers and officers who 18 months earlier left behind their loved ones and civilian jobs and assumed their roles as Soldiers.

Col. James K. Brown, of Houston, Texas, and 56th BCT commander, expressed his thanks to his soldiers and officers who 18 months earlier left behind their loved ones and civilian jobs and assumed their roles as Soldiers.

"I want to thank my soldiers for the great job that they have done," Col. Brown said. "You have served the country well, and the veterans of the 36th Division who have worn the T-patch will also be proud for what you have done."

Contractors who offered bribes tried to cultivate ties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two defense contractors at the center of ex-Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham's bribery case also spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to curry favor with other influential lawmakers, records show.

One contractor, Brent Wilkes, provided private jet flights to lawmakers, including Reps. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, and Roy Blunt, R-Mo., who is serving as majority leader while DeLay fights money-laundering charges in Texas.

Wilkes also raised at least \$100,000 for President Bush's 2004 re-election bid and donated more than \$70,000 to California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who appointed him to two state boards.

There's no indication that these donations were improper. Prosecutors have not suggested that the investigation that snared Cunningham, R-Calif. involves other lawmakers.

Wilkes and defense contractor Mitchell Wade, along with their families and companies, donated generously to dozens of political campaigns beginning in the 1990s. Among the top beneficiaries, according to an AP analysis of records from PoliticalMoneyLine, which tracks campaign spending, were:

—DeLay, who got \$70,000 from Wilkes and his associates.

—House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., who got \$46,000 from Wilkes, Wade and their associates.

—House Appropriations Committee Chairman Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., who got about \$50,000 from Wilkes, Wade and their associates.

—Rep. John Doolittle, R-Calif., a member of the House Appropriations Committee, who got about \$46,000 from Wilkes and his associates.

The contractors' political activity came as they landed valuable government contracts, drawing the attention of campaign finance watchdog groups.

"There's no question that both Wilkes and Wade were expert at greasing the wheels of the legislative machine," said Keith Ashdown, vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense. "They knew who and when to give money to, and it really gave them free rein over taxpayer-funded defense contractors."

The list of lawmakers who took money also includes Rep. Katherine Harris, R-Fla.; Rep. Virgil Goode, R-Va.; Rep. Alan Mollohan, D-W. Va., top Democrat on the House Ethics Committee; House Intelligence Committee Chairman Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich.; and Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho.

Hunter, Lewis, Harris and Hoekstra have donated the money to charity, or plan to. Craig, Mollohan, DeLay and Doolittle have said they will hang on to it. As of Thursday, Goode had not

decided, an aide said.

"I just think it was the appropriate thing to do," said Hunter, who is giving the money to help injured Marines. He also released two letters Thursday that he sent Pentagon officials in 1997 and 2000 urging them to use their judgment on pursuing projects to convert paper documents to digital form — the specialty of Wilkes' company ADCS Inc., which has its headquarters in Hunter's San Diego-area district.

Published reports have said Cunningham and Hunter promoted such programs in the face of Pentagon opposition.

Neither Wilkes nor Wade is named in Cunningham's plea deal, in which he admits taking cash and gifts including antiques and a Rolls-Royce.

The plea mentions four unnamed coconspirators, who have not been charged. Details make clear that coconspirator 2 is Wade; Wilkes' lawyer, Michael Lipman, has confirmed that Wilkes is coconspirator 1.

Wade's lawyer declined comment Thursday; a message left with Lipman was not immediately returned.

Wilkes and his wife and companies donated heavily to Schwarzenegger; the governor subsequently appointed him to a state fair board and a board that oversees race-track issues. Wilkes resigned those positions last week at the suggestion of Schwarzenegger's office.

Wilkes' donations to DeLay included \$15,000 from one of his companies to Texans for a Republican Majority, the state committee whose spending is at issue in DeLay's criminal case. Wilkes' company also hired Alexander Strategies, a consulting firm that employed DeLay's wife, Christine.

Wilkes' private jet company, Group W Transportation, provided flights to DeLay three times and Blunt twice. In each case the lawmakers reimbursed Group W as required, records show.

Sometimes donations from Wade or Wilkes came around the same time their companies were getting contracts or lawmakers were passing favorable legislation.

Wade's company, MZM, got a five-year blanket purchase agreement contract from the General Services Administration that went into effect May 13, 2002. On May 15, 2002, MZM donated \$1,000 to Cunningham.

