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Shut-ins and those who will find themselves alone or in need for the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday have two options for enjoying dinner.

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Persons wishing request a meal to be delivered on Thanksgiving by the Salvation Army should call 665-7233 before Thursday.

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United Way

needs pledges

By MARILYN POWERS

Staff Writer

donations pledged during

this year's United Way

campaign have still not

been received, according

to information released by

More than one-fourth of



To our readers: Please note that today's paper has two sections.

Also remember that we will not publish a paper on Thursday.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

It was standing room only, at least while in the serving line, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center Tuesday for the annual Thanksgiving meal. Almost 400 people "gobbled" down the turkey dinner.

Thanksgiving meal draws full house

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

Pampa Senior Citizen Center had a full house Tuesday for the annual Thanksgiving lunch. The parking lots and streets around the center were full. For those who did not mind the wait, they were rewarded with turkey, dressing, yams, green beans, potatoes and a variety of desserts.

Katrina Bigham of the Nancy Looper, the current director, Pampa United Way office. said that 383 people were served "We have 100 pledges Tuesday, which is far more than the still out for the Pampa usual 120 on a normal day.

United Way Campaign. Lunches are served Monday through See UW. Page 3 Friday from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The cost of meals is \$5 for members

and \$5.50 for non-members. Looper said that dietetic desserts are always

The Pampa Senior Citizen Center was the idea of the Altrusa Club in 1952. They thought that older residents should have a time and place to get together, so they started meeting in the homes of the club members. When attendance increased a year later and that was no longer feasible, they starting meeting at Lovett Library.

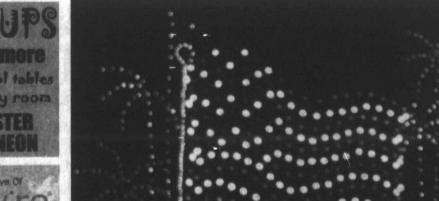
By 1974, the attendance once again forced the members to search for a larger meeting area. The Committee of Altrusans elected a 10 member board of directors that began looking for

another place to meet. Fund-raising efforts and donations made it possible to purchase the present building at 500 W. Francis, which was a former store.

The board of directors employed Wanda Talley as the first director of the center. She and her son Doug drew up plans for remodeling the building. Talley then supervised the revitalization. The total cost of the present center was approximately \$210,000.

Since opening the doors in 1976, the center provides hours of entertainment for seniors. They get together for arts and crafts, card and domino

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS Old Glory greets visitors at the entrance to Recreation Park during the 12th annual Celebration of Lights, which is on display nightly through Dec. 31. This year's show emphasizes lighted pieces, including about 20 new small ones.

Lights display has changes

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Repeat visitors to the annual Celebration of Lights display at Recreation Park will notice more lights and fewer painted wooden cutout displays this year.

"A lot of the painted wooden ones are in pretty bad condition. This year, we decided to go mostly with lighted pieces," said Pat Bagley of the Celebration of Lights organization.

About 20 new light displays have been added to take the place of some of the painted scenes. They include snowmen, Christmas trees, jack-in-theboxes, and toy soldiers.

Older lighted shapes have been refurbished.

"In some cases, we completely rewired the pieces," Bagley said. Painted items which are included in this year's show are the large Nativity, consisting of seven scenes telling the

marking its third Christmas season. A trio of caroling polar bears, two

story of Jesus' birth, which is now

tall toy soldiers, and a church with two angels are also in place, as are the small candy canes and gingerbread boys and girls which line portions of the drive through the area.

Prison inmates, volunteers and those required to perform community service have all taken part in putting up the light show. Their work is sometimes undermined by Texas Panhandle winds.

"Last week, the wind loosened every display, but we only lost one of our signs up front, which blew down, and one light tree that stands pretty tall," Bagley said. "One of the wise men on a camel also fell, and there were broken bulbs here and there."

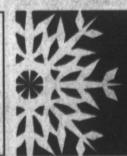
All damage from the high winds was repaired, he said.

The missing painted characters have

not been discarded. "We're contacting someone to repaint them so that they may be out next year," Bagley said. "We're look-

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Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. Westnorthwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east. Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 47.

Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west. Thanksgiving Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near

72. West wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west-northwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. Northnorthwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

Services FRIDAY

EVANS, Golda I. — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa HAESLE, Marise Berg — Vigil services, 6 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Golda I. Evans, 91

WHITE DEER — Golda I. Evans, 91, of White Deer, died Nov. 21, 2006, at

Services are scheduled at a.m. Friday at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Pastor Pam Lehman, of the White Deer United Methodist Church, officiat-

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Evans was born Oct. 31, 1915, at Ordway, Colo. She came to White Deer in 1935 and married Clarence M. Evans on Aug. 8, 1936, at Hereford. He died Dec. 27, 1998.

Mrs. Evans operated Golda's Café from 1946 until 1947, and White Deer Drug Fountain in 1950. She

under the direction of was a clerk for the U.S. Postal Service from 1952 until retiring as Post Master in 1976.

She was a member of the White Deer Senior Citizens and the American Red Cross.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews, including two nieces, Jeannie Shirley of Oknagon, Wash., Ruth Lauer of and two Wisconsin; and nephews, Ronald Parker of

Karval, Colo., and Bob Stevens of Olympia, Wash.

The family suggests memorials be to White Deer Senior Citizens, 319 S. Main, White Deer, TX 79097, or Make-A-Wish Foundation, 411 S. Fillmore, Amarillo, TX 79101.

—Sign the on-line regisbook www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Marise Berg Haesle, 83

ARGYLE, Texas — Marise Berg Haesle, 83, died Nov. 21, 2006, at Argyle.

Vigil will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, 2006, in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa. Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa with Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Haesle was born June 29, 1923 in Granton, Vincent de Paul Catholic

Haesle on Oct. 16, 1948, in Phillips Catholic Church in Schofield, Wis. He preceded Lewisville. She volunteered her in death on Dec. 14, for BSA Hospice and Meals

She came to Pampa in 1964 where she lived for 36 years before moving to Argyle in 2000 to live with her son David and wife Carol. She and her husband owned and operated A and W Haesle Drive-In for over

1980's. She was a member of St.

20 years, retiring in the mid

on Wheels in Pampa for many years.

> Survivors include two daughters, Irene Chomicki and husband Joe of Centennial, Colo., and Chelyne

Barney and hus-

band Bryan of

Edmond, Okla.; two sons, John Haesle and wife Lelet of Pampa, and David Haesle and wife Carol of Argyle; six grandchildren, Wis. She married John J. Church in Pampa and St. Jennie Hon and husband

Shaun of Pampa, John Haesle and wife Trienne of Enid, Okla., Matt Haesle of Yarmouth, Maine, Jordan Flaniken and wife Meghan of Edmond, Okla., Peter Chomicki and Justin Chomicki, both Centennial, Colo.; and two great-grandchildren, Trey Hon of Pampa, and Keane Haesle of Enid, Okla.

MEMORIALS: American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, Ohio 44720,

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Two traffic stops were made.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the police department lobby and the 2300 block of Navajo.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1200 block of East Browning, on two occasions from the 1500 block of North Sumner, the 1300 block of North Price Road, the 400 block of Hughes, the 100 block of North Wynne, the 1000 block of Jordan, the 300 block of North Hobart, and

property was Found

reported in the 600 block of North Wells. A Texas offender card was found.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

A narcotics violation was reported in the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was the police department lobby. reported in the 1800 block of Evergreen. Paint was applied to a sidewalk, drive-

way and cement. Criminal mischief was reported at the intersection of Kentucky and Christine

Assault causing bodily injury was reported in the 400 block of Rose. A television was broken and a hand was injured in connection

with the incident. Injury to a child was reported in the 400 block of Rose. The victim was bruised.

Four burglar alarms were reported.

Fraud was reported in the 200 block of South Tignor.

Theft was reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson. A license plate valued at \$30 was taken.

Burglary was reported in

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, Nov. 21

Rogelio Villarreal, 23, of Pampa was arrested by the Precinct 2 constable on a capias pro fine for speeding and warrants for being parked facing traffic and failure to appear.

John Abraham Huff, 23, of Pampa was arrested by

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Recreation Park on Highway 60 East November 18th - December 31st 6-10 pm Sunday thru Thursday 6-11 pm Friday and Saturday Pampa Invites You

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December 2 - 2:00 pm

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Holiday travel dash under way

By The Associated Press Long lines formed at airports well before daybreak today, but the annual dash home for Thanksgiving started smoothly despite predictions that more travelers would take to the roads, skies and rails this year than

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Nationwide, an estimated 38.3 million people will travel 50 miles or more for Thanksgiving, according to AAA. The estimate is up by a million from last year.

Moderating gas prices may be one reason for the

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GCSO on a Potter County warrant for theft by check.

Fire

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

Tuesday, Nov. 21

12:47 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of North Sumner on a medical assist.

1:09 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1800 block of North Banks on a medical assist.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Nov. 21

12:47 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of North Sumner and transported a patient Regional Pampa Medical Center.

1:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of North Banks and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

Wednesday, Nov. 22 3:29 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Worrell and trans-

5:32 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

6 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to NWTH.

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ported a patient to PRMC.

Meals

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The Church of God of Prophecy, 422 N. West, will host a free Thanksgiving dinner at 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

Ellen Mary and Harvester Church Christ is continuing its tradition of providing Thanksgiving baskets to needy households.

Harvest House scheduled to hand out Thanksgiving baskets this morning.

Center

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games and countless hours of conversation. Anyone 55 and older can become a member for \$10 a year. Currently, the center has more than 450

members. For questions regarding membership, call 669-7414.

increase, said the automobile association's Robert Sinclair.

Since peaking above \$3 per gallon in early August, gasoline pump prices have dropped by around 80 cents per gallon nationwide in the past three months. Today's nationwide average gas price was \$2.23 a gallon, according to AAA.

Thanksgiving air travel was expected to surge, too. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey anticipated 1.6 million passengers - about 2 percent more than last year — would pass through LaGuardia, John F. Kennedy International and Newark Liberty International airports.

At Reagan National Airport outside Washington, lines were long even while it was still dark outside, but eased up considerably by midmorning. At one point, the wait at Starbucks appeared much longer than the wait at the security checkpoint directly below.

"This place looks like not much more crowded than a regular day," said Doug Besharov, who was traveling to Sarasota, Fla.

The Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport was bustling at midmorning, but the crowds weren't overwhelming, airport spokesman Pat Hogan.

"It's certainly busy but we're not experiencing heavier than normal waits.'

Drivers in parts of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia faced high winds and flooded roads Wednesday as an early winter storm swept across the South.

Despite the storm, no flight delays were reported Raleigh-Durham International Airport and only a few minor delays were reported at Charlotte Douglas International Airport on Wednesday morning.

Traffic slowdowns were reported between the Carolinas on Interstate 95, one of the main arteries for East Coast travel, and some ferry service along North Carolina's coast was halted on Wednesday due to the stormy weather. The state Department of

Transportation said it would likely not resume until Thanksgiving day.

In Virginia, a tunnel between Norfolk and Portsmouth was shut down because of high water, and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, which links Virginia Beach and the Eastern Shore, limited vehicles crossing the span to cars and pickup trucks due to high winds.

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Our total today is \$225,661.53, or 73.7 percent of our goal of \$306,244," Bigham said in a news release.

"We still need \$80,582.47," she said.

More than 7,500 persons were assisted last year through the 17 Pampa United Way agencies, which include the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, Community Day Care

Center, Gray County Latchkey, Southside Senior Citizens Center, Genesis House, Samaritan Pastoral Counseling, Meals on Wheels, Pampa Optimist Youth Club, and CREATE a

"Unfortunately, if we do not reach our goal this year, the agencies will have to be cut the percentage we are short," Bigham said.

Pledges may be mailed to Pampa United Way, Inc., P.O. Box 2076, Pampa, TX 79066-2076, for more information, call the United Way office at 669-1001.

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ing for anyone who wants to help with the

This year marks the 12th year for the Celebration of Lights display at the park. The display will be open nightly through Dec. 31.

Admission is free, but donations are accepted at

the end of the tour. The funds collected from visitors goes toward maintaining and improving the display, and toward scholarships awarded each year based on grades and volunteerism.

Donations may also be mailed to P.O. Box 1012, Pampa, TX 79066-1012. Checks may be made payable to Celebration of Lights.

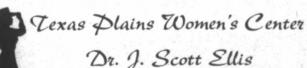
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Viewpoints

Democrats' suicide impulse emerging under Pelosi

Just days after winning control of the House and Senate, Democrats have stopped gloating over their victory long enough to turn on each other in a spasm of self-destructive behavior.

To start their triumphant march towards January, when they will assume actual control over the House, Democrats handed Speakerto-be Nancy Pelosi a humiliating defeat in her first effort to assert her control of her party.

By a vote of 140 to 86, they rejected her handpicked candidate to be Majority Leader, the ethically challenged John Murtha, and elected her current number-two man in the leader- when you consider the fact over her colleagues. ship, Steny Hover, with whom she has anything but a cordial relationship.

Some of her apologists whisper that she really didn't mean it when she sent a letter to the Democrat House membership giving Murtha a ringing endorsement, or when she made a speech nominating him for the post, or when she directly intervened by urging Democratic freshmen - all of whom are dependent on her for key committee assignments - to vote for Murtha. She was just going through the motions for a long-time ally, they insist.

