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Trapped woman assisted by passersby

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews.com

Gary Montgomery and his son James, 11, were putting stuff in their car Friday after shopping at Walmart when James heard a woman crying out, "Oh God! Help! Help!.'

The woman's Hyundai Sonata was parked next to Montgomery's Cadillac, and the woman was trapped between the driver's side door and the car's frame.

The car's engine was running and the woman apparently thought the vehicle was in park when it was actually in drive and moving forward.

The door of the Hyundai struck the bumper of a parked Chevrolet Suburban, causing the woman to be trapped in a space only about six inches wide.

"She was in the next space over, about six or eight feet away," Montgomery said.

"She tried to jump back in to stop it, but the door was pushing in on her," he said. "The door was making contact with the Suburban and came to rest against the Suburban."

Montgomery tried to open the Sonata's passenger door, but the doors were locked.

He opened his trunk, grabbed an air tank and smashed out the window on the Sonata's passenger side to reach the lock, he

He said he apologized to the woman for smashing her win-

"I climbed into the front seat and put it in reverse and backed up the vehicle," he said. "There were other people there who called 911."

James got some blankets from their car and they kept the woman lying down until EMS arrived.

Pampa police, fire and EMS each responded with personnel, but the woman refused medical treatment and drove away after talking with police.

Montgomery said she mainly felt embarrassed.

Montgomery is the husband of Holley Bimson, who works at The Pampa News in the composing department.

Bimson said she was talking TRAPPED cont. on page 3



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare CITIZENS SAVE THE DAY. Gary Montgomery, second from left with black cap, with his 11-year-old son, James, standing to his right, freed a woman trapped by her car door in the Walmart

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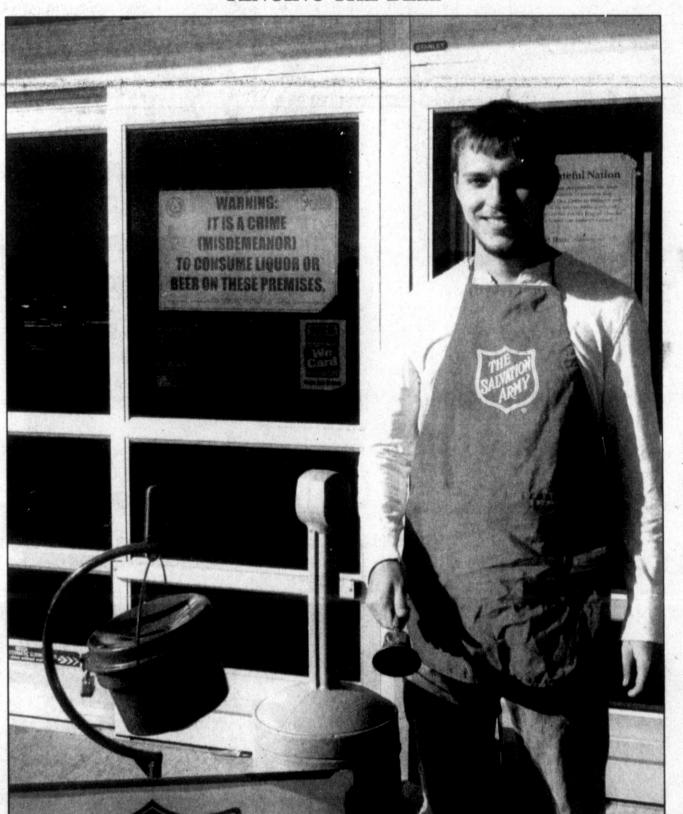


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JERID OXLEY was one of two bell ringers collecting donations Friday at the entrances to Walmart for the Pampa Salvation Army. Each year before Christmas, the Salvation Army places bell ringers in store entrances to collect money from shoppers to help the needy. Oxley said they also ring their bells at United Supermarket. Oxley is employed by the Salvation Army at its thrift store warehouse on Cuyler Street.

2 injured when car, motocycle collide

STAFF REPORT

A crash between a motorcycle and a car Wednesday sent the motorcycle driver and his passenger to hospitals, though neither received life-threatening injuries.

The accident occurred around 5:55 p.m. in the 1300 block of North Hobart Street near CVS Pharmacy.

The vehicle pulled out in front of the motorcycle from an intersecting street and was struck in the front of the hood by the motorcycle, said Sgt. Tobie Bias of the Pampa Police Department.

The male motorcycle driver was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center, while his female passenger was airlifted by LIfeStar to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The driver of the car was not injured, Bias said.

House to consider limited GOP immigration bill

By JIM ABRAMS Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - House Republicans still smarting from their poor showing among Hispanics in the presidential election are planning a vote next week on immigration legislation that would both expand visas for foreign science and technology students and make it easier for those with green cards to bring their immediate families to the U.S.

Republican leaders made it clear after the election that the party was

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PAMPA FORECAST

Low 35

Sunday Monday Today

Today: Sunny with a high of 66. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 19 mph. Sunrise at 7:29 a.m.

Low 32

Low 26

Saturday night: Clear with a low of 35. No. chance of rain. Winds southwest at 13 mph. Sunset at 5:33 p.m.

Sunday: Sunny with a high of 68. No chance of rain. Winds northwest at 1 mph. Sunrise at 7:30 a.m.

Sunday night: Clear with a low of 32. No chance of rain. Winds north northwest at 6 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

Monday: Mostly sunny with a high of 54. No chance of rain. Winds north northwest at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:31 a.m.

Monday night: Clear with a low of 26. No chance of rain. Winds north at 7 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

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Obituaries

Lonnie Vaughn

Lonnie Vaughn, 63, died Nov. 22, 2012 in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the di-

rection of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Vaughn was born Sept. 6, 1949 in Waxahachie.

He had been a resident of Pampa since 1990, moving from Waxahachie. Lonnie worked for Tyler Refrigeration in Waxahachie for 20 years. He was the owner and operator of the Hideaway Lounge in Pampa.

