









# Letters to the editor

## Some thoughts on Woody

To the editor:

My thoughts and some information about Woody Guthrie — Time Magazine, April 10, 1972, stated, "When folk singer Woody Guthrie died in 1967 at the age of 55, he was already a legend. ... His friends, loved ones and musical kinfolk gathered in New York's Carnegie Hall the next year to pay him tribute in song. ... the event was touched by a joyful awareness of the continuing life in Guthrie's music. ..."

"Another Guthrie memorial was held at the Hollywood Bowl in 1970. Especially intriguing is the variety of musical treatment to which Woody's songs lend themselves, from blues ballads, western soul, to rocking versions of Guthrie's classics. Woody had the ultimate ability to bring words, music and people together."

Dr. Guy Logsdon, Tulsa, Okla., the leading scholar on Woody Guthrie, says, "Woody Guthrie remains the most influential folk singer-songwriter-poet this nation has. ..."

"Singers, songwriters and literary figures of the 1960s and 1970s credit Woody as a major source of inspiration, and credit continues into the 1990s with Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen and John Mellancamp. ..."

"Woody was one of the first inductees (posthumous) into the Rock and Roll Music Hall of Fame."

Dr. Logsdon has received a post-doctoral fellowship from the Smithsonian Institution to research and organize the over 1,000 songs written by Guthrie during his productive years, about 1935 to 1953. Woody died from Huntington's disease on Oct. 3, 1967.

The above information provides only a brief background on Woody Guthrie. Tributes to him through the years have been extensive.

In 1943 during World War II, Woody and a friend joined the Merchant Marines, sailing on liberty ships carrying cargo and troops to Europe. The German U-boats or submarines were roaming the Atlantic Ocean torpedoing the cargo ships as fast as they set sail. Woody with his guitar and harmonica entertained the young troops down in the hold of the ship on their way to the Normandy invasion as acoustic mines were exploding near the ship.

Woody said, "I was in the Merchant Marines, three invasions, torpedoed twice, and carried my guitar every drop of the way."

August 1944 Woody was sent home. March 1945, at age 32, Woody received his induction notice from the draft board. He told the draft board he thought he had served enough and besides, he had a contract to write a book. But the draft board didn't agree, so on May 7, 1945, VE Day in Europe, when Germany surrendered, Woody was inducted into the Army at the age of 32. He was stationed in bases in New Jersey, Illinois and Nevada and finally was discharged on Dec. 20, 1945.

As for insinuations that Woody was a communist — During the 1940s and 1950s many people in government and entertainment were being accused by Sen. Joseph McCarthy. Woody said, "They called me a communist and a wild man and everything you could think of, but I don't care what they call me. I ain't a member of any earthly organization."

Guthrie was born in Okemah, Okla., on July 14, 1912. He lived in Pampa from 1929-1937. Woody learned to play the guitar in Pampa, started writing his first songs in Pampa, married a Pampa girl and had three children here. Woody's wife, Mary Jennings Guthrie Boyle, lives in Las Vegas, Nev., and appreciates the work being done on Pampa's Tribute to Woody. Mary says "thanks" for keeping Woody "alive."

We are requesting that the 300 and 400 block of South Russell be designated "Woody Guthrie Street." Woody and his wife Mary lived at 402 S. Russell. The area has historical significance for that reason, and also that street joins the Highway 60 section designated Woody Guthrie Memorial Highway and is adjacent to the street where

Woody worked in the Harris Drug Store, hopefully to become the Woody Guthrie Museum.

Thelma Bray  
Pampa

## Big thanks to the inmates

To the editor:

Altrusa International Inc. of Pampa was one of many local service organizations, businesses, church groups, clubs and individuals who, over the past few weeks, took lunch to say "Thank you!" to the inmates of the Rufe Jordan Unit for their work on the Celebration of Lights. Ten inmates per day worked like beavers in making wooden gingerbread people and houses, Santas, reindeer, candy canes, lollipops, bells, trees, angels, and trains full of toys and packages to place in public places, parks and around public buildings to create a special Christmas look in our community.

Localities have been impressed by the workmanship of the artistically done outdoor decorations, smiling faces of the Santas and gingerbread people and by the reverence captured in the white lighted angels, all a reflection of the upbeat, warmhearted attitudes of the men who made them. They took on a tremendous task no other local group could do at this time.

We entered the old Bourland Leverich Building on South Barnes with lunch and fruit for an afternoon snack and left with a big chunk of Christmas spirit. We thought we had seen Santa's elves at work.

To Warden White, who loaned the inmates for a community project, guards and inmates, we say a great big public "Thank you!" for getting our first Celebration of Lights off to a grand start.

Altrusa International Inc. of Pampa

## Need for county treasurer?

To the editor:

Several years ago, I became curious as to why Gray County needed both an auditor and a county treasurer. The auditor manages the county finances and initiates the payment of obligations of the county, including the preparation of the payroll. The county treasurer acts as a check to ascertain that the funds spent conform to the Commissioner's Court and the Texas state rules. With the advent of sophisticated computers, the office of county treasurer is no longer needed. The \$79,000 annual cost of this office could be returned to the taxpayers. Further, with the use of an outside auditor, there is little prospect of misuse of county funds.

Martha Whitehead, the Texas state treasurer, was elected, then started action to do away with this department. It was her opinion this department is no longer needed. Ms. Whitehead, certainly, should be in a position to determine the actual need of this department. Perhaps a hundred years ago, before computers, the county treasurer's job was necessary. If the actual activities of the auditor and the treasurer were studied objectively, it would show there is no longer a need for the Gray County treasurer.

Several years ago, "Is there a need for a county treasurer?" was presented to the Gray County commissioners. There was no action taken. I suggest that an objective study be made, by an outside consultant, and the results be made known to the TAXPAYERS. As Mr. Hahn stated in his letter Nov. 19, "Let's pay for only the essentials!"

W.A. Morgan  
Pampa

## Keep truck safety rules

To the editor:

NAFTA — concerning the issue of large trucks from Mexico traversing our highways.

Whether or not you agree with the concept of NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), there is a more important issue at stake here. The issue is the safety of our highways. The current argument is whether or not to force the trucks from Mexico to comply

with current state and federal laws. These laws were passed by our legal representatives and their agents to make the highways of our state as safe as possible to travel over. If these laws are to be effective, then they must apply to everyone who operates a vehicle on our highways regardless of where they originate from.

I have driven in Mexico and can assure you that the majority of the vehicles down there could not pass even the minimal standards that we already comply with. An example of their thinking versus ours is the weight issue. A truck driver in Texas realizes that weight limit restrictions are necessary to insure the integrity of the actual road itself. A truck driver from Mexico operates on the principle of loading everything that a truck can physically hold regardless of the actual weight.

I am not saying that we should discriminate against the trucks from Mexico but am arguing the point that our rules and regulations are in place for many good reasons and everyone should comply with them. Think about whether or not you want unsafe trucks on the same road where you are also driving with your family.

Please let your representatives know your feelings.

William A. Brady  
Pampa

## A 'criminal legal system'

To the editor:

Mr. Lacy's letter in last Sunday's paper, about the looting of the county treasury for the Skinner trial, is an excellent one. We should refer to the judicial handling of criminal matters as a "criminal legal system" instead of a "criminal justice system." Justice is one of its goals, no doubt, but its principal aim is lawyer employment.

G.W. Dingus  
Pampa

## Letters to the editor policy

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

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Poetry, candidate or political endorsements, letters to third parties and "thank you" letters will not be published except at the discretion of the editor, depending on general interest.

