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**PAMPA** — The Veteran's of Foreign Wars plan on bringing good luck to Pampa for 1996.

A healthy portion of black-eyed peas on New Year's Day traditionally means good luck for the rest of the year.

Pampa's VFW post will serve black-eyed peas and cornbread from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. New Year's Day, according to Dean Carson, spokesman for VFW Post 1657.

The post will host the corn bread and black-eyed pea dinner Monday at their new location, 105 S. Cuyler, in downtown Pampa.

"We're planning on serving from a 100 to a 150," said Joyce Carson, co-chairman of the event along with Jean Dietrich.

**PAMPA** — Gray County commissioners are to begin the new year by meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the second floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse.

Agenda items include:  
• A presentation by Department of Public Safety trooper Randy Ratzlaff to discuss cellular telephones.

• Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris will discuss refunds.

• Consideration of the 1996 holiday schedule.

• Approval of official bond for District Clerk Yvonne Moler.

• Authorization for County Treasurer Scott Hahn to make departmental budget transfers to balance budget.

**PAMPA** — City of Pampa landfill will be closed Monday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day. Residential and commercial sanitation routes will not run Jan. 1.

Normal operations will resume at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2.

**RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil** (AP) — Two million revelers are expected to make this the biggest-ever New Year's Eve at Copacabana Beach, where 200 tons of fireworks will help celebrants start the year off with a bang and a bossa nova.

The predominantly Roman Catholic population annually pays homage to Brazil's African heritage on the last day of the year, when white-clad beachgoers wade into the ocean to offer white roses, food and wine to Yemanjá, the Yoruba mermaid goddess.

Families light candles on the sand to ask for health and prosperity for the coming year.

"It's on New Year's Eve that Brazil shows its true face," funk recording artist Sandra Sa said.

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## PPROA seeks new rules for abandoned well use

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

The oil and gas wells abandoned in 1995 in the Texas Panhandle are costing the State of Texas valuable tax income and is threatening the survival of several area towns, and a regional industry group plans on doing something about it.

"There were 945 plugged and abandoned wells this year in District 10," said Wayne Hughes, executive director of the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association.

The Texas Railroad Commission's District 10 consists of most of the top 25 counties in the Texas Panhandle, Hughes explained.

"Only the northeast tier of about 10 counties are producers," he said.

As marginal wells are shut in and taken out of production, the severance and production taxes paid into the state's general revenue fund drops, as does the income to the local lease owner and the person producing oil or gas from the well.

Hughes said that under Railroad Commission guidelines a marginal oil well is one that produces 10 barrels of oil or less per day. A marginal gas well

would produce 60,000 cubic feet of natural gas or less per day.

"If oil is selling for \$16 a barrel and a marginal well is producing 10 barrels of oil 365 days a year, you multiply that times 4.6 percent (the severance tax rate) and that gives you the severance tax off that well," Hughes said.

Such a well would be worth \$2,686.40 a year to state tax coffers. The gas fraction of such a well, or a well that produces only gas, would be taxed at 7.5 percent for every 60,000 cubic feet of gas.

"The further economic implications are that one-eighth of that \$16 a barrel, or two dollars, goes into the pocket of the royalty owner," Hughes said.

Out of the remaining \$14 per barrel comes various state and federal taxes and income for the producer.

"When a well is plugged, all that vanishes," Hughes said.

The loss of 945 wells in District 10 translates to an estimated loss of \$2.5 million in severance taxes alone. The total revenue lost to various taxing entities and the regional economy amounts to over \$55 million in 1995 alone.

"That indicates the industry is in a death spiral in this area," Hughes said.

If such losses continue, it could spell doom for various communities in the Panhandle.

"Some towns in this region wouldn't exist without the oil and gas industry," Hughes said. "Others would be a lot smaller."

One out of four jobs in the Texas Panhandle is linked to the oil and gas industry, Hughes said.

In addition to the lost revenue, there's a cash cost to plug a well.

"The burial cost for a well is \$6,300," Hughes said. "That's what it cost to plug a well no matter who does it — whether it's the Railroad Commission, that's you and me as taxpayers, or whether it's the producer."

When there is no production, everybody loses, Hughes said.

Hughes said his organization, along with similar groups across the nation, plans on taking these problems to the state capitol in Austin and to the federal government in Washington, D.C., in an effort to seek relief for the producers and try to bring more money into the local economy.

People in this area have got to realize that this isn't just our problem or just their problem," Hughes said. "It's a problem for all of us who live in this region and pay taxes here."

## Time to build snowmen



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Chris Wilson, left, and his brother Greg Wilson and brother-in-law Kenny Stevens brought some unexpected but welcomed visitors to the yard of Jerry and Susie Wilson. They and Jerry and Susie's grandsons and nephews, Benjamin and Nicholas Stevens, and Andrew and Thomas Fraser, built a couple of snowmen during last Friday's snowfall. Judging from telephone calls, people were out building snowmen all over the city as the first winter snows came.

## Winter in White Deer



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Melanie South maneuvers her three-wheeler across a field of snow Saturday afternoon in White Deer as Stacy Rose hangs on for the slippery ride. Two to three inches of the wet, white precipitation covered the eastern Texas Panhandle Friday night. Bright sunshine peeking out between clouds on Saturday began warming the area as the snow started to melt away. However, more rain and snow is predicted to fall beginning tonight into New Year's day for the Texas Panhandle region.

## Weather conditions lead to many wrecks in county

Vehicle accidents due to rain, snow, ice and fog accounted for 75 to 80 collisions in Gray County in the 32-hour period from 7 a.m. Friday to 3 p.m. Saturday, according to Sheriff Randy Stubblefield.

"The biggest problem we had was people just would not slow down," Stubblefield said Saturday.

Saturday radio logs show at least 25 wrecks in Gray County, while at least 43 wrecks were recorded from Friday morning until midnight.

And those, the sheriff said, do not include minor accidents that emergency workers simply happen upon and those dispatched from Shamrock Police Department.

The majority of the accidents occurred along Interstate 40 and included a tractor trailer rig overturned at the 143 mile marker which blocked the westbound

lanes of the highway and another accident which necessitated a Medivac flight for a woman.

Besides deputies Jim McDonald and Larry Wallis who usually cover McLean, deputies Heath Cate, Charlie Morris and Gary McFall pitched in with Department of Public Safety troopers, Donley County deputies and Gray County Constable Joe Billingsley to rescue the stranded and aid the injured.

Warmer weather under partly cloudy skies Saturday, with a high of 42 in Pampa, melted much of the snow, with a high today expected to reach into the low 50s continuing to thaw the snow and ice left from previous storms.

However, the forecast calls for increasing cloudiness this evening, with a good chance for rain and snow falling tonight and into New Year's Day.

## Oil, gas group seeks laws to keep industry viable

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Sixty percent of the crude oil used in the U.S. today comes from offshore, according to a Panhandle petroleum group. That means the nation's energy policy is also set overseas.

"The motorist really doesn't care where it comes from as long as it doesn't cost him over \$1.25 a gallon at the gas pump," said Wayne Hughes, executive director of the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association. "He doesn't care if it comes from 10 miles south of Pampa or 10 miles north of Jeddah in Saudi Arabia."

This has led to a U.S. energy policy that is essentially set by people in Saudi Arabia, he said.

"When folks in Saudi Arabia develop the sniffles, we get pneumonia," Hughes said.

Despite such a bleak picture, Hughes said there are some bright spots.

During 1995, Hughes said, government agencies began taking a more realistic view of the oil and gas industry. In the past, an average of 11,000 marginal wells, wells pumping 10 gallons of oil or less, have been taken out of production each year.

"The feds began to back off environmental regulations," Hughes said of the past year. "Notably, the Department of Energy is agreeing to back off on regulations as have the Environmental Protection Agency. This is true of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, too."

At the state level, Hughes said the oil and gas industry was fortunate during the last session that the legislature did not take over the regulatory job that the Texas Railroad Commission now does.

Hughes said he looks upon the Railroad Commission as friendly to the oil and gas industry.

"The Railroad Commission has always been pro industry," Hughes said. "The

chairman, Carole Keeton Rylander, plays that role very well."

He also termed John Sharp a reasonable fellow.

"We can work with him," Hughes said. He said that plans are already being formulated to try to make more changes in state and federal rules and regulations that could keep the oil and gas industry viable.

In the next state legislative session, Hughes said, industry officials will attempt to convince legislators that the first barrel of oil and first 10,000 cubic feet of natural gas ought to be exempt from all taxes.

"We view that as an opportunity for Texas to take out an insurance policy that guarantees we keep operating," Hughes said. "If they don't, we'll lose another 11,000 wells next year."

In an effort to take their message to the general public, the Amarillo-based group is planning a different approach. The PPROA is producing a video, Hughes

said, that illustrates the problems the industry faces. That video is expected to be made available to the public in January.

It will be available to anyone — libraries, civic groups, and local and state officials — Hughes said.

"We must have relief soon as far as severance taxes and production taxes," Hughes said, "and 1997 is not too early."

The next two years are the most critical years the industry faces in quite some time, he said.

At the federal level, the Natural Gas Competitive Act (HR 2342) is expected to reach the floor of Congress. The act will allow small gas producers to join together to form cooperatives, similar to farm cooperatives. Anti-trust laws now forbid such moves.

Without such relief and reorganization, Hughes said, the industry will not be able to attract investors or raise the necessary money to find more gas and oil reserves. That, in turn, means more reliance on foreign oil reserves.

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# Daily Record

## Services today

**CUNNINGHAM, B.J. (Bill)** - Memorial service, 5 p.m., Hahn-Cook Funeral Home, Oklahoma City.  
**LOWE, Cosette** - 3 p.m., Travis Baptist Church, Memphis.  
**RAY, Elmer "Eck"** - 3 p.m., Dozier Church of Christ, Dozier.

## Obituaries

**B.J. (BILL) CUNNINGHAM**  
 OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. - B.J. (Bill) Cunningham, 66, a former Pampa, Texas, resident, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 1995. Memorial services will be today at 5 p.m. in the Hahn-Cook Funeral Home with the Rev. Don Lee of San Marcos, Texas, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Hahn-Cook Funeral Home.

Mr. Cunningham was born Jan. 30, 1929, at Pampa, to W.L. and Naomi Cunningham. He attended Pampa schools for three years, before moving to Amarillo, Texas, for a brief time with his family. He attended school at Panhandle, Texas, beginning in 1938 and graduated in 1946. He was on the Panhandle High School basketball team, football team and track team. He won first place at district and third place in the mile race at the state meet. He was a graduate of Texas A&M University, receiving a degree in mechanical engineering and a commission as second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve Quartermaster Corp.

He married Cynthia Winslow of Waco, Texas, in 1951. He worked for Bell Aircraft of Fort Worth, Texas, before being called to duty in the Korean War. He returned to Waco for a short time, but moved in 1955 to Oklahoma City, he established the Arrow Machinery Company, a distributor of coin-operated, commercial laundry and dry cleaning equipment. He recently installed one of Oklahoma's largest coin-op laundries on Britton Road in Oklahoma City.

He supported Texas A&M and Oklahoma State Universities. He was a member of the Texas A&M Association of Former Students and the A&M 12th Man Club. He was a member of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce and the national Laundry and Dry Cleaning Equipment Association.

He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his wife, Cynthia, of the home; three daughters, Debbie Balock and Connie Edmondson, both of Oklahoma City, and Kim Dean of Tulsa; his mother, Naomi of Stillwater, Okla.; two brothers, Clarence Cunningham of Stillwater and Charles Cunningham of Houston, Texas; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice Care of Oklahoma.

**SYBLE PEARL PETREE JONES**  
 VICI, Okla. - Syble Pearl Petree Jones, 80, mother of a Pampa, Texas, resident, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 1995, at the Vici Nursing Home. Services were Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1995, in the First Christian Church at Vici. Burial was in the Camargo Cemetery at Camargo, Okla.

Mrs. Jones was born June 7, 1915, at Putnam, Okla., to John and Eva Petree. The family moved to Lenora, where she attended grade school. She later attended Seiling High School and was a graduate of Leedy High School. She married Mason Leo "Pete" Jones on July 23, 1931, at Woodward, Okla. The couple lived in Lenora, Camargo, Del Norte, Colo., Seiling and Taloga before eventually settling at Vici. She was a member of the Home Extension Clubs at Camargo and Raymond, receiving 45-year service pins. She belonged to the Taloga Garden Club, the Dewey County Historical Society, the Ladies Quilting group and the C.W.F. and was a board member of the Senior Citizens Organization. She served as coordinator of the Taloga Senior Center. She was a member of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ and attended Vici Christian Church. She enjoyed crafts, baking, sewing, canning and square dancing.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by two brothers, Harold Petree and Frank Petree.

Survivors include her husband, Pete; three daughters, Leona Allen of Pampa, Billie Moran of Vici and Darlene Kygar of Beaver, Okla.; three sons, Keith Jones of Woodward, Okla., Harold Jones of Ulysses, Kan., and Bob Jones of Cleo Springs, Okla.; a brother, Alvin Petree of Yarnell, Ariz.; 18 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

**COSETTE LOWE**  
 MEMPHIS - Cosette Lowe, 75, mother of a Pampa resident, died Friday, Dec. 29, 1995. Services will be at 3 p.m. today in the Travis Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Reid, pastor, and Tom Anderson, minister of Memphis Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Cox Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lowe was born at Hereford and grew up in eastern New Mexico. She married Floyd "Red" Lowe in 1943 at Fort Worth. The couple lived at Memphis for many years, moving to Holly, Colo., in 1969. They returned in 1981 to Memphis, where they owned and operated the Cyclone Drive-In for six years. She had been a member of the Travis Baptist Church for many years.

Survivors include her husband, Floyd; a daughter, Janice Bellah of Pampa; a son, Jerry Lowe of Memphis; her mother, Elisabeth Denney of Memphis; a sister, Imogene Porter of Ringling, Okla.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Travis Baptist Church.  
 The casket will not be open at the church.

## Ambulance

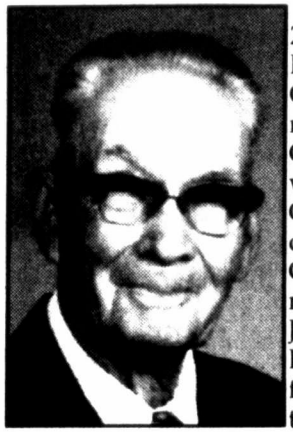
Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

**FRIDAY, Dec. 29**  
 12:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to a local nursing home.

8:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to Northwest Texas Healthcare Services in Amarillo.

## Obituaries

**LEWIS F. MEERS**  
 Lewis F. Meers, 93, of Pampa, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 1995. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Bible Church of Pampa with the Rev. Roger Hubbard, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mr. Meers was born Oct. 27, 1902, in Gray County. He was a longtime Gray County resident. He was a resident of Hansford County for 15 years. He was the first baby born in Gray County and was the oldest living Gray County-born resident. He married Eula Meadows on July 26, 1923, at Pampa. He played football on the first Pampa Harvester team. He farmed and ranched in Gray County for 80 years, retiring in 1988. He was a charter member of the Bible Church.

Survivors include his wife, Eula Meers, of the home; two daughters, Dorothy King of Perryton and Marie Tankersley of Mertzson; a son, H.L. Meers of Pampa; two sisters, Dorothy Rainey of Wichita, Kan., and Nellie Blake of Kingman, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; and 10 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Bible Church of Pampa Memorial Fund.

**ELMER J. 'ECK' RAY**  
 SHAMROCK - Elmer J. "Eck" Ray, 80, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 1995, at Amarillo. Services will be at 3 p.m. today in the Dozier Church of Christ at Dozier with Bud Jones, of Ada, Okla., officiating. Burial will be in the Dozier Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Ray was born Sept. 10, 1915, in Van Zandt County. He moved to Wheeler County with his family in 1930, living in Twitty and then west of Shamrock. He moved to Abra, Collingsworth County, in 1932. His family moved again in 1937 to Corpus Christi. He worked as a truck driver until 1942, joining the Army. He married Dovie Allphin on Feb. 15, 1950. He worked as a foreman in the oil well servicing business for 15 years. The couple moved to a farm near Dozier in 1960, before moving to Shamrock. He then worked for Davenport Services until retirement. He was a handyman and caretaker of Plymouth Cemetery and kept the Dozier Church of Christ lawn. He was a member of the Dozier Church of Christ. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the 3rd Infantry Division in Africa, Sicily, Italy and Anzio beach head during World War II.

Survivors include three brothers, Jim Ray of Amarillo, Bud Ray of Smithville and Bob Ray of Borger; and two sisters, Jo Amen of Bridge City and Tess Breeding of Dozier.

The family request memorials be to the Dozier Cemetery Association.

**MAUDINE RICKETTS**  
 SAN ANTONIO - Maudine Ricketts, 91, a former Pampa resident, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 1995 in San Antonio. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with Marcus Brecheen, minister of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Ricketts was born Sept. 30, 1904, at Edom, Texas. She married Bishop Ricketts on Feb. 11, 1925, at Abilene; he died Oct. 11, 1979. She moved from Wellington to Pampa in 1943 and from Pampa to San Antonio in 1982. She worked for C.R. Anthony Company in Pampa for 30 years before retiring. She was a former member of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ and a member of the Mac Arthur Park Church of Christ in San Antonio.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Maxine Ricketts Parks, on April 8, 1978.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Leon and Lynne Ricketts of San Antonio; four granddaughters, Kathy Martinez, Kimberly Ricketts, Karen Ricketts and Kelli Waldrep, all of San Antonio; four great-grandchildren, Jessica Hidalgo, John Robert Martinez, Adrianna Martinez and Jacob Martinez, all of San Antonio; and a great-great-grandson, Forrest Hidalgo of San Antonio.

The body will be available for viewing from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

## Calendar of events

**T.O.P.S. #149**  
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

**12-STEP SURVIVORS GROUP**  
 A 12-step survivors group for victims of incest and sexual abuse plans to meet at 7 p.m. Monday. For more information, call 883-2097 or write SIA, P.O. Box 903, White Deer, 79097.

**T.O.P.S. #41**  
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

**TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING**  
 Tralee Crisis Center, 119 N. Frost, is to offer group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Kleinpeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131. Space is limited. Call ahead.

**BLOOD PRESSURE, BLOOD SUGAR CLINIC**  
 Quality Lifestyles of Pampa will be conducting a free blood pressure and blood sugar clinic from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Jan. 2, at Lefors Senior Citizens, 806 N. Main. The clinic is available for all, not just senior citizens.

## Obituaries

**DORIS MONTGOMERY TURNER**  
 LIPSCOMB - Doris Montgomery Turner, 80, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 1995, at Junction, Texas. Services were to be at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Union Church at Lipscomb with the Rev. Monte Kreis, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Higgins, officiating. Burial was in the Lipscomb Cemetery under the direction of Stickle-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Turner was born Aug. 8, 1915, at Ivanhoe, Okla. She married Merydith Turner on Dec. 31, 1938, at Amarillo. She received a bachelor of arts degree in English from Texas Tech University and a master of science in library science from Texas Women's University. She was a librarian for many years at the San Benito, Texas, public library. She was library supervisor for the Rio Hondo Independent School District. She was a 17-year resident of Junction. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was also a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Merydith, of Junction; three daughters, Judy Turner of Bastrop, Valerie Turner of Austin and Marcia E. Brehmer of Chino Valley, Ariz.; a son, Merydith D. Turner Jr. of Austin; two sisters, Elsie Wilbanks and Pauline Moss, both of Lubbock; a brother, Ross

Montgomery of Lubbock; and four grandchildren.  
 The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.  
 The body will not be available for viewing at the funeral home.

**WILLIAM WATIE**  
 William Watie, 81, of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 29, 1995. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. M.L. Houska, pastor of St. Mark's C.M.E. Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa.

Mr. Watie was born March 17, 1914, at Pawhuska, Okla. He moved to Pampa from Pawhuska in 1935. He married Verla Mae Murray on June 21, 1943, at Wheeler; she died Aug. 5, 1984. He was a member of the St. Mark's CME Church, the Masonic Lodge and the American Legion.

Survivors include two daughters, Ethel Kaye Simmons and Eula Dean Bradshaw, both of Pampa; two sons, Herman D. Watie and William H. Watie, both of Pampa; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle, P.O. Box 2782, Pampa, TX 79066.

Holiday visiting hours at the Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home will be 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday; and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday.

## Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 32-hour period which ended at 3 p.m. Saturday.

**FRIDAY, Dec. 29**  
 Terroristic threats were reported to have occurred Dec. 18 at Pampa High School.

Oil was reported to have been poured on a 1986 Taurus in the 1000 block of Huff Road at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Theft of \$399 in stereo equipment was reported in the 400 block of Starkweather.

Theft \$50 to \$500 was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart which occurred between 9:30 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. Thursday.

Theft was reported on Foster Street at the Landmark Club.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of Davis at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Information on alleged sexual assault was received from a woman at 10:50 p.m. Friday.

**SATURDAY, Dec. 30**  
 Aggravated assault - domestic disturbance was reported by a 22-year-old woman in the 900 block of South Sumner. It occurred at 3 a.m. Saturday. No injuries were reported.

Offenses against family - assault was reported by a 19-year-old woman in the 1000 block of Huff Road at 12:15 p.m. Saturday.

Assault - family violence was reported by a 39-year-old man in the 900 block of East Brunow at 11 a.m. Saturday. Injury to the left middle finger and face were reported.

Burglary of building was reported by the Open Door Group, 910 W. Kentucky. A cash box was stolen about 10 p.m. Friday. Entry was through the front door.

Indecency with a child was reported which occurred 1978 to 1981.

Theft of \$600 in jewelry was reported at 1005 W. Harvester.

**Arrest**  
**FRIDAY, Dec. 29**

Earnest Lamar (Rusty) Huff, 60, 947 S. Hobart, was arrested on a blue warrant. He is in Gray County jail.

**SATURDAY, Dec. 30**  
 Michael Anthony Chairez, 24, was arrested at 1123 W. Wilks on a charge of aggravated assault. He was transferred to Gray County jail, where he was released on bond.

## Fires

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls in the 32-hour period which ended at 3 p.m. Saturday.

**FRIDAY, Dec. 29**  
 8:13 a.m. - Three units and five firefighters responded to a vehicle collision 2 1/2 miles west of Pampa on Texas 152.

8:43 p.m. - Three units and seven firefighters responded to a smoke scare at 1820 N. Hobart.

**SATURDAY, Dec. 30**  
 11:27 a.m. - Two units and three firefighters responded to a false call in the alley of the 200 block of North Sumner.

## Weather focus

### LOCAL FORECAST

Increasing cloudiness today with a high in the lower 50s and northwesterly winds 10-20 mph. Tonight, cloudy with a low in the middle 20s and 60 percent of rain or snow. New Year's Day, cloudy with a high in the lower 30s and a 50 percent of continuing rain or snow.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

**West Texas - Panhandle:** Today, increasing cloudiness. A slight chance of rain in the north-west late. Highs 45 to 54. Tonight, cloudy with rain likely. Rain changing to snow during the evening. Lows in low to mid 20s. New Year's Day, cloudy and colder with a chance of snow. Highs around 30 to low 30s. South Plains: Today, partly cloudy. Highs mid 50s to low 60s. Tonight, mostly cloudy. A chance of rain northern sections, with rain changing to snow after midnight. Lows in mid to upper 20s. New Year's Day, cloudy, windy and colder. A chance of snow northern sections. Highs 35-40.

**North Texas - Today,** mostly cloudy east with a slight chance of rain and a few thunderstorms. Morning clouds central, becoming partly cloudy by afternoon. Partly sunny west. Mild with highs 63 to 69. Tonight, cloudy east with a chance of rain and a few thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy central and west. Turning windy and colder northwest late. Lows 37 northwest to 49 extreme southeast.

**South Texas - Hill Country and South Central:** Today, some morning clouds, then partly cloudy. Highs in the 70s. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Scattered showers or thunderstorms east. Lows from upper 30s Hill Country to upper 40s and low 50s south central. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Today, partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in low and mid 70s. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms coast. Lows from mid 50s inland to low 60s coast. Upper Coast: Today, a slight chance of rain or thunderstorms early, becoming partly to mostly cloudy by afternoon. Highs from

mid 70s inland to near 70 at the coast. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows from upper 40s well inland to near 60 at the coast.

### BORDER STATES

**New Mexico - Today,** clouds increasing and spreading southward over the state. Scattered showers and snow showers north with snows possibly becoming heavy over the northern mountains and few showers in the south. Turning colder north and gusty winds statewide in the afternoon. Highs 30s to mid 40s mountains and north-west with 50s and 60s lower elevations east and south. Tonight, mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers. Lows zero to teens mountains and northwest with 20s elsewhere.

**Oklahoma - Today,** partly to mostly cloudy. Highs from upper 40s north to low 60s south. Tonight, increasing cloudiness. A chance of rain and snow north-west and a chance of rain elsewhere. Lows from mid 20s northwest to mid 30s Red River valley.

