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## Cornyn questions federal order for local museum

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

AMARILLO -- Sen. John Cornyn questioned the effectiveness of a U.S. Department of Homeland Security order that the Freedom USA Museum in Pampa hire an employee for security reasons.

While the Pampa Chamber of Commerce debates a subsidy of about \$500 a month for a new employee at the museum, Cornyn said he is unaware of any federal funds that might be available to help

the museum.

Earlier this month, Andy Epps, the museum's curator, came to the Pampa City Commission and requested financial help after Homeland Security notified the museum board that they had to hire a new employee.

The Freedom USA Museum was founded by veterans, mostly World War II veterans, about a decade ago. Epps said they were proud that the museum was run by volunteers and had not cost taxpayers anything, but

he said the unfunded mandate by Homeland Security was beyond their budget, which is largely made up of donations.

The city commission, after Epps' presentation to them, agreed that the museum was a worthy cause and had the request put on the agenda for today's meeting in order to discuss the funding.

Pampa City Manager John Horst said the city staff is recommending that money be taken from hotel and motel tax revenues and routed to the

museum. The museum brings an average of 25 tourists a day to the city.

"The veterans have provided an invaluable service to this community and country," Horst said. "It's a worthwhile project."

Horst said the unfunded federal mandate puts the museum in a cash deficit position.

As a general rule, Cornyn said he's against unfunded mandates.

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## November hottest month since 1892

**By KERRI SMITH**  
Staff Writer

According to Chris Kimble at the National Weather Service in Amarillo, November 2007 went on record as the hottest November since they have been keeping records since 1892.

"During the month of November, we've had five days with temperatures 80 degrees or higher," Kimble said. "That's the most 80 plus degree days ever for the month of November for Amarillo. The previous record was four days above 80 degrees in 2005, 1934 and 1924."

NWS records list the following days in November that were 80 degrees or more: Nov. 4 - 81, Nov. 8 - 80, Nov. 11 - 81, Nov. 19 - 82 and Nov. 20 - 85. The lowest temperature listed in November so far was 19 degrees on Nov. 25.

So far, this month has been relatively dry. The total

precipitation for November has been .08 inches and that was obtained by the snow that fell on Nov. 23.

Looking back at other statistics provided by the NWS, 2007 has been less windy than 2006. The peak wind speed recorded for 2007 was in February when the wind reached 51 mph. There have only been two other months, April and June, that have peak wind speeds of 40 mph or greater.

In 2006, four months had peak winds of 50 mph or greater. January, March, April and May all had high winds. In May, winds were measured at 59 mph. In the past few years, the highest wind recorded was 68 mph, which occurred in June 2004.

Yearly precipitation totals for Amarillo since 2000 show a few very dry years and a few very wet years. Here are the precipitation

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## First Christmas tree



**Jenna and Chandler Bowers of Pampa cut down a tree to decorate for their first Christmas as a married couple. Live trees are available at the Davis Christmas Tree Farm, 2.7 miles north of Loop 171 on Highway 70, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call 665-0123. Chandler Bowers' family were the first customers at the tree farm when it opened for its first holiday season in 2006.**

## Traffic stop leads to arrests of 2, information on locating meth lab

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer

A traffic stop led to components of a meth lab while criminal mischief led to a controlled substance for Gray County sheriff's deputies over the past few days.

Deputies Lynn Hudson and Steven White made a traffic stop at about 11:30 p.m. Saturday on Highway 273, approximately three miles north of McLean.

The officers detected a strong chemical odor present inside the vehicle, said Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing. The occupants were removed from the vehicle and found to be in possession of about 11 grams of suspected methamphetamine, he said.

"There were also items found in the vehicle which appeared to be components commonly used in the clandestine manufacture of methamphetamine," Rushing said.

Shawleen Michelle Brown, 32, of McLean, the driver, and Kevin Michael O'Neal, 45, of Pampa, the passenger, were arrested and booked into Gray County Jail at approximately 1:30 a.m. Sunday. Both were charged with manufacture/delivery of four or more grams but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance.

The traffic stop led to more lab components at another location, Rushing said.

"Deputies developed enough information to secure a search warrant for a building in Pampa," he said. "The warrant was executed at the building at about 4:40 a.m. Sunday. Deputies found components of a meth lab, including containers of suspected anhydrous ammonia."

The building is located in the 500 block of South Russell.

"Because of the potentially hazardous materials found in the building, a hazmat team was called, and they picked up those materials for safe disposal," Rushing said.

Added to the manufacture/delivery charge against O'Neal was a charge of possession/transport of a chemical with intent to manufacture a controlled substance. The additional charge was a result of the discovery of the suspected anhydrous ammonia, Rushing said.

Brown remains in jail in lieu of \$7,500 bond. O'Neal has been released on bonds totaling \$45,000, according to jail records.

The case remains open and is still under

See **DRUGS**, Page 3

## Pickup fails to beat train at crossing

**By KERRI SMITH**  
Staff Writer

Two Pampa men were involved in a motor vehicle accident Sunday evening when the truck they were traveling in collided with a train at the intersection of Price Road and Highway 60.

According to a report issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety, a 1996 Ford pickup driven by Rodrigo Rodriguez, 27, of Pampa was traveling south on Price Road around 8:45 p.m. Sunday.

DPS troopers said witnesses at the scene told them that when Rodriguez arrived at the intersection of Highway 60 the arms of the railway crossing were already down due to an

oncoming train. They said the driver gunned the vehicle and rammed the gate that was down, apparently trying to go through the gates and across the tracks.

When Rodriguez's pickup pushed the gate in, the train collided with the vehicle. DPS reported that the front portion of the pickup was torn off by the impact.

Along with DPS troopers, Pampa Police Department, Gray County Sheriff's Office, Pampa Fire Department and Guardian EMS responded to the scene.




Rodriguez, who sustained injuries, was transported by ambulance to White Deer where he was

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**Wednesday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 53. Wind chill values between 29 and 39 early. Windy, with a northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. Windy, with a southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Friday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 50. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Friday Night:** A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. East-southeast wind around 10 mph.

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Corn	NA	Nat'l Oilwell	63.74	-3.17
Soybeans	NA	Limited	17.91	+0.22
		Williams	33.76	-0.58
		MCD	57.25	+0.43
		Atmos	26.07	-0.14
		Pioneer Nat	44.92	-0.45
		JCP	41.19	+0.27
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OXY	68.49	SLB	89.40	-1.16
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Celanese	37.06	Wal-Mart	45.62	+0.59
Cabot Oil Gas	34.14	OKE	47.11	-0.49
Coca Cola	62.08	New York Gold	826.50	
VLO	62.21	Silver	14.83	
HAL	34.94	West Texas Crude	97.90	

**Illegal track manager to avoid prison**

MARIETTA, Okla. (AP) — A Texas man who admitted to being the general manager of an illegal horse racing track in Love County will avoid prison time under a plea deal reached with prosecutors.

Jesus "Jesse" Romero, 46, pleaded guilty Monday to 47 felony counts, resulting in 162 years in deferred sentences and more than \$42,000 in fines and court costs. Under the deal, Romero won't serve any prison time if he avoids further trouble.

State authorities raided the Red River Playgrounds horse racing track near Thackerville on July 29,

making dozens of arrests and confiscating evidence related to commercial gambling and illegal drugs.

"I'm happy we were able to reach a plea agreement, but I'm disappointed we were not able to introduce some of our evidence," said Joel-Lyn McCormick, assistant attorney general.

"This is a real issue of public safety. We confiscated illegal narcotics and syringes at the horse track — a place described as a family environment."

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**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**IMGARTEN, Kenneth R.** — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.  
**PURKEY, B.A. 'Nig'** — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Shamrock.

**Kenneth R. Imgarten, 78**

Kenneth R. Imgarten, 78, of Pampa, Texas, died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007 in Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Pastor Bob Matthews of Centennial Community Church in Centennial, Wyo., and the Rev. Jim Powell, pastor of Hobart Baptist Church in Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with military rites courtesy of the U.S. Army at Fort Hood, Texas. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Imgarten was born

Dec. 6, 1928, in Moberly, Mo., to Emil and Thelma Imgarten. He played the organ for the Lutheran Church in his youth and attended Moberly Junior College and the University of Missouri at Columbia before serving two years in the U.S. Army.

