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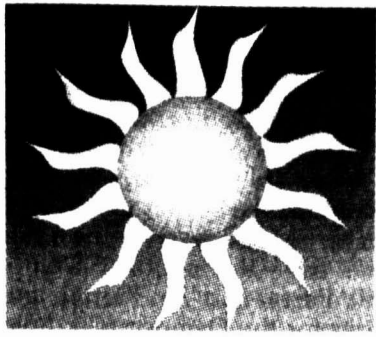
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LEFORS — The Lefors Independent School District board of education will meet in regular session Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the elementary school library.

Items on the agenda include a public hearing on Academic Excellence Indicators System report, and consideration of the following: the school report card, district/campus improvement plan, local policy on elementary tardies, local policy on investments, additions to the substitute list and called meeting for audit report.

Items in Superintendent Norman Baxter's report include tax roll suits, report on drug dog assembly and Texas Association of School Board grassroots advocacy meeting.

PAMPA — The local chapter of the American Red Cross will begin offering life-guard classes in February, but director Lynda Duncan said Friday that interested parties should begin registering now.

Prospective lifeguards should be 15 years or older. Certification is good for only one year.

For more information or to register, contact Duncan at 669-7121.

PAMPA — Pampa High School counselors Karla Howell and Gail Cole have scheduled a Financial Aid Seminar for current seniors and their parents at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, in the Pampa High School library.

Parents of seniors are urged to attend this important and informative meeting, which will focus on the basics of completing the federal financial aid form and exploring various sources of student financial aid — scholarships, loans and work programs.

The counselors said education beyond high school is an attainable goal for every student who desires it and urged that at least one family member be present for the workshop.

At 8 p.m., Howell will talk with parents who are interested in learning how to financially plan and invest for children's future education.

PAMPA — The Gray County Appraisal District Appraisal Review Board will meet in regular session Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the GCAD conference room, 815 N. Sumner.

Items on the agenda include a protest hearing for Parker and Parsley and Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley's report.

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City leaders to hear economic vision plan

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

A pair of companies which specialize in municipal and economic development planning are scheduled to make presentations to city leaders at 3 p.m. Tuesday as part of the first step in developing a vision and planning process for Pampa.

Representatives of The PACE Group, Tupelo, Miss., and The Pathfinders, Dallas, will address members of the Pampa City Commission, Pampa Economic Development Corporation, Pampa Independent School District, Clarendon College Pampa Center, Coronado Hospital and Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce in city commission chambers. The meeting is open to the public.

According to PEDC executive director Jack Ippel, representatives of PACE and Pathfinders will introduce themselves, then open the floor for discussion about the planning process.

"This is a get acquainted session," Ippel said of the Tuesday meeting.

PACE and Pathfinders will then develop a scheme for developing a plan for Pampa leaders, Ippel explained.

"We're going to require they come back with some hard proposals with dollars attached," he said.

The purpose of hiring a consultant is to help local people establish a shared vision and plan of action to implement the vision, he said.

Ippel worked with a planning group in Iowa which did similar projects.

"It was a very good process ... what you hope to get out of something like this is something that works like a benchmark. ... If you're going to do something you want to say 'where does it fit in this vision?'" Ippel explained, "What it does basically is give you a track to run on."

Who will pay the consultant's bill has not been decided.

"That's something that has to be

worked out, too," Ippel said.

What PEDC will pay toward the project will depend on its scope, he said.

Expenses for the Tuesday meeting are being borne by PACE and Pathfinders.

During the 6 p.m. meeting, nine items are to be considered.

The commission will hold second readings on a proposed change in personnel policies and proposed dimensions and signage of disabled parking.

They will also hold a first reading of proposed landfill fees and consider an emergency ordinance to prohibit concealed weapons in city buildings.

A resolution authorizing the city manager to sign landfill contracts with outside users will be considered.

Appointment of three people to the Lovett Library Advisory Board will be considered.

An executive session is scheduled to evaluate city manager performance.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Carol Keeton Rylander, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, listens to a question from an audience member during a town hall meeting she held in Pampa Friday afternoon.

RRC commissioner Rylander speaks at town hall meeting

Carole Keeton Rylander, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, talked to nearly 50 people in Pampa City Commission chambers in City Hall promising to fight regulatory overkill and make the agency more responsive to those it regulates.

"I want to do everything we can to de-hassle the regulatory process," said Rylander, who was named chairman two weeks ago.

Speaking Friday afternoon to representatives of independent oil and gas producers, operating companies, oil and gas property owners, consultants, engineers and local Railroad Commission employees, Rylander fielded questions on local rules, including Rule 13, which governs well plugging, and voiced support for natural gas cooperatives so smaller producers may sell as a group for higher prices.

She told listeners oil and gas make up \$55 billion of the annual Texas economy.

Rylander introduced a new

program scheduled to be implemented Jan. 1 called Texas Experimental Research Activity. Owners may sign over depleted oil wells to the commission which in turn will mothball the well until a new operator comes along willing to test and operate the well.

The original owner pays a fee equal to 75 percent of the plugging fee and the new leaseholder pays a \$50 testing fee. To begin production, the leaseholder pays a fee equal to 100 percent of the plugging cost.

Rylander reiterated Commission changes including abolition of the motor carrier division with its safety function carried out by Department of Public Safety, downsizing by 132 employees including 10 legal positions, opening of a new gas services division and addition of a general counsel position which reports to the commission.

Keeton is the newest member of the Railroad Commission. She celebrates her first anniversary on the commission today.

Clinton emphasizes troops will leave Bosnia after a year

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton says U.S. peacekeeping troops should leave Bosnia after a year regardless of whether war or peace will follow. Even if the worst happens, he said, "we gave them a chance."

Clinton said the mission is designed to give Bosnians "a taste of ordinary life again" while offering parties in the conflict a stable environment in which to put their peace plan into effect.

The president made the comments in an interview with 60 Minutes on CBS, taped Friday for broadcast Sunday night. He was asked to speculate on what he would do if peace in Bosnia failed.

Staying beyond a year would risk making the NATO mission an occupying force, Clinton said, an outcome no one wants.

"If we leave after a year, and they decide they don't like the benefits of peace and they're going to start fighting again, that does not mean NATO failed. It means we gave them a chance to make their peace

and they blew it."

As for whether the United States should get out even if fighting is poised to resume, he said "we should still terminate the mission."

Clinton also made clear that chasing suspected war criminals would not be part of the mandate. But if "we find them, we are obliged to turn them over."

A new Time Magazine-CNN poll suggests Americans are evenly divided on Clinton's work on Bosnia, an improvement since the spring and summer — before the accord — when more thought he was doing a poor job.

The poll found 43 percent of respondents giving him high marks on Bosnia, the same giving him low marks, and 51 percent approving of his handling of foreign policy.

On Saturday, the first two C-130 Hercules transport planes carrying U.S. troops landed in southern Hungary as part of a deployment into the former Yugoslavia of 60,000 NATO-led soldiers, including 20,000 Americans.

Parent University classes set for Monday

Local parents have three classes to choose from Monday night in the latest offerings from Pampa Independent School District's Parent University series.

"Homework and No Tears" will be offered in both English and Spanish by Sara Carmichael, English presenter at Travis Elementary, and Eunice Moreno, Spanish presenter at Lamar Elementary. The sessions each run from 7-8 p.m.

Program specialist Ramona Hite offered a checklist for parents to see if they should attend the session.

Items include:

- Parents and children engage in nightly battles over when homework will be done.
- Children rush through homework assignments with sloppy, incomplete results.
- Children "forget" to bring their homework assignments home.
- Parents do more homework than the children do.
- Children take an extraordinary amount of time to finish their homework assignments.

- Children insist that they are able to do homework while watching television, talking on the phone and listening to the stereo.
- The first time parents hear about a major project is the night before it is due ... and it isn't finished.

Also offered Monday night is "Financial Aid for College," presented by Karla Howell in the Pampa High School library from 7 to 7:45 p.m.

At this session, parents will receive financial aid forms and will be shown how to complete them. Other financial aid information will be addressed. The session is appropriate for parents of both juniors and seniors in PHS, as well as area high schools.

Area financial consultants will conduct the third session of the evening, "Savings and Investing for College," from 8-9 p.m. in the PHS library.

A variety of investment strategies will be discussed by consultants from Edward D. Jones & Co., Boatmen's First, First Bank Southwest, First American Bank and National Bank of Commerce.

For more information about any program, contact 669-4700.



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Fred Mays, left, Pampa High School choir director, leads choir students in a rehearsal Friday for the Christmas Concert program scheduled for Thursday.

Choirs prepare for Christmas concerts

Pampans can continue to hear the joyful and beautiful sounds of Christmas this week as the Pampa High School and Pampa Middle School choirs present their annual Christmas concerts.

The Pampa High School Choral Department will present its annual Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at the First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson.

Featured in the concert will be the Concert Choir performing "Gloria" by John Rutter. The choir will be accompanied by Susie Wilson on the organ. Guest soloists for the choir will be

Grace Eddins, Wanetta Hill and Lela Harris.

Also performing for the concert will be the Women's Choir, with guest instrumentalists Andrew Grabato and Brad Bledsoe, assistant band director for the PHS Band.

The concert also will have the PHS Show Choir and the Mixed Choir, who will open the concert with a featured bell choir piece.

The high school choirs are directed by Fred Mays and Susie Wilson.

There is no charge for the concert. The Pampa Middle School Choral Department will present

its annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the middle school auditorium.

Featured in the concert will be the sixth grade boys choir, sixth grade girls choir, seventh grade girls choir, concert boys choir, concert girls choir, eighth grade ensemble and parents choir.

Choral directors are Suzanne Wood and Jennifer Scoggin.

The parents choir will rehearse in the PMS choir room at 1:30 p.m. today. All parents of middle school choir students are invited to attend.

Admission to the concert is free.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

Services today
FORD, Dwight — Graveside, 3 p.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler.
STEPHENS, Lavelle Jaco — Memorial services, 1 p.m., Country Chapel, Wheeler.
Services tomorrow
LUSK, Thurman E. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Plainview.

Obituaries

DWIGHT FORD
WHEELER - Dwight Ford, 45, died Thursday, Dec. 7, at Oklahoma City, Okla. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. today at the Wheeler Cemetery with the Rev. Rodney Weatherly officiating. Arrangements are by Wright Funeral Home.

Mr. Ford was born April 3, 1950, in Wheeler. He graduated from Wheeler High School in 1968. He married Sue Wood on Sept. 9, 1968. He was a graduate of Oklahoma State University in Okmulgee, Okla. He lived in Canadian for a number of years prior to moving to Mustang, Okla., four years ago. He was a former National Guardsman. He was a member of the Mustang, Okla., Toastmasters Club and the First Baptist Church of Wheeler.

Survivors include his wife, Sue, of Mustang, Okla.; a son, Page Ford of Goodwell, Okla.; his mother, Peggy Ford of Wheeler; two sisters, Susan McCaskill of Amarillo and Teresa Rose of Wheeler; and a brother, Dell Ford of Wheeler.

The family requests memorials be to the American Heart Association or the Panhandle Chapter of the Alzheimers Association.

THURMAN E. LUSK
PLAINVIEW - Thurman E. Lusk, 91, of Amarillo, a former Plainview resident and father of a Pampa resident, died Friday, Dec. 8, 1995. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church chapel with Dr. Travis Hart, pastor, and the Rev. Jack Lusk of Haskell officiating. Burial will be in Parklawn Memorial Gardens under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Mr. Lusk was born and raised in Wise County. He moved to Haskell County at age 14. He was a graduate of Rose High School. In 1938, he married Lillie Wynona Johnson at Seymour; she died in 1993. He farmed in Haskell until 1956. He then moved to Plainview and worked for the Texas Highway Department in maintenance. He retired in 1969 and later worked at Plainview Gin. He moved to Amarillo in 1993. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and was secretary of the Men's Bible Sunday School Class.

Survivors include a son, Glynn W. Lusk of Pampa; a daughter, Jean Lindemann of Amarillo; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center in Amarillo or to the Khiva Shrine Transportation Fund in Amarillo.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to noon Monday at the funeral home.

WILLIAM FRANK PAYNE
SHAMROCK - William Frank Payne, 73, of Shamrock, died Friday, Dec. 8, 1995, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church in Shamrock with the Rev. Floyd Haddock, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors.

Mr. Payne was born in Indianola, Miss. He married Una Myrtle Harrel on Oct. 3, 1956, in Wheeler. He had lived in Shamrock since 1964. He owned and operated the Best Western Seven Flags motel since 1978, as well as other local businesses. He served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper during World War II. He was the recipient of a Purple Heart award.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Roger Payne and Billy Payne; by a sister, Eula Ann Glenn; and a brother, Leroy Payne.

Survivors include his wife, Una, of Shamrock; two daughters, Sherry Shaffer and Vicky Goldberg, both of Shamrock; a brother, Henry "Buddy" Payne of Shamrock; three sisters, Juanita Smith of Houston, Jimmie Lois Hill of Grand Bay, Ala., and Mary Ladell Alexander of Ocean Springs, Miss.; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests in the 32-hour period which ended at 3 p.m. Saturday.

THURSDAY, Dec. 8
 Patricia Kimberlyn Carpenter, 40, 1031 N. Sumner, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and bond surrender. Her bond on public intoxication is \$200 and the bond surrender is \$1,500.

FRIDAY, Dec. 9
 Max R. Saiz, 30, 1129 E. Francis, was arrested on a charge of terroristic threats and violation of Kansas probation. His bond is \$1,000. Bond denied on the violation of probation.

Ernest Lamar Huff, 60, 947 S. Hobart, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. His fine is \$1,000.

Department of Public Safety
FRIDAY, Dec. 9
 Steven Allen Roubideaux, 18, Elk City, Okla., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. His bond is \$500.
 Michael Joseph Wilhelm, 21, Sayre, Okla., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, first offense. His bond is \$1,000.

Calendar of events

PAMPA GARDEN CLUB
 The Pampa Garden Club plans to meet 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, in the home of Holly Gray. For more information, contact Marilyn Butler at 665-4994.

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.

PACE SILENT AUCTION
 Items offered in Pampa Academy of Christian Education's silent auction will be available for viewing 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, and Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Highland Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks. Bids will be closed at 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14. Collectors' baseball cards, Christmas and other gift items available. Drop bids by or mail bids to the school at 500 N. Duncan or Highland Christian Church. For more information, call 665-2273.

PAMPA MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT
 The Pampa Middle School choral department will present its annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the PMS auditorium. Featured in the concert will be the sixth grade boys choir, sixth grade girls choir, seventh grade girls choir, concert boys choir, concert girls choir, eighth grade ensemble and parents choir. The parents choir will rehearse in the PMS choir room at 1:30 p.m. today. All parents of middle school choir students are invited to attend. Admission to the concert is free.

GRAY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CLUB
 Gray County Democratic Club is to meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the Lovett Memorial Library Auditorium. Candidates and prospective candidates are invited. Turkey and dressing will be furnished. Members are asked to bring a salad, vegetable or a dessert.

PAMPA MIDDLE SCHOOL ART SHOW
 Pampa Middle School will host its fall art show from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the main hall of the school, 2401 Charles. The show will feature three choices of each art students best work including self portraits, masks and weaving. Serving as judges will be members of Pampa Fine Arts Association. The public is invited.

COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION
 The Gray County commodity distribution will be held Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the National Guard Army east of Pampa from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Police report

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

FRIDAY, Dec. 8
 Officer Fred Courtney reported disorderly conduct - fighting at Pampa Middle School, 2401 Charles, which occurred between 12:30 and 12:45 p.m. Friday. Someone suffered blows to the face.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 400 block of North Wynne at 2:15 p.m. Friday. Entry was through the east door.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 100 block of North West which occurred between Tuesday and Friday. Entry was through the back door.

Tralee Crisis Center, 119 N. Frost, reported a threat to blow up the building.

Burglary was reported in the 2000 block of Alcock which occurred between 7:15 and 7:30 p.m. through the back door.

Domestic disturbance - assault was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road at 10:40 p.m. Friday. The 19-year-old woman reported red and swollen wrists.

SATURDAY, Dec. 9
 Harassment was reported in the 600 block of North Dwight at 12:20 a.m. Saturday.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department reported the following call in the 32-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, Dec. 9
 11:06 a.m. - Eight firefighters and three units responded to a structure fire at 1524 Coffee. The fire is under investigation. No injuries were reported.

Emergency numbers

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| Ambulance..... | 911 |
| Crime Stoppers..... | 669-2222 |
| Energas..... | 665-5777 |
| Fire..... | 911 |
| Police (emergency)..... | 911 |
| Police (non-emergency)..... | 669-5700 |
| SPS..... | 669-7432 |
| Water..... | 669-5830 |

State election battleground rumbles

By MICHAEL HOLMES
 Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - The political earthquake of 1994 is still rumbling.

Another aftershock hit this week as U.S. Rep. John Bryant chose to run for the Senate. That makes four Texas Democratic congressmen this year who've decided to give up their seats.

Bryant joined Rep. Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs, who's also seeking the Senate nomination, and retiring Reps. Charlie Wilson of Lufkin and Ron Coleman of El Paso as those who won't be going to the House again.

Three of those four now-incumbent districts cover parts of East Texas, a once-solid Democratic stronghold now coveted by both parties.

In the 1994 quake, things fell the Republicans' way.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison buried her Democratic opponent in a landslide; George W. Bush became only the second Republican governor since Reconstruc-

tion; the GOP claimed 14 of the 31 state Senate seats; and GOP state House membership has hit a 20th century high of 64.

This summer, former Democratic Rep. Greg Laughlin changed parties, boosting Republicans to 12 of the state's 30 U.S. House seats.

So the voluntary departure of four Democratic House members makes Texas GOP Chairman Tom Pauken smile.

"I haven't seen such a flurry of abandonment of House seats in a long time," Pauken said Friday.

"Clearly, the Coleman district (El Paso) is a tough one for us to win. But with respect to Bryant, Wilson and Chapman's seats, it will increase the opportunities for us," he said.

Democrats see it differently. But Bill White, who's set to become party chairman this weekend, thinks it's so important to hold onto East Texas that he wants to open a party office there.

"We are going to fight, we are going to fight hard in East Texas to maintain that traditional

Democratic ground," White said recently.

Having long relied on those Yellow Dog votes, many Democrats were stunned to wake up last November and learn that U.S. Rep. Jack Brooks of Beaumont, a 21-term incumbent, had been defeated by unheralded Republican Steve Stockman.

White says recapturing that seat is one of his immediate priorities.

It's probably not too surprising that both parties are arming themselves with what sound like similar messages. Each sees itself as the voice of the mainstream.

"East Texas, that's a conservative area," Republican Pauken says. "Traditionally, that's been Yellow Dog Democratic country, but that changed last time when we were able to win two state Senate seats over there."

"The McGovern wing has taken over the national Democratic Party, and it's harder and harder for the Democrats to hold East Texas conservatives in their party," Pauken said.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Sunny and warmer today with a high near 60 and southwesterly winds 15-20 mph. Clear tonight with a low in the upper 20s. Monday, sunny with a high near 70 and southwesterly winds 5-15 mph. Saturday's low was 8; the high was 31.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas - Panhandle: Today, mostly sunny and warmer. Highs from mid 50s east to near 65 west. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows from mid 20s to around 30. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs in mid 60s to near

70. South Plains: Today, sunny and warmer. Highs 55-60. Tonight, clear and not as cold. Lows around 30. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs in mid 60s.

North Texas - Today, mostly sunny and warmer. Highs 40 northeast to 52 west. Tonight, clear and not as cold. Lows 25 southeast to 42 west.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Today, sunny but cool. Highs near 50. Tonight, clear but not as cold. Lows in the 20s Hill Country to near 30 south central and western plateau. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Today, sunny but cool. Highs in the 50s. Tonight, clear. Lows in

the 30s to near 40 coast. Upper Coast: Today, sunny. Highs around 50. Tonight, clear and not as cold. Lows from mid 20s inland to around 40 at the coast.

BORDER STATES
 New Mexico - Today and tonight, fair skies. Much warmer east. Highs 40s and 50s mountains and northwest with 50s to mid 60s east and south. Lows teens and 20s mountains and northwest with 20s to mid 30s elsewhere.

Oklahoma - Today, mostly fair and warmer. Highs from upper 40s to upper 50s. Tonight, clear to partly cloudy. Lows upper 20s to mid 30s.

City briefs

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SANTA CLAUS for rent, \$25 hour. 669-2448. Adv.

NAILS BY Tammy at Connie's Hair Shoppe. Reconditioning hot oil manicures for her or him and sculptured nails. 665-8958. Adv.

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THE KNIGHTS of Columbus are selling Smoked Turkeys and Fried Turkeys for Christmas Holidays. \$20 for smoked, \$25 for fried. To order call Hub Homer 669-3598, Neal Hoelting 669-9514. Adv.

LAKEVIEW APARTMENTS - 2 bedroom unfurnished apartments. References required. 669-7682. Adv.

IF YOU ever wanted a fireplace, we have the perfect Christmas solution for you, stop by Malcolm Hinkle, Inc. and take a look at the latest in alternative heat. We are your Enviro-Fire distributor. Adv.

DECEMBER SPECIAL - Have your heater winterized for the cold season ahead includes basic heater start up and free filter, change for \$37.50. Call Malcolm Hinkle Inc. at 665-1841. Local area only, offer expires December 25. Adv.

DAVIS MINIT Mart, 1106 Alcock, now has Texas Lotto, Bud 18 pack-\$10.49, Coors and Coors Light 18 pack - \$9.99. Thank you for shopping with us. Adv.

SANTA CLAUS has new carpet and paint inside and out for this lovely 14 year old 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, attached garage, fenced yard on N. Zimmers. 665-1054. Adv.

CHRISTMAS WOOD Santas and elves for yard decorations. Call 665-0846. Adv.

COME SEE our Corner of Angels and other handmade gifts at Henhouse Crafts, 2314 Alcock, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. daily until Christmas. Adv.

SKATE TOWN will be open Sunday 10th, 2-4 p.m. \$2 or a new toy. Adv.

CONCEALED HANDGUN License Classes, \$100. Call for dates and times. Barry Bowman, 665-9358. Adv.

GRANDSTANDS HAS NFL, NBA, Nike jackets, T's, caps and more plus designer accessories perfect for Christmas, Booth 675, Cottage Collection. Adv.

CAROUSEL EXPRESSIONS - Daily Specials, refreshments. 1600 N. Hobart. Adv.

ESA PECANS, \$6 pound. 669-7673, 669-1736. Adv.

CAJUN FOOD, Wednesday 6-9 p.m. at the Hamburger Station. Adv.

WATSON'S FEED & Garden and Celebrations Gift Shop, both open today 2-5:00. 665-4189 or 665-3100. Adv.

ROLANDA'S JUST received new merchandise. Rolanda's has moved inside the new Frank's Thriftway Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. Adv.

HELLO, IT'S me, Tina Garland, I'm no longer at Shear Elegance, to all my old and new clientele, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. For appointment call 665-0228. Para toda me clientala, Feliz Navidad and Prospero Ano Nuevo. Adv.

KEVIN'S SUNDAY 11-2 p.m. Chicken Marsala, spicy pork loin, chicken fried steak. Adv.

PISD PUBLIC Hearing, Elementary School Consolidation Tuesday, December 19, Pampa Middle School Library 7:30 p.m. Citizens' input wanted. Adv.

PICK UP Celebration of Lights posters at Chamber of Commerce. Please save posters to use again next year. Adv.

TOP O Texas Quick Lube and Wash - the telephone number in 1996 directory was incorrect. The correct number is 665-0959, located at 1805 Alcock. Adv.

REBECCA ANN'S Plus Sizes, 1521 N. Hobart. 30% off all Christmas merchandise this week. Adv.

TRAVEL EXPRESS has free travel planning! 665-0093. Adv.

THE JORDAN Unit is in need of good Christian reading material and study books. Donations can be dropped off at the Gift Box. Thank you. Adv.

BEAUTIFUL GLASSWARE, Unique Gnomes or Quality Shoes, Equipment, and Clothing for every sport. Let us fill your Christmas lists. Free gift wrap. Holmes Gift Shoppe and Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler. Adv.

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SILENT AUCTION: Pampa Academy of Christian Education 665-2273, View items Monday and Tuesday December 11th and 12th 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Highland Christian Church 1615 N. Banks. Collectors Baseball cards, Christmas and other gift items. Adv.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT Hanging Service. 669-7113, 665-3955. Adv.

SUNDAY BUFFET served every Sunday at the Coronado Inn Coffee Shop. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It's a traditional buffet featuring 3 entrees, salad and dessert. Come and see our new look! Adv.

TICKET DISMISSAL, Insurance Discount, 669-3871. Bowman Defensive Driving (NTSD). Adv.

FARBERWARE COOKWARE and Oneida Stainless 30% off. Free gift wrap. Holmes Gift Shoppe and Sports Centers, 304 S. Cuyler. Adv.

BASKETS OF Love, has Gourmet Foods, Stocking Stuffers, ME, Special gifts, for family, friends, business associates, stop in for Hot Cider at Combs-Worley Building. Wrap, deliver, mail. 665-2409. Adv.

2 PIECE sectional and Lazy Boy recliner for sale. 669-6291. Adv.

HANDGUN CLASSES forming, Donna Nunamaker 665-9394. Adv.

1-WICKER ANTIQUE desk, 1 wicker antique table, 1 display antique cabinet, 1 church pew, all finished nicely. 665-8237. Adv.

MOVING SALE - Heavy duty Kenmore washer/dryer. Livingroom chairs, maple bedroom set. Sunday-Monday only. 669-9713. Adv.

SHOPPERS - HOLIDAY hustle and bustle getting to you? Relax and enjoy the holidays with Reflexology. Need a gift for someone who has everything? Give them a gift certificate for a Reflexology foot massage, they'll love it! 665-0564. Adv.

Hearing set Dec. 19 on school consolidation plan

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

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.

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Local Briefs

PAMPA — The Downtown Business Association is sponsoring a come-and-go Christmas party 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Hobby Shop, 217 N. Cuyler.

DBA members, employees and prospective members are invited. For more information call Ronnie Holmes at 665-2631 or 665-6475.

PAMPA — The juvenile probation board of Gray County is to meet at 3 p.m. Monday in the second floor courtroom to consider:

- 1995 audit of juvenile probation office books.
- Placement of officers at

Pampa Middle School and Pampa High School.

- Status report.
- Contracts with Genesis House, Texas Boys Ranch and Reeves County Detention Center.

PAMPA — Members of the Panhandle Criminal Justice Facilities Financing Corporation are to meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the second floor courtroom of the Gray County courthouse.

The board will consider a two-item agenda including minutes of the previous meeting and the revised development agreement.

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry files for his re-election bid

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Amarillo, one of the freshman House Republicans who signed the Contract With America, has filed for re-election.

Thornberry defeated previous 13th District Democratic congressman Bill Sarpalius in the 1994 general election, capturing nearly 56 percent of the vote.

In his freshman term, Thornberry, whose district covers all or parts of 38 counties, has served on the House Resources Committee, the National Security Committee and the Joint Economic Committee.

Thornberry has sponsored three bills that would bar members of Congress from making personal use of "frequent flyer" credits relating to government business trips; limit pay raises for members of Congress; and eliminate automatic pay raises for congressmen.

With filing in the primary races beginning last week, the only other announced candidate for

the post to date is Amarillo businessman Ryan Paige, 25, who has filed a declaration to run as an independent.