## City briefs

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

**THE RUMOR** that I have retired or planning on retiring is greatly exaggerated. At this time I have no plans on retirement. Signed Kenneth Roysse DVM. Roysse Animal Hospital. Adv.

**ATTENTION YOUTHS** 12 years and up, newspaper routes available January 1st. Come apply today, at the Pampa News.

**CHANEY'S CAFE,** Roast beef, fried chicken, sanchos, hamburger steak. Sunday 11-2 p.m. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

**NEW YEAR'S Eve:** Join us at the Club Biarritz in the Coronado Inn. Treat yourself to a special candlelight dinner and drinks from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and celebrate until midnight. Breakfast buffet. \$50 bar tab gets a free room, for Club members (Don't Drink and Drive) 30 day trial memberships available, for details or reservations call 669-2506. Adv.

**DANCE TO Indian Summer,** New Years Eve, December 31, Moose Lodge. Adv.

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# Gingrich admits mistakes, says he'll do better in '96

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a year of conflict and controversy, House Speaker Newt Gingrich acknowledges mistakes and says he's hoping for a more thoughtful and contemplative new year.

The Georgia Republican reflected on the rough and tumble year just ending in an interview taped for broadcast Saturday on CNN's *Evans & Novak*.

"Nobody could go from being the minority whip of the House to the speaker of the House in one jump and go from being in the opposition party for 40 years to working with Senator (Bob) Dole and being really the dominant agenda-setting force in the country ... and not make mistakes," Gingrich admitted.

Complaining about seating arrangements on Air Force One, for example.

"There's no question that there are times, as I've described it, where it's like throwing an interception straight into the other team's defense. And on several occasions, and that's one, I did things that weren't right."

Another was agreeing to a multi-million dollar book advance, which he later turned down amid controversy.

In retrospect, he said he should have sought advice from people "who understood being a national figure in the way that I frankly didn't understand."

How will he do better in 1996? "Well, for one thing, listen more carefully and try to be more precise in what I'm saying and be more thoughtful."

"You know, I'm the speaker of the House. I'm not an assistant professor of history. I'm not an analyst. I'm not a commentator. And I think at times I've tried to play other roles, and it's almost always been wrong," Gingrich said.

"I mean, I've got to be the speaker of the House and the leader of the House Republican Party and stay inside that particular box to be effective."

Asked if he is bothered by polls showing low popularity ratings with the public, Gingrich responded: "Look, if I were the person who was seeing seven-second sound bites, I wouldn't like me either."

Over time, he went on, "as people see more of what we're really doing, ... my ratings will go up."

— On Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole:

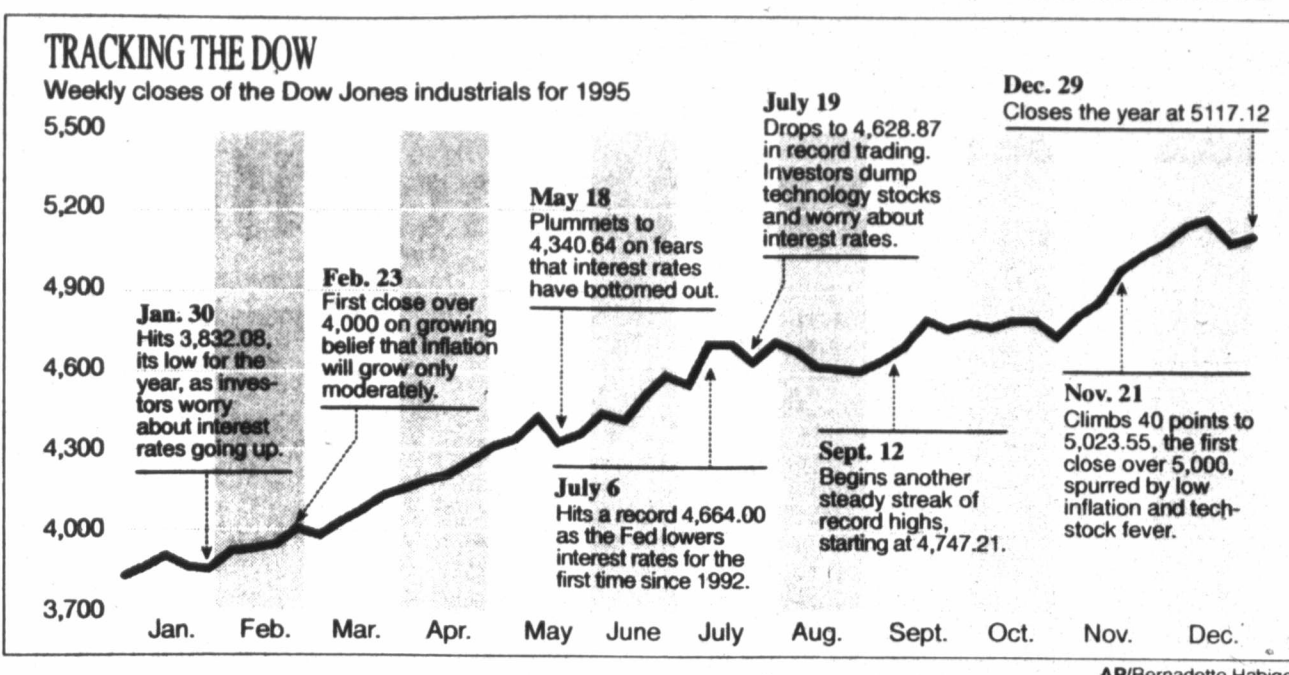
"I think he's a superb leader of the Senate. It's a very hard institution. He's the frontrunner for the nomination. He's still got to prove that he can win New Hampshire, I think, and in Iowa. But it's been, I think, a very effective partnership for change."

— On President Clinton:

"Once or twice we have had arguments, and we argue very directly. But he is one of the most charming and, I think, extraordinarily sociable people I've ever met."

— On prospects for the 1996 elections:

"Well, I think probably our base next year will be 252 in the House and 57 in the Senate ... (a pickup of) 16 in the House and two in the Senate."



# Economists: Will stocks rally in '96?

By STEVE SAKSON  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — As stocks move to higher highs, market seers are scouring for clues to the market's direction: Will 1995's 30-plus percent rally continue, slow or go into reverse?

Markets have rallied, thanks to a delicate balance of moderate economic growth around 3 percent per year, combined with low interest rates and inflation, leading to higher corporate profits.

The main question is whether the Federal Reserve Board will be able to preserve this economic soft landing for an extended period by tweaking interest rates one way or the other.

The market showed its indecision on the question Friday after a surprise report indicating stronger than expected growth, an annual percentage gain of 33.45 percent.

The Fed is still widely expected to lower rates again, as it did on Dec. 19, because the recent signs of economic weakness outweigh statistics like those delivered Friday by the Chicago purchasing managers, who reported strong economic growth in their region during the month.

Still weighing on the minds of investors are factors like the dismal Christmas season for retailers, a fact blamed on an oversupply of stores, coupled with high consumer debt levels.

Ideally the Fed will cut rates, the economy will rebound — but not too much — and the high-profit, low inflation scenario will be back on track.

However, with the stock market at such lofty levels, many investors are watching for signs of a pullback. If they become fearful the Fed's strategy isn't working, that pullback could become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

If, for instance, the rate cuts don't restimulate the economy quickly enough, investors may think a recession is on the way, triggering a selloff.

Or, if the Fed stimulates growth too much, shortages of labor and raw materials will spur inflation. That, too, could hurt stocks.

Among the optimists who don't believe either scenario will happen is Brian Belski, technical analyst with Dain Bosworth in Minneapolis.

"With analysts worried about the market at these high levels, they're going to continue to be

conservative in their (first-quarter) earnings estimates," he said.

Belski expects companies to beat those estimates, re-igniting optimism and sending stocks higher, after a brief selloff early in the year.

Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer at First Albany Corp., sees stronger economic growth in 1996, but not enough to ignite inflation, "so the message is you don't need to be worried or concerned about the economy or inflation."

Ricky Harrington, senior vice president at Interstate-Johnson Lane in Charlotte, N.C., is less optimistic, noting that the market has been at something of a plateau for a couple of weeks.

If interest rates fall too low for the stock market's taste, worries about inflation could erupt at any time, he said. "It could be developing right now."

The Standard & Poor's 500 stock index closed the year at 615.93, up 3.97 for the week and 156.66 for the year.

The NYSE composite index closed at 329.51, up 3.16 for the week and 78.57 for the year.

The Nasdaq composite finished 1995 at 1,052.13, up 5.24 for the week.

# Police show videotape of child abuse

HOUSTON (AP) — In a rare pre-trial move, police have released a videotape of a 3-year-old unable to walk or talk because he was so badly battered following arrests of the child's mother and her common-law husband.

"It made me ill. ... This is the worst case I've ever worked in four years in child abuse," said Houston Police Sgt. Catheryn Gardner.

The child's 19-year-old mother, Tracy Lynn Gillen was charged Friday with injury to a child by omission and remained with her common-law husband Sanoi Antowan Terry in the Harris County Jail on Saturday.

Terry was charged with injury to a child and is being held without bail. Ms. Gillen was being held in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

The couple have denied beating the child, authorities said. They say the boy got his injuries because he fell a lot, police said.

The unidentified child is now living with family members in Georgia, where state officials are monitoring his recovery from what appeared to be numerous, severe beatings with a belt, switches and sticks.

A videotape made in Austin County, where Ms. Gillen's mother lives, shows the mass of multi-colored bruises and cuts on the child's arms, legs, back and chest. On the tape, the grandmother displays the injuries while the boy utters only a series of soft grunts.

Sgt. Gardner said the boy does not speak.

Houston police spokesman Joe Gamino said police decided to show the videotape "to address the problem of child abuse, not just in the city but all over the state, and to remind all caretakers ... state law requires certain things from them."

Among those requirements, he said, is to seek medical attention for an injured child and to report child abuse. Failing to do either is a felony.

The injuries first came to light in late November when Ms. Gillen asked her mother to come get the boy, saying Terry was kicking her out of their apartment.

Ms. Gillen told her mother she had to go to a woman's shelter and could not take the boy because authorities would see his bruises.

That may have been a ploy to get her mother to take the child, Sgt. Gardner said, since Ms. Gillen did not move from the apartment.

The grandmother drove from Austin County, picked up the child and returned home, where she called authorities, who later notified police and county child protective services.

The tape shows the grandmother standing him up, holding out her hands and asking him to walk. After a couple of failed attempts, the child shakes his head.

It later turned out that one of the boy's bruised, swollen legs was broken.

# Changing words and phrases

CHICAGO (AP) — Go berserk at work, and it's called "going postal."

Batter a spouse, and it's an "OJ." Walk down the aisle for the first time in this age of divorce, and you're launching a "starter marriage."

It's all part of Americans' changing language — new words and phrases people come up with as their culture changes.

"People like to invent words," said David Barnhart, editor of *Barnhart Dictionary Companion*. "They like to have novelty in their speech."

Barnhart, one of the experts who reported on the nation's developing vocabulary at a meeting this week of the American Dialect Society in Chicago, said 10,000 to 20,000 new words pop up each year in the English language, but only 100 to 200 make it into dictionaries.

Computers have had a huge impact.

Among this year's new or newly prominent words and phrases are World Wide Web, the part of the Internet that combines text, graphics and photographs; and "mouse potato," a variation of the slothful "couch potato," meaning someone who's hooked on computers.

And then there's House Speaker Newt Gingrich, whose confrontational style has spawned a host of expressions, including Newt Age, Newt Dealer, Newt World Order, Newtopia, Newtron bomb, Newtpeak, Newtworking and femiNewtie.

Said John Algeo of the University of Georgia, "Every time you get new things, you need new words to label them."

# Shutdown delays border fence

SUNLAND PARK, N.M. (AP) — A fence that was to keep Mexicans from illegally crossing the border into New Mexico has been waylaid by the federal budget impasse.

The 1.3 mile long, 10-foot tall fence dividing Anapra, Mexico from Sunland Park, New Mexico, was supposed to be completed by October.

But the \$150,000 project has been delayed because contract officers responsible for obtaining building materials have been furloughed, said agent Mary Jane Cruz, a spokeswoman for the Border Patrol's El Paso sector.

opposed the proposed fence which they said was an insult to Mexican immigrants and offensive to many Hispanics who have relatives in Mexico.

"We need to understand that the people from Mexico need to come here because they don't have nothing in Mexico. A fence can't stop them," said Isabel Santos, president of Concerned Citizens of Sunland Park.

Silvestre Reyes, former chief of the Border Patrol's El Paso sector, initially proposed the fence as part of Operation Hold the Line, a two-year-old campaign to deter illegal immigration by placing agents at close intervals along a 20-mile stretch of the El Paso border with Juarez.

# Missing teen found after show airs

HOUSTON (AP) — A re-broadcast of an *America's Most Wanted* program has reunited a Wisconsin woman with her 13-year-old daughter, who had been missing since mid-September.

FBI agents rescued Jessyca Mullenberg and arrested her suspected abductor, Steven Paul Oliver, 38, at a northeast Houston motel Thursday night.

He is being held on federal charges of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution and a Wisconsin charge of interference with child custody.

The two had been living at the Days Inn on the Eastex Freeway in northeast Houston, where he had landed a contract job to paint the building.

The information that led the FBI to make the arrest came from a former employee at the motel who recognized the man and the girl when the case was profiled on the Thursday night episode of *America's Most Wanted*.

Jessyca was escorted by two

FBI agents to a terminal at Houston Intercontinental Airport, where she waited for her mother, stepfather, and brother to arrive.

When Mrs. Bourget stepped out of the jetway, Jessyca, flanked by FBI agents and dressed in jeans, a windbreaker and an FBI baseball cap, ran into her mother's arms.

Monica Bourget broke into tears when she saw her daughter for the first time in three months and they embraced tightly.

"It's pure ecstasy," Monica Bourget said, breaking into tears. "We waited so long for the nightmare to be done. We've waited for the miracle to happen."

Jessyca was last reported seen on Sept. 16. She vanished after making arrangements to visit a library and work on a book project with Oliver, who lived near

her father, Dale Mullenberg, in rural Eau Claire, Wis.

Family and friends had distributed more than 15,000 posters with Jessyca's photograph as part of a nationwide search.

Jessyca appeared to be in good condition when she and Oliver were found about 11 p.m. Thursday at the motel, Houston FBI agent Rolando Moss said.

The two apparently had been in Houston for a couple of months, staying at various motels. Moss said authorities are unsure whether she went with him voluntarily.

Mrs. Bourget said her daughter looked tired.

"She's weary. She's a 13-year-old baby. She's not meant for this kind of hell. But we have lots of loving, supporting family and friends and community and we're all going to help her through this."

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Opinion

The next economic slump: A recession

Another recession? Let's hope not. But strong indicators point to its possible arrival. That would be somber news for Texas.

Some indicators do point to a new recession for the U.S. economy.

The Associated Press reported at the beginning of the month: "The (U.S.) government's main economic forecasting gauge dove in October to its lowest level in nearly two years, prompting analysts to warn of a potential recession next year unless the Federal Reserve lowers interest rates." But any Fed action takes about 18 months to three years to take effect, meaning that a recession - if one is coming - could not be short-circuited, only endured.

Indeed, it is the Fed's interest rate hikes of two years ago that now are providing a delayed shock to the economy. Economist Theodore Bos of the University of Alabama at Birmingham has analyzed Fed actions for the past decade, accurately predicting every move in the economy during that period. He predicted the 1990 recession, the 1992 recovery, and now is predicting a 1996 recession. "The forecast is generated by a statistical regression I use," he said. "It only takes into consideration past interest rates. The relationship has been quite strong. I believe it will continue into the future."

"Clearly there are more factors involved in the future of the economy than interest rates. But the relationship between interest rates and the economy has been so strong the past eight years, that's all we have to worry about now. The lag between interest rates and the economy has been 18 months to three years."

Now is the time to prepare for such a possible calamity. Massive tax reductions are called for, preferably a flat tax. When a tornado comes rushing toward your house, you don't bet on it swerving away (which it may), but take precautions to survive.

Thought for today

"Labor disgraces no man; unfortunately you occasionally find men disgrace labor."

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Breathing life into the NAACP

Two weeks ago, the board of the NAACP appointed retiring Rep. Kweisi Mfume (D-Md.) as its new president and chief executive officer. Mfume's primary task is to breathe some life into this dying, deeply-in-debt flagship civil rights organization.

In terms of how Mfume and I view the world, we have little in common, but nonetheless, I am hopeful. That glimmer of hope derives from the fact that Mfume is a young man and wasn't a part of forming the alliance that won blacks basic constitutional guarantees. That alliance, consisting of labor unions, white liberal organizations and politicians, was critical to the achievement of civil rights legislation. But continued unquestioned allegiance to that alliance is now unproductive and actually harmful.

Basic economics should give pause to the continuing alliance between blacks, as a group, and labor unions. After all, who benefits most from strategies that exclude blacks from the labor market - corporations or unions? It's easy. Strategies that reduce the number of workers for a given task raise the wages of those actually employed. Unions benefit from that strategy, while corporations suffer.

Earlier black leaders knew this well. In 1924, Professor Kelly Miller of Howard University urged blacks to "stand shoulder to shoulder with the captains of industry" in opposition to labor unions. J.E. Bruce wrote that labor unions were a



Walter Williams

"greedy, grasping, ruthless, intolerant, overbearing, dictatorial combinations of half-educated white men ... I am against them because they are against the Negro."

Both Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington were lifelong foes of labor unions. Overt union racism is a thing of the past, but unions' desire for higher wages hasn't changed. Yesterday's exclusionary tactics have been replaced with kinder and gentler methods that include occupations licensure, the Davis-Bacon Act, minimum wages and collective bargaining agreements. Blacks who are union members benefit, but the policy-relevant question is: On balance, do blacks as a group benefit?

Kweisi Mfume said he was going to solicit corporations for increased donations. He should be just as cautious about corporate help as about union help. Corporate interests and black inter-

ests don't necessarily overlap. The bulk of the NAACP's budget should come out of the pockets of black people.

If that were the case, the NAACP would be accountable only to black people, and you can't say black people don't have the money. Blacks spend enough each year to make us the 14th richest nation on the face of this earth. If out of close to \$300 billion yearly expenditures, blacks can't find \$10 million or \$20 million for the NAACP, either the organization isn't worth it, or we have our priorities mixed up.

Mfume's greatest contribution to the overall mission of a new NAACP will come if he realizes that the major problems blacks face have little or nothing to do with racial discrimination and are not solvable through civil rights strategy. Problems of illegitimacy, family breakdown, crime, school dropout and drugs have been far more harmful and destructive of socioeconomic gains than anything the Wallaces, Bilbos and Klan could have engineered.

If white people were morally rejuvenated tomorrow, it would contribute little or nothing to the major black problems. Moreover, the solution to these problems cannot be solved by others. If those problems are ever solved, they will be solved by little platoons of neighbor people, financed and assisted by middle-class blacks. A new NAACP, with a new vision, can provide the inspiration.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 31, the 365th and final day of 1995.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 31, 1879, inventor Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light in Menlo Park, N.J.

On this date:

In 1775, the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army generals Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed.

In 1857, Britain's Queen Victoria decided to make Ottawa the capital of Canada.

In 1862, President Lincoln signed an act admitting West Virginia to the Union.

In 1877, President and Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes celebrated their silver anniversary by re-enacting their wedding ceremony in the White House.

In 1897, Brooklyn spent its last day as a separate entity before becoming part of New York City.

In 1946, President Truman officially proclaimed the end of World War II.

In 1961, the Marshall Plan expired after distributing more than \$12 billion in foreign aid.



U.S. troops in Bosnia is senseless

Charley Reese

Just remember a few things about the U.S. troops in Bosnia.

The troops deserve our support; the politicians who sent them there or consented to their being sent there, deserve to be thrown out of office at the first opportunity (November 1996), regardless of party.

The United States has no strategic interests in the Balkans. The United States has no tactical interests in the Balkans. The United States has no compelling or even minimal interests in the Balkans. It is a local civil war about local issues that does not threaten anyone outside the Balkans.

Sending NATO troops to the Balkans as peacekeepers violates the spirit, and probably the letter, of the NATO treaty. This mutual defense treaty was created when political leaders in the West feared an invasion by the Soviet Union. No NATO country is under attack, has been attacked or is threatened with attack.

No what legal authority is there to dispatch NATO forces to a non-NATO country for a non-NATO mission?

The Constitution makes the president the titular commander in chief, but the power to declare war exclusively resides with Congress. The power to establish and to fund the armed forces exclusively resides with Congress.

Clearly, the authors of the Constitution did not see the U.S. armed forces as the private army of

the president, to be sent anywhere he pleases for any reason. Clearly, they intended that Congress, not the president, would be the main player in war and peace issues.

As for people who think an all-volunteer armed forces effectively nullifies the Constitution and rational decision making, the answers are quite clear. Young men and women volunteer to defend the United States, not to be international mercenaries. They volunteer to give their lives, if necessary, in defense of the United States - not in defense of some foreign government and assuredly not as part of a reelection campaign strategy.

The international elite has American troops in Bosnia for one reason only: to justify the continuation of NATO, which ought to be disbanded like other relics of the Cold War.

The international elite convinced President William Clinton, who, like most politicians, listens only to people with a lot of money, that it would be good for his reelection campaign if he acted firmly.

Well, there's no doubt that Clinton needs a little firming up, but to risk the lives of young men and women for a domestic political ploy is despicable and villainous. Our youth do not volunteer to be

sacrificed for the sake of political egos. People in Washington will have blood on their hands.

The so-called peace agreement is as flawed as is Clinton's character. First, it proposes that the Bosnian army be armed and trained. What do you suppose the Bosnians will do with their new weapons and new training? Sit peacefully by their firesides?

What do you suppose the Serbs will do as the United States tries to disarm them and beef up the arms of their mortal enemies? For that matter, what do you think Russia will do if the United States puts itself in the position of pounding the Serbs - a people with whom the Russian people have long, strong emotional ties?

It brings to mind the words of a Russian journalist: "Don't mess with the Serbs," he said on a panel show. "They have committed national suicide twice in this century. Believe me, they will do it again."

He was really paying them a compliment. He was saying that if the Serbs believe in their cause, they will fight for it regardless of the odds. Twice they fought against overwhelming odds, ironically both times on the same side as the West, which is now betraying them for the third time.

So pray for the troops, voice support for their safety and curse the politicians who for lack of brain, fortitude or morals perpetrated this evil venture.

Washington, D.C., is not a city of joy

R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

I live in Washington. The Capital of the Free World is not a happy place and has not been since the Harding administration. At least, that is my surmise. Harding was an amiable dolt, but we know he had a grand time - when his wife was not looking.

Not since Harding has there been a really happy fellow in the White House. Ironically, our present president is probably the president most like the late Warren. President Bill Clinton is a golfer. He too has a strong (some say bossy) wife, and both Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Harding have been accomplished in business and public life. Both presidents have presided over compact families. And, to come right to the point, both presidents have had an eye for the fair sex. But is our big lovable lug of a president as happy as old Warren? Come, come. Note the bags under his eyes, the trudge to his gait, the edginess of his staff.

It is not that the golf courses were any greener back in Warren's day or that the girls were any prettier. I think the reason Warren was a Falstaff when placed next to the increasingly worried image of Clinton is that Washington has grown grim. It takes itself too seriously. And its citizenry is too conflicted.

It claims to be the Capital of the Free World, but who knows what to do about it? Do any of the city's giants appear to feel good about leading the Free World? Romans knew what to do. Germans, on two occasions in this century, had a pretty good idea what to do, as did the Brits in the last

century. Today, neither the Republicans nor the Democrats display much confidence about their role in the world.

This is true when you query them on other subjects, too. Leading the Free World aside, do any of the giants in this city demonstrate any blithe confidence about balancing the budget, reforming welfare or returning our national-park system to the Indians - or whatever the PC tyrants call them? I think not. I would not presume to know all the causes for this city's grimness, but one of them is certainly the citizenry's felt need to take themselves very seriously. Everyone at almost every level insists on radiating gravitas - except, of course, the president.

A Washington cocktail party is a confrontation with scores of scowling countenances intent on impressing you with the thought that you have just met a great and historic figure possessed of all the answers to the country's most vexed questions. Even this city's writers carry themselves in this rebarbative fashion. If you think the tedium of the weekend talk shows is staged, sit down with a collection of Washington pundits as they relax over their glasses of spring water and hold forth on the budget, the Washington Bullets or practically any subject. On all topics, they are Solomonic

and gruesome. Moreover, they are usually wrong.

Even the hordes of bureaucrats are grim. A few weeks back, when it was announced that those not deemed "essential" would be furloughed, one of the furloughed workers' main complaints was that they were not considered "essential." Imagine these paper shufflers strutting through the endless halls of their federal buildings believing themselves essential to the government of the United States and, I suppose, to the survival of the Free World.