Survivors include two sons: Keith Vaughn and wife com.

Shana of Waxahachie and Lonnie Vaughn of Glenn Heights; a daughter: Suzette Seeton and husband Michael of Red Oak; two brothers: Eddie Vaughn and wife Lanita and Ted Vaughn and wife Mary, all of Maypearl; special friends: Dian Britten and Joe Wright, both of Pampa; five grandchildren, including Ashley and Cody Vaughn of Waxahachie; three great-grandchildren. Lonnie was preceded in death by his parents: Homer and Ima Jean Vaughn; and his stepfather: Kenneth Melton.

Memorials may be offered to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.

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Pampa man arrested for DWI with child under 15, other charges

Thursday by the Pampa lence. Police Department for in-

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Montana restaurant settles over 'carcass' removal' phone book listing

HELENA, Mont. (AP) - A phone book company has settled a lawsuit over its listing a Montana restaurant in the "Animal Carcass Removal" section of the yellow pages.

The terms of the Nov. 16 deal between Dex Media Inc. and Bar 3 Bar-B-Q's parent company were not disclosed in court filings.

The owner of the restaurant with locations in Bozeman and Belgrade sued after the listing first appeared in the 2009 yellow

pages and was reprinted in rant owner Hunter Lacey 2010 and last year in other claimed a Dex salesman print and online telephone directories. The listing was featured

as a joke in Jay Leno's "Headlines" segment of the Tonight Show in January 2011.

Dex has said it was an erroneous listing. Restau-

deliberately published the listing after Lacey refused to buy an advertisement.

Cops: Real estate agent

stole for sale signs

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — A Connecticut real estate agent has been charged with stealing a competitor's for sale signs from the front lawns of area homes.

Police say 54-year-old Robert Toth, of Shelton, was charged Wednesday with third-degree larceny and first-degree criminal trespass.

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ready to get serious about overhauling the nation's dysfunctional immigration system, a top priority for Hispanic communities. Taking up what is called the STEM Jobs Act during the lame-duck session could be seen as a first step in that direction.

The House voted on a STEM bill standing for science, technology, engineering and mathematics — in September, but under a procedure requiring a two-thirds majority. It was defeated, with more than 80 percent of Democrats voting against it, because it offset the increase in visas for high-tech graduates by eliminating another visa program that is available for less-educated foreigners, many from Africa.

Republicans are changing the formula this time by adding a provision long sought by some immigration advocates expanding a program that allows the spouses and minor children of people with permanent residence, or green card, to wait in the United States for their own green cards to be granted.

There are some 80,000 of these familybased green cards allocated every year, but there are currently about 322,000 husbands, wives and children waiting in this category and on average people must wait more than two years to be reunited with their families. In that past that wait could be as long as six years.

The House proposal would allow family members to come to the U.S. one year after they apply for their green cards, but they wouldn't be able to work until they actually got the card. It applies to the families of green card holders who marry after getting their residency permits.

Bruce Morrison, a former Democratic congressman from Connecticut who chaired the House immigration subcommittee and authored a 1990 immigration law, said the bill neither increases the number of green cards nor gives people green cards early. But people "get the most important benefit of being able to live legally in the United States with their spouses.'

Morrison, an immigration policy lobbyist who advocates for groups such as American Families United, called the bill a stepping-stone to more comprehensive immigration reform, That Republicans initiated it "to me is a positive gesture that they want to do business on this subject," he said

Megan Whittemore, spokeswoman for House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., a key proponent of the STEM Act, said the bill is "family friendly, helping spouses and minor children who would otherwise be separated from their families for extended periods of time."

The bill will be taken up this time under normal procedures requiring only a majority vote, and it is almost certain to pass the Republican-led House. It remains to be seen whether it will engender enough Democratic support to give it momentum as it heads to the Democratic-controlled Senate.

It would give 55,000 green cards a year to doctoral and masters graduates in the STEM fields. The measure, strongly backed by U.S. high-tech companies, would make it easier for people trained in the United States to put their skills to work for American companies rather than non-American competitors.

But the legislation would still eliminate the Diversity Visa Lottery Program which gives out a similar 55,000 green cards a year to those from countries, including many in Africa, with traditionally low rates of immigration to the U.S. That prompted the House's Hispanic Caucus, Congressional Black Caucus and Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus to all come out against it in September.

Russian woman keeps hold of dead husband's body

MOSCOW (AP) -Russian authorities say a woman with five children kept her husband's body in their apartment for almost three years after his death.

Prosecutors in the central Yaroslavl region said the unidentified woman, described as a devout Pentecostal Christian with a psychiatric record, was so distraught when her husband died of natural causes in 2009 that she believed he "was bound to resurrect.'

An investigation was opened after the body was found in a dumpster in a plastic bag in July.

The prosecutors' of-fice said Monday that the woman kept the cadaver in a bed in a room of her apartment and asked her children to talk to it and feed it.

The office says two

children decided to dispose of the body when the family moved to another apartment.

Shelter offers Black Friday deal on cats

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — A western Massachusetts animal shelter was getting in on the Black Friday shopping frenzy.

Dakin Pioneer The Valley Humane Society charged just \$5 on Friday to adopt a cat that's at least 6 months old. The normal adoption fee for a cat that age is \$95.

The shelter has facilities in Springfield and Leverett. The \$5 fee includes spay or neuter surgery, micro chipping, vaccination, testing, colr and tag, and a starter kit.

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with her husband on their cell phones when the incident occurred and heard everything, because Montgomery had stuffed the phone into his pocket without disconnecting their call. "I'm glad the woman was all right," Montgomery said.

James said his father's quick response to help the woman was "pretty awesome.'



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Community Calendar

Live music twice a week

Meredith House has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics.

Craft and hobby show

Meredith House is hosting a craft and hobby Show on Wednesday, Nov. 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. If anyone would like to display their talents to the community, please arrive 45 minutes early to set up. Call 806-665-5668 or 806-661-9111 to reserve your booth.

