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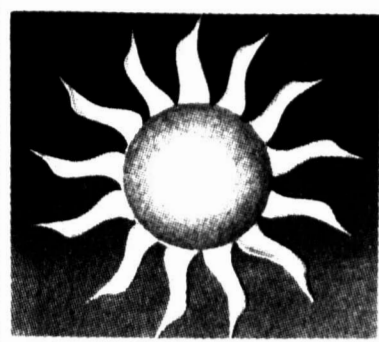
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PANHANDLE — Loren Brand would like to see some coolers found along Interstate 40 over the weekend returned to their rightful owner.

It's the contents of the three coolers that Brand, the sheriff of Carson County, would like to talk to them about. Each of the three coolers contained 20 pounds of marijuana.

"We would welcome the opportunity to talk to anyone who wants to claim the coolers," Brand said today.

Brand said a local farmer found the three coolers about 10 a.m. Saturday lying alongside the interstate and notified the sheriff's office. Carson County Deputy Sgt. Ray Davis reported that the blue 36-quart Igloo coolers with white tops were filled with what appeared to be marijuana.

The 60 pounds of marijuana would have a street value of about \$50,000, officials said.

PAMPA — A public hearing on possible elementary school consolidations will be held Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pampa Middle School library.

The hearing will take place in conjunction with the Pampa board of education's regularly scheduled meeting.

The school is currently engaged in a study of consolidation options in the wake of several years' worth of steady enrollment declines.

An architect from Burleson Singleton of Irving, the company performing the facilities study, will be at the meeting, as well as study coordinator Raymond Thornton.

LEFORS — The Lefors City Council will meet in regular session today at 7 p.m. in the City Hall.

Items on the agenda include discussion of neighborhood watch signs to be put up by Girl Scouts members and allowing the city secretary to accept telephone payments for 669 and 665 prefixes per a request by Southwestern Bell Telephone. Meetings are open to the public.

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 8, 16, 26, 33, 42 and 47.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be \$9 million.

There were 114 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$1,338. There were 5,393 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning \$102.

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Clinton, GOP leaders try to avert shutdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — The budget debate is still up in the air, but a mile-high telephone call between President Clinton and Republican congressional leaders is raising hopes that a second government shutdown can be averted.

Another reason for hope: Congressional analysts are expected to issue new economic forecasts this week indicating as much as \$100 billion more will be available to spend over the next seven years than had been anticipated.

Hours after blasting GOP budget plans Sunday, the president talked with House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole by telephone from Air Force One while returning from a weekend respite in Arkansas.

The White House called it a positive discussion, but cautioned that major differences still exist between Republican and Democratic positions. "They agreed they ought to continue good-faith discussion," press secretary Mike McCurry said today.

"The president has assured us once again that he would like to be involved before he leaves for Paris in the next two or three days," House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said. Clinton plans to witness the Bosnia treaty signing in France on Thursday.

"I have an idea we'll have a budget that the president will agree to by my wedding anniversary on Wednesday," Armey said during an appearance on CNN's *Late Edition*.

A senior White House official described the conversation Sunday as "very positive, very cordial" but said a breakthrough was not imminent.

The White House said Clinton had not committed to a meeting with Dole and Gingrich, although one was possible as early as Tuesday. White House chief of staff Leon Panetta was meeting with Democratic lawmakers today, and could meet with GOP negotiators.

McCurry cautioned reporters not to expect a meeting between Clinton and GOP leaders unless some progress was made on the negotiations. "There'd have to be something to talk about, wouldn't there?" he said.

Hopes were raised on word that a yet-to-be-released more optimistic Congressional Budget Office economic forecast may give negotiators as much as \$100 billion more room in the budget than CBO's earlier figures had, narrowing the gap between the two sides and aiding negotiations.

"The CBO numbers will give us a little more room," White House budget director Alice

Rivlin said. "This argument isn't just about numbers, though, it's about policy."

With a temporary spending measure expiring at midnight Friday, both sides said a holiday shutdown of parts of the government must be avoided.

"We don't want to shut down the government," Dole said Sunday. "We want to get it done."

"Time is running out," Gingrich said.

Before leaving his home state, the president urged Congress to pass a new temporary spending bill to keep government offices open while the budget negotiations continue into the new year.

"We ought to be able to agree on one thing: Nobody should threaten to shut the government down right before Christmas," Clinton said.

A six-day federal government shutdown, the longest in history, ended Nov. 19 when Clinton agreed to work for a seven-year balanced-budget plan and Republicans said they would take into consideration the effects such a plan would have on health care, education and other programs.

Clinton Sunday accused Republicans of using the threat of a shutdown last month to try to force their spending priorities on him.



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Rick Pearson, with his two-year-old son Ryan on his knee, kneels next to the cross and sign proclaiming, "The First Christmas Present," which sits in the front lawn of his house in north Pampa.

Pampans decorate yard with symbol of first Christmas gift

By MELINDA MARTINEZ
Lifestyles Editor

Rick Pearson has decorated for Christmas before, usually with what is considered traditional Christmas decorations such as lights, plastic snowmen, Santa Claus and reindeer. For this Christmas, he decided to do something different.

"This is the first year that it hit me that I needed to do that," said Rick Pearson about the cross he has displayed on the front of his lawn with a sign proclaiming, "The First Christmas Present."

"It might do people well to see what Jesus came for," said Pearson. What Jesus Christ came for, he explained, was not to be the Baby Jesus, but to give his life for his sins.

"This is what he came for," he said as he looked out the window of his house towards the display. The cross and sign are in his front yard in north Pampa.

"It's kind of strange for Christmas," Pearson admitted. "I've seen very many inventive Christmas decorations."

At night the cross is lit by a spotlight.

"It looks better at night," said Pearson.

The Pearsons had temporarily lent their regular spotlight to their church, Calvary Baptist Church, so the cross has been lit in a rather inventive manner. A coffee can with both ends cut out was placed over a lamp and pointed at the cross. The spotlight was to be returned to them over the weekend.

Before placing the cross on his lawn, Pearson had been thinking about how he could decorate his house for Christmas.

"I've looked and looked for a Santa Claus kneeling by Baby Jesus," Pearson said. But he couldn't find one.

Then he decided to put the cross in his yard.

"I needed to remember what Christmas is all about," he said. Pearson had also been inspired by Calvary Baptist Church's program *The Hallowed House*.

He said it is a symbol to let his children and others know what Christmas is really all about.

The cross stands in Pearson's yard as a symbol for everyone, including Pearson and his wife Leah and their two children, Samantha, 4, and Ryan, 2, to remember that Jesus Christ gave the world the first and greatest Christmas present of all — His life.

McLean ISD board to consider request for annexation of land

MCLEAN — The McLean Independent School District board of education will meet in regular session Thursday at 7 p.m. in the superintendent's office at 4th and Rowe.

Items on the agenda include consideration of an annexation request by L.H. Webb. Webb lives in the Lefors school district, and in September asked the Lefors school board to deannex his property.

The board turned down the proposal in October, though in November they passed a resolution that would allow McLean buses to cross district lines with similar approval from McLean trustees.

McLean Superintendent John Griffin said Friday that Webb had indicated that he still wished to pursue deannexation and it would be the administration's recommendation to the board to accept Webb's request.