Ken began a career in 1950 at Phillips Refinery in Kansas City where he raised a family and was active in his two sons, school and scouting activities, and coaching SSJBA Little League baseball. He was an



**Imgarten**

avid outdoorsman and NRA instructor.

Ken relocated to Pampa in 1984 with Phillips Pipeline where he married Evon Elsheimer on Feb. 14, 1986. He retired from Phillips in 1994 after 44 years of service.

Survivors include his wife, Evon Imgarten; two sons, Michael Imgarten and wife Valerie of Newark, Del., and Stephen Imgarten and wife Jan Williams of Santa Fe, N.M.; two grandchildren, Shealyn Imgarten and Gunnar Imgarten; two

stepsons, Courtland French and wife Diane and Craig French; one step-grandson, George French and wife Jamie; and one step-great grandson, Wyatt French.

MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065; or BSA Hospice, P. O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Visitation will be at the funeral home from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

**James Edwin Lankford, 83**

James Edwin Lankford, 83, of Pampa, died Nov. 26, 2007, at Pampa. Services are

pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

**B.A. 'Nig' Purkey, 82**

SHAMROCK — B.A. "Nig" Purkey, 82, of Shamrock, died Nov. 25, 2007, at Shamrock.

Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mike Martin, pastor, and the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of First United Methodist Church in McLean, officiating.

Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors in

Shamrock. Born at Lone Mound on June 29, 1925, Mr. Purkey, son of F.J. and Nona Estelle Reynolds Purkey, was a lifelong Lone Mound resident. He married Montine Wilcox on Sept. 1, 1946, at Greenbrier, Ark.; she died Aug. 12, 2007. He was a farmer, rancher, avid fisherman and enjoyed wood-working in his spare time.

He graduated from high school at Samnorwood and had attended Texas Tech

University.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving aboard the USS Holt during World War II. He belonged to Samnorwood Baptist Church, serving as a deacon as well as both Sunday school director and instructor.

Mr. Purkey was also preceded in death by his parents; a brother, J.T. Purkey; a sister, Jimmie Rae Zeigler; and a granddaughter, Kristina Oldham.

Survivors include three daughters, Kay Martindale of Shamrock, Billie Ward of McLean and Elaine Haxton of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sisters, La Verne Nunn of Bedford and Freddie Cody of Liberal, Kan.; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity. Condolences may be made online at [www.wrightfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.wrightfuneraldirectors.com).

**Emergency Services**

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

Twenty-one traffic stops were made. Traffic stops in the 700 block of Sloan and the 2300 block of North Hobart resulted in at least two arrests.

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart streets.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of 25th Avenue and Perryton Parkway, and the intersection of Highways 60 and 70.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of 21st and Charles streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1100 block of Willow and the 900 block of Varnon Drive.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of West Foster and the 200 block of North Russell.

Welfare checks were made in the 1000 block of South Christy and the 400 block of West Florida.

Found property was reported on three occasions in the police department lobby and in the 1800 block of North Nelson, where a bicycle was found.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1000 block of Varnon Drive, the 400 block of North Somerville and the 1100 block of Huff Road, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 500 block of Linda and the 1400 block of North Hobart, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A prowler was reported in the 2700 block of North Hobart.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of Brunow.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1900 block of Duncan and the 1100 block of Seneca.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of East Craven. A building was spray painted.

Harassment was reported in the 800 block of East Francis.

Narcotics violations were reported in the 100 block of East Foster and

the 900 block of Malone.

Assault was reported in the 1900 block of Duncan.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. Taken were three Social Security cards and a U.S. residency card.

Identity theft was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive. A Social Security number was being used since 2005 by someone other than the owner.

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

**Monday, Nov. 26**

Amber Caviness, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of West Brown by Pampa Police Department for speeding, no proof of liability insurance, expired motor vehicle inspection and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Edward Munoz, 31, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of Sloan by PPD for unrestrained child under 4-years-old.

Leonard Jay Kane, 37, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of Malone by PPD for evading arrest with a vehicle, possession of less than 1-gram of a controlled substance and possession of less than 2-ounces of marijuana.

Mandy Kay Rippetoe, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 1400 block of North Hobart by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia and a Carson County charge of theft of service.

**Tuesday, Nov. 27**

Benjamin Eugene Crocker II, 45, of Happy was arrested by GCSO for criminal mischief and possession of less than 1-gram of a controlled substance.

Richard Louis McCampbell, 53, of Pampa was arrested in the 2300 block of North Hobart by PPD for possession of less than 2-ounces of marijuana.

Kristi Gayle Maddox, 31, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Huff Road by PPD for displaying expired registration, expired motor vehicle inspection, no valid driver's license and failure to maintain finan-

cial responsibility.

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

**Monday, Nov. 26**

7:27 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on a fire alarm.

10:51 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 400 block of North Wynne on a first responder call.

11:21 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Prairie on a m call for medical assistance.

6:05 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 400 block of Florida on a call for medical assistance.

6:46 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 200 block of West Kingsmill on an electrical short.

7:41 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 2200 block of Wells on a Dumpster fire.

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

**Monday, Nov. 26**

8:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Evergreen and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Wynne and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Prairie and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of West Florida and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

11:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Beech and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Tuesday, Nov. 27**

2:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

## United Way donation



Courtesy Photo

The youth for the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross recently had a Frito Pie supper as a fundraiser to contribute to the 2008 United Way Campaign. They presented \$182 to Katrina Bigham, executive director of Pampa United Way. Pictured from left are Adult Leader Valorey Foreman, Matthew Foreman, Michael Foreman, Bigham and Adult Leader Vanessa Vick. Front row is Benjamin Foreman. Youth not pictured are Petra, Summer, Caroley and Sierra, who helped raise the funds.

## Woman describes killing of girl, 2

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Authorities are trying to determine if the 2-year-old dubbed "Baby Grace" after her body was found in Galveston Bay was repeatedly abused by her mother and stepfather, an investigator said Tuesday.

A woman believed to be the mother of the girl told police she and the girl's stepfather beat and tortured the child to death, court documents show. The girl, believed to be Riley Ann Sawyers, was found by a fisherman in a plastic box Oct. 29, but her identity was unknown for weeks.

The mother told authorities how the girl died "of her own volition," sheriff's Maj. Ray Tuttoilmondo said today on CBS' "The Early Show." One of the things authorities are looking at is whether or not there was a pattern of abuse against the girl, he said.

Investigators are awaiting DNA test results, but said Monday they are fairly confident of the girl's identity. Her mother, Kimberly Dawn Trenor, and stepfather, Royce Clyde Zeigler II, were arrested early Saturday and are in custody on charges of hurting the girl.

The details in an arrest affidavit paint a chilling picture of the girl's last days. In a statement to police included in the affidavit, Trenor, 19, said she and Zeigler, 24, killed

Riley July 24.

The girl was beaten with leather belts, had her head held underwater in a bathtub and then was thrown across a room, her head slamming into a tile floor, the mother said in the document. She said they kept the body in a storage shed for one to two months before they put it in a plastic bin and dumped it into Galveston Bay.

An autopsy revealed that Riley suffered three skull fractures, but the cause of death has not been determined.

Zeigler attempted suicide last week and wrote a note saying, "My wife is innocent of the sins that I committed," according to the court documents.

Trenor said in the document that after her daughter was killed, Zeigler had her forge a document that the Ohio Department of Children's Services had taken Riley away because of allegations of sexual abuse.

Tuttoilmondo said Trenor had told relatives that someone claiming to be a social worker from Ohio, where Riley's father lives, took the girl in July. Riley's paternal grandmother, Sheryl Sawyers, hadn't seen her granddaughter in months when she saw a police sketch of "Baby Grace." Thinking it might be Riley, she called authorities in Texas.

## 6 charged in counterfeiting ring in Quanah

QUANAH — Six Quanah residents have been arrested and charged with forgery and engaging in organized criminal activity after local businesses began seeing counterfeit money appearing last month.

The arrests occurred after a lengthy investigation between the Hardeman

County Sheriff's Department, Texas Rangers and the U.S. Secret Service.