Think how much happier they might be if they thought themselves "unessential." Every time they got a paycheck, they might snicker at the trick they had just pulled on Uncle Sam. Instead, they weigh the amount and feel unappreciated. Uncle Sam just pulled the joke on them. At the end of the day, these grumpy bureaucrats join with the grim statesmen along the sidewalks and head for home. It is a miserable herd.

So, be of even more good cheer than usual. You could be here, in Washington, or, even worse, in Camp David. There, every Christmas for the Clintons has been miserable. Back in 1993, they heard that Arkansas state troopers were spilling the beans about their mores. In 1994, they mourned the loss of such stalwarts as Bernie Nussbaum and Webb Hubbell. Now, at the end of 1995, they live in fear that still more beans are being spilled - enough to ensure that Christmas 1996 will be spent back in Arkansas. All bad things come to an end.

Berry's World



"Have some year-before-last fruitcake?"



# Letters to the editor

## Thanks, from United Way

To the editor:

As Pampa United Way's 1995 fund-raising campaign draws to an end, its conclusion brings with it revelations every Pampa resident should stop to think about. This year, and in this season, we have every right to be proud of our community and every reason to be challenged by our commitment to each other.

We can all be proud because this year's campaign is the most successful in Pampa United Way's history. The United Way drive is one of Pampa's few citywide efforts, and our success can be viewed as one of the most significant collective victories on record. It serves as proof positive of our compassion, civic ability and desirability as a place for new businesses and residents to call home. It is only natural that people wish to live, work and raise families in a caring atmosphere, among fellow citizens who are willing to put their money and energies where their mouths are, and together we have shown ourselves and the world that we are such a people.

We have succeeded, I think, because many tireless volunteers put a lot of hard work into telling the story of real people providing real help to friends and neighbors in need. For none of this, finally, is about United Way, but rather about people - 16 benevolent agencies staffed by dedicated individuals reaching out with help and solutions to fellow citizens who might otherwise have no other meaningful recourse.

I believe people understood this year what is at stake. We woke up to the fact that almost half our population receives some form of assistance from Pampa United Way agencies, making it a near certainty that each of us knows and cares about someone who benefits from these vital services. Many of us pondered, perhaps for the first time, what life for all of us would be like without United Way resources, for only a fool would think himself immune to the repercussions of neglect and callousness, or fail to recognize the power and efficiency of a collective effort in the face of demands that would drown any one person's abilities. I mentioned earlier a challenge, one we must all rise to, and it is this: each and every one of us must, if we are to remain a humane society, evidence our compassion in some meaningful way and gently encourage, in word and deed, our neighbors to do likewise.

Now, at the close of the campaign, the real work of Pampa United Way begins for another year. Dedicated Pampa citizens will roll up their sleeves and settle down to the earnest business

of using Pampa money to energize Pampa resources to better the lives of Pampa people. On behalf of the campaign volunteers, agency staff members, and all the people they help, I want to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this year's victory possible. It has been a privilege to participate with you.

Charles M. White  
1995 Campaign Director  
Pampa United Way

## A judge applies the law

To the editor:

In his repeated criticism of Judge Kent Sims, Calvin Lacy has confused the function of the legislative branch of Texas government with that of the judicial branch. Mr. Lacy probably knows better, but it suits his purpose to do so.

The function of the judicial branch is to apply the law to the facts of a particular situation and render a decision based upon the law as applied to the facts found. It is not the function of any judge to render decisions favorable to those who elected him or her, but to act without bias or prejudice. The result is that judicial decisions are often unpopular when the decision appears to favor a minority group. This is true whether the minority group is made up of land owners along the Canadian river or of Mexican-American farm workers.

In the Canadian River dispute, Judge Sims has not created either the facts or the law, but he has done the job he was elected to do. If the final decision is offensive to Mr. Lacy and other voters, they can ask their legislative representatives to change the law.

David E. Holt  
Pampa

## A building for English class

To the editor:

The coverage of the proposed changes in our schools' usage of current buildings was very informative. One point that was not discussed is extremely important, the teaching of English to students who are unable to speak the language.

There should be a building set aside, and equipped with air conditioning, to handle this situation for a minimum of kindergarten through the second grade. This curriculum should be organized on a year-round basis to accelerate the students' understanding of the English language. Beginning in the third grade, they would be able to

compete with other students and be less apt to "drop out" of school later on, giving them and the community a better opportunity at success.

James R. Braxton  
Pampa

## Is there no shame here?

To the editor:

Here we go again, just when I think I can no longer be shocked by anything this community does. When you hear of another being sick or of a loved one with cancer, do little bells not go off?

Has everyone just conveniently lost their memory of Kingsmill, Texas? It was located west of town only two years ago and no longer exists because it was unfit for human habitation. The water there has benzene in it. The air was full of industrial pollutants. This has not changed.

Why on earth would anyone think of imprisoning young women out there?

God help us. Is there no shame around here?

Karen Son  
Pampa

## Letters to editor policy

The Pampa News welcomes and encourages readers to express their opinions on issues of public interest and concern. However, we also reserve the right to accept or reject any letter for publication.

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Letters may be dropped off at the office, 403 W. Atchison, or mailed to The Pampa News, Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066.

## Bosnia-bound soldier gets to come home from mission for his wedding

LIBERTY, Texas (AP) - It was going to be a dream wedding. Then the peacekeeping mission to Bosnia turned it into a nightmare, until some lobbying by legislators made it come true.

Michael Riley Jr. and Misty Bartlett had planned to be married on New Year's Eve, following his family tradition. Their wedding would be on the day his parents celebrated 24 years of marriage and his grandparents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Riley, 20, an Army private stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army's 1st Armored Division had scheduled to come home to Southeast Texas for his wedding until his leave was canceled when the division became part of the NATO peacekeeping force being sent to Bosnia next month.

"Everyone was devastated when his leave was canceled, but we never gave up hope," said Riley's mother, Sharon, 42, an

interior designer who helps cater weddings.

The ceremony was to be a highlight of the anniversary celebration for her and her husband, Michael Sr., and for her parents, Claude and Martha Robbins, who were coming from Fort Worth.

The wedding was in jeopardy until Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, and U.S. Rep. Charlie Wilson, D-Lufkin, helped pull some strings.

"My husband started telephoning all our congressional leaders. Jeff Winter with the Liberty-Dayton Chamber of Commerce got involved, too. Our friends made calls for us, and a lot of people prayed."

The bride is studying to be a teacher and was at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches when she learned that Riley's leave had been called off.

The bride's mother, Chris Bartlett, 42, rushed to be by her daughter's side.

"It was a mother's thing. I had to be with her," she said. "We had to be ready for anything."

Eventually, military officials relented and agreed to allow Riley and some other soldiers who had weddings scheduled to come home on leave.

His superiors had two stipulations: He had to be back on base by Jan. 1, which meant the wedding had to be moved up; and his hair had to be "buzzed."

"He had been working to grow his hair longer for the wedding pictures. I think this was the Army's way of showing who was still in control," his mother said.

Riley arrived home on Christmas Eve.

More strings had to be pulled since the courthouse was closed for the holidays and the couple needed a marriage license. An assistant county clerk opened the doors especially for them, waiving the three-day waiting period.

## Group crusades against guns as noisemakers

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Six weeks after a falling bullet pierced his chest, a chance meeting convinced Gil Helmick he had to crusade against the use of loaded guns as New Year's noisemakers.

He was at a car wash, rejoicing at being out of the hospital, and struck up a conversation with another customer.

"I mentioned what happened to me New Year's Eve. As soon as I did, he looked away and started looking at the pavement. He was also getting a little antsy."

"I stopped and looked at him and said, 'You were a shooter, weren't you?'"

"This man looked at me, straight in the eye. There was almost a tear in his. He said, 'Mister, I am so sorry. I had no idea anything like that could happen.'"

Helmick was shot a few minutes before the start of 1994. This year, he and Andy Fox, whose cousin was killed last New Year's Eve by a falling bullet,

hope their New Year's Coalition will halt the practice of shooting into the air.

They have papered the city with posters, flyers and billboards warning, "Falling bullets kill." Television and radio stations play their public service announcements frequently. They go on talk shows and interviews whenever they can.

Their primary goal: Putting their message before every person in New Orleans at least three times. That, say psychologists, is the number of times a message must generally be repeated before it's remembered.

Their secondary goal: Helping people in other cities where New Year's gunfire is a problem.

Last year, falling bullets killed a 50-year-old woman in Atlanta and an 11-year-old boy in Phoenix. Bullets on their way up wounded the pilot of a police helicopter in Riverside, Calif., and punctured the fuel tank. Since 1990, Los Angeles has

banned all ammunition sales in the weeks leading up to New Year's Eve and other holidays. The number of calls to police about New Year's gunfire dropped from 706 in 1989 to 265 on New Year's Eve 1992.

Helmick believes that most people who shoot into the air on New Year's Eve just don't think about what they're doing - "They don't understand or don't remember that everything falls at the same speed."

To help them remember, the New Year's Coalition has had 75,000 posters carried door-to-door; 330,000 flyers given to schoolchildren, put in charity food boxes and distributed in other ways; and 31 billboards erected.

Every water bill in New Orleans included a smaller version. United Cab printed a warning on business cards and had its drivers hand them to their fares. Other signs went to every store that sells ammunition.

## No reservations yet? Sorry, no vacancy for 2000

By LARRY McSHANE  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Still wondering where to go for this year's New Year's Eve party? Relax, you can squeeze in somewhere. Starting to make plans for Dec. 31, 1999? Forget it - you're probably already too late.

Even Mickey Mouse has run out of rooms.

Although it's still four years off, the changing of the annual odometer to 2000 has already shaped up as the biggest blast of the 20th century.

Guest lists are filled in at some of the world's party hot spots.

The Rainbow Room in Manhattan: there are 470 people ahead of you on the waiting list. The Savoy Hotel in London: the fortunate can enter a lottery for

seats or rooms. Don't even try the Space Needle in Seattle: it's booked for a private party.

Reservations are piling up for the annual Kaiser Ball in Vienna ... at the posh La Tour d'Argent restaurant in Paris ... at the Waldorf-Astoria in Manhattan.

Looking for something a little more traditional? Colonial Williamsburg is full and there's 107 names on the waiting list.

Good luck visiting Mickey or Minnie. Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., reports all 17 company-owned inns are taken that night.

Why this mad rush?

"People look at New Year's as a time for a new beginning," said Rainbow Room publicist Andrew Freedman. "And a turn of the century is really monumental in terms of new beginnings."

Booking your table this far in advance also is an act of unrealistic optimism.

"Absolutely," agreed Larry Wodarsky of Sacramento, Calif. "The feeling was, 'We know where we want to be, and therefore we will be.'"

Wodarsky, 49, president of The Money Store Investment Corp., put down a \$1,000 deposit to reserve Rainbow Room seats for himself and his wife; among the 198 others who did the same is an 87-year-old man.

A technical note: OK, OK - 2001 is actually the first year of the new millennium. But people are more excited about the calendar clicking from 1-9-9-9 to 2-0-0-0.

"It's a symbol of significance," Wodarsky said. "Like hitting 100,000 miles on a car."

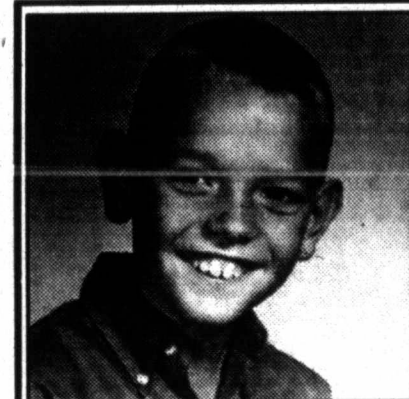
## 8 die in storms

MADRID, Spain (AP) - Heavy downpours, strong winds and snow have inundated Spain, killing at least eight people during the past week and forcing hundreds from their homes, officials said Saturday.

Nearly continuous rainfall since Christmas has overflowed rivers, flooded city streets and farms and caused numerous detours on main highways. People have been advised to drive only in emergencies.

The southern coastal region of Andalusia and the northern and western plains around the cities of Caceres, Leon and Valladolid were hardest hit.

On Saturday, strong rain and winds destroyed 50 tiled-roofed homes in the town of Valdeobispo in southwestern Spain.



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Another is escheat, whereby property reverts to the state if the owner dies without heirs or will.

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**Business**

**Minding your own Business**

By Don Taylor



**Those incredible i's**

The little letter i bats ninth in the alphabet line up, but it is a very important letter. I is indeed a letter we incorporate into our writing with incredible regularity. I could not write well without it.

In some circles, I is the most commonly used letter. For example, where would politicians be without it? Envision a world without, "I promise..." "I sponsored..." "I voted..." "I am..." well, you get the idea.

Just think of all the items we wouldn't have without the letter i. Could you imagine living without ideas, income, ice cream, ink, inches, icing, improvement, illustrations, instructions, iron and islands. Of course you couldn't, because without the i you wouldn't have any imagination.

Yes siree, the innocent letter i is important. I've included 78 of the little rascals in this column already. However, this column is not about counting i's. I just want to inform you about some pretty incredible i words. I hope you'll include them in your increasingly illuminated vocabulary.

**Incredible i's**

Here are a few of my favorite i words:

• **Integrity.** This important i word has two very valuable meanings. Integrity means: The quality or state of completeness; sound, and in perfect condition. It also has a "people only" meaning of being honest and possessing upright moral principles. Integrity is a critical element of leadership. We could use more of it in our nation today.

• **Industrious.** It seems to me that this word is one of a former generation. When I was young we used industrious to describe someone who put forth earnest, steady effort. We admired workers whose work was skillful, diligent and ongoing. We associated industriousness with persons of value, intelligence and character. No longer do we admire industrious persons. Today, many people are content to do only what they have to do to get by.

• **Improvement.** This word should be the key word for government, educational institutions and businesses. It means achieving an increasingly higher level of excellence continually. Our nation might become great again if our politicians focused on improving the system, rather than playing partisan political games. Our colleges and universities would become first rate again if we focused on improving the educational excellence of our students instead of devoting efforts to tenure and funding. There would be no Wal-Marts if independent business owners had concentrated on serving customers more efficiently and effectively. Every institution, group and individual needs continuing improvement.

• **Income.** Please take note. Income and profit are not dirty, four-letter words. Income is the gain or benefit we receive from our labor or investment. In a free enterprise system, income is both a reward and a method of keeping score. A desire for profit is the motive - income is the result. Income is an excellent incentive. Just contrast America's standard of living with that of other countries. There is no better system than one which allows personal income.

• **Immediately.** This is a word for the future. It means occurring without losing time; instant and direct. We are becoming increasingly intolerant of waiting. We want what we want and we want it immediately. This provides many opportunities for businesses and individuals who can eliminate delay and provide for our needs immediately.

• **Ideas.** I would hate to live in a world where people place no value on ideas. Our ideas - formulated thoughts, opinions, plans and designs - can lead to wealth, change our lives and revolutionize the world. New ideas are the fuel of change. Ideas can illuminate new paths, improve our present and future and increase our happiness.

So grab a handful of i words and get busy. I encourage you to innovate, improve, implement, influence, intensify, invigorate, instruct, inform and initiate. It is inspiring.

**Chamber Communique**

During 1995, your Pampa Chamber of Commerce has received requests for community packets to be mailed or has handed out specific Pampa area information including the following:

Pampa Area Information Packets - 856; Area Manufacturers and Suppliers - 19; Clubs and Organizations - 27; Hotel/Motel/Restaurant Guides - 8. In addition, 63 Pampa telephone books were mailed.

Pampa, Feist and Amarillo telephone directories are available, free of charge, at your Chamber of Commerce, as well as Pampa and Gray County maps.

Chamber Pampa Bucks and Gift Certificates can be purchased, free of charge, at your Chamber office promoting shopping at Chamber member businesses.

The Pampa Community Building meeting rooms are available for meetings, luncheons, banquets or special events. Call 669-3241 to book your next event.

Our best wishes for a very happy New Year!

Meetings:  
Tuesday - 8 a.m. - Retail Committee Meeting - Nona Payne Room

**Drilling Intentions**

**Intentions to Drill**  
HANSFORD (WILDCAT & HANSFORD Lower Morrow) Sonat Exploration Co., MCR, #3103 Schiff (640 ac) 1250' from North & East line, Sec. 31,4-T&NO, 5 mi NE from Spearman, PD 8300' (14000 Quail Springs Parkway, Suite 100, Okla. City, OK 73134)

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.W. CANADIAN Douglas) Midgard Energy Co., #208 L.P. Humphreys (640 ac) 1100' from North & East line, Sec. 8,1,G&M, 13 mi east from Canadian, PD 7550' (Box 400, Amarillo, TX 79188)

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.E. MENDOTA Upper Morrow) Pablo Energy, Inc., #2-33 Pablo (640 ac) 844' from South & 1052' from West line, Sec. 33,1,I&GN, 2 mi SE from Mendota, PD 125000' (Box 3050, Amarillo, TX 79116)

HUTCHISON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., Childers (635 ac) Sec. 9 1/2, Z.C. Collier Survey, 3.7 mi SW from Stinnett, PD 3600' (7120 I-40 West, Suite 100, Amarillo, TX 79106) for the following wells:

#12, 990' from South & West line of Sec.

#13, 330' from South & 1650' from West line of Sec.  
#14, 990' from South & 2435' from West line of Sec.

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BRADFORD Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #5771 John R. Wassell (641 ac) 1720' from South & 1320' from West line, Sec. 771,43,H&TC, 8 mi NW from Lipscomb, PD 7650'

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & NORTH MAMMOTH CREEK Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #1-1043 Gibbs Estate (645.5 ac) 1060' from South & 660' from East line, Sec. 1043,43,H&TC, 6 mi SE from Darrouzett, PD 7700'

OCHILTREE (WILDCAT & HANSFORD Mississippian) CoEnergy Operating Co., #3 Etter (640 ac) 1250' from South & East line, Sec. 25,R,B&B, 7 mi from Spearman, PD 9500' (5400 North Grand Blvd., Suite 305, Okla. City, OK 73112)

ROBERTS (HANSFORD Lower Morrow) Amoco Production Co., #59 Lips Ranch B Unit 19 (640 ac) 1641' from South & 2174' from East line, Sec. 164,C,G&M, 28 mi NW from Miami, PD 8950' (Box 800, Denver, CO 80201)

ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Universal Resources Corp., #3-25 Christie Tipps (320 ac) 2400' from North & 550' from East line, Sec. 25,B-1,H&GN, 6.5 mi NE from Miami, PD 10450' (2601 NW Expressway, Suite 700E, Okla. City, OK 73112)

**Gas Well Completions**  
HEMPHILL (CANDICE Morrow) Sidwell Oil & Gas, Inc., #1011 Georgia, Sec. 11,A-2,H&GN, elev. 2926 gr, spud 8-18-95, drlg. compl 9-19-95, tested 12-14-95, potential 2100 MCF, rock pressure 4636, pay 12038-12142, TD 12700', PBTD 12592'

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Helmerich & Payne, Inc., #2068 Hobart Ranch, Sec. 68,A-2,H&GN, elev. 2570 kb, spud 10-17-95, drlg. compl 11-24-95, tested 11-24-95, potential 1100 MCF, rock pressure 3928, pay 10884-10938, TD 13378', PBTD 11022' - Plug-Back

MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., #A-9 Read, Sec. 20,B-10,EL&RR, elev. 3271 gr, spud 7-4-95, drlg. compl 7-28-95, tested 12-12-95, potential 2348 MCF, rock pressure 21, pay 1800-3096, TD 3096'

**Plugged Wells**  
HARTLEY (WILDCAT) Adexco Operating Co., #1 Holt-Rentfro, Sec. 58,B-5,GC&SF, spud 5-24-95, plugged 8-17-95, TD 5000' (dry) -  
LIPSCOMB (APACHE Douglas & BRADFORD Tonkawa) Wolf Creek Exploration Co., #1-A Schoenhals Sec. 860,43,H&TC, spud 10-25-95, plugged 10-29-95, TD 6537' (dry) - Form 1 filed in Union Oil Co.

LIPSCOMB (PEERY Cleveland) Alpar Resources, Inc., #3 Mitchell, Sec. 763,43,H&TC, spud unknown, plugged 11-3-95, TD 9070' (oil) -

MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., #A-54 Bivins, Sec. 14,PMc,EL&RR, spud 7-23-49, plugged 11-14-95, TD 3150' (gas) -

MOORE (TEXAS-HUGOTON) Kerr-McGee Corp., #1 Terrell, Sec. 18,Q,H&GN, spud 12-28-48, plugged 10-20-95, TD 3518' (gas) -

OCHILTREE (SMITH PERRY-TON Lower Morrow) Lera, #1 Flowers 'A', Sec. 69,11, W. Ahrenbeck, spud 1-5-75, plugged 12-7-95, TD 8400' (oil) - Form 1 filed in Cotton Petroleum.

**RRC sets hearings on Union Pacific-Southern Pacific rail merger**

AUSTIN - The Texas Railroad Commission will hold hearings in Fort Worth, Corpus Christi and Houston Jan. 9-11, regarding the proposed Union Pacific Railroad Company-Southern Pacific Rail Corporation merger.

Union Pacific filed its acquisition application on Nov. 30, 1995 with the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC), which has the authority to accept or reject the plan. Gov. George Bush asked the Commission to coordinate the state response to the ICC.

Commission Chairman Carole Keeton Rylander said, "These public hearings will give all Texans the opportunity to tell the Commission how this proposed merger will affect our state. Personally, I want to ensure any proposed merger will result in quality service at competitive rates for the benefit of all Texans. I look forward to these hearings, and I encourage all companies and individuals who may be impacted by this merger to attend."

"I want to ensure that the rights of rail companies to make a profit are balanced by the rights of shippers to have market

choices," said Commissioner Barry Williamson. "These hearings will greatly help us draft a state response to the proposed merger based on these basic rights."

"I look forward to hearing any pertinent information on specific concerns that will shed additional light on the potential economic or competitive impact of the proposed merger," Commissioner Charles R. Matthews said. "These public hearings are intended to give all parties the opportunity to voice their support or opposition, and to offer data that supports their position."

Anyone may comment on the proposed acquisition at the hearings. The public may also submit testimony in writing at the hearing or by mail to the Commission in Austin.

At each hearing, Railroad Commission staff members will also summarize details of the

proposed acquisition. Then public officials and members of the public will be invited to comment.

The hearing schedule is as follows:

• Fort Worth: 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 9, in the Texas and Pacific Train Station (T&P Building) Ground Floor, 1600 Throckmorton.

• Corpus Christi: 1 p.m.,

Wednesday, Jan. 10, in the City of Corpus Christi Council Chambers, 1202 Leopard Street.

• Houston: 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 11, in the Harris County Commissioners Courtroom Administration Bldg., 9th floor, 1001 Preston.

Written comments may be submitted to: Railroad Commission of Texas, Rail Division, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, TX 78701.

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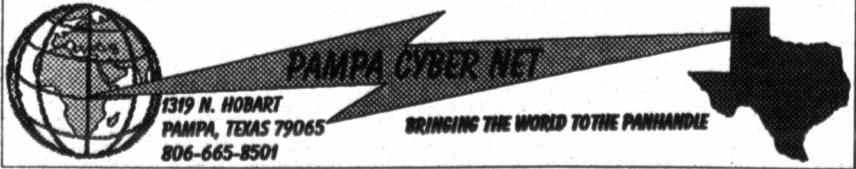
**THE LIST IS NEVER ENDING!** You will need access to a computer and you will have to learn a few new buzz words. But the process is relatively painless.

Your preferable computer is a 486 or Pentium with 8 mb of memory and a modem. Although the Internet can be accessed with a wide variety of computers, the practical minimum is a 386 with 4mb of memory.

The most popular software being used on the Internet is Microsoft Windows with Netscape Navigator. If you are a Macintosh user, Internet software is available for you also. The software options are numerous and growing.