In other state filings, former Congressman Ron Paul filed Friday for the Republican Congressional nomination for the 14th District in Southeast Texas.

Paul served in the U.S. House from 1977 to 1984. He faces Jim Deats of Blanco, Ted Bozarth and incumbent U.S. Rep. Greg Laughlin in the March primary.

The district covers parts of Williamson County down to Aransas County.

Laughlin, a former Democrat, switched parties this summer.

In other election news: — Presidential candidate Lamar Alexander filed for the Texas Republican primary.

—U.S. Rep. Dick Army filed for re-election; and

—Cheryl A. Johnson filed to run for the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Statewide dry spell bumps up water use

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP) — Columbus Day, Halloween and Thanksgiving have come and gone and still no rain fell in Lubbock.

Water usage in this West Texas city is up 350 million gallons just since October. The National Weather Service here had to search back to Oct. 2 to find the last measurable precipitation — 0.52 of an inch.

Most of Texas is just as dry. Cattle experts grade their pastures in poor shape. The Texas Forest Service warns of extreme or high wildfire danger from El Paso to Texarkana.

"If you were to take a walk out through those fields, you would see how dry it is just by stepping on the grass and feeling it crunch," said Randall County Judge Ted Wood, who has curtailed trash burning outside of Canyon.

Wood said he hears a repetitive

farm report on the radio: Parched soil, no rain.

"It's like a broken record," he said.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Office says soil conditions have deteriorated across the state.

Parts of South Texas and the Coastal Bend have adequate moisture, according to the agency. Everywhere else comes up short or very short.

Farmers started relying more on irrigation for their crops when the dry spell started in mid-1992, said Wayne Wyatt, manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District in Lubbock. Aquifer levels subsequently dropped.

"It's not nearly as bleak as it was last year," Wyatt said. "But we do need some rain."

At Wolf Irrigation Co. in Abernathy, salesman Bobby Thomason said farmers have been putting in new wells and repairing old ones. He mentioned a seldom-used rain gauge out-

side his building north of Lubbock.

"It's catching more sand than it is water," Thomason said.

The state forest service issued an outdoor-burning moratorium for 19 counties in Northeast Texas. Mahlon Hammetter, fire prevention specialist in Lufkin, said the agency worries about dormant vegetation that could fuel a wildfire.

"We are looking at going into the Christmas holiday with dry grass and fireworks. That's a lot of concern," Hammetter said. "We could see the worst fire season in winter in a long time."

An "extreme" danger of wildfires exists from Amarillo to Lubbock and El Paso, as well as a corner of Northeast Texas. A "high" danger exists across north and central parts of the state. Houston, Austin and San Antonio fall into a "moderate" danger zone.

Meteorologist Lance Goehring in Amarillo, where the last measurable rainfall was 0.06 of an

inch Nov. 10, said weather systems moving from the Northwest have been losing their moisture by time they get to Texas. Goehring forecast a cold blast this weekend — and maybe a little snow.

That's good news at Ski Lubbock Sports.

Store manager Clint Hansard said sales have dropped 25 to 30 percent this year because of scant snow at New Mexico ski resorts.

"They are disheartened," Hansard said of his customers. "People already had plans. They already made reservations."

Bruce Blalack, water treatment superintendent for the city of Lubbock, estimates that residents this year will consume 500 million gallons of water more than in 1994. Hot and dry weather caused more water use by landscapers and industrial cooling towers, he said.

"We have plenty of water, and we're able to keep up with the demand," Blalack said. "(But) if we have several years of this, it may become a problem."



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Opinion

Limiting federal power, control

It appears that the federal government is on the verge of repealing the national 55 mph speed limit it imposed in the 1970s, putatively in response to the energy crisis. This long running exercise in power grabbing should serve as an object lesson in how letting the national government assert more power and authority than is absolutely necessary can distort debate and twist people's perspectives - and how difficult it can be to reduce federal power once it has been expanded.

Most of the news media reports on the repeal of the 55 mph used words like the federal government "will allow" state governments to have different speed limits if they so choose. None came close to suggesting that, under pressure from elected representatives, the federal government was giving up a power it had earlier seized, whose authority was dubious at best.

Yet the second formulation is closer to truth. The imposition of the 55 mph speed limit was supposedly designed to save gasoline during various energy crises (which were, in fact, brought about and deepened by government policies rather than by the private marketplace.) But advocates also advanced a safety argument: Speed kills, and a lower speed limit will mean fewer highway deaths.

That sounded plausible, but it wasn't quite so simple. The major cause of highway accidents is not so much speed in and of itself, but autos in adjacent lanes going at markedly different speeds and moving back and forth between lanes. This phenomenon was sometimes aggravated by speed limit laws, as law abiders believed they had as much right to the "fast lanes" as did scofflaws going 70 mph or faster.

Then there was the absurdity of such a low speed limit on long, often straight, lightly traveled highways in the American West. Some states, submitting to federal pressure, kept the 55 mph law on the books, but set the fine for exceeding the limit at something nominal, like \$5.

By the early 1980s, it was apparent that the national 55 mph speed limit was broadly unpopular, almost universally ignored, and doing little if any good good for energy conservation or safety. Yet it stayed on the books for another 15 years.

(Actually, the speed limit was a federal mandate, even a "suggestion," rather than an actual federal law. Under the Constitution, the states are supposed to be sovereign entities, with the national government performing only certain limited duties as enumerated in the Constitution. So states were told that they could set any speed limit they wanted, but if it weren't 55, they wouldn't get any federal highway funds - a form of blackmail. Later, some stretches of road were allowed to have a speed limit of up to 65.)

Letting state governments set their own speed limits should be viewed as a return to normal, constitutional government in this area. Instead, in part because the mandate was in force for so long, it looks to many people like a concession, a case of the federal government graciously "allowing" states to do something the federal government has every right to do.

Next time we're tempted to think, when some problem arises, "let the feds handle it," remember how long the 55 mph speed limit prevailed after it was apparent to almost everyone that it was useless.

Thought for today

"Death seems to provide the minds of the Anglo-Saxon race with a greater fund of innocent amusement than any other single subject ... the tale must be about dead bodies or very wicked people, preferably both, before the Tired Business Man can feel really happy."

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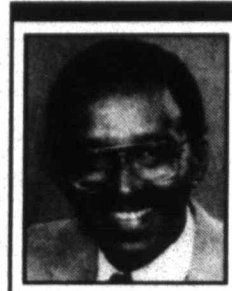
America's liberal cancer grows

Ideas of the liberal media and academic elite, supported by liberal politicians, have delivered one disaster after another. Their agenda has featured attacks on shame, traditional values and civilized standards of conduct.

Take the afternoon sleaze shows where hosts have guests ranging from those who've slept with their daughters' boyfriend and teenage male and female prostitutes to gang bangers and other lowlives. Viewers are supposed to believe that these lifestyles are morally equivalent to any other lifestyle. I'm not calling for censorship or even tuning out because there's a bit of voyeurism in all of us. Just recognize that these people are America's human debris.

The so-called spouse abuse "crisis" is a modern liberal cause and part of a devious agenda. According to U.S. Department of Justice statistics, the 1992 rates of assaults per 1,000 of the population by marital status were: never married (males, 23) and (females, 12); divorced or separated (males, 14) and (females, 9); married (males, 6) and (females, 3). Clearly, both men and women are safer when married. The least likely assault victim is a wife. What the liberals call wife beating is more accurately labeled girlfriend or "partner" beating.

Male-female relationships within marriage are far more stable than in "partnerships" - in my day called shacking up. Reduced assault rates are just one benefit. Children raised in a traditional fami-



Walter Williams

ly have higher cognitive skills and lower delinquency rates. The poverty rate for traditional families is lower; in the case of blacks, it's around 7%, compared to 34% for blacks in general. Married men not only earn higher income, but they're healthier and live longer as well. Despite these benefits, liberals demean, attack and undermine what they trivialize as the "Ozzie and Harriet" family. The reason is simple: Liberals have an agenda incompatible with the traditionalist family.

Friedrich Engels' first draft of the Communist Manifesto called for deliberate undermining of the family as a means to accomplish the Marxist agenda. Like Marxists, liberals want people to be loyal and obedient clients of the state. Strong families undermine that agenda. Liberals want to determine when sex and what moral values are taught children. They want minor children to

have abortions. Judges who rule that children can get abortions with neither parental knowledge or parental consent help undermine family authority. Hillary Clinton and her pals advocate children's rights. Getting their hands on our children at early ages gives liberals more time to undermine family values; that's why they attack home schooling.

Who are the heroes of liberals and targets of their endless compassion? It's easy: bums and vagrants. The ACLU will go miles to make sure a foul-smelling, nuisance-making vagrant can enter a library but not an inch for a law abiding person who's been mugged. Its endless compassion extends to barbaric criminals. It has helped set criminals free to prey on us and led the fight to make us defenseless by its gun-control efforts.

Also included among liberal hero/mascots are disease carriers. Liberals seek early parole for AIDS-infected prisoners and call for anonymity laws that enable AIDS-infected people to spread their deadly disease to others. The medical profession participates in the dishonesty about AIDS by having us believe that AIDS can't be acquired through casual contact as it did some years ago when a San Francisco hospital punished nurses who used masks and gloves while handling AIDS patients.

If our country is to survive and prosper, we must summon the courage to condemn and reject the liberal agenda, and we had better do it soon.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Sunday, Dec. 10, the 344th day of 1995. There are 21 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 10, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, for helping mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War.

On this date:
In 1520, Martin Luther publicly burned the papal edict demanding that he recant, or face excommunication.

In 1817, Mississippi was admitted as the 20th state.

In 1830, poet Emily Dickinson was born in Amherst, Mass.

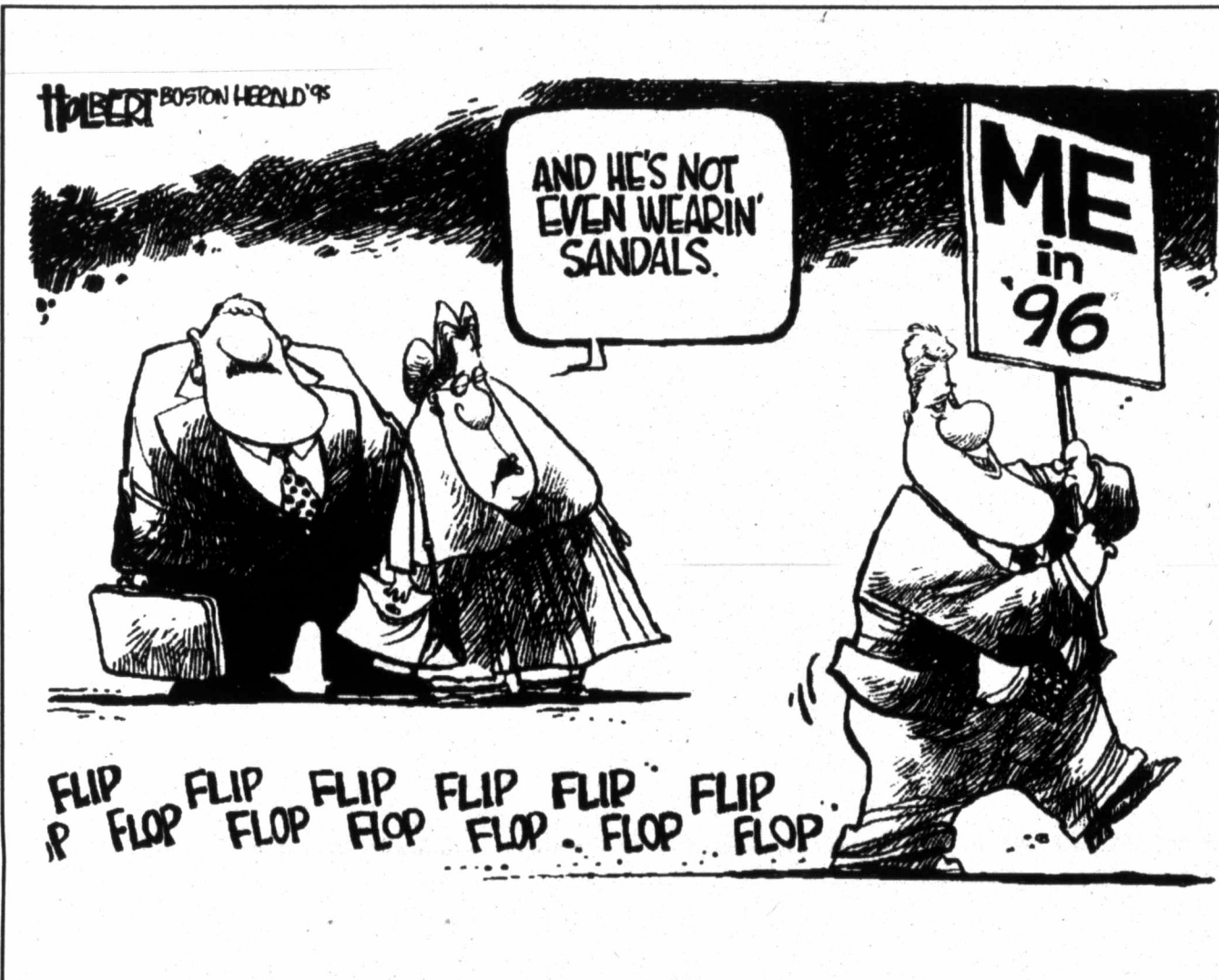
In 1869, women were granted the right to vote in the Wyoming Territory.

In 1898, a treaty was signed in Paris officially ending the Spanish-American War.

In 1931, Jane Addams became a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, the first American woman so honored.

In 1948, the U.N. General Assembly adopted its Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

In 1950, Ralph J. Bunche was presented the Nobel Peace Prize, the first black American to receive the award.



Vietnam policy revisited on Bosnia

Charley Reese

Richard Holbrooke, architect of Bill Clinton's Bosnian policy, was one of the architects of Lyndon Johnson's Vietnam War policies. Round and round the quagmires we go, and up pops one of the same weasels.

Holbrooke, now assistant secretary of state for European and Canadian affairs, who is being touted by some in the press for negotiating "peace" in the Balkans, was special peace assistant for Vietnam to Johnson from 1966 to 1967. He also played a behind-the-scenes role in the Vietnam War negotiations.

Johnson's Vietnam policies were a disaster. Clinton's Bosnian policies, I predict, will also be a disaster. I suspect Holbrooke knows as much about Bosnia as he knew about Vietnam. I suspect his assumptions about what will happen in Bosnia will be about as accurate as the wrong assumptions made by the Johnson administration in Vietnam.

The parallels are eerie: Vietnam expert becomes Bosnian expert. U.S. troops sent to Vietnam with no clear mission. U.S. troops going to Bosnia with no clear mission. U.S. troops sent to Vietnam with exit plan or timetable. U.S. troops going to Bosnia with no exit plan. No clear national interests involved in Vietnam. No clear national interests involved in the Balkans.

U.S. defense politicians boasted of how power-

ful U.S. forces were in Vietnam. They boast now how powerful U.S. forces will be in Bosnia. Bad terrain and irregular fighters in the Balkans.

U.S. troops went to Vietnam without full support of the people and Congress. U.S. troops are going to the Balkans without full support of the people and Congress.

LBJ ignored at least the spirit of the Constitution and so is Clinton. The Johnson administration lied about the situation in Vietnam. Chances are high the Clinton administration has been lying about some of the things going on in the Balkans. You have to be naive to believe that retired American military officers who trained the Croatian army have no ties to the CIA. There have been charges published in Europe that the mortar bomb used as an excuse for heavy NATO air raids came from the Moslem side, not the Serbian side. Some British journalists have for weeks been reporting that the United States has covertly violated the arms embargo against the Muslims and has supplied them with

intelligence data.

In short, American troops will not be seen by the Serbs as neutral peacekeepers but as allies of their enemies, the Croats and Muslims. The Serb irregulars may not have been able to strike back at the NATO planes that killed nearly 3,000 Serbs, but they will be able to strike at American ground troops.

As in Vietnam, Americans can't tell the good guys from the bad guys until after they're being shot at.

How many times must Americans be victimized, lied to, and forced to bury their sons and husbands for no good reason just so internationalists can keep their global military-industrial complex humming? How many times do the American people have to be duped before they figure it out?

Clinton, the Vietnam War draft dodger, is letting one of the Vietnam War experts guide him into sending American troops into the same kind of political-military swamp that he protested in the 1960s. I wonder if Clinton has enough of a conscience to appreciate the cruel irony. I doubt he does.

The American people ought to rise up as one and send Clinton the same message he once chanted: "Hell, no, we won't go."

Rosy-cheeked, bespectacled anarchist

R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

The spirit of protest has risen up in placid Fairfax City, Va. Its fomentor is a rosy-cheeked, bespectacled lady of many moons, Rita Warren. She has vowed to erect a Nativity scene outside city hall, political correctness be damned! Hoist the flag of anarchy!

There was a time when the spirit of protest was raised by those who objected to ham-fisted injections of religion into public life. They were made uncomfortable by large-scale attempts to make America into a White Anglo Saxon Protestant nation, most likely Methodist, possibly Baptist. There were militant organizations forcing such orthodoxies on the Bernsteins, the O'Briens, the Passarinis and even the Muehlmanns of our land. Yes, but that was nearly a century ago. Things have changed.

The impulse behind the militant White Anglo Saxon Protestant was notably sour, busy-bodyish and even malcontent. Warren betrays no signs of such venoms. Actually, she seems quite sweet. Certainly, there was a time for the friends of liberty to be vigilant against those who would thrust unwelcome orthodoxies upon us - but, as I say, that time has long since expired. The militant opponents of religion are now the sour busy-bodies and malcontents. The lengths they go to in eliminating the shocking spectacle of a babe in a manger has become a seasonal source of laughter to me.

Whatever happened to the robust agnostics or atheists of yore who simply dismissed Christianity as so much mumbo-jumbo? Are they really afraid that their children will be corrupted

by sighting an outdoor Nativity scene in front of the post office or city hall? Well, what effect does the American flag have on such delicate spirits, or the evergreens, or flowers in springtime? And what about the other unbelievers in the country, many of whom are minorities who have remained loyal to their faiths and traditions through thick and thin? Is the Christmas season going to cast them into despair?

Come, come, a smiling babe in a manger surrounded by shepherds, with a saintly man and pa looking down and even an angel overhead, is not that distressing to the adult mind. And, if it gives us pause to reflect ever so fleetingly on the good sense the babe grew up to espouse, is that so terrible? OK, leave all of Christ's stuff about prayer and the hereafter out of it; his call to peace and kindness, personal restraint, and ethical conduct is very welcome in a nation that nowadays is visited by such horrors. From Illinois, we hear of a mother and her children being butchered for the baby in her stomach. From Michigan, we hear of a mother having sold her 15-year-old son into slavery to settle her crack-cocaine bill. Lives are taken brutally and wantonly on the streets of the country for real - and on primetime television for entertainment. The ethical standards of our public figures are a laughable mirage. Still, the forces of

progress are marshaling against Warren and her devilish plan.

She is down at the Wal-Mart buying plastic statues of Christ and his famous party. Her lawyer at the American Center for Law and Justice is preparing her defense. It will not be the Trial of the Century. That was the trial that released O.J. Simpson among us. But Warren wants justice. She wants to display a scene that for 2,000 years has inspired much of our civilization's art, morals and spiritual sustenance. The progressives are against her. They have nothing better to put in the Nativity scene's place, but that is the record of progressive thought these last few decades. Tear out a traditional practice, and replace it with nothing - or with Dr. Freud, Dr. Marx, Dr. Leo Buscaglia or some other preposterous fraud.

I do not think we have to be religious fanatics to see the benefit of a Nativity scene at Christmas. I even approve of menorahs. What harm has come from Jewish religious practices? They have turned our minds from the brutality of the age to peace and the dignity of the individual. So, you will get no objection from me if yet another religious manifestation appears on the post office or city hall lawn. What I do object to is the existence of the post office and of a large city hall. Eliminate those and our busybody malcontents would have fewer staging areas for their bogus complaints. But that is another matter. For now, Mrs. Warren, Godspeed. You are the Gandhi of our time - and without his disgusting dietary regimen of eating bird seed and rabbit food.

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Letters to the editor

Let judge do his job

To the editor:

I read with interest and amazement the letter about the Skinner trial from C. Calvin Lacy. My papers and television are filled with articles about some outrageous verdict from our courts today. Even *Readers Digest* has a section entitled "That's Outrageous" that exposes some of these instances.

Mr. Lacy's first outrageous statement was that this was an open and shut case. So much for innocent until proven guilty! Wouldn't you love to have him sitting on a jury for you? Years ago, when I first moved to Arkansas, two men had put a sheriff and a game warden in the trunk of a car, shot them and left, believing they were dead. However, one survived and gave an eye-witness account of the incident in court. These two were found guilty. Of course, there was an appeal. The appeals court said that they had had an unfair trial, so they had to be tried again, even though the law officer said that they were the ones who had done it! Now the citizens were out the expense of two trials. This could happen with the Skinner trial. Not only would Gray County have had to pay for a trial in Pampa, but also the one in Fort Worth because, like the trial in Arkansas, the Skinner trial was too publicized where the crime occurred.

Mr. Lacy goes on to say that Gray County had to pay defense attorneys. The county would have had to do this no matter where the trial was held. It's the law!

Next, Mr. Lacy comments about the court stenographer's salary and billing practices and the fact that the judge appoints the auditor for the county. Evidently the stenographer's billing has always been set up this way, or that's the impression I get from the letter. He also states that the auditor appointment is state law but seems to blame Judge Sims for it being this way! Totally illogical! As a matter of fact, Mr. A.C. Malone is the county auditor and was long before Judge Sims was elected, and has been since that time.

As a resident of Wheeler County, I, of course, am hoping we never face this situation. However, when I voted for Judge Sims I did so believing he would do good things for this district, and as far as I know he has. I have never heard of him being unfair or trying to take revenge on someone. To insinuate that people are afraid to run against him because of fear is ludicrous! To say that maybe it is because of money makes no sense. Perhaps it is because of citizens like Mr. Lacy who, no matter how hard you try, always have a gripe!

Mr. Lacy's closing statements lead me to believe this is the case; he does have a gripe, besides the change of venue. At the end of his letter he tries to recruit other discontents. How many times have we seen rabble rousers keep agitating until they have a loud, noisy group behind them? I'm led to believe Judge Sims is ruling or has ruled against some issue Mr. Lacy holds dear and Mr. Lacy is out for the very thing he accuses the judge of — revenge. Mr. Lacy has used emotional and fear tactics instead of logic and reasoning, all the while making it seem statistics are speaking for him.

It is asinine to suppose that Judge Sims woke up that morning and said, "Now, let's see. What could I do to cause Gray County grief, and to spend a great deal of money? I know, I'll change the venue of the Skinner trial!"

I don't agree with every decision elected people make, but I feel Judge Sims has served us well in the past and continues doing a good job today.

Lynna Crockett
Wheeler

Leave street name alone

To the editor:

The voice of the ordinary average person in these United States needs to and should be heard.

Such, I believe, has happened in regard to the proposal to change a street's name.

Ms. Winkleback with her letter has brought back memories of people I had let slip through my mind. I knew these people. They were a part of my teenage growing up. They helped our family, especially the Dittmeyers, who owned a small grocery store on West Brown Street. They lived in living quarters that were part of the store. They

gave this family credit when we were short of cash, even though theirs was a struggle to just get by.

Ms. Bray wrote about Woody Guthrie's military record. That's fine, except that here in Pampa and Gray County we had two families that contributed heavily to this country's defense. One family gave five sons and the other four! This doesn't happen too often, does it? I do remember the Sullivan brothers of WWII. But, there were many other brothers. Through God's grace and their parent's prayers, we came back.

Some, like John Tripplehorn, don't seem to like anything about Mexico or anyone that's connected to this country. Doesn't he really know that?

In WWII, 12 with Spanish surnames earned the most prestigious Medal of Honor! The Vana family of San Antonio gave six sons during WWII. All served in combat! Yet, the Teller family living in Albuquerque, N.M., sent six boys and two girls into this same conflict. The fall of Bataan and the death march that followed was shouldered by Mexican-Americans that made up 25 percent of that tragedy!

Mexico's Air Force Squadron 201, appropriately named the Aztec Eagles, helped defeat the Japanese in the Pacific theater. Thirty-eight Mexican pilots formed the core of this group, the only fighting force to ever serve outside Mexico!

The price THEY paid for me and you — two pilots lost in training accidents and five lost in combat. And, as to insult some of us, a Mr. Marcario Garcia, birthplace Villa de Castano, Mexico, was among the twelve who earned the Congressional Medal of Honor.

During Vietnam, when Spanish surnames made up only five percent of the U.S. population, 19 percent of casualties bore our surnames.

And, etched on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington — 27 percent are Spanish surnames!

There is no record of how many of us played a guitar or harmonica as entertainment for the troops, nor if any of us became accomplished songwriters, but we've contributed to the peace and security of this, our country.

A veterans' avenue is a good suggestion. Lined with the names of all veterans who served honorably would be appropriate.

To suggest that Woody Guthrie alone needs to be honored partly due to his service record would be a direct slap to all vets from Pampa and everywhere else! Leave the street names as they are.

If not, I'll make a few suggestions I deem to be proper and appropriate!

Ray Velasquez
Pampa

P.S. Let Ms. Bray volunteer to change her own street's name.

More on changing name

To the editor:

Some thoughts on the proposed name change for South Russell Street.

My father, Frank Dittmeyer, owned property in the 200 block of West Craven in the 1920s and 1930s. I was raised at 215 Craven and we lived there until 1938 when my dad purchased the property at 311 W. Brown. In the 1920s and until we moved, we lived neighbors to the Jennings family who lived on the corner of Craven and Russell streets.

It was in the early 1930s we became aware of Woody Guthrie. I remember as a young girl Matt Jennings and Woody Guthrie picking and fiddling their music on the porch of the Jennings' home. Woody became interested in Mary Jennings, who was Matt's sister. Woody and Mary were married and lived in a two-room house on the Jennings' property.

I remember Woody Guthrie also as a "drifter." Today we would call a person like Woody a "transient." He never stayed in Pampa for any length of time. He was always leaving his family and was "on the road again." The Woody Guthrie Memorial Highway fits him very well as he was always hitch-hiking from "here to there."

I am against changing the name of Russell Street to honor him. I feel a person should do something for the benefit of a community to have a street named for him or her. Woody Guthrie did nothing for Pampa. He only drifted in and out of Pampa when he felt the urge to see his family or friends.

I realize he composed many songs and enjoy hearing some of them, but that is what we should remember him for. So let's leave Russell

Street as it is and remember Woody Guthrie as a songwriter and a drifter, because that's all he ever was.

If you must change a street name, why don't you pick someone who was raised in Pampa and achieved far greater success and gave something back to Pampa.