That alibi loses steam

that she made those endorsements as the Speaker-to-be, not as San Fran Nan, the dar-

ling Haight-Ashbury and fanatic liberals everywhere She else. her

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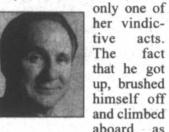
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prestige on line in her very first attempt to assert her leadership in the Democratic caucus, and she got slapped in the face for her pains.

This, however, was merely one of a number of instances of Nancy Pelosi driving the leadership bus

Her attempt to settle old

scores by throwing Steny Hoyer under the bus was



her vindictive acts. The fact that he got up, brushed himself off and climbed aboard as

her co-pilot does nothing to free her from the consequences of her attempt to crush him.

It will come back to haunt her whenever she tries to push through some harebrained piece of far-Left legislation and finds herself facing strident opposition from the moderates and Blue Dog Democrats emboldened by having given Hoyer a nearly two-to-one victory over her pet candidate.

Another of her hit-and-run victims is Jane Harman, the ranking Democrat on the Intelligence House Committee and obvious candidate for the committee chairwomanship. Harman is not Pelosi's cup of tea and thus is to be passed over, apparently, in favor of Rep. Alcee Hastings, a Florida Democrat whose principal qualification for the job is that as a federal judge he was once impeached and convicted of bribe-taking by the House and tossed off the bench with even Rep. Pelosi among those finding him

Pelosi is not alone in the game of cannibalism now rife among Democrats. Sharptongued Democratic strategist James Carville stopped castigating Republicans long enough to say his party should dump Howard Dean as DNC chairman because he's incompetent.

It's going to be an interesting next two years.

-Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 22, the 326th day of 2006. There are 39 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 22, 1963, President Kennedy was shot to death while riding in a motorcade in Dallas. Texas Gov. John B. Connally, in the same limousine as Kennedy, was seriously wounded. Suspect Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested. On this date:

In 1718, English pirate Edward Teach — better known as Blackbeard — was killed during a battle off the Virginia coast. In 1890, French president Charles de Gaulle was born in Lille, France.

Nothing great will ever be achieved without great men, and men are great only if they are determined to be

— Charles de Gaulle (1890-1970)

In 1928, "Bolero" by Maurice Ravel made its debut in Paris.

In 1935, a flying boat, the China Clipper, took off from Alameda, Calif., carrying more than 100,000 pieces of mail on the first trans-Pacific airmail flight.

In 1943, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek met in Cairo to discuss measures for defeating Japan.

In 1943, lyricist Lorenz

Hart died in New York at age 48.

In 1965, the musical "Man of La Mancha" opened in New

In 1975, Juan Carlos was proclaimed King of Spain. In 1986, Elzire Dionne, who gave birth to quintuplets in 1934,

died at a hospital in North Bay, Ontario, Canada, at age 77. In 1990, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, having failed to win re-election of the Conservative Party leadership on the first ballot, announced her resignation.

Ten years ago: O.J. Simpson took the stand as a hostile witness in the wrongful death lawsuit filed against him, saying it was "absolutely not true" that he'd killed Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. Martin Bryant, who'd gunned down 35 people at Port Arthur, Australia, was sentenced to life behind bars with no chance of parole.

Five years ago: With a tap on a laptop, Pope John Paul II for the first time sent out his official word over the Internet, apologizing for missionary abuses against indigenous peoples of the South Pacific. A huge landslide swept over gold miners illegally digging into the side of a mountain in western Colombia, killing 47 people. Cosmetics magnate Mary Kay Ash died in Dallas at age 83.

One year ago: Jose Padilla, a U.S. citizen in Navy custody, was charged with supporting terrorism, but the indictment did not mention the alleged "dirty bomb" plot that had prompted his three-year detention. An Arab-American college student, Ahmed Omar Abu Ali, was convicted of joining al-Qaida and plotting to assassinate President Bush.

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Rummy should've listened to advisers

A glance at Donald Rumsfeld's biography will tell you that he is: (1) ambitious; (2) bright; (3) competent; and (4) incredibly experienced in both the private sector and the public sector.

So how did the 74-yearold secretary of defense become the bad guy of the Bush administration? The answer is probably that by his 70s, his ambition and drive had degenerated into stubbornness and arrogance. Richard Nixon described him as a "ruthless little bastard" when he served that administration. Some military people have said meetings with him were pointless, because he had already decided everything before he got there. And his mouth got him into a lot of trouble.

He was, according to military people, obsessed with the idea of transforming the defense forces into a lighter, more mobile outfit. He forced this on the Iraqi war planners,

and what happened proved what his critics had been saying all along. The lighter, mobile force, carefully coordinated with air power, could whip the conventional army, especially one as broken-down and demoralized

Charley

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Columnist

as Saddam Hussein's forces, but then it had no staying power.

It was too way short-hand-

ed to stop the looting, which all observers agree was the beginning of the downhill slide in Iraq. I'm sure what his generals had been trying to tell him was that you haven't won the war until you have men standing on the ground with a rifle and saying, "This is my turf." To do what we did in Iraq was to invite exactly the kind of insurrection we have. We went in, as Rumsfeld wanted, with too few men to occupy a country of that

Rumsfeld's lighter, more mobile force will only work if you can zip in, fight a quick war and leave. I don't know any place on Earth where we can reasonably

expect to do that. If you intend stay, you'd better not be too light too mobile,

because occupation requires a lot of manpower. Look at our present situation. We are fighting guerrilla wars in two Third World countries, and our forces are stretched thin and the equipment is wearing out. Heaven help us if we had to fight North Korea with its million-man army, much less China or Russia.

What we need is a strategic plan designed to avoid fighting wars. That plan should contain a realistic

assessment, based on capabilities, of what countries we might have to fight, and then a force structure can be designed to meet that threat. You don't have to go to West Point to know that your threat is what determines your force structure.

Rumsfeld and the civilians he brought into the Defense Department played a key role in selling the American people on a war based on falsehoods. There were no weapons of mass destruction. There was no connection between Saddam Hussein and al-Qaida. There was no connection between the attacks on 9/11 and Iraq. The whole sales pitch from start to finish was false, and nearly all of it was manufactured in Rumsfeld's Defense Department.

That's why he should leave, and why he should have left a long time ago. The bright, young go-getter has become a stubborn, arro-

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Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Nov. 12 San Antonio Express-News on jus-

tice for Saddam Hussein: Given the magnitude of Saddam Hussein's homicidal crimes over 30 years, it seems weirdly inappropriate that he should have received the death

penalty in his first trial. That historic trial concerned the revenge murders of 148 people from the town of Dujail after an assassination attempt against the Iraqi dictator in

The word "murder" doesn't adequately describe what happened in Dujail. A document from Saddam's

intelligence directorate noted 46 of the 148 victims "had been eliminated or died during the investigation." That means they were tortured to death before they could face a Baathist exe-

Another case is ongoing regarding the 1988 Anfal campaign against the Kurds, which killed as many as 180,000 people, some of them targeted with chemical weapons.

And prosecutors had hoped to bring as many as 12 more cases against Saddam, including crimes related to the deaths of 100,000 or more Shiites in

Saddam may have an appointment with the gallows before those trials can conclude. An automatic appeal of the death sentence will delay that appoint-

ment, but Iraqi officials indicate the sentence may be carried out in a few months.

Regardless of how one feels about the death penalty, it's worth noting that the Iraqi tribunal, however flawed, delivered a semblance of something Saddam's victims never received justice.

In fact, while two other defendants in the Dujail case also received pronouncements of death, the tribunal sentenced four more to prison terms, while one defendant was acquitted.

If Saddam does finally hang, it may relieve the fear among Shiites and Kurds that his monstrous reign might somehow return. It might also dampen

See SADDAM, Page 5

Eight coal miners killed, 15 missing in Poland

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truth.

— Andrzej Pytlik

RUDA SLASKA, Poland (AP) - A Co., said the fate of the small reconnaissance team descended deep below the earth today toward where 15 Polish coal miners were missing more than 3,000 feet underground, then withdrew because methane gas levels were too high, a company spokesman said.

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Digging was halted during the night after high concentrations of gas raised fears of a second explosion at the Halemba mine in southern Poland where eight coal miners were killed Tuesday, officials said.

"The rescue managing staff decided that it cannot expose the health and the life of the rescuers to danger," said Zbigniew Madej, a spokesman for state-owned Coal Co., which operates the mine.

Rescue teams had recovered six bodies from the scene of the blast in the southern city of Ruda Slaska, Madej said. Another two bodies had been located but could not be reached because the high concentration of methane gas meant there was the risk of another explosion.

Grzegorz Pawlaszek, head of the Coal

other 15 was "not known." Locator devices carried by the missing miners were emitting no signals.

Still, he said, "there is a chance to find someone still alive."

Andrzej Pytlik, 30, whose brother-in-law was one of the killed or missing, stayed with his sister until 2 a.m. at the mine's canteen and returned early

Wednesday morning. He said the bodies had not yet been identified and the fate of his sister's husband, Krystian Gaszka, was unknown.

Pytlik said his sister was still clinging to hope but that he, a miner himself, had given

"I work in the mines and I know that hope is scant because that's the truth," he said, holding back tears and adding that

on a shift that he had not been scheduled to work. 'I work in the

The men, ranging in age from 21 to 59, were attempting to retrieve equipment that had to be abandoned months ago in a section of the Halemba mine that was closed in March because of dangerously high gas concentrations

Equipment worth \$23 million was left behind,

Pawlaszek said.

Miner

"It was new equipment and that is why we decided to retrieve it," he said, adding the work was done under the supervision of specialists in detecting gas.

He said the recovered bodies had burns and were hard to identify because ID tags were torn away in the blast.

Inside the mine complex, officials and priests were counseling distraught relatives

Gaszka had been filling in seeking word on missing loved-ones. Eight white candles burned on a low wall outside

"There is fear," said Krzysztof Przybyla, a 34-year-old who said he knew some of those trapped. "This could have happened to any of us."

Labor unions complain that a lack of investment and massive layoffs in recent years have resulted in falling safety standards at Poland's mines.

The nearly 50-year-old Halemba mine, located in the heart of the Silesia industrial region, is one of the oldest in the country, and has a record of serious accidents.

In 1990, 19 miners were killed and 20 injured in a gas explosion at the mine. In 1991, five miners were killed in a cave-in. Earlier this year, a miner was rescued after he spent five days underground following a cave-in.

Poland's worst mining accidents were in 1974 and 1979 when explosions killed 34 miners each at the Czechowice-Dziedzice in Silesia and the Dymitrow mine in Bytom.

Events calendar

· Habitat For Horses, Inc., is in the area distributing horse feed, hay, medical and barn supplies. The volunteer organization will continue to organize feed and hay drives to the fire damaged area and coordinate distribution centers as needed. For more information, call (866) 434-5737 or (806) 681-

 Pampa Meals on Wheels will host "Music and a Meal" from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. every Tuesday during the month of November. Various groups will be featured at 12 p.m. The Eighth Grade Girls Chorale Group, will perform Nov. 28. To find out more, contact Meals on Wheels at 669-1007. Cost of the meal will be \$5.

 Altrusa will host "Soup With Mrs. Claus" from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 2 in the Old Pampa Hardware Building, 120 N. Cuyler. The meal will be \$5 per person. Carry-out will be available. Pictures with Mrs. Claus will be \$2.

 Amarillo Museum of Art will have annual "Children's Christmas Workshop" from 10-11:30 a.m. Dec. 9. The event is open to children between the ages of 4 and 10. Participants will make Christmas ornaments and cards. Music will be heard and refreshments served. Cost of the workshop is \$15. Pre-registration is required as attendance is limited. For more information,

Association Presents "Live On Stage" has released its current concert schedule. The schedule is as follows: "Puttin' on the Hitz, A Salute to Irving Berlin," 7:30 p.m., Feb. 15, Borger High School Auditorium; Bronn and Katherine Journey, harpist and vocalist, 7:30 March 19, M.K. Brown Auditorium. Membership fees are \$30 for adults, \$70 for families; and \$15 for students. For more information, call 665-0343 or 665-2631.

 Just Between Friends in Amarillo, a children's and maternity consignment shop, will be collecting donations of gently used winter coats or stuffed animals for the Eveline Rivers Christmas Project. The shop donates a portion of its profits to the Project and many consignors donate unsold items to the charity. For more information, call (806)

 Manhattanville My Soldier is seeking volunteers to "adopt" a deployed U.S. Serviceperson. To find out more, visit www.mysoldier.com online or write to: Manhattanville College Soldier Department, 2900 My Purchase St., Purchase, NY 10577.

call (806) 371-5050.

Pampa Community Concert

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Saddam

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hopes in Sunni quarters for a Baathist revival.

If so, then in the long run Saddam's execution might contribute to political

stability. In the short run, however, Saddam's death sentence means more sectarian violence and an increased death toll for the American military.

Executing Saddam may not right the wrongs of Iraq's bloody past. His public trials and the presentation of evidence, however, lay bare to the world and, more importantly, to the Iraqi people the atrocities for which he was responsible.

Reese

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gant old man with a closed mind. If he ever felt any regret or sadness over the young lives lost in a war based on lies, he has certainly hidden any sign of it.