Eddie Buchanan, Rickey Dotson, Terrence (Terry) Besaw, Janai Boggess, Tonya King, and Ray Mitchell all residents of Quanah, were charged with forgery and engaging in organized criminal activity.

"Additional arrests are expected," Texas Ranger Jay Foster said. "There is also a juvenile arrest expected," added Ranger Foster.

"I would like to encourage all businesses to be aware of counterfeit money during the holiday season," said Troopier Daniel Hawthorne, information officer for the

Department of Public Safety in Childress. "We all get busy during this time of year and lots of money is being spent, and watching for counterfeit bills sometimes takes a back seat to getting customers in and out quickly."

## Dumas man killed in traffic accident

DUMAS — Thomas Garcia Mendoza, 52, of Dumas was killed Monday afternoon near Dumas when the vehicle he was riding in collided with another vehicle.

At 3:39 p.m., Eugene Alfred Frische of Dumas was driving a 2004 Dodge pickup eastbound on County Road 1, 4 miles north of Dumas.

Sam Eugene Bassham, 47, of Dumas was driving a 1991 Ford Ranger pickup northbound on U.S. 287.

Frische failed to yield right of way to Bassham's vehicle and they collided in

the northbound lane of U.S. 287, according to Daniel Hawthorne, public information officer for the Department of Public Safety in Childress.

Mendoza, a passenger in the pickup driven by Bassham, was taken to Moore County Hospital in Dumas where he later died at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Bassham was injured in the crash and is reported to be in serious condition at Moore County Hospital.

Bassham was wearing a seatbelt, Hawthorne said. It is unknown if Mendoza had his seatbelt on.

## Hurricane season milder than forecast

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — The 2007 Atlantic hurricane season was less active than forecasters thought it would be, with six hurricanes developing instead of the nine predicted, a top weather researcher said Tuesday.

Cooler water and the presence of wind shears in the central tropical Atlantic made this an average season instead of the above-average year the team expected, said Phil Klotzbach, a

member of researcher William Gray's team at Colorado State University.

Cooler temperatures inhibit hurricane formation, and wind shears can tear developing hurricanes apart.

Gray has been forecasting hurricanes for more than two decades, and his predictions for the season are watched closely by emergency responders and others in coastal areas. The Atlantic season runs from June 1 to Nov. 30.

This year, Gray's April and June forecasts both predicted 17 named storms, including nine hurricanes, five of them major. In August, the team lowered that forecast to 15 named storms, including eight hurricanes, four of them major.

Instead, the year produced 14 named storms, including six hurricanes, two of them major.

## Drugs

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investigation, Rushing said. Drug charges were also filed against a Happy man who was originally picked up on a warrant for criminal

mischievous behavior of Happy, on a warrant for criminal mischief.

At about 12:30 a.m. today, deputies were asked to meet a Carson County law enforcement unit at the county line between Gray and Carson counties, according to GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

"They had one in custody on a Gray County warrant," Hoard said.

The Carson County officers handed over Benjamin Eugene Crocker II, 45,

"He was brought to Gray County Jail and searched," Hoard said. "A narcotic substance believed to be methamphetamine was found on him." The discovery resulted in Crocker being charged with possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance, according to jail records.

## Cornyn

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"I'll certainly look into that issue," he said. "Sometimes the security mandates don't necessarily bear any logical relationships to the risks involved. I'd be surprised if the risks of a Homeland Security incident would justify that \$6,000 a year expense in Pampa, Texas."

He said he's not aware of any spe-

cific federal funds that are available to help the museum pay for the employee.

Cornyn said he thinks that the situation ought to be dealt with on the front end and determine whether the situation makes sense or not.

"If it doesn't," Cornyn said, "let's eliminate it."

Cornyn, who was in Hereford and Amarillo Monday in connection with economic development projects, said that working in Washington, D.C., he sees different attitudes from different regions of the country.

"Particularly coming from Texas, there are different attitudes Texans have about the federal government," Cornyn said, "relative to some other parts of the country."

Cornyn said that his impression is that most of his constituents in Texas don't look to the government for hand-outs.

"What they're looking to do is get government off their backs," he said, "and out of their way so they can produce and create jobs and economic opportunities for more people in the process."

## Childress man shot

CHILDRESS — A man was shot in the Childress police station Sunday night after he carried a shotgun into the building.

Jeff Whitten of Childress ignored orders to drop the shotgun and a Childress police officer shot him in the left arm.

Whitten was transported by ambulance to Northwest

Texas Hospital in Amarillo, where he was reported in stable condition after surgery.

Texas Rangers are continuing their investigation and will release information as it becomes available in the case, according to Daniel Hawthorne, Department of Public Safety public information officer.

## Hot

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amounts (in inches) reported by the NWS: 2000

- 18.39, 2001 - 18.69, 2002 - 18.25, 2003 - 13.42, 2004 - 26.31, 2005 - 15.00 and 2006 - 21.88. The two driest years, 2003 and 2005, were followed by the two wettest years, 2004 and 2006.

## Train

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airlifted by Life Star to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. According to the hospital, he was released on Monday.

The passenger in the vehicle was Evaristo Jimenez, 54, also of Pampa. He was not injured in the accident.

DPS troopers reported that the accident was alcohol related and is still under investigation.

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# Viewpoints

## Eventually, this too shall pass ...

One popular new music CD that has soared to No. 2 on Billboard magazine's contemporary jazz chart may sound familiar to anyone who checks the local weather forecast aired six times an hour on the Weather Channel.

That's right, the Weather Channel.

Instrumental music is played whenever the "Local on the 8s" forecast is shown, and the tunes have attracted a following.

The channel has an employee they call the "Music Man" whose job is to select music to be played during the forecasts. Viewers

proved they were paying attention when they would call or write in asking the name of a particular tune or artist, or submitting requests.

Thus was the idea for a CD born. Three of the tracks on the collection are new and were composed exclusively for the Weather Channel, while the remaining nine already existed.

Not all the music played during the local forecasts is jazz. I have heard the instrumental ending of Derek and the Dominoes' "Layla" played, as well as the Allman Brothers Band's "Jessica."

Weather Channel representatives say the CD may be

their first, but won't be the last to be released.

While things like the Weather Channel's music may tempt some to part with their cash, spending in general is showing a

slowdown, prompting some economy watchers to predict a recession looming on the horizon.

Higher energy prices, a downturn in the housing market and stagnant wages are all cited as factors in the predicted recession. Target

### Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



discount stores have reported a weaker-than-expected third quarter, and Starbucks said that for the first time, customer traffic in its stores declined in the latest quarter compared to the same time a year earlier. Wal-Mart shares hit a six-year low in September after the company posted a weak sales increase.

There isn't a universally agreed-upon definition of a recession, but all the market analysts agree that it involves

a significant decline in a country's economic growth over a period of time. Some say the period of time would be two or more successive quarters in a year, while others aren't that specific.

The last significant recession in the U.S., many agree, started in 1987 and persisted through the early 1990s.

What happened during that period? In October 1987, a stock collapse demolished 25 percent of the Dow Jones Industrial Average. Savings and loans began to crumble, and unemployment rose in the early '90s. The government experienced large budget deficits.

The recession of that time also had personal results. Rates of depression, alcoholism and drug abuse all rose.

The country has experienced other recessions, including one in 2001. Only once has the nation fallen into a major economic depression.

My advice is to brace yourselves for higher prices, fewer job opportunities and less spending money. Just don't let it all become overwhelming and reach for the drinks, drugs or depressing thoughts.

After all, this too shall pass.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 27, the 331st day of 2007. There are 34 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 27, 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White.

On this date:

In 1701, astronomer Anders Celsius, inventor of the Celsius temperature scale, was born in Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1901, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C.

In 1910, the Pennsylvania Railroad began service at New York's Pennsylvania Station.

In 1942, during World War II, the French navy at Toulon scuttled its ships and submarines to keep them out of the hands of the Nazis.

In 1945, General George C. Marshall was named special U.S. envoy to China to try to end hostilities between the Nationalists and the Communists.

In 1953, playwright Eugene O'Neill died in Boston at age 65.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest.

In 1973, the Senate voted 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who'd resigned.

