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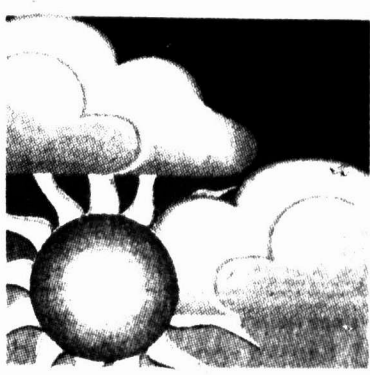
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High today in low 60s, low tonight in low to mid 30s. See Page 2 for weather details.

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

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 will not accept more than 50 tires from any individual or source.

There will not be a charge to the individuals hauling tires to the landfill.

Those having any questions or needing further information may call 669-5840 for information.

PAMPA — Auditions begin today for ACT I's spring production, *Bus Stop* by William Inge.

Five men ranging in age from 20 to 65 and three women ranging in age from late teens to 50 are required for the production, director Loralee Cooley said.

The show depicts the humor and tension of a motley group of people stranded by an early March blizzard for several hours at a rural bus stop somewhere in Kansas.

Auditions at the ACT I theater in the Pampa Mall run from 2 to 5 p.m. today and continue from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Prospective actors may call either Cooley at 665-7321 or ACT I at 665-3710 for more information.

PAMPA — Pampa business owner Doug Locke has named himself as campaign treasurer in a bid for the post of county commissioner Precinct 1.

Locke, who lists his address as 1319 N. Hobart, filed the report Thursday in the office of County Clerk Wanda Carter.

Joe Wheeley is now holds the Precinct 1 position.

Incumbent Sheriff Randy Stubblefield named Mike Ruff, 1224 N. Hobart #210, as his campaign treasurer. Stubblefield filed the report on Wednesday.

PAMPA — A meeting to help organize a volunteer group of parents of high schoolers will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the high school library.

Principal John Kendall said that discussion will also be held relating to the new education code, Senate Bill 1.

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TDCJ suspends use of electrified riot shield device

HOUSTON (AP) — Following the death of a prison employee who collapsed after twice being jolted with an electrified riot shield, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice has suspended use of the device, a prison official said.

Harry Landis, 58, of Copperas Cove died at Coryell County Memorial Hospital, where he was taken after collapsing during a training exercise at the Hilltop Unit in Gatesville, said prison spokesman David Nunnelee.

Guards were undergoing routine training in the use of the clear, plastic shields, which have copper strips that deliver 3 milliamperes of electricity.

Since September, TDCJ guards have used the shields — designed to subdue violent inmates — when subduing or moving prisoners 59 times, Nunnelee said. No injuries linked to the shields have been reported, he said.

However, use of the so-called "electronic capture shields" has been suspended until an investigation into Landis' death on Monday is completed, he said.

Results of the preliminary autopsy indicate that it is "highly unlikely" the electric jolts caused Landis' death and attribute it to natural causes, Nunnelee said, adding Landis "was believed to have had heart problems."

John McDermitt, the president of Nova Products Inc., which makes the shields, said they operate on the same theory as "stun guns" and have been medically tested and proven safe.

Prison systems in about half the states use the shields, which have been manufactured by the

Cookeville, Tenn.-based company since the 1980s, McDermitt said. The Texas incident is the first reported injury to occur while the shields have been used, he said.

McDermitt said prison officials indicated to him that Landis "had a heart condition and was on the verge of a heart attack."

"We're very sorry this happened," McDermitt is quoted as saying in Saturday editions of the *Houston Chronicle*. "But there certainly was no connection between his training" and his death.

Coryell County Justice of the Peace Jimmy Wood, who is performing the death inquiry, said there was "no indication (Landis) has been treated recently for heart trouble."

"I cannot find a history of heart trouble, but that doesn't mean he didn't have a history," he said.

Nunnelee said that before the training session got under way, Landis asked "a general question about how the shield might affect someone with heart trouble."

Landis did not tell trainers whether he had heart trouble, and trainers told employees that "literature from the manufacturer indicates that the shield should have no effect on anyone with heart trouble or a pacemaker," he said.

Nunnelee said the device delivers 40,000 volts of electricity in one to two seconds.

During training, each employee is shocked twice, he said. The first jolt is self-inflicted and the second is delivered during a simulated prisoner confrontation.

Hospice 'Tree of Love'



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

The Hospice of the Panhandle's "Tree of Love" glows in front of the new Pampa office at 800 N. Summer after its lighting Friday evening. The Pampa Elementary Chorus performed at the lighting ceremony, with Mayor Bob Neslage and Hospice Executive Director Sherry McCavit speaking. Special tribute was given to retired Pampa physician Dr. Raymond Laycock, who donated the building to Hospice. McCavit said the building would be named the Laycock Building in honor of his service to the community and for his generosity.

Christmas parade



(Pampa News photos by Cheryl Berzanskis)



Above, the Pampa Optimist Club sponsored float, "Joy to the World," proceeds through downtown Pampa in Saturday's "Top O' Texas Christmas Carols" parade sponsored by Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce. At left, Girl Scouts grace a float, among children's groups in the parade, which honored emergency service responders to the June 8 tornado. All parade participants were to receive certificates for their participation in this year's parade.

City seeks Adopt-A-Park participants

Groups, churches or businesses looking for a community project have an opportunity to participate in Pampa's Adopt-A-Park program.

City Parks Director Reed Kirkpatrick said both Central Park and West Central Park are available for adoption now.

Kirkpatrick said the two parks units, separated by Cuyler Street, may be adopted as one unit or as two units.

Since the Adopt-A-Park program began in 1988 as a joint project of the city and Clean Pampa Inc., there has been nearly a 100 percent participation in having the 34 parks lands adopted by individuals or groups, Kirkpatrick said.

Out of the 34 parks, only the Central Park and West Central Park lands are available for adoption now.

Kirkpatrick said it probably

would require a group effort to adopt either or both of the parks because of their size and because they are among the most actively used parks in the city.

Anyone wanting to adopt a park should contact Kirkpatrick at the City Parks Department, 669-5770, to gain information about what is involved in the program.

Those participating in the Adopt-A-Park projects are required to sign a contract, written in the form of a letter of agreement, detailing the amount of participation to be involved. This could range from picking up the litter to helping with landscaping projects (watering, mowing, trimming plants, perhaps planting of trees, flowers or shrubs) or even providing new equipment, such as playground items or benches.

The adoptee works with the

Parks Department to determine the level of involvement for the project, Kirkpatrick explained. After the letter of agreement is signed, the city commission then reviews the contract and reserves the right to approve or disapprove any agreement.

Since the program's implementation in 1988, there has been a drastic drop in vandalism and litter in the city parks through the participation of the adoptees, he said.

Once a park is adopted and the adoptee has indicated willingness to proceed with the agreement, the city will erect a park adoption sign within six to eight weeks to give recognition to the adoptee.

Kirkpatrick said the Adopt-A-Park program is a great way to show community spirit and pride in Pampa.

Primary candidacy filings begin Monday

Tomorrow is the day. For those who plan to file with their party chairman for a place on the March primary ballot, Monday is the first day to do so. The deadline to file for the primary is 6 p.m. on Jan. 2, 1996.

Those who plan to run as independent candidates must file a declaration of intent to run by 6 p.m. Jan. 2 with the Secretary of State's Office for statewide or district races.

For independent candidates who wish to run for county or precinct offices, the declaration

must be filed with the county judge, according to County Clerk Wanda Carter.

However, the first step is still a report called designation of campaign treasurer which must be filed with the county clerk, she said.

Carter also noted county chairmen for the respective parties are required by law to post a notice on the bulletin board used for posting notice of county commission meetings - in Gray County on the first floor of the courthouse - specifying where

the county chairman or secretary of the county executive committee will be available to accept applications on Jan. 2.

Local offices to be decided in 1996 are sheriff, tax assessor/collector, county attorney, county commissioners Precincts 1 and 3, constables and district attorney.

The primary election is set for 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 12.

Jan. 12 is the first day for the county clerk to receive applications for ballots to be voted by mail. Early voting in person will begin Feb. 21 and end March 8.

McKinney: Homeowners also need building permits

The city of Pampa has ordinances which require contractors and homeowners modifying their buildings to acquire permits before beginning the job.

The permits are required for building additions, plumbing, gas, electrical or mechanical systems, according to David McKinney, code enforcement officer.

"Mainly, I want to inform the homeowners they need a permit,

not just the contractor," McKinney said.

Permits are available from the Code Enforcement Office located on the second floor of City Hall. The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and is closed during the noon hour, McKinney said.

The permit fee varies with the type and scope of the job.

For residential building additions, the homeowners must

supply drawings and a legal description of the property. For a commercial property, an engineered set of plans is required, McKinney explained.

For other types work, the property owner must state the type work on the permit application.

After the job is complete, the office must be notified and an inspection must be made, he said.

For questions, call McKinney at 669-5740.



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Darrell Sehorn, left, receives a certificate recognizing his 25 years of work as a cooperative weather observer for the National Weather Service. Making the presentation is NWS meteorologist in charge Jose Garcia.

National Weather Service gives Sehorn 25-year pin

Darrell Sehorn, staff meteorologist and general manager of KGRO/KOMX, was awarded Friday a 25-year pin and certificate for his work as a cooperative weather observer for the National Weather Service.

Sehorn was presented the award by NWS officials Jose Garcia, meteorologist in charge, and Bill Beams, data acquisition program manager for the NEXRAD weather forecast office in Amarillo.

Sehorn has maintained a record of temperature and precipitation in Pampa since Dec. 1, 1970.

The NWS officials said in a prepared release that "this service is a valuable, continuous climatological record for the Texas Panhandle."

logical record for the Texas Panhandle.

"The National Weather Service is proud and honored to number Mr. Sehorn among its network of volunteer observers," they continued.

Cooperative weather observers are "extremely important to the operation of the National Weather Service," Garcia said.

They are the "eyes and ears" that make a complete forecast for the region, he added.

In September, Sehorn was honored by Gov. George W. Bush at Chautauqua festivities for his "dedication, quick thinking and bravery" in reporting the June 8 tornado that struck the city.

Dole predicts no shutdown over holidays

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Federal employees should not worry about another government shutdown ruining their holidays, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said Saturday.

"It's not going to happen," Dole, R-Kan., told reporters here before appearing in a Christmas parade. "If it does happen, I won't want to come back (to Washington) right away."

Federal agencies will lack authority to spend money unless President Clinton and Congress either get a budget deal by Dec. 15 or the two sides agree to extend that deadline.

Last month, the government shut down for four days as Clinton and the GOP-controlled Congress argued about balancing the budget and Medicare spending.

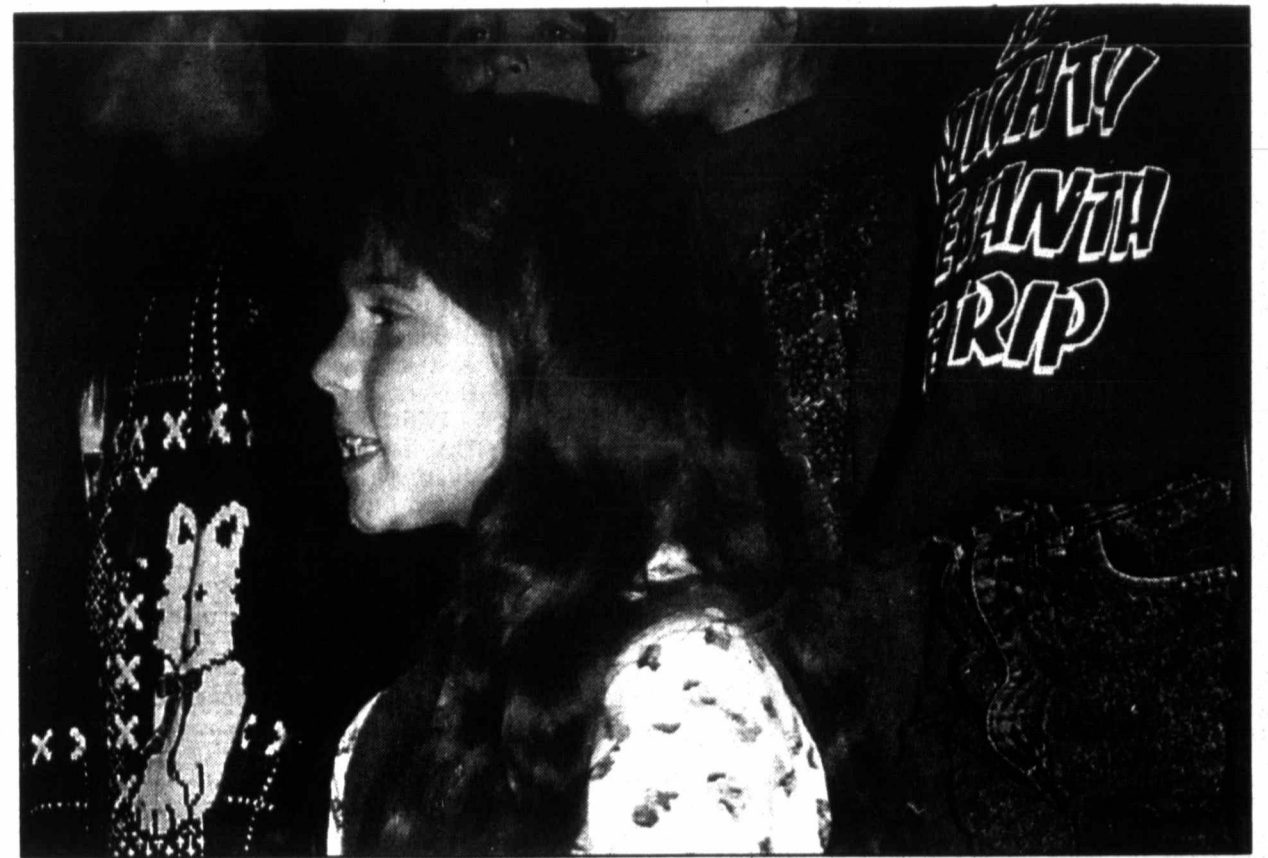
If no deal comes by Dec. 15, Dole said Congress and the president should agree to extend the deadline and keep the government running. "Around the holidays isn't the time to be closing down the federal government," he said.

Dole said he didn't know whether Clinton and Congress could strike an overall deal by the deadline or be forced to agree on another temporary spending bill to keep the government operating.

Dole also said he believed American public opinion would begin rallying behind American troops "once the peacekeeping operation in Bosnia gets under way."

"The American people, particularly in the South and in South Carolina, are very patriotic and they have great respect for the military," Dole said.

Festival of Trees entertainment



(Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanakis)

Pampa Elementary Chorus, under the direction of Wanetta Hill, sing for an approving audience at Festival of Christmas Trees and Gift Boutique on Saturday. The Festival of Trees, which features craft and gift items for the holidays as well as decorated Christmas trees for view, continues from 1 to 5 p.m. today at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center. Admission is free.

County commission acts on items

Gray County commissioners acted on items Friday including:

- Allowing Sammie Morris, tax assessor-collector, to replace two employees.
- Approval of sale of delinquent tax property at 425 N. Ballard.
- Approval of by-laws of White Deer Land Museum board.
- Naming Gerald Wright to the museum advisory board. He replaces Commissioner Jim Greene.
- Denied the sale of delinquent

tax property at 1308 E. Francis.

- Agreed to extend the bid deadline for public office liability insurance, airport, comprehensive general liability, automobile and property insurance.
- Approved purchase of a 1992 Dodge Caravan by the Sheriff's Office.
- Tabled a request from Morris to allow officeholders to replace employees without seeking permission from the commissioners court.