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

## Officer honored for negotiating Saldivar's surrender

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Police Sgt. Larry Young has been recognized for his efforts in negotiating the surrender of Yolanda Saldivar, who kept police at bay for nine hours after killing Tejano music star Selena earlier this year.

Excellence in Police Hostage Negotiations.

In addition, his teammates on the Corpus Christi police Hostage Negotiation Team were honored for work during the past year in several standoffs,

including that of Darrell Harvill, who riddled police cars with more than 30 bullets from an automatic assault-style rifle and held his wife hostage for about 20 hours in December 1994.

At a recent conference of the Texas Association of Police Hostage Negotiators, Young, a 36-year-old Corpus Christi patrol officer, was presented the Dr. James L. Greenstone Award for

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## Fearing abduction, American missionaries evacuate camp

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) - A group of American missionaries is evacuating its jungle compound in central Colombia because of fears of abduction by leftist guerrillas, authorities said Saturday.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, which has an estimated 12,000 rebel fighters, kidnapped one member of the Dallas-based Summer Institute of Linguistics last year and have demanded \$3 million dollars.

About 100 families have begun leaving the institute camp in Loma Linda, said Mayor Edgar Orlando Parra of nearby Puerto Lleras. U.S. officials advised the families to move to Bogota, 110 miles northwest, or to other big cities to avoid the danger of

kidnapping, he said.

The U.S. Embassy declined to comment. Telephone calls to institute offices in Bogota and Dallas went unanswered.

The fate of Raymond Rising of Glenwood, Minn., who was abducted near the camp in April 1994, is still unknown.

"We're waiting for a concrete answer of when you'll have the money ready or if you're not going to pay, we'll tell you when and where you can pick up Raymond's body," the rebels said in a September 1994 ransom note.

In a note written from captivity last year, Rising said he was suffering a nerve illness but was being fed three meals a day.

Military intelligence sources said they believe Rising is still alive.

## Panhandle Archeological Society to host Floyd V. Studer Banquet

AMARILLO - The Panhandle Archeological Society will host the 19th annual Floyd V. Studer Banquet on Friday, Dec. 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sunset Convention Center, 3601 W. 15th Ave., Sunset Center, in Amarillo.

The banquet will open with a social, followed by a barbecue plate dinner and program at 7 p.m. There will also be a raffle and auction.

Program will be given by Dr. Michael Collins of Austin, a specialist in paleoanthropology and the peopling of the New World. Dr. Collins will discuss excavations at several paleo-Indian sites in Central Texas.

Collins received his master's degree in anthropology at the University of Texas in 1968 and his doctorate in physical anthro-

pology at the University of Arizona in 1974. He was a faculty member at the University of Kentucky from 1974 to 1982. In 1983-84, he was director of the Museum of the Southwest in Midland.

From 1984 to 1986, Collins worked with Prewitt and Associates in Austin. In 1986, he became a research associate at the Texas Archeological Research Lab, University of Texas, and is the current director.

Reservations are \$12 per person. Payment may be addressed to the Panhandle Archeological Society, P.O. Box 814, Amarillo, TX 79105, or contact Scott Burgan, (806) 355-7763, evenings after 6 p.m.

Deadline for receiving reservations is Tuesday, Nov. 28.

## Nursing entrance test set for Dec. 1

BORGER - The Frank Phillips College Nurse Entrance Test (NET) will be administered on Friday, Dec. 1.

The FPC Vocational Nursing Division is now accepting applications for the 1996-97 academic year. Students must pass all three sections of the TASP test, or be TASP exempt, before acceptance. They must also pass the NET.

The NET is administered monthly on Fridays through March. The non-refundable \$15 test fee may be paid before or up

to the test date. Space is limited; pre-registration is encouraged.

The classroom phase of the nursing program is conducted in Borger. Hospitals and other clinical sites are utilized in Borger, Pampa, Dalhart, Dumas, Perryton and Guymon.

To register or receive an application, call Marilyn Wood, director of the Nursing Division, at (806) 274-5311, Ext. 45, or come directly to Administration Room 36 on the Frank Phillips College campus in Borger.

## Dying patients seek new drugs to give them hope, time

WASHINGTON (AP) - One by one, the dying Americans stood before an impassive panel of doctors and begged for a few more months of life.

"My prayer is to see my only daughter, who's 5 years old, graduate from kindergarten," said Paula Flowers, whose breast cancer had spread to her lungs, bones and eyes.

Dying patients and their families who make this pilgrimage to the Food and Drug Administration call medicines breakthroughs even if they don't cure disease. Just the hope of a slightly prolonged life is enough for them to plead for a drug's approval.

**'My prayer is to see my only daughter, who's 5 years old, graduate from kindergarten.'**  
— Paula Flowers, breast cancer victim

It's a stark acknowledgement that drug companies aren't discovering many magic bullets.

"The nature of drug research is changing," said Gerald Mossinghoff, president of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association.

"With the progress medical research has made against many front-line, acute diseases, research today increasingly focuses on ... the toughest, most resistant to cures."

Some of the most eagerly anticipated drugs awaiting FDA approval today appear only modestly effective.

— Riluzole extended the lives of Lou Gehrig's disease patients by only three months, but it's the first drug ever found at all helpful for the fatal neurological disease.

changes in survival that are very modest," acknowledged FDA drug chief Dr. Robert Temple.

But, he said, "it's hard to say three months' more survival is not a value to people who have a terminal illness. Most people given that option would choose to be treated. Who are we to say no?"

"Sometimes healthy people have the arrogant viewpoint that you are so sick, what are a few months longer?" agreed Dr. Manfred Karobath of Rhone-Poulenc Rorer, maker of riluzole and taxotere. "They are fighting ... and you have to respect that."

The key is ensuring patients don't trade quality of life - suffering more side effects - for a little more time, said Dr. Ronald Keeney of the American Academy of Pharmaceutical Physicians. Patients may have to take a drug for two years just to realize an extra two months of life, he said.

"The hope is these drugs will be used in combination, or used in people a bit healthier, so that you will eventually get significantly more impact," added Diane Blum, executive director of Cancer Care Inc.

And the FDA is pushing companies to study drugs in healthier people instead of resting on an approval to treat the worst cases.

But money is at the heart of this movement toward incrementally better drugs, said Keeney. Each drug costs about \$350 million to develop, and only seven of every 10 that hit the market recoup their development costs. Just one in 10 will be a blockbuster.

So when a drug that appeared to be a breakthrough in the lab proves only slightly helpful to people, its maker faces the dilemma of whether to proceed or cut its losses, Keeney said.

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State briefs

Texas colleges gain in foreign enrollment

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas gained on California and New York last year in the race to enroll the most foreign students in U.S. higher education, according to a new survey.

The Institute of International Education reported that Texas enrolled 28,903 foreign students in 1994-95, up 1,285 from the previous year's 27,618. Top-ranked California lost about 1,000 and second-ranked New York gained about 225.

The institute said the Texas A&M, Texas Southern Methodist, Baylor, Houston, St. Thomas, and Dallas universities and Houston Community College were among the institutions with the most U.S. students studying abroad. It did not rank those students by state.

"Those statistics are important because a two-way flow of international education is essential to this state," said Kenneth Ashworth, Texas' commissioner of higher education.

"After all, students today will operate in a 21st century economy where they'll have to be comfortable dealing with other cultures."