In 1983, 181 people were killed when a Colombian Avianca Airlines Boeing 747 crashed near Madrid's Barajas airport.

In 1989, a bomb blamed by police on drug traffickers destroyed a Colombian Avianca jetliner, killing all 107 people on board.

Ten years ago: A day after saying it would open its presidential palaces to international observers, Iraq declared that U.N. weapons monitors were not included in the invitation. Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York was marred when a gust of wind knocked part of a lamppost onto a 34-year-old woman, fracturing her skull and leaving her in a coma for almost a month.

Five years ago: U.N. specialists began a new round of weapons inspections in Iraq. President Bush appointed former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to lead an investigation into why the government failed to foil the Sept. 11 attacks. (The following month, Kissinger stepped down, citing controversy over potential conflicts of interest with his business clients.) Bush gave the go-ahead to open U.S. highways to Mexican trucks.

*'Man's loneliness is but his fear of life.'*

— Eugene O'Neill  
American playwright  
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WHAT ELSE CAN GO WRONG?...



## 'Greatest generation' made huge contribution

The "greatest generation" is a term sometimes used in reference to those Americans who were raised during the Great Depression, fought in World War II, worked in farms and factories and sacrificed for the war effort while maintaining the home front. Following the war, these Americans, many of whom were born between the turn of the century and 1930, went on to produce a level of wealth and prosperity heretofore unknown to mankind.

There's no question that this generation made an important contribution. Let's look at what else that generation contributed that might qualify them for the generation that laid the foundation for the greatest betrayal of our nation's core founding principle: limited federal government exercising only constitutionally enumerated powers.

When the greatest generation was born, federal spending as a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP) was 2.5 percent. As they are now dying off, federal spending is 20 percent of GDP and that doesn't include government meddling.

If the grandparents of the greatest generation were asked to describe their contacts or relationship with the federal government, after a puzzled look, straining their recollection faculties, they might answer, "I used to chat with the mailman once in a while."

Today, there is little any American can do without some form of federal control, whether it's how much water we can use to flush a toilet, what kind of car we

drive or how we prepare for retirement. Congress manages our lives in ways unimaginable to our ancestors through agencies created by the greatest generation, such as Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Social Security Administration and a host of alphabet agencies such as EPA, DOL, BLM, CDC and DOT.

There's little question that the greatest generation provided their offspring, the baby boomer generation, with goods and services that their parents could not afford to give them. But tragically, the greatest generation did not instill in their children what their parents instilled in them, the values and cus-

oms that make for a civilized society. In previous generations, people were held responsible for their behavior. Today, society at large pays for irresponsible behavior. Years ago, there was little tolerance for the kind of crude behavior and language that's accepted today. To see men sitting while a woman was standing on a public conveyance used to be unthinkable. Children addressing adults by their first name and their use of foul language in the presence of, and often to, teachers and other adults were unacceptable.

A society's first line of defense is not the law but customs, traditions and moral values. These behavioral norms, mostly transmitted by example, word-of-mouth and religious teachings, represent a body of

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Nov. 19  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram on creating enemies:

The recent troop surge in Iraq has been credited with a reduction in violence against U.S. troops and Iraqi citizens during the past few months. But the surge has produced another consequence that may produce more anti-American sentiment and, thus, perhaps create more enemies among the people whom our troops were sent to liberate and protect.

The detention centers in the country have become dangerously overcrowded, with the number of detainees rising

from 16,000 in February to about 25,800 today.

During a ceremony last week at Camp Victory, about 500 newly released detainees heard Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki urge them to "start a new life."

What might that "new life" be? Most of the detainees, although arrested on suspicion of threatening U.S. and Iraqi forces, were never charged with a crime; 85 percent of them are from Iraq's minority Sunnis, who already are feeling oppressed by Americans and the Shiite majority.

Although the former prisoners obviously are delighted about being freed, many are angry that they were ever detained in the first place, insisting that they had been wrongly punished.

From the beginning of the war, there have been concerns about citizens being held in detention -- some for years now -- without due process, violating the basic principles of habeas corpus that Americans hold so dearly in our own country.

The wholesale roundup of Iraqi citizens, especially without a method to quickly determine if they could and should be charged with a crime, is a practice that ought to be halted. And the indefinite detention of individuals without being charged and tried gives our military and our country a black eye.

Such actions are sure to create more enemies than friends. URL: <http://www.star-telegram.com>

PRIME TIME

# Finale set for 'Dancing with the Stars'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Melanie Brown, Marie Osmond and Helio Castroneves mamboed, tangoed and foxtrotted through 10 weeks of competition for a chance to claim the "Dancing With the Stars" crown.

But one star is heading home at the top of today's season finale.

Brown came into the ballroom showdown in first place. The Spice Girl and her professional partner, Maksim Chmerkovskiy, earned 55 out of a possible 60 points for their cha-cha and freestyle dances during Monday's competition.

Chmerkovskiy said Brown was "one of my prize students," but he wasn't focused on winning.

"I don't care," he said after the show. "We just want to enjoy each other, and we do."

Race-car driver Castroneves and his partner, Julianne Hough, finished in second place with 54 points.

"I wish we got that one point. But I feel we did it all, all that we could do, and hopefully the fans are behind us," he said after the show. "I still want that mirror ball trophy."

Osmond, a fan favorite who collected 46 points for her two dances with partner Jonathan Roberts, already knows where she'd place the prize.

"I don't keep awards in my house — and I've won some wonderful awards — because my home is for my children," the entertainer said after the show. "If I win this baby, it's going in my living room, with a spotlight, twirling."

She played a rag-doll character for the couple's freestyle dance, which judge Bruno Tonioli said "defies criticism."

"It's like 'Baby Jane' and the 'Bride of Chucky,'" he said. "It's unique."

It was the lowest-scored of the night, with 22 points.

"It's freestyle, and you're supposed to have fun with it, and I know my fan base," Osmond said. "I'm one of the top designers in the world with dolls, so I'm having fun."

Judges' scores are combined with viewer votes to determine each couple's standing. After the third-place pair is eliminated today, the remaining duos will perform one last dance — their favorite of the season. The judges have the final say.

The ABC show averaged around 20 million weekly viewers for each of its twice-weekly episodes in the 2006-07 season, eclipsed only by Fox powerhouse "American Idol." "Dancing" is still on its toes, with nearly 22 million viewers making it last week's No. 1 show.

## Williams

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wisdom distilled over the ages through experience and trial and error. They include important thou-shalt-nots such as shalt not murder, shalt not steal, shalt not lie and cheat, but they also include all those courtesies one might call ladylike and gentlemanly conduct. Policemen and laws can never replace these restraints on personal conduct. At best, the police and criminal justice system are the last desperate line of defense for a civilized society. This failure to fully transmit value norms to subsequent generations represents another failing of the greatest generation.

If there's an American generation that can justifiably be called the greatest generation, it's that generation responsible for the founding of our nation — men such as James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, George Washington and millions of their fellow countrymen. This is the generation that threw off one form of oppression and laid the foundations for unprecedented human liberty. That is not a trivial achievement, for most often in mankind's history, one form of oppression has been replaced with another far worse, as we've seen in Russia, China and Africa.

—Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

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## Events calendar

- **Harrington Cancer Center's** Pampa support group will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. today in the second floor classroom of Pampa Regional Medical Center with Beth Kean facilitating. Survivors and supporters will be invited to share stories about gratitude or a special time in their lives. A dessert supper will be served.
- **The next meeting of Top O' Texas Republican Women** will be at 12 p.m. Dec. 5 at the home of Kerrick Horton in Pampa. Visitors are welcome.
- **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Dec. 5 and 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.
- **Pampa Altrusa Club** will hold "Soup with Mrs. Claus" from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at the old Pampa Hardware Building, 120 N. Cuyler. Cost is \$5 per person and \$6 per person at the door. Soup and corn dogs will be served.

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**This Week: School Lunch**

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**Time to Lose Waste!**

In average, a school-age child who uses disposable containers at lunch generates 67 pounds of waste per school year. An average elementary school has about 280 students.\*

**Think About It**

Put these three numbers in order from smallest to largest:

- 15,400 pounds (7,000 kg.) The weight of a male African elephant
- 22,000 pounds (10,000 kg.) The weight of a school bus
- 18,760 pounds (8,000 kg.) The weight of lunch waste created in a year at an average-size elementary school

\*Source: www.waste4teaches.org

Standards Link: Number Sense: Compare numbers to 100,000.