Rumbling volcano

LEON, Nicaragua (AP) — Thousands of peasant families ignored official urging Saturday to flee the rumbling Cerro Negro volcano, choosing to stay and risk an eruption rather than leave their homes to looters.

Civil defense officials said they were prepared to force the evacuation of up to 12,000 people within hours if the volcano gave signs of eruption.

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Letters to the editor

Show support for girls

To the editor:

I am extremely bothered concerning the treatment of Girls' Basketball in Pampa. As a parent, I am somewhat distraught over all that takes place. Since I am relatively new to the community, I may not understand all the issues.

I would never say that our boys are not good, because they are. I would never say that their coach is not solid, because he is. Yet the blatant disregard for the girls' program is almost more than I can stand. Any newcomer to this community as myself wastes little time discerning what is important — that is, the boys winning no matter what the cost.

In the Nov. 28 game with Palo Duro, some amazing things happened. When my wife and I arrived at the girls game, there were only about 12-15 Pampa adult fans in the field house, but by the late third, early fourth quarter, the stands were filling up. I guess it was to hear the band that comes in for the boys game, to hear the national anthem (not given before the girls game), or to hear the presentation of the new floor before the boys game. By the way, the announcer said for the first game to be played (future tense) on the new floor.

I don't mean to sound cynical, but we had just witnessed our "Lady Harvesters" not only play on that new court, but WIN on it! I might add at this point that our local newspaper did not have a picture, article or even a box score on the girls game the day following the game. The printed program for the game only had the boys rosters. We know that had to make the parents feel great, it did us. We know they play at six, have not had great seasons in the past, but does that call for selective coverage by the school or the local paper?

I know it's a long way from the news building to the school, but it seems to me that when the teams play one after another, a picture and article could be provided for both teams. We've got four girls that will be playing basketball and we don't want them going through their high school years thinking they always come behind the boys. They may not have the flashy, razzle-dazzle players the boys have, but they have girls out there pushing with all they've got, to be the best they can be. So show a little consideration, if not support, for a team that is seeking to overcome.

Paul and Vicki Nachtigall
Pampa

Don't change street names

To the editor:

My thoughts and some information about the vicinity of 402 S. Russell:

My husband F.F. Winkleblack lived on 408 S. Gray in 1929. His father helped to build the Gray County Courthouse and the Pampa City Hall in 1929. My husband worked at the Dilly's Bakery in the 300 block of South Cuyler. He worked for Alex Schneider at the Schneider Hotel at 120 S. Russell. He also delivered the Amarillo newspaper, which was dropped off by the train, and he picked it up at the depot.

My son has owned a business at 401 S. Somerville and 228 W. Brown on Highway 60 for 21 years, which I believe has been designated as the Woody Guthrie Memorial Highway.

Frank Dittmeyer lived in, owned and operated a pioneer store at 311 W. Brown. It could be designated the Dittmeyer-Winkleblack Memorial Highway. Minnie Dittmeyer and Woody Guthrie's wife Mary were close friends, as I understand it. Jack Hilton, whose wife was the late Martha Dittmeyer Hilton, now owns the Harris Drug Store which Mrs. Bray says "hopefully will be the Woody Guthrie Museum."

A museum somewhere in the vicinity seems OK, but let's don't change the names of the streets and highways, nor the city of Pampa!

My husband also served in the United States Marine Corps from 1940 to 1947 and served in the South Pacific during World War II and Occupied Japan.

Lola Winkleblack
Pampa

'The Hamburger Rebellion'

To the editor:

The "Hamburger Rebellion" (people not eating hamburgers) opposes the "Sagebrush Rebellion" (a movement initiated by Western ranchers to block rangeland reform and to block a rise in grazing fees on America's public lands by gaining control of the land.) County governments in the rural West are often made up mostly of ranchers. Cattle interests control state governments, too.

Giving your land, the public's lands, to states or counties gives land (belonging to all Americans) to ranchers.

Hamburger eaters help finance the cattle lobby. The cattle lobby

has been (and is) helping get legislators elected who will kill programs helping the poor — legislators who will trash programs protecting the environment.

Ironically, hamburger eaters may help elect those more concerned with providing steak for the rich than providing the needy with sustenance. In the wild, predators prey on the young, old and infirm — not unlike wealthy congressmen selecting budget cut victims.

Shouldn't lawmakers act differently in a civilized society? Next election, voters can remember that greed has no conscience. For now, caring Americans can stop eating hamburger.

James Griffin
Fallon, Nev.

P.S. Not all Texans are ranchers — or wealthy.

Initiative power is needed

To the editor:

Following the recent constitutional amendments election, editorials have appeared all over Texas decrying low voter turnout. When fewer than eight percent of registered voters cast ballots in a general election, it's a sign that people don't feel connected to the lawmaking process. One way to remedy that is to give Texans the power of initiative and referendum.

Initiative and referendum would allow the citizens of Texas to par-

ticipate directly in the legislative process. Initiative lets citizens place proposed statutes on the ballot. Referendum allows a popular vote on laws enacted by the Legislature. Together they empower the people as the fourth branch of government.

Our democracy is built on a belief that the people have the right and the ability to govern themselves. Some would argue that only legislators should have lawmaking power. This notion displays an arrogant disregard of our founding principles. The suggestion that legislators always use lawmaking power prudently while the people would use it frivolously is an insult to Texans. When I was elected to the Texas Senate, I was given a special trust by my constituents. But it did not come with a divine revelation.

A majority of voters did not want the Robin Hood property tax and polls show an overwhelming majority want term limits. The Legislature passed Robin Hood and has refused to pass term limits. Is this fair representation?

Twenty-four other states already have initiative and referendum. In the 75th Legislature, I plan to reintroduce my proposal to give I&R power to Texans. I have worked to enact this legislation in the last two sessions and hope that, with enough grassroots support, we can get it passed in 1997.

State Sen. Jane Nelson
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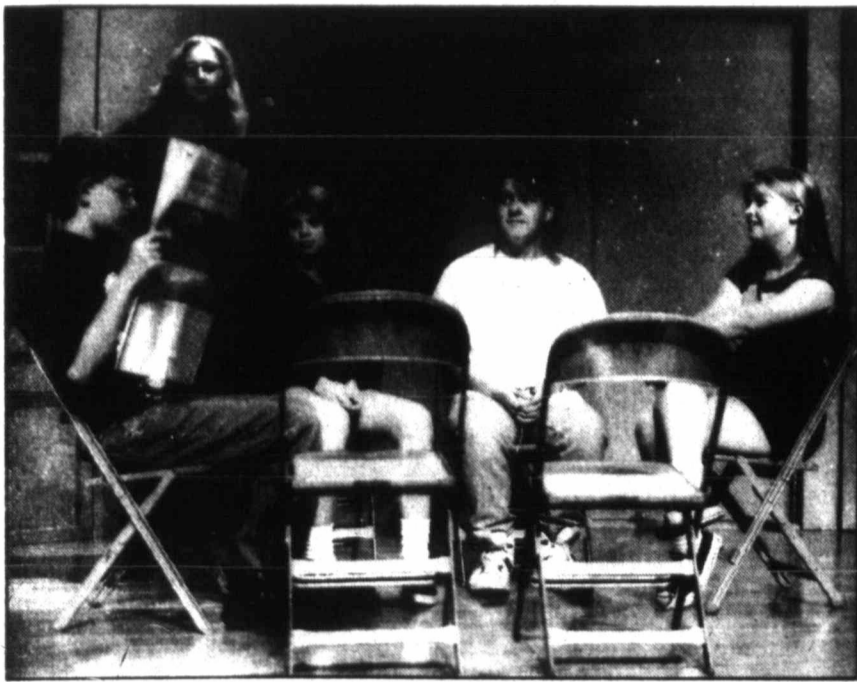


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(Special photo)

Cast members of the Pampa High School Dions' production of *The Dining Room*, shown here in an early rehearsal, include, from left, Boyd Yates, Erin Studtmann, Amber Hayes, Shawn Caskey and Kim Phillips. The production will be staged Dec. 7-8 at the PHS auditorium.

PHS Drama I class set to present 'Dining Room'

Over 30 actors in 45 roles will fill the stage during the Pampa High School Dions' production of A.B. Gurney's *The Dining Room*. "It's like you take a two-minute section out of the life of a family in their dining room," explained cast member Shawn Caskey.

"You catch them going through their [life]," he added. Scenes of table talk bounce from the 1920s to the 1990s, said Caskey, a junior in drama teacher Matthew Gantz's introductory theater class.

"The first scene is in the mid-90s ... and the second one is in the Depression. It jumps around a lot," he said.

A scene set in the late 1960s to early 1970s is reminiscent of the classic television sitcom *The Brady Bunch*, Caskey added.

The production features almost all of Gantz's Drama I class on

stage, with a number of others working behind the scenes.

"This is the first performance of [almost] everybody in the class," Caskey said.

The hard work typical in a theatrical production seems to have brought the class closer together, Caskey feels.

The "barriers" of exclusive groups of friends have "all broken down now," he said. "Everyone's learned to put their two cents in and get back change," he added.

The play was originally staged in 1981 with six actors performing all the roles, but in Gantz's version a number of young actors double or triple up.

Caskey, in fact, takes on five different parts.

The play is scheduled to run Thursday and Friday, Dec. 7-8, at 7 p.m. in the Pampa High School auditorium.

'Lost in Space' crew has reunion

BOSTON (AP) — Lights blinking, head swiveling, Robot boomed "Warning! Warning! Danger! Danger!" as the *Lost in Space* crew touched down for a reunion on Saturday.

"My sensors indicate I am no longer in space," Robot said as he led the cast on stage to greet hundreds of cheering humanoid fans.

Dozens of men lined up to have their picture taken with Robot and to get an autograph from the man inside the suit — Bob May, who called the outfit "my home away from home."

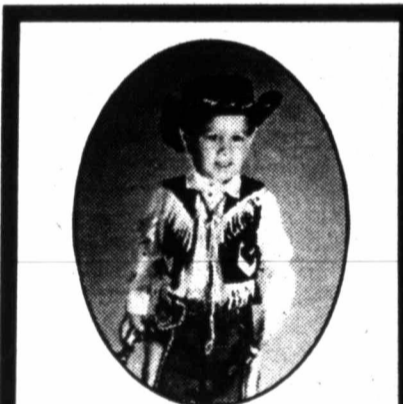
The show about the Space Family Robinson is winning new fans in cable TV reruns despite its comparatively low-tech special effects, including alien monsters with prominent zippers on their costumes.

The reunion at a collectors' expo marked the 30th anniversary of the show, which predates *Star Trek* by more than a year.

Also in attendance were June Lockhart, who played Maureen Robinson; Mark Goddard (Maj. Don West); Jonathan Harris (Dr. Smith); Marta Kristen (Judy Robinson); Bill Mumy (Will Robinson) and Angela Cartwright (Penny Robinson). Guy

Williams, who played Professor John Robinson, died in 1989.

A fan wearing a Harley-Davidson T-shirt showed May his tattoo, which includes the show's title, the spaceship, a cyclops-like alien and a biceps-length portrait of Robot (not "the Robot," devotees advise).



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Taiwan elects legislature as China watches

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — The Nationalists appeared to be losing ground Saturday in a legislative election that put the long-ruling party to its toughest test since it gave up dictatorship and embraced democracy.

The election was held in the shadow of a Chinese campaign of military intimidation designed to scare voters away from candidates who advocate independence and an end to the doctrine that China and Taiwan are one country.

With 80 percent of the vote counted, the Nationalists had 46.5 percent, down from 53 percent in the 1992 election.

The pro-independence Democratic Progressive Party had 33.7 percent of votes counted so far, up from 31 percent in 1992, while the New Party, a breakaway Nationalist faction making its debut, had 12.8 percent.

A Nationalist official, Liao Li, said the party expected its majority to be slashed by 10 seats, leaving it with 86 seats in the 164-member Legislature.

The final seat count will not be known until later today, when 36 seats are divided up based on the percentage won by each party.

Most analysts had expected the Nationalists, or Kuomintang Party, to win just enough seats to keep the parliamentary majority they have held for 46 years without a break.

Pampa Elementary Chorus fund-raiser



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Members of Pampa Elementary Chorus listen as director Wanetta Hill and Kevin Wade of Kevin's explain the cheeseball fund-raiser for the Christmas holidays. Proceeds from the sale of cheeseballs will go towards the Chorus' spring production of *The Wizard of Oz* to be held March 22-23 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Those interested in ordering the cheeseballs may call 669-7685 or 669-1670, or contact any Chorus member.

Court seals Simpson guardianship case, closes hearings to public

ORANGE, Calif. (AP) — The guardianship case involving O.J. Simpson's two children will be closed to the public, with even the case's court schedule remaining secret.

Orange County Commissioner Thomas Schulte took the action Friday in response to a media request, saying it was necessary to protect the privacy of Sydney, 10, and Justin, 7.

Simpson was acquitted in October of the slayings of the children's mother, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman in June 1994.

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Dole threatens to hold Bosnia mission support

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole threatened Friday to withhold his support for sending U.S. troops to Bosnia if President Clinton doesn't lay out "a concrete, detailed and effective plan" for arming and training the Bosnian military.

"I remain deeply concerned that the plans and commitment of the administration to an immediate program for the equipping and training of Bosnian forces is vague and confused," the Kansas Republican said in a statement.

The front-runner for the 1996 GOP presidential nomination, Dole raised the issue the day after he told the Senate he was working on a resolution supporting the troop deployment.

Dole's statement came just as administration officials were sounding more optimistic about winning the backing of Congress.

Largely on the basis of Dole's earlier statement, the Bosnia mission appeared to gather support on Capitol Hill, though senators prodded the administration to spell out what the troops will be asked to do. "We might keep in mind Vietnam," cautioned Sen. Robert C. Byrd.

After three hours before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said, "I think Congress is indicating, at least individually, a stronger understanding of the importance of proceeding here. I sense a grasp of the consequences of not going forward."

Repeatedly, Christopher, Defense Secretary William Perry and Gen. John Shalikashvili were asked about the possibility that the mission would expand beyond what is now contemplated.

Shalikashvili, the nation's top military officer, said that reserve units needed for the buildup were being notified. He did not identify them, but he and Perry have said that about 3,500 reservists would be needed.

The general was pressed to give an estimate of casualties, but said it was impossible to do that with any reliability. He said that based on the experience of U.N. forces there could be about 50 in a year. But he emphasized the U.N. forces were on a different mission and were lightly armed.

The question of arming and training Bosnian forces has received a mixed reception.

At a House committee hearing on Thursday, Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., appealed to the administration not to even indirectly assist in the arming and training of the mostly Muslim Bosnian army.

Skelton said it was "inviting vengeance" by the Serbs. "This policy paints a bull's eye on every American soldier," he said.

Perry and Shalikashvili said the United States was supporting a program to help the Bosnian military but that it would not be done by the U.S. forces sent to Bosnia.

"I think it's unquestionable that we'll have to furnish some kinds of equipment to the Bosnian government because of the deprivation that they have suffered from the embargo over the years," Christopher told the Foreign Relations Committee.

He said a team was in Bosnia trying to assess what the government forces might need to bring them up to parity with the better-armed Serb forces.

OMI donates VCR to Southside Center



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Gary Turley, left, of OMI, presents Mae Williams, Southside Senior Citizens director; Irene Sanders, board member; Sam Motley, vice president; and Nathan Hopson, board member, all of the Southside Senior Citizens Center, with a video cassette recorder and tape rewinder. The VCR and rewinder are gifts from OMI employees for use at the center.