Woody gave nothing to Pampa.
Geneva Dittmeyer Dalton
Pampa

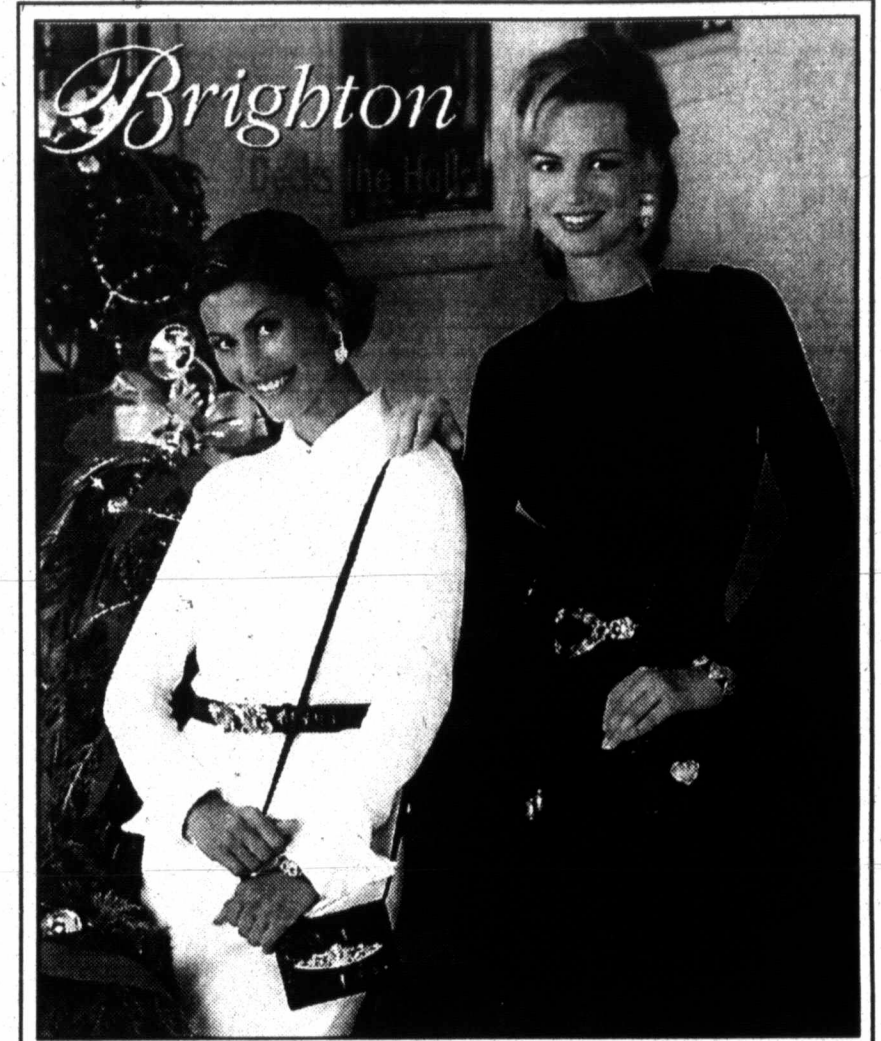
Where are the signs?

To the editor:

??QUESTION?? Will Lefors, Texas ever get the Neighborhood Watch Signs that were a big story on April 20, 1995?

Dick Sierman
Lefors

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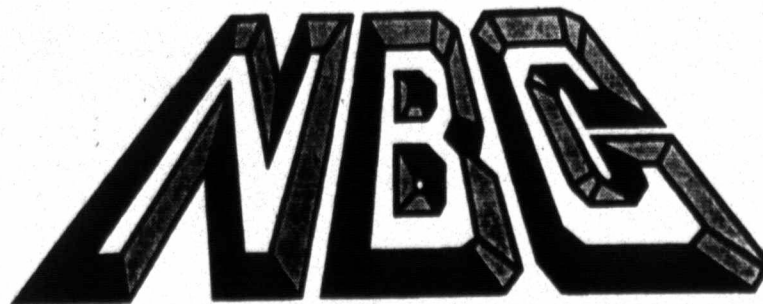


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Business

Dallas law firm fined \$8 million in bankruptcy case

DALLAS (AP) — A major law firm and two of its partners have been ordered to pay \$8 million to a man who alleged that they betrayed his interests in a complex series of business reorganizations starting in the late 1980s.

The firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld and the two attorneys were ordered to compensate Dallas businessman Grady H. Vaughn III.

In a ruling filed Nov. 3, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Harold C. Abramson concluded that the firm and attorneys Allen P. Miller and J. Stephen Hatfield were guilty of gross negligence and breach of financial duty to Vaughn and a New Mexico land and

cattle company he controlled.

"We are disappointed and will vigorously contest" the order, said Edward Copley, Akin Gump managing partner. Miller and Hatfield declined to comment.

According to the ruling, the lawyers were hired in 1989 to help limit the potential effects of criminal and civil actions that New Mexico authorities were pursuing against Chama Land and Cattle Co.

The company, in which Vaughn held two-thirds interest, owned a 32,000-acre New Mexico ranch that included two game parks and wildlife. In a 1989 indictment and state lawsuit, the state accused Chama and some employees of interstate transportation of stolen game.

Minding your own Business

By Don Taylor



Why businesses fail

Hundreds of books and thousands of articles have been written about business failures. The experts offer many valid reasons. Among the most often mentioned are intense competition, lack of capital, failure to generate profits, lack of management skills and downturns in the economy. However, even armed with this knowledge more businesses will fail this year.

I do not question the validity of these reasons. I agree they contribute to the demise of many small businesses. However, I would suggest that some of these reasons are only symptoms of other problems.

With this in mind, I'd like to offer some thoughts for your consideration. Just like you, I am a customer. We are all buyers of products and services. We can learn many lessons in business management every day. Here are some reasons why we have business failures.

Why businesses fail

• **Businesses don't fail because of competition, they fail because they don't compete.** Most owners of well-run businesses will tell you that competition keeps them sharp. Competition brings out their best.

Competition causes all of us to work harder and smarter. We must put out extra effort, be creative and find new ways to satisfy our customers. The new power retailers, tough global competitors and fast-growth service companies are raising the standards of competition every day. Constant improvement is our key to prosperity.

• **Businesses don't fail because of the lack of profits, but because they cease to please customers who guarantee their profits.** Some owners feel that profit comes from marking up their products substantially over their cost. Actually, profits come from satisfying customers.

If a business doesn't satisfy its customers completely, the customers will look for other sources to satisfy their needs. When they go, they take their profit potential with them.

• **Businesses don't fail because of downturns in the economy, they fail because they do not react quickly to changing conditions.** During the depression of the 1930s some American businesses prospered. The same is true of every recession and economic slowdown since.

Survival in tough times requires both quick thinking and quick reactions. Businesses that make transitions quickly, do well in difficult economic times. Unfortunately some find it easier to blame the economy for their failure than to make changes to ensure their success.

• **Businesses don't fail because there aren't enough customers, they fail because they don't offer value and treat their customers well.** I'll admit there may be exceptions here. We recently saw several businesses in New York that require large numbers of daily customers to be successful. (Broadway shows, double-decker bus tours and the high end shops on Fifth Avenue are good examples.) However, common sense should tell you not to open a clothing boutique in a nudist colony or a car dealership in an all-Amish community.

We must determine if there is a base level of customers to support our business in the first place. Then, if the customers don't come or the number of customers dwindles, we must look for weaknesses in our promotion strategy, value perception or service level.

• **Businesses don't fail because customers don't care, they fail because the owners or employees don't care.** I often hear business owners lament that customers aren't as loyal as they used to be. I don't agree. I think customers are as loyal as ever. However, fewer businesses are working as hard as they once did to earn their customers' loyalty.

Today, we have to care more to avoid failure. ("We" means everyone in the business.) When customers sense that no one cares, they take their business elsewhere. Today's consumers are better informed and have more choices. They will not be faithful to businesses who do not care about serving them well.

North Texas couple selling old fashioned Christmas along with trees

By G. CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

ALVORD, Texas — Richard and Karen Boyer are selling more than Christmas trees on their rolling, wooded farm northwest of Decatur.

They are selling a bit of old-fashioned Christmas, they say.

That is how they see their latest business venture, which they say is a sort of Six Flags Over Texas in the rough, an entertainment experience connected to the annual Christmas tree quest.

Their customers can wander through 12,000 neatly trimmed Virginia pines, pick one special tree for their living room, and cut it themselves.

Children can see how the process of choosing a Christmas tree used to be — before truckloads of pre-cut trees displayed on asphalt city lots became the norm. "These are fresh trees, not Canadian trees that were cut three or four months ago and shipped thousands of miles," Richard Boyer said.

There is no asphalt on the Boyers' secluded 125 acres. Just lots of trees — Christmas and otherwise — along with miles of gravel roads, well-tended forest trails, picturesque ponds, pettable animals (including miniature donkeys) and even a concession stand with hot chocolate.

There is a bobcat den along the

1-1/2-mile nature trail, and pet deer roam the grounds. It is a no-hunting wildlife sanctuary sandwiched between boundaries of the Lyndon B. Johnson National Grasslands, where hunting is allowed in limited areas.

And for tree shoppers, "It's the true Charlie Brown Christmas," said Richard Boyer, 50, a Southlake insurance broker. "We set this up to be a real, old-time family experience, a place to get away from the city and find nature."

The Boyers bought the farm in 1983 "to have a place where we could go throw rocks," Richard Boyer said.

But after a while, he said, the couple decided they wanted to find a way to share the beauty and serenity of their land with others. They opened it to church

and civic groups for weekend retreats, hayrides and picnics.

"Then I hit on this Christmas tree thing, thinking it might be a good hobby," Boyer said. "And instead of a hobby, it became our next entrepreneurial project."

With careful planning, the Boyers built the roads, trails, ponds and an extensive irrigation system. Six years ago, they planted the first pine seedlings.

Finally, last Christmas season, they opened Special Times Farm & Stable to yule tree buyers.

The farm is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays only, until Christmas.

The Boyers have been busy as beavers, spraying the pines with a special green dye mixed with a pest-control agent so the trees don't introduce bugs into people's living rooms.

Desk and Derrick Club to install officers Dec. 12

The Desk and Derrick Club of Pampa will have its regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Pampa Country Club, with the installation of officers for 1996.

Social time will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the meal and meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

Speaker will be Lynn Pearce, Region V director from Andrews, who will conduct the installation of officers. Pearce is the office manager for Andrews Supply & Rental Inc. in Andrews.

She graduated from Monterey High School in Lubbock and attended South Plains College. She is married to Cecil Pearce and has one daughter, Natasha.

Newly elected officers for the

Pampa Desk and Derrick Club for 1996 are Linda Slaybaugh, National Bank of Commerce, president; Ronda Norris, Robert Knowles Automotive/West Texas Ford, vice president; June Hall, IRI International, secretary; and Julie Bryant, Mon Corporation, treasurer.

New two-year directors are Nancy Allen, Gray County Tax Department; Diane Lumley, W O Operating; Murrel Jones, F&M Company; and Ernestine Jarnigan, retired, J.M. Huber. Serving as immediate past president is Terresa Snow, Adobe Operating.

Reservations for the meeting may be made by calling Esther McAdoo at 665-9345 or 665-3404.

CMA moves office

WASHINGTON — The Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA) is moving across the river.

CMA is moving into new offices in January 1996, at 1300 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va., from their offices at 2501 M Street, NW, Washington, DC.

The association represents chemical manufacturers in the U.S. and Canada. Founded in 1872, CMA is one of the oldest manufacturing trade associations in the western hemisphere.

KN Energy announces World Wide Web site

LAKEWOOD, Colo. — K N Energy has announced its World Wide Web site featuring information, a list of available services, history and facts pertaining to the 60-year-old energy services provider. The Web site was developed by Customer Communications Group (CCG), an expert in business communication and online delivery.

The K N Energy site provides an inexpensive, timely and direct communication mechanism for customers and browsers alike, company officials said. Customer feedback is an integral element of the site's objectives, while students or researchers using the Internet as a reference tool will uncover useful information on the subject of natural energy, they explained.

"K N's mission of providing nationwide energy service and solutions will be well-served by this new presence on the World Wide Web," K N spokesman Len Edgerly said. "We are leading the way in bringing new

choices to retail natural gas customers, so it should be no surprise that we are among the first energy companies with a world-class Internet presence."

K N Energy featured sections include:

• **Business to Business** - description of services, marketing activities, gathering and processing of natural gas, locations of K N Energy's operations.

• **One to One** - account management tips and information, agricultural use survey, customer interactive savings game.

• **Investors** - weekly stock

updates, quarterly and annual reports, news releases.

• **Fun** - short history of the gas industry, the first commercial "scratch and sniff" Web page, little known facts about natural gas.

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Hidalgo County officials case ends with mistrial

McALLEN (AP) — The federal corruption trial of six Hidalgo County officials ended in a mistrial Saturday after the jury announced for a fourth time that it was hopelessly deadlocked.

After 28 hours of deliberations, the seven-woman five-man panel said it could not reach verdicts on any defendants, and U.S. District Judge Ricardo Hinojosa declared a mistrial.

"I don't know of any other avenue for this court to explore," Hinojosa said.

Suspended County Judge J. Edgar Ruiz and the other officials were accused of awarding more than \$1 million in county business to favored companies at inflated prices.

In return, prosecutors alleged, they received more than \$25,000 in kickbacks in the form of cash and airline tickets.

Accused with Ruiz were County Commissioners Samuel Sanchez and Abelardo Arcaute, former Commissioner Leonardo Camarillo, County Drainage District 1 Manager Joaquin Cerda and Head Start Director Luciano Ozuna.

The jurors told Hinojosa that except for the case against Sanchez, their votes were 8-4 in favor of acquittal. For Sanchez they had voted 11-1 in favor of acquittal.

A 102-count indictment charged the defendants with mail fraud, bribery, official extortion, conspiracy to commit racketeering and money laundering.

Ruiz was named in the most counts, 75, and faced a maximum of 570 years in prison and millions of dollars in fines if convicted of all of the charges.

Throughout the two-month trial, prosecutors depicted Ruiz as the facilitator of the alleged scheme. He and the other officials squandered taxpayer dollars so they could get rich, the government contended.

Prosecutors presented 1,500 pages of documents, including receipts from trips to Las Vegas and Houston that allegedly were given to the officials as bribes.

The government's star witness was former county purchasing agent Ramiro Gonzalez, who pleaded guilty to a lesser charge in exchange for his testimony.

Gonzalez testified that he served as the go-between for the officials and the companies. He said he would ensure one of the businesses he represented won county contracts and then pay off the officials for their help.

Defense attorneys also focused their cases on Gonzalez, calling him the true mastermind of the operation. He falsely accused the officials to save himself, they said.

Ruiz's attorney, Joe Cisneros, accused prosecutors of ignoring the real criminals to engage in a political witch hunt.

Menus

Dec. 11-15

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| <p>LEFORS SCHOOLS MONDAY Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, hot or cold cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken strips/nuggets, potatoes, gravy, English peas, tapioca, pudding, milk.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, hot or cold cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Pinto beans, barbecue wieners, oven potatoes, corn bread, salad, peach crisp, milk.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage on a stick, hot or cold cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, salad, fruit, milk.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Ham, eggs, toast, juice, fruit, milk, peanut butter, hot or cold cereal. Lunch: Turkey, ham, dressing, potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, pea salad, green beans, rolls, fruit salad, milk.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, juice, milk, hot or cold cereal,</p> | <p>peanut butter. Lunch: Chili burgers/barbecue, oven potatoes, cheese, HB salad, pickles, apricots, milk.</p> <p>PAMPA PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONDAY Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Meatball sub on a hot dog bun, potato chips, vegetarian beans, pineapple, choice of milk.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Toast, jelly, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Pig in a blanket, corn, green beans, blueberries, choice of milk.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Pancakes/syrup, ham slice, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Steak fingers, whipped potatoes, glazed carrots, fresh apple, hot roll, choice of milk.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Ham slice, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, hot roll, choice of milk.</p> | <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Hamburger, french fries, burger, sliced pickles, cookie, choice of milk.</p> <p>MEALS ON WHEELS MONDAY Steak fingers with gravy, broccoli/rice, carrots, cookies.</p> <p>TUESDAY Oven-fried chicken, blackeyed peas, whole potato with cheese sauce, pineapple.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Chopped sirloin with mushroom gravy, rice pilaf, green beans, Jell-O with fruit.</p> <p>THURSDAY Chicken patties, peas and carrots, squash casserole, pudding.</p> <p>FRIDAY Salmon loaf, macaroni and cheese, sweet potatoes, peaches.</p> <p>PAMPA SENIOR CITIZENS MONDAY Chicken fried steak or chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, German</p> | <p>chocolate cake or tapioca, cornbread or hot roll.</p> <p>TUESDAY Chicken enchiladas or meatloaf, twice baked potatoes, green beans, carrots, beans, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, spice cake or cherry delight, jalapeno cornbread or hot roll.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, English peas, squash, butter beans, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, cherry cobbler or coconut cream cake, cornbread or hot roll.</p> <p>THURSDAY Ham with fruit sauce and fried chicken, mashed potatoes, broccoli, yams, navy beans, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, angel food cake or chocolate pie, cornbread or hot roll.</p> <p>FRIDAY Fried cod fish or chicken roll-ups, potato wedges, corn, vegetable Normandy, beans, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, brownies or fruit custard cups, garlic toast, cornbread or hot roll.</p> |
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Pampa City Landfill to provide tire amnesty week service

City of Pampa Sanitation Superintendent Rick Stone announced that the Pampa City Landfill will have a tire amnesty week in December.

Stone said the project will be conducted Dec. 11-16 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at the landfill. The city will have two men from the city to

assist Safe Tire personnel loading the tires in self-contained trailers to be recycled by the Safe Tire Disposal Corporation of Texas.

Stone said the city will not be able to accept scrap tires from generators such as fleet operators, new or used tire retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers or retreaders. Also, the city

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Top American envoy seeks release of French pilots by Bosnian Serbs

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — The top U.S. envoy to Bosnia appealed to the Serbian president on Saturday to use his clout to win the speedy release of two French pilots shot down by Bosnian Serbs in August.

"We attach the highest importance to this issue," Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke said after meeting with President Slobodan Milosevic, who has helped win freedom for hostages held by Bosnian Serbs in the past.

Milosevic did not comment after the meeting.

Holbrooke appeared to be responding to an increasingly aggressive campaign by the

French to win the release of the pilots, shot down Aug. 30. France threatened Saturday to "hit" the Bosnian Serbs unless it gets information about them.

"These are our boys, on a NATO mission, and NATO is sending in more troops," said Jacques Rummelhardt, spokesman for the French delegation to a 40-nation conference on Bosnia being held in London.

"We have said we would hit those who have these pilots."

The French anger overshadowed the London conference, which moved quickly Saturday to put Bosnia's peace accord into practice. Participants agreed to set up a U.N. police force and

endorse a swift dispatch of election monitors.

The peace accord reached last month in Dayton, Ohio, is set to be formally signed in Paris on Dec. 14, and French government spokesman Alain Lamassoure said Saturday that the ceremony will go ahead despite the dispute.

NATO is waiting for the accord to be signed before sending the bulk of the 60,000 troops promised to enforce the peace among Bosnia's Muslims, Croats and Serbs.

Holbrooke's plea to Milosevic came amid increasing French desperation to have the pilots released. In Paris, Lamassoure said France has "some hopes, but unfortunately no assurances."

"I hope that the Serb leaders will have the wisdom to honor commitments to us," Lamassoure said. "France expects a response, a liberation of the pilots by Sunday night."

Already this year, Milosevic has successfully negotiated with Bosnian Serb leaders for the release of more than 300 U.N. peacekeepers

taken hostage, and of a

Christian Science Monitor reporter. The independent Yugoslav newspaper *Nasa Borba*, citing unnamed sources, said the pilots were being held by Bosnian Serb army commander Gen. Ratko Mladic near Pale, the Serb stronghold in the mountains above Sarajevo.

Mladic has said he will free the

men only if charges against him are dropped by an international war crimes tribunal, the newspaper said.

In other developments, the buildup of troops in Bosnia continued on schedule, although heavy fog forced the cancellation of all U.N. and NATO flights into Sarajevo on Saturday.

Clinton vows to veto GOP budget again

WASHINGTON (AP) — Making Medicaid the focal point of his budget strategy, President Clinton pledged Saturday to veto Republican budgets "again and again and again" until the health care program is protected.

With a government shutdown deadline six days away, the president took aim at one of the widest gaps between the White House and Republicans — the GOP plans for curbing skyrocketing costs of the state-run health care system for the poor and disabled.

"My seven-year balanced budget plan trims Medicaid and keeps costs down. It cuts federal spending, lets states be more efficient, targets the money more wisely," Clinton said in his weekly radio address, which was taped Friday and aired while he was flying to Arkansas for the weekend.

"But it doesn't end the guarantee of health care for millions of Americans who depend upon it now," he said. Republicans want to end the federal guarantee.

Repeating a veto promise he first made Friday, the president said he won't accept a budget without the guarantee. "So I'll say once more: If necessary, I'll veto these deep cuts in health care for children again and again and again," Clinton said. "I'll do it because they are not necessary to balance the budget."

Congressional Republicans bristled at the veto threat and denied White House claims that GOP lawmakers had insisted they would not negotiate on the matter.

"The president's got a crummy budget, so he's doing that kind of talking," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said Friday.

And Saturday, in the Republican radio response to the president, Sen. Don Nickles of Oklahoma and Rep. John Boehner of Ohio said Clinton's budget plan relies on higher taxes and excessive spending and does not achieve true balance.

"Despite what he promised, it seems the president just can't deliver, can't live with slowing the growth of Washington spending enough to honestly balance the budget," Boehner said.

Nickles said the vetoed GOP plan would have eliminated income taxes for 3.5 million low-income families "but the president said no."

Clinton's radio address marked the second day of Medicaid-based attacks from the White House, which is armed with internal polls showing Republicans are most vulnerable in their drive to shrink the costs of health care for the poor.

The GOP wants to save \$163 billion from Medicaid over the next seven years — about triple Clinton's proposal — by giving states set amounts of money and major influence over what the program will look like.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

If one were persuaded by the universal acclaim at this season of the year, one would believe that Jesus Christ was born on December 25 in Bethlehem of Judea. Also that God intended that men everywhere set aside this date in observance of the celebration of Jesus' birth.

However, the very book which tells us of His birth, the Bible, does not give us the date of His birth nor does it authorize the celebration of His birthday. The celebration of December 25 as the birthday of Jesus Christ was begun by a Roman Catholic Bishop named Liberius in Rome about 354 A.D. The celebration, therefore, owes its origin to man and not to God.

The true significance of His birth is to be seen in the fulfillment of God's plan for man's redemption (Matt. 1:21; Gal. 4:4; Eph. 1:7.) His birth of a virgin is but one of many evidences of His deity (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23.) He is the Word of God become flesh, to live and ultimately die as the sinless sacrifice for the sins of mankind (Heb. 1:1-4; 10:4-13; 1 Jn. 2:1-2.) He was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod according to

prophecy (Matt. 2:1-6; Micah 5:2.)

It is not surprising that man would seek to worship God and His Son, Jesus Christ in the observance of the man-made holiday known as "Christmas." Men have constantly disregarded Bible authority in favor of the doctrines of men (Matt. 15:1-9.) The Jews, in the days of the apostles, had set aside God's system in order to righteousness and replaced it with their own idea of righteousness (Rom. 10:1-3.) And so, for men today to seek to glorify God in the celebration of that which His word nowhere authorizes it but more demonstration of man's overall disregard for Bible authority.

God's plan of eternal redemption (Jer. 31:31-34; Isa. 28:16; Psa. 40:6) demands an eternal sacrifice for sins. The blood of animals would not suffice (Heb. 10:4.) Therefore, it behooved Jesus to be born of the virgin, live a sinless life and finally offer Himself as the eternal sacrifice for sins. But, beyond any doubt, if our Heavenly Father had intended that we celebrate the birth of His Son on a particular day He would have given us the details of that celebration.

-Billy T. Jones

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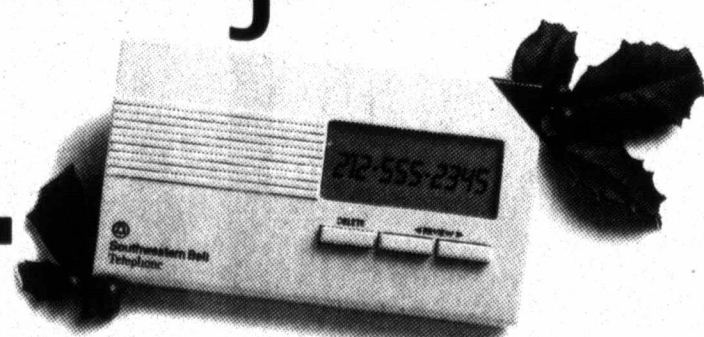
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Letters to the editor

Why no delivery service?

To the editor:

A member of the Macedonia Baptist Church called two of our local fast food services, Pizza Hut and Mr. Gatti's, and was refused delivery services from both places. The church was preparing for our 68th church anniversary, and everyone was working like eager beavers to complete all that needed to be done when suddenly the hunger pain was there and the decision to eat pizza went over well.

At 5:45 p.m. on Dec. 6 we called Pizza Hut first and after about 5-10 minutes left on hold, the voice on the phone began to ask information such as the phone number, a name and the address. When she heard the address "441 Elm Street," she quickly said "We do not deliver to those parts." Shocked, I said, "Well, thank you," and hung up.

Thinking that surely their competitors would have a much better service, I called Mr. Gatti's. Upon giving out the same information, I was turned down again.

No, we are not angry. But we would like to ask you three questions for your mind:

- 1) If we were dying of hunger, would you have fed us?
- 2) How would you have accepted this refusal?
- 3) Would Jesus do what you did or would he approve?

We understand the violence and the crimes which are everywhere, but do you stop delivering to everyone at a certain time or just to a group of people in an area you have classified as being a bad neighborhood — even the church? Yes, there are bad, rotten apples but get rid of the rotten ones and you come up with some Christians who do believe in the true and living God and His laws, not man's.

Let your conscience be your guide. Our case has been presented. All blacks are not bad. All whites are not good. There is a "hood" where you live. We have been taught to bless you

with all of God's blessings.

Pastor Rev. I.L. Patrick and church family of the Macedonia Baptist Church
Pampa

The greatest team ever

To the Harvester football team:
"THE GREATEST TEAM EVER"

As Pampa Harvester football fans, my husband and I could not be more proud of you, than if you had won state. YOU WERE THE BEST TEAM; a single stroke of luck took the win away.

Each and every player on the team gave everything he had to give, whether on the field or on the sidelines giving support. You never gave up. Your heart was in every play. YOU WERE AWESOME!!!! We salute you and thank you for one of the most exciting seasons ever!!

And to the SENIORS, if you go into the world with the heart and courage you displayed on the football field, I know you will have much success, which surpasses any football game.

Thanks again for the memories and a wonderful year. We love all of you.

Jo Ann Keller
Pampa

Wow, what a season!

To the Pampa Harvester football team and coaches:

Wow, what a season! Congratulations on all of your accomplishments this year. I think that I speak on behalf of a lot of people in saying that this year was truly one of the most exciting seasons that I have seen in a long time. Who would have known all of the things that were to come when you opened up the season in Garden City, Kansas, this year?

From your playing and coaching skills to your great attitudes, you have proved one thing for sure this season, you are Willing, Able and Ready!

Thanks for the memories.
Donny "Blades" Hooper
Pampa

Don't send them to Bosnia

To the editor:

I would like to address these remarks to President Bill Clinton concerning sending our troops to Bosnia:

If you are the Christian you say you are, you would not be sending our troops to Bosnia. In reading the papers and listening to the news, most people do not support your decision. Our troops wear U.S. uniforms, not the U.N.'s.

The amount of excessive stress put on each trooper and their families is very high when going to another country. Unless you are going to be with them to support them, then they have no business being there. But considering you bought your way out of service, then I am certain you will not be making the trip. It seems as if you have a yellow streak down your back (cowardliness). Also, every business venture you have been involved with has been questionable. And it seems as if you never tell the same story twice or you will twist it around for your benefit, which is called lying.