Ailing peso gives merchants the blues

MCALLEN (AP) — Border merchants a bad case of the blues being caused by the ailing peso.

At the upscale Laser Sound electronics shop in La Plaza Mall, sales manager Juan Alvarez remembered nostalgically the days when free-spending Mexican shoppers crowded the store.

"They used to come four or five times a month, and now they come once and they spend almost nothing," Alvarez told the Houston Chronicle, referring to clientele from Monterrey and other northern Mexico cities. "It has been really affecting us. We've lost about 70 percent of our business."

"If the peso is high, the sales are low," Alvarez said.

North American duck population is soaring

DENVER (AP) — Ducks seem to be everywhere this year, so numerous their fall migration jammed air traffic control radar at three Midwest airports.

"It may end tomorrow. But we're on an impressive roll right now," said Dave Sharp of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in Denver.

Two wet years and a federal crop reduction program have helped North America's duck population increase by 30 percent, wildlife officials say.

Ten years ago, wildlife officials estimated North America had 52 million ducks. By 1993 the estimate was 59 million and this year that had risen to 80 million, Sharp said.

He said the main reasons for the population boom are above-average moisture in the prairie pot hole region of the Dakotas and Canada, and the federal Conservation Reserve Program, which pays farmers to take farmland out of production.

"The one thing, without question, was the return of water to the prairies," Sharp said. "If you don't have water, none of the other things matter."

The Conservation Reserve program in the Dakotas and Montana also figured into the equation, improving nest cover so more young could survive.

"Now ... you've got water, cover and fertile feeding areas so you got females that can lay several clutches," Sharp said.

This fall's migratory flight to winter grounds in Mexico and the Texas Gulf Coast was extraordinary.

Waterfowl in Canada and the upper United States "were enjoying a leisurely fall and hadn't moved much into the end of October. Then two real strong cold fronts swept across the country out of Canada," said Jeff Nelson, chief biologist of Ducks Unlimited.

That sent millions of birds on their way south all at once.

On Nov. 2, there were so many birds in the air that they blotted out air traffic control radar systems in Des Moines, Iowa; Omaha, Neb.; and Kansas City, Mo., Nelson said.

"It just jammed them on the order of a couple of hours as the wave went by," he said. No accidents were reported, but some flights were delayed for hours, officials said.

The abundance, however, does not extend to some other waterfowl. The autumn Canada goose hunting season was canceled along parts of the East Coast this year because of a decline in the population of geese migrating from northern Quebec.

According to a report for the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies cited by Sharp, assorted waterfowl in the United States support a \$20 billion annual industry involving hunters, bird watchers and related markets.

New Mexico's governor keeps things running

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Since his election a year ago, New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson hasn't stopped running. Literally.

So far, he's competed in two marathons and more than 30 shorter races, bicycled 500 miles across the state and leaped off a 10,000-foot mountain peak on a hang glider. If that's not enough, he twice attempted a flip from a ski jump training ramp in Utah while attending a governors' conference.

But in carrying out his duties as governor, Johnson says, he's still warming up.

"I am surprised sometimes to find out the power that I do have," says Johnson, 42, a Republican elected in his first bid for elective office.

That hasn't stopped Johnson from flexing his executive muscles and drawing howls of protest from Democrats, as well as some Republicans.

Johnson has: — Vetoed a record 200 bills, nearly half of all passed by the Democratic-controlled Legislature during the 1995 session. He also cut nearly \$50 million in spending.

— So upset lawmakers with his vetoes that a conservative Republican legislator, Rep. Jerry Lee Alwin, called Johnson "a know-it-all dictator."

— Signed gambling compacts with 14 Indian tribes to allow Las Vegas-style casinos on tribal lands, only to have the agreements nullified five months later by the state Supreme Court. Johnson exceeded his powers by signing the agreements without the Legislature's approval, the court concluded.

— Blamed politics for influencing the court's gambling ruling and said the justices use a "chicken bone thing" to make decisions: "They put a bunch of chicken bones in the microwave and take them out and ... there's a certain thing they need to do as the result of the way the bones lie."

— Landed in court again by ordering 2.5 percent reductions in the monthly budget allocations to most state agencies. District attorneys sued, contending only the Legislature can cut the budget. A decision by the Supreme Court is pending.

Johnson's critics not only dis-

agree with his conservative, cut-government philosophy but also criticize the governor's style.

"This guy is a real penny-ante, nickel-and-dime politician claiming to be completely the opposite. He is the worst I've ever seen in terms of cooperation," said Senate President Pro Tem Manny Aragon, an Albuquerque Democrat.



Food For Thought by

Danny Bainum

Lemon lovers of the world rave about a meringue pie with minced lemon peel mixed in the crust, paper-thin slices of lemon laid on the pastry, and rich lemon curd under meringue.

Easy breakfast milkshake puts together a pint of milk or yogurt, a ripe banana and 2 Tbs. maple syrup. Buzz it in the blender.

Cookies are less likely to spread into each other if you chill the dough before baking. What else works: cut the sugar in the recipe a little, or substitute shortening for some of the butter.

Two ways to pit an olive: put it on a work surface with a large knife flat on top and tap your fist on the knife to split it open; or use an inexpensive olive/cherry pitter tool.

Fresh pineapple for dessert is more exciting if you cut it into wedges, loosen fruit, slice it, and leave on the shell. Brush fruit with a butter-and-brown sugar melt and broil 10 to 15 minutes until golden brown.