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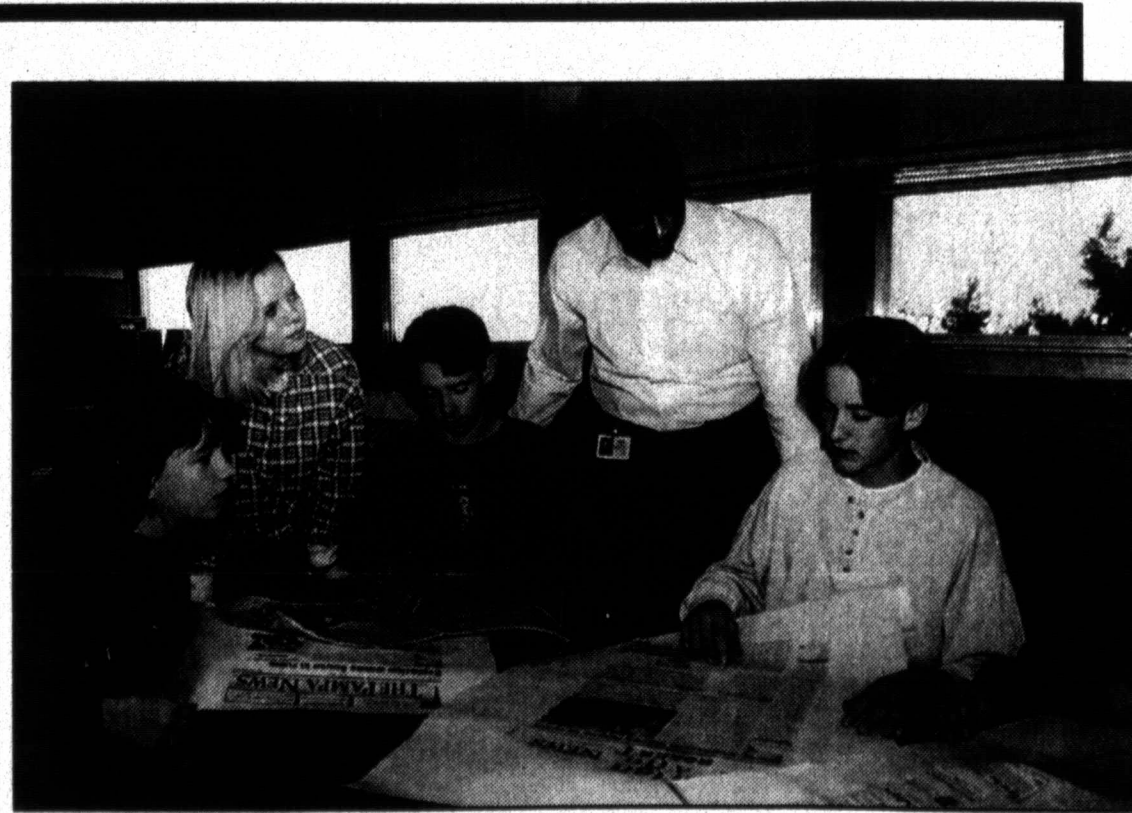
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# Children flood FDA with anti-smoking letters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Katie Marler has a 12-year-old friend who started smoking at age 9. "She tried to stop but she is addicted," the Cascade, Idaho, sixth-grader wrote federal health officials. "I'm scared she will die soon. What can I do to help her?" From Idaho to New York, America's schoolchildren are sending thousands of letters and organizing protests to tell the government that smoking is "smelly" and dangerous and that somebody should stop their classmates from doing it. "I can't think of any other example where kids have mobilized in a similar way," said Dr. Michael Eriksen, tobacco chief at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Student involvement against tobacco is going to be a trend-setting movement." And although it's a fledgling movement, the government is taking notice. The Food and Drug

Administration says it is scrutinizing sacks of mail from children, even those scrawled in crayon or, worse, foolishly misspelled, as it prepares to crack down on teen smoking. The letters illustrate "why kids smoke, what attracts them," explained FDA Deputy Commissioner William Schultz. "Kids have a perspective that's very important. After all, what we're trying to do is design a program that will keep kids from starting to smoke." Some 3,000 teenagers start smoking every day, and the government says at least 1,000 will eventually die of a smoking-related disease. More and more minors are trying cigarettes: The latest government figures show 64 percent of high school seniors have smoked at least once, up from 62 percent in 1992. The FDA wants to restrict how companies promote cigarettes so they're less attractive to teenagers. Among the planned rules

are banning cigarette names from NASCAR auto races and clothing that teens favor, and restricting advertising around schools and other kid-intensive areas. Tobacco companies vehemently oppose the rules, saying they'll hit adults more than kids. The way to fight teen smoking is to encourage reverse peer pressure, where kids make it unacceptable for their friends to smoke, and to keep store clerks from selling to minors, argued R.J. Reynolds spokeswoman Maura Ellis. The FDA has logged more than 52,000 comments about the rules and is still sorting sacks of mail that poured in during a public-comment period that ends Tuesday. Nobody has counted the supporters and opponents, and certainly angry smokers contributed lots of ink. But FDA officials were surprised that childish scrawls kept appearing in the mail. One New York

school alone sent 500 letters, and many children were quite blunt: An Oklahoma girl said she'd never date a smoker because they "have bad breath and yellow teeth," while an Idaho boy suggested that "you should just shut down all smoking plants." "My teacher said they'd listen to us," Katie Marler said in explaining why she wrote. Ryan Nix, 17, of Evansville, Ind., said he wrote because he was angry that tobacco companies "are advertising death and disease." Now Nix is organizing a student protest on Tuesday to demand that R.J. Reynolds remove a new Joe Camel billboard erected across from a local middle school earlier this month. Students in three other Midwestern cities will rally at the same time Tuesday to ask the FDA to forbid tobacco billboards within 1,000 feet of schools.

# World Bank reports first rise since 1990 in average income

WASHINGTON (AP) — The World Bank estimates that the average person's share of the world's income was \$4,600 in 1994, about \$45 higher than the year before and the first increase after three years' decline. The worldwide figure embraces every living person from computer tycoon Bill Gates, whose estimated net worth was \$13 billion, to a peasant family's newborn in Ethiopia, where incomes have declined every year since 1985 and averaged \$130 in 1994. The estimate appears in *The World Bank Atlas - 1996*, made public Saturday, a booklet of figures and financial computations that gives an overview of the state of the world in terms of dollars.

Luxembourger. The average for that little country is skewed by high incomes of companies registered there to take advantage of Luxembourg's liberal tax laws. Luxembourg has only about 400,000 residents, and most stock in the tax-sheltered companies is owned elsewhere. Absentee owners of bank accounts figure in the number for Switzerland, which has an average income of \$37,180. The average Japanese follows with \$34,630. Denmark's \$28,110 and Norway's \$26,480 put the average U.S. resident in sixth place, at \$25,860. Rounding out the top 10 were Germany, \$25,580; Austria, \$24,950; Iceland, \$24,950; and Sweden, \$23,630.

A statement published with the atlas noted that many countries where income has been growing fastest also have high levels of literacy. It cited China, Indonesia, South Korea, Singapore and — in Africa — Botswana as having annual growth rates of more than 6 percent over a decade, with 96 percent or more of primary age children in school. "Since 1970, about the time the first atlas was published, infant mortality rates across all developing countries have almost halved, from 96 in every thousand births in 1970 down to 55 in 1993," Michael Bruno, the bank's chief economist, said in a foreword to the atlas.

Bank experts compute average incomes by totaling the value of everything produced in 159 countries, then dividing each country's total by the country's population. They call the result "gross national production per capita," which is generally used as the measure of average income. The world income figure combines the 159 results. The figure does not represent actual incomes in most cases. Instead, the figure gives economists a guidepost to measure a country's progress or lack of it. Figures in the new list range from the \$130 for the Ethiopian to the \$39,850 for the affluent

# GI wounded by land mine, first U.S. casualty in Bosnia

DUBRAVE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — A U.S. military vehicle on a reconnaissance patrol struck a hidden mine Saturday, wounding a GI and making him the first casualty of the American mission in Bosnia. Spc. Martin John Begosh of Rockville, Md., a member of the 709th Military Police battalion, was treated by a Swedish physician at the scene, then taken by helicopter to the U.S. mobile military hospital at Zupanja,

Croatia, NATO said. The exact nature of Begosh's injuries was not released. In Washington, President Clinton said initial reports indicated he was seriously hurt but in stable condition. NATO, which is implementing the Bosnian peace accord, says land mines pose a major threat to its troops. Officials estimate that between 3 million and 6 million mines are buried in the countryside.

In Zupanja, where the U.S. military is building a bridge to move troops and equipment over the Sava River, a soldier who saw Begosh arrive said he had a leg wound. The incident occurred about 3 p.m. as four Humvee all-terrain vehicles patrolled a snow-covered side road near Bijela, a town about two miles south of Dubrave. A vehicle carrying three soldiers was hit as it ran over an

antitank mine, said a NATO spokesman, Maj. Thomas Moyer. The other two soldiers were in the Humvee that was hit, and their conditions were not immediately known, Moyer said. Clinton pledged mine detection will remain a high priority. "Obviously we're very sorry that it happened," he said. "But they're making good progress on the mine problem. ... We will continue to monitor it and do the best we can."

# Heavy snowfall kills butterflies in Mexico area

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A rare snowstorm Saturday in the forests of western Mexico was killing millions of monarch butterflies, a leading environmentalist said. By midday, seven inches of snow covered the ground, and it was still falling in the five monarch sanctuaries in the mountains of Michoacan state, the species' principal wintering ground. One-third of the 11 to 13 million monarchs hibernating in the region could be dead by Sunday, according to an estimate by Homero Aridjis of the Group of 100, Mexico's principal environmental organization. He said Group biologists were on the scene but there was little they could do. The vivid orange-and-black monarchs fly about 3,000 miles south from Canada and the United States every year to hibernate in the stands of oyamel trees, similar in appearance to mulberry trees. They return north in the spring. It rains often in the area, but snow is rare. The last big snowfall, in February 1992, killed 70 to 90 percent of the butterflies wintering, Aridjis said. The species has yet to recover.

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PRO FOOTBALL

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Some of the most famous plays in NFL history are part of a TV advertising campaign to stir ticket sales for the Houston Oilers who are planning to move to Nashville.

TV ads to promote personal seat licenses show Pittsburgh's Franco Harris making the "immaculate reception" against Oakland 20 years ago, the Steelers' Lynn Swann making a spectacular catch in the 1976 Super Bowl and San Francisco's Dwight Clark making a game-winning TD catch to beat Dallas in the 1982 playoffs.

Personal seat licenses go on sale Jan. 8. The city needs to sell at least \$71 million worth of them or a deal to bring the Oilers to Nashville in 1998 will collapse.

The licenses will permit those who buy them to purchase season tickets assuming Nashville fulfills all requirements of the contract with the Oilers.

Another of those requirements is building a \$124 million stadium, which will require approval of the Tennessee Legislature. Some lawmakers have said they are strongly opposed to spending \$79 million toward it.

The city already has leased more than 80 luxury suites in the 65,000-seat stadium if it is built.

The music accompanying the ads is "All I Have to Do Is Dream" by the Everly Brothers.

COTTON BOWL

DALLAS (AP) — For the last time, Jeremy Asher and Rich Ruhl will line up as inside linebackers for Oregon on Monday.

Asher and Ruhl, high school rivals who played against each other in Oregon's state championship game and became best friends and roommates in college, have started together the last 25 games.

Their parents and sisters have become good friends, meeting before each game for a tailgate party. The proud families are with their sons in Dallas.

"It is kind of strange, you catch yourself looking at things a little more and enjoying it a little more," Asher said. "But I'm ready. I've been here a long time. It's time to move on to bigger and better things. But I've had a great time."

Asher, starting his 36th straight game, likely is headed for the NFL. Ruhl knows his football career may be over on Monday.

"I haven't really talked about it a lot," Ruhl said. "I don't think it will set in until the end of the game that we're playing our last game together. It came so fast. Five years went by like that and the last couple have just flown by. It's hard to remember the good memories we've had because there's been so many."

HOLIDAY BOWL

SAN DIEGO (AP) — During practice, Brian Kavanagh always prepares like he's Kansas State's No. 1 quarterback. By early in the second quarter of the Holiday Bowl, he was.

After Matt Miller was knocked out of the game with a frightening neck injury, Kavanagh took over and threw for 242 yards and four touchdowns in No. 10 Kansas State's 54-21 rout of Colorado State on Friday night.

"It hurt having Matt out, but we have so much confidence in Brian," said free safety Mario Smith, who contributed a key interception deep in CSU territory. "It helped, though, to give him the ball in such great position the first time he touched the ball."

With the game tied at 7 early in the second quarter, Miller was knocked out of the game with a neck injury.

Philadelphia's passing attack bags Lions

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles put themselves where many thought the Detroit Lions would be — into the second round of the playoffs.

With Rodney Peete, rejected by Detroit for Scott Mitchell, having the game of his life, the Eagles routed the NFL's hottest team 58-37 in the highest scoring game in playoff history.

Mitchell meanwhile, threw four interceptions as the Eagles forced seven turnovers, including six interceptions. Two were returned for touchdowns, one by Barry Wilburn, the other by William Thomas.

Peete, who said he needed a career game, had one, going 17 of

25 for 270 yards and three touchdowns as the Eagles scored 31 points in the second quarter to end Detroit's seven-game winning streak. The victory sends the Eagles into a game next week at Dallas or San Francisco.

Peete was replaced early in the fourth quarter by Randall Cunningham, who suggested he might not show up because he wanted to be with his wife if she gave birth.

The Lions expected to fare much better after winning seven straight following a 3-6 start and an ultimatum from owner William Clay Ford to coach Wayne Fontes to make the playoffs or be gone.

How bad was it?

— Peete, who struggled through the final quarter of the season, had TD passes of 22 yards to Fred Barnett, 45 to Ricky Watters and 43 to Rob Carpenter on a "Hail Mary" on the final play of the first half.

— The Eagles defense also generated 21 points in a first half that ended with Philadelphia ahead 38-7. It included 24-yard return for a touchdown by Wilburn that was part of a second-quarter burst of 24 points in 7 minutes and 57 seconds.

— The 31-point second quarter, capped by the Peete-Carpenter "Hail Mary" was the second highest in a quarter in playoff

history. The most was Washington's 35 against Denver in the 1988 Super Bowl.

Wilburn and Kurt Gouveia, who also had an interception in the second quarter, both played for the Redskins in that game.

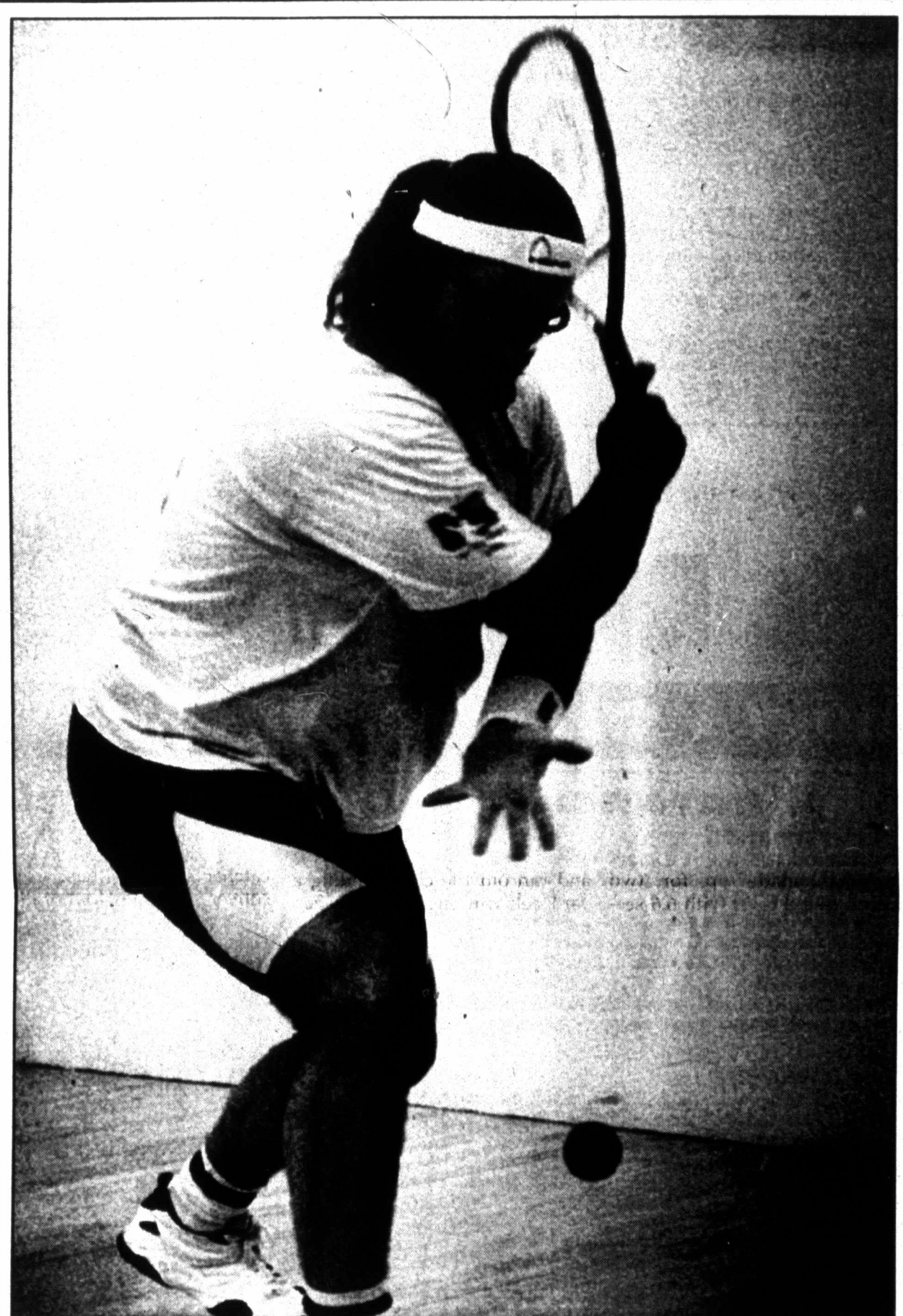
In all, this was as complete a rout as there could be by a team that was totally outplayed a week ago, losing 20-14 in Chicago. Philadelphia's 58 points was the third highest in playoff history to 59 by the Lions against Cleveland in 1973 and 73 by Chicago against Washington in 1940.

Brett Perriman, who had 108 catches in the regular season, left late in the first quarter with a sprained knee. He and Herman

Moore (123 catches) made the Lions' receiving duo the most prolific in NFL history.

Not only did the defense produce five turnovers — four interceptions and a fumble — into 27 points, but the special teams kept Detroit backed up all game. On two series in the second quarter, Detroit started at its own 12 and 13 after kickoffs, leading eventually to two Eagles' touchdowns.

In fact, the tone was set early. Mike Mamula sacked Mitchell to end Detroit's first series, William Fuller dropped him to stop the second and on the third Mark McMillian picked off a pass and returned it 16 yards to the 15.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff Carruth)

Pampa native Zach Pope practices his shots last week on a racquetball court last week at the Pampa Youth and Community Center.

Pope achieves national ranking

Zach Pope is making a name for himself in the racquetball world.

A national ranking and a corporate sponsorship are the latest achievements for this former Pampa resident and graduate of Pampa High School.

Pope is ranked 22nd in the nation in the mens AA semi-professional division.

This is his second ranking from the American Amateur Racquetball Association.

He received his first ranking four years ago while living in Houston and playing in tournaments there almost every weekend.

Knee, shoulder and back problems have caused Pope to restart his game several times, he said.

What started as a way to work off stress and get exercise has turned into a serious sports endeavor for Pope.

This past fall he received a corporate sponsorship from Head after using their products for seven years.

As part of the deal, Pope receives equipment and in return wears and recommends Head products.

He also just completed his first semester as a member of the University of North Texas mens' racquetball team in Denton — the seventh-ranked mens college team in the nation.

Before transferring to Denton, he founded the first organized racquetball team to play for West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

"I served as player, coach, president and treasurer. It was a lot of fun to start a team," Pope said.

The new team was unable to compete in the intercollegiate tournaments it was invited to, but was able to compete in other tournaments in Texas and Oklahoma.

Pope said the advantage of playing at North

Texas is the intercollegiate competition.

This past fall Pope played in seven tournaments with the North Texas team.

He said the highlight of the season was winning the mens' doubles event in an open division tournament in Fort Worth in October. He also won third place in the mens' singles side of that tournament.

Pope's partner on the North Texas team is Rob Mijares who is nationally ranked in outdoor, one-wall racquetball.

Much of Pope's success has come in doubles competition having won tournaments with several partners over the years. In singles events, Pope usually goes at least to the quarterfinals or semifinals.

Pope said the his most gratifying tournament championship win came in Wichita Falls during the Tornado Alley Tournament. He competed there just after picking up the sport and won the mens' C singles division.

"That's the biggest tournament in Texas, and the toughest division there. That's the best victory I've ever had," he said.

In addition to racquetball, Pope swam competitively. He was a member of the local Dolphins and PHS swim teams while growing up in Pampa. At, WTAMU, he swam in intercollegiate masters events for two years.

Pope said he credits his Christian faith for his success.

With more than 60 racquetball tournaments under his belt since 1989, Pope is looking to go further in that sport.

His next goal is to receive a national ranking in the highest division of mens competition, the open division, and to hold the number one spot on the North Texas team.

"I believe I will do well in that division with some more seasoning," he said.

Lady Harvesters take third at Slaton

SLATON — The Lady Harvesters won third place in the Slaton Girls Invitational Saturday evening with a 70-45 win over Coahoma.

The team made it to the consolation bracket finals after posting a 57-57 win over Crosbyton, N.M. in Friday's first game and falling short in a 56-31 contest versus Slaton in Friday's second game.

The Lady Harvesters battled to overcome a tough defense against Crosbyton.

"We ran up against something we had not seen before. They trapped us just over the half court line and the girls had some trouble adjusting," assistant coach Billie Osborne said.

After trailing by a point at half time, 29-28, Pampa overcame the defensive challenge and came away with a seven point lead at the end of the third quarter.

Scoring for Pampa against Crosbyton were Jennifer Jones, 18 points; Jane Brown, 12 points; Jaimi Wells 8 points; Chandra Nachtigall, 8 points; Kristi Carpenter, 7 points; Tina Dwight, 2 points; and Erin Alexander 2 points.

In the quarterfinals, the Lady Harvesters went up against a Slaton team that is ranked in the top ten of the state in Class AAA.

"They were big and physical. It was a rough game, and they're very good," Osborne said.

Scoring for Pampa in that game were Jennifer Jones, 18 points; Jane Brown, 2 points; Jaimi Wells 8 points; Chandra Nachtigall, 3

points; Kristi Carpenter, 2 points; and Tina Dwight, 2 points.

The Lady Harvesters came back strong against Coahoma.

"We were a little sluggish in the first half, but we may have been tired. But we had a close defense and lead by five points at half time," head coach Mike Jones said.

"Then we came out in the second half and caught fire," he said.

Nachtigall put tow three-pointers through the net, and Jones added one of her own. Carpenter and Brown hit inside, and the team went a perfect 6-6 from the free throw line.

Scoring for Pampa against Crosbyton were Jennifer Jones, 11 points; Jane Brown, 11 points; Jaimi Wells 4 points; Chandra Nachtigall, 13 points; Kristi Carpenter, 11 points; Tina Dwight, 8 points; Erin Alexander 4 points; Wyvette Brown, 5 points, and Candice Nachtigall, 3 points.

The Lady Harvesters stand at 11-6 overall heading into district play this week.

"We're just real pleased with that at this point," Jones said Saturday night.

The team faces a tough district race. Three of the top ten girls teams in Class AAAA in the state, Canyon, Randall and Hereford, are in Pampa's district.

"This tournament got us back into playing shape after the break. And it solidified our chemistry as a team," Jones said.

Pampa advances in Lions Club tourney

FORT WORTH — The Pampa Harvesters advanced to the semifinals in the West Side Lions Club Tournament before suffering their first loss in Fort Worth.

At press time Saturday night, Pampa was battling Burkburnett for third place in the tournament.

The Harvesters won their second game of the tournament Friday morning against Fort Worth Poly-Tech 79-66.

Pampa led all the way in that game after posting a 21-12 lead by the end of the first quarter.

"We started out real strong, and then we played just pretty hard defense," assistant coach John Darnell said.

Poly put up two strong rallies which the Harvesters were able to beat back. Poly played strong until the end, outscoring the Harvesters 23-10 in the final stanza.

Coy Laury led the Pampa scoring attack against Poly with 17 points, followed by Jason Weatherby with 13 points.

Five Harvesters scored in double figures.

Laury also picked up 15 of Pampa's 33 rebounds in the game.

Pampa lost its second game Friday when the team ran into Everman.

After leading 9-2 in the opening minutes, Everman battled back to trail by just three points at the end of the first quarter 22-19.

The game was tied at half time, 30-30, and at the end of the third quarter 47-47.

Then Everman began to pull away and went on to win by 12 in a 60-72 contest.

"We got away from our fundamentals of good defense and good team play," Darnell said. "We took some bad shots and didn't stop their penetration."

Rayford Young led Pampa scorers with 24 points. He also snagged seven rebounds.

Laury knocked in 18 points for the Harvesters.

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 Atlanta at Green Bay, 12:30 p.m.  
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 Indianapolis or San Diego at Kansas City, 4 p.m.

**Conference Championships**  
**Sunday, Jan. 14**  
 Pairings TBD, 12:30 and 4 p.m.

**Super Bowl**  
**At Sun Devil Stadium**  
**Tempe, Ariz.**  
**Sunday, Jan. 28**  
 AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:20 p.m.