Poll: Most Texans oppose sending troops to Bosnia

DALLAS (AP) — Most Texans responding to a survey by *The Dallas Morning News* oppose sending U.S. troops to war-torn Bosnia.

In a poll published in Saturday's editions, 55 percent of the Texans surveyed said they were against sending the troops, 30 percent support the mission and 14 percent were undecided or declined to respond.

Texans' attitudes aren't much different from those expressed in recent national polls.

"It's not a popular idea in Texas, and in fact is not very popular nationwide," said Micheline Blum, whose firm conducted the poll.

The telephone survey of 813 Texans was conducted Tuesday through Thursday by the New York firm of Blum & Weprin Associates for the newspaper. The poll's margin of error was plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Fewer than a third of the Texans surveyed thought President Clinton's handling of the crisis had helped bring about peace.

Almost half, 45 percent, didn't think he had had any effect, and seven percent said they thought the president has hurt the chances for a permanent peace.

In interviews, many said they fear the United States will wind up mired in Bosnia.

Mexican police destroy six airstrips used in drug dealings

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Federal police destroyed six clandestine airstrips that may have been used by drug traffickers landing in northwestern Mexico, officials

announced Friday. The Attorney General's Office announced that four landing strips were found in the border state of Sonora, and two others

were found in the Pacific coast state of Sinaloa.

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Customer Appreciation Day



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Otto Mangold, left, shakes Jim Lummus' hand at the Customer Appreciation Day and Lummus' retirement party at the Pampa Post Office on Friday. Lummus is retiring after 30 years with the Postal Service. He plans to work for the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic men's organization, in his retirement years. The Post Office also had refreshments out for customers dropping by Friday morning for Customer Appreciation Day.

Lone Star Ballet to present 'Nutcracker' on Dec. 8-10

CANYON — The Lone Star Ballet will celebrate its 25th anniversary in grand style this holiday season as their annual production of *The Nutcracker* takes to the stage of the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium on Dec. 8-10.

Members of the West Texas A&M University Dance Ensemble are currently in preparations for what has become a favorite Christmas tradition. The beauty and magic of the Lone Star Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker* will definitely touch the hearts of those who want to start the Christmas season off in the right spirit, ballet officials said.

Guest artists Allison Brown and Griff Braum from New York

City will dance the roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier for this year's production and their talents will be complimented by the Amarillo Symphony and the WTA&MU Chorale.

"The 25th Nutcracker," directed by Neil Hess, has many new technical and aesthetic additions. New costumes and scenery have been added to enhance the production to insure that the anniversary year will be memorable.

Tickets can be purchased now at the Amarillo Civic Center Box Office. Times and dates of the production are: Friday, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 9, at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Two killed in tank explosion

McCAMEY (AP) — Authorities say a Shell Pipe Line Corporation tank explosion that killed two men and injured three others was caused by a welder's torch.

The dead and injured were employees of an Odessa welding company under contract with Shell Oil to perform valve work, a spokesman for the oil company said.

Brian Schaible, a spokesman for the Texas Railroad Commission, said the commissioner spoke to firefighters Friday at the scene who indicated that oil was released from an 8- to 10-inch pipe and ignited during repairs.

Robert Leroy Muncy, 40, of Odessa, died at the scene. Liberto Martinez, 23, of Odessa, died Friday night at University Medical Center in Lubbock, according to a

hospital spokeswoman. Martinez and Jimmie Jimenez, 46, also of Odessa, were airlifted to the University Medical Center burn unit after the blast. Jimenez was in critical condition Friday night with second- and third-degree burns over 70 percent of his body, the spokeswoman said.

Two others were taken to McCamey Hospital with less severe injuries, officials said. Raymond Rejino of McCamey suffered minor burns, friends said.

The identity and condition of the other man was being withheld by hospital officials.

The explosions occurred at the McCamey Tank Farm, a Shell distribution terminal 1 1/2 miles east of town, 55 miles south of Odessa. Neighbors reported hearing two to seven explosions.

Area romance writers honored

Seven members and four Panhandle area residents were honored with awards at the annual Romance Writers of the Texas Panhandle's "Haunted by Love" conference in Amarillo.

Earning honors at the November conference were:

Contemporary Romance: Jennifer Archer, honorable mention for "The Trouble with Claire."

Western: Elaine Standish, honorable mention for "Expectations."

Paranormal Romance: Paula Latham-Haese, first place for "Timeless Treasure," and Dee Pace placed third for "Night Mocker."

Inspirational Romance: Margaret Brooks placed first with "Blue Ribbon Bride," and Kelly Varner Ebel, honorable mention for "Wings."

Short Story: Kimberly Willis Holt placed third with "Eastern Light on a Western Prairie" and Judy Andrew, honorable mention for "Morning Glory Blue."

Mainstream: Bill Ice placed first for "Extinction," Karen D. Smith placed second for "Domestic Tranquility," and J. Douglas Sinclair, honorable mention for "The Treasure Dancer."

Hatfield, Oregon's maverick Republican senator, retires

SILVERTON, Ore. (AP) — After 50 years of fighting for peace and at times battling his own party to vote his conscience, Sen. Mark Hatfield is ending his political career.

Hatfield, a moderate Republican who has grown increasingly frustrated with hard-line conservatives who helped the GOP gain Senate control, announced Friday he had decided against seeking a sixth term next year.

The news came in the midst of Oregon's first-in-the-nation vote-by-mail election, a contest to replace the state's other long-serving Republican senator, the disgraced Bob Packwood.

Eager candidates are still glad-handing shoppers, visiting seniors' centers and crowding the airwaves. They intend to campaign right up to Tuesday's voting cutoff, the Democrats among them keying on their best chance in decades to win a Senate seat from Oregon.

Hatfield, 73, returned to the Willamette Valley town where he launched every Senate campaign to confirm the rumors that have swirled around him for weeks.

"Thirty years of voluntary separation from the state I love has been enough," he said.

"Throughout my public life I have striven to represent all of the people of this state, not just those within my political party," Hatfield said. But he added that the price for serving "has been very high."

About 500 people, including some of the

state's top politicians, crowded into a tent in the Silverton Hospital parking lot for the announcement, which came during a dedication ceremony for a new hospital building.

At an impromptu news conference afterward, Hatfield told reporters that personal rather than political considerations were behind the decision not to run. And he said he hoped to teach after his term runs out a year from now.

The retirement rumors intensified Thursday, when Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said the Oregon senator "certainly left that impression" at a meeting in Washington before he traveled home.

And Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., issued a statement today before Hatfield's announcement, saying: "The Senate is losing one of its very best."

But Hatfield had said even shortly before the speech that he had not made up his mind, and he arrived at Portland International Airport with two speeches in his coat pocket, one marked "Option A" and the other "Option B."

Hatfield, who heads the Senate Appropriations Committee and is a leading Republican opponent of military action, was elected to the Senate in 1966 and has a political career spanning five decades without a loss. Only six current senators have served longer.

A frequently lonely Republican voice opposed to military action, Hatfield dedicat-

ed his life to preventing armed conflict after he served in the Navy during World War II.

One of the first U.S. servicemen to enter Hiroshima following the atomic bombing, Hatfield has said one of his greatest accomplishments was helping to usher through Congress a ban on nuclear weapons testing.

He was one of only two Republican senators who voted against U.S. military force against Iraq in January 1991.

"He's a maverick Republican, an extraordinary peace advocate," said Oregon Democratic Rep. Peter DeFazio. "He's a man who was willing to go against the majority of his party on one of the most difficult issues before the Congress — the issue of military expenditure and the military industrial complex."

But Hatfield's committee chairmanship was in jeopardy last spring when GOP critics, led by Pennsylvania Republican Rick Santorum, sought to strip him of the post for voting against a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution.

Hatfield said he was standing on principle, and that he was opposed to altering the Constitution for what he called a "budget gimmick."

Among his biggest critics are environmentalists who accuse him of approving budgets that allowed the U.S. Forest Service to excessively log national forests in the Pacific Northwest.

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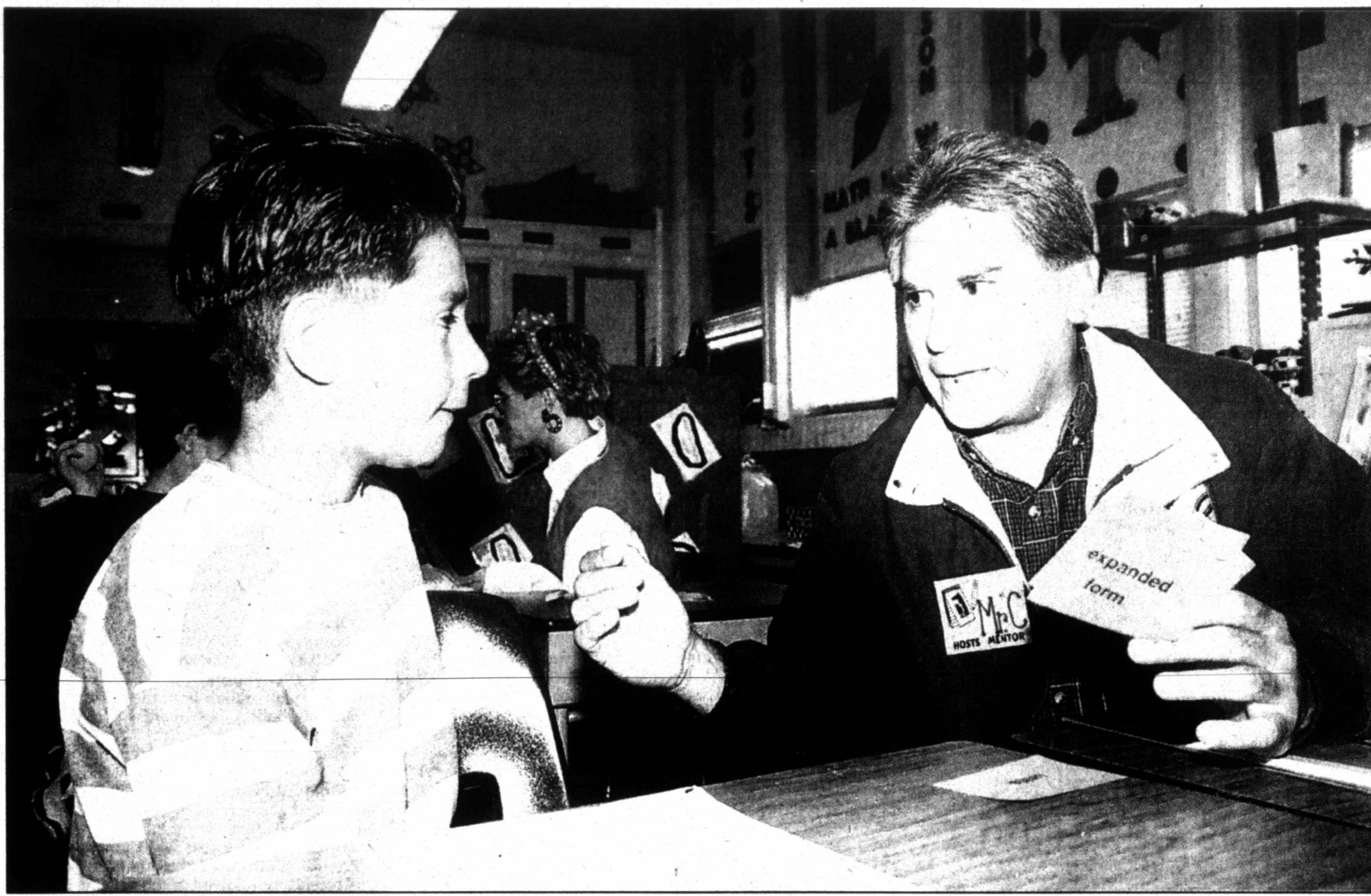
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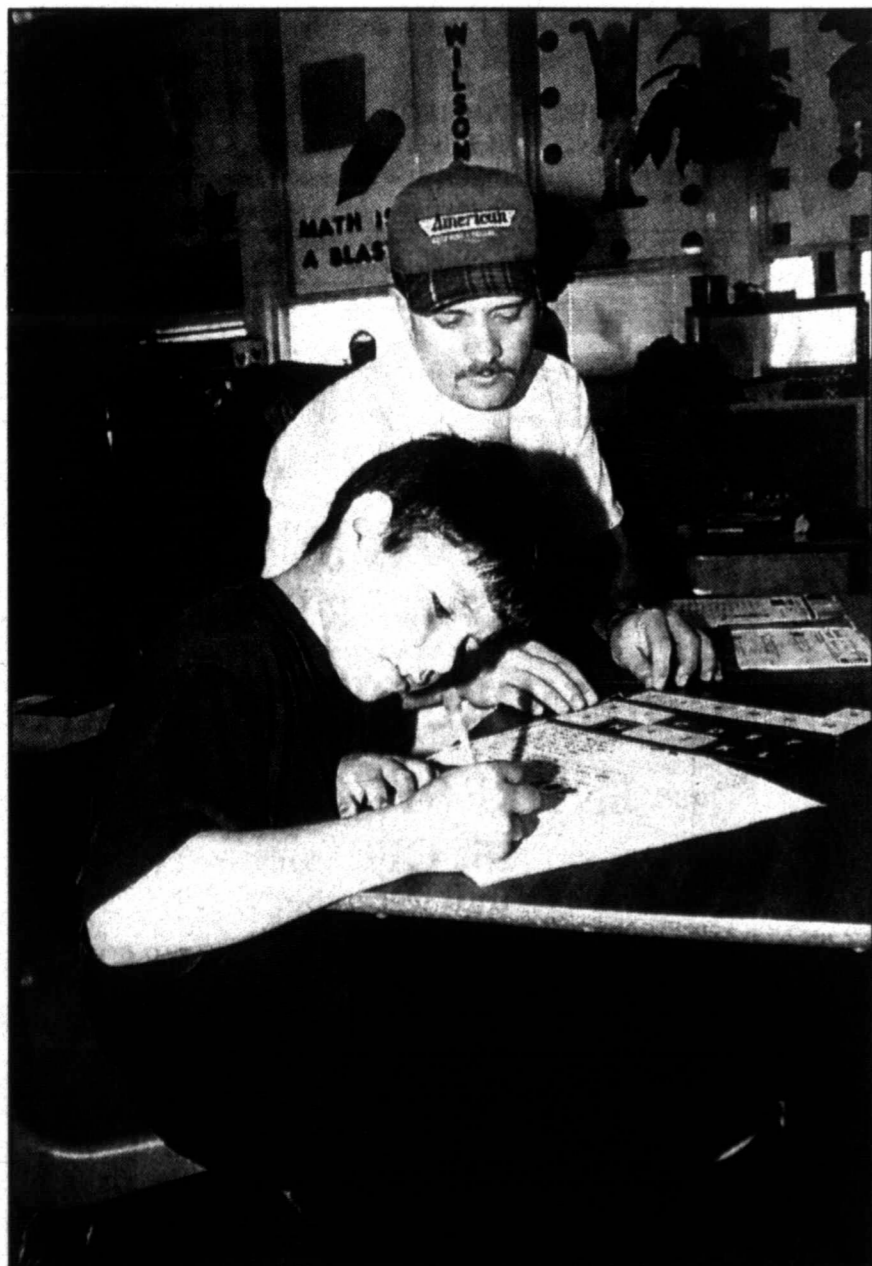
Wilson Elementary School fourth grader Gustavo Delgado listens to Rey Cardenas of Southwestern Public Service as he explains the meaning of expanded forms. The two are involved in the HOSTS program at the school in which people from the community help students learn math and arithmetic skills with one-on-one tutoring. Gustavo and Cardenas are one of the school's most successful matches.