Wilkes and his associates increased their political donations to the tens-of-thousands-per-year level about 1996. In 1996, 1997 and 1998 lawmakers earmarked money for document conversion programs even though none was requested in the president's budget.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 12, 2005:

You might want to listen more to your family and those in your immediate circle of friends. You might not always have the straight story, and need some reflection or feedback. You will become more verbal as the year goes on, with a tendency to speak your mind. If you aren't careful, you could sometimes get stuck in rote thought patterns. If you are single, you will attract many people, but often your potential suitors aren't who they seem to be. You will find that come late fall 2006, you will meet someone important to your life. If you are attached, you will find that the quiet times you spend with a loved one draw you much closer. What you think he or she says might not be the intended message. Learn to clarify rather than blame or feel hurt. TAURUS can be very practical.

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)

Expenses add up. You might want to touch base with various people at a distance, as well as your select friends. Brainstorming could lead to a monetary venture. Don't be the fiery Ram and jump right on it. Check out all the different aspects. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

A boss or someone you need to listen to could be confusing. Fortunately for you, a partner or associate can decipher what this person wants and needs. Laugh and relax. You will find answers with some inquiry. Tonight: Smile away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Take time to relax and see someone

in a new light. Sometimes you are so busy and active, you don't get a chance to slow down and observe. Use today explicitly for this goal. You will be much happier. Tonight: Take some personal time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Zero in on what you want. It might be important to honor who you are and what you want. If you follow others' suggestions you could run amok. Be your own person and claim your power. Tonight: Where the action is. You are bubbling with energy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You are right-on, whether others agree or not. Distorted views surround you, so consider the fact that you are on your own. Review a critical matter with an eye to finding good solutions. A child or romance could play a role. Tonight: Out late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

A vagueness surrounds a matter you need to deal with, yet getting a grasp on what is happening could be difficult. Detach and seek out experts who are not involved. In this manner, you will get good answers. Tonight: Listen to good music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Togetherness surrounds you, but you still might not be seeing a risk as clearly as you should. Review a matter that is close to your heart with the help of a trusted friend. Listen to this person. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Others are determined to get the results they want. You cannot involve them in your ideas, as they are most unresponsive. Let them feel their Wheaties. Your time will come. Tonight: Say yes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You might want to express your personality, but others want you to concentrate on the daily matters of your life. Investigate your options more carefully. You don't have all the facts straight. Tonight: Express your opinions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Listen to a loved one carefully. He or she might be bullish or stubborn, but ultimately you can work with him or her. Together, creativity and ingenuity breed new possibilities. Laughter and imagination surround you. Tonight: Be very playful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You absolutely do not have a clear vision of what is going on domestically and/or in a real estate matter. A parent or family member could be vested in allowing this haze to exist. You might ask: What is really going on? Tonight: Order in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Share what is on your mind, though you might not be as clear as you think. Think in terms of new possibilities, and perhaps let your mind wander. You aren't getting a clear perspective anyway. Do you really care? Tonight: Catch up on news — or could it be gossip?

BORN TODAY

Singer Connie Francis (1938), tennis player Tracy Austin (1962), singer Dionne Warwick (1941)

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005:

You might find that your focus is on the quality of your daily life. For some of you, this might mean work; for others, your retirement life. Emphasize your health, diet and exercise. You will feel better as a result, thus adding to your everyday zip and get-up-and-go. If not properly charged, your high energy could develop into pickiness. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone in your day-to-day travels. The right person is likely to enter your life close to your next birthday. If you are attached, share more of your mutual hobbies and interests together. You need private couple time. TAURUS can be boringly practical.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Your possessive nature emerges, allowing you to see life differently. You gain insight into a financial or emotional matter. Think before you leap into action or spend more money. Listen well to another's feelings. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Listen to your sixth sense. Aim for more of what you want. A child, friend or loved one could surprise you. You have the smile and winning ways to get more of what you want. You do make a difference. Tonight: As you like.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Knowing when to pull back is important. Someone who might have an irascible temper or be unpredictable surprises you once more. You might want to express your anger. Think positively. Tonight: Wind down.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Aim for much more of what you want. News from a distance could surprise you, to say the least. You might have to take a strong action in order to get more of what you need and want. Tonight: Enjoy the last hours of the weekend.