**Sunday, Feb. 4**  
 Pro Bowl at Honolulu

At Tucson, Ariz.  
 Texas Tech 55, Air Force 41

**Thursday, Dec. 28**  
**Alamo Bowl**  
**At San Antonio**  
 Texas A&M 22, Michigan 20

**Friday, Dec. 29**  
**Heritage Bowl**  
**At Atlanta**  
 Southern University 30, Florida A&M 25

**Sun Bowl**  
**At El Paso, Texas**  
 Iowa 38, Washington 18

**Independence Bowl**  
**At Shreveport, La.**  
 LSU 45, Michigan State 26

**Holiday Bowl**  
**At San Diego**  
 Kansas State 54, Colorado State 21

**Saturday, Dec. 30**  
**Liberty Bowl**  
**At Memphis, Tenn.**  
 East Carolina 19, Stanford 13

**Carquest Bowl**  
**At Miami**  
 North Carolina (6-5) vs. Arkansas (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (TBS)

**Peach Bowl**  
**At Atlanta**  
 Virginia (8-4) vs. Georgia (6-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

**Sunday, Dec. 31**  
**Sugar Bowl**  
**At New Orleans**  
 Texas (10-1-1) vs. Virginia Tech (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

**Monday, Jan. 1**  
**Outback Bowl**  
**At Tampa, Fla.**  
 Penn State (8-3) vs. Auburn (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

**Citrus Bowl**  
**At Orlando, Fla.**  
 Tennessee (10-1) vs. Ohio State (11-1), 1 p.m. (ABC)

**Gator Bowl**  
**At Jacksonville, Fla.**  
 Clemson (8-3) vs. Syracuse (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

**Cotton Bowl**

At Dallas  
 Colorado (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

**Rose Bowl**  
**At Pasadena, Calif.**  
 Northwestern (10-1) vs. Southern California (8-2-1), 5 p.m. (ABC)

**Orange Bowl**  
**At Miami**  
 Notre Dame (9-2) vs. Florida State (9-2), 8 p.m. (CBS)

**Tuesday, Jan. 2**  
**Fiesta Bowl**  
**At Tempe Ariz.**  
 Nebraska (11-0) vs. Florida (12-0), 8:30 p.m. (CBS)

**Saturday, Jan. 13**  
**East-West Shrine Classic**  
**At Stanford, Calif.**  
 West vs. East, 5 p.m. (ESPN)

**Saturday, Jan. 20**  
**Senior Bowl**  
**At Mobile, Ala.**  
 South vs. North, 2:30 p.m. (TBS)

**Sunday, Jan. 21**  
**Hula Bowl**  
**At Honolulu**  
 East vs. West, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

| Team      | W  | L  | Pct  | GB     |
|-----------|----|----|------|--------|
| Cleveland | 14 | 12 | .538 | 9 1/2  |
| Detroit   | 14 | 14 | .500 | 10 1/2 |
| Charlotte | 14 | 15 | .483 | 11     |
| Atlanta   | 13 | 14 | .481 | 11     |
| Milwaukee | 10 | 16 | .385 | 13 1/2 |
| Toronto   | 9  | 21 | .300 | 16 1/2 |

| Team        | W  | L  | Pct  | GB     |
|-------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Houston     | 21 | 8  | .724 | —      |
| Utah        | 20 | 9  | .690 | 1      |
| San Antonio | 18 | 8  | .692 | 1 1/2  |
| Denver      | 12 | 16 | .429 | 8 1/2  |
| Dallas      | 8  | 18 | .308 | 11 1/2 |
| Minnesota   | 7  | 19 | .269 | 12 1/2 |
| Vancouver   | 4  | 25 | .138 | 17     |

| Team          | W  | L  | Pct  | GB    |
|---------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Seattle       | 19 | 8  | .704 | —     |
| Sacramento    | 17 | 9  | .654 | 1 1/2 |
| L.A. Lakers   | 16 | 15 | .516 | 5     |
| Phoenix       | 13 | 13 | .500 | 5 1/2 |
| Portland      | 12 | 16 | .429 | 7 1/2 |
| Golden State  | 11 | 17 | .393 | 8 1/2 |
| L.A. Clippers | 11 | 18 | .379 | 9     |

**Saturday's Games**  
 Late Games Not Included  
 Utah 99, L.A. Lakers 82  
 Golden State at New Jersey, (n)  
 L.A. Clippers at Miami, (n)  
 Charlotte at Cleveland, (n)  
 Charlotte at Detroit, (n)  
 Atlanta at Chicago, (n)  
 Houston at Dallas, (n)  
 Minnesota at San Antonio, (n)  
 Washington at Milwaukee, (n)  
 Philadelphia at Denver, (n)  
 Seattle at Phoenix, (n)  
 Boston at Vancouver, (n)

**Sunday's Games**  
 No games scheduled

**Monday's Games**  
 No games scheduled

**Tuesday's Games**  
 Portland at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.  
 Milwaukee at Washington, 7:30 p.m.  
 Seattle at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
 Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 Utah at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
 Indiana at Denver, 9 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

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**Atlantic Division**

| Team         | W  | L  | Pct  | GB     |
|--------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Orlando      | 23 | 6  | .793 | —      |
| New York     | 9  | 9  | .579 | 3 1/2  |
| Miami        | 14 | 13 | .519 | 8      |
| Washington   | 14 | 13 | .519 | 8      |
| Boston       | 12 | 15 | .444 | 10     |
| New Jersey   | 10 | 16 | .385 | 11 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 5  | 21 | .192 | 16 1/2 |

**Central Division**

| Team    | W  | L  | Pct  | GB |
|---------|----|----|------|----|
| Chicago | 24 | 3  | .889 | —  |
| Indiana | 15 | 12 | .556 | 9  |

**COLLEGE BOWL GAMES**

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**Thursday, Dec. 14**  
**Las Vegas Bowl**  
**At Las Vegas**  
 Toledo 40, Nevada 37, OT

**Monday, Dec. 25**  
**Blue-Gray Classic**  
**At Montgomery, Ala.**  
 Blue 26, Gray 7

**Aloha Bowl**  
**At Honolulu**  
 Kansas 51, UCLA 30

**Wednesday, Dec. 27**  
**Copper Bowl**

# Blake to be named O.U. football coach

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — John Blake, the next football coach at Oklahoma, brings a dynamic personality and a reputation as an outstanding recruiter — two things sorely needed at a program that has floundered in recent years.

A news conference was scheduled Sunday afternoon to introduce Blake, who was backed strongly by his current boss, Dallas Cowboys coach Barry Switzer.

"I think it's an excellent move," Switzer said outside the Cowboys' offices at Valley Ranch. "I think the timing's important to them, it's important to them in recruiting. Every major bowl game in the country will know what happened, all the recruits will know."

"I think it's good that they did that. I think John will do an excellent job. He's an excellent football coach."

Switzer, who was head coach at Oklahoma for 16 years, had recommended Blake when the job came open a year ago, but the school chose Howard Schnellenberger.

Schnellenberger resigned under pressure Dec. 18 after leading the Sooners to a 5-5-1 finish, their second straight .500 season.

Blake, 34, grew up in Sand Springs and played defensive line for the Sooners from 1980-83. He later was a student assistant under Switzer for two seasons, spent a year on the staff at Tulsa, then was a full-time assistant at Oklahoma from 1989-92. He has been the Cowboys' defensive line coach since then.

# East Carolina downs Stanford in Liberty Bowl

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Chad Holcomb kicked a career-high four field goals and East Carolina's defense forced four turnovers as the Pirates downed Stanford 19-13 Saturday in the Liberty Bowl.

The Pirates (9-3) never trailed but didn't seal the victory until Marcus Crandell directed an 11-play drive that ate up 5:13 of the clock, setting up Holcomb's fourth field goal, a 34-yarder, with 1:15 to go.

Damon Dunn gave Stanford (7-4-1) one last chance by returning the kickoff to the Cardinal 47. But Brian Manning dropped Mark Butterfield's fourth-and-1 pass inside the Pirate 20 with 11 seconds left.

Featuring a pair of quarterbacks who each threw for more than 2,500 yards, the game was expected to be an offensive shootout. However, East Carolina intercepted Butterfield twice, and he finished 15-of-27 for 139 yards.

Crandell performed a bit better, completing 19-of-49 for 218 yards and one interception, as his receivers repeatedly dropped catchable passes. East Carolina converted on only four of 19 third downs compared to 4-of-15 for Stanford.

A junior, Holcomb started the game with the longest kick of his career at 46 yards and added kicks of 25 and 41 yards before his final field goal. His only miss came on a block by Stanford's Kwame Ellis.

Stanford pulled within 16-13 early in the third quarter.

Nicodemus Watts blocked a Mark Levine punt and returned it 21 yards before Ellis picked the ball up and scored from 2 yards out early in the third quarter.

Ellis intercepted a Crandell pass two plays later, but Stanford couldn't convert. The Cardinal offense turned the ball over on downs at its own 32 in the quarter, while Morris Foreman hurried Butterfield into his second interception on the next possession, this one by Calvin Suggs at the Stanford 18.

East Carolina's offense sputtered in the first half as receivers dropped five passes in the second quarter.

Stanford missed its best chance for a lead on its opening possession, but Eric Abrams' 50-yard field goal attempt went wide left.

# Thomas, Bills bull over Dolphins

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — The team that won't go away blew away the Miami Dolphins on Saturday and sent a strong message to the rest of the NFL: The Buffalo Bills are ready for another Super Bowl run.

After a year's hiatus from the playoffs, the Bills took aim at a fifth AFC championship in six years with a 37-22 rout of the disappointing Dolphins. The game was over by halftime, when Thurman Thomas had 113 of his

158 yards rushing and Steve Tasker had 108 yards receiving.

Buffalo set an AFC playoff record with 341 yards rushing, 41 yards shy of the NFL mark, in winning its ninth straight post-season game at Rich Stadium.

Marv Levy extended his coaching domination of Don Shula to 17-6, 16-5 with Buffalo, 3-0 in the playoffs.

While the Bills head to Pittsburgh next Saturday, the Dolphins' season of underachievement ended with an ignominious defeat. If this was the last game of Shula's 26-year reign in Miami — there has been pressure on the NFL's all-time winningest coach to retire, although team owner Wayne Huizenga has voiced support of his coach — it is a terrible way to go out.

After a 4-0 start, Miami slumped to 9-7, squeezing into the playoffs on the final weekend with help from other teams. The Dolphins exited quickly, falling behind 24-0 in the first 21 1/2 minutes. They were down 27-0 when Dan Marino hit O.J. McDuffie with a 5-yard TD pass with 13:53 left.

Marino, who completed 33 of 64 passes for 401 yards and three interceptions, found Randal Hill for a 45-yard touchdown with 8:01 to go. Terry Kirby's 1-yard run and McDuffie's 2-point conversion pass provided Miami's other points.

# Rogers leaves Rangers to sign with Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — Left-hander Kenny Rogers is the latest piece in the reconstruction of the New York Yankees, who are locked in an off-season game of point-counterpoint with the Baltimore Orioles.

Rogers agreed to a multiyear contract with New York Saturday, four days after the Orioles traded for lefty David Wells, who had been a Yankees target.

The Orioles went for Wells after losing a bidding war with the Yankees for free-agent pitcher David Cone, who signed a three-year, \$19.5 million deal with New York. Baltimore's answer to that was to sign All-Star second baseman Roberto Alomar for three years and \$18 million.

After Alomar signed with the Orioles, the Yankees traded for left fielder Tim Lincecum. At the time, New York added an extra year to Raines' expiring contract and general manager Bob Watson said he was reaching the limit of his budget.

"I can't afford another starter," he said after the Cone signing. Asked if he might make any more moves, Watson said, "If it makes baseball sense and economic sense."

On Saturday, the Yankees decided Rogers fit both descriptions, signing him for a reported four years and \$19.5 million, one extra year for the same price they paid Cone.

# Runnin' Horns gun down No. 11 North Carolina

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Brandy Perryman made up for two missed free throws with 6.6 seconds left by stealing an inbounds pass with 2.7 seconds to play, preserving Texas' 74-72 victory over No. 11 North Carolina on Saturday.

Perryman, an 83 percent free throw shooter, could have iced the victory for Texas (7-2) with his free throws in the final seconds.

But he missed both shots, and North Carolina (9-2) grabbed the rebound and advanced the ball to midcourt before calling time out.

Perryman then made amends. Anticipating the inbounds pass of North Carolina's Vince Carter, he intercepted it near midcourt and ran out the clock, ending a Tar Heels winning streak at seven games.

The Longhorns, who have lost to Utah and Louisville this season, built a 17-point lead in the first half with their 3-point shooting and used their pressing and trapping defense to hang onto the lead.

Sonny Alvarado, who came up with several clutch offensive rebounds and tough inside baskets down the stretch, led Texas with 20 points and 14 boards.

Reggie Freeman had 18 points and seven assists and Perryman added 17 points, including five 3-pointers in the first half.

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## Check diet at the door: Desserts are in for '96

By JOE WHEELAN  
Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) — The same trendy crowd that searched out gourmet pickles and took trips to the Panama Canal in 1995 will make '96 the year of big desserts, flying squirrels and the India vacation.

And grunge will fade away in the new year. As will bright-red lipstick.

That's according to *The American Forecaster Almanac 1996*, so hip that its 13th edition has its own site on the Internet's World Wide Web.

Author Kim Long bases his 244-page forecast on gleanings from hundreds of newspapers, magazines, trade journals, newsletters, surveys, databases and statistics.

In his 1995 almanac, Long accurately predicted the waning popularity of Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, but missed the mark when he forecast that the Dow Jones would peak at 4100. It ends the year above 5100.

His newest findings point up one trend with staying power: "The baby boomers still are the biggest thing demographically," Long said.

As the one-third of the population born between 1946 and 1964 begins reaching its 50s, baby boomers will be making an even bigger splash as they get more leisure time and more money to spend.

They'll be leading the pack of consumers embracing so-called "vanity drugs" — concoctions to smooth wrinkles and grow hair. They'll also lose the pinstripes as they begin to dress down.

Among the younger crowd, laser removal of tattoos will become popular in '96. And twentysomethings will drop grunge in favor of dressing up.

For now, Americans of all ages may have had their fill of drive-through food. Long predicts a resurgence of full-service restaurants, where patrons will treat themselves to big desserts — literally.

"Larger portions," Long said. "That is part of a trend toward self-indulgence."

Long, who last year reported on the movement "among upscale diners to request a more exquisite pickle," stopped short of making too much of the dessert trend. It's been happening quietly for years, he said.

"Somewhere else in their diet they've been good boys or girls, so they pig out elsewhere

in their diet," Long said. "Restaurants have noticed customers eating larger dessert portions and now they're making larger portions available."

But forget non-alcoholic beer. Erstwhile teetotalers are starting to backslide to the real thing, or switching to soft drinks. And while microbreweries will continue to boom, flavored coffees and carbonated water will fizzle, a result of market saturation.

Come vacation time, Long says more Americans will consider a trip to India in '96 as more U.S. hotel franchises build there.

The trendiest pet in 1996? The flying squirrel, which already is a popular choice in England, Long said. "Now people can brag about what their dog is capable of doing."

Long also foresees more in store after '96. "In the next five years, you are going to see bigger changes than in the last 10," Long said.

**Editor's Note:** *The American Forecaster Almanac 1996* retails for \$18.95 and is published by American Forecaster in Denver. It can be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.ReadersNdex.com/american-forecaster>

## NASA launches X-ray telescope

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA's X-Ray Timing Explorer was considered essential enough to be launched Saturday in spite of the federal government shutdown.

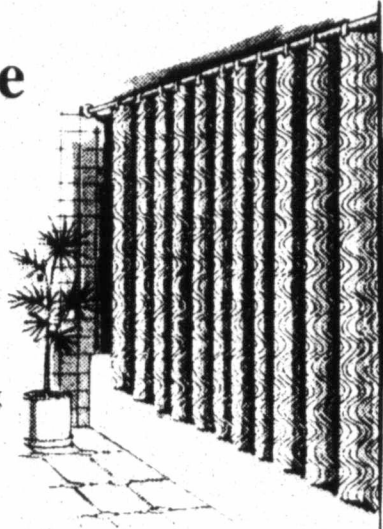
The \$195 million satellite, the size of a small bus, is designed to study collapsed stars, possible black holes and other hot,

compact objects in the universe for at least two years.

A Delta rocket carrying the satellite, the first new X-ray astronomy observatory since 1978, was launched at 8:48 a.m. after seven attempts.

The launch initially was scheduled for August, but that was delayed by a rocket malfunction.

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## Pilot program would give inmates limited access to telephones

DALLAS (AP) — A controversial pilot program that will allow some Texas prison inmates access to telephones is expected to generate about \$158 million over five years.

The Texas Legislature has mandated that telephones must be installed, but prison officials are not happy about it. They fear it could lead to problems, such as allowing some inmates to engage in unlawful activities.

Comptroller John Sharp says

the state could demand 40 percent of the long-distance revenues from prison calls and gave the hefty payout estimate.

"I don't think you could convince the average Texan that we should pass up \$30 (million) or \$40 million a year," Sharp said.

Proponents of phones in prisons say inmates should be allowed to talk with their families and that new technology prevents old problems of fraud and abusive calls.

Victims' rights groups are opposed to the plan as are most Texas Board of Criminal Justice members.

"I'm sure the state could make millions of dollars a year by selling chocolate cakes with metal files baked in them to inmates, but I wouldn't recommend it," said Allan B. Polunsky, chairman of the criminal justice board, which oversees state prison, probation and parole policies.

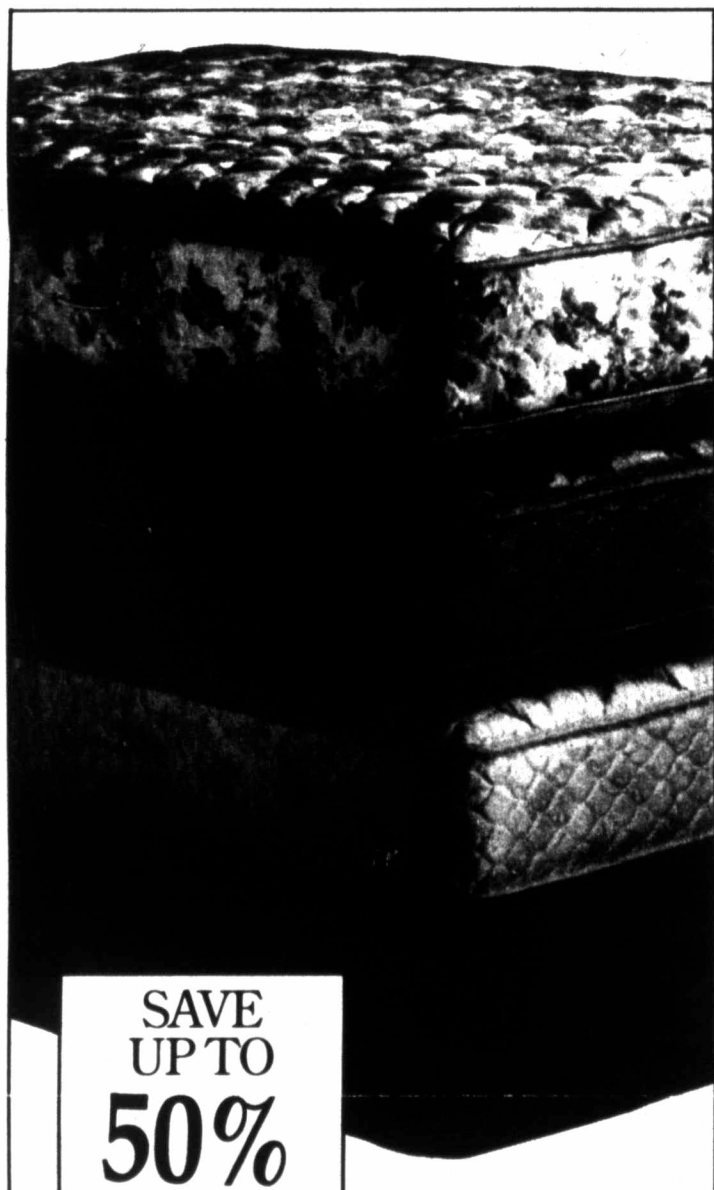
Polunsky said he's all for generating new revenue, but he believes much of the money would be eaten up prosecuting new crimes committed over the phone.

"There are scams that go on today that go on through the mail. So I can just imagine what they could do with the phones," he said.

Telephones are a headache that are not legally required and not socially needed, Polunsky said.

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## Lifestyles

## HOME SCHOOLING



Pampa parents  
find advantages  
to educating  
their children at home.

**T**here are a variety of reasons why parents may choose to home school their own children and quite a few parents in Pampa have taken it upon themselves to home school theirs. Economics, religion and the one-on-one attention given the children are just some of the factors that weigh into the reasons why some parents choose to home school.

"In this group in particular," said Katrina Hildebrandt of herself, Michelle Mullican, Judy Elliott, Judith Loyd, Ronna Raber, Sandra Schuneman and Lynn Smith, the mothers gathered to talk about why they home school their children. "There are people with different perspectives on home schooling."

Whatever their reasons, these parents have taken it upon themselves to educate their children in a manner they feel is best for their children.

And these Pampa parents aren't alone. There are an estimated 750,000 home educated students throughout the United States according to the Home Educator's Handbook of the Southeast Texas Home School Association.

"Our reasons spring from three basic convictions," said Lynn Smith. "We parents have the right and responsibility to direct the upbringing of our children."

Smith added that they have accepted both the responsibility and the right to do so. Smith feels the philosophy of education is that their children should be challenged and should have the opportunity to be challenged and accelerate at their own level. The child, she feels, should be taken to the highest possible level of achievement. She also feels that by home schooling, she can also teach her children their heritage.

Ronna Raber said home schooling her children is worth spending the extra time with them. They also hold activities in the evenings. She added that the main reason she started to home school is because her first two children wanted to be challenged and learn as much as they could.

Hildebrandt echoed some of the same sentiments as Raber.

"It was spending time with my child and challenging him," said Hildebrandt

about why she began home schooling. She also teaches music lessons in the afternoon and can spend the day with her children. In addition, home schooling allows her to teach her children at a faster pace and she can add more arts and computer time than schools can.

Some may also question whether parents are qualified to teach. Sandra Schuneman dismisses this by saying that parents are qualified because they have been teaching their children from the day they were born.

With home schooling, there is also the added advantage that the parent can learn along with the child.

"With my maturity, I absorb it much faster," said Judy Elliott.

Home schooled students do have a proven record to be above average in testing when compared to public school students. According to the Southeast Texas home school manual, over 80 research studies show that pupils taught individually achieve on the average thirty percentile points higher on standard achievement tests than pupils taught in conventional classrooms of 25 or more students.

As for methods which are used to home school their children, a variety of methods exist which also depend on the child. The child may have a different learning style than another child and have different interests. Also, each home school is set up differently. It varies from family to family and depends each family's needs, goals and values.

"Everyone approaches it from a slightly different direction," said Elliott who home schools her eight-year-old daughter Emily.

The Elliott family moved to Pampa from Houston. It was in Houston where Elliott started home schooling her daughter. They couldn't afford private school and other issues such as safety arose.

Elliott also feels that by home school-

**Home schooling, they said, it is not for everyone. Some have known parents who pulled their children out of school without knowing what home schooling really meant. Those parents have called them up asking, "What do I do next?" These women don't have the answer for that question other than the research into home schooling should have been done first.**

ing her daughter, it gives her an opportunity to instill values. She feels home schooling helps give her daughter a more solid foundation in her education and life.

Behavior was a factor which Hildebrandt also considered when she decided to home school.

"Some children are followers and some imitate what they see," said Hildebrandt. She has control over what influences her son is exposed to.

While some argue that home schooled children are isolated from others, these parents say that isn't so. Raber says home schoolers learn to interact with people of all ages and not just those who are their grade peers. Judith Loyd said the home schoolers interact and help one another. Hildebrandt added that the children are involved in all the regular activities outside of school. They do volunteer work in the community, go to ballet lessons, play sports and attend music lessons just like all the other chil-

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dren. Religion was a major factor in why Sandra Schuneman decided to home school.

"That's what God wanted us to do," said Schuneman about her feelings on home schooling. "I really feel that this is what God wants all parents to do."

Schuneman also thinks it's "a shame that God has been taken out of the classroom."

For Elliott, the decision to home school her daughter did not take long to consider. Elliott's brother and sister were both home schooling their children and her husband's aunt was home schooling as well. She started home schooling Emily when she was five.

Home schooling also allows for greater flexibility.

Michelle Mullican home schools a special needs child, her six-year-old son Tanner.

Her son's health tends to be fragile and he has a short attention span. By home schooling him, Mullican can tailor make his school schedule. She also home schools her nine-year-old daughter Kelli and also tailor-makes her schedule.

And it doesn't take long to get through most lesson plans. Most home schoolers are done with their schoolwork by noon.

"I found it to be an optimum way of teaching her," said Elliott. Since her daughter is interested in the arts, she can encourage her daughter in that direction.

Judith Loyd has a daughter who is interested in writing. Loyd feels she is better able to gear tools to help her daughter write.

Since she and her husband go out of town on business, it was difficult to find someone to care for their daughter.