Help One Student To Succeed



(Special photo courtesy of Teresa Dyson)

Tamra Henthorne, fifth grader, left; Betty Beyer, curriculum director; and Jane Steele, Pampa Independent School District assistant superintendent, hold a banner for the HOSTS program.



Tarell Dyer of Topographic Land Surveyors watches fourth grader Jessy Silva as he completes a math problem.

Help One Student To Succeed. That is the goal of the HOSTS program which Wilson Elementary School started in October of this year to help students

advance their math skills through a fun approach and with the help of a volunteer mentors from the community.

The HOSTS program at Wilson involves adult mentors from the community giving about 30 minutes a week to give one-on-one tutoring to the school's children in math. The mentors follow a four-step program including flash cards, problem solving, math vocabulary and a hands-on project.

"We started in the summer with training," said Debbie Robertson, Wilson Elementary School principal. The training was for the teachers to make sure they were prepared. The teachers were the ones who did a lot of research. Testing was done to determine what areas students needed most help in. Math proved to be the area in which students scored lowest on tests and the one area they needed more help in.

Through a fun approach, students learn math by means of games. Some of the games, she said are accelerated and cause the children to think.

"It gives them some tools to think with and strategies to use," said Robertson. The one-on-one approach has also made it successful. But the children aren't the only ones benefitting.

"It also gives adults a chance to see positive things happening in our schools," said Robertson. "Kids are really special and they can learn."

Sometimes, she said, the students teach the mentor. It's nice, Robertson added, that they have that kind relationship.

Wilson Elementary School is the only school in Pampa which has initiated a

HOSTS program. Right now, the program is offered to third, fourth and fifth grade students at the school. Robertson said they would like to extend the program to all the grades.

"We feel good about it," said Robertson about how the program has gone so far.

Attendance, she added, has been better as well as each of the students' self discipline. The students, she said, also appear to be more self-aware and have higher self-esteem.

"Their grades are up," said Robertson. "They've improved."

She said that it has helped the children to have an adult friend and someone to look up to.

There is one match between a mentor and a student which Robertson and Teresa Dyson, HOSTS program mentor, have been the most excited about. It involves Rey Cardenas, who works for Southwestern Public Service, and fourth grader Gustavo Delgado.

"It was by accident," said Cardenas about how he became involved in the program. He was at the school on business when Dyson asked him about becoming a mentor. She told him it would be 30 minutes a week and they had one child in particular whom they wanted to match up with him.

"I didn't know Gus," said Cardenas. "I got interested when she told me about him."

"I don't know what it was," Cardenas said. "It was just natural. When I first met him, we just hit it off."

He also added that he thought Gus reminded him of himself when he was younger. Gus was a bit apprehensive when they first met but once Cardenas started talking to him in Spanish, Gus appeared to relax and they talked about about Gus's family and where he's from. "It made him feel a little more com-

fortable," said Cardenas.

"He's nice," said a shy Gus about Cardenas. Though he was shy for the interview, Cardenas said, "I found out he's very smart and he likes to talk once he gets to know you."

Gus said what he likes about the program and learning math with Cardenas is that, "It's fun. We get to play a lot of games."

What he likes best are the flash cards in which he has to guess the definition of a math term.

"The games I think are what makes it kind of fun," said Cardenas. "He's very competitive. The games give him a chance to be competitive in a fun way plus he's learning."

Cardenas added that being a mentor was different than he expected.

"I was kind of hesitant," he said. "I thought it was going to be harder."

He said the program's four-step format helps.

"I enjoy it a lot more than I thought I was going to at first," Cardenas said. He added that he has found this to be a rewarding experience.

Dyson said Cardenas and Gus have begun interacting outside the classroom. Cardenas took Gus to the Harvester basketball game last Tuesday.

On Oct. 24, Wilson Elementary held a major kickoff campaign to explain to the community what the HOSTS program is all about.

Those who are interested in learning more about the program are welcomed to contact the school and observe. The school is also willing to present a program to anyone wanting more information. Word of mouth, Robertson added, has helped the program grow. Currently the program has 54 mentors.

"We're not asking for money," said Robertson. "All we're asking for is 30 minutes of time to spend with a child."



(Special photo courtesy of Teresa Dyson)

Top left: Katrina Bigham, executive director of Pampa United Way, helps third grader Susan Jay with her math.

Top right: Teresa Dyson, HOSTS program teacher, plays a math game with Ryan McCarley who is in the fourth grade.





Adams

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Adams plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, 1995, at First Assembly of God Church.

Hosting the event are the couple's children and grandchildren. They include Patsy Bright and Bobby Adams, both of Pampa; Larry Adams of Amarillo; and Kenneth Adams of Okmulgee, Okla.

She is the former Mabel Switzer. The Adams were married Dec. 12, 1945, in Pampa. They have lived in Pampa for 50 years.

Mr. Adams retired from Cabot Carbon Black after 38 and a half years. He is a World War II veteran. Mrs. Adams is a retired child caregiver.

The Adams belong to First Assembly of God Church.

The couple have eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Planning ahead makes holiday meals easy, fun

By ANN CRISWELL
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The three most important rules for a successful holiday dinner are Plan Ahead, Plan Ahead, Plan Ahead.

For those who like to get a big jump on the holidays, the next three weeks are crucial for filling the pantry, freezer and refrigerator.

Here's our game plan for a big holiday dinner that won't leave the cook collapsed in the kitchen.

Make lists. If you're trying to limit fat, check magazines, the newspaper food section, and low-fat cookbooks (there's a spate of new low-fat holiday books on the market). Make a list of recipes that might interest you.

Get down the guest list, noting any special diet requirements; menu; shopping list (attach coupons); and recipes, including the title of the cookbook and page number.

Clean out the freezer and refrigerator to make room for do-ahead food items. Assign preparation, cooking and cleaning tasks to family or visiting friends. Above all, relax and enjoy the togetherness of the season.

Reading marks 90th birthday with friends, family

Ina Reading was honored Saturday with a reception at Coronado Inn to celebrate her 90th birthday, with friends and relatives coming from far and near to mark the occasion.

Mrs. Reading was born Dec. 5, 1905, in Hastings, Okla. She moved to Pampa in 1942 from Vernon, where she and her husband, O.V. Petrie, ran the Vernon Bowl. They bought the Pampa Bowl, a bowling alley located at 118 N. Somerville.

She was on the first bowling team from Pampa to go to a national bowling tournament, along with Glenna Hayes, Matthew, Betty Moonie, Oakalie Whittle and Jean Dunkel. There were many tournaments after that, with Pampa teams attending state, national and international tournaments.

Mrs. Reading was first vice president of the Texas Women's Bowling Association in 1946.

Mr. Petrie passed away in 1954. She and Gordon Reading were married in 1955 in the First Presbyterian Church at Pampa. She was attended by her sister Virgie, now deceased, and Mr. Reading was attended by his son, G.K. Reading Jr. They enjoyed many years together and did a lot of fishing, traveling and hunting. He passed away in 1983.

There comes a time when one

has to slow down, so Mrs. Reading gave up bowling at age 81. She still watches bowling events on television, however, as her mind is still very active. She works two crossword puzzles a day and plays bridge with her club twice a month.

She is a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 65 in Pampa and has held almost every office except organizer. She enjoys prodding at any office, though she has been unable to attend recently due to a broken hip. She walks with the aid of a walker or cane and is cared for each day by Agape Health Service.

Out-of-town guests attending Saturday's reception for Mrs. Reading included Lester and Ruth Hodges of Canadian; Tom and Nancy Doran of Edmond, Okla.; Ken and Deanna LaRue of Yukon, Okla.; G.K. and Frieda Reading of Lubbock; Glenn and Janelle Bandy of Richardson; Alan and Evelyn Hodges of Nampa, Idaho; Grant Muse and Laural of Edmond; Vic, Susie, Ted and Flynn Testerman of Morrison, Okla.; and, all from Oklahoma City, Brian, Shellie and Conner Owen, Troy Owen, and Bret and Sherri Owen.



O'Neal-Unruh

Amy Kaye O'Neal and Ronald Eugene Unruh were married Saturday, Dec. 2, 1995, at First Presbyterian Church in Pampa with the Rev. Ed Cooley officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Kennon of Amarillo. The groom is the son of Mr. Lyle Unruh and the late Mrs. Ella Unruh of Dalhart.

Serving as the maids of honor were the bride's daughters Megan Kaye O'Neal and Katie Lane O'Neal.

Providing music for the event was Loralee Cooley of Pampa.

A reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church.

Serving the guests were Jennifer Womble and Rebecca Womble, nieces of the groom of Dalhart.

The bride is employed by St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church School as a fourth and fifth grade teacher.

The groom is the owner of Pampa Aircraft and is a manager of Perry Lefors Airfield.

The couple plan to reside in Pampa and have a honeymoon planned for later.

Eating disorder victims mistake out-of-control for control

By CAROLYN POIROT
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH, Texas — They don't risk death by starvation simply because they want to be thin.

Too many bright and beautiful young people diet and binge and purge and finally quit eating altogether because they feel flawed and inadequate — while they want so much to be perfect. They are angry and hurting and they feel powerless.

They are desperate for more control over their own lives. An eating disorder gives them some control. Nobody can make them eat or keep them from throwing up. Food is their "drug" of choice — until it takes over their lives, and they lose all control.

More than 90 percent of those with eating disorders are female; most also suffer from depression.



Rothwell-Ebenkamp

Daphne Rothwell and Kevin Ebenkamp were married Oct. 28, 1995, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Scott Reaf of Pampa officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Leland Rothwell of Childress and Mr. and Mrs. Dane Dodge of Eldridge, Mo.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ebenkamp of Pampa.

Serving as the maid of honor was Tina Howard of Pampa.

The bridesmaids were Darla Honeycutt of Pampa and Dondi Vasquez of Big Spring, both sisters of the bride. The flower girl was Amber Youell, daughter of the bride of Pampa.

Standing as the best man was Mark Ebenkamp, brother of the groom of Pampa.

The groomsmen were Maury Wills of Pampa and Jeff McCurdy of Amarillo. Serving as the ushers were Heath Rothwell, brother of the bride of Childress; Norman Howard of Pampa; and Bob Ebenkamp, brother of the groom of Amarillo. The ring bearer was Andrew Hatcher of Pampa.

Registering the guests was Cathern Johnson of Pampa.

Providing music was Brenda Morrison of Pampa.

A reception followed in the St. Vincent cafeteria.

Serving the guests were Kori Dunn of White Deer and Lisa Wills and Vicki Ebenkamp, both of Pampa.

The bride is a graduate of Frank Phillips Junior College in Borger. She is a licensed cosmetologist.

The groom is a graduate of Amarillo College and Cameron University in Oklahoma. He holds a degree in electronics engineering technology. He works for Texaco.

After a honeymoon to Jamaica, the couple plan to reside in Pampa.

4-H Futures and Features

DATES

3—Lefors 5-H 4-H Club meeting, 2 p.m., Lefors School Cafeteria

4—McLean 4-Clover Club meeting, 7 p.m. Church of Christ Annex, McLean

5—E.T. 4-H Club meeting, 7 p.m., Annex

6—Community Service, 6 p.m., meet at Coronado Nursing Center to decorate

7—4-H Clothing Project Planning Meeting, 7 p.m., Annex

8—Rabbit Raiders Club meeting, 7 p.m., Annex

10—Gray County 4-H Council, 2 p.m., Lefors School Cafeteria

COMMUNITY SERVICE

4-H members are encouraged to help put up decorations at the Coronado Nursing Center on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. This is a great way to earn points and help your friends and neighbors. We will see you there. Parents are invited, too.

4-H CLOTHING PROJECT PLANNING MEETING

A meeting to plan this year's 4-

H clothing project will be conducted Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. in the Gray County Annex. Because of an earlier District Fashion Show date in 1996, we will need to begin our clothing project soon after Christmas.

All parents, 4-Hers, and leaders interested in the 4-H clothing project are encouraged to attend. Please bring ideas and suggestions.

4-H COUNCIL

The Gray County 4-H Council will meet Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. 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 schedule for Jan. 4. Bring ideas.

All Council members are encouraged to attend.



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Give careful consideration for pets before buying or adopting them

Thinking about buying/adopting a new furry friend for your children this Christmas? You might want to do some research to avoid making a rash decision. "Many parents, caught up in the holiday spirit, buy a pet without considering whether or not their family is ready for one," says Dr. Dan Carey, a veterinarian with The Iams Company. "Truth is, a new puppy or kitten is like a baby; they require a tremendous amount of attention, time and money, but the rewards of having one are immeasurable." Is your family ready for a pet? Here are some things worth considering:

• **Do you have time, time and more time?** All new pets command a lot of attention, but this is especially true of puppies. Until a puppy is housebroken and comfortable with his surroundings, he will need constant supervision. A comfortable crate is effective while everyone is at work or school (providing that someone is on hand to walk and feed the dog at certain times during the day.) Remember, puppies thrive on human companionship and will not hesitate to let you know this, at any time of the day or night. It will be your job, not your children's, to properly housebreak your pet. This takes time and an abundance of patience. Good training from the start means less headaches for you, fewer messes on your carpet and

a happier Fido or Fluffy. • **Veterinarian visits are vital to your pet's good health.** It is important to remember that pets need yearly veterinary check-ups, even if nothing is wrong. Preventative medicine is easier and often less expensive - than curing an illness or correcting a problem. At the yearly check-up, make sure your pet receives its proper vaccinations. Also, unless you plan to breed your dog or cat professionally, spaying/neutering is essential. Along with helping to alleviate the growing number of unwanted pets in this country, spaying can prevent some forms of cancer. The operation is safe; your veterinarian can advise you of the proper age for your pet to be

spayed/neutered. • **The right match.** Here's the situation ... you live in an apartment in the city. Your kids have been begging Santa to stuff their stocking with a Siberian Husky. Against your better judgment you get them the Husky pup. Really, a puppy so little and cute can't get that big. Right? Many people purchase puppies based on pressure from their kids or on the puppy's appearance. They do not take into account how big that puppy will eventually get, that the breed may not adapt to young children, or is high-spirited and needs room to run. It is best to research the breed before you purchase the puppy to save yourself the heartache of own-

ing an animal that's not a good match for your family's lifestyle. • **Some (pet) food for thought.** You spend plenty of time picking out the best foods for your family, and chances are you'll do the same for your pet. Here are some tips: Growing and active pets need a high protein, high fat diet; what's good for you is not necessarily good for your pet. Read pet food labels carefully to be sure your dog or cat food is high in animal based protein (chicken by-products such as egg, lamb,) - it should appear at the top of the list. To prevent stomach upsets, find a well balanced, dry pet food and stick with it, using a nutri-

tious, canned food for variety. Foods with better quality ingredients are more readily absorbed and utilized which means pets need less food and produce less waste. Owning a pet can be a wonderful, rewarding experience - if you do your homework. Also, giving your children a pet not only gives them a best friend, but teaches them the basics of responsibility and reliability. If you have questions about adding a new dog or cat to the family, call the Iams Pet Nutrition Center and Hotline at 1-800-863-4267. The hotline operates from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, Eastern time. The Iams Co. also offers free brochures and literature about all aspects of pet care.