In other action items on the agenda, the board will consider policy updates and a new policy on vacation time for twelve month employees.

The board will also hold a public hearing on the Academic Excellence System annual report. The school was granted accredited status, the second highest classification, according to Griffin.

Meetings are open to the public.

Fire station lights



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

In the Christmas spirit, Pampa firefighter Johnnie Riddle, left, adjusts the lights outlining Central Fire Station under the careful direction of Battalion Fire Chief Davie Turner. The pair were out in 22 degree weather Saturday night working on the station's decorative lights.

Plainview woman dies in pickup rollover accident

PLAINVIEW — Services were pending today for a Plainview woman killed when she was thrown from a pickup Sunday morning.

Megan Denise, 21, of 808 S. Austin, died about 2:30 a.m. Sunday at Methodist Hospital in Plainview from injuries suffered in the one-vehicle rollover.

Department of Public Safety officials said the woman was a

passenger in a 1995 Ford Explorer pickup driven by her husband, James Edward Bench. James Bench was released from the emergency room at Methodist Hospital in Plainview after being treated for minor injuries.

The pickup was northbound on Interstate 40 about five miles south of Plainview shortly after 1:30 a.m. Sunday, officers said,

when it apparently ran off the road. Department of Public Safety officers said the driver appeared to have over-corrected and the pickup rolled, coming to rest in the median between the interstate and the west service road.

Officers said neither the woman nor her husband was wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident.

State's unemployment insurance tax going down

AUSTIN — The state's unemployment insurance tax rate is going down.

"At a time when the cost of everything is going up," said Bill Hammond, Texas Workforce Commission chairman and employer representative, "it is my pleasure to make the rarest of announcements — a tax rate that is going down."

A stronger economy and reduced unemployment claims have contributed to the reduction in the tax rate, he said.

The Texas Unemployment Compensation Act covers 360,000 employers in the state, 79 percent of whom employ 10 or fewer workers. Over 58 percent of employers pay the minimum tax rate, which will drop to

0.28 percent on \$9,000 in wages compared to 0.32 percent rate.

Employers facing maximum tax rates will see those rates fall to 6.28 percent for 1996 compared to 6.57 percent in 1995. Employers who had an increase in unemployment claims from layoffs, however, may see an increase in individual rates, he said.

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(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)
 Front row, from left, Megan Poole, Charis Snider, Briana Russell, Denise Mackie, Kathryn Campbell, and back row, from left, Mandy Poole, Courtney Lang, Angela Huckins, Amanda Tracy. Not pictured is Musetta Carver.

Madeline Graves' students win honors

Students from the Madeline Graves Dance & Gymnastics Center competed in the Dance Masters of America competition in November.

Brandy Chase was crowned Miss Dance of Chapter #35, and will compete in New York for the title of Miss Dance America.

Courtney Lang placed first runnerup in the teen Miss Dance category. Musetta Carver, Teen Miss Dance 1995, crowned the

new Teen Miss Dance for 1996. Amanda Tracy was awarded a scholarship for summer study with Joel Ruminer.

Charis Snider and Denise Mackie competed in the junior solo competition.

In the group and line competition Kathryn Campbell and Briana Russell received a bronze medal for their duet, while Megan and Mandy Poole received a bronze medal for their

duet performance. Angela Huckins and Musetta Carver received a silver medal for their duet performance.

Some of the students will be performing their numbers in the Christmas show, "Celebrate the Magic," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at the M.K. Brown Civic Center and Memorial Auditorium. The show is a presentation of the Madeline Graves students.

State hospital seeks help for Christmas

WICHITA FALLS — Christmas activities have begun at Wichita Falls State Hospital, and the Volunteer Services Council is asking for assistance in providing holiday cheer for 370 patients from a 51-county area in North Texas and the Panhandle.

Volunteers arid area citizens are "Filling the Stocking" at Wichita Falls State Hospital, responding to the need for Christmas parties and gifts for patients.

Parties for the month of December are being scheduled for each unit of the hospital, and additional parties are needed. On Christmas Eve, unit staff will give a Christmas party and gifts provided by the Volunteer Services council will be given to patients.

The Volunteer Services Council Christmas Center is open in the Community Relations Building, and gifts will be displayed awaiting selection by hospital staff for the patients in mid-December. Each patient will receive four new gifts.

Patients range in age from six years to 90 years. Suggested gifts for all ages are: instant coffee, gloves, toilet articles (in plastic bottles), transistor radios and batteries, sweatsuits and sweat-shirts. Gifts for men are socks, pajamas, underwear, pants, shirts and belts. Gifts for ladies include cosmetics, robes, gowns, jewelry and lingerie.

Gifts can be brought or mailed to Community Relations, Wichita Falls State Hospital, Box 300,

Wichita Falls, TX 76307. They should be unwrapped so items can be selected for each individual patient. Donors should enclose their name, address, and a list of gifts and their value.

Gifts of money enable volunteer shoppers to buy at tax-exempt, wholesale prices. Checks should be made payable to "Volunteer Services Council." All donations, whether money or gift items, are tax deductible.

Additional volunteer effort will be needed throughout the holiday season. December is an exciting month at Wichita Falls State Hospital — a month with many opportunities for sharing happiness with others. Many Christmas helpers are needed for 1995 at Wichita Falls State Hospital.

Suspect in Okinawa rape case asks forgiveness

NAHA, Japan (AP) — One of the three U.S. servicemen accused of raping a 12-year-old girl apologized today in a Japanese court, saying in a trembling voice, "I'm sorry for the outrage I've caused."

But Marine Pfc. Rodrigo Harp, 21, insisted that he did not actually rape the girl, although he admitted to helping abduct her and binding her wrists with tape.

A lawyer for Harp, meanwhile, demanded that the trial be moved elsewhere in Japan, saying the men could not get a fair trial in Okinawa, where the rape took place.

The case has sparked outrage against the U.S. bases on Okinawa, the site of one of World War II's bloodiest battles and a key U.S. bastion in the Pacific for 50 years.

In today's hearing, the third so

far, Harp repeated his claim that he was forced to confess to rape by U.S. investigators. He said he was told he would face a stiff sentence unless he confessed.

But Harp apologized to the girl and her family for his role.

"I'm sorry for the outrage I've caused. Forgive me for what we've done. What we did was very stupid," said Harp, his voice choking as if he were crying, before the Naha District Court in the capital of Okinawa.

Harp, of Griffin, Ga., and two other servicemen — Navy Seaman Marcus Gill, 22, of Woodville, Texas, and Marine Pfc. Kendrick Ledet, 20, of Waycross, Ga. — are charged with rape causing injury, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

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Special counsel likely to conduct wider probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — A special counsel is likely to widen the inquiry into the activities of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, says Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., one of his most outspoken critics.

Schroeder said any Republican attempt to narrow the probe could backfire.

She pointed to the 1988 House ethics committee decision, instigated by Gingrich, to appoint an outside counsel to investigate then-Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas. Wright resigned a year later after the counsel, Richard Phelan, expanded the investigation beyond the original bounds set by the committee.

"Unless they appoint some total puppet, this special counsel is going to come back" and ask for more information, Schroeder said Sunday on ABC's *This Week With David Brinkley*.