Due to the area, our troops can be killed with just land mines alone that are located everywhere. The people in that part of the world have not changed and what they believe in is very strong. IT'S NOT WORTH ONE TROOPER'S LIFE!!!

Tom Stringer
Pampa

Editor's Note: Due to the number of letters received this week, more will appear in Monday's edition.

Mfume chosen as new leader for the NAACP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Kweisi Mfume was chosen Saturday to head the NAACP, after 15 months during which the nation's oldest civil rights organization became better known for controversy than activism.

The Maryland Democrat, who said he will leave Congress in mid-February, said his first order of business would be to address the organization's \$3.2 million debt and change the group's administrative structure.

"We're not going to sit by and watch the world change," the former head of the Congressional Black Caucus said. "We are going to change."

Elected by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's board in a unanimous vote Saturday, Mfume said he would seek to cut the size of the board.

The board has been criticized for being too large and too politicized and the organization now has more board members than staff members.

In the past, executive directors have clashed with the 64-member board over the extent of their power, and potential candidates for the position have blamed the board for scaring them away.

But Mfume said one of the conditions he had demanded when he agreed to take the job was that he report to the board's 17-member executive committee rather than the entire panel.

"It is easier to assemble 17 than 64 on any given day," Mfume said. His title will be president and chief executive officer, reflecting his desire for more autonomy.

Mfume said he would meet with Chairwoman Myrtle Evers-Williams this week to come up with a short-term and long-term financial plan.

He said that plan would include re-opening the stream of donations from corporate donors, approaching potential individual donors such as athletes and actors for support, and trying to increase the ranks of the NAACP's 500,000 members.

Mfume said he hoped his decision to leave a safe seat in Congress for the leadership of the beleaguered NAACP would encourage people to return to the organization.

Crime of the week

Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers crime of the week for Dec. 10 is a liquor store burglary in which thieves nabbed hundreds of dollars worth of liquor.

The Bottle Shop, 714 E. Frederic, was burglarized during the pre-dawn hours of Nov. 26 after someone threw a bucket through the window.

Stolen were 10 one liter bottles of Crown Royal liquor, two 1.75 liter bottles of Crown Royal and two Crown Royal gift sets. Damaged were chairs and display racks. Total estimated loss in theft and damage exceeds \$1,000.

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BASKETBALL

DUNCAN, Okla. — Pampa's Lady Harvesters had their six-game win streak broken Friday night, losing to Lawton High, 55-39, in the semifinals of the Duncan Tournament.

The Lady Harvesters fell behind early and trailed by 11 points, 32-21, at halftime. Carol Esperry paced Lawton High in scoring with 27 points.

Leading Pampa in scoring were Tasha Wilson and Jane Brown with 10 points each. Others scoring were Jennifer Jones with 8 points, Candice Nachtigall and Candice Nachtigall, 4 each; Tina Dwight 2 and Kristi Carpenter 1.

Pampa had opened the tournament with a 42-35 over Lawton MacArthur. The played again Saturday in the consolation bracket.

PAMPA — Pampa A downed Borger A in overtime, 57-45, Saturday to win the Pampa Middle School Boys 7th Grade Basketball Tournament.

Gary Alexander led Pampa in scoring with 16 points while Bryce Jordan added 9.

In the 8th grade division of the tournament, Pampa A lost to Borger A, 50-43, in Saturday's finals.

Russell Robben had 18 points and Jesse Francis 11 to lead Pampa scorers.

Other tournament results are listed below:

Friday's games
7th grade division
Pampa A 43, Dumas A 42
P — Gary Alexander 17, Kirk George 8
Borger A 56, Pampa B 26
P — Adam Wright 4, James Ledford 4
Borger B 38, Pampa White 19
P — Craig Stout 6, Travis Lancaster 4

8th grade division
Pampa A 70, Dumas B 17
P — Russell Robben 15, Jesse Francis 14
Pampa B 50, Pampa White 27
PB — Jeremy Buck 9, Kaleb Snelgrooves 8
PW — Aaron Cochran 10, Jonathan Bolz 6

Saturday's games
8th grade division
Consolation
Pampa B 42, Borger B 26
P — Kerry Turner 9, Blake Stewart 9

7th grade division
Third-place game
Dumas A 46, Pampa B 22
P — James Ledford 5, Undral Jernigan 4

HARTLEY — Pampa's J.V. basketball team defeated Dalhart's J.V. in the Hartley tournament by 21 points, 59-38. Pampa led throughout the game, and held Dalhart to 4 points in the fourth quarter. High scorers for Pampa were Ray Tollerson with 15 and Damon Nickleberry with 14. Cody Copeland led Dalhart with 16.

Also in the tournament Channing narrowly defeated Hartley 40 to 38. Hartley led throughout most of the game, but Channing fought back after scoring only 3 points in the first quarter. Daniel Wall led Channing with 16 points, and Kevin Kemp scored 20 for Hartley.

FOLLETT — Miami girls fell to Follett, 58-38, in Friday's second-round action in the Follett Tournament.

Tomara Moore was high scorer for Miami with 13 points while Lindsay Gill added 8.

M. Birke had 17 points to lead Follett while Robertson and B. Burke had 12 each.

Other second-round results are as follows:

Girls
Belko, Okla. 46, Canadian JV 26
B — Belvin 17, A. Morris 15, C — Floyd 6
Booker 62, Hooker, Okla. 41
D — L. Brooks 17, Hodino 12, H — Scroggins 13, M. Brown 8
Canadian 50, Beaver 39
C — Lee 20, Carr 13, B — Snider 19, Gregg 12

Boys
Miami 81, Booker JV 42
M — Neighbors 22, B — Rosales 20, Hernandez 8
Beaver, Okla. 55, Canadian 37
B — Bombach 21, Dyer 12, C — Jacob 10, Eustly 10
Follett 84, Booker 63
E — Gibson 21, C. Frazier 19, B — Weinette 17, McQuitty 15

FOOTBALL

IRVING (AP) — Justin Johns returned an interception 10 yards for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter as Odessa Permian sealed a 17-6 victory over Klein in their Class 5A Division I semifinal Saturday.

Permian (13-1) will vie for its sixth state title next week-end against the winner of a semifinal between Converse Judson and Aldine Eisenhower, also played Saturday night.

Eagles look for advice to beat Cowboys

By JOHN F. BONFATTI
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ray Rhodes figured he had nothing to lose by asking Norv Turner how his Washington Redskins beat the Dallas Cowboys twice this season, most recently last week.

It doesn't appear Turner gave Rhodes much to work with as the Philadelphia Eagles (8-5) prepared to take on the Cowboys (10-3) Sunday at Veterans Stadium.

"We talked to some people, but I'm not going to put a big premium on that," Rhodes said. "It's not like it's a big secret to us. If you can take away the big three, you've got a chance to win the game."

Containing the big three — Emmitt Smith, Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin — would give the Eagles a good chance of upsetting the Cowboys, especially considering the Dallas defense won't have Charles Haley.

Haley, tied for fifth in the league with 10 1/2 sacks, will miss the rest of the season after back surgery earlier in the week.

Although coach Barry Switzer called it "a tremendous loss," he also downplayed the impact it will have on the Cowboys. "Haley's been hurt several weeks, so his production has been down anyway," Switzer said.

The Cowboys will shift Pro Bowl defensive tackle Leon Lett to Haley's right end spot and

Switzer predicted big things for Lett coming off the corner.

"I think Leon Lett will be a force outside," he said. "He's a tremendous athlete with great quickness. He's big and strong, and can run."

The loss of Haley and middle linebacker Robert Jones (groin) won't help a Cowboys run defense that gave up 140 yards on the ground to the Redskins last week. Dallas will have even more trouble stopping the run if Charlie Garner can play with a broken right thumb.

The presence of Garner, listed as questionable, gives Philadelphia a shifty change-of-pace to team with Ricky Watters, third in the NFC with 1,074 yards.

Garner doesn't talk to the

media, but Rhodes said he wants to play.

"You don't want to run with the ball facing the defense that much, but we do have plays designed where he can carry the ball in his left hand and away from the defenders," Rhodes said.

The Eagles feel the key to containing the Cowboys offense is to shut down Smith's normal running lanes and pressure Aikman, something they never did in a 34-12 loss to Dallas on Nov. 6.

The key for the Cowboys, who have beaten Philadelphia in the last seven meetings, may lie in snapping out of the malaise that seems to have filtered into the locker room.

"I don't think we're having a great deal of fun," said Smith,

echoing comments Aikman made earlier in the week.

"When we play, we're not showing any emotion. I see guys, when we score touchdowns, (act) like it's another day in the park. That's something I'm not used to seeing around here."

The Cowboys could clinch a fourth straight NFC East title with a win, and Switzer said the high standards set over the past three seasons make it tough when Dallas does anything but win convincingly.

"They had more smiles and are more excited in Washington today because of the victory over the Cowboys last week than any victory we enjoyed this year," he said. "And the only one that will make us smile like that would be to win the Super Bowl."



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa tailback Matt Archibald (33) tries to elude a pair of defenders in a game earlier this season.

Archibald rushes to record for district champion Pampa

PAMPA — As one of the senior leaders, Pampa running back Matt Archibald helped get the Harvesters into the playoffs this season. As an individual, the 170-pound senior found his way into the school record books.

Although PHS statistics from the 1930's and 1940's are incomplete, Archibald is believed to be the first Harvester to rush for over 1,000 yards two consecutive seasons.

Archibald rushed for 1,103 yards this season as the Harvesters ran away with the District 1-4A title and compiled an overall 10-2 record. Last season, Archibald rushed for 1,035 yards for the third-place Harvesters, who finished with a 7-3 mark.

"Matt had a very good career at Pampa High School and he was especially effective this year," said PHS head coach Dennis Cavalier, who was named the District 1-4A coach of the year for 1995. "I think the most notable thing about Matt is that he shared his position with Derahian (Evans). If not, he probably would have had around 1,600 yards, and maybe even 2,000."

Last season, Archibald was

the first Harvester to rush for over 1,000 yards since 1991 when Sammy Laury set a new school rushing record with 1,950 yards.

Archibald and Evans were a perfect combination at the running back position.

Archibald was a bruising runner who combined both strength and speed to average 7.2 yards per carry and score 6 touchdowns. The same could be said of the 170-pound Evans, who rushed for 741 yards (7.4 yards per carry) and a team-leading 18 touchdowns.

"Before the season started the coaches decided it was in the best interests of the team to have alternating running backs and Matt accepted that decision," Cavalier said. "Along with the actual statistics, there were those unspoken statistics this year."

Individual statistical leaders for the Pampa Harvesters during the 1995 season are listed below:

| Passing | | | | |
|----------------|-------|-------|-----|----|
| Comp | ATT | Yards | TD | |
| Clint Curtis | 27 | 59 | 487 | 6 |
| Joel Ferland | 22 | 54 | 285 | 2 |
| Rushing | | | | |
| Carries | Yards | Avg. | TD | |
| Matt Archibald | 153 | 1,103 | 7.2 | 6 |
| Derahian Evans | 99 | 741 | 7.4 | 18 |
| Ross Watkins | 72 | 422 | 5.9 | 2 |
| Marques Long | 28 | 241 | 8.6 | 4 |
| Receiving | | | | |
| Catches | Yards | Avg. | TD | |

| J.J. Mathis | 15 | 257 | 17.1 | 3 |
|-------------------------|------|--------------|------|----|
| Floyd White | 10 | 166 | 16.6 | 3 |
| Devin Lemons | 8 | 210 | 26.3 | 3 |
| Punting | | | | |
| Returns | Avg. | LG | | |
| Todd Finney | 30 | 35.0 | 55 | |
| Jeff Henderson | 11 | 28.4 | 45 | |
| Punt returns | | | | |
| Returns | Avg. | TD | LG | |
| J.J. Mathis | 18 | 8.4 | 0 | 21 |
| Derahian Evans | 14 | 10.1 | 1 | 65 |
| Devin Lemons | 1 | 29.0 | 1 | 29 |
| Kicking | | | | |
| FG-A | XP-A | PTS. | LG | |
| Todd Finney | 9-18 | 44-47 | 71 | 39 |
| Kickoff returns | | | | |
| Returns | Avg. | TD | LG | |
| Derahian Evans | 6 | 36.8 | 1 | 85 |
| J.J. Mathis | 5 | 27.2 | 0 | 50 |
| Jimmy Reed | 3 | 7.0 | 0 | 12 |
| Devin Lemons | 2 | 10.0 | 0 | 11 |
| Touchdowns/Total Points | | | | |
| Player | TD | Total Points | | |
| Derahian Evans | 22 | 134 | | |
| Todd Finney | 0 | 71 | | |
| Matt Archibald | 7 | 42 | | |
| J.J. Mathis | 4 | 24 | | |
| Floyd White | 4 | 24 | | |
| Marques Long | 4 | 24 | | |
| Devin Lemons | 3 | 20 | | |
| Interceptions/Returns | | | | |
| Int | Avg. | TD | LG | |
| Floyd White | 4 | 22.0 | 1 | 27 |
| Matt Archibald | 3 | 15.7 | 1 | 30 |
| J.J. Mathis | 3 | 6.0 | 0 | 12 |
| Derahian Evans | 2 | 12.5 | 0 | 25 |
| Trey McCavit | 2 | 10.5 | 0 | 21 |

Total tackles: Donnie Middleton 136, Floyd White 130, Brian Phelps 94, Devin Lemons 90.

Solo tackles: Floyd White 37, Donnie Middleton 36, Brian Phelps 24, Derahian Evans 22.

Quarterback sacks: Devin Lemons 9, Ryan Gibson 7, Donnie Middleton 7, Floyd White 5.

Hurries: Devin Lemons 23, Ryan Gibson 15, Aaron Wiseman 8, Floyd White 7.

Fumbles recovered: Devin Lemons 4, Derahian Evans 4, Floyd White 3.

Blocked passes: Derahian Evans 7, Jimmy Reed 4, Brian Phelps 4, Matt Archibald 3, Ross Watkins 3.

National Finals all-around title goes to Huntsville calf roper

LAS VEGAS (AP) — For the first time since the National Finals Rodeo moved to Las Vegas in 1985, a cowboy competing in the timed events won the all-around title.

Joe Beaver of Huntsville, Texas, clinched his first all-around title with a first place in the calf roping Friday night. Beaver had an 8.2-second run to win \$12,670 and increase his season earnings to \$130,165.

"I just needed to get a check," said Beaver, who finished second in the all-around in 1991, '93 and '94. "I knew I had a good calf. It's about time."

Beaver entered the NFR in sec-

ond place in calf roping, but had finished in the money only twice in seven rounds before the clinching round.

"I'm going to wait until Sunday to celebrate," Beaver said. "I've still got an outside chance to win two more rounds and maybe get something in the average."

Beaver regularly competes only in calf roping, but this season started team roping more when six-time all-around cowboy Ty Murray of Stephenville, Texas, injured a knee and couldn't compete.

"My calf roping has suffered a little," said Beaver, who won \$19,154 team roping during the

season. "But I knew I had a good chance at the all-around."

Marty Becker of Canada was second in the round with an 8.5 and Stran Smith of Tell, Texas, was third at 9.3.

Fred Whitfield, No. 1 in winnings with \$117,619, had a 7.7 time, but broke the barrier and was penalized 10 seconds. Whitfield, of Hockley, Texas, is still fourth in the NFR average.

Aaron Semas of Auburn, Calif., rode Bud to the Bone for a 90 score to win the bull riding go-round. Terry West of Henryetta, Okla., finished second with an 88 and Myron Duarte of Peyton, Colo., was third at 87.

Harvesters reach finals of Texoma Classic

LAWTON, Okla. — Pampa advanced to the finals of the Texoma Classic with a 62-53 win over Lawton MacArthur Friday night.

The score was tied at 25-all at halftime, but the Harvesters pulled away in the second half and led by 10 (46-36) after three quarters. Pampa is now 9-1 on the season while MacArthur is 2-2.

Rayford Young was high scorer for Pampa with 26 points while Chris Miller added 11 points and a team-high 7 rebounds.

The score was tied 9 times before Pampa broke on top to stay. With the score tied at 31-all, the Harvesters scored 8 unan-

sured points and MacArthur never got closer than 5 points.

Andre Wilson, Johnny Brunson and Ray Belville had 12 points each to lead MacArthur. Brunson led MacArthur on the boards with 9 rebounds.

Other Harvesters who scored were Coy Laury with 10 points, August Larson and Devin Lemons 5 each; Jason Weatherbee 3, and Gabe Wilbon 2.

Pampa opened the tournament Thursday with a 65-61 win over Lawton High.

In the Saturday night finals, the Harvesters went against Lawton Eisenhower, a 65-51 winner over Dallas Jesuit in the other semifinal tilt.

Local swimmers compete in Amarillo ABC meet

AMARILLO — A record 19 swimmers from Pampa, ages 9 to 17, participated in the annual Amarillo Swim Team ABC meet, Nov. 10-12. Each swimmer trains in Pampa, but participates as part of the Amarillo Swim Team.

There were 145 swimmers from Albuquerque, Amarillo, Midland, Lubbock, Dumas, Pampa and Canyon participating in the three-day event.

All of those who competed from Pampa swam their personal best time in at least one event. Bobby Venal, Dakota Tefertiller and Ashlee David each won at least one event for AST. For many of the new swimmers, it was their first time to compete.

Pampa swimmers and their times (all distances are in meters) are as follows:

Male 13 & over age group
Bobby Venal: 100 freestyle, 53.46 (2nd); 200 butterfly, 2:24.38 (2nd); 100 backstroke, 1:05.18 (3rd); 200 IM, 2:23.55 (3rd); 50 free, 24.31 (2nd); 100 fly, 1:01.03 (1st); 200 back, 2:15.85 (3rd); 200 freestyle, 2:10.26 (5th).
Dakota Tefertiller: 100 freestyle, 58.01 (6th), 100 backstroke, 1:03.49 (2nd); 50 free, 26.85 (7th); 200 backstroke, 2:15.42 (2nd); 200 free, 2:11.84 (6th); 100 breaststroke, 1:04.46 (1st); 500 free, 5:47.99 (3rd); 200 breaststroke, 2:21.86 (1st).
Justin Nelson: 100 freestyle, 1:00.93 (8th); 100 back, 1:13.39 (7th); 100 breaststroke, 1:15.27 (3rd).
Matt Haasle: 100 freestyle, 1:04.67 (12th); 50 free, 30.08 (12th); 500free, 6:11.43 (5th).

Female 13 & over age group
Ashlee David: 100 freestyle, 59.62 (2nd); 100 breaststroke, 1:22.84 (5th); 200 IM, 2:36.60 (4th); 50 freestyle, 27.31 (1st); 100 fly, 1:17.23 (4th); 200 free, 2:14.99 (2nd).
Ashley Higgs: 1000 freestyle, 13:33.67 (6th); 100 fly, 1:21.81 (5th); 200 IM, 2:49.30 (8th); 100 breaststroke, 1:27.23 (7th); 100 backstroke, 1:22.24 (17th); 200 breaststroke, 3:06.66; 200 freestyle, 2:27.33 (9th).
Nikisha Horton: 100 freestyle, 1:29.43 (25th).
Stacy Huddleston: 100 freestyle, 1:12.63 (20th); 100 backstroke, 1:30.56 (20th).
Tabitha Johnston: 100 freestyle, 1:23.03 (22nd); 500 free, 9:35.18 (11th); 50 free, 38.8; 200 free, 3:28.21 (15th).
Lindsay Mitchell: 100 freestyle, 1:26.10 (24th); 100 breaststroke, 1:58.84 (19th).
Tanya Fritz: 100 freestyle, 1:23.47 (23rd); 100 backstroke, 1:59.49 (21st).
Tawnie Clem: 100 freestyle, 1:53.02 (28th); 100 breaststroke, 2:23.05 (21st).
Michelle Qualis: 100 backstroke, 2:09.54 (22nd); 100 breaststroke, 2:07.79 (20th).

Female 11-12 age group
Michelle Brown: 50 back, 48.92 (15th); 50 breaststroke, 51.34 (13th); 200 IM, 3:46.13 (17th); 50 freestyle, 39.06 (15th); 100 breaststroke, 1:54.40 (14th).
Male 11-12 age group
Clay David: 100 freestyle, 1:16.39 (7th); 50 backstroke, 39.49 (5th); 50 breaststroke, 48.31 (7th); 50 free, 33.69 (5th); 100 breaststroke, 1:41.06 (6th).

Female 10 & under age group
Megan David: 100 freestyle, 1:31.13 (11th); 50 back, 48.83 (12th); 50 breaststroke, 50.99 (11th); 50 freestyle, 48.08 (10th); 100 breaststroke, 1:46.08 (8th).
Missy Brown: 50 backstroke, 49.58 (13th); 50 breaststroke, 1:01.55 (15th); 50 freestyle, 42.54 (2nd); 100 breaststroke, 2:11.46 (16th).

Male 10 & under age group
Garrett Johnston: 100 freestyle, 1:28.75; 50 freestyle, 38.73 (2nd); 200 freestyle, 3:27.02 (5th).
Note: Next age group swim meet for many of these swimmers will be in Lubbock on Dec. 15-17.

George wins Heisman Trophy

By RICK WARNER
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Eddie George, who led the nation with 24 touchdowns and rushed for an Ohio State-record 1,826 yards, won the Heisman Trophy on Saturday night.

The senior tailback beat out Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier and Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel by a surprisingly wide margin.

After hearing the announcement, George buried his head in his hands.

"I'm glad this is over," he said. "I'm just overwhelmed right now."

George is the fifth Ohio State player to win the Heisman, joining Les Horvath, Vic Janowicz, Howard "Hopalong" Cassady and two-time winner Archie Griffin. Only Notre Dame, with seven, has more Heisman winners.

Most people expected one of the closest three-way races in Heisman history, but George beat runner-up Frazier by 264 points and third-place Wuerffel by 473 points.

George received 268 first-place votes and 1,460 points in ballot-

ing by the media and former Heisman winners.

Frazier, who passed and ran for 31 touchdowns and led top-ranked Nebraska to its third straight undefeated regular season, got 218 first-place votes and 1,196 points.

Wuerffel, who set an NCAA record for passing efficiency and helped No. 2 Florida go 12-0, received 185 firsts and 987 points.

The closest Heisman vote was in 1985, when Auburn's Bo Jackson edged Iowa's Chuck Long by 45 points. The closest three-man race was in 1956, when Notre Dame's Paul Hornung beat runner-up Johnny Majors of Tennessee by 72 points and third-place Tommy McDonald of Oklahoma by 93 points.

Northwestern running back Darnell Autry finished fourth this year, followed by Iowa State running back Troy Davis and Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning.

Rounding out the top 10 were Southern Cal receiver Keyshawn Johnson, Michigan running back Tim Biakabutuka, Florida State running back Warrick Dunn and Ohio State quarterback Bobby Hoying.

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Scoreboard

BOWLING

Harvester Lanes-Pampa
HARVESTER COUPLES LEAGUE

| Team | Won | Lost |
|--------------------|-----|------|
| Easy's | 33 | 10 |
| Peggy's Place | 31 | 12 |
| Modern Woodman | 27 | 17 |
| The Tallups | 26 | 18 |
| Team Two | 26 | 18 |
| Hi Plains Printing | 23 | 21 |
| Martin Safety Lane | 23 | 21 |
| Computer Sales | 22 | 22 |
| Harvester Lanes | 18 | 26 |
| Williams Appliance | 16 | 28 |
| Team Twelve | 6 | 38 |
| Team Seven | 3 | 41 |

Week's High Scores

Men
High game: Steven Nolte Jr. 241; High series: Jim Logan 647; High handicap game: Steven Nolte Jr. 245; High handicap series: Jim Logan 656.

Women
High game: Peggy Smith 201; High series: Peggy Smith 561; High handicap game: Jacki Lamberson 251; High handicap series: Carlyn Willingham 696.

PREP FOOTBALL

By The Associated Press
Texas High School Playoff Pairings

Class 5A, Division I
State Semifinals
Odessa Permian 17, Klein 6
Aldine Eisenhower (11-1-1) vs. Converse Judson (12-1), 7:30 p.m., Alamo Stadium, San Antonio

State Championship
Odessa Permian (12-1-1) vs. Aldine Eisenhower (11-1-1) or Converse Judson (12-1), TBA

Class 5A, Division II
Regional I
Flower Mound Marcus 42, Arlington Lamar 17

Region II
Richardson Lake Highlands (12-0-1) vs. North Mesquite (11-2), 7:30 p.m., Texas Stadium, Irving

Region III
Humble (9-3-2) vs. Fort Bend Elkins (10-2-1), 7 p.m., Astrodome, Houston

Region IV
San Antonio Roosevelt 28, Austin Westlake 14

State Semifinals
Flower Mound Marcus (14-0) vs. Richardson Lake Highlands (12-0-1) or North Mesquite (11-2), TBA
Humble (9-3-2) or Fort Bend Elkins (10-2-1) vs. San Antonio Roosevelt (14-0), TBA

Class 4A
Regional I
Region 1
Denison 38, Stephenville 13

Region II
Mount Pleasant 13, Sulphur Springs 8

Region III
La Marque 30, League City Clear Brook 0

Region IV
Bastrop (7-6) vs. Corpus Christi Calallen (13-0), 3 p.m., Memorial Stadium, Austin

State Semifinals
Denison (14-0) vs. Mount Pleasant (10-3), TBA
La Marque (14-0) vs. Bastrop (7-6) or Corpus Christi Calallen (13-0), TBA

Class 3A
Regional I
Region 1
Springtown 28, Ballinger 7

Region II
Alvarado (13-0) vs. Commerce (12-1), 7:30 p.m., Pennington Field, Bedford

Region III
Sealy 40, Sweeny 0

Region IV
George West (9-3-1) vs. Cuero (12-1), 7 p.m., Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos

State Semifinals
Springtown (11-3) vs. Alvarado (13-0) or Commerce (12-1), TBA
Sealy (14-0) vs. George West (9-3-1) or Cuero (12-1), TBA

Class 2A
Regional I
Region 1
West Texas 10, Winters 7

Region II
Celina 34, Goldthwaite 0

Region III
Alto (13-0) vs. Groveton (12-1), 7:30 p.m., Palestine

Region IV
Refugio 31, Three Rivers 6

State Semifinals
West Texas High (13-1) vs. Celina (13-1), 8 p.m., Friday, Vernon
Refugio (13-1) vs. Alto (13-0) or Groveton (12-1), TBA

Class A
Regional I
Region 1
Sudan 27, Wink 12

Region II
Roscoe 20, Crawford 7

Region III
Burkeville (8-0-1) vs. Overton (12-1), 7:30 p.m., Grapeland

Region IV
Thorndale 47, Granger 6

State Semifinals
Sudan (9-4) vs. Roscoe (12-1), TBA
Thorndale (14-0) vs. Burkeville (8-0-1) or Overton (12-1), TBA

Six-man
State Semifinals
Amherst 79, Klondike 34
Milford 29, Panther Creek 6

State Championship
Amherst (14-0) vs. Milford (13-1), TBA

BASKETBALL

| Team | W | L | T | Pct. | PF | PA |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| Marshall 25, McNeese St. 13 | | | | | | |
| Colorado 77, Houston 74 | | | | | | |
| Villanova 67, Purdue 50 | | | | | | |
| Butler 81, Indiana St. 61 | | | | | | |
| Cent. Michigan 69, Mich.-Dearborn 49 | | | | | | |
| Michigan 88, Duke 84 | | | | | | |
| Valparaiso 82, Wis.-Milwaukee 77, OT | | | | | | |
| W. Michigan 83, Murray St. 7 | | | | | | |
| Montana 70, Stephen F. Austin 14 | | | | | | |

PRO FOOTBALL

National Football League
At A Glance

By The Associated Press
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

| Team | W | L | T | Pct. | PF | PA |
|--------------|---|----|---|------|-----|-----|
| Buffalo | 8 | 5 | 0 | .615 | 265 | 260 |
| Indianapolis | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 256 | 251 |
| New England | 5 | 8 | 0 | .385 | 229 | 298 |
| N.Y. Jets | 3 | 10 | 0 | .231 | 199 | 318 |

Central

| Team | W | L | T | Pct. | PF | PA |
|--------------|---|----|---|------|-----|-----|
| x-Pittsburgh | 9 | 4 | 0 | .692 | 318 | 296 |
| Cincinnati | 5 | 8 | 0 | .385 | 296 | 314 |
| Houston | 5 | 8 | 0 | .385 | 290 | 277 |
| Cleveland | 4 | 10 | 0 | .286 | 242 | 322 |
| Jacksonville | 3 | 10 | 0 | .231 | 220 | 298 |

West

| Team | W | L | T | Pct. | PF | PA |
|---------------|----|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| x-Kansas City | 11 | 2 | 0 | .846 | 306 | 208 |
| Oakland | 9 | 5 | 0 | .615 | 300 | 228 |
| Denver | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 313 | 266 |
| San Diego | 7 | 7 | 0 | .500 | 267 | 282 |
| Seattle | 6 | 7 | 0 | .462 | 285 | 303 |

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

| Team | W | L | T | Pct. | PF | PA |
|--------------|---|----|---|------|-----|-----|
| Dallas 10 | 3 | 0 | 7 | .769 | 360 | 238 |
| Philadelphia | 8 | 5 | 0 | .615 | 263 | 281 |
| N.Y. Giants | 4 | 9 | 0 | .308 | 233 | 279 |
| Washington | 4 | 9 | 0 | .308 | 258 | 299 |
| Arizona | 4 | 10 | 0 | .286 | 242 | 364 |

Central

| Team | W | L | T | Pct. | PF | PA |
|-----------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Green Bay | 9 | 4 | 0 | .692 | 336 | 259 |
| Minnesota | 8 | 6 | 0 | .571 | 358 | 321 |
| Chicago | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 331 | 320 |
| Detroit | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 331 | 309 |
| Tampa Bay | 6 | 7 | 0 | .462 | 205 | 257 |

West

| Team | W | L | T | Pct. | PF | PA |
|---------------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| San Francisco | 9 | 4 | 0 | .692 | 362 | 190 |
| Atlanta | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 298 | 287 |
| St. Louis | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 237 | 297 |
| Carolina | 6 | 7 | 0 | .462 | 241 | 257 |
| New Orleans | 6 | 7 | 0 | .462 | 270 | 295 |

x-clinched division title.