**Beat Brown-Bag Boredom**

Now you can borrow an idea from the Japanese to make school lunches more fun, better for you and waste-free!

Bento boxes are a collection of brightly colored boxes that fit together like a puzzle!

Standards Link: Health: Students understand concepts about nutrition and diet.

**Pack Your Lunch!**

Pick at least one food from each category. Write or draw in each bento box the food you will pack in that box.

FRUIT	VEGETABLE	PROTEIN	WHOLE GRAINS
Sliced pear Strawberries Sliced apple Orange sections	Carrot sticks Snap peas Jicama & carrot cubes Celery & broccoli	Hummus Black bean salad Hard-boiled egg Mixed nuts	Wheat crackers Organic corn chips Rice crackers Pretzel sticks

**Cafeteria Confusion**

Help Jarrod, Alisha and Michael meet at their favorite lunch table.

**How to lose waste!**

Pack your lunch in a \_\_\_\_\_ or other \_\_\_\_\_ container. Pack your foods in \_\_\_\_\_ reusable containers. Pack a cloth and washable forks and spoons. Take your drink in the same \_\_\_\_\_ container every day. Remember to bring home everything that's reusable so you can \_\_\_\_\_ it and pack it for the next day's lunch!

Oops! Can you find where each of the missing words belong?

REUSABLE  
BEVERAGE

**Extra! Extra! Healthy Lunch**

A healthy lunch makes me feel \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Get delicious lunch ideas YOU can make on the KIDS page at www.kidscoop.com

Look through the newspaper for five words to finish this sentence. Cut them out and glue them on the lines.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Understand grade-level appropriate words and vocabulary in context.

**The Kid Scoop Puzzler**

Match each fraction to the picture that illustrates it.

3/4, 1/4, 1/2, 7/8

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Standards Link: Number Sense: Identify fractional amounts.

**What kind of drink never runs out?**

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**Double Double Word Search**

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

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JAPANESE  
BENTO  
DISPOSABLE  
JICAMA  
WASTE  
ELEPHANT  
SNAP  
AVERAGE  
HEALTHY  
HUMMUS  
BOILED  
IDEA  
BEAN  
PEAR

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U A T W A S A I O L  
M O V S A P R C B I  
M T T E A E A A H O  
U B D N R W E M C B  
S I E E E A P A N S  
G S N A E B G O U N  
E E T N A H P E L E

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

**FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY**

**Pollution Solution**

Find as many articles as you can that discuss how to prevent pollution. List the techniques that the articles discuss. Beside each technique, list the organization or group of people using it.

Standards Link: Science: Understand relationships among organisms and their physical environment.

**Write On! What's for Lunch?**

Come up with a healthy lunch for school. Be sure to include food from all of the food groups.

**Kid Scoop Together: Fill In The Blanks**

Ask a friend to give you each type of word. Fill in the blanks and read the story aloud for some silly fun.

Last Friday, something very strange happened in the school cafeteria. Instead of the regular menu, they served \_\_\_\_\_ PLURAL NOUN \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ PLURAL NOUN \_\_\_\_\_.

Students had to \_\_\_\_\_ VERB \_\_\_\_\_ in a very long line to get their \_\_\_\_\_ ADJECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_ lunch. This caused a lot of confusion, so they were instructed to \_\_\_\_\_ VERB \_\_\_\_\_ in line instead.

Later, Britney McHale slipped on some spilled \_\_\_\_\_ PLURAL NOUN \_\_\_\_\_ and her tray went flying through the \_\_\_\_\_ NOUN \_\_\_\_\_. Students were completely covered in gobs of \_\_\_\_\_ ADJECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_.

Our principal tried to calm everyone. He spoke into the \_\_\_\_\_ ADJECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_ NOUN \_\_\_\_\_, but everyone was too busy trying to \_\_\_\_\_ VERB \_\_\_\_\_ through the mess.

I'm pretty sure that's the last time they will allow \_\_\_\_\_ ADJECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_ to prepare the \_\_\_\_\_ PLURAL NOUN \_\_\_\_\_ school lunches!

Standards Link: Grammar: Understand and use nouns, adjectives, verbs and interjections in writing and speaking.

**Vocabulary Builders**

This week's word: **WASTE**

One meaning of the noun waste means something seen as useless or worthless.

We put our food waste in a compost pile.

Try to use the word waste in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I wish to address my comments to "Wants to Be Remembered" (Sept. 24), the terminally ill woman who is jealous of her ex-husband's new wife's role in her grandchild's life. My three sisters and I lost our dear mother when I was 20. I am now the single parent of a 5-year-old daughter and "Aunty" to four nieces and nephews. None of our children knew their biological grandmother. My father married a wonderful woman 10 years after Mom's passing. I was never particularly close to my stepmother until I became pregnant. But the love and support she has provided me and my sisters is priceless. She never had children of her own, so she inherited a whole family when she married Dad. She once told me she gives our kids two kisses each time -- one from her and one from my mom in heaven. All our kids know "Mom Mom" (my mother) is in heaven, and "Mamu" is here. Dad passed away two years ago, and we are blessed to still have Mamu in our lives. My daughter wouldn't have ANY grandparents if it weren't for my stepmother. She's as much a part of our lives today as she was when Dad was alive. Please assure WTBR that her daughters can honor her legacy with their children as well as welcome the love of their grandfather and step-grandmother. I hope it will put her fears to rest. — **GRATEFUL FOR MAMU IN NEW JERSEY**

**DEAR GRATEFUL:** I was overwhelmed by the mountain of responses written by caring readers such as you. The majority empathized with WTBR while offering valuable insights. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** WTBR needs to understand that although her ex has remarried, she will never be replaced in the hearts of her children. She should be happy that her daughters have an opportunity to develop a loving relationship with another mother figure. This is not about "replacing" her, but about enhancing the lives of her children.

When she succumbs to her illness, her daughters will have someone to comfort them over their loss and help them through it. The stepmother can be a blessing that can make her family stronger. If WTBR would give the woman a chance, it's possible they could even become friends. It's time to put aside her selfish desires and consider what's best for her family. — **A LOVING STEPMOM IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR ABBY:** Many children don't know their grandparents for many reasons, but if someone with the age and wisdom to assume the role of grandparent would like to have a positive influence on my children, he or she is welcome to be addressed that way by my kids. Biology doesn't override a warm hug or a freshly baked cookie in the eyes of a child. — **BRIDGE THE GAP**

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother died when my daughter was a baby. Before she died, she made grandmother's books for each of her five grandchildren. In them she shared her own childhood memories, family roots and words of wisdom. She also lovingly wrote each child a personal letter at the end of the book. We cherish my daughter's book. Through it, my daughter got to know her grandma and experience her love, although their paths crossed only briefly in this life. — **DELANA'S DAUGHTER**

**DEAR ABBY:** WTBR can share a part of herself with her grandchild by creating a "time capsule." Inside she should include a photograph of herself, as well as a favorite song or story recorded on audiotape or CD. The special messages and personal items will help her grandchild connect with a loving grandparent who wanted to be part of her grandchild's life. — **GRANDMA BARBARA**