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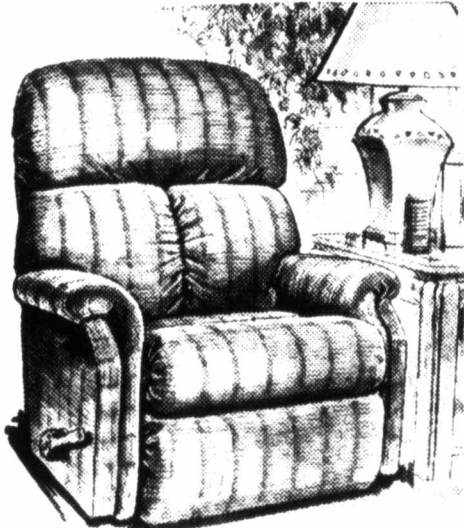
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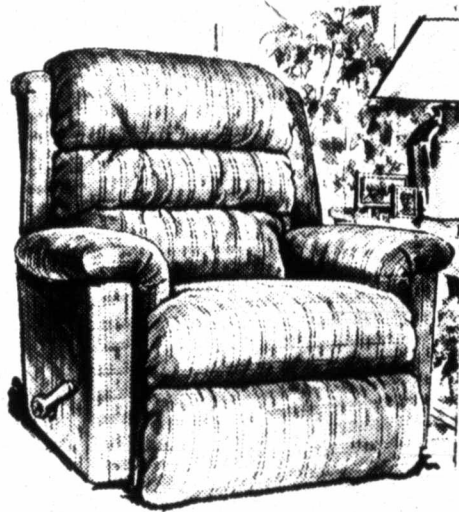
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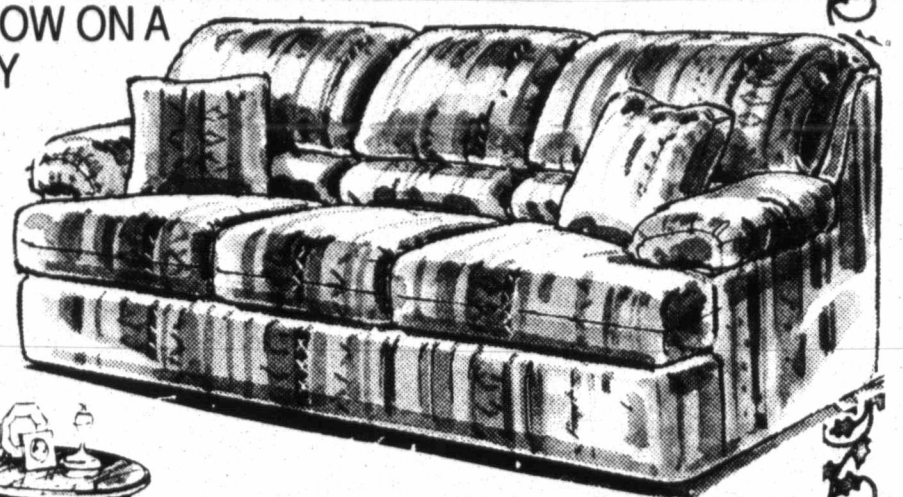
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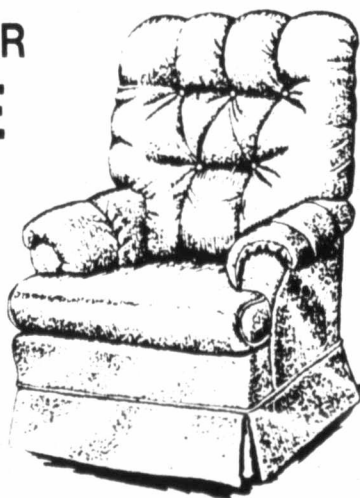
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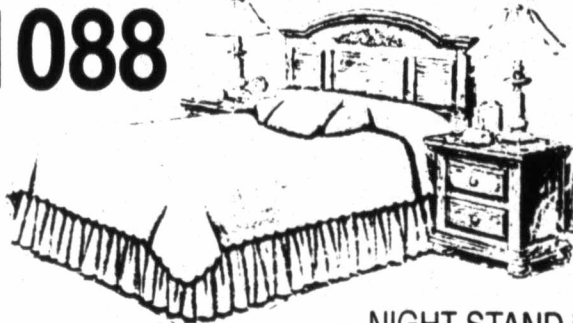
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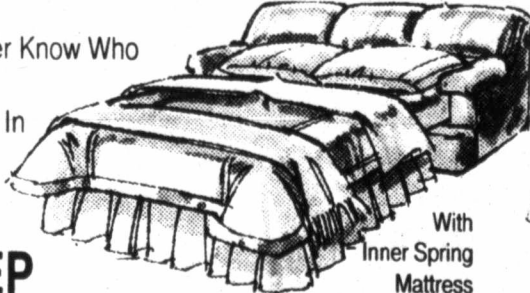
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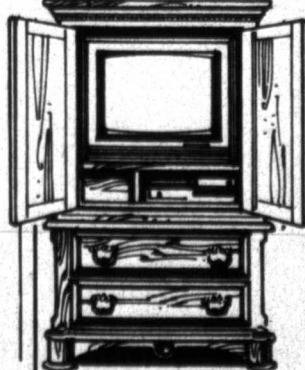
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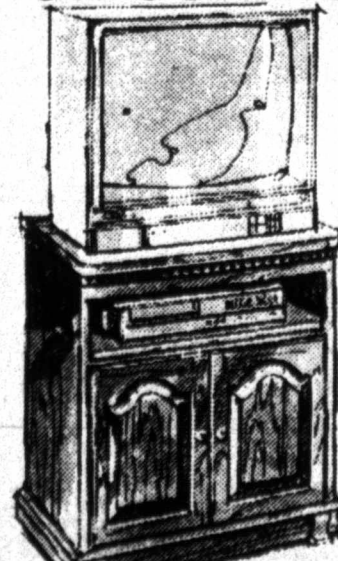
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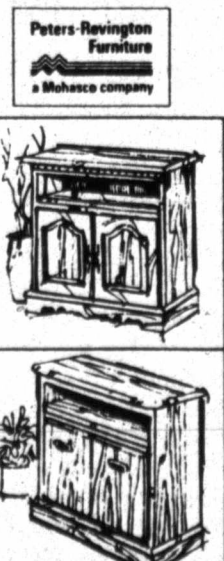
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## Lifestyles



The cast of Central Baptist's Church's "That Night" gathers around the Newborn Baby Jesus. The production is about the life of Jesus Christ and starts from His birth and ends with His resurrection. The show is slated for Dec. 2-5 and begins at 7 p.m. each night.

# That Night

The Music Ministry of Central Baptist Church is set to present "That Night, A Christmas Spectacular," Dec. 2-5 at 7 p.m. each night. The church is located at Starkweather and Browning.