"I personally like the freedom of not being tied to an organization," said Loyd. "It's (home schooling) more inter-

esting." Before a parent makes the decision to pull their children out of school, all seven of the mothers advise that intensive research should be done on home schooling so the parents can see the pros and cons.

Home schooling, they said, it is not for everyone. Some have known parents who pulled their children out of school without knowing what home schooling really meant. Those parents have called them up asking, "What do I do next?" These women don't have the answer for that question other than the research into home schooling should have been done first. Home schooling is year-by-year and day-by-day. It also depends on people's individual situations.

These parents said they did a lot of "soul searching" and quite a bit of research before making what they all say is a 24-hour, seven-day a week commitment. Doing research helped them make informed and intelligent decisions. Research should be done first, Schuneman stressed, because the children are the ones who will be left in a lurch.

*Hope for Texas*, a book on home schooling which is for sale, is an "Excellent place for new home schoolers to start," says Mullican. The library has books that beginners would need. Among those books are *The Right Choice: Home Schooling* by Chris Klicka, *Home Schooling for Excellence* by David and Micki Colfax and *Christian Home Educators' Curriculum Manual: Elementary Grades* and *Christian Home Educators' Curriculum Manual Junior and Senior High*, both by Cathy Duffy. Other books on home schooling can be found under the subject listing for home school or domestic education. A handbook for issues relating to home schooling is also available.

There are numerous seminars and book shows which are held so parents can see what kind of curriculum is marketed. Publications which review curriculums and comparison curriculums are also available along with the addresses of publishers and others where information about products can be obtained.





## Hubbard-Baldwin

Pamela Kay Hubbard and Brooks Churchill Baldwin were married Dec. 29, 1995, at Bible Church of Pampa with Roger A. Hubbard, father of the bride, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Hubbard of Pampa and the granddaughter of Hazel Ferguson of Lamesa.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Baldwin of Carnegie, Okla., and the grandson of Francis and Opal Litherland of Sumner, Ill.

Serving as the maid of honor was Kari Jo Harris of Greeley, Colo. The bridesmaids were J. Lerah Kerly of McAlester, Okla.; Paula L. Cherry, sister of the bride of Pampa; and Shannon Sehorn of Fort Worth. Honorary bridesmaids were Amy Foster of Stockton, Calif.; Karmin Bridges of Kansas City, Kan.; and Jenni Harms and Tara Tyler, both of Weatherford, Okla. The flower girls were Jaci Schneider of Lamesa and Jordan Schneider of Lubbock, both cousins of the bride.

Standing as the best man was Karl Flaming of Anchorage, Alaska. The groomsmen were Mark McWhorter of Portland, Ore.; Tom Gindorff of Montrose, Calif.; and Mike Tonthat of Valencia, Calif. Serving as the ushers were Jason Hubbard, brother of the bride of Pampa; Brad Foster of Stockton, Calif.; and Corey Hicks of Shawnee, Okla. The ringbearers were Derek Hubbard, cousin of the bride of Arlington, and Lewis Baumgardner, cousin of the groom of Edmond, Okla.

The candles were lit by Angie Baumgardner of Edmond, Okla., and Justin Hubbard of Arlington.

Registering the guests was Abby Baldwin, sister of the groom of Carnegie, Okla.

Providing music were Ronna Raber, pianist, and Elaine Eddins, organist, both of Pampa, and Rebecca Schmidt, vocalist, of Cordell, Okla.

A reception followed at the Pampa Country Club.

Serving the guests were Amy Abernethy of Bedford; Amy Durocher of Edmond, Okla.; Andra Wyatt of Weatherford; and Angela Hanna of Borger.

The bride is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and holds a bachelor's degree of business administration in accounting.

The groom is employed by Canyon Engineering and is attending California State University at Northridge, Calif.

After a honeymoon to Vail, Colo., the couple plan to reside in Newhall, Calif.



## Long-Cates

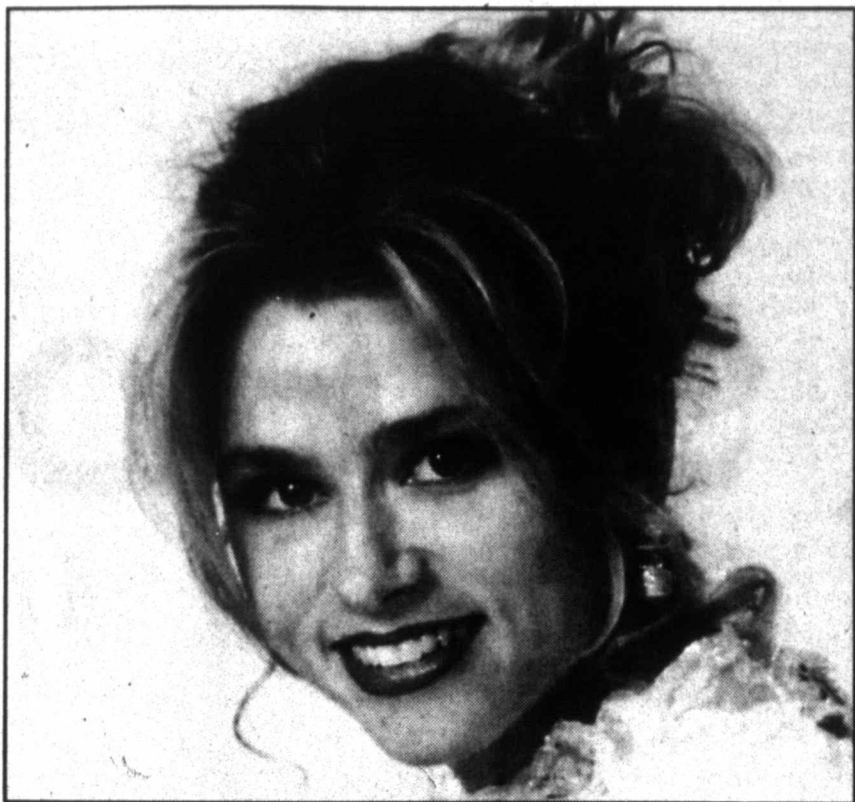
Anne Long of Odessa and Heath Cates of Amarillo plan to marry Feb. 3, 1996, at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of John and Diana Long of Odessa.

The prospective groom is the son of Jerry and Janet Cates of Amarillo.

She attended Baylor University. She is employed with Family Medicine Center of Pampa. He attended Amarillo College.

He is a deputy sheriff with the Gray County Sheriff's Office.



## Baugh-Savage

Brandy Kae Baugh of Dumas and Guy Conley Savage of Pampa were married Dec. 30, 1995, at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo with Carol Stepp of Eden officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Royce Baugh of Amarillo and Joe Pat and Lynda Mowery of Dumas.

The groom is the son of Phil and Nelda Savage of Pampa.

Serving as the maid of honor was Kelly Baugh, sister of the bride of Amarillo.

Standing as the best man was Kevin Savage, brother of the groom of Lubbock.

A reception followed in the parlor of the chapel.

She holds a bachelor of science degree in psychology from West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She teaches physical education at Green Acres Elementary School.

He is pursuing a degree in environmental science at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta and the Environmental Science Society.

The couple plan to reside in Amarillo.



## Schoenahls-Vigil

Kelly Schoenahls of Pampa and Karl Vigil of Amarillo plan to marry March 9, 1996, at First Baptist Church in Canadian.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garner Schoenahls of Canadian and the prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Vigil of Springer, N.M.

She is a sixth grade teacher at Pampa Middle School. She holds a bachelor's degree from Tarleton State University and a master's degree from West Texas State University. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

He is employed by Santa Fe Railroad.

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## West-Perry

Christa West and Matt Perry were married Dec. 30, 1995, at First United Methodist Church in Pampa with R.L. Kirk, pastor of the church, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Bobbie and Dale West of Pampa. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.K. West of Floydada and Mrs. John Reue of Lubbock.

The groom is the son of Linda Perry of Castroville and Dr. and Mrs. Brent Perry of McLean. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Steele of Pampa and Jack Perry.

Serving as the maid of honor was Christi Stewart of Topeka, Kan.

The bridesmaids were Marci Hadke and Erin O'Neil, both of Kansas City, Kan., and Amy Mulligan of Alexandria, Va.

Standing as the best man was Glen Stanfield of Georgetown. The groomsmen were John Lopez of Teague, Will Shaw of McLean and Kurt West of Pampa.

Serving as the ushers were Casey Carter of McLean, Tanner Hess of San Angelo, Joe Bob Stewart of Johnson City.

Registering the guests was Kim Umscheid of Kansas City, Kan.

Providing music were Elizabeth Vondrak, vocalist, of Sioux City, Iowa, and Donnice Bennett, organist, of Borger.

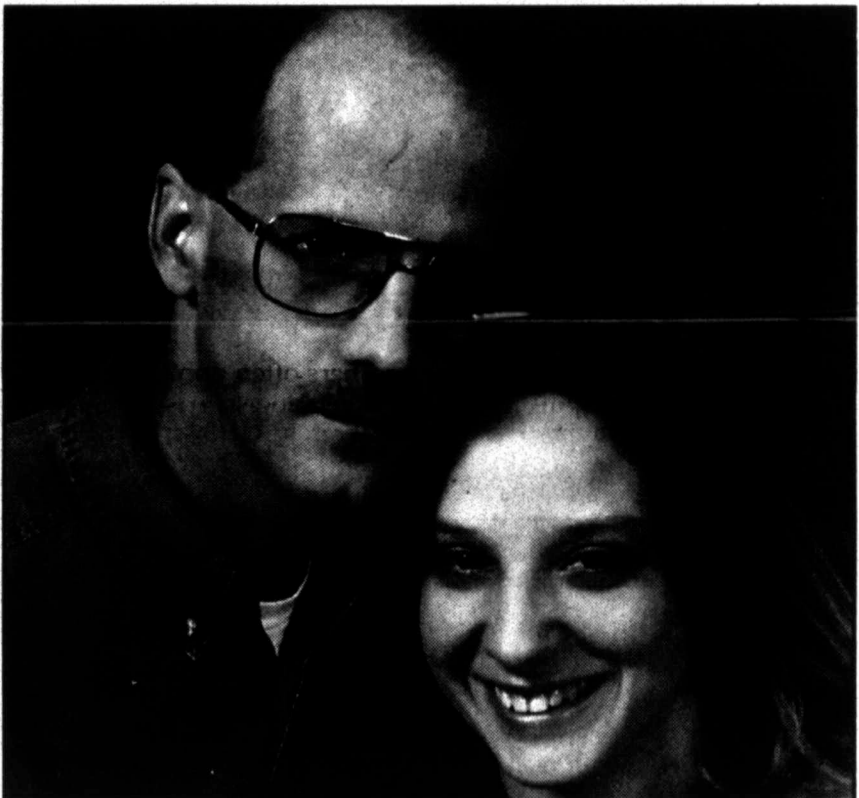
A reception followed in the parlor of the church.

Serving the guests were Melissa Perry of San Antonio, Ellen Steele of Pampa, and Jenny Hummel of McLean.

The bride is employed by Easley Animal Hospital.

The groom is the ranch manager for Davis Ranch.

The couple plan to reside in McLean.



## Alvey-Taber

Tina Michelle Alvey of Wheeler and Richard William Taber of Fort Smith, Ark., plan to marry Jan. 13, 1996, at United Methodist Church in Wheeler.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jim and Beth Alvey and the granddaughter of Clifford and Pauline Hefley, all of Wheeler, and the granddaughter of Lola Mae Alvey of Pampa.

The prospective groom is the son of Rosemary Taber and the late Clinton Taber of Russellville, Ark.

She is a news producer for Sigma Broadcasting Channel 40. She received a bachelor's degree from Angelo State University in San Angelo and a master's degree from the University of Oklahoma.

He is an assistant news director and executive producer for KHBS-television in Fort Smith, Ark.

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"And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority has been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:18-20.) Jesus Christ is approved of God (Matt. 17:5; Acts 2:22.) He is the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him (Heb. 5:9.) His is the only name under heaven whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12.) He is the way, the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father except through Him (Jn. 14:6.) To preach anything other than His gospel is to bring the curse of God down upon us (Gal. 1:6-9.) To go beyond His doctrine is to do so without God (2 Jn. 9.)

Men have always been of the disposition to refuse and reject the absolute authority of Jesus Christ. While very few, if any, will come out and say they reject His authority, nevertheless, their works state it very plainly. For example, Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned." (Mk. 16:16.) Yet men say baptism is non-essential to salvation. Jesus said, "But in vain do they worship me teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men." (Matt. 15:9.) Yet, men continue to seek to worship God according to the dictates of men rather than by the authority of Jesus Christ.

Regardless of what men think of the authority of Jesus Christ, the fact remains that the Father has given all judgment to His Son, Jesus Christ (Jn. 5:22.) God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world by His Son (Acts 17:30-31.) Even though, as Jesus said, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:22-23), men still claim that their works are by the authority of, or in the name of Jesus Christ, when there is nothing recorded in the Bible authorizing their works. If we are to be saved, we must have the proper respect for the absolute authority of Jesus Christ.

-Billy T. Jones

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**FRIDAY**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk.  
Lunch: Cheeseburger, burger salad, French fries, pickle slices, cherry cobbler, choice of milk.

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Lunch: Fish, oven potatoes, salad, fruit, milk.

**FRIDAY**  
Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hot or cold cereal, juice, milk, peanut butter.  
Lunch: Hamburgers/barbecue, salad, pickles, oven potatoes, pudding, milk.

### PAMPA SENIOR CITIZENS

**MONDAY**  
Closed for remodeling. The center plans to reopen Jan. 8, 1996.

### PAMPA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**WEDNESDAY**  
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit or juice, choice of milk.  
Lunch: Pizza, green beans, applesauce, choice of milk.

## Diamond Shamrock helps Boy Scouts pave the road to ranch, training center

SAN ANTONIO - Diamond Shamrock recently donated over 118 tons of liquid asphalt, which was used to lay over two miles of interior roads and parking lots at the Boy Scouts' national Philmont Scout Ranch and Training Center at Cimarron, N.M.

Diamond Shamrock Chairman and CEO Roger Hemminghaus, who serves on both the Philmont Scout Ranch Committee and the National Executive Board for the Boy Scouts of America, explained that the facility's roadways were in need of serious repair and paving.

Diamond Shamrock annually produces about 600,000 tons of asphalt at its McKee Plants near Dumas. The asphalt donated to the Boy Scouts was transported from McKee to Philmont by Taos-based contractor Northern Mountain Construction.

**BORGER** - Frank Phillips College has announced its President's and Dean's Lists honor rolls for the 1995 Fall semester.

Area students named to the President's List include: Linda J. Landsverk of Pampa; Bo M. Burgin and Melanie R. Friemel, both of Groom; Barbara M. Love of Skellytown; and Juliana Winters of White Deer.

Area students named to the Dean's List include: Angel G. Briggs, Mary B. Couch, Mikki L.

Davis, Virginia L. Hopper, Stacie L. Johnson, Sheryl A. Lester and Evelyn McCullar, all of Pampa; Colby W. Ezzell of Canadian; Misty D. Homen of Groom; and Dustin A. Larkin and Kelly J. McKissick, both of Skellytown.

**NORFOLK, Va.** - Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class David D. Copeland, son of David V. Stevenson of Pampa, is currently serving in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia aboard amphibious trans-

port dock USS Shreveport.

Copeland is one of 828 sailors and Marines aboard the ship supporting the peace implementation operations in the former Yugoslavia. Copeland's ship departed Norfolk, Va., in August.

Copeland has traveled more than 12,000 miles during the first half of the six-month deployment and recently participated in a naval amphibious exercise with U.S. and Greek forces on one of the Greek islands in the Aegean Sea.

While spending more than 60 days at sea, Copeland has visited Bulgaria, Israel, Sicily and Turkey. While in Istanbul, sailors and Marines from Copeland's ship volunteered free time to restore the garden at a home for the poor. In Sicily, and later in Israel, volunteers pitched in again to provide community work for humanitarian organizations.

The 1991 graduate of Baker High School at Columbus, Ga., joined the Navy in March 1992.

## National Council of Negro Women, Aunt Jemima brands seek nominees for Tribute to Black Women Community Leaders

**CHICAGO** - The National Council of Negro Women and Aunt Jemima brands are joining forces again to celebrate outstanding community leadership by recognizing women who make a difference. 1996 marks the Fifth Anniversary of Tribute to Black Women Community Leaders.

"We are hoping to attract the same kind of African-American women that we have honored in the past four years of Tribute to Black Women Community Leaders. We want generous community servants with the vision for a better world and the strength and tenacity to work towards achieving that vision," according to Dr. Dorothy I. Height, NCNW national president and CEO, and Tribute matriarch.

Tribute to Black Women Community Leaders will be hosted by NCNW chapters in the following cities: Atlanta, Ga.; Chicago, Ill.; Detroit, Mich.; Houston, Texas; New Orleans, La.; Philadelphia, Pa.; and San Francisco, Calif.

Residents of the seven respective states are encouraged to nominate women whom they feel exemplify the true spirit of community service and whose skills in leadership have led to positive changes in their communities.

All nominees will be evaluated by a panel of judges in Chicago, who will select 12 semi-finalists (nine adults and three students) from each state. A separate panel of judges in each state will then choose from their semi-finalists three "Community Leaders of the Year" and one "Student Community Leader of the Year" to be honored during a Tribute to Black Women Community Leaders breakfast event. The breakfasts are sponsored by Aunt Jemima brands as local NCNW fundraisers.

Each state finalist will receive a \$500 cash award and a plaque inscribed with her Tribute designation, also compliments of Aunt Jemima brands.

The 28 state finalists will then be evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges in Washington, D.C., who will choose three adults and one student to be saluted as national honorees and join the national NCNW for a lavish awards ceremony and dinner in Washington, D.C. National honorees will receive an all-expenses paid trip for two to the nation's capital to attend the ceremony, where they will be given \$3,000 in cash and a commemorative award. Dr.

Height and other Washington, D.C., notables will be in attendance for the June 1996 event.

The 1995 national honorees include Doris Session Gill, of Port Arthur, Texas, an elementary school principal who implements progressive educational programs to stimulate student excellence.

Founded in 1935 by legendary educator and human rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune, the National Council of Negro Women is a social service organization. Under the direction of Dr. Dorothy I. Height since 1958, NCNW is recognized as the principal advocacy group for African-American women and their families with an outreach to more than four million women.

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For more information on Tribute to Black Women Community Leaders or to receive a nomination ballot, please contact Denise M. Smith at (312) 443-8730, or Ronald Childs, (312) 443-8709.

## Fathers can have big influence on learning-disabled children

By MIA B. MOODY  
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas — Today, Dudley Haas is able to speak openly about his son's learning disability, but when he first found out about it about 14 years ago, his first instinct was to cover it up to protect his son.

"You always want a perfect world for your children," said the owner of Dudley Haas Distributing Co. "But I have learned that the world is not meant to be perfect."

Dudley and his wife, Betty, noticed that something was not quite right about their son, Dudley Jr., when he was about 5 years old. He had to struggle too hard to learn things.

"My wife and I would help him study every night and he would know the material well enough to make an 'A,' but when the test came back, he would often have a low score," said Haas.

After being tested several times, Dudley Jr. was diagnosed with a word-processing disability, which means he has a delayed reaction in hearing and processing information.

Today, Haas has gone from keeping the disorder hush-hush to encouraging other fathers to play an active role in parenting their learning-differenced children.

Haas and several other fathers who are business and education leaders in Waco recently offered stories and advice at a seminar sponsored by the Learning Disabilities Association of McLennan County.

Father-child involvement is important for every child, but especially for a learning-disabled child, who may have trouble working with numbers or using the spoken and written language, or a child with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder who is impulsive, disorganized or inattentive.

Whether it's the heaviness of their voices or the freshness they bring to different situations,

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some fathers have a special way of reaching their children that mothers often don't possess.

Psychologist Trish Raley said research has shown that children with ADHD and learning disabilities exhibit fewer symptoms when they are in the presence of their fathers.

One theory on why this is true: Dads aren't home with the children as much as mothers and one of the times ADHD children are able to focus is when something is new or novel, she said. Another theory is children are more likely to listen to their fathers because their voices are heavy and low, which may make them more intimidating than mothers, she said.

Dr. Patricia Prewitt, a professor in the educational psychology department at Baylor University, said most children see their fathers as very strong authority figures who have a great power.

Fathers can take advantage of this edge to help their children with homework and succeed in school, she said.

"The best thing fathers can do for children is let them know that education is important," she said. "They can let them know that although they want them to do well, they would be pleased with a good effort whether an 'A' is forthcoming or not."

Johnny Mankin, manager of CableMax, said fathers should play a vital role by attending every meeting possible at school and by participating in the child-rearing process with their wives.

"My sons had the total inability to perform some tasks, and it was important that I was there

for the hurt, pain and inadequacies they have suffered," said Mankin, who believes it may be easier to rear a child in a wheelchair, where you can visualize their shortcomings, than a child with an invisible disability.

Mankin and his wife, Tricia, president of the Learning Disabilities Association of McLennan County, have two sons with learning disabilities.

Both sons have successfully completed high school and are in college, which is not an easy task for children with learning disabilities. Those who go undiagnosed usually drop out by the time they reach high school.

Dr. James Netherton, vice president and chief executive officer of administrative affairs at Baylor University, said fathers should be prepared to speak up for their children to make sure they get the best possible education.

"I learned a long time ago not to go to the school yelling because my child has to sit in that class when I leave, but it is important to be supportive," he said.

Fathers should be prepared to pull their child out of a class if it is not working, he said. They may have to select a more appropriate teacher who is caring and knowledgeable about learning disabilities.

"A teacher's opinion of a child can work miracles or disasters on his or her self-esteem," he said.

"My son lived up or down to his teacher's expectations. Some (teachers) thought he was a troublemaker and he acted accordingly. Others were able to look at

him with an eye of love and see him as a kid with a good spirit and lots of creativity."

In addition fathers should make a conscious effort to boost their child's self-image by spending time with them, said Netherton.

Ways fathers can get involved include: helping with homework assignments, participating in extracurricular activities such as sports and drama and spending as much quality time with them as possible.

In addition, it is important for parents to offer their child praise whenever it is deserved, plan activities that the child can master and treat his or her questions, concerns and efforts seriously, according to the "Success Guide for Learning" by the Learning Disabilities Task Force of the Junior League of Waco.

Netherton said fathers should research learning disabilities to find the answers to many of their questions. His findings helped him cope with his own frustra-

tions and learn more about his son.

"When I can understand what my son is thinking and feeling, I stand a much better chance of coping with it," he said.

Fathers should also know that learning-differenced children have peaks and valleys, said Haas. Dudley Jr.'s peaks were in the spring when he played baseball and his valleys were each fall when he went back to school.

When he would get down about his school work, then baseball season would come around and he was always a good athlete. This would raise his self-esteem, said Haas.

"It's a good thing he had a good personality and was a little bit bigger than most of the other kids, so he didn't get ridiculed as much as he could have."

"The children I feel sorry for are the ones that don't excel in anything," Haas said. I encourage parents to let kids excel in whatever they can to get them back to a peak."

## Bridal Registry

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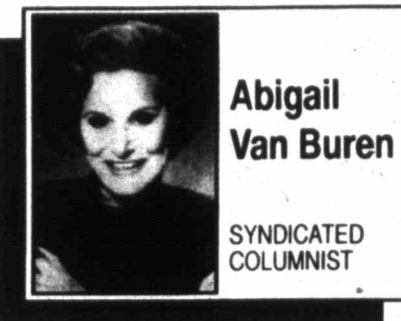


## The Sound Of Snoring Can Be Sweet Music For Some

DEAR ABBY: Early in my marriage, I read something in your column that has always stayed with me. A woman whose snoring husband had passed away wrote to you saying how much she missed her husband... snoring and all.

Abby, after reading that letter, my husband's snoring never bothered me; in fact, I found it very comforting. Will you please run that column again? You may use my name.

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SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

sex; it's more important. And once you've lost it, you'll never get it back. I know — I've tried.

FOOLISH IN MONTGOMERY, ALA.

DEAR MRS. O'KEEFE: The letter you are referring to appeared in my book titled "The Best of Dear Abby." In it is a chapter titled "Roll Over, You're Snoring." Some choice letters from that chapter:

DEAR ABBY: When our family decreased and a spare bedroom became available, I took it over because my husband's snoring disturbed me. It was like closing the door on an intimacy of 31 years. After five years of sleeping apart, this is my advice to young brides:

Do not — under any circumstances — take a room by yourself. Stuff your ears with cotton, put a pillow over your head, but do not leave his bed — and don't let him leave yours. Take it from a 58-year-old woman — something dies when a husband and his wife stop sleeping together. I can't explain it. It's not

DEAR FOOLISH: More than 300 patents for anti-snoring devices have been granted by the U.S. Patent Office. They include garrote-like neck bands to keep the neck in a stretched position, adhesive coverings to keep the mouth closed, and chin straps with pronged attachments to keep the tongue flat. There is a music-box gadget to be clamped to the pajama jacket: The moment the sleeper rolls over on his back — the favored snoring position — a low, soothing voice murmurs, "Roll over, darling."