## For Better Or For Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS** 42 Jury

1 Snare makeup

5 Fruits 43 Smaller from amount palms

10 Composer Copland

12 Cream of the crop (opening act)

13 Sleepover battle

15 Jargon ending

16 Week part

17 Maze runner

18 Randy Quaid's brother

20 Trig function

21 Attain

22 Manual reader

23 Plow pioneer

25 Do some modeling

28 Squat

31 Stench

32 2.5 miles at Indy

34 Sulky state

35 Twosome

36 High card

37 Gang rumble

40 Driver's 180

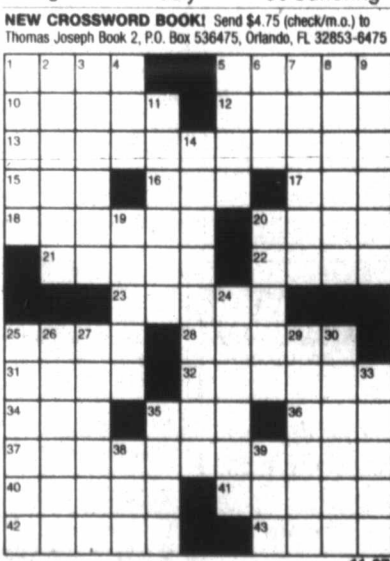
41 Champagne glass

**DOWN**  
1 Not live  
2 Curtain (opening act)  
3 Dahl or Francis  
4 Vote  
5 Stand up to  
6 Ring legend  
7 River of Mesopotamia  
8 Fuel gas  
9 Hunter's dog  
11 "Forget it!"  
14 Faded character  
19 Green  
20 "Guys and Dolls" song  
24 Second election  
25 Appears unexpectedly  
26 "Swan Lake"  
27 "Boy, is that right!"  
29 Torment  
30 Marina boats  
33 "For — sake!"  
35 Laird  
38 Goof  
39 Suffering

**Yesterday's answer**

1 TOLD  
2 ACHED  
3 OHIO  
4 LOADER  
5 RANG  
6 LATINO  
7 CREWCUT  
8 TUT  
9 HERALDS  
10 IDO  
11 TOE  
12 DOER  
13 TRACT  
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# Sports

## Pampa basketball to take on Rangers at Perryton tonight

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Sports Editor

This past weekend, the Pampa Harvesters welcomed seven other high school teams to McNeely Field House for the 3rd Annual Lions Club Tournament.

The Harvesters, who currently stand with a 5-1 record on the season, claimed a 3rd place victory after defeating Alvarado and El Paso Bowie, and tonight they hope to continue their trend of winning against the Perryton Rangers.

"It's always tough to play on the road and this game will be no different," coach Dustin Miller said, "They have a really good player in Cale Hoffman who was the Globe-News 3A Player of the Year last year, so we are going to have to try and contain him. They will be well coached and once again we will have to play well to get out of Perryton with a win."

The varsity boys will



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN  
**Pampa's Mark Stone stands under the goal between two Borger defenders, ready to pull down an offensive rebound during last week's home game against Borger.**

play at 7:30 p.m. in Perryton and the JV will go on at 6.

Last week, the Lady Harvesters lost a tough

home game against the evenly-matched Borger Lady Bulldogs, which brought their record to 0-7 on the season.

The Lady Harvesters will take to the courts at 6 p.m. today in Perryton, and the JV will play at 7:30.

## Redskins safety Sean Taylor dies a day after being shot

MIAMI (AP) — Washington Redskins safety Sean Taylor died early today, a day after the Pro Bowl player was shot at home by what police say was an intruder. He was 24.

Family friend Richard Sharpstein said Taylor's father told him the news around 5:30 a.m.

"His father called and said he was with Christ and he cried and thanked me," said Sharpstein, Taylor's former lawyer. "It's a tremendously sad and unnecessary event. He was a wonderful, humble, talented young man, and had a huge life in front of him. Obviously God had other plans."

Taylor died at Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he had been airlifted after the shooting early Monday, Sharpstein said.

Two carloads of mourners, including Taylor's father, arrived at the house this morning. They remained inside and did not speak to reporters. A single bouquet of flowers was left by a palm

tree just outside a front gate. Beside the mailbox, an untouched newspaper lay with news of Taylor's shooting.

Doctors had been encouraged late Monday when Taylor squeezed a nurse's hand, according to Vinny Cerrato, the Redskins' vice president of football operations. But Sharpstein said he was told Taylor never regained consciousness after being transported to the hospital and that he wasn't sure how he had squeezed the nurse's hand.

"Maybe he was trying to say goodbye or something," Sharpstein said.

Taylor, the fifth overall pick in the 2004 NFL draft following an All-American season at the University of Miami, was shot early Monday in the upper leg, damaging an artery and causing significant blood loss.

"According to a preliminary investigation, it appears that the victim was shot

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## Call it Muddy Night Football as Steelers beat Dolphins 3-0

PITTSBURGH (AP) — For 59 1/2 scoreless minutes, the Dolphins and Steelers slipped and slid on swampland masquerading as an NFL playing field, stuck so deep in the messy muck that neither team managed much yardage, much less any scoring.

No NFL game had stayed a two-way shutout this long since 1943, and no doubt the league doesn't want to see one like this again for another 64 years. The mud and the mire made for one of the sloppiest games in recent league history, one in which the Dolphins came perilously close to ending their season-long losing streak.

And the Steelers, upset losers a week ago to a New York Jets team that had won only once previously, came dangerously close to losing to a no-win team. At least they did until Jeff Reed stood up long enough on the skittish turf to kick a 24-yard field goal with 17 seconds remaining, giving Pittsburgh a 3-0 victory.

"Unbelievable," quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said. "That's

the only word I can use. Just unbelievable."

The Steelers (8-3) could only sigh with relief after winning a game in which heavy rain turned Heinz Field's 24-hour-old sod into a points-depriving quagmire, with shanked punts, slippery footing, misdirected pass routes and numerous misplays all around.

"It was not easy out there. There were times when we were trying to fix divots at the line of scrimmage," said Roethlisberger, who was 18-for-21 for 165 yards despite the treacherous footing.

Imagine how the Dolphins (0-11) feel after coming so close to stopping their 0-for-2007 streak. The field conditions proved a great equalizer but, down to their No. 4 running back and relying on a rookie quarterback making only his second start, the Dolphins couldn't manage a single scoring play.

"We got close, but not close enough," said quarterback John Beck, who hasn't led a single touchdown drive in his first two NFL starts.

That's the story of this Dolphins season: close, but not close enough. While Miami keeps heading toward the infamy of a winless record — no NFL team has gone 0-16, and only Tampa Bay in 1976 went 0-14 — the New England Patriots (11-0) are striving to duplicate Miami's perfect season in 1972.

There was nothing perfect about the lowest-scoring Monday night since the primetime games began in 1970; the previous low was nine points, in Jacksonville's 9-0 win over the Steelers last season.

It was the league's lowest-scoring game since Dec. 11, 1993, when the New York Jets beat Washington 3-0. The Detroit Lions and New York Giants played the NFL's last scoreless tie on Nov. 11, 1943, and no game since until this one remained scoreless for so long.

"Those conditions, whew, they were horrendous," said Hines Ward, who made nine catches for 88 yards. "The footing was bad, all of a sudden you'd hit a water puddle and sink down. Some of defen-

sive backs were scared about falling down and giving up a big play."

Ward, Roethlisberger and running back Willie Parker accounted for nearly all of Pittsburgh's offense, with Parker going over the 1,000-yard mark for the third consecutive season by gaining 81 yards. He has 1,006 yards for the season.

NFL games have been played in downpours and blizzards, and the aftermath of a hurricane — the Steelers-Dolphins game in Miami in September 2004, won by Pittsburgh 13-3 — but this was a first: lightning and heavy rain in a late November game in Pittsburgh, resulting in a 25-minute delay.

The Steelers couldn't have picked a worse time to lay down new turf. After five high school and college games were played at Heinz Field last weekend, crews hurriedly put down a new layer of sod atop the chewed-up grass in time for Monday night's game.

Because the rain fell so heavily most of the day, the water seeped

between the seams of the protective tarps, resulting in huge puddles, soft spots and sinkholes.

"It was like being on the beach in the sand on every play," said Miami linebacker Joey Porter, the former Steelers star who played against his old team for the first time.

This is how bad the field was. During an earlier 44-yard field-goal try, the sod shifted, causing Reed to miss badly. And when a 38-yard attempt by Miami's Jay Feely was blocked, only to be wiped out by a penalty, the Dolphins went for it on fourth down rather than try another kick.

"From the 25 to the 35 (yard lines), you just could not kick," Feely said. "They were the worst conditions that I ever kicked in while in the NFL."

Late in the third quarter, Brandon Fields' punt from near the Miami goal line came straight down and plugged in the soggy turf like an arrow, burying itself several inches deep.