"The same as in the Wright case, do we now have the special counsel going out and finding more stuff that comes back and makes us move beyond just trying to slap hands?" she asked.

The five Democrats and five Republicans on the ethics committee last week unanimously voted to appoint an outside counsel to look into whether

Gingrich violated tax codes in using funds raised by GOPAC, the political action committee he headed, to finance a college course he taught.

Gingrich, R-Ga., has claimed that the panel's decision exonerated him in that it dismissed 64 other allegations of wrongdoing Democrats had made against him.

"This isn't anywhere close to what Jim Wright went through," said House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, who appeared with Schroeder on ABC. Wright allegedly accepted gifts and sought to evade House outside income limits. Democrats, DeLay said, "are misusing and abusing the ethics process for political gain."

The ethics complaints against Gingrich grew from several years of behind-the-scenes investigations by members of the Democratic Party, who later conferred with former Gingrich aides after the actual complaint was filed in 1994, according to *Newsweek* magazine.

The aides, who were in contact with Gingrich's ex-wife, Jackie, also tried to shop a tell-all book to a New York publisher, which turned down the idea, *Newsweek* reported in its Dec. 18 editions, due on newsstands Monday.

State briefs

University of Houston plans new satellite program

HOUSTON (AP) — The University of Houston System Chancellor William P. Hobby says it's a simple solution to a troubling problem: If enrollment is sagging, schools should take their product to where customers live.

That's the logic behind a UH System decision to open a center in nearby Fort Bend County where students can earn degrees from any of four system schools.

The multi-institutional center would offer courses taught by faculty members from UH, UH-Clear Lake, UH-Downtown and UH-Victoria at two Fort Bend sites.

"Fort Bend is the fastest growing part of the state," Hobby told the *Houston Chronicle*. "As such, it's the target of our new strategy to go more where the customers are. That we hadn't done that in the past is why our enrollment has been falling."

Corruption trial's jurors question witness credibility

MALLEN (AP) — The federal corruption trial of six Hidalgo County officials came down to credibility — not that of the accused but of the government's witnesses, several jurors said.

The two-month trial ended in a mistrial Saturday after the jury said it could not reach verdicts on any defendants in its 28 hours of deliberations.

Most members of the seven-woman, five-man panel said they could not vote for a conviction because they simply did not believe the government's witnesses — especially former county purchasing agent Ramiro Gonzalez.

"I didn't believe a lot of the witnesses the government put on," said Alicia Villarreal, who voted to acquit all of the officials. "We didn't have just one reasonable doubt, we had a lot of them. And we all felt the same way."

Cases show power of slurs, raise questions of privacy

DALLAS (AP) — Recent controversies around Dallas and the nation have shown that public figures sometimes pay dearly when their words, even spoken in private, offend some groups of subsequent listeners.

And some like John Michael Quinn, a journalism professor at the University of Texas at Austin, believe that's the way it should be.

"In this day and age, with our society the way it is, if public officials aren't aware that they're responsible for every word they say, they're not paying attention," Quinn is quoted as saying in Sunday editions of *The Dallas Morning News*.

But there is growing concern over how much speech, especially private speech, should be controlled.

Dan Peavy was forced to resign from the Dallas school board last month after a secretly recorded tape revealed him making racist, sexist and anti-gay remarks in private phone conversations.

Cincinnati Reds' owner Marge Schott was suspended for a year in 1993 for using racial epithets against blacks and Jews.

The National Organization for Women on Wednesday apologized for what it called "racially insensitive" remarks by one of its Los Angeles leaders. Some said

that her televised statements after the O.J. Simpson verdict implied that feminists were more concerned about domestic violence than racism.

A recently fired Denton, Texas, city employee, who is black, complained last month about racial taunts by his co-workers, including the "gift" of a coffee mug showing big-lipped men. The city said it was investigating similar complaints by current and former employees.

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Ag briefs

The National Cattlemen's Association and the National Pork Producers Council formed a working group of beef and pork producers in Washington, D.C., this month.

The group will prepare a plan to achieve equity between red meat and poultry inspection, officials said.

The working group will consider regulatory, legislative and judicial avenues to ensure that new safety regulations set the same requirements for all meat and poultry products, and to eliminate the inequities that put beef and pork at an economic disadvantage at the retail level.

While Medicare and Medicaid have been grabbing the headlines in the federal budget battle, President Clinton presented a proposal that would cut \$5 billion, compared with Republican's \$12.3 billion, from farm programs over seven years.

The bulk of the savings would come by increasing the acres ineligible for payments from the current 15 percent to 21 percent.

On CRP acreage, the president's proposal allows farmers to withdraw from the program only with USDA's approval while the Republican plan allows voluntary withdrawal.

"Everyone in the food chain will have to participate in new roles," said Dr. David Theno, vice president of quality assurance, research, development and product safety with Food Maker in San Diego.

"No segment of the food chain can remain isolated. Producers will probably be asked to play larger roles in bringing animals and foods to market that are cleaner, have reduced microbial threats and even have inherent pathogen control characteristics engineered into the commodity," Thone told participants at a Food Safety, Health and Nutrition Summit in Dallas this month.

On-farm HACCP remains uncertain, according to Caroline Smith DeWaal, director of food safety for the Center for Science in the Public Interest in Washington.

"Despite its acclaim and use in limited segments of the food industry, the effectiveness of HACCP systems for raw animal products remains more theoretical than proven," she said. "In the food safety systems of the future, the primary focus in regulatory attention will continue to be food processors and consumers."

The cattle industry is making progress in reducing excess fat, according to the preliminary results of the 1995 Beef Quality Audit.

According to Dr. Brad Morgan at Oklahoma State University, one of the survey researchers, the industry has made strides in the availability of close-trim beef and in producing cattle with less fat. However, he said purveyors, restaurants and retail stores still have problems with tenderness and flavor, the quality grade mix and weight variations in cuts of beef.

The audit is sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Association. The final 1995 Beef Quality Audit report will be released during the NCA Convention, Jan. 27-30 in San Antonio.

The European Union hormone ban on U.S. beef is the subject of a meeting in Brussels.

The meeting was called by EU Farm Commissioner Franz Fischler to review scientific data on the safety of five growth promotants. The scientific consensus from the meeting was that the products are safe.

Press reports from the conference, however, quote Fischler as saying the ban will stay in place, despite the scientific evidence, and that he will let the U.S. take its case against the EU to the World Trade Organization.

U.S. Ag Secretary Dan Glickman is expected to meet soon with Fischler in Brussels, where he will reiterate to Fischler that the EU must lift its ban.

A South Texas beef packer is shipping meat to Israel this month.

Sam Kane Beef Processors Inc. of Corpus Christi will ship non-kosher variety meats to Israel under a contract with an Israeli importer, according to the Texas Cattle Feeders Association in Amarillo.

Jerry Kane, company president, said the packer shipped 150,000 lbs. of variety meats in October and will send a similar shipment in mid-December. The Israeli contract calls for increasing the shipments to about 250,000 lbs. per month over the next year.

"It's a new-found market, and we expect the dollar volume to increase when we start shipping solid muscle meats later," Kane said.