We need a civilian head of the Defense Department, but we need a person with an open mind who will listen to his professionals. What is the point of having all those men with military experience if you're not going to pay attention to anything they have to say?

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





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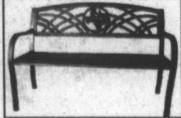
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Soup with Mrs. Claus.



Altrusans Brenda Tucker, from left, Karen Bridges and Judy Warner are preparing for an Altrusa fund-raiser, "Soup with Mrs. Claus." The fund-raiser will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 in the Old Pampa Hardware Building, 120 N. Cuyler. Soup or chili will be served at a cost of \$5 per person, and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to meet and greet visitors.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS JIM BRUTON?

I am pleased to announce that Jim Bruton has agreed to move from my Pampa office, Whitney Insurance, to manage our Levelland office of Ashmore & Associates Insurance.

Don Whitney will continue to run his agency in Pampa but will no longer be associated with Brenholtz Insurance.

If you are a client of lim's we would like nothing better than to continue our relationship with you offering the same companies and service you have become accustomed to receiving from him.

Jim still lives in Pampa and is there every week. He can be contacted at 806-662-5105 for all your local insurance needs. He can be reached in Levelland by calling 888-230-9411 (toll free) or 806-771-4368 (office) or 806-897-0408. His e-mail address is jbruton@ashmoreassociates.com

Thank you for allowing us to help with your insurance needs. **David Brenholtz**

Bush, Iraqi leader to meet in Jordan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing strong disapproval of his war strategy, President Bush will go to the Middle East for a summit with Iraq's prime minister next week to discuss how to speed up the slow transfer of security responsibilities to Baghdad's con-

National security adviser Stephen Hadley said the two days of talks with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki were part of a process allowing Bush to hear from a variety of sources as he tries to "make up his mind about how the best way is to proceed in Iraq.'

Already scheduled to be in Europe for a NATO summit, Bush will fly from Latvia to Amman, Jordan, for talks Wednesday and Thursday with al-Maliki. The surprise meeting was announced on Air Force One as Bush flew home to Washington from an eight-day trip to Asia and an overnight stop in Hawaii.

With the Republican loss of Congress, the continuing slump in Bush's approval ratings and strong public opposition to the war, the president is under intense pressure to make

some changes.

Bush had hoped to be able to announce U.S. troops withdrawals by now. Instead, in the war's fourth year, the administration is weighing whether to beef up American forces, which now number more than 140,000. Bush said this week he has not decided on any troops buildup or cutback.

Hadley said the two leaders would talk about how to move forward "in a more effective and expeditious way."

A joint statement released by Bush and al-Maliki recommitted the two leaders to the goals of combatting violence, curbing sectarian divisions and promoting stability.

"We reiterate our commitment to building the foundations of a peaceful, democratic, secure and unified Iraq and to strengthening

the partnership between our two nations,"

they said.

Dissatisfaction with the war was seen as a major factor in the Republican election setback. Many Americans are frustrated by the relentless violence and the inability of Iraqi forces to take over security responsibilities from U.S. forces. More than 2,800 Americans have died in Iraq since the U.S.led invasion in 2003.

A joint commission formed by Bush and al-Maliki about a month ago has been exploring ways to accelerate the transfer of security duties to Iraqi forces and to give the government in Baghdad more control over how to protect the country. Hadley said the commission would report to Bush and al-Maliki on its work.

"The question will be whether that work has progressed enough so that there will be something to announce," Hadley said. "But we're not looking for a big, bold announce-

Hadley said the idea of a summit came up in the last week or so. The meeting comes at a time of increasing diplomatic contact among Iraq, Iran and Syria.

This week Iraq and Syria restored diplomatic ties after nearly a quarter century. This weekend, al-Maliki is to go to Iran for a summit on the violence in Iraq. The move, viewed as an apparent attempt by Iran to counter U.S. influence in the region, was received with skepticism at the State Department in Washington.

A blue ribbon panel on Iraq, led by former Secretary of State James A. Baker III and former Democrat Rep. Lee Hamilton, will soon release recommendations on U.S. options in Iraq. The proposals are expected to include openings to Syrian and Iran in a bid to internationalize efforts to clamp the sectarian conflict.

Magnets on toys called dangerous

WASHINGTON (AP) called Tuesday for warning sets now on store shelves. labels on toys with magnets after more than 4 million Mattel play sets were recalled over injuries to several children who swallowed magnets that fell off.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission, which announced the recall of magnetic Polly Pocket sets as the holiday gift-buying season begins, urged shoppers to avoid buying toy sets with small magnets for children

under 6. The recall doesn't A consumer research group include Polly Pocket play

The commission received 170 reports of the small magnets falling from Polly Pocket dolls and accessories. Three children swallowed more than one magnet and suffered intestinal perforation that required surgery. If more than one magnet is swallowed, they can attach to each other and cause intestinal perforation, infection or blockage, which can be fatal.

"Swallowing a magnet is not like swallowing a penny," said Alison Cassady, research director of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group in a statement that accompanied its annual toy safety survey. "Powerful magnets can wreak havoc inside the body."

U.S. PIRG said the commission should require labels on all magnetic toys warning parents to seek immediate medical help if their children swallow a magnet.



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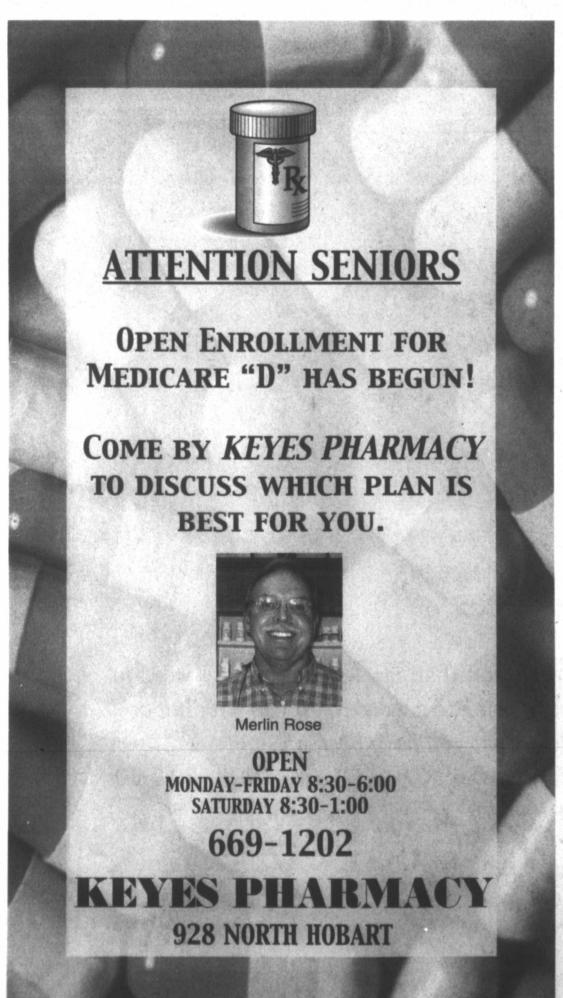
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'Socks for Soldiers'



Veteran Eugene Taylor, left, and Don Emmons are seen here tying socks on a "Socks for Soldiers" tree. The local VFW Women's Auxiliary will sponsor the tree during the annual Festival of Trees slated Saturday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The festival will open from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The tree will serve as a depository for such articles as white crew socks, travel-size wet wipes, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, eye drops, foot powder (small), beef jerky packets (small), sunflower seeds, Gatorade, etc. Items for the tree may also be donated between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 at the auditorium.



FINANCIAL NEWS

Dell shares climb in premarket trading

By MATT SLAGLE AP Technology Writer

DALLAS (AP) - Dell shares climbed more than 9 percent in premarket trading today, a day after the big computer maker beat Wall Street earnings estimates with its delayed third-quarter report.

Its shares rose \$2.39, or 9.6 percent, to \$27.21 in electronic trading ahead of the opening of the Nasdaq Stock Market.

After the markets closed Tuesday, Dell Inc. said its preliminary reading was that it earned \$677 million, or 30 cents per share, in the three months ended Nov. 3, up from \$606 million, or 25 cents per share, in the same quarter a year ago. Revenue was \$14.4 billion.

Analysts, on average, had been looking for third-quarter earnings of 24 cents per share on sales of \$14.44 billion, according to a survey by Thomson Financial.

The results were driven by solid sales of laptops and a more diverse product line, and offered some good news for investors amid an ongoing federal investigation of the company's accounting and financial reporting.

Sales of the company's "mobility products," including laptops, grew 17 percent from the year-ago period, while sales of desktop PCs actually fell 5 percent because of what Dell termed a "decision to focus on more profitable products."

Overall, sales of laptops and desktops in the period accounted for \$8.6 billion, or 59 percent, of Dell's revenue, the compa-

In a break from its normal practice, Dell did not provide year ago results in its report. It also didn't offer the usual postearnings conference calls, where reporters and analysts could directly question founder Michael Dell and Chief Executive Officer Kevin Rollins.

Dell stressed the preliminary nature of the earnings, saying the results could change due to a Securities and Exchange Commission probe that has grown since it was first announced in August. Dell also included warnings about the uncertain outcome of the investigations that could show "a material weakness in the company's internal controls over financial reporting."

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Economy: Jobless benefits climb during past week

By JEANNINE AVERSA **AP Economics Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Considerably more newly laid-off workers signed up for unemployment benefits last week, although the figures suggest the job market remains stable even as a housing slump afflicts the

The Labor Department reported today that new applications filed for the work

week ending Nov. 18, rose by a seasonally adjusted 12,000 to 321,000. The increase was bigger than many economists were expecting. They were forecasting new claims to clock in at about 310,000.

Even though the increase left claims at a three-week high, the level was still considered consistent with a jobs climate that remains decent despite the strain of job losses related to the cooling of the once-sizzling housing market. The current number of new

with last year's applications in this same time frame, when claims stood at 322,000.

The more stable, four-week moving average of claims, which smooths out week-to-week fluctuations, rose to 317,000 last week. That was an increase of 3,000 from the previous week. And it marked the highest level since late August. Compared with a year ago, the four-week moving average of claims has remained fairly sta-

filings for unemployment benefits is in line ble. For the same week last year, the moving average stood at 316,750.

The report also said that the number of people continuing to collect unemployment benefits grew by 14,000 — to 2.45 million - for the week ending Nov. 11, the most recent period for which that information is

Other barometers suggest that the job market thus far is weathering well the slowdown in overall economic activity.

Imams removed from flight

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— Ibrahim Hooper

Spokesman

report listed the incident as "Security- crew's instructions. Other," but some saw the detention of six

imams at the airport here as a case of "Flying while Muslim" — the idea that Muslims come in for extra scrutiny when they fly.

The imams were removed from the flight to Phoenix on Monday night after three of them said their normal evening prayers in the terminal in Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport before boarding, said Omar Shahin, president of the North American Imams Federation, who was one of the passengers removed. The passengers were among 150 imams who attended a federation meeting in Minneapolis.

"It's discrimination, Shahin said, calling for a boycott of US refused to let them on any of its flights.

Airways. It was just the latest incident in which passengers who were Muslim or, in some cases, just not Caucasian were removed from a flight for questioning. In August, a flight from Amsterdam to Mumbai was escorted back to the airport by F-16 fighters because a group of Indians on the plane had a large number of cell phones, notebook computers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The police and hard drives, and refused to follow the

"In this country, there was a time that Catholics were profiled, and they were stereotyped and discriminated (against), and Jewish people," said Dr. Shahid Athar, a professor at the Indiana University School of Medicine, who also writes and lectures on Muslim interaction in the West. "It looks like it is our turn now."

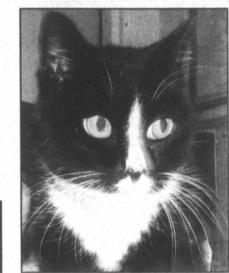
> In the incident Monday, a passenger reported overhearing the imams criticize the U.S. in Iraq and speaking angrily near the gate. The men were interrogated by the FBI and the Secret Service. They had to fly a different airline out of town on Tuesday after US Airways

"Unfortunately, this is a growing problem of singling out Muslims or people perceived to be Muslims at airport, and it's one that we've been addressing for some time," said Ibrahim Hooper, a spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations. The group planned to file a complaint over the incident, Hooper said.

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People in the news

NEW YORK (AP) David Blaine's latest stunt is as much about charity as

The 33-year-old magician tepped inside a gyroscope Tuesday in Times Square. His hands and feet will be shackled to the spinning scope Thursday afternoon. He will then have until Friday morning - a total of 16 hours — to make his escape.

This is more difficult than anything I've ever done. I've not tested it much. I will be learning how to do this as I'm doing it.

 David Blaine Magician

If he's successful, Blaine will lead 100 children selected by The Salvation Army on a shopping expedition at Target. Each child will receive a \$500 gift certificate from the retailer.

Blaine said the stunt was particularly important since The Salvation Army had provided him with clothing while he was growing up.

"This challenge is close to my heart," he said.

Several hundred people turned out for the start of the stunt, which was set up just a few blocks from the site where he once spent more than 60 hours inside a block

of ice. "This is more difficult than anything I've ever done," Blaine said before he was loaded into the gyroscope, which was then hoisted 40 feet into the air. "I've not tested it much. I will be learning how to do this as I'm doing it."