A St. Louis woman said it works fine — for a while. Now she has returned to the more direct approach and yells, "Dammit, Harry, shut up!"

DEAR ABBY: The first night of my honeymoon, my darling fell asleep at midnight while I was awake until 7 o'clock the next morning listening to him snore. He started out by holding his breath for so long I didn't know whether to send for a doctor or a priest. Then he'd exhale ever so slowly, emitting a long whistle that sounded like a corps of pneumatic drills. I felt like kicking him through the wall every night.

After the honeymoon, we got twin beds, but that didn't solve anything — it just made it harder for me to kick him.

Finally, we resorted to separate bedrooms, but I could hear him snoring through the walls. Then a friend introduced me to the greatest invention since sliced bread: earplugs! They saved our marriage, and I'm not kidding.

HELEN B. IN ST. PAUL

DEAR ABBY: About snoring: that was my complaint, but I got over it when I read this in your column:

"Snoring is the sweetest music this side of heaven. Ask any widow."

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

## Horoscope



### Your Birthday

Monday, Jan. 1, 1996

Pleasant developments might occur in the year ahead in regard to your social life. You could establish several ideal associations that will be envied by others. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take special pride in all of your endeavors today. The quality of your work will reflect this effort and will be admired by both friends and family. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail S2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You have a marvelous manner about you that friends will find appealing today. It will be a sincere blend of cooperation, consideration and compassion.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You can retain what you learn today and later use this information to your advantage. This knowledge will come not from books but from observing others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something difficult to define might develop today and benefit your career financially. Try to remain observant.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to express your hunches or insights in practical terms today. When your inner voice speaks, listen and put this information to use in your everyday affairs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Certain people may choose you as their confidant today. One of these news bites could have substantial ramifications.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you align yourself with a person whose ideals parallel yours today, something mutually beneficial could result from this association.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Think creatively and dare to be different today, especially where your career is concerned. Imagination could help you to avoid impediments.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone you've been hoping would notice you has actually been secretly admiring you for some time. Today this might be brought out into the open.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your perceptions pertaining to financial or commercial matters could be better than usual today. Use these assets to benefit yourself and others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Even though some of your ideas may conflict with associates today, your disarming attitude will ensure their eventual acceptance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you are doing comparison shopping today, let quality take precedence over price. Study your purchases carefully to determine their true value.

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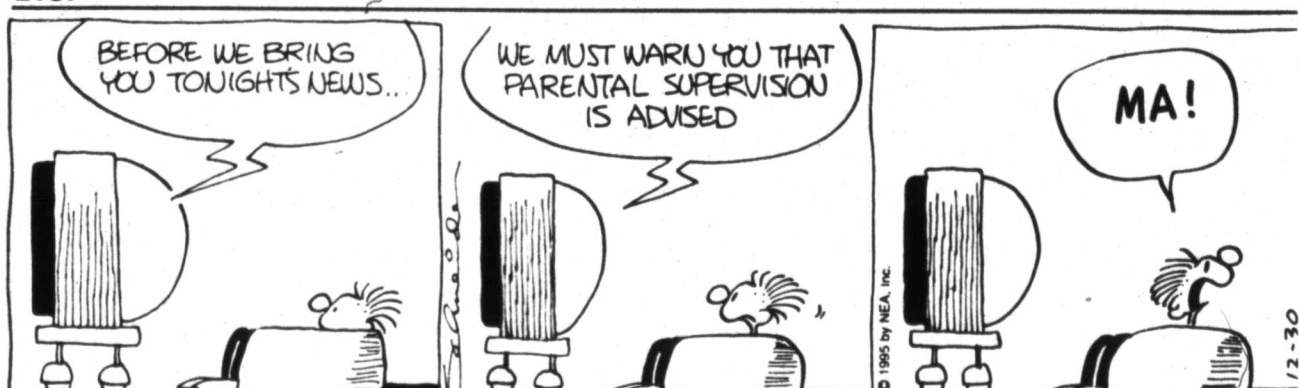
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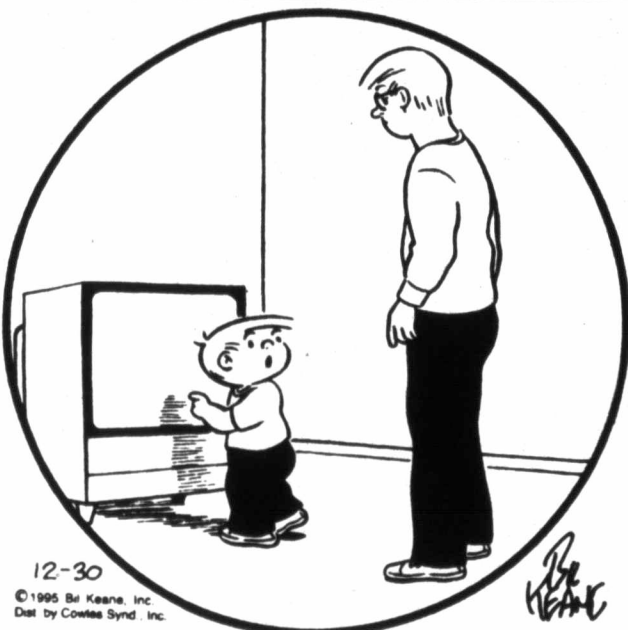
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Mallard Filmore



"Why is it called a television SET? There's only one of them."



"I take it you were the life of the party."

### The Family Circus



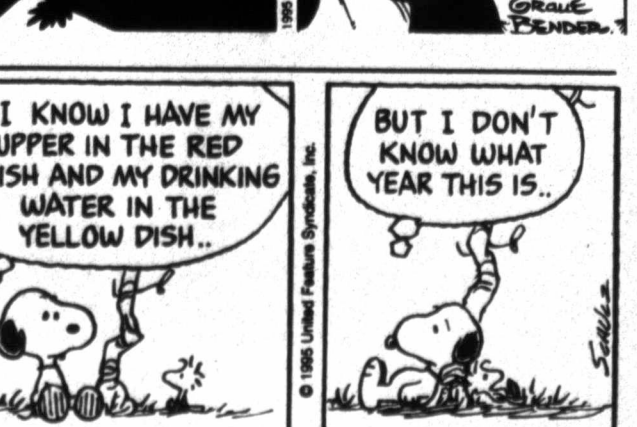
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### Grizzwells



### Alley Oop



### Peanuts





## Entertainment

### Reviews: 'Nixon' loose with history, 'Exhale' mixed

By DOLORES BARCLAY  
AP Arts Editor

It's a dark and stormy night. Murky clouds cling to the evil house as rain cuts zigzags all around. Only this house doesn't have seven gables or Vincent Price. It's the White House.

Oliver Stone begins his three-hour paean to Richard Nixon like a gothic horror movie. The impulse is to laugh until you realize that this much-despised president is no laughing matter. Nor should his life be treated as high camp.

Whether Stone's filmic intro was intentionally funny is not an issue, though. But what does raise early questions in Nixon is the filmmaker's loose handling of history and his interpretation of the man himself.

Stone's Nixon is a paranoid boozier; a bitter, evil man who seeks power at any cost and whose jealousy of the Kennedy clan puts him over the top. He also is a foul-mouthed bigot and a liar.

All that said, Stone wants us to embrace him as a fallen hero. His treatment of Nixon is almost reverential. Yes, he's a bad guy, but look at all the wonderful things he was able to accomplish — ending the war in Vietnam, opening China. Poor Dick, Stone seems to say, he can't help his troubled, unloved childhood. He suffered a pious mother and a rigid father and there was little love. We must take pity and try to understand him.

All he ever wanted was love. But nobody in this movie loves Nixon, except his daughter Julie. Even wife Pat hates him. And Joan Allen gives an Academy Award-worthy performance as the long-suffering first lady.

As Nixon, Anthony Hopkins puts in an outstanding performance. He remains hunched, sweaty and brooding. But he captures Nixon's nervous twitch

and otherwise paints an extraordinary portrait of the president.

Hopkins' and Allen's excellent portrayals help overshadow some of the film's more serious flaws. Among them:

—Stone's cutting between black and white and color. It does nothing to heighten the drama, the flickering moves only annoy.

—A superficial treatment of Watergate. No where in this movie is there an explanation of what happened, what the "plumbers" were doing at Democratic headquarters. And the collapse of the Nixon White House is hardly felt.

—The 18-minute gap. Until Stone made his film, the only person who presumably knew what was on the missing 18 minutes of tape Nixon's secretary "accidentally erased" was the president himself. Now the discussion allegedly alludes to the Kennedy assassination and an assassination attempt on Fidel Castro, pointing the finger at a cabal of Texas millionaires.

—More conspiracy theories. John and Robert Kennedy were both assassinated so Nixon could be president.

Along the way, Stone introduces a wealth of characters with varying degrees of success: Haldeman (James Woods) and Ehrlichman (J.T. Walsh), Marsha Mitchell (Madeleine Kahn), Nelson Rockefeller (Ed Herrmann), E. Howard Hunt (Ed Harris), Henry Kissinger (Paul Sorvino).

Distilling Nixon's life and especially the Watergate years into an accessible movie is a daunting challenge for any filmmaker. Stone's can not be considered the definitive work, but he deserves credit for creating a mood and helping make Nixon an unforgettable character.

Nixon is a Hollywood Pictures release, produced by Clayton Townsend, Andrew G. Vajna and

Stone. It runs 190 minutes and is rated R.

'Waiting to Exhale'  
By PATRICIA BIBBY  
Associated Press Writer

In *Waiting to Exhale*, we are served up the lives of four attractive and vivacious women as they stumble through a legion of love affairs, most of which end in heartbreak and disappointment. The film drives home a time-honored sisterhood truism: Men come and go but female friends are forever.

Actor Forest Whitaker (*The Crying Game*) directs the adaptation of Terry McMillan's best-selling novel and he paints the sexes in stark terms: Men, by and large, are rats and scoundrels and women are their long-suffering superiors.

Whitaker keeps the story briskly paced and it flutters lightly along, even when he's getting laughs at terribly bitter-sweet moments. But for all this deft surface sentiment, there's something hollow at the core. Perhaps that's the price of trying to piece together the crowded lives of the film's four heroines; we are so busy taking in the twists and turns of their hearts that little is allowed to resonate from within.

Still, there's lots to love here — a clear-eyed celebration of strength and feminine solidarity, along with a gutsy declaration of sexual independence. But, just like the plight of the women on screen, you'll ache for more.

The film opens on New Year's Eve as Savannah Jackson (Whitney Houston) pulls into Phoenix, looking for a good man and success as a television producer — and it's hard to say in what order. She's drawn there by her best friend, Bernadine Harris (Angela Bassett), who is facing her own upheaval. Bernie's husband rudely decides

to leave her that night for his white bookkeeper.

Then there's Robin Stokes (Lela Rochon), a girl on the prowl for romance and good sex, though she'll take the sex even if there is no chance for romance. She's so starved for a decent relationship that she can't see the man she's with is a drug dealer. "Maybe I might be a good influence on him," she says hopefully.

Finally, there's Gloria Johnson (Loretta Devine), a bubbly, giggling gem who almost steals the film. She's a single mother who is trying to raise a teenage son, Tarik (Donald Adeosun Faison), while tending to her hair salon. She may be overweight but she's still brimming with sensuality.

The foursome become involved with a seemingly endless string of louts: married men who cheat, single men who cheat, criminals who cheat and steal and office cads who publicly humiliate. Only two men seem to have any scruples and coincidentally both are men whose wives are dead or dying: Marvin (Gregory Hines), Gloria's next-door neighbor who's a widower, and James (Wesley Snipes in an uncredited role), a mysterious stranger whose wife is dying when he meets Bernie at a bar.

The relationships are almost uniformly unsatisfying and it's no wonder the women seem to prefer each other's company. Why are there no good men for these women? It is suggested that many black men are with white women or behind bars, but no serious explanation is offered.

Produced by Deborah Schindler and Ezra Swerdlow, the screenplay was written by McMillan and Ronald Bass. The Twentieth Century Fox release is rated R.

### Viewer's choice for New Year's Eve entertainment

By LYNN ELBER  
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Push 1995 out the door and welcome its replacement with revelry, reflection, or in a state of cartoon bliss: It's viewers' choice this New Year's Eve.

For the younger set still content with cute, the Warner Bros. network is dishing up a special cartoon helping that promises to alter "the world order of time" so 1996 can start pre-bedtime tonight.

The highlight of the 7-10 p.m. EST programming is the 9-10 p.m. hour of animated shorts including sneak peeks of 1996 episodes of *Steven Spielberg Presents Animaniacs* and *Steven Spielberg Presents Freakazoid!*

Between programs, a New Year's countdown will feature appearances by cartoon characters and real-life celebrities.

For traditionalists, Dick Clark is back for his 24th consecutive year with *Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve '96* from 11:30 p.m.-1 a.m. EDT on ABC.

While Clark keeps his eye on the Times Square ball signaling the countdown to midnight in New York, Jamie Walters (*Beaver Hills 90210*) and Yasmine Bleeth (*Baywatch*) keep the beat in Los Angeles with music from Brandy, Goo Goo Dolls, Kool & The Gang, Martin Page and The Rembrandts.

Party hoppers can sample the syndicated *New Year's*

*Eve Coast-to-Coast* from Universal Studios, featuring music from Boyz II Men, Emmylou Harris, Brownstone, Gerald & Eddie LeVert, Seven Mary Three and D'Angelo.

The show, broadcast from Universal Studios in Los Angeles and Orlando, Fla., also features Arthel Neville, co-host of the TV entertainment magazine *Extra*, comedian Margaret Cho and *General Hospital's* Vanessa Marcil.

NBC brings in 1996 with *Friday Night's New Year's Eve* which, contrary to the name, airs tonight at 11:30 p.m. EST. Henry Cho and Rita Sever, hosts of NBC's *Friday Night* music video show, will preside over the festivities.

Comedy, including New Year wishes from late-night hosts Jay Leno, Conan O'Brien and Greg Kinnear, is part of the mix.

On CBS, series stars Montel Williams, Louis Mandylor and Paige Turco host *Happy New Year, America*, 11:35 p.m. to 1:05 a.m. EST. Musical acts performing at the House of Blues in Los Angeles will include Little Richard and Pam Tillis.

Mandylor and Turco will handle countdown duties from Times Square.

One final possibility: Leave it all behind and escape to *The Twilight Zone*. The Sci-Fi Channel is showing nonstop episodes of the classic TV series from 7 p.m. EST today to 6 a.m. EST Monday.

### Turntable tips

By The Associated Press

Here are the yearly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music for the year 1995 as they appear in the issue of *Billboard* magazine published for the week ending Dec. 23. Reprinted with permission.

#### TOP SINGLES

- Copyright 1995, Billboard-SoundsScan Inc.-Broadcast Data Systems.
- "Gangsta's Paradise," Coolio featuring L.V. (MCA)
  - "Waterfalls," TLC (LaFace)
  - "Creep," TLC (LaFace)
  - "Kiss From a Rose," Seal (ZTT-Sire)
  - "On Bended Knee," Boyz II Men (Motown)
  - "Another Night," Real McCoy (Arista)
  - "Fantasy," Mariah Carey (Columbia)
  - "Take a Bow," Madonna (Maverick-Sire)
  - "Don't Take It Personal (Just One of Dem Days)," Monica (Rowdy)
  - "This Is How We Do It," Montell Jordan (PMP-RAL)

#### TOP ALBUMS

- Copyright 1995, Billboard-SoundsScan Inc.
- Cracked Rear View*, Hootie & the Blowfish (Atlantic) (Platinum)
  - The Hits*, Garth Brooks (Capitol Nashville)
  - II*, Boyz II Men (Motown)
  - Hell Freezes Over*, Eagles (Geffen)
  - CrazySexyCool*, TLC (Lafayette) (Platinum)
  - Vitalogy*, Pearl Jam (Epic)
  - Dookie*, Green Day (Reprise)
  - Throwing Copper*, Live (Radioactive)
  - Miracles: The Holiday Album*, Kenny G (Arista)

10. *The Lion King* Soundtrack, (Disney)

#### COUNTRY SINGLES

- Copyright 1995, Billboard-Broadcast Data Systems
- "Sold (The Grundy County Auction Incident)," John Michael Montgomery (Atlantic)
  - "Any Man of Mine," Shania Twain (Mercury Nashville)
  - "I Like It, I Love It," Tim McGraw (Curb)
  - "Summer's Comin'," Clint Black (RCA)
  - "I Can Love You Like That," John Michael Montgomery (Atlantic)
  - "Thinkin' About You," Trisha Yearwood (MCA)
  - "This Woman and This Man," Clay Walker (Giant)
  - "You Better Think Twice," Vince Gill (MCA)
  - "They're Playin' Our Song," Neal McCoy (Atlantic)
  - "If the World Had a Front Porch," Tracy Lawrence (Atlantic)

#### ADULT CONTEMPORARY SINGLES

- Copyright 1995, Billboard
- "In the House of Stone and Light," Martin Page (Mercury)
  - "I Know," Dionne Farris (Columbia)
  - "You Gotta Be," Des'ree (550 Music)
  - "Take a Bow," Madonna (Maverick-Sire)
  - "I'll Be There For You," The Rembrandts (EastWest)
  - "Have You Ever Really Loved a Woman," Bryan Adams (A&M)
  - "Kiss From a Rose," Seal (ZTT-Sire)
  - "House of Love," Amy Grant with Vince Gill (A&M)
  - "Hold My Hand," Hootie & The Blowfish (Atlantic)
  - "Love Will Keep Us Alive," Eagles (Geffen)

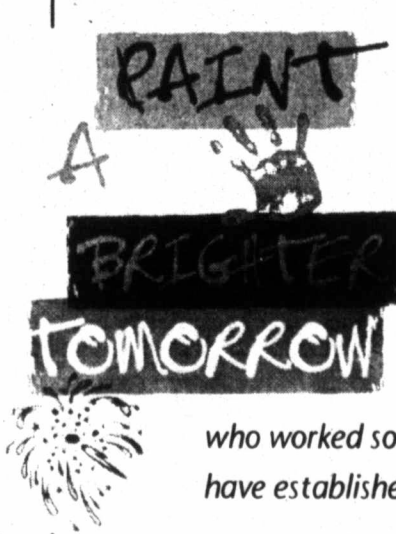
### Lewis attends Martin memorial

DENVER (AP) — Jerry Lewis withdrew from Thursday night's performance of *Damn Yankees* to attend a private memorial for Dean Martin.

Lewis' former comedy part-

ner died in Los Angeles on Monday at 78.

Lewis' understudy will step into the role of the devil. The comic was scheduled to return to Denver for Friday night's performance of the musical.



### The 1995 Pampa United Way Campaign

is proud to announce the conclusion of the most successful campaign in its history. There's one very important thing you should know about that —

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We wish to thank everyone who so generously made donations and pledges. Your gifts will make an incredible difference in the lives of young people, senior citizens, victims and the less fortunate among us.

Our community owes its heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated United Way volunteers who worked so hard on this campaign. This year's success is your victory, one you should be proud of, for you have established not only new standards, but also new possibilities.

On behalf of Pampa United Way, its sixteen agencies and their clients, thank you.

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Dr. Philips wishes to announce the relocation of his office to 408 W. Kingsmill, Suite 100 in the Hughes Bld. 669-1242



## Agriculture

### The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

To my readers: We had a good year in '95, and '96 looks to be even better. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a terrific holiday season and prosperous New Year!

#### WHEAT - BULL

**OUTLOOK:** Let's face it, wheat's been kind of dull lately. At this writing, it's about the same price it was last October, and a good 20 cents under the year's highs. This is in contrast to the corn and bean markets, which have both recently registered new contract highs.

What's the deal here? I think wheat traders have become complacent. In the back of their minds, they know global supplies are tight, but there's a perception we'll get by without any additional price disruptions. They see the Australian crop is good, and the previously parched Plains received badly needed rains.

I'd be careful. It's going to take near perfect weather just to maintain a very delicate supply/demand balance for next year. In the near term, it won't take a lot of export news to goose this market higher. I find it way too premature to turn bearish this market at this time. Any surprise will most likely be bullish. I look for new contract highs in wheat within the next 30-40 days.

**STRATEGY:** *Hedgers:* If you're following our new crop hedging program, you should by now have been able to buy July Chicago 420 puts for 19 cents, which should assure \$4 wheat on some of your crop. Since we feel the market has not yet reached a top, we only suggested hedging 25 percent of anticipated production. Look to do another 25 percent using the 430 puts at 19 cents or better.

Remember, puts will never limit your upside potential, and give you protection for a limited and predetermined cost. Forward contracts, on the other hand, put a ceiling on your potential profit. In bull years, why limit yourself? Also, hold on to March 490 calls previously purchased for 15¢/bu.

*Traders:* We're long the March Minneapolis futures at \$4.87 or lower. Risk 20 cents for an eventual profit objective above \$5.35.

#### CORN - BULL

**OUTLOOK:** There's been a lot of talk about the Brazilian drought and its effect on soybean prices. It's not as widely known that Brazil is also a major corn producer. They export a fair share to Argentina for its cattle industry. Brazil also has developed a sizable livestock industry of its own.

If drought continues in South America, it's possible Brazil would turn from a corn exporter into an importer. Remember, earlier this year China turned from Asia's largest corn exporter into an importer. These are just additional pieces of the puzzle which add to the bull corn story.

As I've said for many months now, look for a test and eventual break of the '88 drought highs for corn; that's above \$3.60 per bushel.

**STRATEGY:** *Hedgers:* For months now we've encouraged you to replace any old crop sales with "paper corn" in the form of at the money March call options. Based on our last recommendation, we own the March 330 calls for about 10¢/bu. This is your maximum downside risk.

Your risk in cash corn could be higher. More importantly, you stand to benefit from upside

price appreciation. This incentive is killed with a cash forward contract which we have advised against this year. There may be one year out of ten you can reap windfall profits in grain. Why limit them?

*Traders:* We own the March 330 calls purchased for 10¢/bu. We also are long the March futures at \$3.32. Move your stop up to lock in a break even on this trade and hold.

#### CATTLE - BULL

**OUTLOOK:** The cattle market has been lukewarm at best over the past few weeks. Packers just don't seem to be overly interested in securing inventory.

A look at past years shows the same pattern prevails often this time of year. After all, it is the holiday period and the packers cut their kills. Traditionally, beef demand picks up just after the first of the new year. The futures market many times anticipates this and bottoms out sooner.

I wouldn't be surprised if the recent weakness is already behind us as you read this. Look for February futures to trade over 70 dollars prior to contract expiration. Then look for an annual price peak early in the year.

**STRATEGY:** *Hedgers:* We've been using puts to hedge fat cattle prices. Puts limit your downside risk for a predetermined and modest cost, yet leave your upside potential open. If we're right about the market reaching a seasonal peak in the next few months, we may wish to use futures to hedge the summer months early in the new year.

*Cow/calf operators:* When the fat cattle market peaks, it may also be time to take a hard look at feeder cattle options for price protection. More about this in the next issue.

*Traders:* We remain long February Live Cattle futures at a price under 6780. The risk point is a "close only" under 66 for an eventual objective above 70. We're also in the following spread: Long February and Short August cattle at under 500. Risk 100 points (\$400 each) for a profit objective above 800 (\$1200 minus fees). Any weather related rallies will definitely help this one.

The information and recommendations presented herein are believed to be reliable; however, changing market variables can change price outlooks. Neither Pampa News nor George Kleinman assume liability for their use. Use this section as a guide only. Futures and options trading can involve risk of loss. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Follow the recommendations if they make sense to you and for your operation.

George Kleinman is president of Commodity Resource Corporation (CRC), a licensed brokerage firm which specializes in marketing strategies using agricultural futures and options. CRC welcomes questions - they can be reached at 1-800-233-4445.

### Brangus Breeders Association to meet in Houston

HOUSTON - The International Brangus Breeders Association (IBBA) annual convention will be Feb. 14-17 in Houston.

The Executive Committee will meet at 3 p.m. on Feb. 14, according to Nancy Bolzle, association spokesman.

The General Membership meeting will begin at 8 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, with Rick Perry, commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture, as keynote speaker. This will be followed by the Show Advisory Committee meeting and Regional Activities and Relation Committee meetings at 10 a.m. At

11 a.m., the Promotions Committee will meet. At 1 p.m., the Breed Improvement Committee will meet followed by the Finance Committee meeting at 4 p.m.

On Friday, Feb. 16, the IBBA Board of Directors will meet at 8 a.m. The evening activities begin at 5:30 p.m. with the IBBA Awards Presentation and Reception honoring the 1995 Breeder of the Year and 1995 Wickerbill Award recipients.

The International Brangus Auxiliary (IBA) will also have its committee meetings throughout the week. The IBA Scholarship

Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, followed by the IBA Nominating Committee meeting at 1 p.m., the IBA Ways and Means Committee and Membership meeting at 1:30 p.m. and the IBA Board of Directors meeting at 2 p.m. On Friday, the IBA will conduct its annual membership meeting and luncheon at 11:30 a.m.