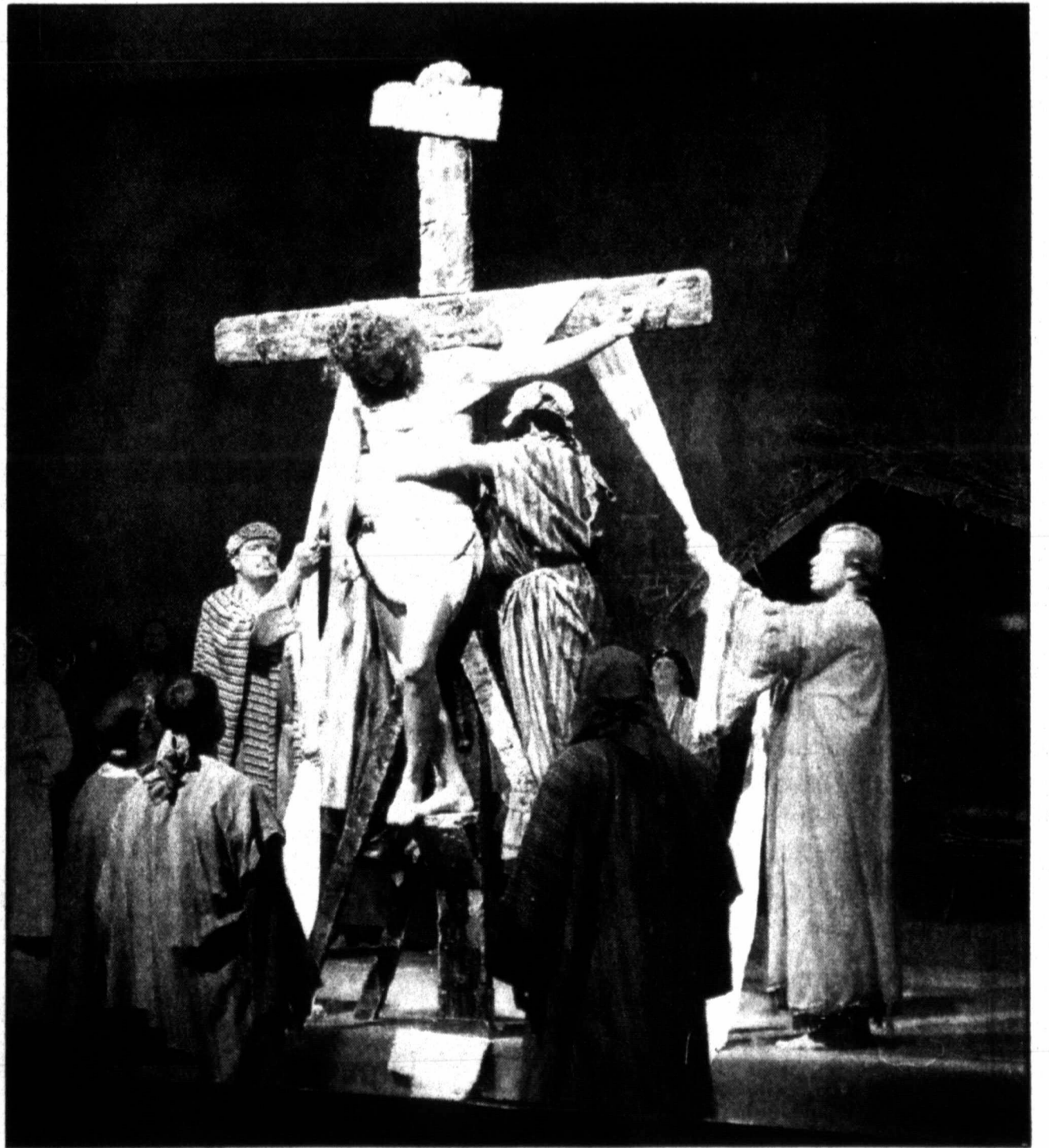
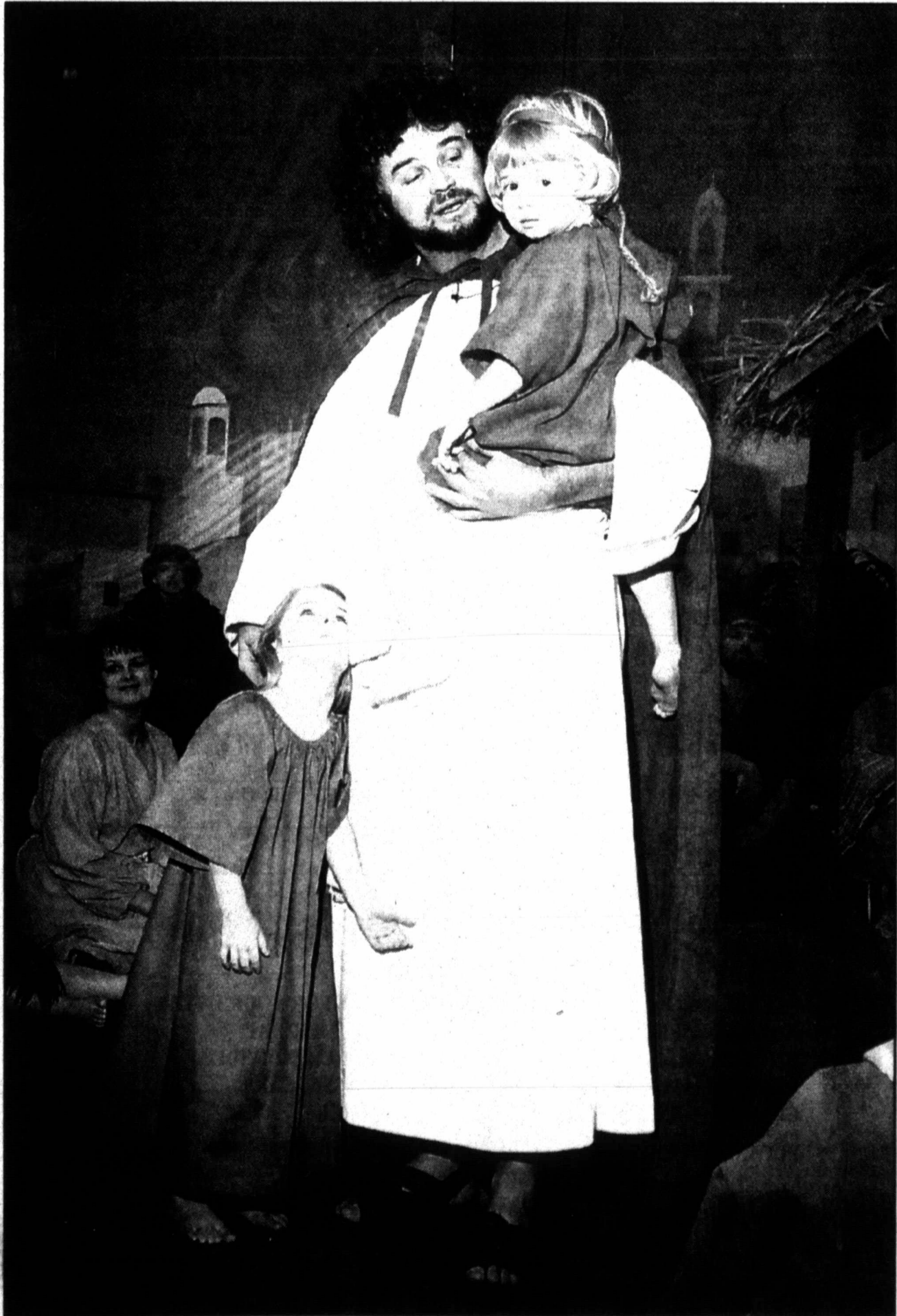
The pageant tells the story of Jesus Christ from His birth to His death to His resurrection.

Starring in the production are Lonnie Shelton as Jesus Christ; Paul Cuellar and Magen Lelune as Baby Jesus; Adam Parks as Boy Jesus; Lisa Mitchell as Mary; and Kevin Howell as Joseph.

For more information on "That Night, A Christmas Spectacular" call 665-1631.

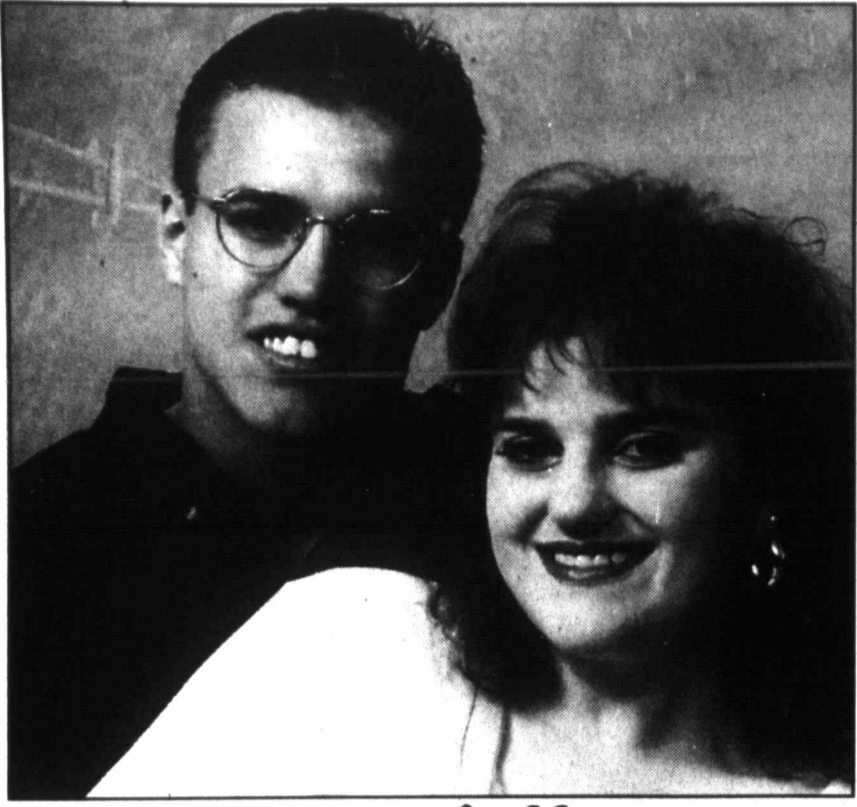


Mary is played by Lisa Mitchell with Kevin Howell portraying Joseph. The part of Baby Jesus is being played by Paul Cuellar and Magen Lelune.