Sports Day



Courtesy photo Pampa's Tyler Hall drives to the basket during Tuesday night's game in Borger.

Lady Harvesters rout Lady Bulldogs, Harvesters' last quarter push falls short

By DONNY HOOPER Special to The News

BORGER — The Pampa Lady Harvesters improved to 2-5 on the season following a convincing win over the Borger Lady Bulldogs Tuesday night 61-41 at Tex Hannah Gymnasium.

Pampa Outscored Borger (2-2) in every quarter of the game and was firing on all cylinders.

The game was tied early at 3-3 but Pampa would take the lead and never look back, winning the first quarter 11 to 8, the second 14 to 10, the third 15 to 11 and the fourth 21 to 12.

team in rebounds with 13 and went 6 of 8 from the free throw line.

Mckinsie East dominated the Borger paint and finished the night with 13 points. Freshman Carlyn Teichman finished with 9 points and several assists while senior Kelsie Wyatt had her best performance of the year, forcing multiple turnovers and chipping in

The Lady Harvesters went 14 of 26 from the free throw line.

In the boys game, the 11th ranked Bulldogs narrowly escaped with a 49-Pampa was led in scoring by Britteni 47 win over the Harvesters at Tex

Rice with 26 points. She also led the Hanna Gymnasium Tuesday night.

The Harvesters lit up the scoreboard in the fourth quarter to come from behind and almost defeat the Bulldogs.

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Pampa trailed most of the night and was behind by 13 points with just 3:30 left to go in the fourth quarter.

That's when senior Tyler Hall and freshman Alex Clendening mounted a charge that would bring Pampa to within 2 for the final 30 seconds of the

The two combined for 16 points in the fourth, but a Pampa turnover with 8 seconds in the game would seal the vic-

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Pirates' historic journey to playoffs took hard work

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

LEFORS -- It was a cold, rainy day in April in the weight room last spring when Coach Joey Czubinski told his team that if they made it to the playoffs, he would bleach his hair.

"These kids have struggled with the Presidents, past wars, different economic systems, different governmental philosophies," said Czubinski, who also teaches social studies, "but all of them could remember that I told them I'd bleach my hair."

Running his hand through his short, bleached blonde hair, Czubinski said he honored his word.

Czubinski, an Air Force brat, grew up mostly in Europe. In addition to U.S. citizenship, he is a Greek citizen because he was born on Crete while his father served there and is a British citizen because of his soccer career there when his father was in Great Britain.

As a 15-year-old, he signed a professional soccer contract in England, where his father was serving at the time.

Six months later, however, he found himself in San Angelo after his father was transferred to Goodfellow Air Force Base.

After high school, Czubinski graduated from Angelo State and took a job in 1995 teaching and coaching at Sinton, near Corpus Christi.

"They had some success as 3A state champion in basketball," Czubinski said. "In 1997, we were lucky enough to go back to the state finals. We didn't win, but we went back."

Czubinski was the defensive coordinator for the football team at Sinton and later at Ballinger. He was head coach of the high school freshmen team at San Angelo Central.

His wife Tesha, an elementary teacher and junior high school cheerleader sponsor at Lefors, graduated from Angelo State in

After her graduation, they moved to Lomeda. The football team there was an 11man squad when Czubinski got there, but the next year, they began a six-man football pro-

"I took up six-man there," Czubinski said. "I like it. I have to admit I like it. I've gone the 11-man route and I've coached at big schools with 11-man football."

There are aspects of the big schools he like, he said.



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

The Lefors Pirates, many sporting bleached blonde hair modeled after the hairdo of Coach Joey Czubinski, center in jacket in back, gather around a player's car before turning to practice on Tuesday.

get a crowded packed stadium. The whole town shows up. It means a little more, I think."

He cites the playoff game against McLean in Groom last week as an example.

"Our side of the stands, it looked like we had more people," Czubinski said.

There was a 50-vehicle caravan coming back. The crowd was so large, the team bus had trouble getting into the parking lot of Pirate Field when they returned to Lefors

The team had not been picked to do well in preseason polls. They were 20-point underdogs going into last Friday night's game against McLean, but that may have worked in their favor. They may have been underrated. They certainly rose to the chal-

Czubinski shrugged concerning the preseason forecasts for his team.

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"But at a six-man school," he said, "you Shop at any of these participating business between November 7th and December 1st and YOU could win! FRANK'S TEXAS UNITED TRUE **FURNITURE** SUPERMARKET'S VALUE TARPLEY PRESTIGE **HEARD-JONES** MUSIC AUTO PEGGY'S HEALTHMART CENTER PLACE DIAMONDS SANDS DOORKNOBS **WEST TEXAS FABRICS** LANDSCAPE SEARS AARON'S ONE STOP **COFFEE SHOP** SALES & LEASE **FLOORING** Visit each participating business for details on how to receive your drawing tickets. Then, bring your tickets to the drawings for a chance to win. The first drawing will be at approximately 3:45 pm in front of Tarpley Music. The second drawing will be at approximately 5:30 pm in from of Dunlap's. Two lucky people will win \$600 worth of Pampa Bucks. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

DRAWING TO BE DECEMBER 2ND

White Deer in rematch with Memphis for 1A regional title

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- This time, Wade Wilson said he'll go for the tie.

The last time the White Deer Bucks played the Memphis Cyclones, it wasn't a conference game. With minutes left in the fourth quarter, White Deer scored a touchdown to bring the score to 33-32 against the game leading Cyclones. A kick would have tied the game before the home field crowd. The two-point conversion would have won

"It's a playoff game," Wilson said of their rematch later this week. "You tie it. You extend the game."

He said he would have done that the first time White Deer met Memphis if it had been a district game,

He said he'd already made up his mind that they were going for two when the players called a time out and came over to the sideline. They were ready to go for it.

That first meeting with Memphis was one of two losses White Deer suffered during the regular season.

At noon Friday in Dick Bivins Stadium at Amarillo, there's more on the line. This time, it's for the money, marbles and chalk. It's for the 1A regional title.

This is the first season for Canadian native Wilson at White Deer as athletic director and head football coach.

Wilson came here from Burleson, a 5A school near Fort Worth. He said that he's got as much spirit or more at White Deer than at the larger school.

"We have as much noise and as much fun at our pep rallies as the 5A school I came from," Wilson said. "It's pretty neat."

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"Most of the time, sportswriters have to go on facts and what happened the previous year," he said.

Last year, they were 1-9. "We'd lost several key players

through eligibility," he said. "There's nothing you can do about

Then his two key running backs, Bret Roberson and Cameron Klein, got hurt in the second game of the season. They missed the next six games.

"We went from having a pretty good team with 13 or 14," Czubinski said, "to nine guys by week two of the season and six of them were freshmen." He said there was nothing to do

but weather the storm. During the off-season, begin-

ning in April, Czubinski told his team that they could be as good as they wanted to be.

The team went 1-3 in their first four games. That was a wake-up call, Czubinski said.

After their loss to Follett, he said, they were determined to win.

"The older guys, the juniors and seniors, they really stepped up their leadership," Czubinski said. "Especially the senior class. They

really rose to the challenge." "I've got 10 solid guys right there," Czubinski said of the jun-

iors and seniors. Czubinski told them their hard

work last spring would determine how good they would be this fall.

That hard work paid off. The Pirates are 7-4 this year. They won district and at 6 p.m. Saturday, they'll play Whitharral for the Six Man Division II regional playoffs

in Silverton. Czubinski is betting the team's hard work will take them further in the playoffs.

Galloway's return a reminder to Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The theory was sound. Troy Aikman would throw deep passes, Joey Galloway would track them down and the Dallas Cowboys would rack up points and wins.

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The reality was a disaster. Galloway never caught a pass from Aikman. They played only one game together, the 2000 opener, and neither was around for the end of it. Aikman was knocked out early with a concussion and Galloway went out late with a torn

knee ligament that ended his receiver returned in 2001, the quarterback had become a broadcaster.

Although Galloway went on to put up solid statistics for Dallas, he was traded to Tampa Bay for Keyshawn Johnson in May 2004. With him went the bad memory of a foiled plan, as well as the two first-round picks and \$42 million contract Jerry Jones spent to acquire him from Seattle.

Between Johnson and Terrell Owens, receivers have made enough news for Cowboys fans to have forgotten about Galloway. Well, they'll get a big reminder Thursday when he and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (3-7) play Dallas (6-4) in the annual Thanksgiving game at Texas Stadium.

Galloway said Tuesday he Galloway said. season. By the time the is looking forward to the game for the chance to catch up with some friends and to take part in the tradition surrounding the holiday game. As for reminiscing about his days wearing the star on his helmet, he's as willing to forget about them as anyone else.

> truly think if we could've won more games in Dallas, it would've been fun," he said. "I think it was the losing that always sours the taste in your mouth." Of course, the whole

> Aikman thing factored in, too, compounded by the fact Galloway was brought in to replace Michael Irvin as the team's top receiving threat.

> "Unfortunately, I didn't get a chance to play with Troy long enough for us to get on the same page,"

something I regret, but it's not something I can do anything about."

Galloway says similar things about his entire career. He's had about 16 starting quarterbacks combine on his 588 career catches, a revolving door that's kept him from developing the kind of bond Marvin Harrison has with Peyton Manning, or even Terry Glenn with Drew Bledsoe.

"Somebody told me last week that in my career Quincy Carter has thrown me the most passes. I chuckled because that's funny," said Galloway, who turned 35 on Monday but still runs like someone in his early 20s, as evidenced by his stats: 38 catches for 626 yards and five touchdowns, all team bests.

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He said the team, and the community, was hungry to win and win they did. They finished the season 8-2 and were second in district play.

In the previous matchup with Memphis, Wilson said the lead went back and forth during their first match up.

"I expect the same thing this weekend," Wilson said. "I think it will be another good game, and we'll be able to squeak it out this time instead of them."

Memphis comes into the contest with a 9-2 record. Both teams are 4-1 for conference play.

While Memphis relies on two backs for their power, White Deer has more versatility.

"There hasn't really been a superstar on our team," Wilson said.

Looking at the stats Wilson said, one player will have a breakout game one week and the next week it will be a different player.

"All of them carry the ball about an equal number of times," Wilson said.

Defensively, White Deer may have its work cut out for it.

"They've got some speed," said White Deer High School Principal Bryan Hanna, who grew up in Borger and has been a track coach.

"They've got two running tremendous backs," Wilson said of Memphis, "and they're going to give them the football. That's no secret."

The Memphis tailback is at the top in rushing yardage for the region.

"He carries the ball a lot, and he has a ton of yards," Wilson said.

Memphis also has a big fullback that can run. "We know going into it

we have to slow them down," Wilson said. The name of the game

defensively will be containment, he said. Wilson said the Bucks are a running-oriented

team. sounds funny "It because we're tiny," he grinned. "We have little bitty guys, but we try to outflank people. We use a lot of different forma-

tions." He said that when they've had to, they've thrown the ball pretty well this year, but he doesn't consider the Bucks a throwing team.

The last time White Deer and Memphis met, it was a tight game.

"We just came up a little bit short," Wilson said. He doesn't think they'll

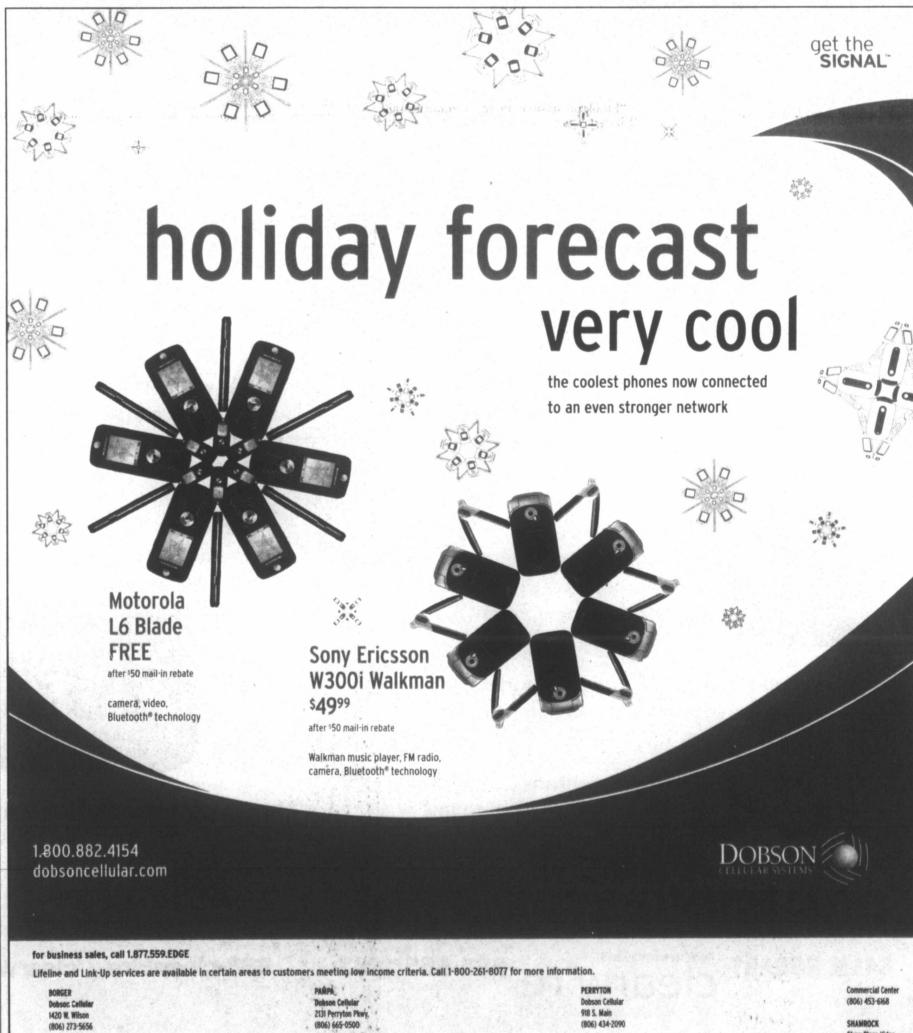
Continued from Page 10 tory for the Bulldogs for the 49-47 final score. Hall would lead the scoring attack for Pampa with

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with 15. Blake Sieck would finish with 5 while Alex Torres would toss in 4 for the Harvesters. Nathan Purswell led the Borger scoring with 15 while Andrew Horton would finish with 13.