Saturday's Games
Minnesota 27, Cleveland 11
San Diego 28, Arizona 25

Sunday's Games
Buffalo at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
New York Jets at New England, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Oakland, 4 p.m.
Washington at New York Giants, 4 p.m.
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

Monday's Game
Kansas City at Miami, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16
New England at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.
Green Bay at New Orleans, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 17
La Roche at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
New York Jets at Houston, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Washington at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 4 p.m.
San Diego at Indianapolis, 4 p.m.
New York Giants at Dallas, 4 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 18
Minnesota at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

FISHING

BAINBRIDGE, Ga. (AP) — Ray Sadgwick of Cross, S.C., weighed two bass at 4 pounds, 9 ounces Saturday to win the BASS Master Tour 100 at Lake Seminole.

Sadgwick, 40, weighed 12 bass for a total of 32 pounds, six ounces over four days for his first tournament victory. He takes home the \$45,000 first prize, which includes \$24,000 cash and a Ranger bass boat.

Bill Schott of San Rayburn, Texas, who led the tournament the first two days, finished second with seven bass weighing 30 pounds, 9 ounces. On Saturday, Schott weighed three bass at 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

Four-time world champion Rick Clunn of Montgomery, Texas, finished third with 11 bass weighing 26 pounds, 13 ounces.

In fourth place was Gary Alverson of Saddy Daisy, Tenn., who weighed 12 bass at 25 pounds, followed by Randy Deaman of Onalaska, Texas, in fifth place, who weighed eight bass at 22 pounds, 13 ounces.

Rounding out the top 10 were: Doug Garrett of Cabot, Ark., with 13 bass weighing 22 pounds, 12 ounces; Claude Fishburne of Canton, Ga., with nine bass weighing 22 pounds, five ounces; Randy Blakett of Joplin, Mo., with nine bass weighing 20 pounds, 9 ounces; Jim Blier of Fruland Park, Fla., with 15 bass weighing 19 pounds, 15 ounces; and Harold Allen of Hurley, Miss., with 10 bass weighing 19 pounds, 15 ounces.

NAMES IN THE GAME

CHICAGO (AP) — Halftime was meant for Love — and marriage.

Bob Love, the second-leading scorer in Chicago Bulls history, was married Friday night at center court of the United Center between the first and second halves of the Bulls' game against the San Antonio Spurs.

Love, now the team's director of community relations, wed Rachel Dixon in a seven-minute ceremony attended by Bulls owner Jerry Reinsdorf, general manager Jerry Krause and other team officials.

Presiding was Lacy J. Banks, a Baptist minister who also happens to be a sports writer for the Chicago Sun-Times.

The sellout crowd cheered as Love said, "I do." The applause grew as the couple kissed at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Now that Michael Jordan is playing again, Love is one of only two Bulls whose number has been retired. Jerry Sloan is the other.

Love, who wore No. 10, scored 12,623 points for Chicago from 1988-76. Only Jordan has scored more points in a Bulls uniform.

HORSE RACING

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — High Point Central place-kicker Snow Brenner became the first female to play in a state high school football championship game in North Carolina on Friday night.

The 5-foot-4, 130-pound junior made history in the 82nd annual playoffs when she kicked off to start the 3-A title game against Bertie at Kenan Stadium.

"If it's a good thing for women, I guess that's good, but it's not really that big of a deal," Brenner said following her team's 38-34 loss.

"I'm just another player on the team."

Brenner finished with two extra points, but missed out on an opportunity to win the game in the final moments after Bertie's two-point conversion pushed the margin beyond a field goal.

"I knew that if they missed that we would win the game because either we were going to score (a touchdown) or get close enough to where I can hit a field goal," she said.

Brenner kicked the ball to the 12-yard line to open the game, but she missed her first extra point attempt wide left and two other kickoffs — both poor attempts — went out of bounds for penalties.

"I guess it was nerves," she said of her missed extra point. "There was a lot of pressure out there. I let it get to me."

Brenner did kick an extra point 3:45 before intermission that gave her team a 21-12 lead. There are several females who play prep football in North Carolina each season, but Brenner is the first woman to make it as far as the championship game.

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Los Angeles Lakers broadcaster Chick Hearn kept his 30-year play-by-play streak alive Friday night despite a case of blurred vision that forced him to move nearer the action.

Recently elected to the American Sports Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame, Hearn called his 2,703rd consecutive Lakers game, despite an abrasion on his cornea that caused and blurred vision in his left eye. He scraped the cornea trying to remove a contact lens.

His broadcast location was moved 30 rows down from his customary position in the Forum's colonnade deck, to the floor across from the seats. To make the accommodation, the Lakers relocated five ticket holders from the 5500 VIP seats.

The first owner I worked for, Jack Kent Cooke, insisted that we sit up there so that the seats could be sold for a profit," Hearn said. "When Dr. (Jerry) Buss took over, he bought the club the same year Magic came in, and said I could come down to the floor room if I wanted to, and that he'd make room for me."

"I asked him, what about the visiting radio and television people? He said we couldn't do that because it would be too many. So I said, 'No, I couldn't do that to my fellow broadcasters, so I'll stay up where I am.'"

Hearn's streak, which stretches back to Nov. 20, 1965, includes playoff games. The only two games he has missed since taking the job in 1981, were because of a flight cancellation due to inclement weather, and a previously scheduled assignment.

At least twice he had worked through bouts with laryngitis, including last May 12, when he sat out the second half of a Lakers' Western Conference semifinal playoff game against the San Antonio Spurs at the Forum.

NORTH READING, Mass. (AP) — Converse Inc. said Friday it would replace pairs of its new RAW Energy basketball sneakers after receiving close to 300 complaints, mostly from athletes who reported slipping on fluid leaking from the soles.

The complaints involve the RAW Energy shoes introduced in July 1995, and RAW Power shoes, introduced last month. More than 400,000 pairs of the sneakers have been sold in the United States, Converse said. The shoes have two silver fluid-filled windows in the forefoot of the sole.

Five people reported being injured from the leaks, Converse said.

Only shoes with a new Accupod system are affected, the company said. Accupod styles, which have yellow fluid-filled cells, do not use the Accupod technology.

"Nothing is more important to us than the safety, comfort and satisfaction of those who wear Converse products," said Gib Ford, chairman and chief executive officer. "We will get to the root of this problem as quickly as possible and deal with it appropriately."

Consumers with questions should call Converse at 1-800-433-9255 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST. Consumers seeking replacements should mail the RAW Energy and RAW Power basketball shoes by U.S. parcel post directly to Converse at: Converse RAW Energy/RAW Power PO Box 411532 Charlotte, NC 28241-1532

Wellington turns back Claude in overtime at Wheeler Tournament

WHEELER — Friday at the Wheeler Invitational basketball tournament, Claude beat Wellington 76-69 in overtime. Wellington led 34-30 at the half, but Claude came back to tie it up at 59 and hold Wellington in overtime to gain the victory. High scorers were Belew for Wellington, with 20 points and Alford's 19 led Claude's scoring. The victory upped Claude's record to 9-2 on the season, and lowered Wellington's record to 3-5 on the season.

Later in the tournament Wellington played again, this time earning a 42-point victory over Wheeler's Mustangs, 78 to 36. Wellington held Wheeler to 2 points in the first quarter and only 7 for the half. High scorer for Wellington was Kane with 14, while Jason Porton led Wheeler's scoring with 10. The loss leaves Wheeler with a 1-7 record, and gives Wellington a record of 4-5 on the season.

Fontes hopes to save his coaching job as Lions prepare for Oilers

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The Detroit Lions have taken what defenses have given them and made producing the most potent offense in the NFL look easy.

It's no longer Barry Sanders left, right and up the middle now that Scott Mitchell has started connecting with receivers Herman Moore and Brett Perriman in a record-setting run for the playoffs.

The Lions have a chance to extend their winning streak to five games — and maybe save their head coach's job — today when they play the Houston Oilers in the Astrodome.

Coach Wayne Fontes has the Lions on average leading the NFL with an average of 384.5 yards per game, despite being under a dismissal notice from owner William Clay Ford if the Lions don't make the playoffs.

"I told the players let's not try to win one for the Gipper," Fontes said. "Just go play for yourself and the pride of being an NFL player. This has happened for seven years."

"If a coach dwells too much on his security then he should find something else to do."

The Lions' expanded talent pool on offense should allow Fontes to keep his job. Detroit's last three games are against teams with losing records, the Oilers, (5-8), Jacksonville (3-10) and Tampa Bay (6-7).

Moore leads the NFL with 101 catches, Sanders is second in the NFL with 1,322 yards rushing and Perriman has 91 receptions and is going for his first 100-catch season.

Moore and Perriman would become the first pair of receivers to each get 100 receptions in a season.

"We have fine skilled athletes, so let's use them all," Fontes said. "If people want to come up to the line and take Barry out of the game, let's just throw it, let's not be stubborn."

"I've been stubborn in the past and kept giving him the ball, but now we've got a good thrower and receivers."

Mitchell has learned to use all of his weapons well.

"We don't want to take Barry Sanders out of it, that would be foolish," Mitchell said. "We know great things happen when he gets the ball. Just his presence is a problem for defenses. It helps my job of throwing the ball."

It's not a good time for the Oilers defense to be facing the league's No. 1 offense. Defensive ends Anthony Cook and Kanavis McGhee are out with injuries and cornerback Steve Jackson and Darryll Lewis and safety Blaine Bishop are slowed with injuries.

"You're not used to seeing receivers with Moore's (6-3) size," cornerback Chris Dishman said. "The only person on this team with that size is Haywood (Jeffries) and he won't play on the scout team for us."

"It's going to be hard. If you double team one of them, the other one will kill you."

The Lions are in a familiar pattern under Fontes, who has an 18-6 record in the final four games since he's been the coach.

"I think one of the things about Wayne is that he realizes the team that plays well at the end of the year makes the playoffs," Mitchell said. "We gear everything toward making a run at the end of the year."

Mitchell also has a theory about Ford's threat.

"I don't think people realize it's Mr. Ford's way of getting the most out of Wayne," Mitchell said. "He figures if he tells him he'll get fired, he'll get the job done."

It must be working.

Amherst, Milford head for Six-Man finals

By The Associated Press

No. 1 Amherst and Milford have advanced to the state's six-man finals next week.

Each team won a game played Friday night, ensuring their meeting in the championship game. The location has not yet been set.

Dewayne Miles rushed for eight touchdowns as Amherst defeated No. 2 Klondike 79-34 at Lobo Stadium in Levelland.

Miles, a senior, rushed for 267 yards on 20 carries.

The game was halted with 6:28 remaining because of the 45-point rule.

The Bulldogs (14-0 overall) led 35-34 with 7:34 left in the third quarter before scoring 44 unanswered points.

Bulldogs junior quarterback Ryan McNabb hit senior end Jeremy Jennings with a 42-yard touchdown pass with 9:16 left in the third quarter.

Klondike cut the lead to 35-34 when Tanner Etheredge hit end Clayton Roberts on a 26-yard touchdown pass.

However, Klondike was through. On Amherst's next drive, Miles scored on a 16-yard touchdown run and his extra-point gave the Bulldogs a 43-34 lead with 6:11 remaining.

With 2:55 left in the third quarter, Miles caught McNabb's 12-yard TD pass to extend the lead to 51-34.

Amherst seized control of the game 49 seconds later when Jennings intercepted Tanner Etheredge's pass and returned it 26 yards for a touchdown. Miles' run gave the Bulldogs a 58-3

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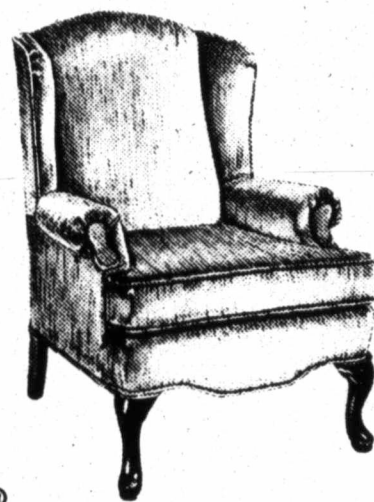
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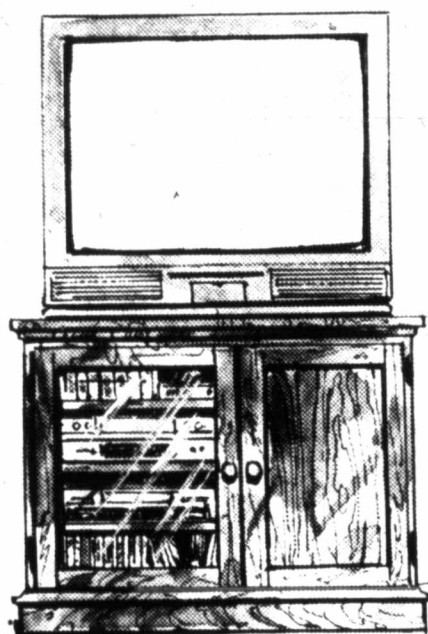


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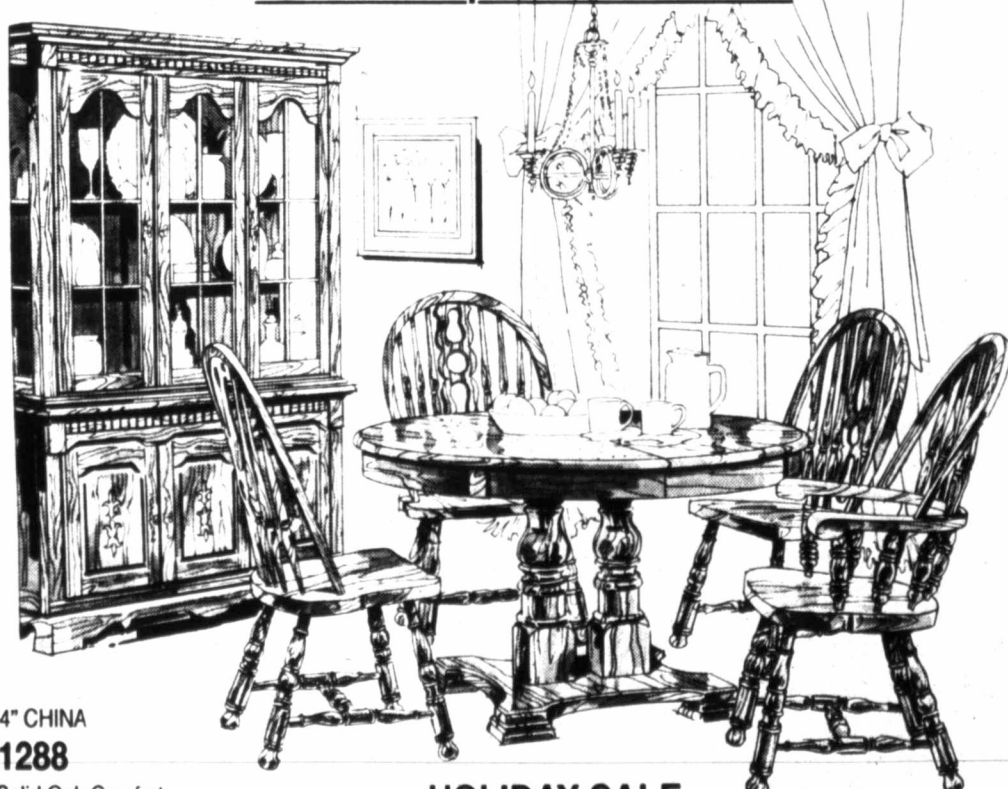
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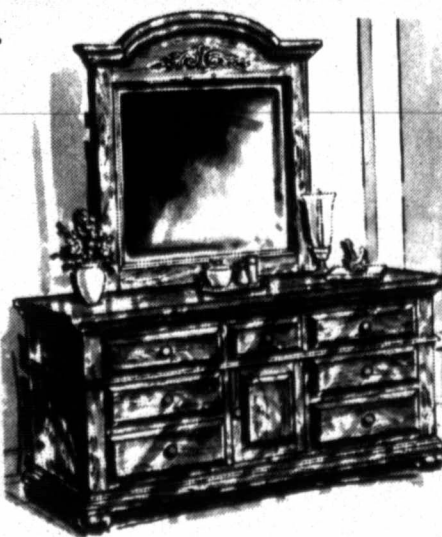
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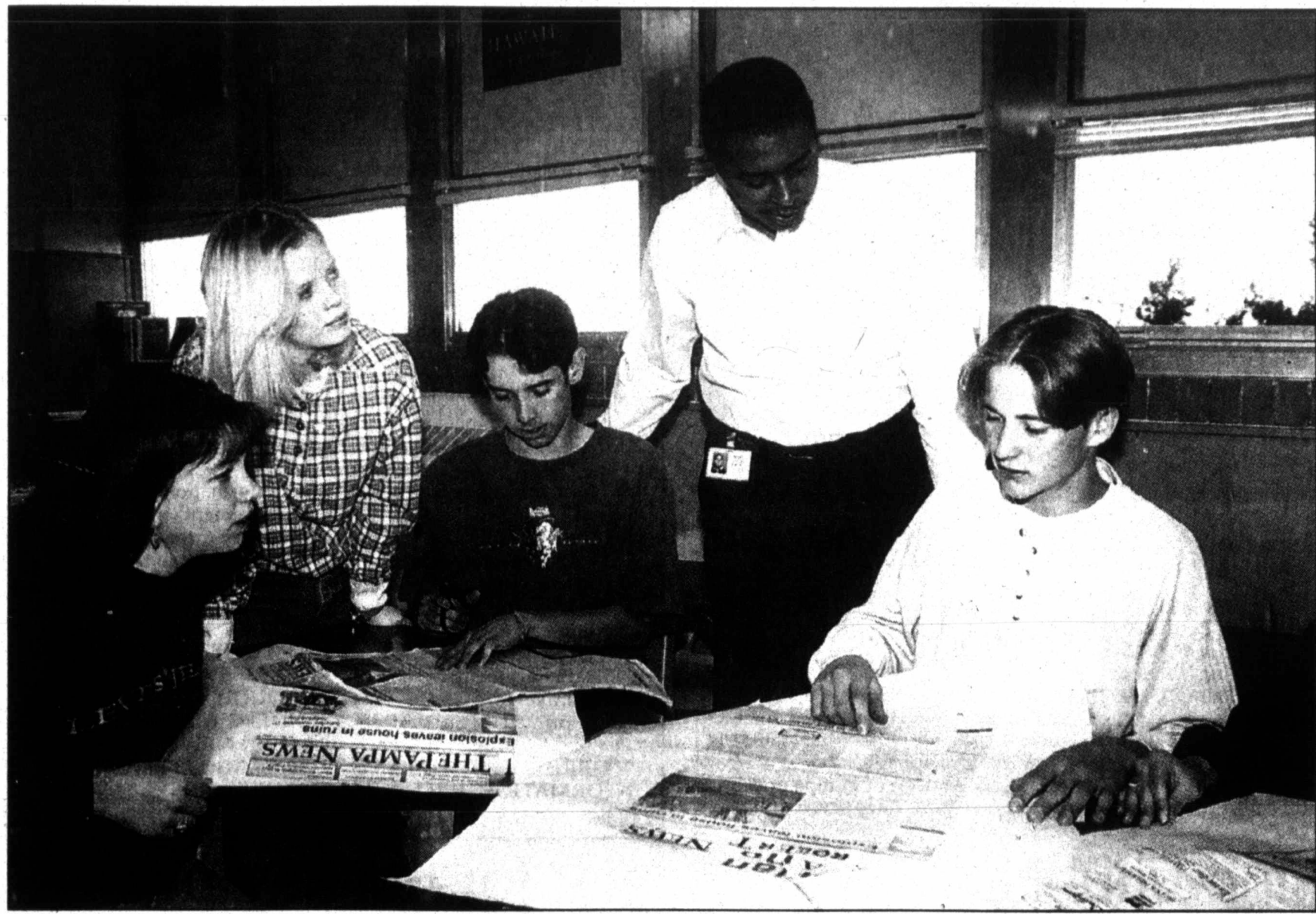
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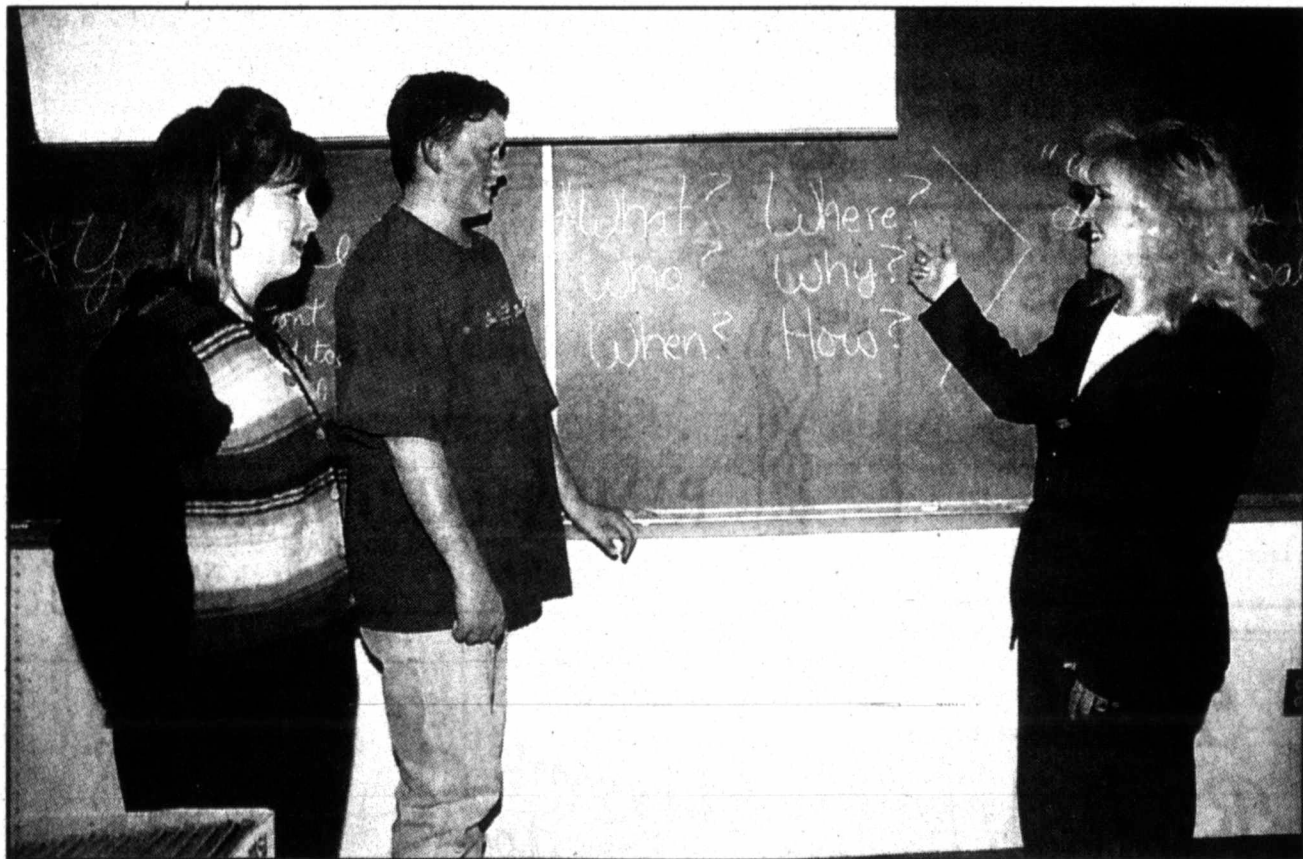


Making their own newspapers are, from left, Heather Mitchell, Kitzji Weller, Robert Bruner, Noah Davis of Hoechst Celanese and Brian Sprinkle. "You Be the Editor" was their exercise of the day. Students enjoyed filling the front page news hole, said Mary Lee Adamson, who participated in the project.



In photo at left, Anita Grice, left, and Gladys Vanderpool of National Bank of Commerce, standing behind students in the classroom, assist Misti Northcutt and Shaylyn Garner as they look for words, pictures and information contained in a newspaper during a "scavenger hunt" activity.

In middle photo, Jacque Hutcherson, of Conoco Inc., left, and Cody Shepard, eighth grade student at Pampa Middle School, work with teacher Ranae McKinney to answer the questions of news gathering: who, what, when, where, why and how.



In bottom left photo, from left, Louise Bailey of Boatmen's First, students Chris Bruce and Jennifer Thornhill, and Tad Smith, biology teacher at Pampa High School check out the comics page. Even the comics are educational. Teens learned comics often reflect what happens in real life.