This Week: You are lively and full of energy Monday. By Wednesday, you are dragging. Prioritize accordingly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Others look to you for guidance. You have a lot to say that others might not want to hear. In fact, if you spill the beans, someone's reaction could be a bit overwhelming. Bring others together. Tonight: Don't expect it to end early.

This Week: You take a leadership role and come out on top as soon as Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Hop in the car or get together with friends for a new type of adventure. Sometimes breaking the mold, even during the holiday season, proves very rewarding. If you haven't ever gone caroling, why not try that experience? Tonight: Renew your spirit.

This Week: You need to get all the information and do your own research before taking a stand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Deal with someone directly rather than act out or do something very strange. How you view an important matter could change radically. Work directly with a friend or loved one. This person might have more energy than you realize. Tonight: Make time for a special person.

This Week: Work with a partner on Monday and Tuesday. You will want to distance yourself from key issues Wednesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

How you see someone could change radically. The unexpected occurs out of the blue. You have the imagination and whimsical nature to deal with whatever comes up. Tonight: Let others make the call.

This Week: Let others run with the ball; you have no choice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Pace yourself and get the job done. You might want to get a holiday project moving. Your demeanor and long-term desires might play into a family issue. Be ready to revise your thinking at the drop of a hat. Tonight: Chill out after a hard day.

This Week: You feel as if you can get a lot done, and you will. You are all smiles. Network away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Express yourself through a hobby, relationship or choice. Though the Goat is not thought of as creative, he or she frequently is. Now, express that dynamic side of your personality. Do and be the unexpected. Tonight: You'll like the moment.

This Week: Your creativity peaks on Monday. Direct it toward work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Stay close to home, and you will be very happy. Your humor and sense of fun emerge in this comfortable atmosphere. Your finances could be an issue. Use care with a loved one who sometimes gets hot under the collar. Tonight: Order in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your spontaneity draws other people to you. Express your friendly ways in a direct, honest method. Others will respond accordingly. You might display more sincerity and openness. Others respond to this new you. Tonight: Yap up a storm.

This Week: Speak your mind Monday and Tuesday. Otherwise, count on staying mum.

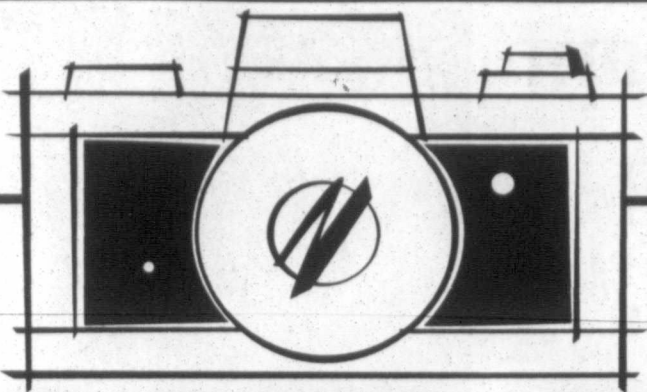
BORN TODAY

Singer Jermaine Jackson (1954), actor Rider Strong (1979), actress Donna Mills (1942)

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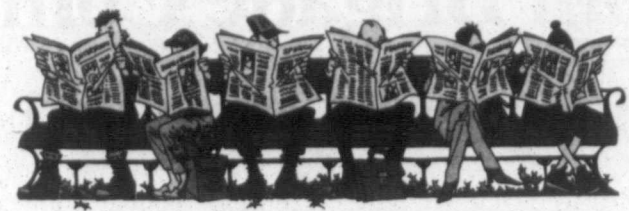
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Proposals, specifications or additional information may be obtained from Carol Fields, Business Manager, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065, phone (806-669-4700). Proposals may be delivered or mailed to 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065-Attention Carol Fields, Business Manager. Sealed envelope should be plainly marked "INSURANCE PROPOSALS". The school district reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted and to waive informalities and technicalities. The Board of Education will consider proposals for award at a scheduled meeting in February, 2006.

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3 Personal

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Also, install foam gaskets behind all the light switches and electrical outlet covers. They help seal the holes created when the outlets and light switches are built into homes. Use child safety plugs to keep the cold air from coming in through the sockets.

- Get a programmable thermostat. Programmable thermostats that have earned the Energy Star label help you save money and keep your home comfortable by automatically adjusting your temperature settings while you are asleep or away, saving you about \$100 per year.