Loss-prevention workshop offered

Just in time for the holiday shopping season, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce is offering a "Stop Shoplifting and Other Retail Safety Tips Seminar" at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30. This seminar will be presented by Officer Stormy McCullar of the Pampa Police Department. RSVP to Lori at the chamber by Wednesday, Nov. 28 with you preference of time by calling 806-669-3241.

Soup with Mrs. Claus

International Altrusa Inc. of Pampa is gearing up for its major fundraiser of the year. Soup with Mrs. Claus, which is fast becoming a Pampa tradition, will be Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. before the annual Christmas parade downtown.

The menu includes homemade potato soup or chili with Fritos or crackers and brownies. The star of the event is "Mrs. Claus," aka Mary Mc-Daniel, the longest serving member of Pampa Altrusa Club. Sheila Winton will take the photos, or parents may bring their own camera. Photos are free, but a donation may be given.

Local artist displaying works

The White Deer Land Museum will have the Pampa Fine Arts Asso-Exhibit open until Dec. 1.

Artist Omajean Lewis will be displaying oils, water colors and photography. The museum is located at 116 S. Cuyler St. and the phone number is 669-

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Tax hike for the rich

If there is still a rule of social decorum that requires one to pause for a seemly period after a man's death before courting his widow,

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ments he made this week, Jindal, the Republican governor of Louisiana

Jindal just

In state-

broke it.

and current chair of the Republican Governors Association, repudiated Mitt Romney and made a bid to lead a new Republican party.

Romney, as everyone now knows, said in a conference call with his big donors that Obama won the election by giving "gifts" to "especially the African-American community, the Hispanic community and young people."

Jindal pounced.
"I absolutely reject that notion," he said. "We have got to stop dividing the American voters ... We need to continue to show how our policies can help every voter out there achieve the Ameri-

can Dream."
Earlier in the week,
Jindal said that Republicans have to "stop being the stupid party."

"We've got to make sure that we are not the party of big business, big banks, big Wall Street bailouts, big corporate loopholes, big anything. We cannot be, we must not be, the party that simply protects the rich so they get to keep their toys."

The Republican Party has a chance right now to start moving in the direction Jindal wants. Obama met with Republican and Democratic leaders at the White House Friday to begin negotiating a deficit reduction package that Congress must pass by the end of the year to avoid the "fiscal cliff."

Obama wants to keep tax rates the same for 98 percent of Americans and increase the top marginal tax rate for the highest earners from 35

percent to 39.6 percent, where it was during the Clinton years.

If the Republicans want to start to shed the image of the rich man's party, they should make sure the Obama tax hike passes.

A few days after the election, Republican pollster Frank Luntz appeared on Fox News and shared the results of a survey that asked voters what groups the Republicans were most interested in helping. The answers looked like this:

REPUBLICANS MOST INTERESTED IN HELPING

—The Wealthy 50 percent

—Big Business 48 percent

—Hardworking Taxpayers 26 percent

—The Middle Class 23 percent —Small Business 18

percent
—Special Interests 17

—Special Interests I percent

—Families 16 percent

—The Poor 3 percent

Republicans will reinforce this image in an unforgettable way if they cling to a historically low tax rate for the rich when the deficit has never been higher and the rich have never been

Bill Kristol, conservative commentator and editor of the Weekly Standard, put it this way: "Really? The Republican Party is going to fall on its sword to defend a bunch of millionaires, half of whom voted Democratic and half of whom live in Hollywood and are hostile to Republican principles?"

We will hear Republican hardliners stick to the argument that a tax hike on the rich will hurt everyone. But it's easier to find evidence against that view than for it.

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A Greener View

Gift books for gardeners

Well here we are again, looking for gift ideas for our favorite gardeners. I know many people will be getting electronic book readers this year, but real, in-your-hands books are still alive and preferred by many gardeners. I have five books for your consideration today.

First up is Jere and Emilee Gettle's "The Heirloom Life Gardener." Across America, there is a movement towards getting back to the earth and growing your own vegetables The Gettle family is ahead of the curve as they have been grow-

etables for generations. Jere started selling heirloom vegetable seeds from his bedroom office as a teenager. Now he owns the Baker Creek Heirloom seed company in Mis-

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souri, the Comstock Seed Company in Connecticut and the Petaluma Seed Bank in California.

This book covers how to grow vegetables in the typical garden and how to grow them in city garden containers and rooftops. There is an A to Z guide on the specifics of growing dozens of vegetable varieties.

Now that you are growing all those vegetables, what do you do with them? Eat them of course. The Gettles wrote "The Baker Creek Vegan Cookbook." You don't have to be vegan to enjoy the recipes. Believe me, the apple pie is just as good no matter what else you had for dinner.

Order both books and the seed catalog at rareseeds.com where you can also order the Heirloom Gardener Magazine.

Another gardening book published this year is the part-historical and part-practical, how-to-grow-

vegetables book, "Vegetable Gardening the Colonial Williamsburg Way." In many respects, gardening hasn't changed from the past and yet, it is constantly being updated. This book looks at the historical gardening methods used on some of the original gardens grown by the colonists and shows how today's gardeners can use the tried-and-true techniques.

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"Bulb Forcing," for both beginners and the seriously smitten, by Art Wolk, is a wonderful book. If you are wondering what to do with all those tulip, daffodil and crocus bulbs you forgot to plant this fall, this book is for you. Art isn't just good at forcing bulbs, he is the master. He doesn't just let the bulbs grow and bloom when they want to. He has them in perfect bloom on a specific day to be judged at a flower show. He won hundreds of ribbons

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After 'Psycho,' a shower of violence in movies

By JAKE COYLE

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — For his first professional acting job, a 22-year-old Anthony Hopkins took a train from South Wales to Manchester. With time to kill on a rainy day, he dropped off his bags and headed to the movies, where a long queue wound outside the cinema.