U.S. beef is gaining ground in Japan. A 26 percent increase in volume of U.S. beef exports to Japan from January through September has pushed the U.S. share of Japan's beef import market to 45 percent, according to the U.S. Meat Export Federation.

That's up from 42 percent in 1994. Total value of U.S. beef exported to Japan in January through September was \$1.56 billion.

Premium Standard Farms has dropped plans for a hog plant in Hereford.

Last December, the Columbia, Mo., based company said it had taken out an option on three to four sections of land near Hereford to build a hog slaughter plant. The company said earlier this month it will let the options expire.

"We are not pursuing the plant at this time," said Charlie Arnot, director of communications and public affairs.

The company still owns a 20,000 sow production facility near Dalhart that was slated for expansion, but that project is on hold, as well. Arnot denied that the Dalhart facility will be sold.

Registration of petroleum storage tanks in Texas must be completed by Dec. 31, 1996, according to state officials.

Petroleum storage tanks larger than 1,100 gallons, whether above ground or below, must be registered with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to be eligible for clean-up costs, should a spill occur.

Registration fees are \$50 per year for underground tanks and \$25 per year for above ground tanks.

New Mexico is free of vesicular stomatitis, a viral disease with symptoms similar to hoof and mouth disease, according to state health officials.

As of Dec. 1, New Mexico animal health authorities released their last quarantine, meaning a veterinarian's vesicular stomatitis statement is no longer required on health papers for livestock coming from New Mexico. In addition, Kentucky officials have also reopened their state to Texas livestock after shutting off shipments in mid-summer due to the disease.

As of Dec. 4, Colorado had 18 cases, Utah had three and Wyoming had two.

Double Bass Choir sets holiday shows

AMARILLO — The Double Bass Choir will give performances throughout the Amarillo area on Dec. 15, according to its director, Inez Wyrick.

"The Amarillo Double Bass Choir is made up of 20 young bassists," said Ms. Wyrick. "We have bass students from fourth grade to 12th grade. In addition, six bass students from West Texas A&M University and Amarillo College will be joining us in our Christmas Tour. Hearing 26 bassists perform Christmas music is a sound experience you will never forget!"

This is the sixth consecutive Christmas season that the group has performed traditional Christmas music arranged by Wyrick. This season it will perform at several locations including the Heritage Convalescent Home, Gene Howe Elementary School and the Amarillo Symphony offices at 1000 S. Polk.

The performance at the Symphony offices will be at 4:15 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, and is free and open to the public.

Wyrick said, "These students play in the back of their schools' ensembles all year long and almost never get to play the melody. They get very excited about this opportunity to be the stars."

The group is primarily made up of double bass students of Inez Wyrick and David Murray.

Wyrick is a graduate of Caprock High School and Texas Tech University. She has been a member of the Amarillo Symphony Double Bass section since 1967. She has also been the principal bassist for the Midland-Odessa Orchestra and the Lubbock Symphony. Wyrick has been a board member of the International Society of Bassists for six years.

Murray is the double bass pro-

fessor at WTAMU. He is a graduate of Hartt Music School, where he studied with bass virtuoso Gary Karr. He has been the principal double bass of the Amarillo Symphony for ten years. Before coming to West Texas, he performed with the New Orleans Philharmonic, the Symphony Nova Scotia and the Aspen Music Festival Orchestra. Murray was the bass solo competition winner at the 1988 International Society of Bassists Convention. This award led to his Carnegie Hall solo debut in June of 1990.

The Amarillo Double Bass Choir holds two weeks of rehearsals at Austin Middle School under the direction of Wyrick. These rehearsals are made possible by the efforts of David Hines, band director, and David Davis, orchestra director, of the school. After finishing their tour the bass students will hold their annual Christmas party.

Juppe, union bosses meet as strike continues

PARIS (AP) — Desperate to end a crippling 18-day strike, Prime Minister Alain Juppe met with powerful union bosses today after granting a key concession to railway workers.

In a national TV interview Sunday evening, the conservative premier offered an olive branch to unionized public employees whose walkout has shut down public transportation and other services since Nov. 24.

"I'm not closed to any solution, to any proposal" to end the strike, Juppe said, promising railway workers they would still be able to retire at age 50 and collect full benefits.

Unions for France's sprawling state sector, protesting government austerity measures to erase a huge budget deficit and prepare the country for a single European currency, entered today's talks warily.

The head of France's largest labor union, Louis Viannet of the General Confederation of Workers, said Juppe had given workers "something to chew on" but that he had not responded to

unions' demand that he give up his social security overhaul and return to the drawing board.

Another major union, the French Confederation of Democratic Workers, said Juppe's concession "creates a new situation for railway workers."

But Marc Blondel, leader of the powerful Workers Force union, called for sweeping concessions to all strikers, not just railway workers.

"This is consultation, this isn't negotiation," he said. "There needs to be global negotiation. It's not enough just to negotiate

with the SNCF," the national railroad company.

Blondel and the other unions said the strike would continue and that they would press ahead with plans to rally 2 million people in nationwide protests set for Tuesday.

Juppe says if union leaders can muster 2 million protesters, he will give up the attempted overhaul of social security. The largest turnout so far has been 700,000, and the strike appears to be slowly losing steam, though it persisted today with more massive traffic jams heading into Paris.

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Letters to the editor

A community gift

To the editor:

I want to thank the Central Baptist Church for their production of "That Night." It was excellent, and the actors did a wonderful job of portraying the life of Jesus.

If you didn't see it this year, make it a must on your list of things to do next year. It will touch your heart, and help you to see the true meaning of Christmas. This is my second year to see it, and it still brought tears to my eyes and sent chills down my back.

Thank you again for your hard work in this gift you give to the community.

Bonnie Neef
Pampa

Holiday priorities

To the editor:

It is difficult to keep priorities straight as we approach this holiday season. Merchants and marketing directors compete fiercely for the business of the Christmas shopper, badgering potential customers with the impulse to buy for their loved one. The true meaning of Christmas is easily lost when it is reduced to the largest overrated shopping day of the year. America has its own traditions as well as each family's get-togethers and good times. May we never lose sight of this blessed religious holiday instead of succumbing to the spending frenzy and the aftershock blues associated with this debt driven season.

Merchants seem to prey on us, hammering us if we do not buy this item for that special someone. Business establishments compete heavily as this is the largest consumer season of the year. We are encouraged to indulge for the sake of Jesus's birthday so we won't be accused of being a Scrooge. Christmas music is playing on the store intercom and store displays suggest we stock up for Christmas. These little reminders seem to come earlier each year. Merchants are quick to point out that

they have a whole year of average sales to make up. The prices also go up.

Many traditions adorn this happy season. From the music, to the church services, the decorations and the spirit. It is tempting to purchase gifts and put them under the tree without feeling obligated. It isn't the amount of money spent, but the thought, as love is unconditional.

Each family has its own traditions, customs and memories of Christmas. First and foremost is the observance of the events surrounding our Savior's birth. It's reading the Christmas story from the Bible, a celebration of music and carol singing. These memories as a child stay with us as we get older and are passed down for generations to come. Instead of wondering what to buy, this should be a joyous time that we celebrate the humble beginnings of our Lord and Savior.