Pampa is now 0-3 on the year and Borger is 2-0. 22 followed by Clendening

Pampa will host the Lions Club Tournament beginning Friday at Clifton McNeely Field house. The tournament opens up at 2 p.m. and the Harvesters' first action will be Friday night at 8. The tournament runs through Saturday evening.





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Air travelers entering U.S. must show passpor

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Homeland Security Department will require virtually all air travelers entering the United States after Jan. 23 to show passports — even U.S. citizens.

Until now, U.S. citizens, travelers from Canada and Bermuda, and some travelers from Mexico who have special border-crossing cards for frequent visitors were allowed to show other proofs of identification, such

as drivers' licenses or birth certificates.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff disclosed the effective date of the initiative in an interview with The Associated Press. The Homeland Security

Department was planning to announce the change on Wednesday.

Chertoff said the change was a crucial next step to helping ensure the nation's secu-

"Each of these steps raises the bar to an attack. None of this is perfect. None of them is foolproof. But we're always better off when we build higher levels of security," he said.

"Right now, there are 8,000 different state and local entities in the U.S. issuing birth certificates and driver's licenses," Chertoff said. Having to distinguish phony from real in so many different documents "puts an

enormous burden on our Customs and Border inspectors," he said.

In a few cases, other documents still may be used for air entry into the U.S. by some frequent travelers between the U.S. and Canada, members of the American military on official business and some U.S. merchant

Under a separate program, Homeland Security plans to require all travelers entering the U.S. by land or sea, including Americans, to show passports or an alternative security identification card when entering the U.S. starting as early as January

The Homeland Security Department estimates that about one in four Americans has a passport. Some people have balked at the

\$97 price tag. The Sept. 11 Commission said in its report, "For terrorists, travel documents are as important as weapons."

The commission recommended strengthening security of travel documents. A 2004 law passed by Congress mandated the change to require passports as the only acceptable travel document, with few exceptions, but the exact date had been in ques-

PIT BULL ATTACK

ogs maul 4-year-old Harris County boy to death

old boy playing near his home noon. Deputies arrived minutes was mauled to death by two pit bull dogs that didn't release his body until they were distracted by the lights and sirens of responding deputies.

The boy's mother tried to

HOUSTON (AP) — A 4-year- her son's screams Tuesday after- minor injuries. later, distracting the dogs and then shooting them, killing one and injuring the other.

The boy, Pedro Rios, was

Harris County sheriff's Sgt. Noel Araguz said Pedro was playing with his 2-year-old brother, who was able to escape to safety. The boys were playing flown to a Houston hospital in a cul-de-sac in a neighborwhere he died shortly thereafter. hood of mobile homes in unin-

"This is a very sad day," said Araguz, a homicide investigator. "We never want to see children attacked by dogs.'

Deputies said they had not determined where the dogs came from. No one had admitted to fight off the dogs after she heard His mother, Isela Rios, suffered corporated eastern Harris owning the dogs. Neighbors said

they thought they were strays, deputies said.

Harris County has a public leash ordinance meant to control stray dogs. However, county records show that more than 7,000 stray dogs were impounded last year by field officers.



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Tips for avoiding parking lot predators

(MS) — As drivers everywhere can attest, finding a parking space around the holiday season is akin to finding a needle in a haystack. Legions of holiday shoppers often converge on a mall parking lot at the same time, all hoping to land the premiere spot just outside the mall doors.

Such finds are rare, however, and most shoppers typically park so far away from the store they can barely see the mall by the time they turn their car engines off. While that's a reality that's unlikely to change anytime soon, a more sobering reality is the one involving parking lot attacks, where criminals prey on victims forced to park far away during the busy holiday season. It's a concern consumers are well aware of, but often feel as though there's little they can do about.

That's a sentiment that couldn't be farther from the truth. While attackers often sneak up on their victims, there are steps you can take to ensure you're less likely to be victimized.

• Be visible. In general, mall parking lots are well lit. However, lights burn out from time to time, something mall security should be notified of immediately. Always avoid parking in dimly lit areas, as you're leaving yourself highly susceptible to attack. Regardless of how long it might take to find a



Whenever possible, men and women alike should avoid walking to their vehicles alone in crowded parking lots.

spot in a well-lit area, remember the few extra minutes you spend cruising around the parking lot are well worth your personal safety.

· Remember where you parked. Everything has seemingly gotten bigger over the last decade or so, from vehicles to grocery stores to mall parking lots. That makes it extremely important to remember where you parked. Most stores have indicators on lampposts des-

ignating specific sections of the more alert for potential attackers. If parking lot, making it easier to you can't recall where you parked, recall where you parked. Criminals ask a security guard to help you prey on people who are lost, as find your vehicle. they generally pay less attention to their immediate surroundings as they attempt to find their vehicles. In addition, larger vehicles, such as SUVs, make it easier for potential attackers to hide. Write down where you parked if you need to. Remembering will help you stay

 Minimize idling time. While motor vehicle experts will instruct you to let your car warm up, particularly in cold weather, for a few minutes before putting it in gear, that can be dangerous if you're sitting in a car at night. In general, it's best to minimize your idling time

in large parking lots if alone. If you're that worried about your car, get in, back out of your parking space and go warm it up right outside the mall doors where there's more lighting. Do not sit in your car for several minutes letting it idle in a dark parking lot.

 Lock your doors when leaving and getting into your car. Leaving your doors unlocked while you're inside the mall will make it easy for potential attackers to hide in the backseat and wait for you to get out. Once you get back into your car, lock your doors first and foremost — review your receipts later. It's also good to leave all valuables locked away in the trunk. A car with lots of packages will look more attractive to criminals, and will also give them something to hide under or behind while you're in the mall.

· Walk confidently. Similar to animals in the wild preying on other animals they sense are weak, criminals often go after the target they feel is the easiest and will put up the least resistance. When walking to your car, keep your head up and walk assertively. Slouching or giving the impression of fear will invite attackers. You want to make yourself a less than attractive victim to potential attackers, so make it seem as though you would scream or cause a scene if you

were to be approached.

No family for the holidays? Party with your friends

By DOUGLAS J. ROWE AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When Aunt Sarah died, so did a longtime holiday tradition. No longer would I have a place to go for Christmas Eve in South Philly with the Sicilian-American clan in which I grew up.

Without any surviving close family, I looked forward to a lonely season in New York — until I realized how many other urban transplants there were. Why not be the Italian Mamarelle for those who couldn't get back to the folks?

enth annual Christmas Eve bash, proving you can have happy holidays without fam-

"Our closest friends are our chosen family," observes Paul Siegel, an assistant professor of clinical psychology at the State University of New York/Purchase.

Particularly in cities, he says, "connections ground us. So if you are unable to spend the holidays this year with family members, do Whatever you can to create a others in your life."

show that one-fourth of the nation's households — 27.2 million of them - now consist of one person, compared to just 10 percent in 1950. For that matter, the average American has only two close friends in whom to confide down from three in 1985, according to an authoritative sociological study released in June. Nearly a quarter have no confidant at all.

The holidays can be particularly hard on those who have suffered the death of sense of connectedness to loved ones, divorce, empty nests or relocation. There More and more people also are those who do have Neighbors are glad to get out channel - burns on the TV on those who find themseem to be on their own family but would rather not This year marks my sev- these days. Census figures see them; for them too, it can friends have an excuse to party. didn't come with a fireplace!?

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> Prince, Green Day, Talking Heads or the Oliver Nelson Sextet will take over. The perpetually burning

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script," he says. "Each of us is our own character, and we each have something we want to say."

anthropologist

Buckser.

Re-thinking expectations and letting go of the goal to go and gratefully call it my an old New York tradition of a picture-perfect holiday — can relieve the pressure

Tradition is important in

defining ourselves and our

values, but so is adapting as

circumstances change, says

Purdue University cultural

"Holiday rituals are really

a kind of play, and everyone

is always rewriting the

Andrew

Some veterinarians turning to acupuncture, other alternative treatments for ailing pets

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — When Ann Day's dog had a stroke in July, one side of his face became paralyzed so severely he couldn't blink. She knew she needed to do something before the 13year-old pug, Jimmy, lost his eye to infection.

"I was open to anything that would help," Dey said. At Pets Unlimited, a non-

profit animal hospital that

was opening the city's first all-holistic veterinary medical clinic on Monday, Jimmy received acupuncture for a month. Now, his face is

As alternative approaches like acupuncture and herbal remedies have moved further into the mainstream for made those same techniques increasingly available for

humans, veterinarians have pets.

'I do holistic things for my body. So I thought, how exciting that they're doing this for animals.'

— Marilyn Chartrand Consumer

Animal care officials say pet owners have been convinced by their own positive experiences that their pets should also enjoy the benefits of alternative techniques.

"Seeing is believing," said Wortman, Unlimited's hospital administrator, standing near a row of scented candles on the new clinic's reception desk.

A Japanese fountain, soft lights and walls painted in help the animal through the

soothing tones of sage, ochre and salmon augment the calming atmosphere of the clinic, which is one floor down from the city's only 24-hour-a-day emergency room for pets.

The renovations have a therapeutic effect on pets, Wortman said, but added that it was just as important to create a setting where owners also feel relaxed.

"The practitioner can only

person," she said.

Still, the push for the new treatments — also known as holistic or complementary medicine — has not come so much from vets, whose medical training is still steeped in the rigors of the Western scientific tradition.

"It's been more consumerdriven," said Joe O'Hehir, executive director of Pets Unlimited.

Marilyn Chartrand of Alameda is one of those con-

"I do holistic things for my body. So I thought, how exciting that they're doing this for animals," said Chartrand, who adopted a cat from Pets Unlimited.

Chartrand said she treats her cat with aromatherapy when she gets sick, offering her different scents to inhale. "She knows which ones her system needs," Chartrand

That holistic medicine for animals would catch on in San Francisco, which also ushered in the no-kill movement in animal shelters in the 1990s, comes as little surprise. But the field is catching on among veterinarians across the country.

Maryland-based The American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association claims more than 800 members from Florida to Alaska. Chartrand learned about an alternative treatment called therapeutic touch from her sister, a veterinarian who uses the technique on horses in Kansas.

Still, despite broadening acceptance, alternative medicine for animals faces continued skepticism. The American Veterinary Medical Association said in recent guidelines on alternative medical techniques for animals that the organization is "open to their consideration."

But it stressed that the quality of research into different methods varies, saying some practices "may differ from current scientific knowledge."

Beth Schneider, an animal acupuncturist for Pets Unlimited, said one positive experience with alternative techniques can be enough to convince doubters.

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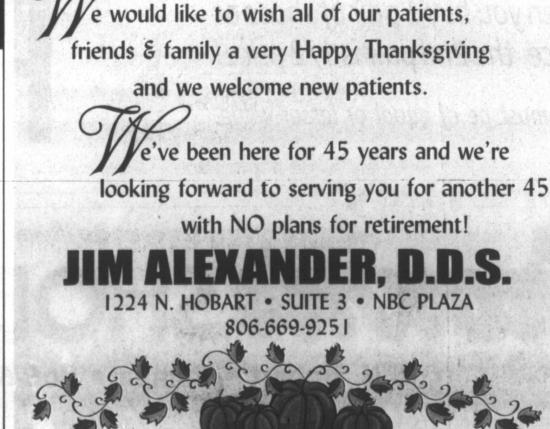
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hanksgiving.

The Pilgrims, who celebrated the first thanksgiving in America, were fleeing religious persecution in their native England. On Sept. 6, 1620 the Pilgrims set sail for the New World on a ship called the Mayflower. They sailed from Plymouth, England and aboard were 44 Pilgrims, and 66 others. The long trip was cold and damp and took 65 days. Since there was the danger of fire on the wooden ship, the food had to be eaten cold. Many passengers became sick and one person died by the time land was sighted on November 10th.

Although they had first sighted land off Cape Cod they did not settle until they arrived at Plymouth, which had been named by Captain John Smith in 1614. It was there that the Pilgrims decide to settle. Plymouth offered an excellent harbor. A large brook offered a resource for fish. The Pilgrims biggest concern was attack by the local Native American Indians. But the Patuxets were a peaceful group and did not prove to be a threat.