"It was packed," Hopkins recalls.
"I sat down and I didn't know what
the hell I was in for. I had heard
stories about it. When it got to the
shower scene, I don't think I've
ever been so scared in my life."

The movie was, of course, Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho," a film that 52 years after its shocking premiere still hasn't released audiences from its subversive thrall. The film, which Hitchcock called "a fun picture," was revolutionary in its violence, its sexiness, its sympathy to the perspective of the criminal mind — and, perhaps above all, its technique.

"What if someone really good made a horror picture?" wonders the British director, played by Hopkins, in the new film "Hitchcock."

Directed by Sacha Gervasi, it depicts the making of "Psycho" with a keen focus on Hitchcock's relationship — and profession indebtedness — to his wife Alma Reville (played by Helen Mirren).

It is only the latest example of the undying fascination with "Psycho," a film that ushered in a new darkness in American movies, one with a playful sense of irony toward violence but also a serious treatment of that which had previously been considered mere "schlock." Though Hitchcock made a dozen films that could easily be labeled masterpieces, none seized audiences with the same power as "Psycho."

Made for just \$800,000 at the end of Hitchcock's contract with Paramount (which distributed the film but left Hitchcock to finance it himself), "Psycho," based on Robert Bloch's novel, went on to gross \$32 million — the biggest hit



Actress Janet Leigh screams during the infamous shower scene in Alfred Hitchcock's "Pscyho." Anthony Hopkins will star as Hitchcock in a movie about the legendary horror film director.

of his career. The director famously handed out manuals to theaters with explicit directions not to let anyone in after the movie began. Though most critics dismissed the film then, some finally began to consider Hitchcock an artist of the highest order — most notably Robin Wood, who called "Psycho" "perhaps the most terrifying film ever mode."

most terrifying film ever made."

"We are (taken) forward and
downward into the darkness of
ourselves," wrote Wood. "'Psycho'
begins with the normal and draws
us steadily deeper and deeper into

the abnormal."

That "Psycho" killed off its star

Janet Leigh — after just half an hour was only one of its many unheard of elements. Scenes of Leigh in her underwear were unusual for their time, too, and prompted lengthy negotiations between Hitchcock and the censors. Even a flushing toilet — considered a vulgar sight — had never been seen in such a big movie.

Of course, the infamous shower scene in which Leigh's Marion Crane meets her demise — immediately recognizable from the

"screaming violins" of Bernard Herrmann's score — is the film's piece de resistance. The ruthless slicing wasn't of flesh, but of film: 70 shots in 45 seconds, a perfect marriage of montage and murder. A prop man sounded the scene by knifing casaba melons.

In his book "The Moment of 'Psycho': How Alfred Hitchcock Taught America to Love Murder," the critic David Thomson argues that the influence of "Psycho" is everywhere in movies, including "Bonnie and Clyde," ''Jaws," ''Taxi Driver," many of the films of Stanley Kubrick and even the James Bond movies. "Psycho," Thomson writes, let "the subversive secret out," after which "censorship crumpled like an old lady's parasol."

"It's one of the most influential films ever made," says Thomson. "It's the beginnings of a flood of violence. Violence becomes more acceptable in film. It's a whole new attitude to the criminal personality. It becomes more interesting in a way that had never really operated before. It celebrates the director. (Hitchcock) was taken with a new seriousness after that, and in turn, directors were."

In the famous interviews with French director Francois Truffaut, Hitchcock said he was most interested in "all the technical ingredients that made the audience scream" and hoped that "Psycho" would be "a film that belongs to filmmakers." That's certainly been true, as "Psycho" has inspired perhaps the most obsessive ode in Hollywood history, the near frame-by-frame 1998 remake by Gus Van Sant.

In the every-decade polling done by film magazine Sight & Sound, Hitchcock's "Vertigo" (released two years before "Psycho" to largely negative reviews) earlier this year displaced Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane" as the best film of all time, according to voting critics. Among the directors who have voted for "Psycho" in past Sight & Sound polls is the Australian filmmaker

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Michael Haneke, maybe the only living director who - as proven by his upcoming film "Amour" shares both Hitch-

cock's skillfulness and his attention to audience manipulation through violence. Also among filmmak-

ers who have voted for "Psycho" is Errol Morris who, years after seeing it, pursued an interview with the real-life inspiration for Anthony Perkins' character, the serial killer Ed Gein, at the Central State

Hospital for the Criminally Insane in Wisconsin.

Morris was then a graduate student at U.C. Berkley, but the extensive interviews he did with Gein (he believes the only ever done) helped set Morris on the path that would be his life's work films that might in some way be summarized by a scene in "Psycho" that deeply affected Morris. Near the end of the film, a psychiatrist offers a pat, insufficient explanation of Gein's psychosis,

worst scene." "You feel that all psychological explana-

"arguably Hitchcock's

which Pauline Kael called

tion is defeated," says Morris. "It's the ultimate noir idea, that somehow psychological explanation isn't enough."ock," which is partly based on Stephen Rebello's book, "Alfred Hitchcock and the Making of Psycho," Gervasi imagines the director communicating with Gein. A more complex picture of Hitchcock is also seen

actress, Tippi Hedren. Fearing a negative portrait, the Hitchcock estate didn't allow the use of "Psycho" footage or

in the recent HBO film

"The Girl," which shows

and Hitchcock's alleged

tormenting of his star

the making of "The Birds"

dialogue for "Hitchcock." But the film nevertheless takes pleasure in recreating and imagining the circumstances of making a film that still transfixes that in shrill violin notes, shrieked a revolution.

"It was a point in history where we were going from an idealistic, stylized imagination of what America could be, to this very visceral, brutal, violent period where the president is getting killed and people are getting assassinated," says Gervasi. "Here we are 52 years later talking about the shock of a film. I mean, that's a pretty powerful film."