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NIE

newspapers in education



Using newspapers in the classroom

Twenty-five teachers in Pampa and one each in White Deer and Skellytown public schools are participating in the Newspapers In Education (NIE) program this year, using The Pampa News in their classrooms for learning activities for students.

The NIE program aims at helping students improve their language arts skills, write more clearly and critically, become better informed about their communities, be aware of current events from the local to world levels and develop more comprehensive reading skills.

The NIE program can be used in a variety of classroom projects, from language arts to science, math and social studies.

Serving as Pampa News coordinator for the program is Business Manager Jayne Craig. With funding supplied by corporate sponsors, The Pampa News provides newspapers and other materials to the teachers and students participating in the NIE program, including a monthly newsletter from NIE coordinator JoAnne Ellis of Freedom Communications Inc., corporate owner of The Pampa News. The newsletter offers suggestions for use of the newspapers in classroom projects and reports on experiences of teachers participating in the program.

Projects include such activities as a "scavenger hunt," with students looking for special word usage, objects in photographs or advertisements, specific types of news stories or material relating to classroom study.

Students also may study advertising techniques and ad

design, perhaps working with local participating businesses or even designing their own ads and logos.

Other activities include an opportunity for students to write their own news items or to make up their own stories or reports using the five W's of journalism: who, what, when, where and why.

Students also may learn the terms for the different parts of a newspaper and the material in it, such as masthead, cutline or headline, or the types of stories, such as news, feature or editorial.

The specific types of projects and activities involving newspapers is limited only by the teachers' and students' creativity.

Juan Salazar, Pampa High School sophomore, said of NIE in the classroom, "We get to have fun instead of always doing work out of the book."

Michelle Tapp, PHS world history teacher, said the students overwhelmingly prefer reading local stories.

In one project, students enjoyed the "You Be the Editor" activity, choosing the lead news stories for the front page. Salazar said he chose a football story, sports stories and an article on a local house explosion. He also would put "Today in History" on the front page.

Mary Lee Adamson, a PHS sophomore, said she prefers stories most concerned with Pampa teenagers. She also thought the Calvin and Hobbes comic strip should go on the front page, along with sports stories. She said she would put stories most affecting her friends on the front page.

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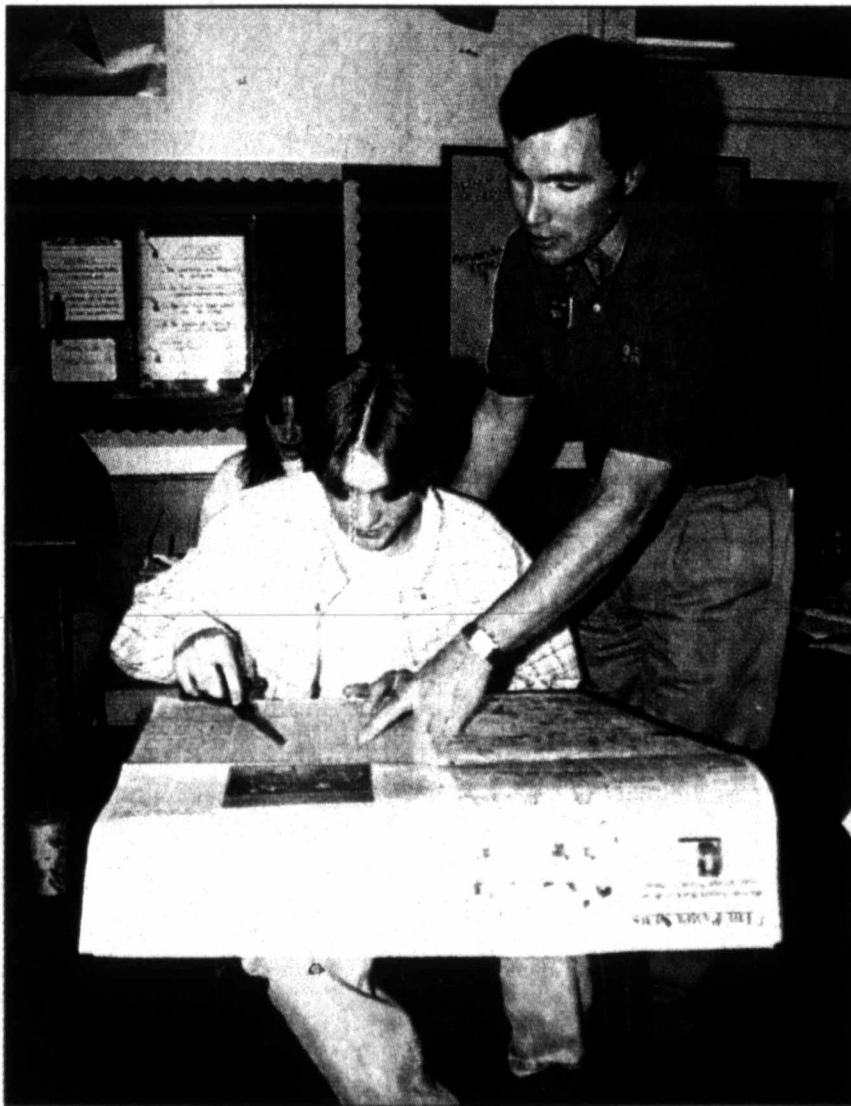
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Brian Sprinkle, PHS sophomore, and Duane Harp of FirstBank Southwest, peruse a sports story. "Newspapers give students a chance to read something of interest to them instead of just something out of a textbook," said Michelle Tapp, Pampa High School world history teacher.



Smith-Laramore

Krystal Lynn Smith and Jason Clarke Laramore, both of Abilene, were married Oct. 21, 1995, at Elmcrest Baptist Church in Abilene with Cliff Lee officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Smith of Abilene and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Laramore of Abilene, formerly of Pampa.

Serving as the maid of honor was Wendy Cross of Abilene. The bridesmaids were Kari Smith of Boston, Mass., and Deborah Smith of Abilene. The flower girls were Kristen Garner and Emily Garner, both of Abilene.

Standing as the best man was Matt Young of Abilene. The groomsmen and ushers were John Biddy and Jimmy Harris, both of Abilene.

The bride is a graduate of Abilene High School and attended Cisco Junior College. She is employed by Hendrick Medical Center.

The groom serves in the United States Air Force.

The couple honeymooned in Dallas and plan to reside in Anchorage, Alaska.



Watson

Glen and Melba Watson of Pampa celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Dec. 9, 1995.

She is the former Melba Coble. The Watsons were married Dec. 9, 1955, at Louis Baptist Church, Harmon County, Okla. They have lived in Pampa for 35 years.

Mr. Watson is a retired oilfield employee. He worked for L&M Rental, Co., Acme Tool, and owned Glen's Tool Co. Mrs. Watson is a housewife. They are members of Hobart Baptist Church.

Their children are Randy and Becky Watson of Pampa and Brian and Denise Watson of Amarillo. The Watsons have seven grandchildren.

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Fine bubbly top cheap list for holiday parties

By MICHAEL LONSFORD
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — It's a Catch-22. Producers of champagne and other quality sparkling wines would like you to drink their bubbly year-round, and not just think of them as special-occasion wines.

But then they often put very expensive price tags on some of their wines, making them inaccessible to us commoners except for... special occasions.

Now the holidays are fast upon us, and I have a couple of real sparkling beauties to recommend for the season of parties and celebrations. But they are not cheap. So before we get into those, here are a few recommendations for holiday bubbly that will not force a second mortgage.

France is the home of the original — and many of the best — sparkling wines, the most famous coming from the Champagne region in northeast France. Because the grapes, the equipment and the time to produce quality champagne is not inconsiderable, the cost for the wine reflects that. Still, quality champagne doesn't have to break the bank. The best values are usually in the nonvintage bruts from the better Champagne houses.

One to look for are Laurent-Perrier, Veuve-Cliquot Brut Yellow Label, Perrier-Jouet Grand Brut, Roederer Brut Premier and Bollinger Special Cuvee. Prices should be in the \$20s.

Should you feel like paying as

little as possible without buying absolute dreck, there are alternatives, and they usually come from Spain. The best value for my money come from a winery owned by the giant Freixenet

and Meyer "Cardinal" Noir de Noirs, a deep-colored, sparkling wine made from cabernet franc that is the only wine I've ever had that I thought matched up well with chocolate.

falls, you really can go to town here. Vintage Krug champagne is the connoisseurs' favorite, along with Roederer "Cristal," Bollinger's "R.D.," Veuve Clicquot's "La Grande Dame," Taittinger's "Comte de Champagne" and Moet's "Dom Perignon."

There also are a couple of new kids on the champagne block that, while pricey, are quite good and haven't quite reached the financial stratosphere of Krug or Cristal.

One is the 1985 Nicolas Feuillate "Grand Cuvee Palmes d'Or" — 4-1/2 stars — rich and toasty, yet well-knit, with a pleasing, long aftertaste. The bottle, too, is stunning — which matches the suggested retail price of (gulp) \$95 a bottle.

The other is the tete de cuvee 1985 Alfred Gratien "Cuvee Paradis" — 4 stars — a complex and highly honored champagne that's probably worth more than its \$44.50 suggested retail price. Normally wines of this pedigree sell for much more.

And there you have it — sparkling wines for sparkling times during the holidays. So the next time someone tells you to "chill out," reach for a chilled bottle of bubbly — and I don't mean a brewski.

Money is no object
Now then, if you're not worried about any financial short-

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company called Segura Vrudax. One is the regular bottling (\$6 to \$7) and the other, in a very attractive bottle, is called Aria (\$8 to \$9).

California is home to some fine bubbly, too, many of which have foreign owners or investors. Those include Domaine Carneros (Tattinger), Mumm (especially the "Winery Lake" cuvee), Duetz Roederer Estate and Gloria Ferez (Freixenet).

Two of my personal favorites are Iron Horse, which has just released its 1989 Late Disgorged, and Van der Kamp, whose Midnight Rose would be fine choice to go with holiday fare and whose English Cuvee has that buttered toast quality of which the English (and I) are so enamored.

For dessert, try the Gratien

Toning down gift-giving during the holidays

By LoANA M. GONZALES
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas — It might be better to give than to receive. But at Christmas time, this mentality can spell financial doom for many shoppers.

Maxed-out credit card bills are not a welcome addition to the new year.

But there are ways to spread yuletide generosity to family and friends without drawing money out of your retirement fund.

For Sandra Martin and her family, Christmas means returning to old-fashion methods of showing others how much you care.

Years ago, when she and her husband of 13 years were still newlyweds, Martin put an end to carefree Christmas shopping sprees that she wound up struggling with for months after the tree had been de-trimmed.

Opposed to getting neck-high in debt during the spending season, she offers some helpful hints to tone down gift-giving.

Martin said she encourages her two children to make and create gifts for the people on their list, such as friends and relatives.

She said this is an especially good idea for keeping out-of-school kids busy when it's too chilly for outside play and the only inside option is cartoon overkill.

Plus, she said, it teaches both the young and old a valuable lesson.

"Kids shouldn't have to worry about their gifts being acceptable," she said. "And adults shouldn't expect expensive presents from children. People know kids don't work."

Martin helps her children come up with gift ideas.

Last year, her 10-year-old son

used scissors, poster board, glue and glitter to create custom frames — complete with his picture — for his two grandmothers. He added a magnet on the back of each for refrigerator hanging.

Martin's daughter helped decorate Christmas cookies to give to her kindergarten teacher before school let out for the holidays. The 6-year-old also collected several family photos to make a picture collage for her father to put in his office.

So, parents can help children tone down shopping expenses. But what about buying for youngsters?

Christine Torres said the adult members in her family usually draw names for Christmas gifts, though the children are not included. Still, she manages to spare some of the expense when shopping for nieces and nephews.

Torres, who has a brother with four children, said group gifts are a good cost-cutting idea. Rather than buy each child something individually, she usually gets the kids a popular board game they can all enjoy.

Drawing names and putting a price limit on gifts is a popular way to go for many families, particularly those with many members.

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Sweet memories happen when kids invade the kitchen

By JOY AULT
Valley Morning Star

HARLINGEN, Texas — Sweet memories happen when children invade the kitchen to make Christmas specialties.

Even the youngest can help in simple ways, but keep activities age-appropriate.

And the whole family can get in on the fun of making a sugar-cube house.

No cooking is required. The walls and chimney are stacked sugar cubes, held together with confectioners sugar "mortar." The shingle roof is made of cookies or candies.

Build a fence with pretzel sticks, and flowers or bushes with gumdrops.

Make patio "bricks" from pink gum.

For a holiday effect, decorate the house with peppermint sticks or dust with confectioners sugar "snow."

Let your imagination be your

guide. Allowing children to contribute to gala preparations gives pride of accomplishment and satisfaction in making something for others to enjoy — building blocks of family relationships.

If things don't turn out exactly right, remind the children this is practice for the next time.

The younger the child, the more adult supervision is needed for safety and hygienic reasons.

Parents can speed up the process by doing difficult steps themselves, then slowing down for what the child is capable of doing.

Kitchen creativity can lead to family traditions.

Although no one seems to know who started the tradition of leaving a snack for Santa, a researcher found the idea in a 1908 New York newspaper story.

Santa's snacks, the whimsical stuff that dreams are made of, also provide a spring board for helping children build those last-

ing memories of Christmas cooking.

And when the kitchen projects are finished, reward the construction crew with a snack break.

POPCORN PEANUT BUTTER CUPS

Bribe Santa with these peanut-butter prizes.

8 cups popped popcorn
1 cup light corn syrup
3/4 cup creamy peanut butter
1/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate pieces

Small peanut butter cups, chocolate stars, mini-candy-coated chocolates, candy-coated peanuts.

Place popped popcorn in large bowl. Heat corn syrup in small saucepan to boiling; boil 3 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in peanut butter and chocolate pieces until almost smooth.

Pour syrup mixture over popcorn; toss well to coat. Let cool about 8 minutes. Using a heap-

ing tablespoon, shape popcorn mixture into a ball. Flatten slightly and make an indentation in the center with your thumb.

Place on a lightly buttered wax paper-lined baking sheet. Fill each center with desired topping. Store in airtight container. Makes about 20.

GINGERBREAD PEOPLE

Snappy flavor, festive shapes and do-your-own decorations make these a traditional favorite.

1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cloves
1 cup (2 sticks) butter
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon ginger
1/2 cup water
4 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 cup dark corn syrup
1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda
Colored icing

Combine sugar, spices, water and corn syrup in small

saucepan. Bring to boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and pour over butter in large mixer bowl.

Stir until butter melts; cool to lukewarm.

Combine flour, baking soda and salt. Add to butter mixture; mix well. Cover and refrigerate dough overnight.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Roll dough on lightly floured surface to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut with floured gingerbread people cutters.

Bake on unbuttered cookie sheets 12-15 minutes or until golden. Cool completely on wire racks; decorate as desired with icing.

Makes about 3 dozen 6-inch cookies.

SUGAR SPRINKLE CRESCENTS

These make-ahead goodies taste great any time of day.

1/2 cup butter or margarine (1 stick)

1/2 cup cream cheese (4-ounce package)

1 tablespoon milk
1-1/4 cups flour
1 egg white
1 teaspoon water
1/2 cup sugar

Cream butter and cream cheese together. Add milk and slowly add flour until dough forms. Separate the dough into 3 balls and flatten. Chill for several hours.

Roll out dough into 8-inch circles. At this point, you can spread with a berry or apricot jam, or sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon.

Cut each circle into 12 wedges. Starting at the wide end of the triangle, roll up a wedge toward the center to create a crescent.

Add water to egg white and brush wedges. Sprinkle with granulated sugar. Bake on a greased cookie sheet for about 20 minutes at 350 degrees F. or until done. Makes 36 crescents.

4-H Futures & Features

Dates
Dec. 10 - 4-H Council, 2 p.m., Lefors School Cafeteria; Pampa Jackpot, 9 a.m., Bull Barn
11 - Shooting Sports, 7 p.m.
12 - Clover Kids meeting, 7 p.m., Annex; Shooting Sports, 7 p.m.

4-H Council

The Gray County 4-H Council will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 in the Lefors School Cafeteria. The 5-H 4-H Club will host the meeting. Angie and Cory will provide refreshments.

The program will be a Chinese Christmas Auction. Bring a wrapped "white elephant" or gag gift. (Please don't spend much, if any money.) Kim McDonald will provide recreation she learned at the Textile symposium.

We will do some planning for the Leader Appreciation Dinner scheduled Jan. 4. Bring ideas! All Council members are encouraged to attend.

4-Clover Kids

4-H Clover Kids, an opportunity for boys and girls in Kindergarten through second grade to experience 4-H is off to a great start! Debbie Weaver is leader of the group. Boys and girls are guaranteed fun, hands-on activities at every meeting. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12. Boys and girls plus their parents are invited to attend.

4-H Fashion Design Contest
4-Hers of all ages are invited to enter the 4-H Fashion Design Competition. There are three entry categories: accessory design, apparel design and textile design. Judging will be done within age levels of junior, intermediates and seniors.

Entry in the design competition is by portfolio. The portfolio is limited to one design and includes:

- One design illustration, in color, matted or mounted on heavy paper on poster board; no larger than 9 X 12 inches and no

smaller than 5 X 7 inches (including mat).

- The design information sheet appropriate for the category being entered.

- One page of working/detail sketches.

- One completed questionnaire about the design.

For a packet of materials explaining the principles and techniques of design as well as entry forms and examples, call the Extension office.

4-H Clothing Project

The 4-H Clothing Project will be starting soon. Any 4-H mem-

ber (boy or girl) who is interested in learning to buy and care for clothing, grooming and modeling, making clothing and accessories, and/or fashion design is encouraged to sign up now. We will be starting the project soon after Christmas.

We are also needing adult volunteers to be leaders for the project. You do not have to be a sewing expert. We have some fun and exciting new materials to use. Training will be provided. 4-H projects cannot happen without leaders. Won't you agree to help?

Garden club has Christmas tree exhibit at Lovett Library

The Pampa Garden Club will be sponsoring its first Christmas tree exhibit from 1-5 p.m. today in the Lovett Memorial Library auditorium. The exhibit will be open to the public without charge.

The show will feature handcrafted, sculptured and decorated Christmas trees using unique designs in trees and ornaments. Miniature trees, table trees and full-size trees will be on exhibit. Designs include wooden tree, cookie tree, jeweled tree, quilt tree, Christmas tree, Victorian tree, yo-yo ornament tree, fabric flower tree, gold and pearl tree, wreaths and Christmas decorations.

Mary Ann Bailey is the current president of the Pampa Garden Club.

Club News

Highland Hobby Club
The Celebration of Lights were on in the 1900 block of North Banks the night of Tuesday, Dec. 5, as the Highland Hobby Club held its regular monthly meeting in the home of Feline Calvert.

After a salad supper, a short business meeting was conducted by Gloria Norris, president.

Jewel Holmes and Marilyn Kirkwood won the door prizes. The January meeting will be held in the home of Johnnie Rhode, with each member asked to bring a gift to the hostess.

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One Man Talking Trash Creates A Kind Of Treasure

DEAR ABBY: I have seen letters in your column from people who are ashamed to disclose their occupations.

I have never been ashamed to say that I am married to a garbage collector. My husband calls himself the "Southern Lehigh Garbologist" and his attitude toward his work has received positive feedback from the community. People view him as a smart businessman with a keen imagination and a wonderful sense of humor.

When he had to raise his rates, he wrote his customers letters explaining why. His letters made the local newspaper at least three times, and one of them was featured in an evening class at a local university. (It was a course called "How to Win Friends and Influence People," instructing business people how to sell themselves positively to their customers.) One customer told us he had heard someone use my husband's nickname on late-night television.

I have always worked by his side by running the office. The garbage business has provided us with a decent living, not to mention some of the "perks" that come in the form of "your trash is my cash" items — including some lovely antiques.

I'd be proud to have you use my name, or sign me "The Contented Wife of Garbologist Steve Tegyi."

SHIRLEY TEGYI,
COOPERSBURG, PA.

DEAR SHIRLEY: Attitude is



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

everything, and you and your "Southern Lehigh Garbologist" are shining examples of it. May you have continued success.

DEAR ABBY: Eight years ago, when my first child was born, I received a lovely poem that contained some excellent advice for parents. I have applied it to my relationship with my children. It strengthened our bond and we became best friends.

It occurred to me that you may find it appropriate for your column. The author is unknown, but perhaps someone in your vast reading audience will know who wrote it.

JOHN ZURSTADT, SEATTLE

WHAT SHALL WE GIVE THE CHILDREN?

What shall we give the children? Christmas is almost here. Toys and games and playthings, As we do every year?

Yes, for the magic of toyland

Is part of the Yuletide lore To gladden the heart of childhood, But I shall give something more.

I shall give them patience, A more sympathetic ear, A little more time for laughter, Or tenderly dry a tear.

I shall take time to teach them The joy of doing some task. I'll try to find time to answer More of the questions they ask.

Time to read books together, And take long walks in the sun. Time for a bedtime story, After the day is done.

I shall give these to my children, Weaving a closer tie, Knitting our lives together With gifts that money can't buy.

DEAR JOHN: In keeping with the holiday spirit, perhaps parents could also give their children lessons in acceptance of others who are different in some way, as well as lessons in charity.

Help them select a toy for a less fortunate child, or bake cookies for a needy family. Help them learn about children from another culture, and draw a picture about those children to hang in your home during the holidays. Let your imagination soar ... and theirs, too.

repeating the same mistake. Remaining aware will give you an edge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If your financial philosophy is "Easy come, easy go" today, you may be only half right. Money will be more easily lost than found.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you want to get others to do your bidding today, you must make sure their profits will be as large as yours. If the willingness to help isn't there, don't push.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are usually well-organized, but today you might not be as methodical and fail to arrange your chores and assignments to your best advantage.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Make an effort today to treat all your friends equally. If you do not, you might hurt a pal's feelings. Later he or she may subject you to the same treatment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An important objective can be achieved today, but not as easily as you initially contemplated. However, don't let this setback deter you from your purpose.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Monday, Dec 11, 1995

In the year ahead you might come to the realization that in regard to your career, others need you as much as you need them. Your new outlook will make you a stronger person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not pretend to have knowledge today which you lack. You will be tested in some manner, so don't put yourself in an embarrassing position. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$2 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.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might be subjected to some undesirable changes today, so prepare to make adjustments. Inflexibility could be detrimental.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Associates will want to help you today, but they cannot do things that you can do yourself. Do not make unwarranted demands on others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Ambitious objectives significant to you might not be of equal importance to your friends today. If you sense resistance, back off.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, you might take more risks than usual. However, this behavior could be beneficial if you're cognizant of all the odds in a particular situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An old adage says, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." Unfortunately, this promise may not apply to you today. Do not quit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can profit today from a lesson learned from a painful experience in the past by not



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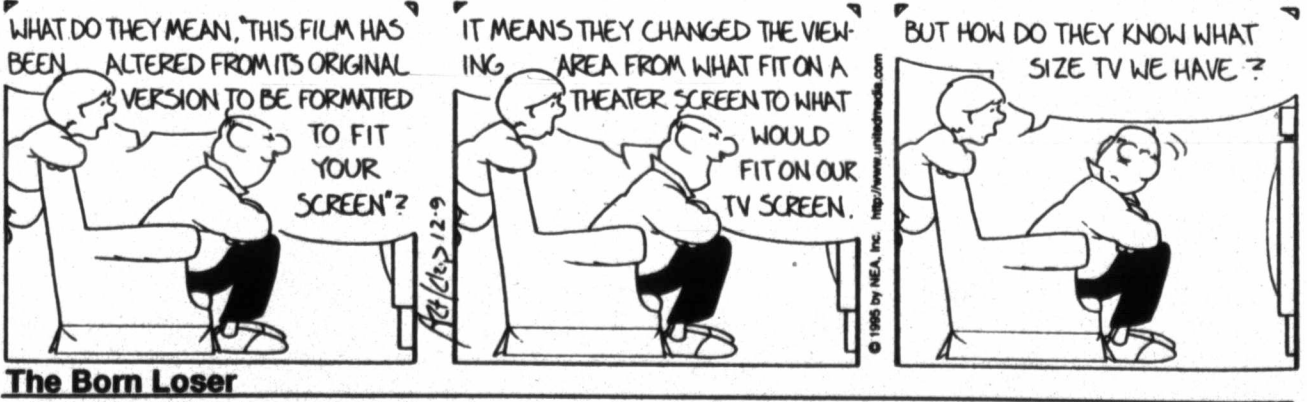
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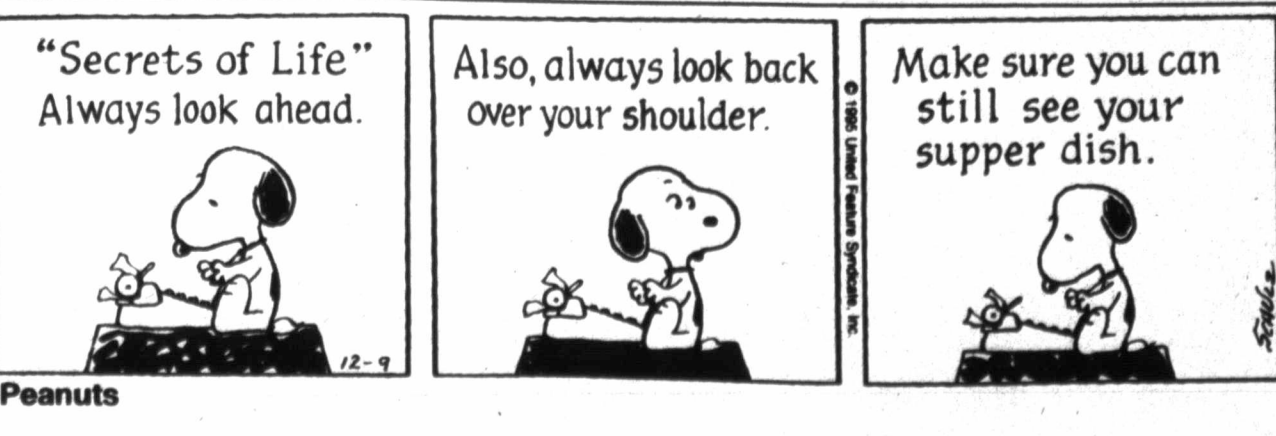
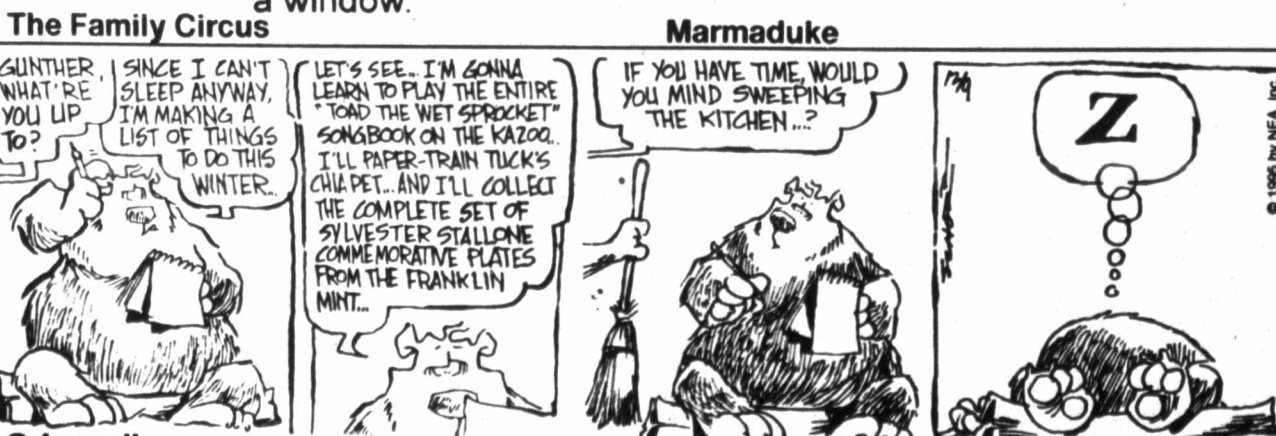
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"That typewriter is really old. It doesn't even have a window."