### 3rd Place Finish



Courtesy photo  
**The Pampa Harvesters are presented with the 3rd place trophy at the 3rd Annual Pampa Lions/VFW Invitational this past weekend. Pictured in front are VFW member Danny Martin and Lions Club Campers Lauren Pingel and Colton Dyson, who presented the Harvesters with their trophy. Standing in the back are (L-R) coach Dustin Miller, Adam Anguiano, Mark Stone, Garrett Eggleston, Jad McGuire, Matt Smith, Josh Humphrey, Cobran Harris, Alex Torres and Alex Clendening.**

## Tulsa files complaint with C-USA over Rice halftime show

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Tulsa has filed a formal complaint with Conference USA over the Rice marching band's performance of "Todd Graham's Inferno" during halftime of Saturday's football game in Houston.

Graham left Rice for Tulsa after just one season. His Golden Hurricane defeated Rice 48-43 to win the C-USA West Division title. Tulsa plays Central Florida for the conference championship Saturday.

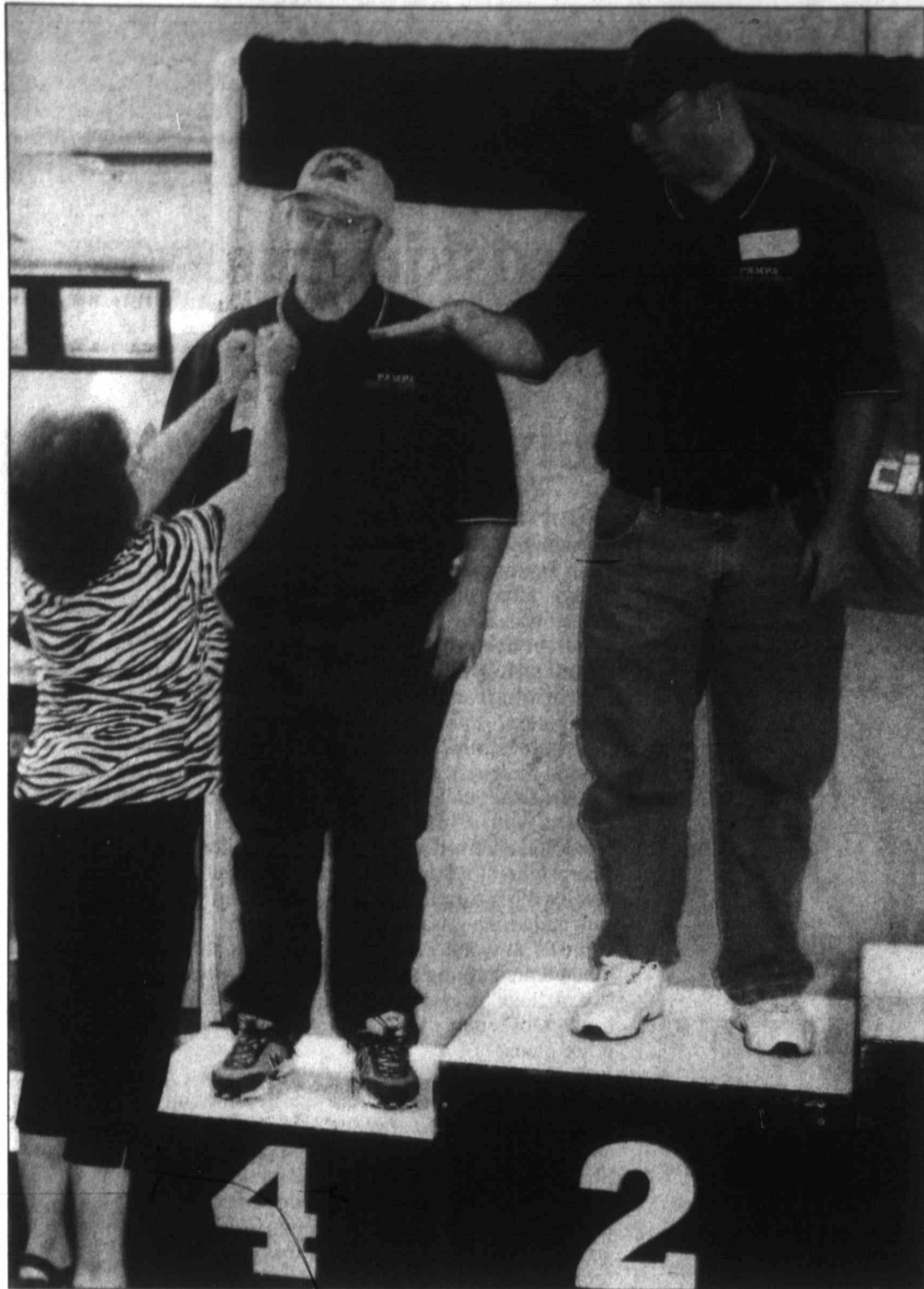
The band's show depicted a search for the former Owls coach through different circles of Hell — based on Dante's "Divine Comedy."

The Tulsa World reported today that the show ended by calling Graham an offensive name over the public address system.

"We filed a formal complaint with the conference and that's where it stands now," Tulsa athletic director Bubba Cunningham said. "I talked to their AD (Chris Del Conte) this morning. Our conversation was very cordial and he said to do what we thought was appropriate."

Cunningham said sportsmanship has been a point of emphasis in C-USA.

"When we don't meet those standards, we need to look at ourselves as a league and find how we can make that experience better," he said.



Courtesy photo  
**Pampa's Mark McMinn (left) and Liberty Bloxum are rewarded for claiming 4th and 2nd place in the Special Olympics Area Bowling Tournament.**

## Pampa JV girls improve to 3-3 after last week's big win over Borger

The Pampa JV girls basketball team defeated Borger last week to improve their overall record to 3-3 before taking on Perryton tonight.

Ashley Facio had 15 points, Taryn Eubank had 13 points and Andi Hutto had 10 points in Pampa's 56-34 victory over Borger.

Leading rebounders were Hutto with seven, Eubank with six and Brooklyn Barker with five.

In the weekend prior to defeating Borger, the JV girls participated in the Amarillo JV tournament, where they were beat out by Tascosa's JV in the consolation finals.

The girls defeated Clovis 45-41 to make their way to the consolation finals in the tournament, and Haley Smith led with 11 points, and was 6 for 8 from the free throw line.

Hutto and Jessica Miner had 10 points each, and Hutto led in rebounds with five.

Against Tascosa in the consolation finals, the girls were defeated 54-49 after losing the lead they had maintained throughout the game in the fourth quarter.

Facio contributed 20 points to lead the team, Ashley Holland had eight points and Barker and Miner had six points each.

Holland was the leading rebounder with 12.

Tonight, the JV girls will take on Perryton's JV at 7:30 in Perryton.

## McGrady's scoring spree in fourth leads Rockets over Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Houston Rockets had a difficult time shaking off the banged-up Los Angeles Clippers through three tedious quarters. Then Tracy McGrady took over.

McGrady scored 19 of his 36 points in the fourth quarter, and the Rockets capitalized on another key injury to the Clippers in a 88-71 victory Monday night.

The Rockets blew the game open with a demoralizing 22-5 run at the start of the fourth, pulling out to an 81-63 lead with 6:56 to play. McGrady, who helped fuel the pivotal rally with 14 points, started it with two free throws and a pair of 17-footers. The seven-time All-Star added a three-point play off an acrobatic reverse layup and capped the run with an 18-footer.

"In the first half, I wasn't really that aggressive and wasn't really looking to score the ball that much," McGrady said. "I was just trying to get other guys involved and let the offense flow. But in the third quarter I wanted to assert myself at the offensive end and I gained a little confidence in the outside game. Then in the fourth quarter, I just wanted to put my will into the game and take it over because I saw a lot of gaps in their defense. And I got myself rolling."

Rafer Alston added 17 points for the Rockets, who have posted back-to-back wins following a six-game losing streak, and have beaten the Clippers four straight times at Staples Center. Yao Ming had 14 points and eight rebounds.

The Clippers, who haven't shot 50 percent or better on any of their first 13 games, finished at 32.9 percent and have dropped seven of nine contests after a 4-0 start. Chris Kaman led them with 22 points and 13 rebounds.