Reflecting on personal spending habits

As we face year-end expenses of holiday, property taxes and the thought of income taxes it is a good time to reflect over our spending habits. Consider how many of the top ten money mistakes that distract young adults from reaching their financial potential that you have avoided. Ask yourself which ones you will resolve to avoid in the future. Thomas Garman and Raymond Fargue, authors of the financial education text *Personal Finance*, have identified the 10 ways people mess up their personal finances most easily:

Homemaker's News

By Donna Brauchi



- (8) Buying life insurance prior to the birth of your first child.
- (7) Failing to telephone and comparison shop for the best insurance rates. In Texas, Department of Insurance published lists comparing rates for every type of insurance for each region of the state. Call for the list you need.
- (6) Using high-interest credit card debt instead of paying bills in full each month with savings that are repaid as quickly as possible to the savings account.
- (5) Getting too deep in debt for too many years, often by paying only the minimum required payment for as long as credit terms will allow, and thinking you can afford more credit because you can afford more monthly payments at the lower payment rate.
- (4) Not joining a credit union, which pays high interest on savings and charges less for loans.
- (3) Buying overpriced credit life insurance when taking out a loan. Shop for the lowest price term life available if insurance is required.
- (2) Not contributing to a tax-deductible retirement plan with money that otherwise goes to the IRS for taxes.
- (1) Not borrowing money to finish college when the best jobs of the future will require high technology expertise.

Newsmakers

Sgt. Robert L. Logue, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy and Jo Logue, has become the first E-5 sergeant to graduate from the U.S. Armor School's scout platoon leader course. The three-week course is a combination of book instruction and hands-on training culminating in a week-long graded exercise. After attending the pathfinder's course in Fort Benning, Ga., Logue will be stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, with the 1st Cavalry Division.

degrees after the Fall 1995 semester. These students will go through convocation exercises with the Spring 1996 semester graduates at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 11, 1996, at Milam Stadium on campus. Students completing degree requirements this December include: Ginger Elms - B.S. in elementary education, of Pampa; and Lindsey McCasland - B.S. in elementary education, of Wheeler.

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TUESDAY
Baked chicken breast and mushroom sauce with angel hair pasta or tuna casserole, macaroni and tomatoes, green beans, broccoli, navy beans, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, butter fudge cake, pineapple squares, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, Polynesian carrots, peas, butter beans, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, Boston cream pie, tapioca pudding, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY
Fried chicken or Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, spinach, creamed corn, beans, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, lemon rolls or Dutch apple pie, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY
Fried cod fish or lasagna, French fries, spinach, blackeyed peas with okra, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, banana split cake or rice pudding, hot rolls, cornbread or garlic toast.

MEALS ON WHEELS MONDAY
Polish sausage, cheese grits, spinach, applesauce.

TUESDAY
Beef stroganoff, broccoli, carrots, peaches.

WEDNESDAY
Chicken and rice, whole tomatoes, mixed vegetables, cake.

THURSDAY
Ham, northern beans, squash, pudding.

FRIDAY
Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, bread sticks, fruit cocktail.

strawberries or peaches and cottage cheese, garlic toast, milk.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, hot or cold cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Polish sausage, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls, cherry cobbler, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage on a stick, hot or cold cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Burritos with chili, salad, chili beans, pineapple, milk.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Ham, eggs, toast, juice, fruit, milk, peanut butter, hot or cold cereal.
Lunch: Fish, pasta salad, green salad, oven potatoes, oven potatoes with cheese, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, juice, milk, hot or cold cereal, peanut butter.
Lunch: Ham sandwiches, salad, tomatoes, cheese, apple sauce cake, oven fries, milk.

PAMPA PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONDAY
Breakfast: French toast sticks, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
Lunch: Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas, mixed fruit, cornbread, choice of milk.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Toast, ham slice, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
Lunch: Stew, grilled cheese sandwich, diced pears, choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, ham slice, gravy, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
Lunch: Chef salad, baked potato, orange slices, Mexican cornbread, choice of milk.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Blueberry muffin squares, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
Lunch: Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, spiced apples, cornbread, choice of milk.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
Lunch: Corndog, french fries, tossed salad, spice cake, choice of milk.

Museum sponsors membership drive

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THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

When the word "church" appears in the Bible, it always has reference to the family of God or a congregation of God's people (Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 1:2; Rom. 16:16). The word is never used in regard to a material building of brick or stone. The people who composed the church of the Lord in those early days had believed in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, had repented of their sins, had confessed Christ as the Son of God and had been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of their sins (Jn. 8:24; Mk. 16:15; Acts 17:30-31; 8:37; 2:38.) Their greatest concern was the salvation of souls (1 Cor. 9:22.)

The church of the Lord stands as the representation of God's accomplishment in Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:3; 3:10-11.) Since it is composed of the saved people, then it's very existence shows that people are saved through Jesus Christ. The methods and means employed by congregations in those early days was for the spiritual development and edification of its members, while seeking to enlighten the alien sinner as to what he must do to be saved (1 Cor. 14:26; Eph. 4:11-16; Acts 8:4.)

Congregations gave assistance to preachers when they were devoting themselves to preaching the word. Paul wrote to the Philippians, "And ye yourselves also know, ye Philippians, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church had fellowship with me in the matter of giving and receiving but ye only; for even in Thessalonica ye sent one and again unto my need." (Phil. 4:15-16.) In this, Paul states that they had had "fellowship in the furtherance of the gospel" (Phil. 1:5.)

When churches of Christ, that is local congregations, build facilities such as kitchens, fellowship halls, recreational rooms, gymnasiums, etc. they do so for their own physical benefit and these things cannot, in any wise, be construed to lend anything to the spiritual welfare of the church. Such edifices attract people but not for the purpose of learning what to do to be saved (cf. Jn. 6:22-27.) In other words, people come just in order to be entertained or to enjoy recreation. We do not read in the scriptures that such gimmicks were employed by God's people in those early days of the church.

- Billy T. Jones

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TO ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS, REMEMBER YOUR ABC'S

- Avoid negative sources, people, places, things and habits.
- Believe in yourself.
- Consider things from every angle.
- Don't give up, and don't give in.
- Enjoy life today; yesterday is gone, and tomorrow may never come.

- Family and friends are hidden treasures. Seek them and enjoy their riches.

- Give more than you planned to give.

- Hang on to your dreams.

- Ignore those who try to discourage you.

- Just do it!

- Keep on trying. No matter how hard it seems, it will get easier.

- Love yourself first and most.

- Make it happen.

- Never lie, cheat or steal.

- Always strike a fair deal.

- Open your eyes, and see things as they really are.

- Practice makes perfect.

- Quitters never win, and winners never quit.

- Read, study and learn about everything important in your life.

- Stop procrastinating.

- Take control of your own destiny.

destiny. — Understand yourself in order to better understand others.

— Visualize it.

— Want it more than anything.

— Accelerate your efforts.

— You are unique of all of God's creations. Nothing can replace you.

— Zero in on your target and go for it!

WORTH QUOTING: "Jews wandered in the desert for 40 years because even in biblical times, men wouldn't stop and ask for directions." (Elayne Boosler)

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Horoscope



Monday, Dec. 4, 1995

When goals are worthy and meaningful, successful routes to prosperity will be found in the year ahead. This can be a great year if you are properly motivated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This will be a good day to tackle assignments you've been reluctant to think about. The amount of things you can successfully conclude will surprise you. Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead make wonderful Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail \$2 for each and \$ASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will need some pleasurable diversions to feel your best today. However, avoid activities that only waste your time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you are in a position to take care of an old family obligation, try to do so today. You will feel like a great weight has been lifted from your shoulders.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The probability of personal achievement looks good today because you will be both a visionary and a realist. This will make a winning combination.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A reliable friend could be waiting in the wings today to help you wiggle out of several difficult binds.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to arrange a reunion today with an old friend you haven't seen much of lately. The get-together will be stimulating and mutually rewarding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can gain the support of others today by underplay-

ing your intentions. Let colleagues think that what you want to do is essentially their idea.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Two avenues might open today and provide a way to achieve your goals. Each could bring you satisfaction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When handling complex developments today, your leadership qualities will be very effective. Your methods will be assertive, and you'll know what needs to be done.

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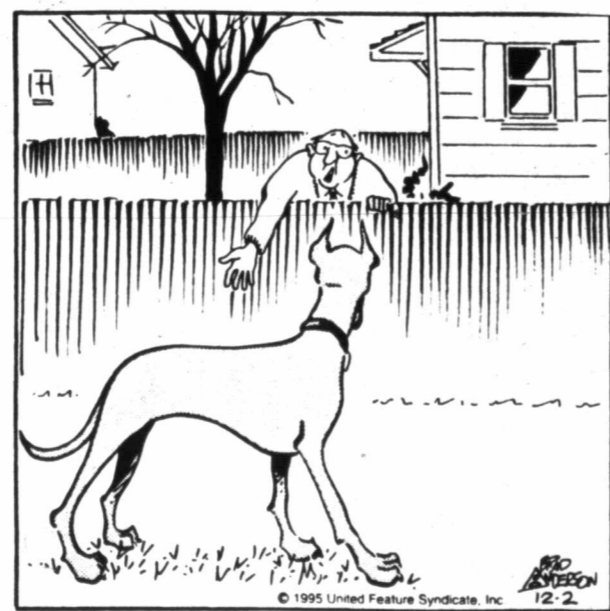
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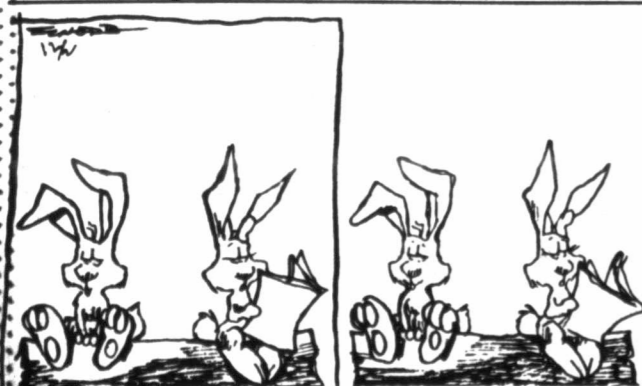


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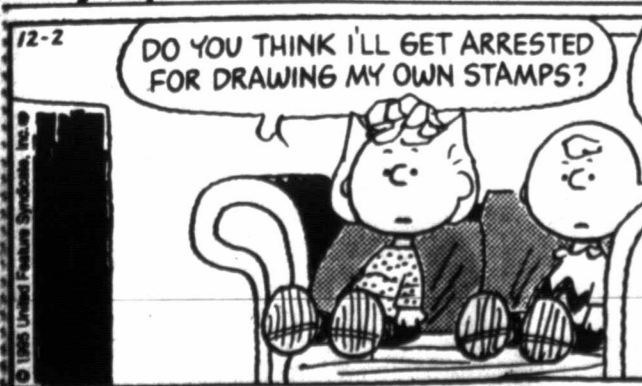
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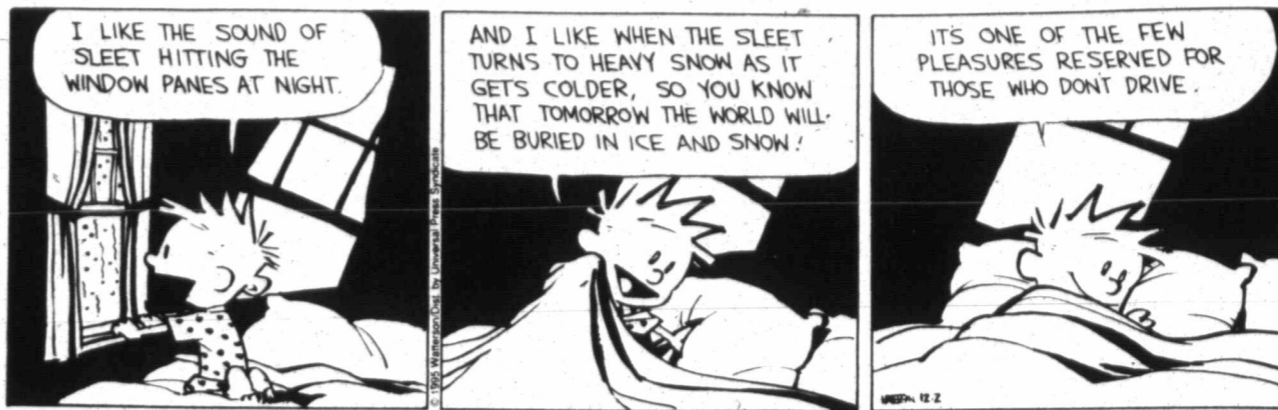
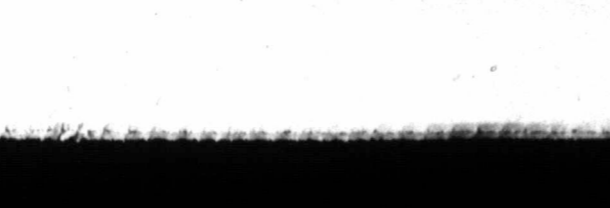
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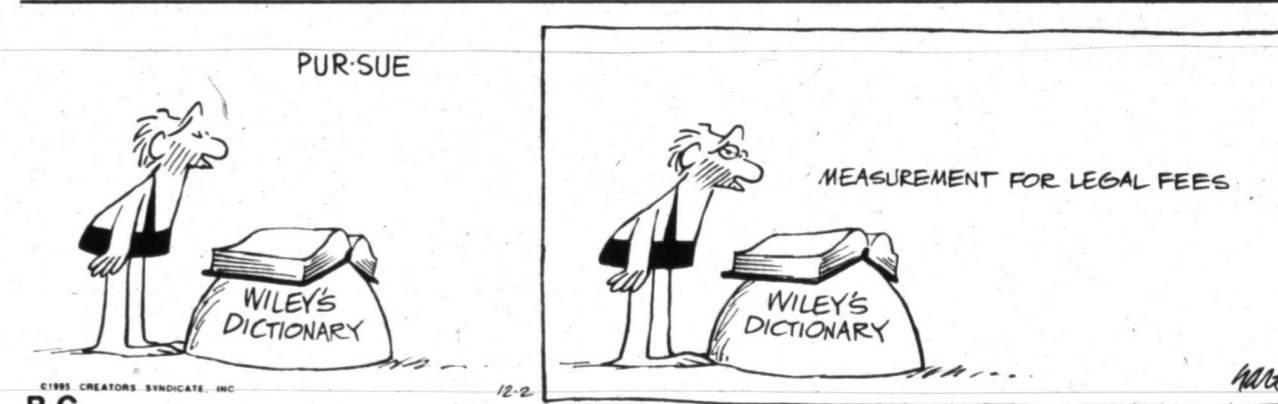
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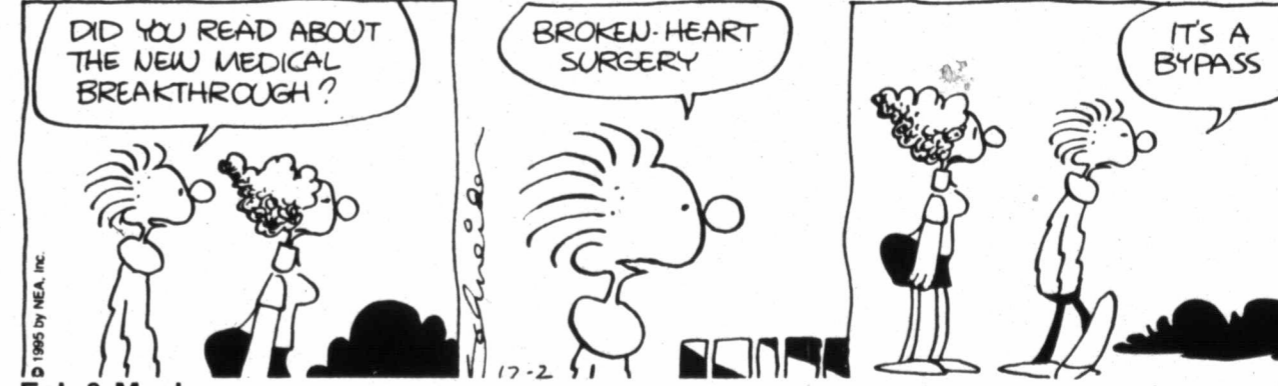
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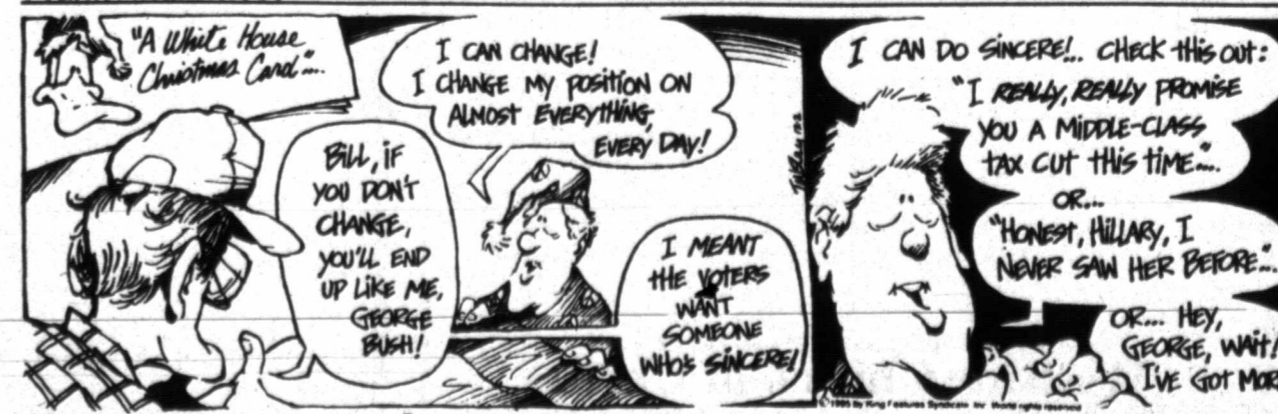
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Texas rustlers now taking trees

By KATIE FAIRBANK
Associated Press Writer

LUFKIN (AP) — Skulking into the piney forest in the dead of night, they pick off their prey and cart it to market. Reminiscent of the cattle rustling once well-known in Texas, these thieves are taking trees.