Left: Jesus is portrayed by Lonnie Shelton in the pageant. Above: The crucifixion scene in which Jesus gave his life for all men's sins.

Pampa News layout by Melinda Martinez  
Photos courtesy of Central Baptist Church



## Case-Williams

Kimberly Oddett Case and Marcus Delane Williams, both of Amarillo, plan to marry Dec. 31, 1995, at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Don and Jane Hiles of Amarillo and Patrick Davis Sr., of Dallas.

The prospective groom is the son of Ray and Elva Medley of Amarillo and Ivy Williams of Hammond, La.

She is pursuing a degree in travel and tourism. She plans to work in the airlines industry.

He is a correctional officer at the William P. Clements Unit in Amarillo.



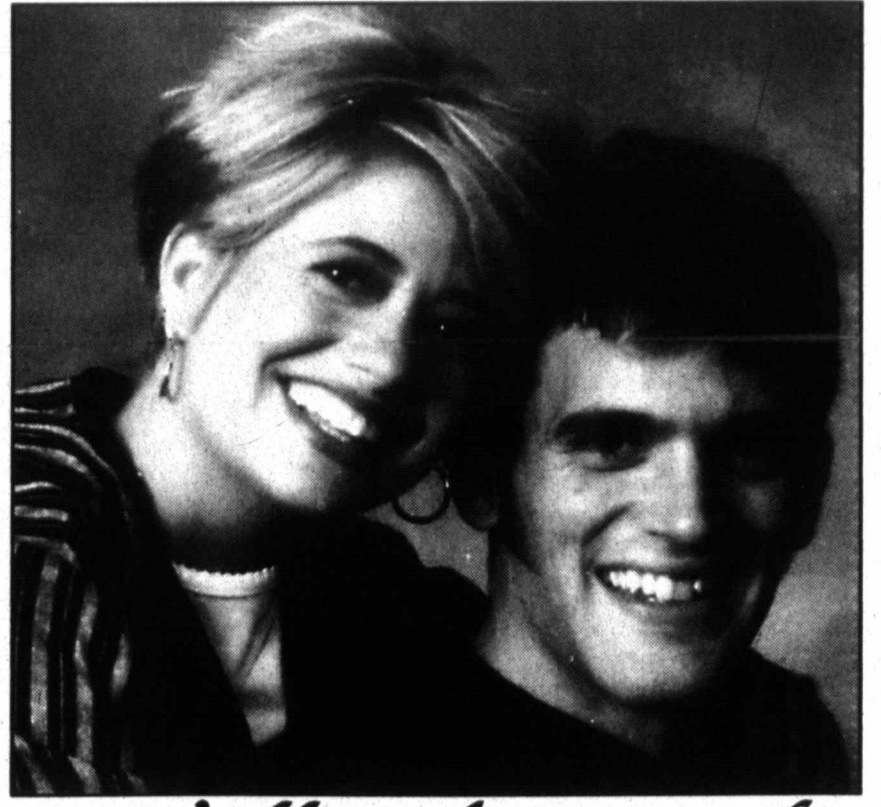
## Reeve

Jack and Katherine Reeve of Pampa celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception and dance Nov. 18, 1995, at the Pampa Country Club. Hosts for the event were the couples' children and grandchildren.

She is the former Katherine Pigford. The Reeves were married Nov. 27, 1945, in Livermore, Calif. They have lived in Pampa for 39 years. Mr. Reeve is retired from IRI International. Mrs. Reeve is a housewife. They are members of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Their children are Rusty and Diane Reeve of Lucas; Randy and Mary Reeve of Amarillo; and Natalie Reeve of Pampa.

The Reeves have four grandchildren.



## Walls-McDaniel

Clara Alicia Walls and David Curtis McDaniel of Lubbock plan to marry Jan. 6, 1996, at Polk Street United Methodist Church in Amarillo. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Walls of Miami and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Walls of Pampa and Billie Clary and the late Charles Clary of Amarillo.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David McDaniel and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Wells of Pampa and Connie McDaniel and the late Dr. Macfield McDaniel of Amarillo, formerly of Pampa.

She is a 1990 graduate of Miami High School. She attended St. Edwards University in Austin and Texas Tech University in Lubbock where she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega and the fashion board. She is employed with St. Mary's Surgical Center in Lubbock.

He is a 1990 graduate of Pampa High School and attended the University of Texas at Austin where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He is a chemistry major at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He is employed with Schnitzle Haus in Lubbock.

# A nickel and dime approach to real life

By MIA B. MOODY  
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas — Allowances are one thing parents and children inevitably fight over.

Children usually want big bucks in exchange for little effort, while parents often want total obedience, cleaning services and perfect grades in exchange for a pittance.

The age-old debate also focuses on how much money children should get at certain ages, how much work they should do to get it and how much of their allowances should be saved.

Parents who include their children in the decision process can provide a learning experience, said Gussie McConnell, a McLennan County extension agent.

"Monies are limited is the most important lesson," she said. "An allowance should cover children's needs and a few wants."

A good allowance system teaches children about the real world on a smaller scale, said Yolanda Lopez, coordinator of the Waco Independent School District's English as a Second Language program.

Nick and Rachel Dahnke, the children Lopez helps raise, get \$1 per grade level, which adds up to \$2 a week for Nick, a first-

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grader, and \$6 a week for Rachel, a sixth-grader.

The two work hard for their money. Nick, 6, must take out the trash, clean his room twice a week and complete his homework assignments. Rachel, 11, must wash dishes, sweep the kitchen, clean her room and get along with her brother.

Lopez believes adults should be realistic about how much money children need for their daily activities.

"Rachel needs more money than Nick because she's older and spends it on movies and other activities," she said. "Nick has fewer expenses and is satisfied with a smaller amount."

Parents should also encourage children to

have a savings account and tithe at church, she said. Rachel and Nick give 10 percent of their allowances to church and put 10 percent in savings.

This helps them understand that even adults don't get the full amount of their paychecks because of taxes and insurance expenses, Lopez said.

To teach responsible behavior, parents should supervise rather than dictate their children's expenditures, McConnell said.

"Children need to learn by mistakes as well as successes," she said. "Adults who have years of experience with finances aren't helping their children by making all of the financial decisions."

Parents should also make sure they are fair to both sons and daughters.

Earlier this year, Beth Peres, an Illinois fourth-grader, protested a gender gap in allowances. After surveying her class, she discovered boys got an average of \$3.18 a week, while girls averaged only \$2.63. Peres' allowance was 50 cents a week.

Peres also discovered boys did only three chores to earn their bucks, while girls had to do up to 12.

Peres' comment in a school editorial, "Is this fair? I don't think so."



## Largin-Weinheimer

Kristen Ann Largin of Amarillo, formerly of Pampa, and Matthew Albert Weinheimer of Lubbock, formerly of Groom, plan to marry Feb. 3, 1996, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jerry Largin of Pampa and Connie Largin of Amarillo.

The groom is the son of Patrick and Maggie Weinheimer of Groom. She is a graduate of Pampa High School. She is employed as a physical therapy technician at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. She attended Amarillo College and plans to complete a degree as a physical therapy assistant.