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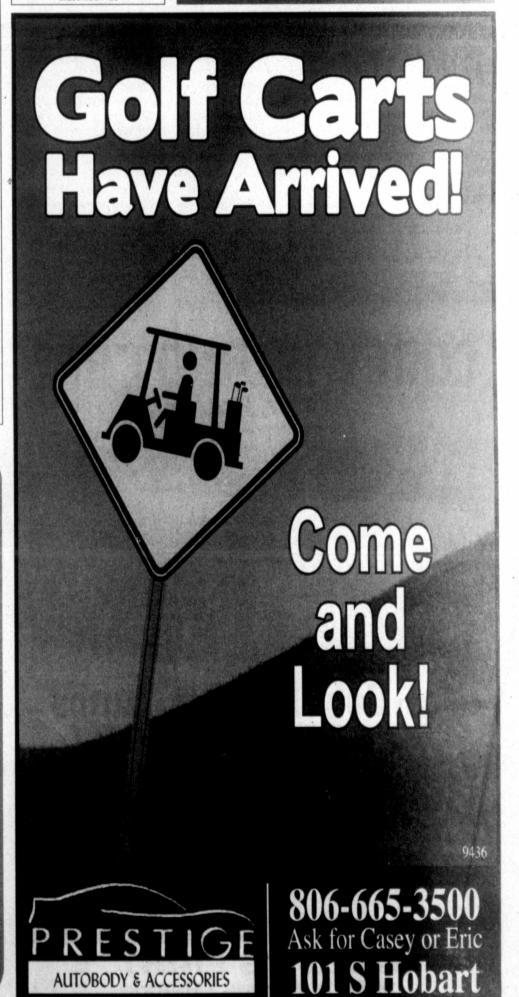
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Weekly Menus

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MONDAY, November 26

Mini corndogs or chicken nuggets, green beans, sliced potatoes, pineapple tidbits, fresh fruit

Breakfast- Breakfast pizza TUESDAY, November 27

Chicken spaghetti or rib b que, baked beans, carrot sticks, fresh fruit juice, garlic toast

Breakfast- Donut, sausage patty

WEDNESDAY, November 28 Fish strips or popcorn chicken, corn, broccoli florets, mixed fruit, fresh fruit, cornbread

Breakfast- Waffle sticks, syrup

THURSDAY, November 29 Soft taco or pizza, refried beans, tossed salad, fresh fruit, juice, Spanish rice

Breakfast- Biscuit, sausage patty

FRIDAY, November 30 Grilled cheese sandwich or hamburger, french fries, blackeyed peas, burger salad, peaches, fresh fruit, fancy gelatin

Breakfast- Cereal, toast

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, November 26

Chicken fried steak or chicken & dumplings, mashed potatoes, beets, spinach, northern beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, carrot cake, cherry creme pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

TUESDAY, November 27

Hamburger steak or glazed chicken breasts/wild rice, Au Grautin potatoes, green beans corn, pinto beans, corn, pinto beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, lemon streusel cake, chocolate pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

WEDNESDAY, November 28

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, boiled cabbage, fried squash, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, marble cake, lemon icebox pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

THURSDAY, November 29

Chicken strips or beef enchiladas, mashed potatoes, Spanish rice, carrots pinto beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, German chocolate cake, butterscotch pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

FRIDAY, November 30

Cod fish filet/hushpuppies or stew, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, brownies, apple pie, fruit cup, garlic breadstick, hot roll, cornbread

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MONDAY, November 26 B.b.q meatballs, potato salad, baked beans, apricots TUESDAY, November 27

Hamloaf, hominy casserole, zucchini/tomatoes, pineapple

WEDNESDAY, November 28 Chicken nuggets, baked potatoes, peas/carrots,

peaches THURSDAY, November 29

Shepherd's pie, corn, pickled beets, Jell-O

FRIDAY, November 30

Chicken breast, bread sticks, green beans, applesauce

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Texas A&M tries for first 10-win season since 1998

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin doesn't have to say much this week to motivate his team.

The ninth-ranked Aggies (9-2, 5-2 SEC) know what's at stake as they aim for their first 10-win season since 1998, and try to break a three-game losing streak to Missouri.

"We're playing a team that no one on this football team has ever beaten," Sumlin said. "It's senior day. That'll be enough to get our attention right there."

Sumlin also knows that his team can't take Missouri (5-6, 2-5) lightly with the Tigers needing a win to become bowl eli-

"Both sides have a lot to play for," Sumlin said. "Last time I checked,

they haven't lost here in a while. I don't think they'll be lacking any confidence at all walking into this place."

Because of a scheduling quirk, Missouri is playing against the Aggies in College Station for the third straight sea-

The Tigers got a 30-9 win in 2010 and escaped with a 38-31 win in overtime last season in the Big 12 before both teams

moved to the Southeastern Conference for this season.

"This has to be a world record, third time going down there," Missouri coach Gary Pinkel joked. "All teams are different. Our players have great respect for A&M and it is a great place to play a football game. That being said, the reason we won those games was because we played well and made plays at the end to win."

The Tigers' big task on Saturday will be trying to contain Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel. The redshirt freshman is second in the nation in total offense with more than 378 yards a game, and the 20.73 points a game he's responsible for are tied for third in the

country. He's the fifth player and first freshman in FBS history to pass for at least 3,000 yards with at least

1,000 yards rushing in a season, and his 4,161 yards are a school record for total offense in a sea-

"He's a very, very impressive player," Pinkel said. "He's athletic, he throws the ball well and he's accurate.

"He can throw off balance, he's creative. When you watch film you wonder how he pulls stuff off but he does. He plays with a lot of confidence.'



Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012:

This year you often feel more dominant. You like and Tonight: At home. honor your routine. If you someone through one of your daily activities. Someone who might become your 22) new sweetie will enter your life when you least expect it. of you will benefit from taking up a new mutual hobby or interest together. TAUchor you, too.

of Day You'll Have: 5-Dy- are. namic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April cretion.

★★★ Be aware of your budget, especially if you feel like Santa Claus right now. You love to express your afalso might choose to join a Your treat.