"I wonder if I'll ever see my hat and sales case again?"



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Court ruling could mean new independence for disabled voters

By EDUARDO MONTES
Associated Press Writer

EL PASO (AP) — Burns Taylor's path to the total independence he craves is littered with obstacles that most people wouldn't even notice.

Routine tasks like writing a check or filling out a form loom large. Just getting around town can sometimes seem impossible for a man who has been blind since the age of three.

"Transportation and paperwork, those are two of the biggest problem areas of my life," said Taylor, a 54-year-old freelance writer and part-time college English instructor.

Yet because he has fought for autonomy he has become increasingly self-sufficient, and

now he is helping to lead a battle aimed at toppling more barriers put before the disabled.

Taylor is one of seven plaintiffs suing the state over allegations disabled voters are not allowed equal access to polling sites.

In particular, the class-action suit filed under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act charged that Texas discriminates against the blind by not providing some way for them to cast a secret ballot.

U.S. District Judge David Briones agreed in a Nov. 22 decision and gave Secretary of State Tony Garza, the state's chief elections officer, 30 days to work with the plaintiffs on an acceptable remedy.

Otherwise, officials will be ordered into court the week of

Dec. 18 to testify and remedies may then be imposed by Briones. Garza's office has said the state "rejects such far-reaching judicial interference" and will consider an appeal.

Plaintiffs attorney Jim Harrington, expressing no surprise over the state's position, said that the ruling could nevertheless have great ramifications nationwide.

"This case ... is going to be the case that sets the pace," he said. Advocates for the disabled and legal experts not involved in the suit also believe the case could possibly change voting practices. There is no consensus on how much, particularly since this may be the first case of its kind ever filed.

Samuel Issacharoff, a University of Texas Law School professor specializing in voters' rights law, said the case does set a

precedent. But he noted that its effects are limited by how far it goes in the legal system.

"It would not be absolutely binding outside of the jurisdiction of the court that it is before," Issacharoff said.

Briones' judgment covers Texas. If the case is appealed to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and upheld, it would cover Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Only a Supreme Court ruling would make it binding nationwide.

Anne Marie Hughey, executive director of the National Council on Independent Living, said she would like the case to form a framework for any similar challenges that may come in the future.

"I would hope ... that they

would look at the judgment that was passed in El Paso as a foundation," Hughey said from the organization's headquarters in Arlington, Va.

For the plaintiffs, however, Briones' ruling goes beyond simply getting the state to provide braille or tape-recorded ballots, freeing them of the burden of having to ask someone else to mark their ballots.

"The attitude of non-disabled people is ... 'Well, big deal, you're going to have to take someone to the polls with you,'" said Taylor. "Well, it is a big deal. It's very important. It's one of the last barriers to really being fully independent."

Taylor, who said he has repeatedly been embarrassed by the commotion that ensues when he votes, said most people with dis-

abilities struggle to be autonomous.

The 1990 disabilities act, which is intended to ensure disabled people get equal treatment, has gone a long way toward changing attitudes and securing the rights of the disabled, advocates say.

Still, myths and misconceptions abound, said Carri George, executive director of Disabled Ability Resource Environment, an El Paso-based advocacy group and a plaintiff in the suit.

George said she has encountered situations where business owners have asked why they should make their businesses accessible when disabled people never come in, never realizing disabled people don't patronize them because they don't have access.



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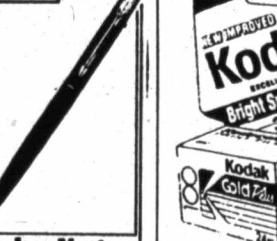
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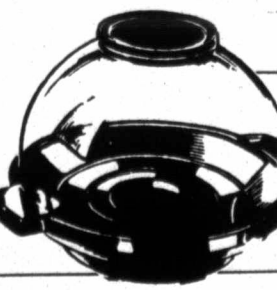
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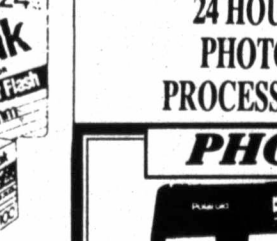
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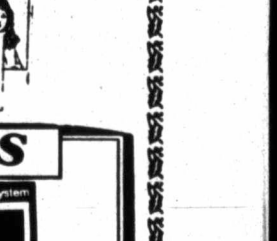
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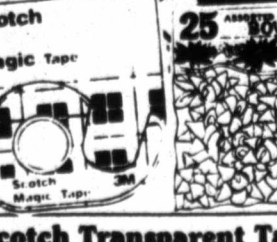
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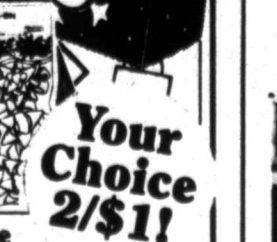
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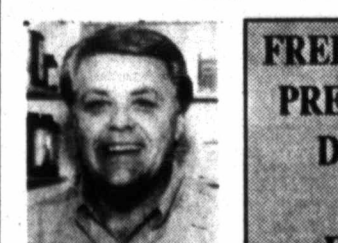


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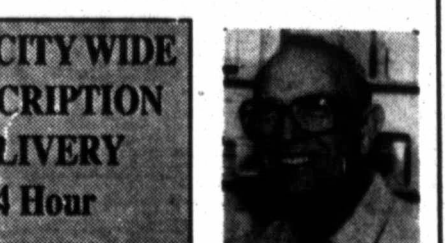
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HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.E. CANADIAN) Douglas Bracken Energy Co., #1-197 Isaacs (328 ac) 660' from South & 100' from East line, Sec. 197,C,G&MMB&A, 8 mi SW from Canadian, PD 7200' (911 NW 57th, Okla. City, OK 78118)

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Cards brighten inmates' holidays

By ANTHONY WILSON
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE (AP) — Gary Wagner will have a white Christmas all right.

Clad in his ivory uniform, the 47-year-old white-collar criminal will spend Christmas as he has every day of the previous five months — locked up in the Middleton Unit awaiting transfer to the cement-and-steel confines of another prison.

For Wagner and his fellow inmates, the holidays represent the year's gloomiest, loneliest season.

"There's a sense of sorrow," Wagner explained. "Christmas is my favorite holiday because of the family gatherings. We just try to make the best of a bad situation."

The inmates' circumstances brightened in late November when about two dozen college students visited the prison farm to distribute donated Christmas cards and to offer fellowship. In return, the students say they soaked up the joys of giving to those less fortunate than themselves.

"At times, it made me cry," said Ruben Valles, serving 15 years for drug possession. "It touched me. It made me grow."

"I'd like to believe them seeing us rejoice made them feel just as good. They brought us a gift. The best we could do is give them a handshake and a smile, but it was beautiful."

Chris Welch, a 20-year-old biology student at Abilene Christian University, agreed.

"We always get more out of helping than we could ever give," Welch said. "It puts you in your place. You realize."

The Middleton Unit's staff traditionally doles out Christmas cards donated by the Sacred Heart League, a Catholic organization based in Mississippi. The free cards, each offering a verse of

scripture, allows indigent inmates to share some holiday spirit with their loved ones.

"It's one of the little things that helps," Warden Richard Belanger said. "It doesn't sound like much but the inmates appreciate it. Anything we can do to build morale in these places is a big plus."

This year, the Spiritual Life Committee of Abilene Christian University contacted prison chaplain Linda Hill about performing prison ministry. Hill organized the Christmas card distribution as its first project.

Teams of students from ACU and Hardin-Simmons University distributed packets of six cards and envelopes after inmates were "racked up" in their bunks. Many of the meetings concluded with lengthy chat sessions, impromptu caroling and prayers.

"It was definitely a ministry," Hill reported. "The inmates just don't see a lot of joy. But last night I can honestly say I saw a smile on every face. The kids came in reflecting a Christian experience and told them that God loved them."

"The problem with society today is that millions of Christians are afraid to reach out and touch someone not like them. The students weren't afraid last night. We had to drag them out of there at midnight. They didn't want to leave."

Inmates called the impact of the visit personal and real.

"One particular inmate I know has a tendency to mouth off and be crude," said Wagner, serving a life sentence for fraud. "His life was impacted last night. No one ever came up to him and said, 'God loves you,' including myself. I should do that more often."

"This had a personal touch. It shows you that someone really cares for you. That means something."

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Pampa Middle School Honor Roll

Pampa Middle School recently announced its honor rolls for the second six weeks grading period of the 1995-1996 school year.

Sixth Grade A Honor Roll

Cory Bigham, Chandler Bowers, Ryan Bradley, Stephen Broadbent, Stacie Carter, Stephanie Clark, Kimberly Conner, Lindsey Coutts, Ashley Derington, Ashley Everson, Rebecca Fatheree, Samantha Ford, Kyle Francis, Sarah Fraser, Michelle Gomez, Nathanael Hill, Tyler Hudson, Sabrina Johnson and Ashlei Jordan.

Karen Kirkwood, Michelle Kogler, Michelle Lee, Collin Lewis, Jessica Montgomery, Randa Morris, Misti Northcutt, Janelle Powers, Amy Robbins, Sara Scott, A Smith, Jared Spearman, Taylor Stellman, Kelley Stowers, Bradley Stucker, Sarah Teague, Callie Veal, Justin Waggoner, William Warren, Morgan White, Angela Wood and Jarrett Woodington.

A-B Honor Roll

Olivia Anderson, Dirk Archer, Jessica Baggett, Marcie Bennett, Dustin Bromlow, Jonathan Brooks, Erik Brown, Michelle Brown, Jessica Burns, Lindsay Carroll, Richard Conner, Cali Covalt, Charles Craig, Casey Crain, Matthew Crow, Clayton David, Schuyler Davis, Stephanie Dickerman, Chesney Driggers, Patrick Dunigan, Tanner Dyer, Leslie Earl and Greg Easley.

Ty Elledge, Jarred Etheredge, Ashley Freeman, Michael Frels, William Griffin, Zachary Guthrie, Clifford Henthorn, Daniel Heuston, Desiree Hillman, Rocky Ivey, Kari Jantz, Samantha Jasso, Matthew Jennings, Johnathan Johnson, Jared Jones, Justin Juan, Erik Keller, Brittany Kindle, Ashley Kiper, Brian Klein, John Knipp, Jonathan Lambright and Larry Lawley.

Heather Lawrence, Heather Lee, Michael Leland, Christopher Lewis, Jennifer Lindsey, Courtney Locknane, Antonio Martinez, Mary Martinez, Matthew McComas, Olga Megia, Evan Miller, Ryan Milligan, Ricky Morehart, Courtney Moreland, Lindsey Narron, Ryan Nash, Candice Noble, Abbey Parker, Heather Parry, Daniel Passini, Priti Patel, David Phillips and Kandra Poole.

Trent Price, Cody Reeves, Robert Reidle, Lupita Resendiz, Courtney Ritchey, Angela Rodriguez, Kathryn Russell, Justin Schwartz, Bradley Scott, Sammy Shuck, Shelly Sims, Bobby Sparks, Kristen Stowers, Stefanie Straub, Ashley Stucki, Jeffery Sweeney, Christopher Tice, Randy Tice, Madalena Velasquez, Dane Ward, Leslie Ward, Shasta Welch, Christopher White, Benjamin Whitten and Aaron Willis.

Seventh Grade A Honor Roll

Gerald Banner, Stephanie Blankensh, Shanna Buck, Ryan Chambers, Kira Chumbley, Carrie Coutts, Megan Coutts, Christopher Crow, Dori Edens, Destiny Engel, Montana Farnum, Robert Fernuik, Anita Hacker, Consuelo Hacker, Rebecca Jentzen, Christopher Jordan, Ashley Knipp and Jared Kochick.

Lindsay Langford, Melissa Lawrence, Deana Leshar, Jessica Morrison, Amy Newhouse, Kandy Odom, Ashleigh Patton, Amanda Rains, Chris Shaffer, Aimee Stephenson, Celeste Stowers, Trevor Stowers, Amanda West, Meredith Young and Katherine Zemanek.

A-B Honor Roll

Daniel Abernathy, Chris Alexander, Jarod Allen, Alexis Amador, Crystal Angel, Angel Armstrong, Lorena Baker, Shanna Baker, Blake Balkridge, Heath Bentley, Ryan Black, Tiffany Boyd, Gabriel Brack, Colby Brizile, Shauna Broaddus, Casey Brookshire, Ashleigh Burns, Lance Burton, Beatriz Cabrales and Stefanie Caldwell.

Laura Clark, Jamie Clay, Alton Cook, Matthew Cook, Machael Cornelison, Jessica Cortez, Juan Cortez, Joshua Crawford, Derrick Cummings, Shaun Davis, Lance Defever, Miranda Dyer, Scott Garza, Kirk George, Joshua Gibson, Derek Gourley, Andrew Grabato, Kimberly Grice, Colby Hale and Jessica Hall.

Cassie Hamilton, Lindsey Hampton, Jeremy Harper, Taylor Harris, Joshua Harrison, Amber Hathcoat, Timothy Hucks, Joseph Huffman, Travis Lancaster, Joshua Larkin, Daisy

Leal, Terance Lemons, Amber Mayhugh, Angela McCarty, Chelsea McCullough, Mary McEwen and Callie McGrady.

Cassie Meadows, Casey Meharg, April Mobbs, Maria Moreno, Stephanie Moreno, Catherine Morse, Christyn Moutray, Chasity Nachtigall, Lizette Navarrete, Brandy Odom, Crystal Packard, Yuridia Pepi, Amanda Poole, Kimberly Porter, Jason Powell, Jennifer Reed and Kevin Schaub.

Bonnie Schiffman, John Schlewitz, Darrel Schroeder, Cory Schumacher, Brian Sealman, Ryan Sells, April Shorter, Venancio Silva, Richard Sitarski, Lori Stephens, Jimmy Story, Shane Story, Craig Stout, Shawn Strate, Rachel Swaney, Anthony Tiedt, Jessica Williams, Shane Williams, Vicki Williams and Jacob Woodruff.

Eighth Grade A Honor Roll

Justin Barnes, Allison Baxter, Tiffany Bruce, Jeremy Buck, Brent Coffee, Kimberly Cory, Lindsay Cree, Lindsey Earl, Mary Fields, Bradley Gardner, Hayle Garrison, Marci Hansen, Kelly Henderson, Dillon Hill, Samantha Hurst, Angela Klein, Jason Kogler, Jacob Lewis, Michalla Mechler, April

Melanson and Tandi Morton. Danette Navarrete, Rebecca Nolte, Helen Orr, Kevin Osborn, Casey Owens, Lacy Plunk, Phillip Reed, Anna Resendiz, Lidia Resendiz, Christopher Stellman, Kristen Stephens, Sean Stowers, Justin Trollinger, Kerry Turner, Stephen Vanderpool, Windy Wagner, Kristi Walling, Rebekah Warner, Wesley Warren and Emily Waters.

A-B Honor Roll

Stanton Addy, Becky Aderholt, Cortnie Allison, Gary Anderson, Douglas Belleau, Laurel Berzanskis, Jessica Bishop, Jonathan Bolz, Jennifer Booth, Jonathan Brockington, Russell Brown, Teresa Brown, Amanda Buck, Beth Buzzard, Bill Campbell, Rosario Campos, Lee Carmichael, Candace Cathey and Tawnie Clem.

Aaron Cochran, Jessica Conner, Rachel Conner, Maggie Cowan, Michael Crawford, Javier Cruz, Emily Curtis, Tyson Curtis, Jonathan Dancel, Zenobia Dean, Karrah Diaz, Amber Doyle, Daniel Dreher, Joshua Ellis, Levonne Evans, Jill Forman, Jesse Francis and Dorothy Gaddis.

Matthew Gallagher, Mathew Gomez, Jeremy Goode, Kristin Gragg, Debi Griffin, Jason Hall,

Jeremy Hall, Lynnsee Hancock, Greg Hartman, Nicholas Harvill, Stefanie Harwood, Matthew Heasley, Terra Hembree, Deborah Hilton, Michael Hinds, Richard Ivey, Tabetha Johnston and Kimberlee Jones.

Timothy Jones, Melea Jouett, Chris Ketchum, Amanda Kilcrease, Ryan King, Courtney Lang, Ashley Laycock, Christopher Leatherman, Rachel Ledford, Bethanie Lee, Christi Lee, Greg Lindsey, Tomas Lozano, Kyle McCullough, Lacey McGuire, Leticia Medina, Lindsey Mitchell and John Montgomery.

Loretta Moya, Jacob Musgrave, Jeremy Nicholas, Raynessia Oliver, Shannon Oxley, Marquetta Parker, Patrick Parsons, Darren Peterson, Tracey Phillips, Brooke Pope, Matthew Rains, Griselda Regalado, Russell Robben, Erika Roberts, Kellie Roby, Amber Rogers and Cassandra Russell.

Federico Sanchez, Cassi Scott, Cody Shepard, Jon Shepard, Kevin Smith, Phillip Smith, Kaleb Snelgrooves, Charles Snider, Gil Solano, Berenice Solis, Alexandria Soria, Blake Stewart, Shawn Stone, Britteny Street, Lindsay Tidwell, Jaclyn Turner, David Weller, Amanda White and Noreen Wilson.

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Entertainment

TNT movie 'Kissinger and Nixon' premieres tonight

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ron Silver lobbied with a politician's zeal for the role of Henry Kissinger in the new TV film *Kissinger and Nixon*.

"You don't see a script like this very often," Silver said.

The Turner Network Television movie spotlights President Richard Nixon and his national security adviser in their machinations to finish the Vietnam War.

It was a very sophisticated text that dealt in a profound way, particularly for television or the movies, with a very complicated and serious event — the endgame of the negotiations in Vietnam," Silver said.

The movie, based on Walter Isaacson's best-selling biography, examines the period August 1972-January 1973 as the United States and Vietnam grappled for a political end to the war — and as Nixon campaigned for re-election.

Personalities, policy and ambition collide, sometimes openly, sometimes under layers of secrecy which historians such as Isaacson are beginning to strip away.

Silver plays opposite Beau Bridges as Nixon in the film debuting tonight on the cable

channel — emerging the same month as Oliver Stone's theatrical release *Nixon* to create a mini-Nixon film festival.

Both Silver and Bridges were transformed for their roles by mask-and-makeup artistry; Silver adds an uncanny impression of Kissinger's freight-train rumble of a voice.

Also featured are Matt Frewer as Gen. Alexander Haig, George Takei as North Vietnam's foreign minister Le Duc Tho and Ron White as Nixon chief of staff H.R. Haldeman.

The close but wary relationship between Nixon and Kissinger, who later served as secretary of state, is the stuff of great drama, Silver believes.

"In some ways there was a tremendous amount of respect and disrespect they had for each other," he said. "I think Claudius said of Hamlet 'madness in great ones must not unwatched go.'"

"I think at some point Kissinger was very protective because he saw this downward spiral that Nixon was on," Silver said of the president eventually forced from office by the Watergate scandal.

The actor already has proven himself adept at rendering a real-life character, playing a memorably feisty Alan Dershowitz, the attorney, in the film *Reversal of*

Fortune. When it came to *Kissinger*, Silver's interest was excited by more than writer-producer Lionel Chetwynd's solid script: He was a student of politics who had considered a CIA career and was an admirer of Kissinger's skills.

"My graduate studies were involved in geopolitical strategies and foreign affairs, so I was very familiar with Kissinger's work before I became an actor," he said.

"So this is something I had been doing for my pleasure in my leisure time. It was nice to marry what I do professionally with my avocation."

Silver prepared carefully for the role — and for meetings with Kissinger, whom he knew socially and whose perspective he sought in two lunch meetings.

"Knowing Kissinger, I tried to do my homework as best I could," Silver recalled. He read Kissinger's writings as well as books by Nixon and administration figures, including Haig and Haldeman.

"I re-created a calendar for those six months in '72. I put everybody's recollections of what happened each day on the calendar, in different ink," he said.

All the players, Silver found,

agreed on the facts. "But what's interesting is the subjective interpretation of what was said to whom, what was the tone, and what it led to."

Kissinger apparently didn't take the film lightly. He sent Silver a 44-page letter backed up by what the actor describes as "300 pages of appendices and material."

"But you have to take things with a grain of salt, because candor can be the most intimate and effective instrument of deception," Silver said.

Kissinger objected to certain aspects of the screenplay, from minor points of fact to meatier questions of motivation, according to Chetwynd.

His comments became part of the body of research used for the film, which relied primarily but not solely on Isaacson's work, the producer said.

Although Silver said he remains ambivalent about Kissinger's actions regarding Vietnam, he considers him an "engaging personality" and developed an "empathy for the statesman."

"He was trying to accomplish certain things, whether he did it in the most gracious and noble way, whether he did it in another fashion, I leave to others to decide."

Review: 'Money Train' a stretch

By BOB THOMAS
Associated Press Writer

They're brothers — Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson. Not blood brothers, mind you. Woody was adopted by Wesley's mother as a young boy. So the two men grew up together, and now they're partners in the New York subway police.

That's the premise you're asked to buy in *Money Train*, no more of a stretch than Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito as *Twins*. That was comedy, and *Money Train* has so few laughs, so much action and so much confused plotting that it's sometimes hard to tell the cops from the bad guys.

Snipes and Harrelson take turns posing as reeling derelicts on subway platforms, acting as bait for potential thieves. When they goof up, they face the wrath of their choleric chief, Robert Blake.

Blake considers the subway his private fiefdom and is fanatical about the schedules of his trains. Especially the Money Train, a heavily fortified car that collects revenues from the stations' toll booths.

A new member joins the squad, Jennifer Lopez, who proves her toughness by taking on Snipes in the gym boxing ring and landing some telling blows.

Both men are smitten with

Lopez, and that adds tension to their already sour relationship.

Harrelson is forever goofing up with his boozing and gambling, and Snipes feels constrained to rescue him. When Harrelson is threatened by hoodlums over gambling debts, Snipes hands him \$15,000 in cash. Harrelson promptly loses it to an old lady pickpocket in the subway.

The hoodlums threaten to kill his partner, and Harrelson desperately seeks a solution. Well, there's always the Money Train.

Money Train may find a market with lovers of the buddy action film, but it is deeply flawed. The dramatic interludes seem like lame excuses for spacing out the violence.

Snipes reasserts his status as a strong presence on the screen, but Harrelson seems to be reworking his standard portrayal of a screw-up. Lopez adds much-needed freshness; she is a genuine find.

As a director, Joseph Ruben knows how to build suspense, especially with a maniac who delights in immolating cashiers he robs. He is unable to unravel the inconsistencies of the script, which is attributed to Doug Harrison and David Loughery.

The Columbia Pictures release was produced by Jon Peters and Neil Canton. The rating is R for language, violence and sex.

Ellen Barkin does Hollywood her way

By RIC LEYVA
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Living proof to the contrary, Ellen Barkin still insists career and motherhood are a bad mix.

"You can't have it all," she says, shaking her head. "You have to make choices."

Barkin, currently playing Calamity Jane in *Wild Bill*, has taken on parts spanning the emotional spectrum in such films as *Diner*, *Tender Mercies* and *The Big Easy*, but made her boldest dramatic statement in *Sea of Love* opposite Al Pacino.

After that, with Hollywood seemingly in the palm of her hand, Barkin opted out.

"I had my first child a month after *Sea of Love* opened," she says.

"I guess that was the point at which I became what one would call a movie star, but I made a very conscious decision that I wanted to be a mother at that point."

Barkin, 41, and actor-director husband Gabriel Byrne went on to have a second child together before the marriage ruptured. They remain separated.

"You can't control anything other than yourself," she says. "You spend all this energy trying to change a situation, change a person, and it's like, forget it. You can not do it."

The rigors of motherhood and marital strife meant learning to say no.

"(Wild Bill co-producer) Lili Zanuck always likes to say they should do a 60 Minutes episode based on the movies I turned down," Barkin says.

"I take what I find interesting," she says. "I needed to go to work once a year, for my own sanity, to keep my career at a point where I could afford to go to work once a year."

"I'm not 100 percent there on the set. I'm thinking about my kids in the trailer. So when I pick roles, I think how taxed I'll be, because being there for them is really my primary job."

While raising son Jack, 6, and daughter Romey, 3, she kept attracting some of the best actors in the business, major stars including Jack Nicholson (*Man Trouble*), Robert De Niro (*This Boy's Life*), Paul Newman (*Harry and Son*), Jon Voight (*Desert Bloom*) and Laurence Fishburne (*Bad Company*).

"I used to make a very conscious effort to choose my roles based on who the male lead was," she admits. "I certainly did *Sea of Love* because of Al Pacino. There was no other reason on the planet that I was in that movie."

"I just saw *The Big Easy* again recently," Pacino said. "Wow! It just emanates from her, that energy. She has that combination of sexual aura, toughness and vulnerability, like Madonna."

"That vulnerability, I think that's what we respond to. It's that combination of things that makes people interesting. And Ellen, she's just got it. She doesn't have to work at it."

Working with Pacino was a dream come true and the film established her as a bankable star, but Barkin still has ambivalent feelings about the film and its impact on her career.

"It's the only movie I made that offended me, that I kind of found amoral," she says. "I feel like I've done it a million times. I'd rather do some \$2 million movie than walk around and play the *Sea of Love* part over and over and over again."

"I don't feel like I have to keep my image intact," Barkin says. "I don't feel I have to avoid acting in a way that somebody might deem unladylike. I don't feel obliged to be a removed, distant, cool movie star."

She laid it on the line again in *Wild Bill*, capturing the essence of the Old West's ultimate tomboy, while preserving Calamity Jane's essential femininity.

"I learned my whip, I learned gunplay. Tons of stuff about guns, twirling and spinning and throwing," she says. "I punch a guy out. I was really dirty. I didn't wear any makeup. They even put fake eyebrows on me, bushy eyebrows."