Tom Thweatt
Amarillo

Identify grandson

To the editor:

Please refer to Page 8 of The Pampa News for Dec. 3.

I wish to tell you that I am very proud of what J.J. Mathis means to the Pampa Harvester Team and how much he contributed to its success. I attended almost all of the Harvester games and yelled for J.J. just as much as I did for some of the rest of the players. They all did an outstanding job!

My complaint is with your photographer, Melinda Martinez. I cannot imagine why she would take a picture and enter it as news and not identify all the people in the picture - especially since there were only two in the picture. For her information as well as to inform the readers - the other boy in the picture as my grandson, BRIAN PHELPS. I believe Brian was also a big contributor to the success of the Harvesters and think it only fair that he be identified as well as J.J.

Billie Phelps
Pampa

Nation briefs

Galileo spacecraft starts sending data

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Scientists have received the first transmissions from the Galileo spacecraft detailing a probe's suicide plunge into Jupiter's atmosphere.

Researchers hope the data will reveal new details about the giant planet's composition, climate and atmosphere.

Scientists ordered Galileo to begin transmitting data on Sunday and the flow of data was to continue through Wednesday.

"We are all absolutely ecstatic that our tremendously ambitious, first-ever penetration of an outer planet atmosphere has been so wonderfully successful," said Bill O'Neil, Galileo project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The 746-pound probe from Galileo entered the whirling gases of Jupiter's atmosphere last Thursday and sent back nearly an hour of precious data before it disintegrated. After receiving weather and chemical data, Galileo fired its thrusters and entered orbit around Jupiter for two years of study.

The probe had the capacity to send data back to Galileo for up to 75 minutes, but preliminary indications Sunday suggested it transmitted for 57

minutes, according to NASA.

Michael Jackson's condition improving

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jackson continued recovering today from the gastrointestinal ailment that made him collapse last Thursday.

He has resumed eating solid foods, his heart is "completely normal" and he may be moved out of intensive care today, the 37-year-old pop star's doctors said.

Sunday. They upgraded his condition to stable and improving.

Jackson's illness forced cancellation of shows planned for airing Sunday night on the Home Box Office cable network.

Doctors have said Jackson's ailment probably was caused by a virus, leading to diarrhea and severe dehydration that dangerously quickened his heartbeat and lowered his blood pressure. His liver and kidney functions also were affected, doctors said.

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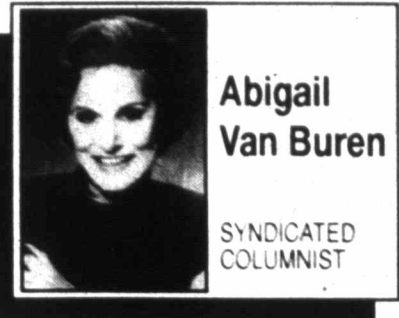
DEAR ABBY: A widow signed "Calvinus in Fairfax, Va." complained about a telephone solicitor who pressured her. The caller refused to identify himself and insisted on speaking with her husband, who had been dead for 12 years.

Well, Abby, she's not the only person who's sick and tired of telephone solicitors. Fraudulent and abusive telemarketers harass people, cost consumers nearly \$40 billion a year, and give a black eye to an otherwise useful and legitimate industry.

The Federal Trade Commission has a new rule to help people fight back. Our rule prohibits telemarketers from calling before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. It also prohibits telemarketers from calling back after you've told them not to and outlaws other deceptive and abusive practices. This rule takes effect Dec. 31, 1995.

Consumers can fight back by letting us know when they encounter a scam. Abby, please encourage your readers to call the National Fraud Information Center at 1-800-876-7060 if they have been victimized. They can also write the Federal Trade Commission, Room 1105, Washington, D.C. 20580 to report a swindle or obtain information about our new telemarketing rule.

JODIE BERNSTEIN, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF CONSUMER PROTECTION, F.T.C.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR JODIE: Thank you for an informative message. Many readers — the elderly, the infirm and those who work at home — will find this information useful.

The National Fraud Information Center shares the tips it receives with state law enforcement officials as well as the Federal Trade Commission to ensure consumer protection. The hotline number is a giant step in the right direction.

DEAR ABBY: I had to respond to "Divorce-Free in California." I, too, had a long list of requirements for a spouse. I'm a Stanford graduate, so she had to be a college graduate, too; no kids, into outdoor sports, and the same religion (Jewish). But as my grandmother used to say, "Man plans, and God laughs."

Then I met Bonnie — a high school graduate, divorced with two

kids, and a Mormon to boot. After our first (and only) camping trip, I asked her how I could make the outdoors more enjoyable for her, and she replied, "Buy a Winnebago."

However, despite all our differences, we fell in love, and we've been together for nine years.

She and "our" daughters are the joy of my life. My belief in God starts on the premise that he let me find this amazingly special woman.

"Divorce-Free in California" needs to lighten up. She's looking for a "custom-fit" in an "off-the-rack" world.

DIVORCE-FREE LAWYER IN MONTANA

DEAR ABBY: When we entertain at home and a guest brings a bottle of wine as a gift, my husband thanks the guest, puts the wine in our wine closet and serves our own wine at dinner.

He believes the selection of the wine is part of the dinner preparation. I feel the courteous thing to do would be to serve the guest's wine with our dinner.

What do you think?
PUZZLED IN ASHEVILLE

DEAR PUZZLED: Your husband is correct. The host is not obligated to serve the wine brought by a guest. It's perfectly proper to put it away to serve at some future occasion.

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1995

An opportunity of considerable proportions might develop through a social contact in the year ahead. This development may enable you to team up with a successful person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your greatest asset today will be your ability to efficiently handle any challenging developments. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The probability of success will be enhanced if you are secretive about your objectives today. Do not weaken your case by discussing it with outsiders.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Projects or endeavors which are grand in scope could be quite lucky for you today. Do not fear devoting your talents and energies to something big.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Opportunities for personal gain might not come from standard sources today. Remain alert for untapped channels that offer similar yields.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not hesitate to use new and unique methods today, especially if they optimistically forecast the outcome of an event. Remain positive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Endeavors not conducted solely along conventional lines could work out surprisingly well for everyone concerned today. You make the call.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could

experience good fortune today if you join forces with a friend who always seems to enhance your luck.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Financial trends might be subjected to beneficial changes today. In an area where things previously went wrong, the opposite may occur.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The expansive ideas that pop into your head today might not fit into your immediate plans. However, don't disregard them. You can use them in the future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not get discouraged if you have to deal with some unexpected, negative circumstances today. Shifting conditions will work out well for you in the long run.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A solution to a problem can be found today if you discuss it in detail with an intelligent friend. Lay everything out on the table.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In regard to your financial affairs, you could be luckier than usual today. Take advantage of every opportunity.

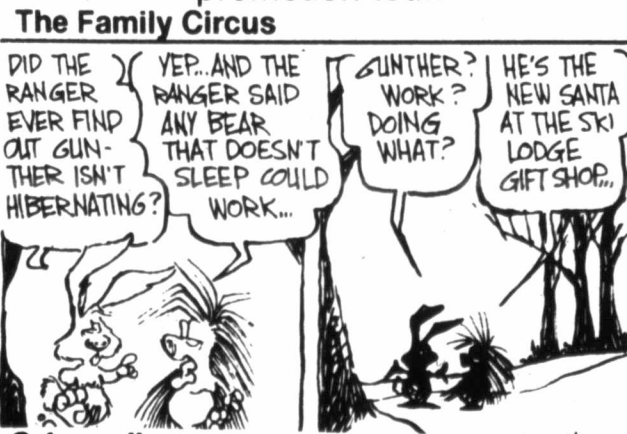
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This week little Billy fills in for Daddy, who is on a book promotion tour.