Where once only cotton was king, 58 percent of all the timber produced each year in the U.S. now comes from Southern states, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

Those same Southerners who own lands graced by forests and smelling of pine needles are facing losses of \$75 million each year from stolen hardwoods and Tall Southern Yellow pine, according to Bruce Miles, director of the Texas Forest Service.

The practice has become so rampant that the joke in this part of East Texas is it's gotten hard to see the forest for the thieves.

Rip-off artists have polished their scams because the price of logs has about doubled during the past two years and the number of absentee landowners has increased, said Alan Matecko, spokesman for the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas.

"Where sawlogs were bringing \$30 a ton, they're now bringing \$60 a ton," said Rep. Billy Clemons, D-Pollock, who lost about \$5,000 when unscrupulous loggers harvested more than 50 pines, some hardwoods and a few small pulp wood trees from his land.

"I am a victim," he said, adding that natural disasters have added to the number of thefts. "The price of raw material has

increased greatly. It's worth their effort to sneak onto somebody's property and steal some logs."

Many landowners are easy targets for the crooks because unlike livestock, trees aren't easily identifiable.

Unethical loggers have been known to clear-cut without permission, falsify sale bills and scale readings, break contracts and jump boundaries to cut trees on neighboring land.

"It's easier to get forgiveness than it is to get permission," Miles said of loggers who trespass for trees.

Shelby County timber farmer W.I. Davis, who has been in the timber business for 50 years, says he lost about \$3,000 worth of his best trees last year when a logger claimed he didn't know the boundary.

"There's honest mistakes," Davis said. "and then there's mistakes on purpose."

Miles tells a story of a case in Cass County, where a thief stole the trees from a 160-acre tract but left a stand of pines along the perimeter. That way the owner wouldn't know when she drove past her land.

No one is safe. In November, a Louisiana timber buyer confessed to stealing timber from the Sisters of Providence in Indiana. The nuns lost around \$100,000 when about three-fourths of their 104 acres was cut and sold, according to Harrison County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Alexander.

A hanging used to be the justice served up for rustlers in Texas. Today, landowners have trouble even getting a conviction for tree thievery.

"If you have good documentation of what happened it's not hard, but a lot of times people just go in in the dead of night and cut down timber without a trace," said Assistant District Attorney Art Bauereiss, who successfully prosecuted Clemons' case.

So, posses have been forming. Law enforcement, landowners and forestry officials have combined efforts to go after the tree rustlers. That's resulted in numerous lawsuits and convictions in Texas and across the country; three U.S. Forest Service workers being found guilty of stealing timber from the Sabine National Forest; and in March, leaders of 16 environmental groups asking Attorney General Janet Reno to investigate missing timber in the U.S.

Some milling companies, such as Purchase, N.Y.-based International Paper Co., have set up their own inspectors to check on boundary lines and logging sites. They also use surveillance.

"The loggers never know if or when we're doing surveillance, but the possibility that we might be and the paper trail we can follow does deter theft," said Randy Cofield, who handles timber security for International Paper. "People are usually caught when they get greedy."

Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana have passed laws that make a convicted thief pay the victim three to 10 times the value of the stolen timber. Texas has set up a public education program and Clemons says he'll introduce legislation next session.

NASA searches for better space plants

By ELIZABETH TENNYSON
Associated Press Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — If long-distance space travel is to become a reality, people aren't the only ones who will have to adapt to life without gravity. Plants, which could provide food and oxygen, are sure to be sent on voyages taking years to complete.

Scientists at North Carolina State University are about to begin research that could ultimately design plants suitable for space travel.

The university will receive \$5 million from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration over five years to study gravitational biology. The money will be used to establish a NASA Specialized Center of Research and Training on the N.C. State campus.

The center's mission will be twofold — to research how plants perceive and respond to gravity, and to educate high school teachers about gravitational biology so they can pass the information on to their students.

The research aspect of the project will focus on how calcium affects the ability of plants to respond to gravity.

"The focus is on calcium because it seems as though it may be the most important individual chemical in plant responses to the environment," said Eric Davies, head of N.C. State's botany department and director of the new NASA center.

Davies explained that plants work hard to keep calcium levels low within cells, but also store large supplies of calcium in the cell walls. Those stored supplies can be released suddenly, leading to dramatic changes in the cell's calcium content within just a few seconds.

"Perhaps most impressive is our ability to measure changes in calcium in specific parts of a living cell as it changes in real time. We'll be able to say which cells and where within those cells calcium plays a role in responding to gravity," Davies said. "We now have the best facility in the country to be doing this kind of work."

To view changes within the cells, researchers will use florescent microscopy, an advanced microscopic technology which allows scientists to focus a specific wavelength of light on the subject to reveal only the substances they wish to see.

As part of these experiments, researchers will mount a special microscope on a wall so they can view changes as they rotate the growing plants. For instance, researchers will be able to determine how plants respond to gravity by turning the plants sideways and watching to see what happens within cells as the plants try to send roots downward.

The researchers also will genetically alter plants to change their ability to manage calcium. Those changes will allow the scientists to see exactly how the signalling process works. Once they have succeeded in genetically changing plants to alter their calcium levels, the scientists will see how those changes affect other vital functions such as electrical signalling, hormone transportation and carbohydrate metabolism.

"It should help ultimately develop plants which are more suitable for space travel and help us find out what characteristics are totally unsuitable," Davies said.

Davies believes the experiments, set to begin in January, will be the first of their kind in plants. Although all of the planned experiments are ground-based, Davies hopes they will lead to future studies aboard the space shuttle.

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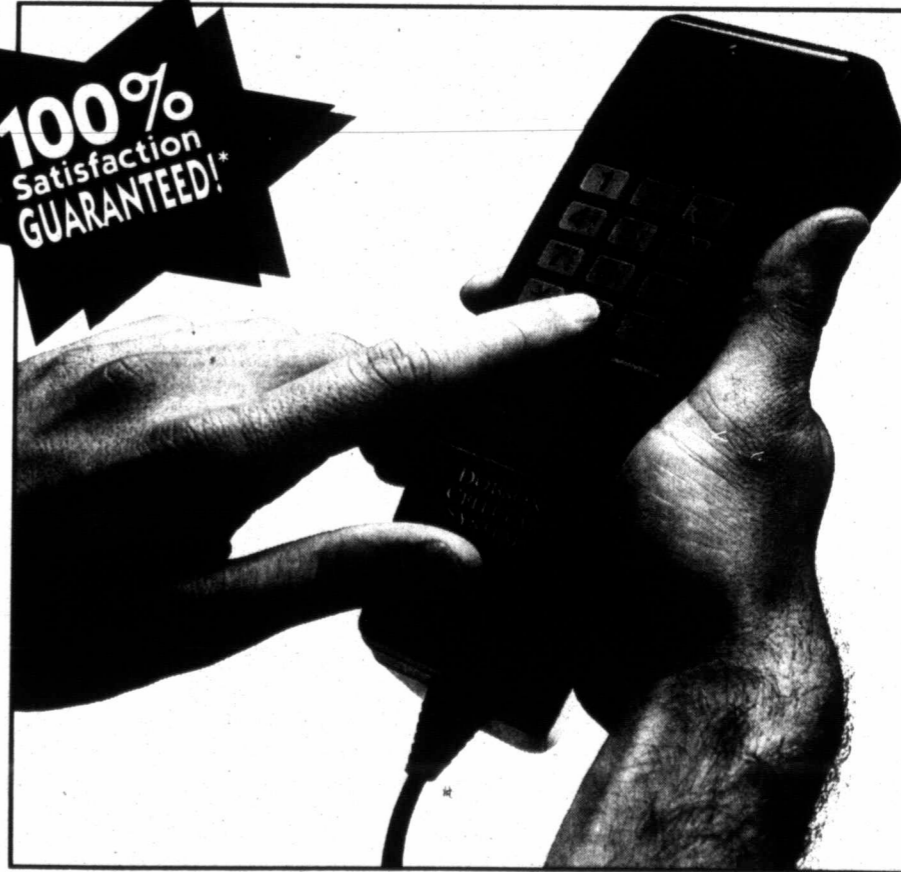
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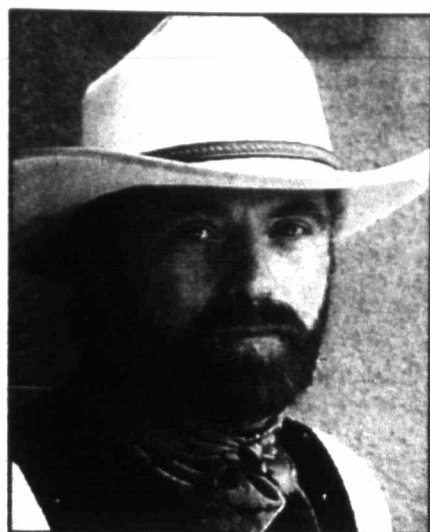
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Entertainment

Murphey to bring show to Pampa



Michael Martin Murphey

America's #1 cowboy singer and songwriter Michael Martin Murphey carries on a special western tradition with his annual "Cowboy Christmas Concert" coming to Pampa Dec. 11.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium, followed by the Silver Anniversary Christmas Gala for the White Deer Land Museum at the museum.

"Imagine yourself coming in off the range in the late 1890s and walking into a dance hall full of ladies with long skirts and ranchers in high boots and string ties with their hair slicked back," Murphey says. "It was a chance to socialize with their neighbors, hear some good music and have a party after working hard all spring, summer and fall. The purpose of my Cowboy Christmas Concert Tour is to revive this spirit — the same feeling people have always gotten when parents and children dance around the Christmas tree, sing songs and gather by the firelight

on a winter night to tell stories. This is how America celebrated the season before television, video games and shopping centers took over the holidays."

Murphey will play guitar backed by his Rio Grande Band — keyboardist Frank Sweich, guitarist Ryan Murphey, fiddler (and mandolin and sax) David Coe, bassist Gary Roller, steel guitarist Don Woodbury and drummer Leroy Featherston.

The show ties together Christmas carols, cowboy poetry and western songs that fit into the spirit of the holiday. Many of the tunes can be found on Murphey's best-selling Warner Western album, *Cowboy Christmas: Cowboy Songs II*.

Concert-goers can expect to hear "The Cowboy Christmas Ball" (written over a century ago to celebrate the original event), "Step 'Round The Christmas Tree," "I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day" and several holiday hoe-down jams that might include anything from a Texas polka to a country waltz. Murphey also promises to work in some of his big hits — such as "What's The Forever For" and "Long Line Of Love" — that fit the spirit of the show.

"In keeping with the old-fashioned, down-home flavor of the show," explains Murphey, "we toss in a bit of cracker-barrel philosophy and homespun humor, some of which comes from the cowboy poetry I include from such western characters as Charlie Russell, who wrote poems for his Christmas cards every year, Bruce Kiskaddon, D.J. O'Malley and Robert Service. The concert isn't deadpan serious. We respect the true

meaning of Christmas, but we emphasize the fun and joy of the season. The audience joins in by singing and clapping along on certain numbers."

Murphey is today's best-known and best-selling cowboy-and-western singer whose most recent albums have featured cowboy-and-western music — both cowboy classics from the past and hot "New West" music. These albums began in 1990 with *Cowboy Songs*, one of the best-selling albums of all time containing cowboy music. In addition to *Cowboy Christmas* Murphey has released *Cowboy Songs III: Rhymes of the Renegades*, *America's Horses* (currently only available at Murphey's shows and through the American Quarter Horse Association) and his just-released *Sagebrush Symphony* recorded in concert with the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra and special guests (its companion-piece, a PBS television special, will air in the spring).

Murphey began performing *Cowboy Christmas Concerts* in 1985 on the 100th anniversary of the first *Cowboy Christmas Ball* held in Anson, Texas, and immortalized as a "frontier breakdown" and "lively gaited sworray" in the song named after the event. The Ball was revived in 1934 and continues today with Murphey and his band as the headliner.

Murphey has done extensive research on western history and cowboy folklore. As a child, Murphey spent time on his family's ranches in Texas where he first learned western songs from the cowboys and ranch hands. He now owns and runs his own

ranch near Taos, New Mexico. In addition, Murphey co-founded Warner Western, a division of Warner Bros. Records entirely dedicated to western music. He has released 24 albums during the past 25 years and has always included songs of the west on his recordings. Murphey recently had a guest-starring role on the nationally syndicated western TV show *Lonesome Dove: The Series* in which he played a guitar-playing, singing cowboy and Pinkerton detective, a character Murphey created.

He went to college at North Texas State ("where I majored in jam sessions") and UCLA, where his musical career continued as a member of the folk-rock group the Lewis and Clark Expedition, named after the pioneers of the West. In 1971, he moved back to Texas and joined the burgeoning Austin music scene and the famed Outlaw movement that led to a revolutionary country-rock sound. The next year, he had his first hit, "Geronimo's Cadillac," which turned into an anthem for the Native American rights movement. Three years and three albums later, Murphey established himself as a major hitmaker with the Top 10 pop smash "Wildfire" and the follow-up hit "Carolina in the Pines" from the gold album *Blue Sky - Night Thunder*.

Ticket price for the reception and concert is \$50, and ticket price for the concert only is \$25. Concert tickets for children 12 and under is \$15.

Tickets may be purchased at Action Realty, 707 N. Hobart in Pampa. Call Greta Arrington at 665-4143 or Janyth Bowers at 665-8006 for ticket information.