The Clippers lost point guard Sam Cassell with 8:18 left in the first quarter after he strained his left calf defending Houston away from the ball in front of the Houston bench. Cassell, who is doubtful for Friday night's game at Denver, is one of only five Clippers to play in every game this season along with Kaman, Tim Thomas, Ruben Patterson and Quinton Ross.

## Marbury scores 28 and receives praise from Thomas in Knicks win over Jazz

**By The Associated Press**  
 What a difference two weeks make.

It has been two weeks since New York coach Isiah Thomas decreed that he didn't think his point guard was worthy of starting. Now, he can't stop gushing about him.

Stephon Marbury continued his turnaround with a season-high 28 points, and the New York Knicks beat the Utah Jazz 113-109 on Monday night.

"I thought Marbury was great," Thomas said. "His leadership throughout the game, during the course of the game, his decision-making, his defense, his shot-making ability. Just from start to finish he was great."

"Overall a good team effort, but No. 3 was really good tonight."

Marbury was still hearing pregame boos along with Thomas after ditching the team for a game in Phoenix when the coach told him of plans to remove him from the starting lineup. Marbury regained his starting spot last week, and on Monday he keyed one of the Knicks' best offensive performances of the season.

Thomas stressed it was his disappointment in Marbury's defense and leadership that led to the demotion, but Marbury has shown his offense is rounding into shape.

## PSO brings home 13 gold medals from Area Bowling Tournament

Pampa Special Olympics traveled to Amarillo on Nov. 17 to compete in the Area Bowling Tournament, and over 30 athletes brought home medals for placing well amongst their competition.

The tournament took place at Western Bowl in Amarillo, and afterwards, the athletes and coaches made their way to Westover School for a dinner and a dance.

All results from the tournament are as follows:

**Gold Medalists:** Wanda Reece, Michelle Blodgett, Shawn King, Chase Cook, Jeret Moore, Lisa Busby, Hector Estrada, Kinsey Smith, Mindy Hervey, Jamie Roberson, Taisey Phillips, Tina Hinson and Ashley Abbe.

**Silver Medalists:** Amanda Childress, Liberty Bloxum, Tollie Jinks, Kasey Smith, Donald Stuart, Kevin Reece, Linda Lou Pierce, Joann Morehart and Tyneshia Wilson.

**Bronze Medalists:** Cole Nall, Jennifer Roden, Chris Bradley, Eric Knott, Cyndall Boyd, Rachel Holland and Amy Hammer.

**4th Place:** Justin Strickland, Ameer Street, Bobby Garcia, Randy Swires, Dennise James, Cody Dyer and Debbie Ellis.

**5th Place:** Cordell Schneider

## Taylor

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 inside the home by an intruder," Miami-Dade County police said in a statement.

But police were still investigating the attack, which came just eight days

after an intruder was reported at Taylor's home. Officers were sent to the home about 1:45 a.m. Monday after Taylor's girlfriend called 911.

Sharpstein said Taylor's girlfriend told him the couple was awakened by loud noises, and Taylor grabbed a machete he keeps in the bedroom for protection.

Someone then broke through the bedroom door and fired two shots, one missing and one hitting Taylor, Sharpstein said. Taylor's 1-year-old daughter, Jackie, was also in the house, but neither she nor Taylor's girlfriend were injured.

Police found signs of forced entry, but have not

determined if they were caused Monday, or the previous burglary.

The shooting happened in the pale yellow house he bought two years ago. Eight days before the attack someone pried open a front window, rifled through drawers and left a kitchen knife on a bed at Taylor's home, according to police.

## Six Sacramento players score in double figures in win over San Antonio

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gregg Popovich could hardly believe Beno Udrih's name hadn't come up before the game.

"What, no Beno questions?" the Spurs coach said of his former guard now with Sacramento, then joked, "We'll talk after he scores 30."

He almost did.

Udrih scored a career-high 27 points against his former team while holding down Tony Parker on defense, and the Kings snapped San Antonio's five-game winning streak with a 112-99 victory against the Spurs on Monday night.

Udrih shot 8-for-12 and made all nine of his free throws.

"Before the game, I told Beno he has to let the game come to him. Let the game come to him. It's not personal," Kings coach Reggie Theus said. "I would imagine for him, under the circumstances, it's pretty sweet."

Ron Artest added 20 points and Brad Miller had 17 points, 10 boards and seven assists. The Kings had an answer each time the defending NBA champions made a late push — namely, Artest's 15-foot fadeaway jumper as the shot clock expired with 5:12 left after Michael Finley had just hit his third 3-pointer in as many minutes on the other end.

Parker scored 12 points on 5-of-13 shooting but never found a groove and Tim Duncan had 15 points and five rebounds in just the third loss this season for San Antonio, which was trying for a third straight win on the road.

Finley sunk his first 3 with 8:24 to play, then the Spurs pulled within nine at 92-83 after Ime Udoka stole the ball from Kevin Martin and hit Darius Washington for a layin. John Salmons converted a three-point play on the other end moments later.

"That could have been our best 48 minutes of the season so far," Theus said.

Finley hit another key 3 to make it 95-86 at 6:58. Fabricio Oberto added 13 points for the Spurs, who already beat Sacramento 96-80 on Nov. 2 in San Antonio but didn't have enough playing on consecutive nights. They won in Seattle on Sunday night.

Mikki Moore's inside presence and timely offensive punch caused problems for the weary Spurs all night. He scored 17.

"We have had games where we score 128, 115 and 110," San Antonio's Manu Ginobili said. "It's always fun in the game, but that's not who we are."

## Tournament Champs



Courtesy photo  
**The Lubbock Estacado varsity boys team is presented with their championship trophy at the 3rd Annual Pampa Lions/VFW Invitational this past weekend at McNeely Field House. Pictured in front are VFW member Danny Martin and Lions Club Campers Lauren Pingel and Colton Dyson. Lubbock Estacado defeated Fort Worth Poly in the championship game Saturday night.**





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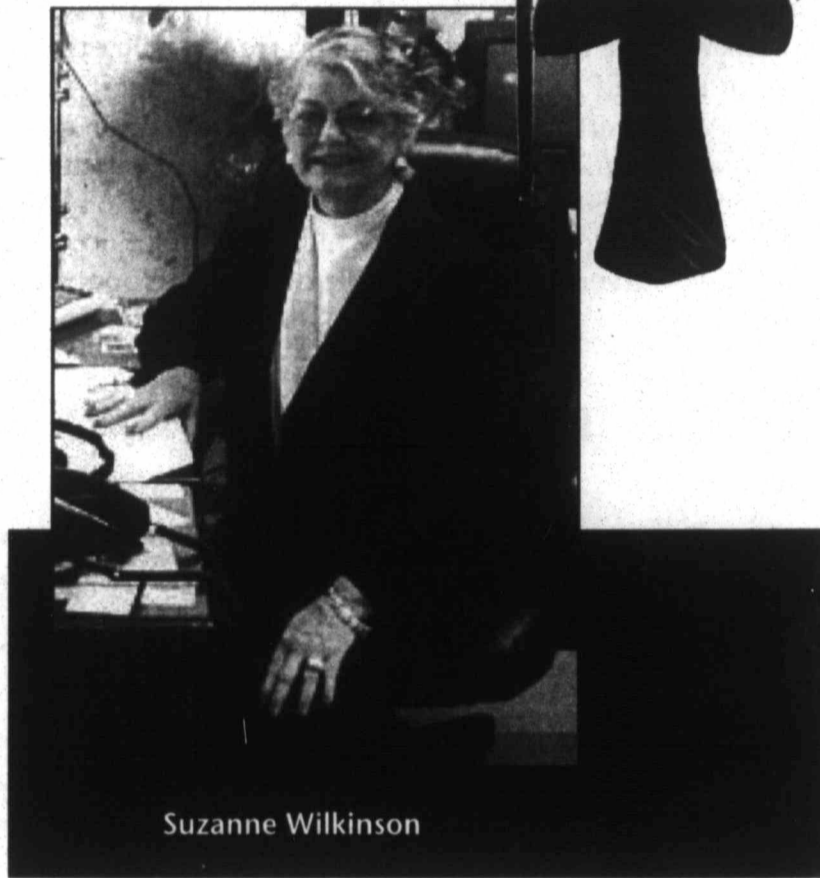
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