"You have the wrong idea, Marmaduke. This isn't your tree."



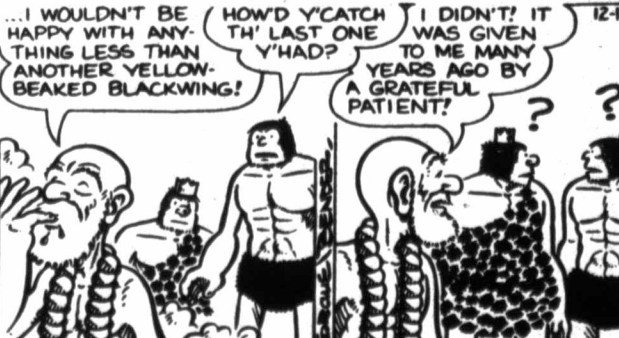
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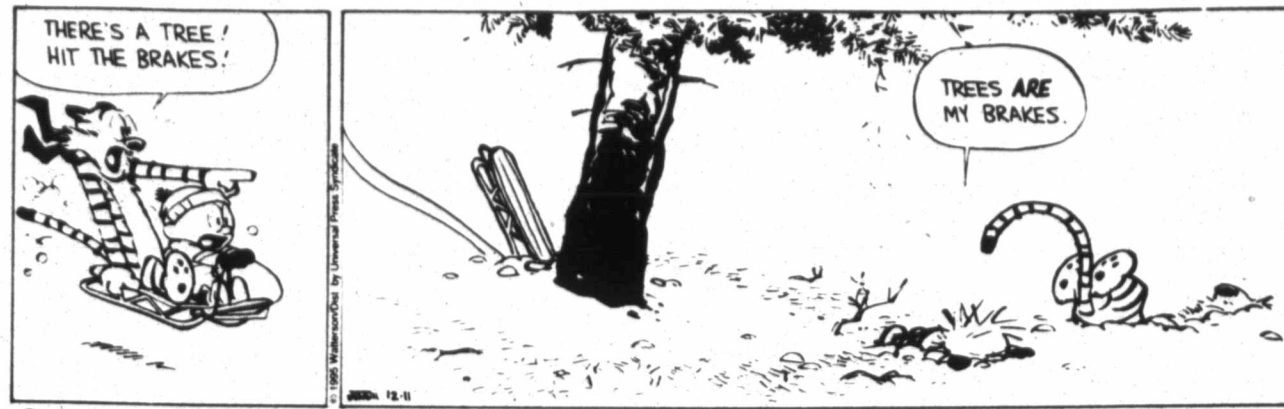
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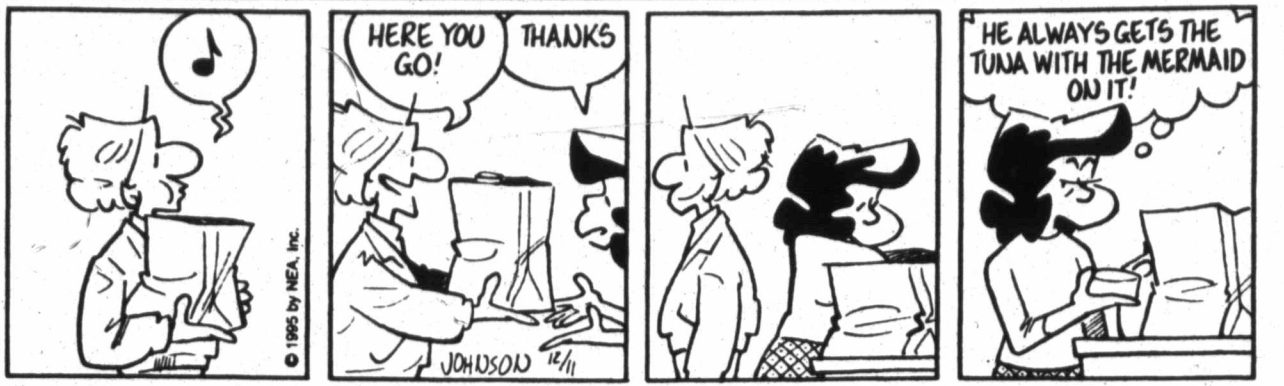
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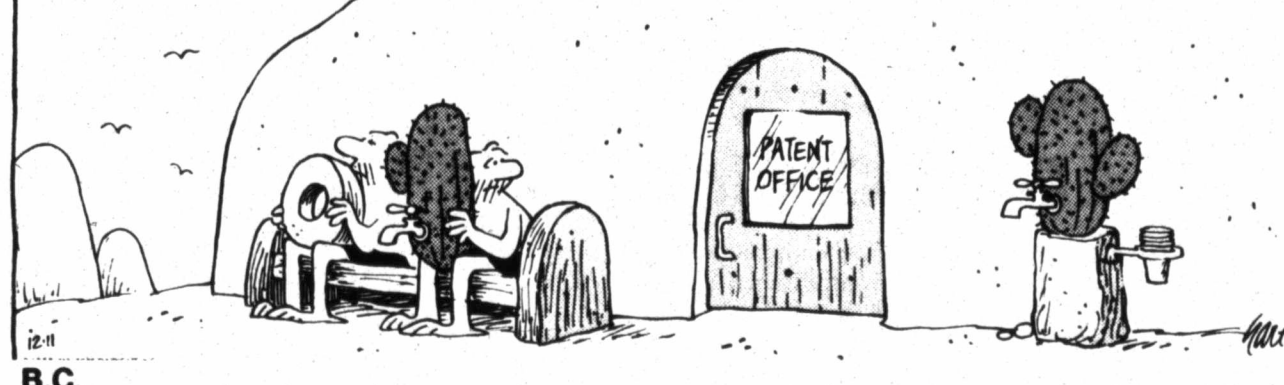
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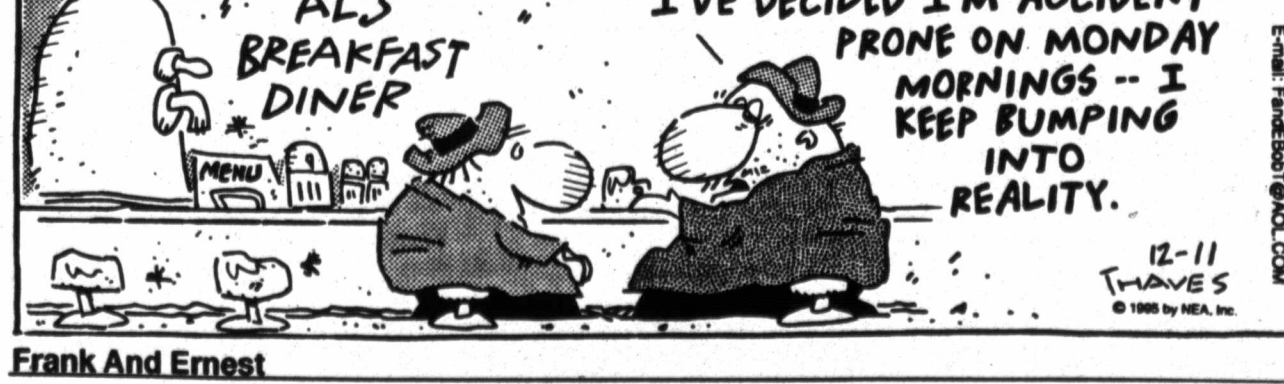
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Lions keep playoff hopes alive with 24-17 victory over Oilers