(Special photo)

The Good News Band will be among those entertaining at the Cowboy Country Christmas on Dec. 9. Members of the band are, from left, Johnny Woodard, Lefors; Bob Jeffers and Bob Bailey, both of Pampa; and Keith Roberson, Lefors.

All-Star Jubilee to present Cowboy Country Christmas

The All-Star Jubilee will be holding a Cowboy Country Christmas at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, featuring area talent.

The show will be held in the John Stokes barn east of Pampa, located across from the Schwann's warehouse on Hwy. 60.

Admission is \$3, with chili, cowboy stew and cobbler available for additional cost.

Performers include The Good News Band, with members from Pampa and Lefors; Charlie and Kiwi Hutchinson,

from Fritch; Cross Wind, from Pampa; and Carol Ziegelgruber and Cindy Nunn, both from Pampa.

In addition, storyteller Loralee Cooley will be presenting some tales, and Linda Burt will be demonstrating a spinning wheel. Both are from Pampa.

Those wanting only to attend the concert may bring their lawn chairs to sit in the heated barn.

For more information, call 665-7896 or 665-2213.

Video tips

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of *Billboard* magazine. Reprinted with permission:

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9. *Mary-Kate & Ashley: The Case of the Funhouse Mystery*, (Dualstar)
10. *Beavis & Butt-head: Chicks N' Stuff*, (MTV)

New Cosby sitcom headed for CBS

NEW YORK (AP) — The Cos

is back. Bill Cosby is returning to TV with a new sitcom on CBS, industry sources said Thursday.

The comedian, who helped restore life to a moribund NBC in the 1980s, is the unnamed

centerpiece of a CBS news conference set for Friday, the sources said.

In August, Cosby said he was developing a half-hour show loosely based on the British TV series, *One Foot in the Grave*, portraying a man between jobs fighting the frustrations of daily life.

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(Special photo) An all-star cast headlines a sparkling new production of the musical classic *Bye Bye Birdie*, airing on ABC tonight from 7-10 p.m. Pictured here are stars Tyne Daly, Marc Kudisch and Jason Alexander.

'Bye Bye Birdie' airs tonight on ABC

Bye Bye Birdie, one of America's best-loved musicals, comes to television in a sparkling new production, airing on ABC Sunday from 7-10 p.m.

The special's stellar cast is headlined by Jason Alexander (*Seinfeld*), Vanessa Williams (*Kiss of the Spider Woman*), Tyne Daly (*Cagney and Lacey*), George Wendt (*Cheers*) and pop recording star Chynna Phillips. The title role of Conrad Birdie is played by Marc Kudisch (*Beauty and the Beast*). Broadway legend Gene Saks directs; choreography is by Ann

Reinking (*All that Jazz*).

In a tuneful parody of the Elvis pop phenomenon, composer Charles Strouse and lyricist Lee Adams invented Birdie, a wildly popular, hip-gyrating '50s rock-n-roll star. When Conrad is drafted into the U.S. Army, his manager Albert Peterson (Alexander) and Albert's devoted secretary Rosie (Williams) conjure up a publicity stunt: Conrad will make a final pre-induction appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show*.

The plan is to have the rock star bestow "one last kiss" on picture-

of-innocence Kim MacAfee (Phillips) in a live remote telecast from Sweet Apple, Ohio.

The complications are, of course, both hilarious and tuneful. They're compounded by the presence of Kim's over-my-dead-body dad (Wendt) and Albert's domineering mother-from-hell (Daly).

The classic songs never seem to end in *Birdie*: "How Lovely to be a Woman," "We Love You, Conrad," "Honestly Sincere," "One Last Kiss," "A Lot of Livin' to Do," "Spanish Rose" and, of course, "Put on a Happy Face."

Open before Christmas: Networks generous with holiday specials

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — He knows if you've been good; he knows if you've been bad. In the great democracy of TV Land, we all get to tune in the same gifts anyway!

This season, holiday programs range from the sublime, such as *Gregorian Chants: Songs of the Spirit*, to the sublimely ridiculous, *A Pinky & The Brain Christmas*.

Here's a rundown of the movies, music and more in store for angels and the scamps who may be out of luck with Santa.

MOVIES:

Ebbie, Monday, Dec. 4, Lifetime. Susan Lucci plays a ruthless retailer, a female Scrooge, in a contemporary version of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

A Holiday to Remember, Tuesday, Dec. 12, CBS. A romance starring Connie Sellecca as a recently divorced mother who returns to her hometown and rediscovers her first love. Randy Travis co-stars.

The Christmas Box, Sunday, Dec. 17, CBS. A family moves in with an older woman and learns about love and life. Maureen O'Hara and Richard Thomas star.

It's a Wonderful Life, Friday, Dec. 22, NBC. The once-ubiquitous holiday film is now NBC's alone to air. Starring Jimmy Stewart, Donna Reed and an angel named Clarence.

Christmas on Division Street, Sunday, Dec. 24, CBS. Hume Cronyn and Fred Savage are featured in this 1991 drama about a youth who befriends an elderly man and learns about homelessness and life.

A Bing Crosby Film Festival, Monday, Dec. 25, American Movie Classics. A gift box of Crosby classics, including *Holiday Inn* and *Going My Way*, ensures sweet Christmas Day crooning.

MUSIC:

Gregorian Chant: Songs of the Spirit, Thursday, Dec. 7, PBS. Liting 12th-century sounds performed by the Gregorian Chant Choir of Spain.

Swing Into Christmas, Thursday, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14, A&E. Two half-hour specials jazz things up with Wynton Marsalis, Grover Washington Jr. and others.

Riders Radio Theater: The Christmas Show, Wednesday, Dec. 13, TNN. Go West with comical musical posse Riders in the Sky. Guests include the Grand Ole Opry's Little Jimmy Dickens and Kathy Mattea.

Kathie Lee: Home for Christmas, Wednesday, Dec. 20, CBS. Kathie Lee Gifford and family welcome musical guests to their Vail, Colo., home, including Kathy Mattea, Andy Williams and Aaron Neville.

Opryland's Country Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 23, CBS. A 1994 Nashville celebration with Clint Black, Vince Gill, Emmylou Harris, Ronna Reeves, Marty Stuart, Mel Tillis, Pam Tillis, Travis Tritt, Tanya Tucker, Tammy Wynette, Trisha Yearwood and Neil Diamond.

Cincinnati Pops Holiday with Erich Kunzel and Mel Torme, Sunday, Dec. 24, PBS. The Cincinnati Pops Orchestra, with Kunzel conducting, is joined by Mel Torme singing his "The Christmas Song" and the Indiana University Singing Hoosiers.

Christmas at Saint Olaf, Monday, Dec. 25, PBS. In a nearly century-old tradition, St. Olaf college in Northfield, Minn., heralds Christmas with a 450-singer choir and the St. Olaf Orchestra.

Atlanta Symphony Gospel Christmas, Monday, Dec. 25, PBS. The orchestra unites with a choir comprised of the best gospel singers from the Atlanta area. The Pointer Sisters join in the mix.

ANIMATION:

A Charlie Brown Christmas, Wednesday, Dec. 6, CBS. The Peanuts gang finds the true meaning of the season underneath trappings of tinsel and commercialism. The special marks its 30th anniversary.

Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree, Wednesday, Dec.

6, CBS. New Muppet cast members the Muppet Mice venture out in search of the perfect Christmas. Guest voices include Robert Downey Jr., Leslie Nielsen and Stockard Channing.

Peter and the Wolf, Friday, Dec. 8, ABC. The classic musical tale is revisited in an animation and live action special starring Kirstie Alley and Lloyd Bridges and created and conducted by George Daugherty.

Twas the Night Before Bumpy, Saturday, Dec. 9, ABC. Mr. Bumpy and friends from the Saturday morning series "Bump in the Night" enjoy a holiday adventure. Cheech Marin and Cathy Moriarty provide guest voices.

A Pinky & The Brain Christmas, Wednesday, Dec. 13, The WB. The ambitious Brain launches a scheme to conquer the world by exploiting the resources of Santa's workshop.

A Chipmunk Christmas, Wednesday, Dec. 13, USA Network. The Chipmunks are set to play Carnegie Hall on Christmas, but the concert is doomed unless Alvin can replace the harmonica he gave an ailing friend.

Winnie the Pooh and Christmas, Too, Thursday, Dec. 21, CBS. Walt Disney's adaptation of A.A. Milne's Pooh Bear and his friends as they prepare for the holidays in the Hundred Acre Wood.

Mumfie's White Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 23, Fox. Mumfie, on a mission to ensure a white Christmas for his skating party, becomes entangled in the legend of The Snowbird.

Father Christmas, Monday, Dec. 25, PBS. A year in the life of Santa Claus reveals how he spends his off-hours. The animation style is based on British author Raymond Briggs' "Father Christmas" books.

STOCKING STUFFERS:

Lamb Chop's Special Chanukah, Monday, Dec. 11, PBS. Shari Lewis and and buddy Lamb Chop try to illuminate the meaning of the Jewish festival of lights for non-Jewish family and friends, including guest Alan Thicke.

Martha Stewart's Home for the Holiday, Tuesday, Dec. 12, CBS. The hostess with the mostess shares ideas for recipes, tree decorating, homemade ornaments and wreaths and gift wrapping. Julia Child is featured.

The Weinerville Chanukah Special, Thursday, Dec. 14, Nickelodeon. A light-hearted celebration with Marc Weiner's puppet characters. David Johanson, as alter ego Buster Poindexter, is among the guests.

Ho Ho Ho: TV's All-Time Funniest Christmas Moments, Monday, Dec. 18, Fox. Highlights of Christmas-themed sitcoms, specials, variety programs and commercials over the years.

Christmas at War, Sunday, Dec. 24, History Channel. The efforts of combat soldiers trying to honor the holiday is explored through interviews, home movies and videos, letters and archival footage over the decades.

God's House, Sunday, Dec. 24, TBS. The series *Network Earth* examines the ways in which Christian Americans celebrate their faith. Segments on Christian contemporary music and the Pope's New York visit are included.

Storytime Para Ti, Monday, Dec. 25, PBS. A bilingual holiday episode from the children's series about the joy of books includes about one-third Spanish dialogue and reading. Actor-musician Ruben Blades guests.

The Walt Disney World Very Merry Christmas Parade, Monday, Dec. 25, ABC. Joan Lunden and Regis Philbin host the 13th version of the annual event. Pocahontas and the *Toy Story* clan are among this year's stars.

OUT WITH THE OLD:

People Yearbook '95, Wednesday, Dec. 13, CBS. A look back at the pivotal events and figures of 1995 features reflections by celebrities on the outgoing year.

Year by Year Marathon, Sunday, Dec. 31, History Channel. A 16-hour look at 1995 and other key 20th century years through original newsreel footage.

O'Keeffe documentary airs today on KACV, channel 12

Today at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Wednesday at 9 p.m., KACV, local channel 12, presents *Georgia O'Keeffe: The Plains on Paper*. This hour-long documentary focuses on the life and works of this world-renowned artist during her formative years in Texas.

Included in the look at her life are historic photographs, letters and other archival materials giving viewers a unique insight into O'Keeffe's life in Amarillo and Canyon.

Art historians and others are looking at this period of her life with a new perspective follow-

ing the recent discovery of 28 never before seen watercolors O'Keeffe painted while working at WT and left with a student and close friend, the late Ted Ried. These works comprise a new exhibit called the "Canyon Suite" which is currently touring the country.

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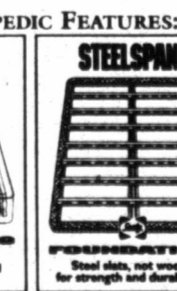
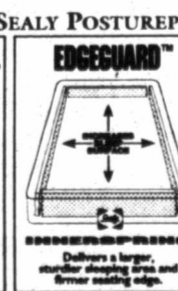
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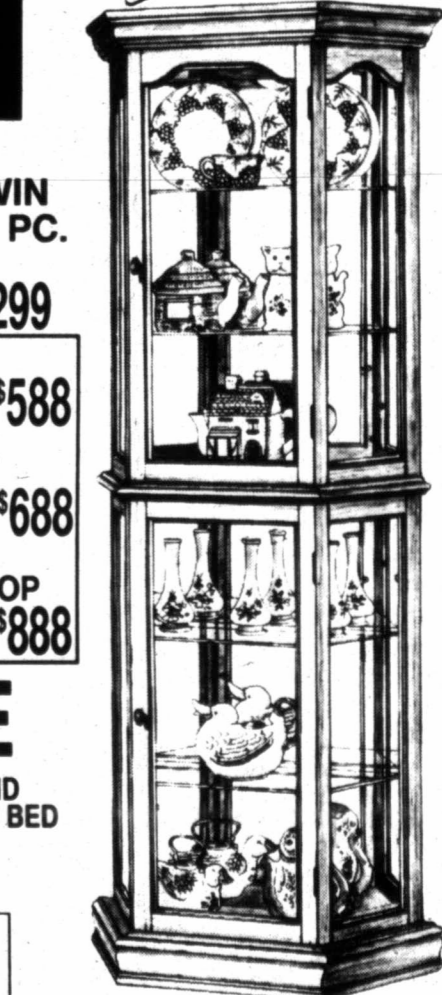
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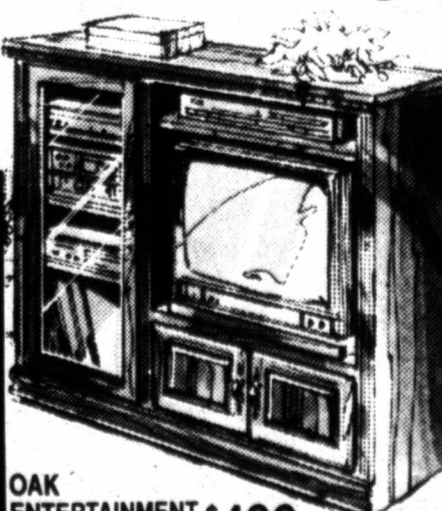
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The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT - (BULL)

Outlook: While wheat prices appear stalled in a sideways trend over the past month, it's interesting to note the nearby futures contracts are trading at a premium [higher] than the distant months. This is a sign of a bull market.

It's taking place in all three of the major wheat markets, Chicago, Kansas City and Minneapolis. It's occurring at a time [the December speculative liquidation] when the near months generally lose to the farther out months. It's a sign the market wants wheat now and is willing to pay up for it. If the market had enough supply now, the back months would trade a premium to compensate for storage and interest charges.

Bottom line, it's a sign of tightness. My conclusion is this means higher prices yet to come.

Strategy: *Hedgers:* We recently took big profits in the December call options, purchases as a replacement for cash wheat sales at harvest time.

Since wheat ownership still appears to make sense, replace with March at the money calls, but only if March trades above \$5 again. Also, look to hedge 25 percent of anticipated new crop production using the July 420 puts. Buy them under 19¢ to assure \$4 wheat on at least a portion of your crop.

Traders: Look to buy March Minneapolis on strength - an indication the recent sell-off has run its course. Buy on a close above 4.97. Risk 20¢ for a profit objective above \$5.35.

CORN - (BULL)

Outlook: This week should see the completion of the bulk of the liquidation of the December futures contract. You see, speculators who own December corn, and don't want to potentially get involved in the delivery process, should have sold out their positions before Nov. 30.

As of this writing, open interest [the number of outstanding contracts] is still large - over 500 million bushels. While it was well over a billion a month ago, by historical standards this is still big. It's this liquidation which I believe has prevented corn prices from rising to new highs. But it will be over soon, and my best guess is the market will still make new contract highs by year end. Our target remains the north side of \$3.70 before March.