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By The Associated Press

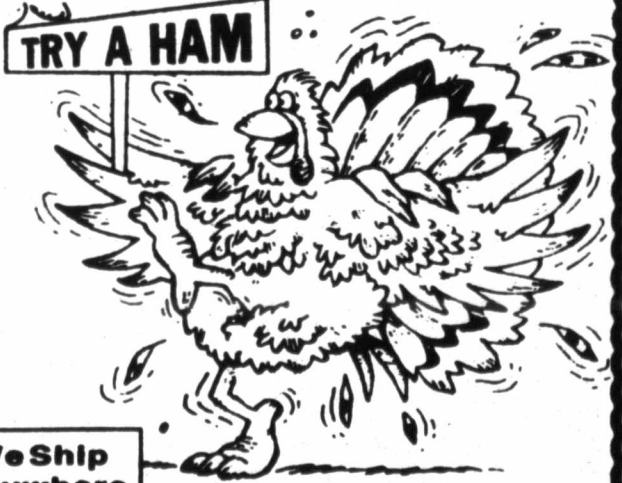
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 3. "Hey Lover," L.L. Cool J (Def Jam)
 4. "Fantasy," Mariah Carey (Columbia) (Platinum)
 5. "Gangsta's Paradise," Coolio featuring L.V. (MCA) (Platinum)

6. "You'll See," Madonna (Maverick)
 7. "Diggin' on You," TLC (Lafayette)
 8. "You Remind Me of Something," R. Kelly (Jive)
 9. "Name," Goo Goo Dolls (Metal Blade)
 10. "Runaway," Janet Jackson (A&M) (Gold)
- TOP ALBUMS
1. *Anthology 1*, The Beatles (Apple)
 2. *Fresh Horses*, Garth Brooks (Capitol Nashville)
 3. *Daydream*, Mariah Carey (Columbia) (Platinum)
 4. *Christmas in the Air*, Mannheim Steamroller (American Gramophone)
 5. *Waiting to Exhale* Soundtrack, (Arista)
 6. *Jagged Little Pill*, Alanis Morissette (Maverick-Reprise) (Platinum)
 7. *Cracked Rear View*, Hootie & the Blowfish (Atlantic) (Platinum)
 8. *R. Kelly*, R. Kelly (Jive)
 9. *The Greatest Hits Collection*, Alan Jackson (Arista)
 10. *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness*, Smashing Pumpkins (Virgin)
- COUNTRY SINGLES
1. "Tall, Tall Trees," Alan Jackson (Arista)
 2. "That's As Close As I'll Get to Loving You," Aaron Tippin (RCA)
 3. "Check Yes or No," George Strait (Atlantic)
 4. "In Pictures," Alabama (RCA)
 5. "Life Gets Away," Clint Black (RCA)
 6. "Who Needs You Baby," Clay Walker (Giant)
 7. "Deep Down," Pam Tillis (Arista)
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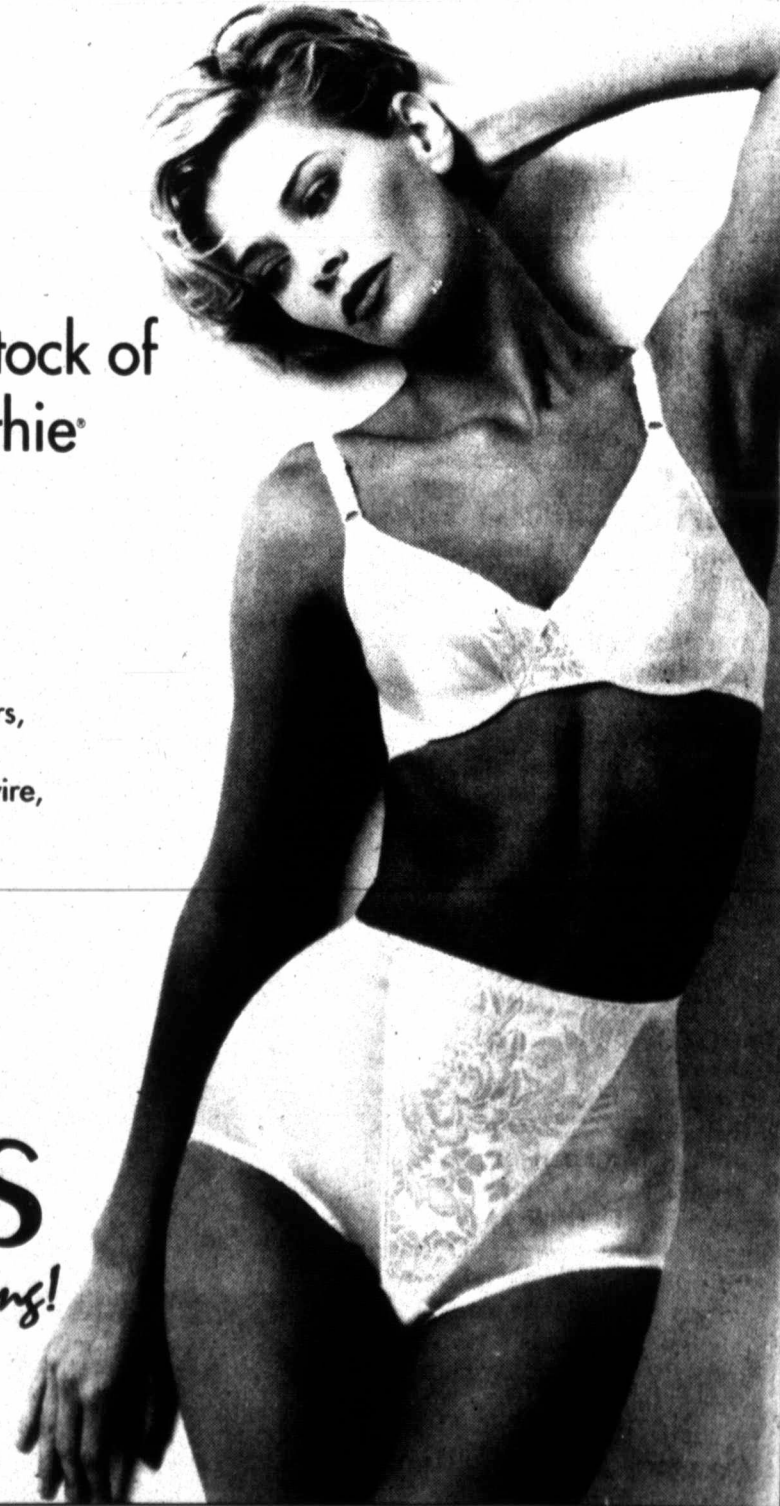
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Music, dance and art become part of medical treatment

By DINAH WISENBERG BRIN
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In a German hospital, patients preparing for surgery get earphones and a control box that allow them to hear their choice of jazz, rock, classical, pop, folk, country or military music.

In Salt Lake City, AIDS patients are encouraged to use pencils or paint to express their emotions. And at Shands Hospital in Gainesville, Fla., patients with a variety of illnesses join 200 artists and performers in painting, sculpting, dancing, singing and writing.

Throughout the world, medical professionals increasingly are turning to music, dance, art and poetry to help in the healing process.

Practitioners have launched arts therapy groups and publications. And the National Institutes of Health, through the Office of Alternative Medicine, has awarded grants for research into dance and music therapy.

"We like to call it a new social movement called arts medicine," said Dr. Richard Lippin of suburban Philadelphia, founder and president of the International Arts-Medicine Association and a member of the International Society for Music in Medicine.

The painter Henri Matisse may have had the right idea long ago, he said: "He took his own paintings to the bedside of his sick friends in France. He was convinced that color enhanced their health. Now we have the capacity to prove it scientifically."

Dr. John Graham-Pole, a pediatric cancer specialist, launched Shands' Arts in Medicine program four years ago. The hospital uses artists and performers to work with patients suffering from acute and chronic illnesses. Health care staff members join in the activities, which include group and one-on-one sessions.

Mingling arts with medicine can restore a patient's artistic side, and aid healing, Graham-Pole said. "We think that healing is about feeling better in body, mind and soul," he said.

William Clem, 36, of Gainesville, who started drawing while a patient at Shands last year, agreed.

"It gave me something to do and somewhere else to focus my mind, is basically what happened," said Clem, who picked up paints and colored pencils during five weeks of isolation following a bone marrow transplant to treat non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"It helped me deal with what was going on. It helped me be more positive because all my pictures are very positive pictures, and I think they really helped out a lot," he said.

Clem still draws at home and said he recently figured out why he included water in most of his drawings. At first, there was a lot of water, an indication that Clem felt he was drowning in cancer. In his most recent picture, Clem said, he was in a spaceship, "and the water is way down on the Earth. ... I feel a little more hopeful than I did a year ago."

Clem's experience jibes with the observations of Cathy Malchiodi, a registered therapist in Salt Lake City and editor of Art Therapy: Journal of the American Arts Therapy Association.

"Oftentimes things get expressed through art that don't

get expressed other ways," said Malchiodi.

She cited the example of an AIDS patient who began drawing downward spirals. He was in relatively good health when he started the drawings but soon became sicker, she said.

"With visual arts, I'm totally convinced that there's so much that comes out through the art before the actual medical condition manifests itself," Malchiodi said.

Philadelphia's Hahnemann University, which in the 1960s launched one of first arts therapy programs, received one of the first grants from NIH's Office of Alternative Medicine in 1993.

A 40-patient research project explores the effectiveness of dance therapy in improving the quality of life for adult cystic fibrosis sufferers — a rare group because many cystic fibrosis patients don't reach adulthood.

Preliminary data show the therapy had a positive effect on the mood of a small number of patients, said director Sherry Goodill. The hope, she said, is that they will then take better care of themselves.

At the Krankenhaus fur Sportverletzte Hellersen in Ludenscheid, Germany, operating rooms, anesthesia rooms and surgical waiting areas are wired for music, said Dr. Ralph Spintge, director of the hospital's pain clinic and music-medicine research lab and executive director of the International Society

for Music in Medicine.

Patients have access to "music stations" — a control box with earphones — and may choose from 10 musical programs. Even anesthetized patients listen to music during surgery. About 40 percent of surgical patients choose popular dance music, Spintge said, while those in the hospital's pain clinic

tend to listen to New Age music.

Some 6,000 surgical patients a year and 1,000 chronic pain patients participate, Spintge said.

In 75,000 questionnaires that Spintge and a colleague collected from surgical patients, 95 percent indicated that the music had calmed them and alleviated their anxiety.

Those offering help to patients through music, paint or dance include doctors and registered arts therapists with advanced degrees. Most states don't license creative arts therapists, although some allow them to obtain counseling licenses by taking extra courses. Insurers often don't reimburse for their services.

Proponents say creative arts therapy, an "alternative" awaiting more research results, is here to stay.

"This is not a flash in the pan," said Graham-Pole.

Said Lippin: "The new news in all these therapies is its application to mainstream medicine. That's the story of the '90s."

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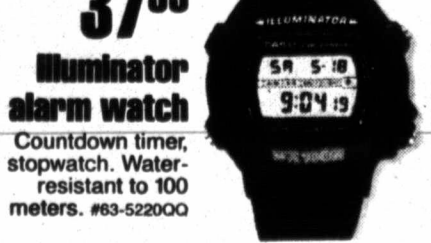
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The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT - (BULL)

OUTLOOK: Looking ahead, the '96 season "could" be a lot like '90. In the '90 crop year, the market was faced with a very tight supply situation. Prices started out under \$3/bushel, then rallied sharply into late winter, and peaked in mid-February at over \$4.60. But high prices attracted more acreage, and good weather produced an abundant crop. The result was an about face in the fundamentals, and the price, as cash bid fell back under \$3 by harvest time.

Today supplies are even tighter than early '90. In fact, they're the tightest I've seen in my professional career and point to price levels much higher than what we're seeing now. The question is, will '96 be another '90?

I mentioned it could be because acreage is up. There's a wild card here, however, and that's the weather. The wheat crop this year is starting out under extremely dry conditions in the Southern Plains. At this writing there's no relief in sight. The moral is, don't rush to sell new crop. It just could adversely impact your financial health if the weather refuses to cooperate.

STRATEGY: Hedgers: Wheat owners "on paper" still appear to make sense, and is even more attractive in many areas now since cash wheat has strengthened in relation to futures. You can sell relatively higher priced cash and replace with attractive March at the money calls. They cost about 15 cents now, and limit your downside risk to this amount. We also suggest you start a new crop hedging program [on no more than 25 percent of anticipated production] using the July 420 puts. Buy them under 19 cents to assure \$4 wheat on a portion of your crop.

Traders: Buy March Minneapolis at \$4.87, or the first close above \$4.95. Risk 20 cents for an eventual profit objective above \$5.35.

CORN - (BULL)

OUTLOOK: Nothing's changed to alter our bullish outlook for the corn market. For the past month the market's gone virtually nowhere. However, it did this under the weight of heavy speculative liquidation. It's estimated the funds divested themselves of a position representing over 400 million bushels in the December contract during the last two weeks of November.

The market took this pretty well. The commercial interests and end users were the buyers. Now that this liquidation is concluded, the path of least resistance appears up. Our objective is the north side of \$3.60 in the March contract.

STRATEGY: Hedgers: As I mentioned last week, the new farm bill makes market forces more important than governmental forces. Strategies such as those discussed in this column will be necessary for maximum prosperity for the modern farmer.

We've recently suggested the sale of old crop corn be replaced with "paper corn" in the form of at the money March call options. Last week you were easily able to buy these for about 10 cents/bu., which is your maximum downside risk. Your risk in cash corn cannot be predetermined like this. The storage and interest costs saved pay for a good chunk of the option premiums. You maintain the right to buy corn in the futures market and therefore benefit from any price appreciation.

Traders: Based on a previous recommendation we own March

330 calls purchased for 10 cents/bu. We also recently purchased March corn at \$3.32 Risk 10 cents [\$500/contract+fees] and hold.

CATTLE - (BULL)

OUTLOOK: Futures and cash prices have been nervous and quite sensitive lately. So what's up? I continue to believe the latest Cattle on Feed Report is basically right. It's bullish for the next few months, with the lower placements of heavier cattle into feedlots [those cattle which will be market ready in the next 60-90 days] indicating tight supplies.

The report was most bullish for the February time period. The packers know this too, and if they raise their bids too aggressively, they won't buy any greater numbers, but will need to pay up for what's available. If they can jawbone the market lower, they'll be able to buy futures cheap to hedge their needs for when they'll need to raise bids.

Make sense? Look for the February contract to trade the north side of seventy without severe feeding weather this winter. Weather could push prices above 75.

STRATEGY: Hedgers: Since the trend of the market will be up in our opinion, cattle feeders who wish to hedge should consider put options. Puts act like bear market insurance. They leave upside potential wide open to benefit from projected higher prices in the cash market, yet limit your downside for a predetermined cost.

Cow/calf operators: The distant feeder prices in the futures have already discounted negative feeding margins. The nearbys should benefit from firming live cattle prices. As a result, we still don't see any viable hedging opportunities at this time.

Traders: Based on a previous recommendation, we bought 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 less than 500. Risk 100 points [\$400 each] for a profit objective above 800 [\$1200 minus fees].

Farmers awaiting news on farm bill

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — This holiday season is the worst kind for farmers, especially in the Deep South and Texas. They're making plans for next year's crops without knowing exactly what kind of farm program they'll get for Christmas.

Farm bill debates have lingered before in Congress, with bills not signed by the president until Christmas Eve. But this year the job is tougher because the major crop programs are locked up in a bigger dispute over how to end the federal deficit in seven years.

In addition, major crop programs face broader changes than before, making it harder to plan based on the past.

Farmers, meanwhile, must borrow money and rent land, not knowing for sure what their crops and land will be worth. This is especially true for such Southern crops as peanuts and rice that depend more on government programs. Field work also begins earlier in the South.

"It's the latest it's been in my lifetime," said Agriculture Secre-

tary Dan Glickman, a former congressman who helped write the last four farm bills.

The delay affects all kinds of decisions. Texas cotton farmers start applying Treflan, a weed killer, this time of year. But if the farm program makes grain sorghum a more attractive crop, tough luck. The killer of cotton weeds poisons sorghum as well.

"It would be a lot nicer to know exactly what the farm bill is going to be so we can put the right chemicals on the right land and the right amount of land," said Bill Kubecka, who raises cotton, feed grains and rice on 4,500 acres near Palacios, Texas.

For Kubecka and others, some planning decisions were obvious. The market and common sense told them that corn and sorghum will bring high prices, so he's naturally planting more of those crops. Also, this year's acute shortages mean there's no way the Agriculture Department will force growers to keep any of that crop land idle.

"We're just doing it oblivious to what the farm program is," he said.

But for rice it's a different mat-

ter. "We cannot go out into the marketplace and contract our production for next year," he said. "To go into a season putting \$500 an acre into the ground and not knowing what you're going to get for it is very risky."

In Georgia, peanut growers are trying to plan their crops without knowing absolutely how much their government support will be reduced.

"The farmers just don't know what to do," said Don Koehler, executive director of the Georgia Peanut Commission. Like cotton growers, the peanut farmers are already wary because of drought losses this year.

Glickman said Thursday that Congress may have to extend current farm programs for a year if budget talks bog down and there's no agreement by the end of the year. Cuts could easily be made by making payments available on fewer acres.

That would make some Democratic negotiators happy. Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., is pushing to do just that — take farm legislation out of the budget measure altogether and deal with it separately, the way it's been done in the past.

Special broadcast to discuss beef industry items

A special broadcast on Farm Bureau's satellite network this month hopes to give beef cattle producers the edge they need to maximize their operations in the difficulty of a down market.

Called "Quality Counts," the live broadcast will be aired on Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Those interested in viewing the satellite broadcast at the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau office at 1132 S. Hobart in Pampa should make reserva-

tions by 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11, by calling (806) 665-8451.

Nationally recognized beef industry experts will offer the latest information and research concerning beef quality and opportunities for producers. Viewers will also be able to ask questions via fax or a toll-free 800 number.

The Texas Beef Council, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Farm Bureau and Superior Livestock Auction are sponsoring the broadcast.

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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.

Grain sorghum group to meet Dec. 18 in Hereford

HEREFORD — The Texas Grain Sorghum Association will meet at the Hereford Community Center at noon, Monday, Dec. 18.

The program includes a free meal, a discussion of the 1995 farm bill, chemical regulatory issues, estate planning and crop rotations.

Bob Dietrick, sorghum grower from Tyrone, Okla., will talk about minimum tillage and no-

till farming practices and new technology in precision chemical applications.

Ordie Jones, sorghum researcher with the USDA Research Center at Bushland, will address the group concerning 11 years of data comparing continuous wheat, wheat/sorghum/fallow and continuous sorghum plantings.

Other discussions will include

the regulation of propazine, atrazine and furadan and a review of the proposed 1995 farm bill. Association officials said sorghum payments should increase five to 10 dollars per acre. They said the bill should also include 100 percent planting flexibility. There may be changes in CRP.

For more information, call (806) 298-4501.

Wheeler to host pesticide course for CEU credits

WHEELER — The Wheeler County Extension service is offering two opportunities for pesticide applicators to earn Continuing Education Units (CEU's) toward the renewal of their licenses or certificates. These sessions will provide CEU's for certified private, licensed private, non-commercial and commercial applicators.

A re-certification course for five CEU's is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Lutheran Church in Shamrock and a four CEU course is planned for Friday, Dec. 15, at the Church of Christ in Wheeler. Registration for both courses will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the training will begin at 9 a.m.

Those planning to attend should make reservations with the Wheeler County Extension Office (806) 826-5243 by noon the day before the course.

Pesticide applicators who hold an applicator's certificate (issued prior to Jan. 10, 1989) must obtain 15 CEU's by Dec. 31, 1995 to have their certificate renewed. Licensed applicators who got their license after Jan. 1, 1990 must get 15 CEU's prior to the expiration date shown on their license. Licenses issued Jan. 10 through Dec. 31, 1989 automatically expire Dec. 31, 1995, and holders must retest and obtain a new license.

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Texas gun merchants say sales not affected by new handgun law

By MIKE DRAGO
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — With only weeks to go before licensed Texans can legally tote concealed handguns, gun merchants say they've seen no sales increase from the law that opponents feared would spur a handgun craze.

The law takes effect Jan. 1 when, for the first time since the 1870s, permit-carrying Texas residents may begin carrying concealed weapons.

Despite opponents' predictions of a handgun proliferation because of the measure, spot checks of the only government indicator of handgun sales — the number of background checks conducted under the Brady Law — appears to support gun sellers' claim of flat sales since the law was passed.

That comes as no surprise to gun rights advocates, who claim that those planning to take advantage of the law are long-time handgun owners, many of whom already carried their weapon.

"The explosion in the number of weapons on the street that was predicted by gun opponents simply hasn't happened," said Mark Seale, legislative director for Sen. Jerry Patterson, the law's chief author.

"That may be something that surprises people, but we knew it. There are a lot of people who have been breaking the law to protect their safety and it was time to give them a way of doing it legally."

Gun opponents, however, posed another explanation for apparently stagnant handgun sales, arguing that Texans have decided they don't want to pack heat after all.

"I think because it is an awesome responsibility and I think it frightens an awful lot of people," said Jamie Shor, a spokeswoman

for the anti-gun group Handgun Control Inc.

"Maybe people are stopping and thinking that they're putting their family and their friends in jeopardy by injecting a gun into the situation."

Though handgun sales are difficult to track, trends roughly can be followed through the 2-year-old Brady Law, which requires a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases and a background check by local law enforcement agencies.

Police departments in Houston, Dallas, Austin and San Antonio all reported no notable jump in the number of Brady checks they've conducted since Sept. 1, when people could begin applying for a license.

The cities, except for Austin, all reported a significant decline in checks during September and a slight increase in October as compared with the same months a year ago. The Houston Police Department conducted 3,026 checks in September 1994 but only 1,785 in the same month this year.

The Austin Police Department had no monthly figures available for September but said it conducted 6,407 checks this year through October, down from 6,808 in October 1994.

Weapons sold by dealers who are not federally licensed, including sales between individuals and by most dealers at gun shows, are not subject to the Brady law and thus wouldn't be reflected in the figures.

The numbers also could have been affected, though it's impossible to say how much, by a federal government decision earlier this year to stop conducting Brady checks on people reclaiming weapons from pawn shops.

But several gun store owners across the state said the Brady numbers are consistent with what their sales figures say — the concealed weapons law has

had no effect.

"Everybody already has a gun," said Bob Arwady, owner of the Ammo Dump gun shop in Houston. "There's a few that come in buying something for their wife, but for the most part people who have been training to get their license already had one."

J.D. Sayers, whose family owns Pasadena Gun Center, said there has been increased activity on the center's shooting range as people practice to take the licensing test.

"I'd say sales haven't increased at all," Sayers said. "When September first came around there was all kinds of talk and all kinds of jumping up and down, but then after two weeks it died back down to normal."

Some merchants said anyone who wanted a gun bought it two years ago, when the Brady Bill was passed by Congress and gun enthusiasts feared President Clinton would push even more stringent measures.

"Mr. Clinton put more guns on the street than anybody ever thought about," said Tom Newbrand, manager of Lone Star Guns in Plano.

The Brady figures are also consistent with response to the concealed handgun law itself.

Even though more than 152,000 Texans had requested licensing information from the Department of Public Safety through Nov. 30, only some 24,000 have taken the required training course and returned the completed forms to Austin.

After Jan. 1, fewer than 25,000 of some 18 million Texas residents will likely be licensed.

"That's probably a little low from what we had anticipated, but I think by the end of next year we will have the kind of numbers we had expected," Seale said.

Patterson estimates about 2 percent of all Texans, or 360,000, ultimately will be licensed.

'Doomsday Clock' reset to 3 minutes closer to midnight

CHICAGO (AP) — Saying the threat of nuclear apocalypse did not disappear with the end of the Cold War, experts at the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists Friday pushed the hands of their famous "Doomsday Clock" three minutes closer to the hour of midnight.

"Unfortunately the world did not take full advantage of the opportunities available at the time," Leonard Rieser, chairman of the publication, said as he pushed the hands of the clock nearer to the hour that symbolizes nuclear apocalypse.

Rieser said the world remains

"a very dangerous place." "We are not crying fire in the world theater," he said.

The hands were reset to 14 minutes before midnight. They last were changed in 1991, at the end of the Cold War, to 17 minutes before midnight at the end of the Cold War.



(AP photo by Ed Zurge)

Julie Ferguson poses at home in Stillwell, Kan., with an Old St. Nick Christmas craft container she sells out of her home business. The rural look in crafts, clothing, household items and even Christmas decorations has become big business.

Quest for country: More Americans seek rural look, even in New York

By MAGGIE JACKSON
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Quilts. Flannels. Jeeps. If it smacks of the country, it's chic. Hungering for comfort and simplicity, Americans are reveling in things rural.

They're trekking up mountains — or down Madison Avenue — in fancy hiking boots. They're splashing houses and apartments with gingham, baskets and, as Christmas nears, garlands and gingerbread houses.

Ask Kurt Abrams, who oohs and ahs about his new Ford Explorer, the best seller among the "sport utility vehicles" that constitute the fastest-growing segment of the domestic auto market for several years.

No matter that he's a New Yorker, born and bred. With such a car, the country beckons.

"I'm starting to contemplate taking my kids camping," says Abrams, a father of two who works for a pharmaceutical company. "I didn't think about it before. I'm trying to figure out things to do with the vehicle."

Of course, not everyone gets the gear first and then wonders what to use it for. Many people are rock climbing, hiking, hunting or quilting. But the numbers of Americans buying into the country look without the life shows the strength of the pastoral allure.

"You talk about wanting to live this country life," says Peter L. Horn II, manager of Beretta Galleries, a New York boutique opened by the Italian gun company in June to sell tweedy hunting and "apres hunting" clothes, along with \$100,000 handmade guns. "People come in here just to buy clothes for the weekend. It has nothing to do with hunting."

Whatever happened to the glitz, the glamour, the sparkle of city things to covet and emulate?

After the ostentatious '80s, Americans seem to be clamoring for a warm, homey, outdoorsy look. No matter that it can cost as much as sleek did in the last

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decade — it evokes down-home goodness. "There's a longing for a return at least symbolically to quality, to people who can be trusted, concepts that can be believed, products that will prove to be of value," says John Mack Carter, president of Hearst Magazine Enterprises and creator of *Country Living*, the most popular of the dozen or so magazines of the genre published today.

For the more urban or the young and hip, a streamlined country look offers less traditional furnishings.

"Sun-faded, soft colors, weathered furniture and fabric — Provencal would come to mind," Barbara Turf, chief buyer for Crate and Barrel, says of the style that the Northbrook, Ill., chain will push for a second year.

In the J. Crew world, pale women stand sternly beside stubbly bearded men in old pick-ups or fields. All sport flannel, corduroy and plaids.

Valerie Steele, an author and professor of fashion history at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, says this style, which is defying the sales doldrums suffered elsewhere in the retail world, tap into an American prejudice against fashion. "People perceive these clothes as being not fashion but real clothes," she said.

Sales of Timberland boots and clothes more than doubled to \$637 million last year. Yet many wearers aren't tackling mountains in them.

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 6 Unites by heating
 11 Colored forth
 13 Sillier
 14 Playwright
 15 King of the Huns
 16 Beaver
 17 Expire
 19 Occupied a bench
 20 Plant parts
 21 Remainder
 25 Church calendar
 26 Agnus
 27 Crocodile

DOWN

1 Cries
 2 Palate
 3 Theasurus name
 4 Swerve
 5 Half a score
 6 Tel. service
 7 Record
 8 Roman
 9 Dolores
 10 Rio
 11 Mrs. in Madrid
 12 Tricks
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36 Dress up
 38 Nothing
 39 Male sheep
 40 Old-womanish
 41 Chablis and Chianti
 42 Tidal wave
 44 Horse's neck hair
 45 — of Wight
 46 Insecticide
 47 Spoon
 48 Betrayal (sl.)
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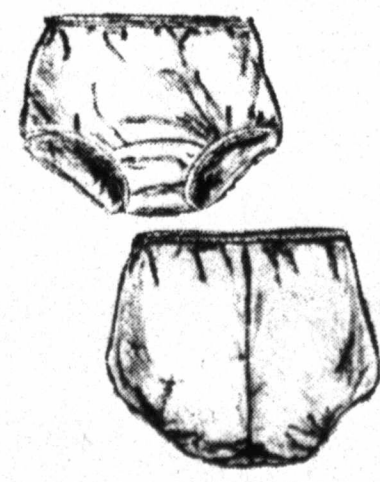
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