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- Install a ceiling fan in the largest room of your house. This will allow you to lower the setting on your air conditioner by 3 to 6 degrees, which will save up to 25 percent of energy costs of home cooling.

In addition, you can save over \$125 annually by replacing three old-style light bulbs with modern fluorescent twisters; setting your heat at 68 degrees in the winter and your air conditioner at 78 degrees in summer; and unplugging three appliances — or switching off a power strip full of plugs — when not in use.

Pups

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trainer and pet expert Brian Kilcommons. He offers the following dog-training tips:

- Catch 'em in the act — of being good. Sometimes we get so frustrated with negative puppy behaviors that we forget to notice the good stuff. For two days, praise your puppy's every sit, quiet moment and gentle nuzzle. You may be amazed at how obedient your puppy becomes.

- Use calm hands. If you want a calm puppy, touch calmly using slow hand motions that go with the lay of the fur. Short, fast movements (especially around the face) will excite most puppies and cause them to nip.

- Remember the "Four T's" — touch, talk, treats and toys. Teach your puppy that through you, all good things come. Use the Four T's for behaviors you like and you'll see more of these behaviors.

- Spend a few minutes a day. Work with your puppy as your coffee brews or during commercial breaks. Like politeness in children, manners in puppies are developed every day, throughout the day.

- Repetition reaps rewards. Puppies learn when you practice with them. A few repetitions done often will not only earn you a well-trained dog but a special bond you'll enjoy for many years to come.

To learn more about Iams Smart Puppy formula and the company's other specialty pet foods — such as Iams Multi-Cat for households with more than one cat — visit www.iams.com. For more dog-training tips, visit www.mysmartpuppy.com.

EDUCATION

Research shows need exists for after-school programs

(NUC) — Every day, more than 14 million children in the U.S. are left unsupervised after school. According to experts, that leaves them in danger of becoming victims or perpetrators of crime or delinquent behavior.



David McHenry, a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, participates in the Power Hour after-school program.

In fact, a recently released survey supports the need for quality after-school programs that offer students homework assistance and academic goal-setting to help deter kids from crime and substance abuse.

Television is the No. 1 homework distraction, according to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America/JCPenney Afterschool Fund Survey, which questioned students about homework and on graduating from high school.

Sixty-seven percent of students said teachers should assign homework, but 54 percent claim there is too much of it.

Also, most of the students surveyed said graduating high school was very important to them, with 61 percent saying going to college was their primary ambition after high school. The negative influence of peers was cited as the greatest challenge to finishing high school.

To address these statistics, Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the JCPenney Afterschool Fund have partnered to create after-school programs that, according to Julie Berkhouse, after-school specialist for the JCPenney Afterschool Fund, emphasize the importance of doing well in school and planning for the future.

"Numerous studies have shown that children involved in quality after-school programs, including those that offer homework assistance, have better grades, higher school attendance, better attitudes toward school, higher educational aspirations and less need for disciplinary

action," said Berkhouse.

One such program is Power Hour. This interactive homework assistance program helps young people view homework as an opportunity to learn how to work independently, successfully complete a project on time and feel good about their accomplishments.

Additionally, Goals for Graduation is a program for youth ages 6 to 15 that provides one-on-one activities to support academic goal-setting, learning and success in school.

Through an incremental approach, students create an action plan with daily and weekly goals — leading to both short- and long-term gains.

"Research shows that without significant educational support, many young people are likely to accept low standards of academic achievement, leading to unrealized potential and locking them into limited opportunities for employment and life," said Carrie Prudente, director of education programs for Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

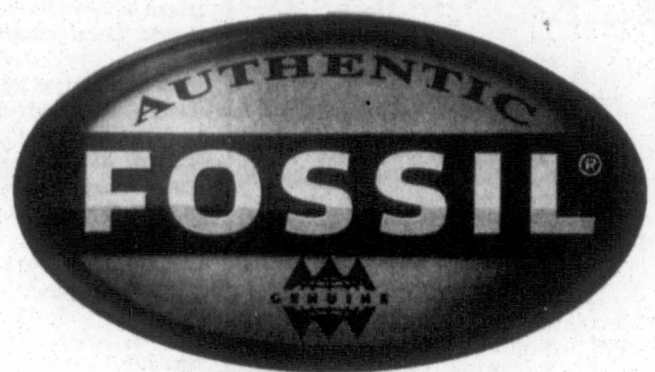
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