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ AP Sports Writer. HOUSTON (AP) — The Detroit Lions remember the bad old days of the early season when they lost games like this.

first quarter and after Chandler completed a 9-yard touchdown pass to Hayward Jeffries in the second quarter, the Lions' defense started taking the ball away from the Oilers.

have more touchdowns than that one." Michael Johnson picked off two passes, one each from Chandler and McNair.

Knicks topple Spurs in overtime. NEW YORK (AP) — Charles Oakley had just fouled out with 3:36 left in a second overtime.

with 43 seconds left. On the Knicks' next possession, John Starks drove past Sean Elliott for a layup that all but decided the game with 24 seconds remaining.

Ewing struggled with his shot all game, going 9-for-27 and fouling out with 19 points early in the first overtime.

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4-H youths provide tasty, nutritious Food Show winning recipes

By DONNA BRAUCHI
Gray County Extension Agent

One hundred sixty youth from the top 21 counties of the Texas Panhandle competed in the District 4-H Food Show at Randall High School on Saturday, Dec. 2. Youth participating in the show demonstrated skills in food preparation, knowledge of nutrients, knowledge of dietary recommendations, leadership, and community service.

Barry Brauchi of Pampa was the top scoring individual in the senior (ages 14-19) Fruits and Vegetables division. He will advance to state competition at Texas A&M University in June. He prepared Potato Lasagna.

Earning second place honors in the senior division were Kim McDonald of Pampa in the Nutritious Snacks and Desserts category and Angie Davenport of Lefors in the Main Dish category. McDonald prepared Fresh Apple Coffee Cake and Davenport prepared Spicy Chicken Pockets.

In the intermediate age divisions (ages 12-13) Sarah Myers of McLean was one of the top scoring individuals in the Nutritious Snacks and Desserts category. Her food selection was Trailside Treats.

Gray County participants made a strong showing in the Junior Age division (ages 8-11) as well. Junior participants from Gray County included Julie Davenport of Lefors - Nutritious Snacks and Desserts; Sarah Schwab of Pampa - Breads and Cereals; Kaylee Shank of McLean - Fruits and Vegetables; and Andrea Shank of McLean - Main Dish.

Following are the recipes submitted by those winning honors at the food show:

Angie Davenport, Lefors
Gray County
Senior Main Dish

SPICY CHICKEN POCKETS

6 (4-oz.) skinned, boned chicken breast
1 Tablespoon vegetable oil and cooking spray
8 lettuce leaves
4 (6-inch) whole wheat pita bread rounds, cut in half crosswise
1 small purple onion, thinly sliced and separated into rings
1 cup alfalfa sprouts
3/4 cup diced cucumber
3/4 cup chopped tomato

Spicy Creole Seasoning Blend:
1 Tablespoon paprika
2 teaspoons dried thyme, crushed
2 teaspoons garlic powder
2 teaspoons onion
1 teaspoon ground red pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

1. Prepare Spicy Creole Seasoning Blend by combining all ingredients.
2. Rub chicken breasts with Spicy Creole Seasoning Blend, and place in a large

shallow dish. Cover and chill at least 30 minutes.

3. Brush both sides of each chicken breast with oil. Coat grill rack with cooking spray; place on grill over medium-hot coals (350 to 400 degrees). Place chicken on rack; grill, covered 6 minutes on each side or until chicken is done.

4. Place one lettuce leaf in each pita half. Layer onion and remaining ingredients evenly into pita halves.

5. Cut chicken into strips, and arrange evenly over vegetables.

Andrea Shank, McLean
Gray County
Junior Main Dish

CHEESEBURGER PIE

1 (9-inch) unbaked pastry shell
8 oz. cheddar cheese
1 pound extra lean ground beef
1/2 cup tomato sauce
1/3 cup chopped green bell pepper
1/3 cup chopped onion
1 beef-flavor bouillon cube
3 eggs, well-beaten
2 Tablespoons flour

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Place an unbaked pastry shell into a 9-inch pie pan and prick the shell with a fork. Place the pie shell in a preheated oven for 8 minutes to brown and set aside. Reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees.

In a large skillet, brown ground beef and pour off the fat. Add tomato sauce, green bell pepper, onion and beef-flavor bouillon cube. Stir this mixture until the bouillon dissolves. Remove from heat and stir in eggs, flour, and cheddar cheese. When mixed, pour into the baked pie shell and bake in oven for 20 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

Barry Brauchi, Pampa
Gray County
Senior Fruits and Vegetables

POTATO LASAGNA

1 package (10 oz.) frozen chopped broccoli, thawed
1 carton (15 oz.) nonfat ricotta cheese
1 cup shredded carrot
1/2 cup minced green onions
1 teaspoon dried whole marjoram
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
5 large red potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced (about 2-1/4 pounds)
1 1/2 cups (6 oz.) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Vegetable spray

Press broccoli between paper towels until barely moist. Combine broccoli, ricotta cheese, carrot, onions, marjoram and pepper in a medium bowl; stir well. Set aside.

Some tips to enjoy eating for the holidays

Holiday foods are among the many pleasures of the season. But for many, this presents a special challenge. During this time of year, people sometimes wonder how they can enjoy the holidays and still manage to maintain a healthy diet.

There is no need to panic. Most foods, even the traditional family favorites, can fit into a healthy eating plan. The secret is moderation and balance.

Dinner invitations away from home could mean eating at a friend's or relative's home or perhaps at a restaurant, a hotel or country club for the company bash. In either case, the meal is already planned and there is no menu choice.

If you are bringing a dish to a friend's or relative's table, make a low-fat version of a family favorite. Once the food is on the table, you will have some healthful choices.

If possible, choose two appetizers instead of an entree or share an entree with a friend. If second helpings are mandatory with your host or hostess, make your first helping small. That way, if you are enticed to take seconds, at least the total amount of food you eat may equal a normal sized portion.

Choose skinless white meat or poultry. It has fewer calories and fat than dark meat.

Don't feel that you have to pass up a dinner roll. If it is fresh, you will not miss the butter or margarine.