Strategy: *Hedgers:* The new farm bill will make 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. Our current recommendation has been to sell old crop corn and replace with paper corn in the form of at the money [recently the 330] March call options. You can buy these for about 10¢/bu. which is your maximum downside risk.

Your risk in cash corn cannot be predetermined. 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, without

unlimited downside risk.

Traders: We recently enjoyed a gross profit \$1750/contract in the futures market and then sold our December 320 calls on expiration day for about \$400. We now own March 330 calls purchased for 10¢/bu. Last week, we also recommended the purchase of March corn at \$3.32. Risk 10¢ [\$500/contract + fees] and hold.

CATTLE - (BULL)

Outlook: The November Cattle on Feed Report was bullish with the placement numbers coming in much less than what most people were looking for. The report was most bullish for the February contract.

While many analysts report feedlots full of cattle, my sense is they're full of lightweight and young cattle. This doesn't bode well for next summer, but it appears the supplies of market ready cattle for the next 60-75 days is tight. Look for February contract to trade the north side of seventy without severe feeding weather this winter. Weather could push prices above 75.

Strategy: *Hedgers:* Due to our bullish outlook, cattle feeders who wish to hedge should consider put options. Puts act like bear market insurance and you hope you don't need to use insurance whenever you buy it. They leave upside potential wide open to benefit from projected higher prices in the cash market.

Cow/calf operators: The distant feeder prices in the futures have already discounted negative feeding margins. The nearby should benefit from firming live cattle prices. As a result we still don't see any viable hedging opportunities at this time.

Traders: If you were able to buy February Live Cattle futures at our recommended entry level of under 6780, use a risk point close only under 66 for an eventual objective above 70. We also own 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].

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Two drip irrigation conferences set in December at Lubbock, Amarillo

LUBBOCK - The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association, the Texas Agriculture Extension Service (TAEX) and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) are sponsoring two drip irrigation conferences in December.

One conference will be held Dec. 19 at Lubbock in the Texas Tech University Center Ballroom, and the other will be held Dec. 20 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

The Lubbock conference is co-sponsored by the Texas Tech University Water Resources Center, Mesa Underground Water Conservation District, Sandy Land Underground Conservation District and the South Plains Underground Water Conservation District. The Amarillo conference is co-sponsored by the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District No. 2 and the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District No. 3.

Both conferences will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and a hospitality hour is scheduled for 5-6 p.m. after each conference.

A \$20 registration fee will be charged for each conference, which includes the noon meal and refreshments. A \$10 late charge will be added to all regis-

trations received after Dec. 14. In drip irrigation, buried lines and emitters are used to apply slow, frequent applications of water to the soil surrounding the plant roots. Water losses caused by evaporation, deep percolation and runoff are virtually eliminated. Drip irrigation can save as much as 30 to 40 percent of the water required by some other types of irrigation to provide the plants with an equal amount of water.

"Producers who are thinking about the installation of a drip irrigation system can attend either one of these conferences to get information about the set-up and management of the system for different cropping productions," says High Plains Water District Assistant Manager Ken Carver.

Speakers at both meetings will discuss a wide range of topics pertaining to drip irrigation. At the Lubbock conference, Greg Sokora, USDA-NRCS civil engineer, will discuss drip irrigation design; Dr. Dan Krieg of the Texas Tech University Plant and Soil Science Department will discuss drip irrigation scheduling; Kater Hake with the TAEX will discuss cotton production; Joe Henggeler with the TAEX will compare the cost of drip irrigation to other types of irrigation,

such as center pivots and surge; and Dr. David Bender of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station will discuss vegetable production. In addition, sales representatives from two drip irrigation manufacturers will discuss drip tape and filtration systems.

At the Amarillo conference, Dr. Arland Schneider of the USDA-Agricultural Research Station at Bushland (USDA-ARS) will discuss drip irrigation design; Leo New with the TAEX at Amarillo will discuss corn production scheduling using weather data; and Dr. Steve Evett of the USDA-ARS will discuss corn production under drip irrigation. They will also be joined by several speakers from the previous day's conference.

Both conferences will feature a panel of producers who will share their views regarding operation, maintenance and crop production with drip systems.

In addition, several drip irrigation dealers will display their products and answer producers' questions during both conferences.

To register for either conference, contact the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Ave. Q, Lubbock, TX 79405-1499, or call (806) 762-0181.

USDA ahead of schedule on savings

WASHINGTON - Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman has announced that the Clinton Administration's plan for reorganizing and streamlining the U.S. Department of Agriculture has already resulted in staff year savings of more than \$900 million, which are ahead of schedule.

"The Clinton Administration is firmly committed to streamlining the U.S. Department of Agriculture," Glickman said. "We are cutting staff and saving money, all ahead of schedule. Downsizing is never easy, and USDA employees deserve a great deal of credit for this early success."

USDA's streamlining plan calls for an overall reduction of 13,000 staff years, dropping from a level of 114,000 in fiscal year 1993 to 101,000 staff years by the end of FY99. The department's staff year usage at the end of FY95 was 104,000, resulting

in a savings of about \$900 million over the past two years. Glickman said staff reductions are projected to result in a total savings of more than \$2.8 billion by the end of FY99 in staff year costs alone. In addition, nearly four out of every 10 supervisory positions will be eliminated.

USDA announced a major restructuring of the department in the fall of 1994, including reducing the number of agencies from 48 to 29, consolidating administrative management operations, and closing or moving field locations to create "one-stop service" centers.

The USDA restructuring followed two years of work by USDA committees which asked department employees and customers for suggestions on how to reorganize the department to work better and cost less, along

with passage of reorganization legislation by Congress and signed by the president. The consolidation of field locations into service centers is also on track, Glickman said, with offices in 397 locations having moved or closed between Dec. 6, 1994, and Oct. 1, 1995.

USDA plans to complete its field restructuring by moving or closing offices in nearly 700 more locations by the end of 1997, resulting in 2,536 one-stop service centers across the country. "Streamlining of USDA started at headquarters in Washington," Glickman said. "We cut through the layers of red tape, with the focus of providing better customer service in the field. USDA employees are on the front lines where they can provide information, answer questions and better serve the American people."

Broiler named TFB Young Farmer of Year

CORPUS CHRISTI - Brian Betts, a Northeast Texas broiler and cattle producer, was named as winner over two other finalists in Texas Farm Bureau's Outstanding Young Farmer and Rancher competition.

Betts, age 33, bought three broiler houses from his father in 1984 and has since expanded significantly. With his wife, Velda, and their three children, he now runs 10 broiler houses with a capacity of 16,000 chickens each, and a 113 head cow-herd in Titus County near Mt. Pleasant. The Betts' contract birds for Pilgrim's Pride, and raise nearly 1 million broilers per year. The poultry side of their business accounts for 85 percent of their income. Betts says competition is keen

in the contract broiler business. "I compete strictly on feed conversion (against other growers)," Betts said. "If I can put on more weight with less feed, then I get more pay, basically."

As winner of the contest, Betts receives one year's free use of a 1996 3/4-ton 4x4 Ford Supercab pickup, compliments of Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company; 180 hours use of a Case-IH tractor, compliments of Case-IH; and a year's free subscription to DTN's basic service, compliments of DTN.

The other finalists were Jason Wendler and wife Sandy from Brazos County Farm Bureau; and Greg Acker and wife Lisa from Gray-Roberts Farm Bureau. Wendler, 33, cites diversification

and marketing as keys to his success. The College Station producer, who began his operation by using savings from FFA project proceeds as collateral, is involved in all phases of the cattle and grows cotton, corn and grain sorghum.

Acker started farming in 1981 and raises dryland and irrigated milo and wheat, and irrigated corn on the Texas High Plains near Pampa. Also 33, Acker changed his irrigated land from mainly a row water system to mostly center pivots, resulting in increased efficiency and yields. Acker is also a Delta and Pine Land seed dealer.

The two runners-up receive one year's free use of a 1996 Ford Ranger pickup, compliments of Bird-Kultgen Ford of Waco.

Texas Plant Protection Conference set for Dec. 5-6

COLLEGE STATION - The seventh annual Texas Plant Protection Conference, "Bridging Established and Developing Technologies in Texas Agriculture," will be held at the College Station Hilton on Dec. 5-6.

On the first day of the conference, a panel of representatives from the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas A&M University, crop consultants and growers will discuss the Boll Weevil Eradication Program.

The discussion also will include a two-hour session on laws and

regulations to provide those who use pesticides with current information on legal uses.

The second day of the conference will be devoted to a special session on IR-4, a federal program for pesticide use on minor crops. This session will discuss how the program can be used to get label approval for pesticides on minor crops and on crops that only require pesticides in a few specific places.

Concurrent sessions also will be held on topics such as corn, sorghum, cotton, soybeans, peanuts, ranges, pastures and

horticultural crops. The presentations will pertain to the most current uses of pesticides in crop management programs.

Individuals attending the conference will receive Texas Department of Agriculture Continuing Education credits toward maintaining their pesticide licenses.

The registration fee is \$50 at the conference. Contact Dr. Jerral-D. Johnson, Texas Agricultural Extension Service plant pathologist, for more information at (409) 845-8275.

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Capital-ism is still alive and well in West Texas region

By KEN ELLSWORTH
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE (AP) — The capitalistic impulse is alive and well in this portion of West Texas, and so is civic pride.

Call your community the capital of something or other and it could lead to cold, hard cash for zero investment — and an improved self-image.

Municipal and county entities in this area are learning quickly your good name, after all, does have value.

Take Coleman County, the self-proclaimed Hunting Capital of Texas, where literal big bucks attract green big bucks.

Years ago the county's populace dubbed themselves the Hunting Capital of Texas. The claim has not been disputed, though Coleman's Chamber of Commerce offers no hard statistics comparing itself to other Texas counties that promote hunting.

But, there is no question that Coleman County attracts a lot of hunters.

"There are so many hunters it is unreal," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Griffith on the eve of deer hunting season. More than 600 hunters, she said, had already inquired at the chamber office about hunting leases in the county.

The estimated annual income related to hunting in Coleman County is \$2.7 million, according to the county's extension office, and those are big bucks. In fact, income related to hunting amounts to more than \$270 per each man, woman and child living in Coleman County.

The county is also home to several lakes and calls

itself the "Land of the Lakes," even more so with the recent development of Lake O.H. Ivie.

But the county wants more. After all, why be restrictive when mere names are free for the taking?

Witness a recent chamber promotion. "We hope you enjoyed your stay in the 'Hunting and Fishing Capital of Texas,'" it says.

Who but the fish would argue?

There are at least two world capitals in this area of the Texas that is also known as Texas Midwest. One of them is Knox County — The Seedless Watermelon Capital of the World.

Knox County's place in the world is truly unique. The county's melons go all over the United States, but their seedless seeds go all over the world. The seeds were developed by Dr. O.J. Eigsti, and come only from Knox County.

Israel is the county's best customer, and last year chamber manager Doris Crownover traveled there.

"I was eating breakfast and they were serving seedless melons," she said. "I was very proud to be able to tell them where those melons came from."

The Israelis must have been duly impressed. After all, they were enjoying the fruits of the labor of a genuine international capital.

Baird, in the midst of a downtown economic revival, laid legal claim in 1993 to being "The Antique Capital of West Texas." The claim is legal because the Texas Legislature in its 1993 session passed a proclamation saying so. Now, no other Texas communities can claim that exact name.

The legislative proclamation is an easy thing to do for your community. Your state representative can probably get "capital" into the official legislative

record in the blink of an eye, providing no other community has already laid claim to the exact same idea.

Actually, official community titles do not appear to be of more promotional benefit than unofficial ones, but for Baird there was a positive motive for going to the legislature.

"We (Baird) did it for the additional publicity," said Nicki Harle, executive director of Texas Midwest Community Network, who was correct in surmising that local media would announce the legislative proclamation.

The oldest known area claim to being a capital is Snyder's. At the turn of the century Snyder newspapers promoted the town as the "Capital of Scurry County." That handle passed away long ago. Snyder is now the county seat and the home of the White Buffalo Festival, but it does not claim to be a capital.

The oldest continuous claim in this area to being a capital is probably Throckmorton's. In the 1930s, Lee Atkinson, then president of the Chamber of Commerce promoted the moniker "Capital of the Cow Country" and the name stuck, said former County Judge Byrd Thorp, 98.

Today the name appears on local Throckmorton bank checks and chamber literature. Chamber T-shirts also proclaim "Capital of the Cow Country" and show a cow sporting cowboy boots.

A local motel is named the Cow Country Motel, but is not certain how well that name promotes room occupancy.

Gorman has been known as the Peanut Marketing Capital of the Southwest since the end of World War II, said Ross Wilson, general manager of Southwestern Peanut Growers Association.

The title is well-earned. A three-county area around Gorman produces \$35 million worth of goobers annually, and peanuts from all over the southwest find their way to Gorman.

That's not peanuts, or chicken feed either. Coleman County might be the Hunting Capital of Texas; but Fisher County would prefer that you come there and shoot at their coveys since Fisher County is the Quail Hunting Capital of Texas.

County extension agent Richard Spencer said quail hunters flock from all over the country, but especially from the southern states, bringing dogs, guns and money to the area.

A quail-hunting cooperative was formed in the late 1980s and the county adopted the quail hunting capital title informally, he said.

The quail capital title is well deserved, Spencer added, since Fisher County usually ranks second in the state in quail population, according to Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife statistics.

But you have to work to keep your good name. "We work on it pretty much year round," Spencer said.

Erath County also capitalizes on being a capital, but just being a capital of Texas is not honor enough. To satisfy a large-as-Texas-itch for prestige, they named their county the "Rodeo Capital of the World," leaving only the universe to conquer.

The name, said Stephenville Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Robert Defer, was first applied about 1990. "Rodeo Capital" derived from the fact that about a half-dozen area cowboys have been competing for several years on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association circuit.

12 days of gifts for Christmas drops in cost

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Treating your true love to all the gifts in "The 12 Days of Christmas" won't cost as much this year — but it's still enough to make Santa blush.

The annual tongue-in-cheek survey found that the prices of pear trees, swans and gold rings dropped compared with last year, while the costs of maids-a-milking, geese-a-laying and other presents in the song held steady.

Buying all the gifts, from the 12 drummers drumming to the partridge in a pear tree, would cost \$12,481.65 — a 21.3 percent decline from last year's prices, according to PNC Bank's annual Christmas Price Index.

The Pittsburgh-based bank calculates the "true cost of Christmas" by adding all the gifts given each day — 364 presents, including 12 partridges in pear trees, 36 calling birds and 22 turtle doves. They come to \$51,764.94 — a 29.4 percent decline compared with last year, the bank said.

The drop was the first since 1988, when the index fell 0.6 percent.

Greater supply caused the seven swans to go from \$7,000 to \$3,500. The Philadelphia Zoo, which supplied figures for all the birds in the song, said the population of the endangered North American trumpeter swan has risen from 73 to more than 14,000 in the past 60 years, thanks to the efforts of breeders.

Five gold rings dropped from \$450 last year to \$325 for Christmas 1995, while the price of a pear tree went from \$19.99 to \$12.50 because of a sale at the nursery that supplies PNC with the cost.

Only the price of lords-a-leaping rose, from \$3,012.63 to \$3,182.57.

Because the minimum wage remained at \$4.25, one hour of eight-maids-a-milking still was \$34.

Costs for pipers piping and drummers drumming came from Musicians Union Local 77, nine ladies dancing from a local dance company and 10 lords-a-leaping from a ballet company, Fickling said.

Prices may vary in different parts of the country, said Fickling, "and it doesn't take into account if your true love lived far away."

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