The first winter was devastating to the Pilgrims. The cold, snow and sleet was exceptionally heavy, interfering with the workers as they tried to construct their settlement. March brought warmer weather and the health of the Pilgrims improved, but many had died during the long winter. Of the 110 Pilgrims and crew who left England, less that 50 survived the first winter.

On March 16, 1621, what was to become an important event took place, an Indian brave walked into the Plymouth settlement. The Pilgrims were frightened until the Indian called out "Welcome" in English! His name was Samoset and he was an Abnaki Indian. He had learned English from the captains of fishing boats that had sailed off the coast. After staying the night Samoset left the next day. He soon returned with another Indian named Squanto who spoke better English than Samoset. Squanto told the Pilgrims of his voyages across the ocean and his visits to England and Spain. It was in England where he had learned English.

Squanto's importance to the Pilgrims was enormous and it can be said that they would not have survived without his help. It was Squanto who taught the Pilgrims how to tap the maple trees for sap. He taught them which plants were poisonous and which had medicinal powers. He taught them how to plant the Indian corn by heaping the earth into low mounds with several seeds and fish in each mound. The decaying fish fertilized the corn. He also taught them to plant other crops with the corn.

The harvest in October was very successful and the Pilgrims found themselves with enough food to put away for the winter. There was corn, fruits and vegetables, fish to be packed in salt, and meat to be cured over smoky fires.

The Pilgrims had much to celebrate, they had built homes in the wilderness, they had raised enough crops to keep them alive during the long coming winter, they were at peace with their Indian neighbors. They had beaten the odds and it was time to celebrate.

The Pilgrim Governor William Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving to be shared by all the colonists and the neighboring Native Americans. They invited Squanto and the other Indians to join them in their celebration. Their chief, Massasoit, and 90 braves came to the celebration which lasted for 3 days. They played games, ran races, marched and played drums. The Indians demonstrated their skills with the bow and arrow and the Pilgrims demonstrated their musket skills. Exactly when the festival took place is uncertain, but it is believed the celebration took place in mid-October.

The following year the Pilgrims harvest was not as bountiful, as they were still unused to growing the corn. During the year they had also shared their stored food with newcomers and the Pilgrims ran short of food.

The 3rd year brought a spring and summer that was hot and dry with the crops dying in the fields. Governor Bradford ordered a day of fasting and prayer, and it was soon thereafter that the rain came. To celebrate - November 29th of that year was proclaimed a day of thanksgiving. This date is believed to be the real true beginning of the present day Thanksgiving Day.

In 1817 New York State had adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom. By the middle of the 19th century many other states also celebrated a Thanksgiving Day. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln appointed a national day of thanksgiving. Since then each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, usually designating the fourth Thursday of each November as the holiday.

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In once-canopied village, push begins to save trees

By JOHN CURRAN **Associated Press Writer**

PEACHAM, Vt. (AP) — In this hilltop hamlet, shade trees have always been part of the appeal.

For decades giant elms, oaks, maples and butternuts towered over roads and homes, providing shade, fall foliage and a picturesque complement in a place that draws leaf peepers, photographers and the occasional filmmaker looking for a New England backdrop.

Disease, old age and storm damage have taken a

toll in recent years, though, and now the town is embarking on a tree maintenance plan aimed at preserving what's left — taking inventory, propping up ailing trees and planting for the future.

It has drawn up a 100-year plan aimed at restoring the lush greenery that once canopied Bayley-Hazen Road and other roads, established a Village Tree Board and begun identifying the damaged trees that can be

It's a big job — and it won't be done quickly.

"We have some sugar

People sometimes don't look at trees as actual infrastructure, like roads and sidewalks, that need to be maintained and funded."

> Danielle Fitzko Urban and community forestry coordinator

maples and oaks in the vil- these replacements and reallage that are in their last stages," said Julie Lang, who chairs the newly established Village Tree Board. "It's a good time to be looking at

ize it's not just an overnight initiative. It'll take decades before we realize the canopies and the greenery we had 40 years ago."

In Vermont's rural communities, trees are often taken for granted.

Few have begun addressing the problem of aging trees, which can be dangerous when lightning or storms hit, according to Danielle Fitzko, urban and community forestry coordinator for the state Department of Forest Parks and Recreation.

"People sometimes don't look at trees as actual infrastructure, like roads and sidewalks, that need to be maintained and funded," Fitzko said. "We enjoy them but don't realize we have to

be caring for them. What Peacham did is what we recommend - doing an inventory and a management plan. They identified species, looked at condition and made a plan for how to move forward and how to actually manage this resource."

For a place with 665 people and a \$600,000 annual budget, it wasn't easy.

After obtaining a \$3,000 state grant to draw up a management plan, the village rustled up an equal amount's worth of volunteer contribu-

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Gifts for a NASCAR fan



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selves without family, says another expert, Kansas State

University professor Charlotte Shoup Olsen, who specializes in family issues.

"If there ever was a time to look beyond the box, this is it," she says.

The key, she says, is keeping plans simple.

That's what I do: buy plenty of booze and 6-foot hoagies; a monster pan of lasagna; antipasto; and various cheeses, olives and other noshes. Some people bring cookies and pastries.

Another option is potluck, says Lehigh University professor Nicola Tannenbaum, who studies the cultural significance of food and eating. She suggests serving "comfort foods, but what these are depends on the people involved, their ethnic backgrounds and their experi-

ences." Potluck lets everybody bring what's right for them. Or you could invite peo-

ple over to make soup, or anything that requires several pairs of hands.

"Actually, working together to prepare food is a way to draw in new people who may not have much in common beyond the fact that they have nowhere else to go," Tannenbaum says.

On Christmas Eve, there isn't the mammoth mandate to have fun - or the mournful introspection — that can make New Year's Eve oppressive.

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Which reminds me: I still miss getting to Philadelphia for the Mummers Parade on New Year's Day. There's no substitute for that.



Amanda Hoke presides over a display of NASCAR items featured at Culberson Stowers Inc. of Pampa The ball caps and other items are perfect Christmas gifts for any NASCAR fan.

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VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — It's by no means an uncommon sight. Four men sitting around a table, laughing as pictures and stories are swapped back and forth.

With each new picture passed around comes a new story, a new thread of conversation that weaves with the one before it until it's impossible to tell who started what.

"Is that Eddie ... oh, what's his name?" "No, it's you ... that's so long ago, you don't even recognize your-

"Now this here is a pretty girl. That's my lovely wife. She ran for, uh, what was it? Beauty Sweetheart. Remember those?"

"No, but I remember her."

Laughter follows as the waitress pours more iced tea. More pictures are brought out, some faded more than oth-

"Hey, you might recognize some of these faces. Look at this one." "That grey-headed old fart there,

who is that?'

"Oh, ah ..."

"He married, uh ... well, shoot." "Oh, it was Kathy ..." "Whittaker."

"Yeah, Kathy Whittaker."

"Why is it you guys always remem-

Something's wrong here."

Another hearty round of laughter follows. Just four old friends, sitting around a table, catching up on each other's lives.

With each new picture passed around comes a new story, a new thread of conversation that weaves with the one before it until it's impossible to tell who started what.

But the story of how these four came together is not so common, each having played a small role in one of history's greatest standoffs. Cut back to 45 years ago, the fall of 1961. The Berlin Crisis is looming over the world. As the potential for confrontation escalates, President Kennedy requests an increase in the Army's total authorized strength.

On Aug. 30 of that year, 148,000 National Guardsmen and reservists are called to active duty in response to Soviet moves to cut off Allied access to

Bill Moore, the one with the Beauty ber the wives, not the men? Sweetheart wife, is only a couple of

months into his first semester at college. Sammy Rippamonti, Edward Ganem and Xavier R. Fossati are all busy working and expanding their fam-

These four, along with about 100 other Victoria natives of Company E of the 386th Engineer Battalion of the Texas National Guard get the call to pack their bags and prepare to relocate to Fort Polk in Louisiana.

"It was a pretty big deal at the time, said Moore, who was only 19 at the time. "We had a lot of local boys that suddenly were leaving their civilian lives to become soldiers. A lot of them had to leave college or leave their wives and girlfriends behind. And at the time, we didn't know how long we'd be away."

"I went from making \$400 a week to making a soldier's wage of \$460 a month," Rippamonti says.

The men would end up spending 10 months at Fort Polk, along with the 5,000 other Texas civilian-soldiers of the 49th division who were activated. However, even with the threat of heading overseas to fight, those 10 months ended up being the best time of their

"When we got the call, I wasn't scared. In fact, I was excited. It was an adventure and I enjoyed every minute

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DOWN THE ROAD

Traveling gets easier with on-the-go gear

(MS) — This time of year when you're visiting family and engaging in hours of holiday-related shopping, on-the-go gear can be a real asset. Many of these items also make perfect gifts for parents. Consult this list of must-haves, compiled from a number of expert baby gear resources.

IN THE CAR

Getting around town or taking extended road trips can be simplified with the addition of these items:

Car seat: A car seat is a mandatory item for your vehicle. Each make and model will have distinct size and weight limits for use. One of the most cost-effective options when purchasing a car seat is to look for a convertible model that can accommodate a small infant in a rear-facing position and then grow with the child through infancy and toddlerhood to a forward-facing position. Some can handle upwards of 45 pounds. Later on, booster seats are required for older children.

Seat protector: Where there are kids, there is often

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Charity the choice of many come the holiday season

son is synonymous with giving. Many charities cite the season as their most productive time in terms of donations.

While giving can be a selfless and admirable act, it's also one that should not be taken lightly. For instance, not all charities are what they seem, and some might make your donation go farther than others. Tax considerations also require strong record keeping, as the government recognizes charitable donations and offers deductions depending on how much is donated. With such considerations in mind, the following tips can act as

(MS) — The holiday sea- a guideline for how to tion. Always keep these approach your holiday donation this season.

> Know how much is tax deductible. To show their appreciation for your donation, many charities offer gifts in return. These can reduce the amount of your tax deduction if accepted. Gifts such as a dinner for two or concert tickets will lessen the amount you can deduct come tax time. Of course, these gifts can be turned down, and often are. Maintain accurate records. Upon making a donation, the charity should provide you with receipts and possibly even forms you'll need to prove you made the dona

records, even after you've filed your tax returns. For more information, visit the Internal Revenue Service Web site at www.irs.gov.

• Plan for your gift. Most people recognize the need for giving around the holiday season and want to do their part. To ensure you can do just that, plan for your gift and add the amount into your monthly budget. Just like you would rent or utilities or your monthly car payment, plan ahead on how much you'll donate and stick to that amount. Charities will appreciate the effort and you'll feel better having done your part.

 Do your research. Not all charities are legitimate and well-intentioned. In fact, criminals prey on charitable people around the holiday season, recognizing the added desire for giving and attempting to capitalize on that desire. If you don't have a favorite charity with which you've established a relationship over the years, take some time to do your research and ask a few questions along the way. Be skeptical of charities you've never heard of or aren't familiar with. Ask how much of your donation goes to the needy and how much goes to

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Think outside the box when wrapping

(MS) — A number of industry statistics point to gift bags as being the No. 1 method of wrapping gifts. For many it's much easier to nestle a gift inside an appropriately sized gift bag and tuck in some tissue paper than it is to wrestle with rolls of wrapping paper and awkwardly shaped boxes.

According to The Fun Times Guide, 95 percent of people stockpile an average of 24 gift bags for both seasonal and everyday uses, which include themes such as birthdays, weddings, baby events, kids' characters, and solid colors. Despite ease of use, there are certain tips

to follow when using gift bags. Here are some to get you started:

 Don't spend a fortune on gift bags. While area card shops and stationery stores will carry a variety, there are also many styles and shapes available at discount and

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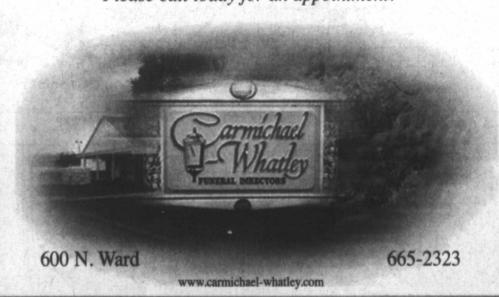




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Trees

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tions and took stock of 400 trees, laying the framework for cabling and repair of 65 damaged ones and the future planting of flowering crabapple trees on the roads leading into the village.

Now, the town earmarks about \$3,000 annually for trees, augmenting that with volunteer labor and other contributions. It's a start.

Education is one element of the plan - letting property owners know that there are less expensive, less destructive ways to save trees than to cut them down when they begin to have problems.

"It's gotten so people have been afraid of their trees. A branch breaks off, and before you know it, they're having a 40-inch maple that's been there a hundred years and they have it taken down," said Dave Jacobs, a landscape architect from East Peacham working as a volunteer in the effort.

Instead of spending \$1,000 to tear down such a tree, it can take only a few hundred dollars to prune or cable the tree and render it safe, he said.

There are other benefits,

too.

"The aesthetic of a canopied street is that it gives the sense of a village, and it slows traffic down. It makes for a setting, a character. You're driving through an open field of corn and suddenly you reach a place with houses and nice big trees canopying over the

Residents are behind the effort — for various reasons.