The excitement and festival atmosphere of holiday parties

Homemaker's News

By Donna Brauchi



can really take your attention away from what you are eating. Here are some effective tips for holding the line at holiday stand-up events:

- Eat small, lower-calorie meals during the day so you can enjoy a special treat later. Eat a healthy snack right before the party. A hungry stomach can sabotage even the strongest will power.
- When you arrive at the party, don't rush to the food. Greet people you know, get a beverage and settle in first.
- Make only one trip to the buffet and be selective. Choose only the foods you really want to eat.
- Keep portions small. Often, a taste is all you need to satisfy a craving or your curiosity.
- Skip the fried food, mixed nuts, cocktail sausages and other high-fat tidbits. Eat the crackers, bread, and fresh fruits and vegetables.
- If you want to nibble on cheese, take only one or two pieces.
- Fresh vegetables and fruits are always great low-calorie, low-fat choices. Have a dollop of dip - just enough to coat the end of a carrot stick, broccoli floret or tip of a strawberry.
- Boiled shrimp or scallops and thin slices of lean roast beef are good choices. Choose cocktail sauce or lemon and horseradish as a condiment.
- It is good to have celebration strategies, but be realistic. Trying to lose weight during holidays may be a self-defeating goal. Striving to maintain your weight, however, is a reasonable expectation. Forget the "all or nothing" mind-set. Depriving yourself of special holiday foods or feeling guilty over a particular food choice is not part of a healthful eating strategy.
- Remember to have fun. Sharing food is an important way to spend holiday cheer. Enjoying a traditional meal or celebrating with your family and friends need not destroy the healthy foods habits you nurtured all year.

For more information on health and nutrition, contact the Gray County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Buffalo, New York, pounded by record snowfall

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) - Even by Buffalo's standards of winter fury, this was a snowstorm for the ages.

A blinding blitz of white buried Buffalo in a record 34 inches of snow Sunday, shutting down the airport, canceling schools and turning malls into pre-Christmas ghost towns. And more snow was falling today with up to 4 more inches expected.

"It's unbelievable," said Robert Stone, manager at Greater Buffalo International Airport. "It's really awesome to be out here and see this snow fall in such a short time."

The nearly 3 feet that fell at the airport by Sunday night shattered the previous record 24-hour snowfall record

of 25 inches set in January 1982.

The snow closed the airport Sunday, canceling more than 200 flights. The beloved Buffalo Bills were unable to return from St. Louis after their victory over the Rams.

Officials resumed flights today.

With no Christmas shoppers in sight, some malls and stores closed. One hospital suspended visiting hours. Schools canceled classes today.

Coat an 11x7x2-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Place one-third of potato slices in bottom of dish. Spread with half of broccoli mixture; sprinkle with half of mozzarella cheese. Repeat layers. Top with remaining potato slices and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Cover and bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes; uncover and bake an additional 55 minutes or until potato is tender and top is golden. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Yield: 8 servings (194 calories per serving).

Kaylee Shank, McLean
Gray County
Junior Fruits and Vegetables

STRAWBERRY BANANA MOLD

1 (10 oz.) package frozen strawberries, thawed
2 (3 oz) package strawberry sugar-free gelatin
1 cup boiling water
2 cartons (8 oz.) strawberry yogurt
2 bananas, sliced
1 carton (8 oz.) frozen lite whipped topping
4 to 5 fresh strawberries (optional)

Thaw and drain strawberries, reserving juice. Add enough water to juice to make 1 cup. Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Stir in reserved 1 cup liquid. In a separate bowl, stir yogurt until smooth. Gradually stir yogurt into gelatin. Fold in strawberries and bananas. Pour into your serving dish. Chill until set. Before serving, top with whipped topping. You may garnish with fresh strawberries if desired. Makes 9 servings.

Sarah Schwab, Pampa
Gray County
Breads and Cereals

SPIDER ROLLS

1 box (16 oz.) box hot roll mix
1 cup very warm milk (130 degrees F.)
2 Tablespoons margarine or butter, softened
1 large egg
1 egg yolk
1 Tablespoon water
*or about 2 Tablespoons melted butter

In a bowl, stir together flour mixture and yeast from roll mix. Add very warm milk, softened margarine and egg. Stir until stiff dough forms. Turn out onto lightly floured surface. Knead until smooth for 5 minutes. Cover with bowl and let rest 5 minutes. Roll out to a 12-inch square and cut in half. Cut each half into six rectangles.

On one long side of each rectangle, make 1-1/2-inch deep cuts 1/2-inch apart. Starting at one narrow end, roll up each rectangle and pinch together uncut end to seal. Place pinched end down, 3 inches apart, on greased baking sheets. Allow cut ends to open over base of each roll.

Cover and let rise in a warm place until almost doubled. (about 20-30 minutes)

Mix together egg yolk and water and brush over rolls or brush melted butter over rolls. Bake in 325 degree F. oven 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm. Makes 12 rolls.

Kim McDonald, Pampa
Gray County
Senior Nutritious Snacks and Desserts

FRESH APPLE CAKE

4 cups unpeeled, finely chopped cooking apples
1/2 cup unsweetened orange juice, divided
1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup margarine, softened
1 carton (8 oz.) egg substitute, thawed
1/4 cup skim milk
3 cups sifted cake flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt

2-1/2 teaspoons vanilla
Vegetable cooking spray
2 Tablespoons brown sugar

Combine apple, 1/4 cup unsweetened orange juice and cinnamon in a bowl; stir well and set aside.

Cream sugar and margarine at medium speed of an electric mixer until light and fluffy (about 5 minutes). Add egg substitutes; beat 4 minutes at medium speed or until well blended.

Combine remaining 1/4 cup orange juice and milk; set aside. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. With mixer running at low speed, add to creamed mixture alternately with milk mixture, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Stir in vanilla. Pour half of batter into a 10-inch tube pan coated with vegetable cooking spray; top with half of apple mixture. Pour remaining batter into pan; top with remaining apple mixture, sprinkle with brown sugar.

Bake at 350 degrees F. for 1 hour 10 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan, 10 minutes; remove from pan, and cool on a wire rack. Yield: 16 servings.

Sarah Myers, McLean
Gray County
Intermediate Nutritious Snacks and Desserts

TRAILSIDE TREATS

1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup peanut butter
1 cup sugar
1 cup packed brown sugar
2 eggs
1/4 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups all purpose flour
1 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
2-1/2 cups rolled oats
1 cup chocolate chips
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Cream butter, peanut butter and sugars till fluffy. Beat in eggs, milk and vanilla. Sift together flour, soda and salt; add to creamed mixture. Stir in oats, chocolate chips, raisins and pecans. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet, bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes.

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Junior Nutritious Snacks and Desserts

APPLE-OATMEAL CRUMBLES

1 cup quick-cooking oats
1 cup whole wheat flour
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
1/2 teaspoon ground baking soda
3 Tablespoons vegetable oil
3 Tablespoons reduced-calorie maple-flavored syrup
1 cup unsweetened applesauce
1/2 cup finely chopped peeled apple
1/4 cup chopped walnuts

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray square nonstick pan, 8x8x2-inches, with nonstick cooking spray. Mix oats, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, all spice and baking soda in large bowl. Stir in oil and syrup until mixture is crumbly; reserve 1/2 cup for topping. Press remaining mixture firmly in bottom of pan. Bake about 10 minutes or until set. Cool 10 minutes.

Spread applesauce over baked layer. Sprinkle chopped apple over applesauce. Sprinkle 1/2 cup oat mixture and the walnuts over apple. Bake about 15 minutes or until top is light brown; cool. Cut into 2-inch squares. Makes 16 squares.

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