This Week: Your creativity late surges Monday and Tuesday.

★★★★ Even though you might feel exhausted now, Tonight: All smiles.

work from home, do so. GEMINI (May 21-June

★★★ Use this day of rest as an opportunity to slow down. Perhaps you could make a Christmas list, watch

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for a movie or do some other be taken aback by what 18) type of relaxing activity. A someone demands and by partner comes forward with upcoming expenditures. A stretched to the max. Your a great idea. Let this person situation does not need to work and your day-to-day take the lead; give up the evolve into a power play. life habits become even need to be so controlling.

This Week: Speak your are single, you could meet mind. You will get feedback and have a lot to think about. CANCER (June 21-July

**** Focus on your priorities, and don't let your If you are attached, the two mind spin tales about elusive situations. You might be much happier if you confront an issue sooner rather than RUS wants to stay anchored, later. A dear friend or loved and he or she will try to an- one is driven and makes no The Stars Show the Kind Tonight: Where the crowds

> This Week: Handle a financial discussion with dis- to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Take a stand and know what you want. A boundaries -- both your roommate or family member own and others'; otherwise, can squeeze in some free could test your commitment. fection, and what better time You might be compassionthan the holiday season? You ate at first, but your irritation will increase if this person loved one for some hot choc- does not settle down. You olate. Lose rigidity. Tonight: can accomplish a lot if you are left alone. Tonight: Up

This Week: You own Mon-TAURUS (April 20-May day and Tuesday. People will flock to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Jan. 19) you'll get a burst of energy music emerges, whether creativity to emerge. Underlater today and feel revital- you're at church or just driv- standing will evolve to a new ized. A partner could be in ing. Put on a favorite carol or level if you listen to a friend the mood to take and not two. You might feel weighed or loved one vent. Keep give. Avoid an argument. down by everything, you Just allow this person to see need to get done. Listen to how much you are doing. news with a grain of salt. Everything can change quickly. This Week: If you can Tonight: Choose some mind

This Week: You might be sluggish until Wednesday. we? Then watch out, world.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Deal with one person at a time. You could

You simply can say "no."

Tonight: Dinner for two. Schedule This Week: meetings, stay busy and touch base with others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.

**** Others have much to share. They might not agree with you or your opinions. Don't make this a big deal. Pressure builds around a situation you don't 20) want to be involved in, and the commotion is making it secret of it. Stay easygoing. worse. Tonight: Let someone else handle the tension.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***

pushing Stop people's good will easily time. could change to frustration. If you're feeling out of sorts, confront the issue rather than let yourself act out. Tonight: Make it easy.

This Week: Take an overview and get more facts. Postpone a decision until Wednesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

**** Your love of **** Allow your in mind that this, too, will pass. Use your high energy to pitch in on a project. Realize that several people are involved, so make sure you listen to their suggestions. Tonight: Feeling earthy, are

> This Week: A partner plays an important role in your daily routine.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

★★★★ You are coming from a place of relaxation. You could feel out of sorts because of a family member. Use care when expressing your emotions. Recognize that you may need to verbalize how you're feeling in several different ways in order to have your words heard. Tonight: Happy close to home. This Week: Others seek

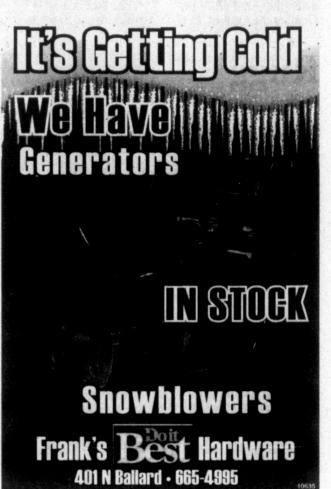
you out. You do not have to

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

★★★★ Speak your mind and understand what is happening on the receiving end. Is this the reaction you de-This Week: You command sire? Realize that you cannot the stage, and others look up control this person, and that you might need to make sure your response is more appropriate. Tonight: Hang out.

This Week: Others command the stage. Now you

BORN TODAY Actress Christina Applegate (1971), singer/songwriter Amy Grant (1960), baseball player Joe DiMaggio (1914)



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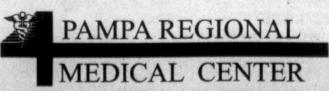
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Review: Gift guide to smaller tablet computers

BY PETER SVENSSON AP Technology Writer

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NEW YORK (AP) -The tablet computer is without a doubt the gift of the season — just like it was last year. But if you resisted the urge in 2011, now is the time to give in. This season's tablets are better all around. Intense competition has kept prices very low, making tablets incredible values compared to smartphones and PCs.

The first step in the buying process is to decide on the size of the tablet. They fall into two rough categories: the full-sized tablet, pioneered by the iPad, and the half-size tablet, epitomized by the Kindle Fire.

Full-sized tablets, which generally have screens measuring about 10 inches on the diagonal, are better for surfing websites designed for PCs, and far better when it comes to displaying magazines and documents. Overall, they go further toward replacing a laptop. They cost \$400 and up.

Half-sized tablets, which have screens measuring roughly 7 inches on the diagonal, are cheaper and lighter, but just as good as full-sized tablets for e-book reading. It's an excellent first computing device for a kid, or a gentle nudge into the digital world for an older adult with little computing experience. This year's crop costs \$199 and up, but last year's models are available for less.

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(See store for complete details)

If you've settled on a small tablet, here are some top choices.

Apple iPad Mini (starts at \$329 for 16 gigabytes of storage) The most expensive of

the small tablets is also the prettiest. Its exquisitely machined metal rim sets it well apart from competing tablets clothed in plastic and rubber. It's also thin and light, despite having a screen that's 40 percent bigger than other "small" tablets. But the quality of the screen doesn't quite measure up to the competition. It has fewer pixels than other small tablets, and they're spread over a larger area, making for a relatively coarse, pixelated look. On the other hand, the Mini has two cameras, front and back, which is a rarity.