"I want the road looking

roadway," said Jacobs.

narrower so the cars go slower," said Stan Fickes.

zone in front of my house. I have five children. "It's a beautiful little

town, and the people here have wanted to keep the trees," said Nancy Bundgus, 90. "I'm as old as some of them, you know."

"People drive 50 miles-an-

hour in a 30 mile-an-hour



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a man who feels all alone in the world. My mother once told me I was the "experimental child" (seeing as I'm the oldest of two). My girlfriend doesn't understand the living hell of posttraumatic stress from a tour in Iraq, and every time I need comforting, I am pushed away. The only friends who I'm in contact with are her family. Support from my family isn't easy to get. My father, a Vietnam veteran, understands what I'm going through, but has told me he chooses to stay away because he's afraid of a possible relapse. Help! - STRESSED IN PENN-**SYLVANIA**

DEAR STRESSED: Consider this: You may have been the "experimental child," but the outcome was obviously a success because your mother went on to bring another child into the world. I'm not sure that anyone who hasn't been through it -- or isn't a trained psychotherapist -- can truly understand the pain of post-traumatic stress. And that is why I'm urging you to contact your nearest veterans hospital. More than in wars past, the military medical system seems to appreciate that a large number of vets returning from Iraq and Afghanistan will need professional help to overcome their trauma. Help is available, so please don't wait to reach out for it. And while you're at it, take your father with you, because it appears he could use some help, too. Please let me hear from you again in a few months, because I care. And I have a strong hunch you will have started the healing process.

DEAR ABBY: My stepdaughter is pregnant with her third child. We are all excited about the arrival. We were recently told of the baby's name, which is beautiful. My only concern is the way it's being spelled.

The name will be spelled as "Jasiela," although the mother-to-be is pronouncing it "Gisella." Do I need to address the way she's spelling it, for the sake of the child? -- HESITANT IN HITCHCOCK, TEXAS

DEAR HESITANT: Yes. When the little girl gets to school, her classmates and teachers will naturally want to pronounce her name the way it is spelled. And phonetically, "Jasiela" would be pronounced "Jazzy-Ella." It will cause far less confusion if Mom learns the correct spelling for the name she has chosen.

DEAR ABBY: I am 10 years old and I'm concerned about my 11-year-old friend. I'll call her "Riley." We're in the same class at school, and every day I hear her say, "I need to lose weight. I'm sooo fat." Then she tells me, "I want your body. You're so skinny." But Abby, Riley isn't fat at all! She's really skinny. Just because I weigh in the 60s and 70s, she wants to be me! I don't want Riley to become anorexic, and I try to help her, but she won't listen to me. Please help. - RILEY'S FRIEND, MONROE,

DEAR FRIEND: For someone so young, you are a very sharp girl. When a thin person looks in the mirror and sees herself as "fat," it could, indeed, indicate that the person may need professional help. Please tell your teacher what you have told me. The teacher can see to it that Riley's mother is made aware of her daughter's problem -because that's what it is, and it could lead to an eating disorder if she doesn't already have one.

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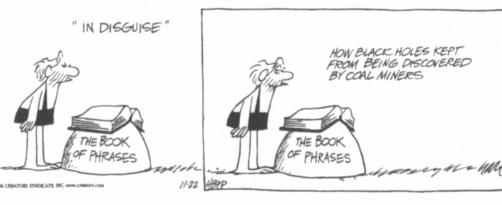


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of it. It was the best time of my life," said Gamen, who was a full-time member of the Victoria Armory at the time. "I enjoyed the military life and I was lucky enough to have my family down there with me. I loved the life and felt I was serving a purpose."

"It was the biggest thing that had ever happened in my life at that point," Moore said. "I was just a baby and was having the time of my life over there."

"Hey, if no one's shooting at you, it's a good life," quipped Rippamonti, who was 32 then.

The local economy of the small town of Leesville, which bordered the fort, also benefited from the influx of troops who were, of course, only doing their civic duty.

"We did a lot for the economy down there. Soon after we came, about 15 bars sprung up," Rippamonti said to an explosion of laughter.

"Little bitty old town of about 3,000 there in Leesville and we really upped the tourism."

"Well, I'm pretty sure there were about 22,000

troops that hit the base there in that timeframe," Moore added.

Fossati, who was a first lieutenant, and officers Rippamonti and Ganem all were able to bring their families to live with them on the base. They realized just how lucky they were.

"It was hard for a lot of the guys," Ganem said. "Many of them had left behind loved ones and they would leave on the weekends to see them, which was a really long drive. And then they'd get back on Monday morning at 2 a.m., only to have to wake up at 6 a.m. It was a good 300 miles, but they wanted to see their sweethearts."

"Us three officers and our families all lived close to one another at the fort and knew each other," Rippamonti said. "We all graduated from St. Joseph around the same time and then we adopted Moore. And thank God we never had to go overseas. We were only about 13 weeks away from it at the time before we got sent home."

Echo Company, which specialized in bridge building (or as Fossati put it, "Our motto was: Have Bridge, Will Travel") returned to Victoria in August 1962 with a big parade.

The four friends went on with their lives. Moore

got married. Ganem went back to school and graduated from law school at the age of 38. Fossati retired from the military after 23 years of service. Rippamonti went back to working and raising his

family. They all still carry in their heart their one big adventure and brush with

glory. "And now we get together every year around the anniversary of when we were first sent over there, which was around Oct. 15. We talk about old times and we're just like athletes. The longer away an athlete is from the game, the better an athlete he becomes. At this point, we were incredible soldiers," Ganem laughed. "Just ask us."

At the Holiday Inn in Victoria, where the men have come together for lunch, the pictures and stories keep flowing.

Forty-five years later, the pictures may have faded, but the men are as lively as ever.

"Hey, isn't George? "Now, who was his

wife?" "Is he still living?"

"Oh, what was his wife's name? I know I know it."

"No, no, he's been dead a long time."

Travel

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added mess, in the way of crumbs and spills from snacks in the car. Plus, car seats can dig into upholstery, causing permanent dents. In answer to these problems, many parents opt for seat protectors that are thin pads and go under the car and booster seats and sometimes behind the back of the seat as well. There are also kick guards to place on the back of the passenger (or driver) seat to save these places from dusty or muddy footprints caused by little soles.

Entertainment: Many minivans and SUVs offer optional DVD players in the vehicles. Simply pop in a video and keep the kids busy while en route to the store, grandma's — wherever. Portable DVD players may be more economical, easily taken out of the car and onto planes, trains or buses, as well as doctors' offices and more. For older kids, tote along inexpensive MP3 players (save the more

pricey models for your enjoyment) or hand-held video games like the Sony PSP or Nintendo products.

Storage: There are all sorts of organizing systems for kids' toys and travel items just take a look at your local baby or kids store. However, a canvas shoe organizer tied to the back of one of the front seats gives kids plenty of pockets for stashing books, games, little cars and treasures they find during their travels. Plus, it'll keep the floor of the car tidy.

Safety: Even though your windows may be tinted, the glaring sun can still be powerful through car windows. A pulldown sun shade can remedy this, and be moved to different windows as needed. Another safety feature that can come in handy is a GPS (global positioning system) with road map capabilities. This way you won't get lost and will always know where rest areas or restaurants are should you need to make a pit stop.

Potty: For those emergencies when a stop is not available, travel potties can make bathroom breaks easier on child and you — and eliminate messes and clothing changes.

Box

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99-cent stores — at a fraction of the cost.

 Embellish plain gift bags with stickers, stamps, decoupage and other personalized touches. You can also dress up other nontraditional bags so that they become gift bags. Use brown paper bags or shopping bags from a favorite store.

 Don't skimp on the tissue paper. Roll your gift in a generous amount of tissue paper, then place in the bottom of the gift bag. Pull out more tissue paper from the package and place it on top of the gift and trailing outside the top of the bag, fluffing as you go. You want the bag to look full, not deflated.

 Those paper tags that are attached to gift bags can fall off easily, as can cards slipped inside of the bag. Secure cards to the bag with tape to ensure the recipient knows who has given the gift.

· Recycle gift bags, which have a considerably longer shelf life than reused wrapping paper. Set aside a spot in your house where you keep gift bags you've received. Then you'll only need to look there first when giving a gift.

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the charity's overhead costs. Ask where the money will go as well.

Any charity worth giving to will be glad to answer these questions. If a charity does matches gifts. Employers

not know the answers to such inquiries, ask for a phone number for the charity's headquarters or simply look elsewhere. Never trust a charity is a charity simply because it says so. There are nearly as many bogus charities as there are legitimate

· See if your employer

often recognize their role in making charitable donations as well. Such a recognition often results in matching programs, where an employer will match the donation amount their employees make to a given charity.

This can make your donation go even further. Of course, it can also help your employer when it comes time to file taxes as well.

 Recognize there's more than one way to give. It's no great secret money can be tight come the holiday season. Giving time is often as valuable as money. Since charities experience a sharp increase in donations around the holiday season, they often need help in handling those donations. In addition,

charities often get more public around the holidays in an effort to increase giving. That increased presence is made possible by volunteers willing to offer their time.

Another great way to give is to bequeath some money to a favorite charity upon your death or set up an endowment. Both of these methods will ensure you

charity keeps reaping the rewards of your generosity even after you've passed. Most charities provide information regarding how best to set up such gifts.

If your particular charity does not, consult your attorney on what's the best approach to take.

FAMILY PETS

Don't forget Rover this Christmas

— Everyone enjoys getting something special during the holiday season, whether it's a child opening a gift from Santa or a parent opening the first gift their child's ever made just for them.

That's a fact that even extends to the family pet. While most people endure long lines at the malls and endless Internet searches for the right gift, pets often get less attention during the busy holiday season. Such a reality makes finding the right holiday gift for your pet all the more important. After all, no one's as loyal as the dog, cat or bird, so reward that loyalty this holiday season with a gift . For those looking to make this holiday a

memorable one for their favorite four-legged friend, consider the following gift

· A new bed. A domestic pet's life is certainly a good one. Most cats and dogs lie around the house or apartment all day and take frequent naps. While that's certainly something their owners could envy, especially during the timepressed holiday season, it can do a number on your pet's bed. Chances are, your pet looks at his bed much as you look at yours. Reward your pet with a new bed, complete with all the comforts he deserves.

· Clothes. As pets have become more popular and pampered over the years, pet clothing lines have

begun to pop up in stores nationwide. But what many people might not know is that clothing for pets is as functional as it is fun. Much as humans feel the cold come winter, pets can get very cold as well. Simply because they're covered in hair doesn't mean they're well-insulated. Try getting your pet a hooded sweatshirt for colder climates or a T-shirt if you live in a warmer area. There are also booties that will protect your dog's paws from snow and ice, which could irritate the paw pads. Your pet will appreciate it once he steps outside into the cold win-

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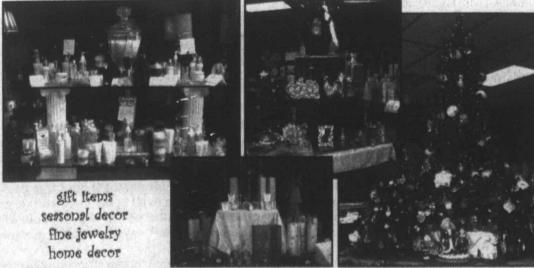
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Meat may raise breast cancer risk

CHICAGO (AP) - Eating red meat may raise a woman's risk of a common type of breast cancer, and vitamin supplements will do little if anything to protect her heart, two new studies suggest.

Women who ate more than 1 1/2 servings of red meat per day were almost twice as likely to develop hormone-related breast cancer as those who ate fewer than three portions per week, one study found.

The other — one of the longest and largest tests of whether supplements of various vitamins can prevent heart problems and strokes in high-risk women — found that the popular pills do no good, although there were hints that women with the highest risk might get some benefit from vitamin C.

The meat study was published recently in Archives of Internal Medicine. The vitamin study was presented at an American Heart Association conference in Chicago. Both were led by doctors at Harvard Medical School and were aimed at two diseases women most fear and want to prevent.

Antioxidants like vitamins C and E attach to substances that can damage cells. Scientists have been testing them for preventing such diseases as Alzheimer's and cancer.

This is the first large study to test vitamin C alone, not in combination with E or other vitamins, for heart health, said Dr. JoAnn Manson, chief of preventive medicine at Harvardaffiliated Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, who led the research.

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More than 8,000 women were randomly assigned to take vitamin C, E or beta carotene alone or in various combinations for nearly a decade. An additional 5,442 women took folic acid and B vitamin supplements for more than seven

"Overall, there was minimal evidence of any cardiovascular benefit of any of these antioxidants," and people should not start or continue taking them for that purpose, Manson said. Among the

women in the study who had no prior heart disease but three or more risk factors for it, those who received vitamin C alone or in combination had a 42 percent lower risk of stroke. Smokers taking C also had a 48 percent lower

Vitamin E may give very small benefits for some women, the study suggests. Those with prior heart disease had a 12 percent reduction in the risk of new heart problems, Manson

"Many of these subgroup findings are intriguing. However, they need to be confirmed in other studies," Manson said. "We don't want this to be interpreted as a conclusive finding.'