He is a graduate of Groom High School and received a bachelor's degree in Agronomy from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He was a Fulbright Scholar to Turkey. He plans to complete his master's degree in plant genetics from Purdue University in Indiana in December. He is employed with DeKalb Genetics in Lubbock as a district sales manager.

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## Readers Can't Remain Silent About Subject of School Prayer

DEAR ABBY: To continue the argument concerning prayer in school, and the actions of a school district in firing a principal who violated a rule banning it, I believe the principal should, indeed, have been disciplined, in whatever manner the superintendent and school board saw fit. Not for calling for school prayer per se, but for violating a school ordinance and, in this case, a federal law.

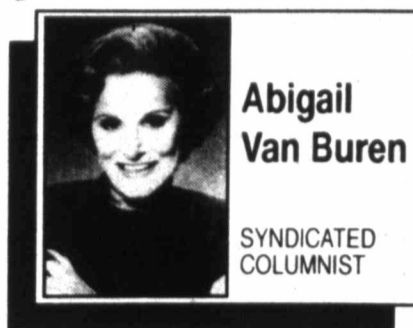
As for prayer in school, I should like to see a few minutes set aside for silent prayer. The word "silent" is important because prayers recited aloud are sure to offend some members of the class whose religions call for a different kind of prayer from the one being recited.

When there is silent prayer, the pupil may or may not pray, as he or she chooses, but has the option of praying without offending anyone and with great satisfaction to him or herself — and, I would venture to guess, the Lord, as well.

CAROLINE K. IN LOS ANGELES

DEAR CAROLINE: I received a flood of mail about my answer regarding the issue of school prayer — some favorable, others critical. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I was appalled by the answer you gave Gary Buchanan of Monson, Mass., concerning the school principal who was fired for allowing prayer in school. You said you sided with the board of education.



**Abigail Van Buren**  
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

I thought you were a citizen concerned with gang violence and all of its innocent victims.

Mr. Buchanan didn't stipulate what type of prayer should be allowed. Perhaps the principal allowed for a moment of silence for all to pray as they saw fit or not to pray, if that was their preference. Not bothering to find out, you arbitrarily sided with the school board. Shame on you, Abby. I thought you were more objective than that. Prayer is preferable to guns and knives, any way you look at it!

This will probably never make your column, but at least I hope you are aware of the poor taste you exhibited.

CHAR LaROQUE,  
LOYAL TACOMA READER

DEAR CHAR: I can think of no one in this country who is not concerned about gang violence and its effect on the innocents caught in the crossfire. But it defies logic to conclude

that the solution to this complex social problem is as simple as a moment of prayer in school.

In conclusion: IF the principal about whom Mr. Buchanan wrote had allowed a moment for all to offer a silent prayer, I'd have had no complaint; however, he still would have violated a federal law.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old male sophomore with mid-length hair that goes every way except where I want it to go. I wet it down and carry a comb, but it dries and curls again within the hour. I have long since given up on the idea of growing long hair.

But the most aggravating part of my problem is my mother. She comes up to me, reaches way up (I'm 6 foot 2 and she's 5 foot 1), grabs a wad of curls and calls me "Curly Top." I have told her it drives me nuts and asked her to stop, but she won't.

Mothers should leave their kids' hair alone as long as it doesn't look like a bird's nest.

DONT MUSS WITH ME

DEAR DON'T MUSS WITH ME: A session with a hairstylist might help you tame your unruly curls. And there are products on the market that can help control your hair — but, alas, not your mother.

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Someone you've helped in the past has never forgotten your kindness. Today, this person might be working on ways to return the favor.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Hope should not be diluted by pessimism today. A negative attitude could limit your possibilities. Dreams can become real if your focus is positive.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** The achievement of an important objective might have a large price tag today. Even if this is true, the ends might not justify the means.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You could be extremely fortunate today when working out arrangements with key people who are in positions to help advance two important plans you have in mind.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** The old saying, "Everything happens for the best," could apply to you today, especially in regard to your material affairs.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Try to be fair when working out arrangements with others today, but use your strengths instead of making unnecessary concessions.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Doing your duty should be your highest priority today. However, what appears to be an obligation, could also provide a hidden opportunity.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Today, certain developments might enable you to efficiently handle a tricky situation. Follow your intuition.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** The harder you work today, the luckier you will become. Dedicate yourself to the situation that will yield the greatest rewards.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** If you've been hoping to get involved with a new social circle, today you may have an opportunity to crack the ice. Make your opening moves.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Take pride in your unselfish nature. Today, this quality will earn the respect of your peers.

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## Horoscope

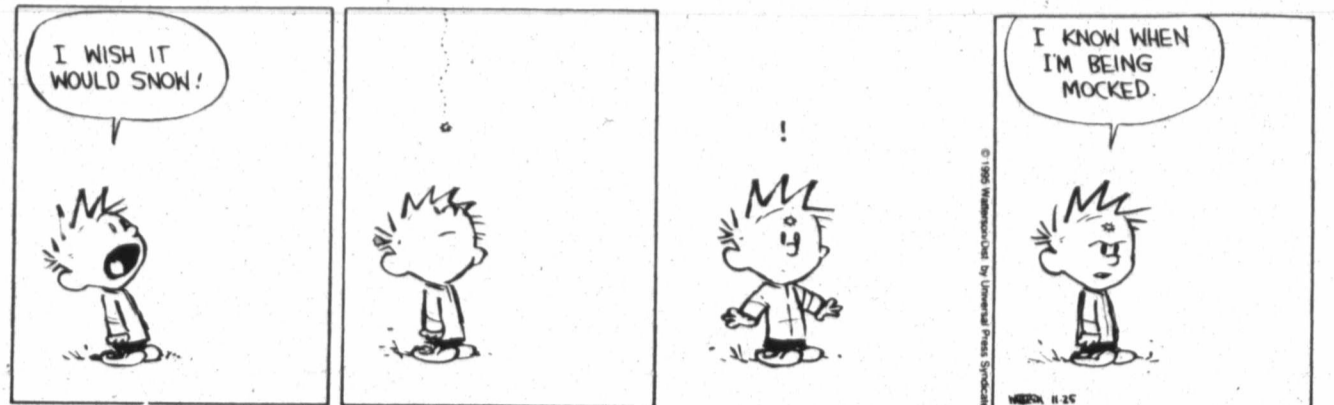


**Your Birthday**

Monday, Nov. 27, 1995

Do not get discouraged in the year ahead if your hopes and expectations are fulfilled slowly. You are on a winning track and you will build momentum.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Ambition and optimism will be compatible components of your psychological attitude today. With these two dynamic factors working for you, outstanding achievements will be possible. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph.