The headquarters for the convention activities is the Ramada Hotel, Astrodome/Medical Center, 2100 S. Braeswood.

### Short A Farm Supply gains Evergreen Elite distinction

MUSCATINE, Iowa - Short A Farm and Ranch Supply, Inc., of Pampa, Texas, was honored recently as a member of the Evergreen Elite, a group of the company's top dealers, for the dealership's sales increase over the previous year.

Art Dean, Evergreen's president, presented the award to Ty Lively, of Short A Farm and Ranch Supply Inc., in San Antonio.

Evergreen Mills Inc., with headquarters in Ada, Okla., and its affiliated feed companies, Blue Seal Feeds Inc., in the Northeast and Kent Feeds Inc., in the Midwest, have pioneered the development of many revolutionary products, feeding concepts and programs that have improved the efficiency of independent livestock producers.



(Special photo) Ty Lively, right, accepts the Evergreen Elite honor from Art Dean, Evergreen's president.

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### Irrigation conference set in Amarillo

AMARILLO - Growers constantly are looking for ways to improve profitability. New technology and improving irrigation methods determine the up or down side of any operation, says Leon New, irrigation specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and co-organizer of the High Plains irrigation conference and trade show scheduled at the Amarillo Civic Center Jan. 10.

The conference program is designed to present timely information on irrigation and chemigation systems, including sessions addressing efficiency, management, safety, water quality and complimentary equipment. This year the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association (TAIA) also holds its meeting in conjunction with the Amarillo conference. New is the current TAIA state president.

"While the objectives of the annual event don't change, we do try and offer growers the very latest information involving agricultural research, equipment design, efficiency and service," New said.

Registration, trade show and hot coffee open the event at 8:25 a.m. Conference moderators will include Extension Service agents Dennis Newton of Deaf Smith, Danny Nusser of Gray County, Robert Harris in Moore and Jan Allison, currently in Sherman County, but who will shortly become the agricultural agent in Potter County. The program will run from 9:25 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The \$7 registration fee pays for lunch.

Texas Department of Agriculture has approved this meeting for three continuing education units (CEUs). It is being offered to private, commercial and non-commercial applicators at the completion of the program. Applicators are required to obtain five CEUs of training each year to retain certification.

Tom Marek, agricultural engineer with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and research

leader at the North Plains Research Field Station at Etter, will address proper irrigation well design and construction. Wells drilled today must not only produce optimum water and regain productivity, but protect the pump.

Marek's topic, "Does Your Driller Use It," will compare the new procedure's significant success rate with technology of the past.

Following a mid-morning break for refreshments and viewing trade show exhibits at 11 a.m., Leon New, who is the state president of TAIA this year, will tell growers about the latest computer farming innovation, the PET network, a shortened term for Potential Evapotranspiration system of weather stations strategically located across the Panhandle.

"We installed these weather stations early in 1995 at six sites in the North Plains area to track climatic conditions faced by growers in the area," the specialist said.

The project's success exceeds even New's initial conservative expectations. His talk will fully address what the system is, what it does and how growers benefit by using the new technology.

The six stations currently feed data into a central computer which, in turn, figures the daily evapotranspiration (ET) from the soil and crop for current date, plus the last three- and seven-day periods. Reports go to subscribing producers each morning.

The data sheets contain a wealth of information on crop water use, high and low temperatures, rainfall, growing degree days (GDD) and soil temperatures at two and six inch depths, among several other key production categories.

The mid-morning segment, led by Jim Allison, features Brent Bean, Extension Service agronomist at Amarillo, who will discuss the 1995 crop yield data, which was significantly less in

many fields than in former years. Looking at the climatic information provided by the North Plains PET weather station network, Bean will compare current and past data, and offer growers some critical conclusions. The program shifts to a discussion by Steve Monroe, a grower from Sunray and no-till production systems.

Extension agent Harris opens the segment following the lunch and trade show break at 1:30 p.m. when John McGillicuddy, Southwest region agronomist with NC+ Hybrids, Olathe, Kan., will discuss when and how to use satellite remote sensing to manage crop production and irrigation. According to McGillicuddy, significant progress has been made in monitoring crop growth and identifying the reasons why yield can be less, or more, due to irrigation. Soil compaction and other factors impact results for every grower, he added.

In the final session beginning at 3 p.m., moderated by Danny Nusser, will be a report on corn production with drip irrigation by USDA Bushland research lab soil scientist, Steve Evett, who will report on his three-year study to find the optimal irrigation system, or combination of technology that will recoup producer investment costs and net the most dollars. This will be followed by a session of interest to cotton growers.

Jerry White will focus his presentation on boll weevil control with chemigation.

"The boll weevil problem is here," said White, a senior agricultural specialist with Rhone-Poulenc Chemical from Canyon, whose presentation will address ways to limit or deter potential weevil damage, economically.

The wrap-up session for completing required paperwork for anyone needing CEUs will begin by 4 p.m.

Contact Leon New at (806) 350-5401 or your local county Extension Service office for more information.

### Ag briefs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - In a victory for the United Farm Workers, a state appeals court said the California Table Grape Commission couldn't sue over the union's grape boycott and the farm labor board couldn't award damages to those hurt by the boycott.

The Table Grape Commission, an industry-controlled state agency created to promote grape sales, has no authority under state law to act in the field of labor relations, the 2nd District Court of Appeal ruled in Los Angeles.

The court said individual grower could sue to stop a supermarket boycott they felt was illegal, but could not collect damages for their losses. The Agricultural Labor Relations Board, which had

ruled that damages were authorized in this case, has no power to award damages to those claiming injuries from union boycotts, the court said.

The most recent boycott began in 1989.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Problems with sprouting spuds? A spray or squirt of jasmine fragrance could delay the growth of stored potatoes, the Agricultural Research Service has found.

The service has patented the use of jasmonates, the compounds that give the aroma to jasmine flowers and perfumes.

Store-bought spuds kept too long in cupboards or drawers begin to grow, and that affects potato quality. Sprouting also

causes multimillion-dollar losses in large potato storage facilities.

Only one sprout-inhibiting compound is available commercially, but ARS scientists found that the jasmonates performed just as well, delaying the pesky sprouting for months at a squirt.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. tobacco crop declined sharply this year as supplies dropped because of reduced beginning stocks and prices rose, the Agriculture Department says.

In a report last week, USDA said domestic tobacco production this year is forecast at 1.32 billion pounds, a 16 percent drop from 1994 output and the smallest harvest since 1987.

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## Lefors rancher to be among speakers for conference on grazing practices

AMARILLO — The seventh annual Southern Plains Conference, "Recovering the Art of Grazing," will include a presentation by a Lefors rancher.

Sally Youngblood of the Rocking H Ranch near Lefors will talk about how grazing practices affect healthy calves and weaning weights.

Sponsored by The Promised Land Network, the conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 13, with registration at 8:30 a.m., in the North Meeting Hall of the Amarillo Civic Center. The conference will focus on grazing rangeland and CRP acreage.

Speakers include Jay O'Brien, past president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association and manager of three ranches; J. Michael Harter, a teacher at Austin Middle School in Amarillo, who provides a geologic history of our region's grasslands; Dr. David Murrah, director of the Southwest Collection and associate director of libraries for Special Collections at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, who will discuss the role of drought in grazing.

Peggy Sechrist, rancher and executive director of Holistic Resource Management of Texas Inc., is the keynote speaker and will present an approach for increasing grazing profits through improving a natural resource base. Sechrist formerly helped direct the Texas Department of Agriculture's

Office of Sustainable Agriculture.

Other speakers include Dr. Ron Thomason, professor of plant science in the Division of Agriculture at West Texas A&M University, who will address the scientific approach to controlled grazing; Alan Birkenfeld, a Nazareth farmer and loan officer, who will present paddock grazing systems for small acreages; and Jenny Pluhar, range management consultant from Canyon and coauthor of Texas Range Plants, who will discuss pasture management for CRP acreage.

Performing for the conference and in concert from 7 to 9:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 12, at the Concert Hall Theatre in the Amarillo Art Center, are cowboy poets and singing artists Buck Ramsey and Andy Wilkinson, both recipients of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame Wrangler Award. Ramsey also received the National Heritage Foundation Award.

A special collection for the High Plains Food Bank will be taken at the concert and conference. Items needed are nonperishable food, toiletry, paper and baby items.

Approximately 35 exhibit booths will feature topics relating to grazing, sustainable agriculture, regional culture, photography and art. Demonstrations include spur making by Wayne Dollar of Hereford.

## University of Texas scientists keep Nobel genetics research legacy alive

By DICK STANLEY  
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN (AP) — Like a religious relic, the early 20th century dental X-ray, still smelling of lubricating oil, reposes behind glass in a large wooden cabinet at the J.T. Patterson Laboratories Building.

A small sign notes its significance as the tool that University of Texas Professor Hermann Muller used in the 1920s for genetics research that won him the Nobel Prize in 1946. Muller showed that large doses of X-rays greatly increased disease-causing mutations in the genes of fruit flies.

Elsewhere in the brick building today, UT professors such as Janice Vize, who also studies fruit flies, and Paul Krieg, who studies frogs, carry on the university's long-standing tradition of important genetics research.

They are among the 24 faculty members of the Genetics Institute, a 33-year-old confederation of university scientists who study genes in mice, flies, frogs, butterflies and corn — the sort of basic-knowledge research on which medicine depends when it seeks to understand and treat disease.

"To understand any disease you have to understand how the cell works," Vize said. "And there's not that much difference between how a fly cell works and a human cell."

Xenopus laevis, the standard lab frog of scientists worldwide, is Krieg's specialty.

"Pretty much everything we learn for frogs applies to us," Krieg said. "We have more in common genetically with frogs than people realize. Deep inside, we're very similar."

Before Muller, there was Patterson, who also was famous for his research with fruit flies, and Theophilus Shickel Painter, who studied human genetics and was president of UT from 1946 to 1952.

They were the charter members of the Texas group, genetics pioneers who labored in the days when the workings of genes could not be directly examined but only inferred.

"The Texas group was very famous," said H. Eldon Sutton, a professor of zoology and director

of the Genetics Institute. "Painter studied human chromosomes. He came up with 48, which held until 1958, when the number 46 was established with better equipment."

The field exploded in the 1970s with the development of technologies allowing genes to be copied, manipulated and analyzed at the level of clumps of atoms called molecules.

The methods allow Krieg to study frog embryos to try to help doctors understand something fundamental about people: how their hearts develop.

"It's shocking in a way," Krieg said. "But we don't know how the heart comes out of the embryo. Nobody knows."

The great advantage of studying frogs is their prolific and rapid reproduction in a manageable format: a thousand embryos at a time, in a small dish.

In prints from video cameras attached to microscopes in Krieg's lab, the embryos look like bunches of bananas. Their hearts, isolated for viewing by injected dyes, begin as balls of cells with many genes regulating the organ's development. Simple tubes form, then bend to form chambers, valves and muscles. Within 48 hours, each embryo has a small, beating heart.

Krieg believes he's found a specific gene that helps the heart develop, a gene that also might be involved in repair of an adult heart hobbled by disease.

Copying the gene and injecting it into an embryo, in greater quantity than normal, "produces larger than normal hearts," Krieg said. "It proves to us this gene must be involved in heart development. I'm arguing that this type of gene causes other genes to become active. This has many medical people incredibly excited — we're getting a lot of encouragement."

Down the hall at Patterson Laboratories, Vize, a molecular geneticist, shows her allegiance to Drosophila, the scientific name of the fruit fly, in her dangling fly earrings.

"I find houseflies icky," she said. "But fruit flies are beautiful." Like frogs, fruit flies reproduce

quickly and in large numbers. Their life cycle, from egg to adult, takes about 10 days. So manipulating their genes for study produces quick results.

Drosophila, a staple of genetics labs since 1900, was the subject of this year's Nobel Prize in medicine and physiology. But there's still plenty to do with the fly's about 17,000 genes.

"There are lots of basic things that haven't been touched," said Vize, who studies the eyes of fruit flies and has found evidence of a new gene that seems to be linked with cancer.

"There's a nearly identical gene in mice, so we can assume there's one in humans," she said.

The gene, the subject of a research article to be published this month in a major science journal, apparently is involved in early cell development.

Vize said the gene seems to encode for the creation of proteins that degrade, or get rid of, other proteins when they are damaged or grow too old to function properly. Proteins make up the structural part of most organs.

"When proteins are not degraded properly, it causes a kind of cancer," Vize said. "So we're trying to figure out how these (degrading) proteins work. Our work shows that protein degradation is not just housekeeping but is important for regulating what a cell will become."

Genetics has progressed so much from the days when Muller could win a Nobel Prize using a dental X-ray for research that it has become a way of thinking in fields from biology to pharmacy. With the expansion has come so much specialization that no one can fathom it all.

Like Painter, Sutton, who has published a textbook on the field, studies human genetics. He's researching techniques for locating genes in the Human Genome project, an international effort to isolate the 100,000 genes of human DNA. But he despairs of a complete overview.

"I try to keep up," Sutton said. "But it's becoming impossible to follow it all."

## Farm Bureau to hold buyer's breakfast

The 26th Annual Buyer's Breakfast, sponsored by the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau, will be held Saturday, Jan. 6, from 7-8:30 a.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion dining room, located in Recreation Park east of Pampa.

The purpose of the breakfast is to honor prospective buyers at local stock shows. It also is used to generate a pool of money to be used to assist in equalizing the proceeds that 4-H and FFA members receive for their animals sold

in either the Gray or Roberts county stock shows.

Farm Bureau President Joe VanZandt states that local livestock show supporters are invited to attend the free breakfast.

Donations and/or pledges can be made at the breakfast toward the Farm Bureau buyers pool. The donations are tax deductible, and the entire proceeds will be spent on Gray-Roberts county youth by local Farm Bureau officials at upcoming livestock shows in the two counties.

Non-Farm Bureau members are also invited and welcome to attend the breakfast or to contribute to the buyers pool.

Approximately \$2,500 was donated last year to this particular pool, which was used primarily to balance premium prices among local livestock exhibitors.

Those not able to attend but still wishing to donate to the buyers pool may contact Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau, 1132 S. Hobart, Pampa, or call (806) 665-8451.



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## USDA conducting referendum on sheep, wool

AMARILLO — The Texas Agricultural Extension Service through its network of county offices and agents will offer information on the newly announced U.S. Department of Agriculture procedures for a referendum on a proposed Sheep and Wool Promotion, Research, Education and Information Order.

The referendum will be conducted Feb. 6, 1996. Absentee ballots must be requested from the Extension office serving the county of voter residence, for individuals, or the county where the business headquarters is located, for corporations. Voters may register and cast their ballot in person or request an absentee voting form.

Absentee ballot requests, filed in person or by mail, may be made between Jan. 16 and Jan. 26, 1996, and must be received in the county Extension office by close of business Feb. 2.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, an agency in the marketing and regulatory programs mission area, has oversight responsibility for federal research and promotion programs. AMS administrator Lon Hatamiya said all producers, feeders and importers who certify they were engaged in the production, feeding or importation of sheep or sheep products (except importers of raw wool only) between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 1994, are eligible to vote.

The Farm Service Agency, formerly the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, will count ballots, determine eligibility of voters and tabulate results.

For the order to go into effect, the proposal must be approved either by a simple majority of voters or by voters who account for two-thirds of the sheep and wool production represented in the referendum. If approved, the program would be funded by mandatory assessments.

Domestic producers and feeders would be assessed a one cent per pound on sales of live sheep and two cents per pound on sales of greasy wool. Importers would be assessed one cent per pound or the equivalent on imported degreased wool and wool products.

Details of the voting procedures are published in the Dec. 15 Federal Register. Copies of the final referendum rules, the proposed order and additional information will be available at local offices of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

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## More Mexican feeder cattle crossing the border

SANTA TERESA, N.M. — An estimated 2,400 head of feeder cattle crossed the border from Mexico into Texas and New Mexico the week before Christmas, USDA officials said.

Authorities said 1,700 head crossed at Santa Teresa and 700 head crossed at Laredo. Feeder steers sold steady,

according to officials with the USDA Market News Service.

Demand was moderate. The bulk of the supply of Mexican feeder cattle was steers weighing 300 to 600 pounds.

Medium and large 1 feeder steers 350 to 400 pounds brought \$64 to \$68 in Santa Teresa; 400 to 450 pounds, \$60 to \$63; 450 to 500

pounds, \$57 to \$60. Medium and large 1 feeder steers 350 to 400 pounds brought \$64 to \$68 in Laredo; 400 to 450 pounds, \$60 to \$64; 450 to 500 pounds, \$57 to \$60.

The Mexican export pens will be closed until Jan. 3. No reports will be issued until Jan. 4, officials said.

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# As usual, heroes and villains marked events for 1995

By DAVID FOSTER  
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From O.J. Simpson to Timothy McVeigh, Yitzhak Rabin to Colin Powell, 1995 yielded a bountiful crop of villains and heroes.

Too bad we couldn't always agree which ones were which.

The saints and scoundrels who populated some of the year's top stories reflected a world at odds with itself. Simpson's murder trial laid bare a racial divide we like to pretend doesn't exist. The Oklahoma City bombing enlivened angry extremists who saw big government as the real villain. Israeli leader Rabin, having survived decades of war with Israel's neighbors, was slain by a fellow Jew.

Thank goodness not all the headlines were so complicated.

Consider Air Force pilot Scott O'Grady, an old-fashioned hero who might just as well have stepped out of one of those faded photos we dusted off for 50-year remembrances of World War II.

Shot down in June over the deadly woods of Bosnia, O'Grady survived for six days on rainwater, bugs and faith in God until Marines came to his rescue. It was a tale of courage anyone could understand, one of the few things we did understand about war-splintered Bosnia.

Back home, we celebrated other straightforward heroes.

On a ballfield in Baltimore, Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken showed us the virtue of dependability, playing his 2,131st consecutive game to surpass Lou Gehrig as baseball's most durable player. Balloonist Steve Fossett proved adventure is not dead, making the first solo crossing of the Pacific. Astronaut Norman Thagard took the space program to new lengths, if not heights, setting a U.S. endurance record with 115 days in orbit.

We had our undiluted villains, too.

Susan Smith, the South Carolina mother who strapped her young sons into her car and rolled it into a lake, was sentenced to life in prison. She got off easy. One poll showed 63 percent of Americans thought she should have been executed.

The Unabomber added blackmail to his deadly resume, getting his anti-technology manifesto published in *The Washington Post* by promising to forgo more violence if it was. He's still out there, unknown, unpredictable.

Colin Ferguson, the gunman who killed six people and wounded 19 others on the Long Island Railroad, got life behind bars, but only after he'd turned the courtroom into a circus, acting as his own attorney and haranguing victims during cross-examination.

Speaking of courtroom circuses, the O.J. Simpson murder trial was a daily banquet of



(NEA photo)  
American fighter pilot Capt. Scott F. O'Grady greets other U.S. servicemen at the Aviano NATO airbase in northern Italy after his rescue from Serb-controlled territory.

heroes and villains, though which title each character deserved was as debatable as the verdict itself.

Judge Lance Ito: Was he a model of jurisprudence for keeping the trial of the century from disintegrating under the excesses of grandstanding attorneys? Or a weak-gaveled fop for letting things drag on?

Jurors: Angels for treading through nine months of trial? Or fools who rushed to judgment after deliberating less than four hours?

Mark Fuhrman: The cool, competent detective we saw in the trial's early days? Or the lying racist portrayed at the end?

Finally, Orenthal James himself:

Was he the ultimate villain, manipulating the legal process with his celebrity and wealth to walk away from charges he slashed ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman? Or was he a victim, too — and ultimately a hero for

beating a system stacked against the black man?

Forget bloody gloves and the barking Akita. How we viewed O.J.'s acquittal had more to do with our skin color. Blacks cheered. Whites jeered. A CBS News poll after the verdict found that 78 percent of blacks, but only 17 percent of whites, thought Simpson probably was innocent.

"We appear to have the evidence viewed through two different prisms. A black prism, if you will, and a white prism, and we came to very divergent opinions," said Bill Hodgman, part of the prosecution team.

The same prisms diverged on Louis Farrakhan — a holy man, a champion of the dispossessed, leader of a million-man statement of solidarity? Or an untrustworthy bigot?

Few Americans disputed Timothy McVeigh's standing as pariah of the year. The crowd booed and shouted "Baby killer!" as he was led from jail after the April 19 bombing that

killed 168 men, women and children in Oklahoma City.

"He wouldn't get a fair trial here," Oklahoma City resident Cindy Skinner said tearfully at the time. "I don't know where he would."

That chapter must wait for 1996, when McVeigh and alleged accomplice Terry Nichols face trial.

In the meantime, the bombing opened doors for an angry fringe of militia groups, tax protesters and self-proclaimed "patriots" who shared McVeigh's hatred for the federal government.

Such malcontents have been around for decades, scarcely able to find an audience for their mutterings about unmarked helicopters and U.N. conspiracies to invade America.

After the bombing, they were daily fixtures in the news, unperturbed that the coverage was uniformly negative. The day after CBS News aired a piece slamming militias, one militia group received 400 calls for information.

All the attention fed an anti-federal mood already in the air. Through summer and fall, Republican-led congressional hearings revisited FBI sieges at Waco, Texas, and Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

This time, the government was on trial.

"The American people have the right to expect better," one former FBI official said of federal agents' bloody 1993 standoff with David Koresh and his followers in Waco.

Ruby Ridge's Randy Weaver, once portrayed as a white separatist who trafficked in illegal weapons, got a new image as a martyr who lost his wife and son to trigger-happy FBI agents. He also got a \$3.1 million settlement from the government.

America was not the only country to lose its way between dissent and disaster.

In Japan, members of a religious cult admitted to unleashing a poison gas on the Tokyo subway, killing 12 and sickening 5,500.

Israel mourned the loss of Yitzhak Rabin: prime minister, Nobel Peace Prize winner, and cunning soldier who turned his genius to peacemaking in recent years.

**We know there will be more.  
We'll create them if we must.  
And perhaps in 1996, we'll be  
able to tell them apart.**

Rabin, 73, was a hero to the 100,000 who gathered for a Nov. 4 peace rally in Kings Of Israel Square. But to Yigal Amir, a religious ultranationalist, Rabin had betrayed Israel by working toward peace with the Palestinians.

At the rally, Rabin joined happily in a song of peace. Minutes later, as he walked toward his car, he was shot three times by Amir.

"The world has lost one of its greatest men," President Bill Clinton said. "Because words cannot express my true feelings, let me just say shalom, haver — goodbye, friend."

We said goodbye to other stars among us. Mickey Mantle left the ballpark, dead of cancer at 63. Jerry Garcia ended his long, strange trip at 53, signaling tie-dyed Grateful Dead fans that the '60s finally were over. We barely knew Selena, the rising Tejano music star shot dead at 23 by the president of her fan club.

We said hello, again, to Monica Seles, who returned to pro tennis two years after being stabbed by a crazed fan. The Beatles were back. And Michael Jordan ended his fling with baseball, rejoining the Chicago Bulls to soar the lower atmosphere between floorboards and hoop.

The newly Republican Congress rode into 1995 on a white steed, trumpeting its Contract With America. Some of us looked for heroes there, thinking this time politics would be different.

It wasn't, much. By November, when stalled budget talks shut down federal offices, polls suggested most Americans thought Congress was actually making President Clinton look good — a feat he had seldom managed himself.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich lost his shine, sinking in the polls as he whined about getting a bad seat on Air Force One.

A sexual harassment scandal forced Oregon Sen. Bob

Packwood to resign, putting his seat up for grabs. Illinois Rep. Mel Reynolds went to prison for having sex with an underage campaign worker and obstructing justice. The husband of Rep. Enid Waldholtz went on the lam, leaving the Utah Republican with a 10-week-old baby and an office full of federal investigators asking about her campaign finances.

It was a year in which even politicians found politics tiresome. Twelve U.S. senators — eight Democrats and four Republicans — announced they would retire next year, the greatest turnover since 1896.

"We live in a time when, on a basic level, politics is broken," said exiting Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J.

We kept on hoping for heroes. How else to explain the Powell phenomenon?

As a pack of Republican presidential hopefuls started circling each other, we paid little heed, crowding instead into bookstores for an autographed copy of *My American Journey*, by retired Gen. Colin Powell.

To many, he seemed a voice of moderation in a polarized nation, a natural leader with a Democrat's compassion and a Republican's sense of justice, a black man who had succeeded in a white man's world.

The possibility that such a heroic figure might run for president was tantalizing. Yet ultimately Powell disappointed, saying he had no heart for the "test of fire" that is presidential politics.

Had he been reading Emerson?

"Every hero becomes a bore at last," the poet wrote, and in 1995, that went for villains, too. We valued our saints and sinners for our own moral instruction but never for too long, hungrily chewing through one to the next.

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