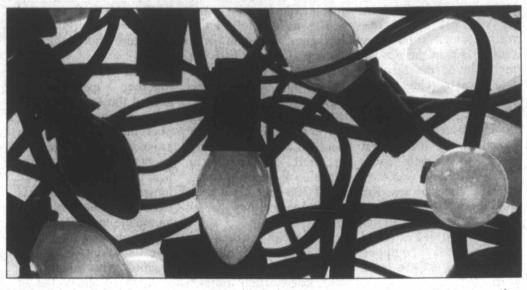
Some suggestions to follow when stringing up those holiday lights

Chances are, when it comes to designing your Christmas lights display, you're more like Chevy Chase as Clark Griswold than Bob Vila. But holiday decorating needn't be a daunting task. Luckily, there is a bevy of products that can make designing your holiday decorations a lot easier.

For example, by simply visiting a Web site such as www.noveltylights.com, you can gain many great ideas for unique ways to decorate your home this holiday season. Products like the Walk Way Trees, 2inch tall mini Christmas trees that light up and line your sidewalk while staying secured into the ground with easy-to-mount stakes, require little work to install but can give your home a unique look.

Similarly, net lights make decorating all those trees and hedges significantly easier than it used to be. Rather than forcing you to string together several different strands of lights to cover your hedges and trees, net lights are connected in one easy net (reducing your dependence on knotted up extension cords), requiring you to just unfold the net and drape it over your nearest hedge. Also, most of these lights allow you to connect three nets at once, making the decoration of a row of hedges or one long tree trunk markedly easier.

Rope lights have also made decorating the home, and taking those decoraand the state of t



With the holiday season upon us, it's time, once again, to string up the Christmas lights.

tions down, a lot less stressful. Similar to a garden hose, rope lights typically come on a spool that makes the trying process of untangling holiday lights a thing of the past. They can be used in many locations where you've once used traditional lights.

After you've chosen the right design, make sure you're careful in your use of holiday lights and decorations. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Commission Safety (CPSC), each year, 12,500 people head to the emergency room with cuts, burns, shocks and falls, courtesy of incidents involving faulty holiday lights, dried-out Christmas trees, and other decorations. The following are some helpful hints from the CPSC for you to take into consideration before dusting off your lights, ladder

and staple gun and heading to the roof.

 Product inspection agencies such as ETL Semko (formerly Edison Testing Laboratory) and (Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.) exist for a reason. Whether you're buying indoor or outdoor lights, make sure your lights have the ETL or UL seal, which assures they meet safety standards and have been certified for their specific use (indoor or outdoor).

· Examine your lights, new or old. Broken or cracked sockets, frayed wires, or loose connections indicate that those lights should be thrown away. Also, if a bulb burns out, replace it immediately, as the remaining bulbs will burn hotter for each burned out bulb.

 Do not use electric lights on a metallic tree.

This can lead to the tree becoming charged with electricity from faulty lights, potentially electrocuting anyone who touches a branch.

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 When stringing lights outdoors, be careful to avoid power lines leading from utility poles into older homes.

· When fastening outdoor lights, do so only to trees, house walls, or other firm supports, and use only insulated staples (not nails or tacks) to hold strings in

· Always turn the lights off before going to sleep or leaving your home.

 Plug outdoor lights into circuits protected by ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to protect against electric shock. These are available wherever electrical supplies are sold.

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Pets

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• Food. A big part of many holiday celebrations is food, hence the reason most people pack on a few extra pounds come

the holiday season. While you won't want to feed your pet cakes or candles, try giving him some new flavored treats, or perhaps even a helping of the holiday meal. Be sure to consult your veterinarian before feeding your pet any human food, however, as certain foods you might not expect could actually prove harmful to your cat or dog.

Character's quest for a one true love speaks to women

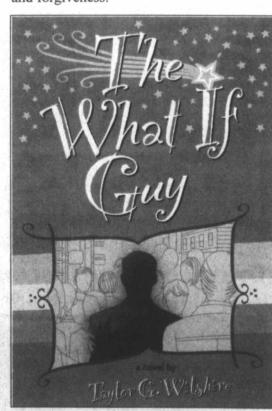
thoroughly enjoy and relate to "The What If Guy," a self-help fiction novel written by former corporate executive and ordained minister, Taylor G. Wilshire. The story is about a young corporate executive who is trying to find her soul mate but also finds her authentic self along the way. Wilshire takes her understanding of corporate America and spiritual expertise and blends them into an entertaining novel (her first) where the reader can escape into a fun story, or uncover life-enhancing tools.

Ryley McKenna is in her late twenties. She is funny, independent, and a workaholic who is determined to find a soul mate while climbing the corporate ladder. On her way up, she meets a "what if" guy — the guy she wonders if giving another chance to, or if doing something differently, will make him the "right" one for her. As she asks herself these questions and more, she realizes that finding "Mr. Right," has importance but so does finding peace and comfort in her authentic self. Her spiritual quest is not an easy one, but once she is touched by a booked called, "A Course in Miracles," she finds the keys and answers that soften the edges of her stressful life.

Ryley's story will strike a chord with all young women who are struggling to make a mark in the world or discover their true selves. The book is told in a conversational style that is witty and fast-moving, and the reader instantly shares the emotions that Ryley exhibits. Wilshire offers something more than the superficial content found in many of the women's literature titles. By sharing some of the tenants of "A Course in Miracles," the book serves as a third-party tool for making positive changes in one's life. Without being preachy, and without sounding too New Age or self-help driven, the story helps readers to learn and grow

right along with Ryley. It also shares some

(MS) — Twenty-something women will important life lessons of the power of love and forgiveness.



"Like Ryley, I found myself caught up in the rat race - more interested in what others thought of me and feeling empty at the end of the day. 'The What If Guy' helped me focus on the important things in my life rather than the unsubstantial ones. I'm passing the book on to all of my girlfriends in an effort to share the wealth and the uplifting message within," says a reader in New

A perfect mood booster or stress-buster, the book is an easy read and relatable story. "The What If Guy" is available wherever paperbacks are sold. Learn more about the book and author at www.thewhatifguy.com.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Jimmy," and I moved to the United States from an Asian country 15 years ago. About seven years ago, he lost a lot of money in the stock market. After that, he quit his well-paying job to do day trading and recover the money he lost. He has tried several strategies; none has made any money. I have a good job, so Jimmy doesn't feel pressured to support his family. However, he's become chronically angry, constantly criticizing me and the kids. His self-esteem is down and he has become extremely impatient, giving me and the kids the silent treatment for days and weeks over little things that make him angry. Both of our families are back home in Asia, and I do not have a strong support system here. Jimmy doesn't care about socializing with people from our culture and doesn't go out with the family. I have suggested counseling; he doesn't have much faith in it. I have gone for two counseling sessions on my own, which helped me to recognize that he's being verbally abusive. The negativity in our house is so bad that even our kids don't want to be in the same room as their father. I have considered divorce, but it's not easily accepted in my culture, and I am afraid of being on my own and scared of making such a big decision. I have tried everything -- offering to help him, be there for him, trying to appease him when he's angry, even though it's not my fault, giving him his space, etc. We are living together for convenience and practicality, but there is no relationship left. We live parallel lives and avoid each other. Even before changing professions, Jimmy was arrogant, difficult to get along with and had a temper -but now it has gone from bad to worse. I don't know what to do anymore. Any suggestions you can give would be helpful. --**BEWILDERED ASIAN WIFE**

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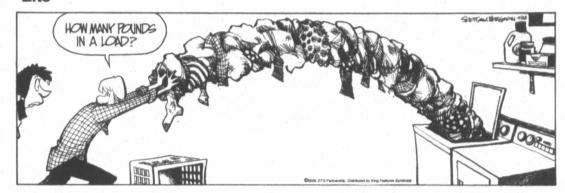
DEAR BEWILDERED WIFE: Your husband used the stock market to gamble, and he lost big time -- as did a lot of other investors who mistook the stock market for a sure thing. He may be mad at the world, but he's probably angrier at himself, and he appears to be taking it out on the people closest to him. You can't fix him. Until your husband is ready to admit that he is the problem -- and do something about it -- the best advice I can offer is to consider carefully how his abusive behavior is affecting your children. If you stay, your son(s) will grow up thinking this is normal, and probably repeat it with their wives. And your daughter(s) will likely marry someone "just like dear old Dad." My advice is to offer your husband the option of counseling one more time, and if he refuses, to consult an attorney about a legal separation. That way you will no longer be responsible for any more debt he may incur. And then, either get him out of the house or take the children to a healthier environment. It wouldn't have to be fancy -- just tension-free. You absolutely cannot continue being the golden goose that gets kicked around. It's bad for you, destructive for your children, and it isn't helping your husband. P.S. More counseling for you is a must! It will serve as the support system you need while your family goes through this period of transition.

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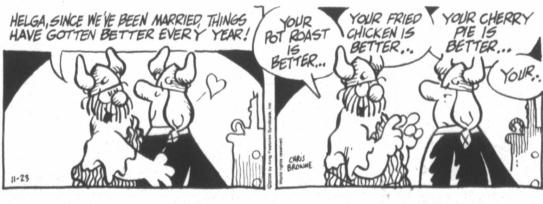
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tance and in-laws will become far closer

and more understanding. Work on judg-

ing less and allowing others to partici-

pate. Tonight: Know that you are in a

★★★★ You might be happily sur-

prised by another's attitude and willing-

ness to pitch in. You will find this attitude

more and more common. Detach and

understand the true nature of this very

special person. Tonight: Call relatives

★★★★ Someone reaches out to you. He

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surround you. Enjoy pitching in and

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you. Tonight: People surround you.

you are with or where. Let loose and

enjoy yourself for a change. You don't

have to be serious; you simply need to

enjoy. Tonight: Let your hair down, even

if you are just watching a football game!

★★★★ Family is where it's at. Use

today to add that special warmth, which

can define your happiness and well-

being. Let others know just how impor-

tant they are. Tonight: Look around -

★★★★ Happiness is second nature to

you right now. In fact, you are entering a

very special, joyous time in which others

cannot show enough caring. You have a

way and a style that warm up many. Just

be yourself. Tonight: Remember to call a

**** You might not be as sure of

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** You might need or want to lie back slightly more than usual. What might be going on could change your opinion. Be ready to step out of yourself. Start noticing all the special people who surround you. Tonight: If you need to cash in early, do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Pay special attention to those who are in your immediate circle. They do make a difference in your life. Loosen up and enjoy. Still, do remember that special person at a distance. Make calls to loved ones who aren't with you. Tonight: Where the gang is.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Nov. 24, 2006

Lady Luck greets you this birthday year. You are starting a new luck cycle. Test out your ideas more frequently this year. Encourage friends to play devil's advocate. Enjoy a strong sense of direction. Learn not to spend without being conscious. Know what you want and be willing to make the necessary investment and adjustment. How you view others might be subject to revision, as you will change a great deal. Be willing to do needed internal reflection. If you are single, a relationship could have some demands you might not be willing to meet, yet you will love the communication and closeness. Juggling your needs will take insight and understanding. If you are attached, you will need time alone a little more often than in the past. CAPRICORN understands money.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Take charge and move forward. You have an unusually good year coming forth, as a major planetary change points to much more luck and opportunity. Consider travel, workshops and other preferred means of mind-opening experiences. Tonight: A force to be dealt with. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** A partnership stands to enrich your next year. An associate's easier financial situation could benefit both of you. Think positively, and you will open up to change. Investigate a different approach right now. Tonight: Movie

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Others appear to be far more in touch with your feelings. Finally, communication flourishes. In the next year, relationships warm up. If you are single, your status could change. Start noticing the transformation today. Tonight: Say

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Let others do what they want,

as you will not be able to influence them. Lighten up and understand what is going on. Emphasize routine and what you can accomplish. Say "no" more often to a sweet tooth. Tonight: Sort through sug-LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** You might want to change courses or do something very differently. Evaluate with an eye to possibilities and breaking past restrictive thinking. You might be surprised by what comes up for you. Allow your imagination to spin out. Tonight: Get some much-needed rest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Sometimes you don't realize what an edge you'd have if you'd allow resourcefulness to bond with your renown precision. You might be stunned by how well events and the quality of your life could be. Tonight: Fun and

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** You have the ability to make an imprint. Your style and way of handling a problem could dramatically change in the next few months. Better communication needs some tuning up. The opportunities will present themselves. Tonight: Happy at home. Call a pal to catch up on his or her news. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Say what you mean and mean

what you say. Learn to make choices that

really reflect who you are. Start working

on this process, knowing that it might take a while to infuse your life with more authenticity. Tonight: Out and about. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** You are entering a year-long luck cycle that could be instrumental to

your life. Curb a tendency to go to

excess, as overindulgence seems to hap-

pen naturally. Deal with your finances with precision and care. Tonight: Pay CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** You feel like you're on top of the world. On some level, you will gain a greater sense of security in the next year. You might already be feeling the differ-

ence! You are full of personality and

smiles. Tonight: As you want.

AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Take your time making a decision it might be slow to come right now. Friendship plays an important role in your decisions. Listen to someone you care about. Take your time, and if you need some space, make that OK. Tonight: Vanish with a special friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You could easily be overwhelmed by your choices. Know that what you decide will encourage others to do the same. Be clear that what you do might make you happy, but it might not be the same for someone else. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

BORN TODAY Composer, pianist Teddy Wilson (1912), actress Katharine Heigl (1978), singer Lee Michaels (1945)

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