Where the Mini really wins is in third-party apps: it's the only small tablet that has access to Apple's App Store, with a superlative selection of high-quality apps. It's an excellent addition to the household that's already hooked on iPhones and full-size iPads. For those not wedded to the "Apple system," the other tablets merit a close look

Amazon Kindle Fire HD (starts at \$199 for 16

gigabytes of storage) A year ago, the Kindle Fire was the plucky, cutrate tablet, the Dodge Neon to the iPad's BMW. This year, the gap in qual-

ity and features has narrowed considerably. The Kindle Fire HD has a better screen than the iPad Mini, and now sports a front-facing camera. The original Kindle Fire had none.

In another nice touch, it has speakers on either side of the screen when it's held horizontally, making for much better stereo sound when you're playing a movie.

The selection of content is narrower than for the iPad, since it's heavily slanted toward Amazon's services. Likewise, the selection of third-party apps is smaller than on the iPad or Google's Nexus 7. But there are enough games to thrill a kid for hours, and like Barnes & Noble's Nook, the Kindle can be configured with a special "kid mode" that shields them from racier content — and from messing up your settings.

The Kindle Fire is especially useful for members of Amazon's Prime shipping service, since they

get access to free streaming movies. On the other hand, anyone could be annoyed by the ads that appear on the lock screen. Getting rid of them costs \$15. There's no option for cellular broadband, so you're limited to Wi-Fi connections.

Barnes & Noble Nook HD (starts at \$199 for 8 gigabytes of stor-

age) Barnes & Noble has paid a lot of attention to the screens on its Nooks. This year, it's clearly outdone the competition, with a screen that packs the pixels tighter than any other small tablet. It's very sharp and colorful, approaching the look of the Retina screen that graces the full-size iPad.

The other strength of the Nook HD is that it has a slot for a memory card, meaning that you can expand the storage space for movies and music by 32 gigabytes for \$25. It's the only tablet in our roundup

with this feature. The downside is that

the Nook HD is less of a general-purpose tablet and more of a consumption device for books and movies. It doesn't have a camera, so it's no good videoconferencing. The selection of apps is the smallest. You'll find big names like "Angry

Birds" here, but there is no depth to the catalog. s also no option for cellular broadband.

Still, the Nook is an excellent choice for avid readers, kids and others who won't be frustrated by the small selection of things like 3-D shoot-em-

up games.

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(See store for complete details)

Google Nexus 7 (starts at \$199 for 16 gigabytes of storage)

Frustrated that Amazon and Barnes & Noble were taking Google's Android software, gutting it and using it to power tablets that don't yield the search giant a red cent in advertising revenue or e-book sales, Google this year launched the first tablet under its own brand.

The Nexus 7 has a power-house processor and a screen similar to that of the Kindle Fire HD.







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No. 18 Texas Longhorns loses 20-18 to Texas Christian University

By JIM VERTUNO AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) ,Äî There was no Thanksgiving magic for Case Mc-Coy this time.

Instead of a late gamewinning rally, there was just a game-killing interception.

Playing in relief of David Ash, McCoy sparked No. 18 Texas to a late 82-yard touchdown down drive then committed the Longhorns' fourth turnover to help TCU put away a 20-13 win Thursday night.

McCoy's scrambling set up the winning field goal in the final game against old rival Texas A&M last year. Texas fans were hoping for a replay from the younger brother for former Longhorns quarterback Colt

McCoy against the Horned

But McCoy's last pass floated across the middle of the field and was easily intercepted by Sam Carter in the final two minutes to seal TCU's biggest win in the Horned Frogs' first sea-

son in the Big 12.

"The ball slipped and floated in the air," McCoy said. "We didn't take care of the ball when we needed to."

Matthew Tucker scored two touchdowns, Jaden Oaberkrom kicked two field goals and TCU's defense forced four turnovers, three by Ash. TCU (7-4, 4-4) dominated the line of scrimmage, running the ball 48 times and passing just 10.

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their own 10 to kill Texas drives and picked up a fumble by Ash to set up Tucker's second touchdown.

"We had to bring the fight to them," TCU safety Jason Verrett said.

Although Texas (8-3, 5-3) has been a Thanksgiving regular since playing its first game on the holiday in 1895, those contests were usually against Texas A&M. But that rivalry broke apart when the Aggies left the Big 12 for the Southeastern Conference after last season.

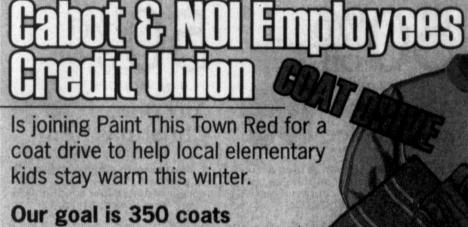
So the Big 12 sent TCU to Austin this year and the Horned Frogs pushed around the Longhorns at the line of scrimmage and harassed Ash into one of the worst games of his career.

A touchdown by Jeremy Hills pulled Texas within a touchdown with just over three minutes left. But after Texas forced the Horned Frogs to punt, Mc-Coy committed the final

turnover.

Texas coach Mack Brown was already preparing for overtime before the turnover.

"Case did a great job, got us back in the game and gave us a chance to win," Brown said. TCU rushed for 217 yards, with a team-high 77 from freshman quarter-back Trevone Boykin, and recorded its first win over a ranked opponent this season. TCU linebacker Kenny Cain had 14 tackles.



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Photo by Barb Amrhein Senior Terra Truitt at a cross country meet earlier this year. Truitt made the Class 3A First Team All-State.

Pampa freshman girls defeat Caprock 32-19

By ZACHARY GREEN

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Pampa's freshman Lady Harvesters hosted the freshman Caprock Lady Longhorns Tuesday night.

The Lady Harvesters started slow and found them-

selves in a 12-4 deficit at the half. After halftime, Pampa played good basketball and was able to outscore Caprock 28-7 to win the game 32-19.