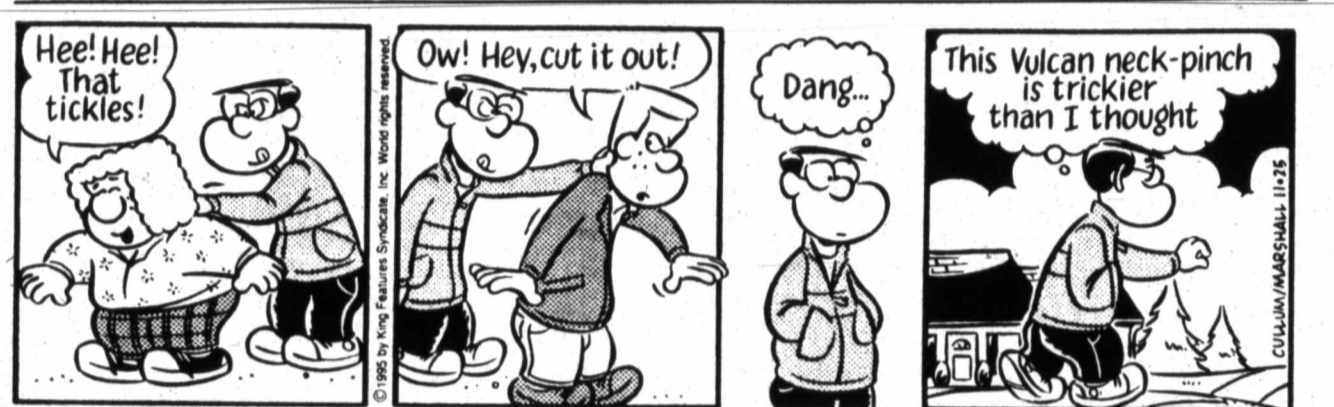
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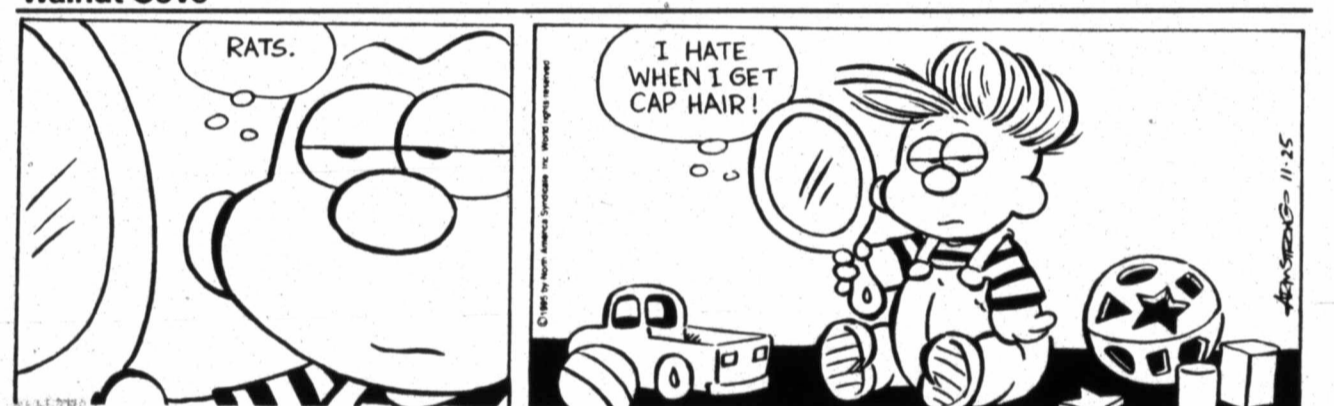
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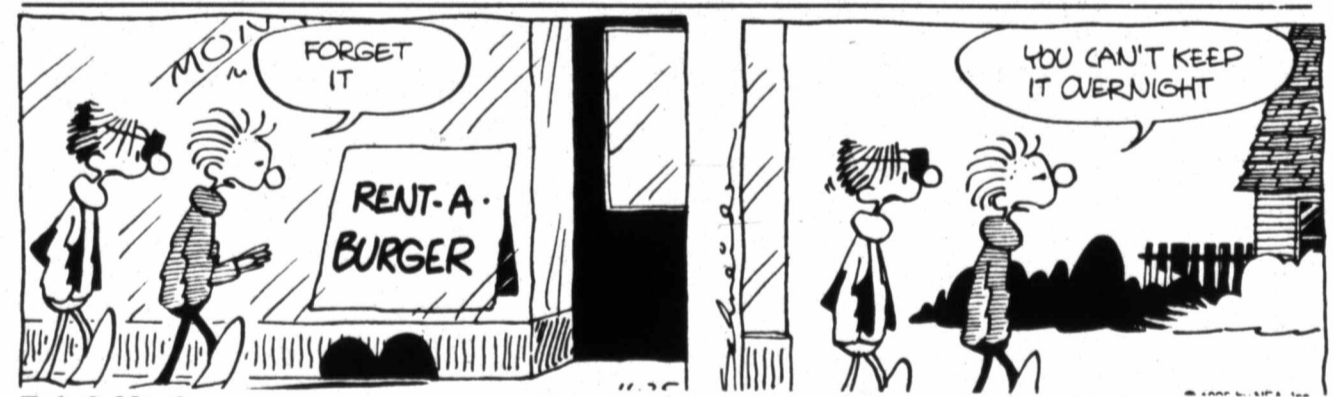
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Eek & Meek



The Bom Loser



Frank And Ernest



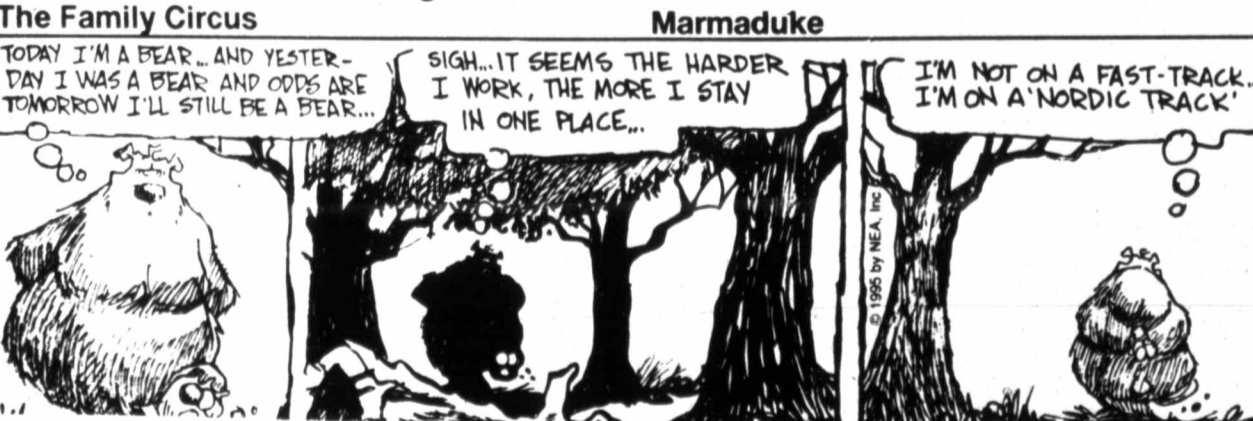
Mallard Filmore



"Is that man's skin wrinkled 'cause he stayed in the bathtub too long?"



"You've got to look quick. The forward pass is somewhere between his nose and his ear."



Grizzwells



Alley Oop



Peanuts

**National Home Care Week  
November 26<sup>th</sup> - December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Home Health  
Care**

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**It Just Makes  
Sense**

**Pampa Regional Home Care is committed to quality health care. Proof of this commitment is our accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. We've been awarded accreditation because we strive to provide the very best possible care, and we've proven it by meeting the Joint Commission's standards for high quality health care.**

- **Skilled Nurses**
- **Certified PICC Line Nurses**
- **Certified Infusion Nurses**
- **Home Health Aides**
- **Physical Therapy**
- **Occupational Therapy**



**Pampa Regional Home Care provides health care in the home. We work closely with the physician to determine the best possible care for the patient. Our mission is to bring quality care to the home where family and friends can be part of the convalescence. Prior hospitalization is not required; however, doctor's orders are necessary to initiate home care.**

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