"We started the game really slow. We were down 12-4 at half, but come out after halftime playing some really good ball. We were able to make some quick baskets and get out in the lead and never looked back. The girls played really good offense and defense in the second half. I couldn't be more proud of them for their efforts,' said Pampa Coach Alan Segura.

The leading scorer for the game was Megan Brock with 17 points. Kathlyn Cummins scored 6 points. Cameron Schaub added 4 points. Mackenzie Dull scored 3 points and Kristen Duree scored 2 points.



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- Pampa 7th & 8th girls @ River Road 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
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TUESDAY NOV. 27

- Pampa Varsity girls v. San Jacinto 6:30 p.m.
- Pampa JV girls v. San Jancinto 5 p.m.

No thanks: NHL lockout talks break off again

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Jaymes Hall had a question for NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman about the lockout, which already has wiped out more than a quarter of the regular season: Why not put aside the money in dispute and get back on the ice.

Hall tried to get in his question while Bettman was responding to media members outside the league's Manhattan office. When the commissioner was done, he turned his attention to the 41-year-old fan from Lancaster, Pa.

"When you're dealing with a union that really isn't trying to negotiate, make any deal that we can live with for the long-term health of this game, there isn't much else you can do," Bettman said while the audience came out of the Roundabout Theater next door following a Wednesday matinee.

"And we're hoping that with the passage of time, the players' association will come to realize that what we have proposed has been more than fair. And the fact that we're keeping this proposal on the table, when it was contingent on an 82-game season, should be evidence of our desire to get this done the right

NHL labor talks broke off soon after they resumed Wednesday, with players maintaining their new proposal was a huge economic concession and Bettman pretty much saying the only deal he will agree to is the one management proposed last month.

On the 67th day of the lockout, the sides headed home for Thanksgiving with no end in sight to the sport's fourth work stoppage. The union's negotiating committee planned to brief players and get back in touch with management on Friday.

Informed of Bettman's comments, union head Donald Fehr said, "my response is they seem to consider negotiating to be merely agreeing with them."

"We've identified what's important to players, but they seem to be so far at least unwilling to treat those concerns in a serious way," Fehr said in a telephone interview.

Players made what both sides called a comprehensive proposal. Fehr said the sides were \$182 million apart in a five-year deal, which comes to \$1.2 million annually for each of the

30 teams.

"On the big things there was as of today no reciprocity in any meaningful sense, no movement on the players' share, no movement on salary-arbitration eligibility, no movement on free agency eligibility, no agreement on a pension plan," Fehr said as he left the talks.

Management wants to increase eligibility for free agency to 28 years of age or eight seasons of NHL service, up from 27 years or seven seasons.

Management also proposed adding a year of service for salary arbitration eligibility, hiking it from 1-4 to 2-5 years of service, depending on the age a player signs, a person familiar with the bargaining said. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because that detail wasn't announced.

"There seems to be a lot of spinning and gamesmanship going on," Bettman said.

Winnipeg defenseman Ron Hainsey, among nine players at the bargaining session, said the union was "disappointed with the response."

"There was no meaningful move in our direction on anything that we would consider," he said.

Fehr nearly said players found the day's two bargaining sessions, which totaled 2½ hours, to be a waste of time.





PAMPA'S CIVIC BALLET PRESENTS THE NUTCRACKER

The Pampa Civic Ballet, under the direction of Deanna McGill, will present The Nutcracker Saturday Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Dance Academy of Pampa, by calling 663-9103, and also from dancers or at the door.

The guest artists for this years production are Stephanie Parker, Mark Lanham and Marcos Vasquez. Lacey Bilyeu will play the role of Clara and Ethan Rushing will play the Nutcracker Prince.



DOLLS. Dacie McGill, Adeline Little and Gracie



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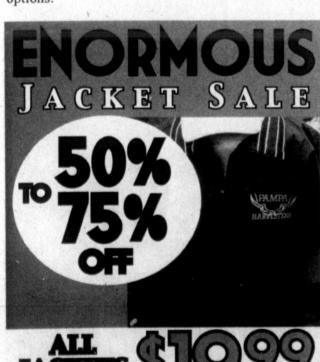
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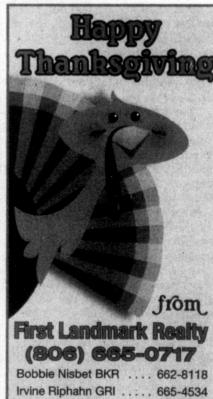
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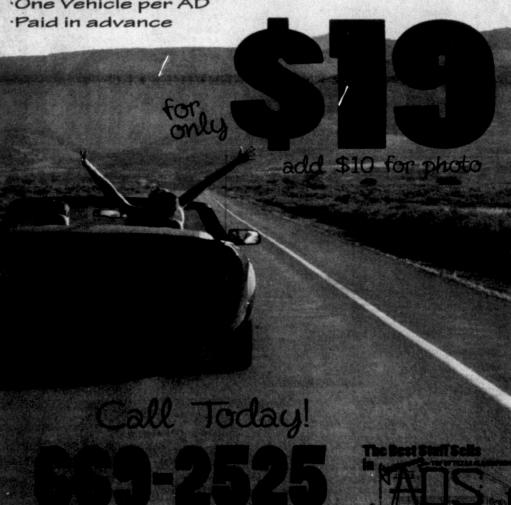
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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

and my boyfriend, "Todd," is almost 18. He wants us grandmother because my mom has a drug problem and my dad was killed when pregnant she won't let me keep it.

A MOM: Before you and DEAR ABBY: I'm 15 Todd rush into this, it is important to consider how you will take care of a to have a baby. I would baby. Babies are not just pletely helpless and A LOT OF WORK.

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a class like this because it shoulders. Another child be spending too much time record and say to everyis important.

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> grandmother is doing DISAPPOINTED her best to raise you, and

can physically and emotionally handle.

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were best friends. Back then, we had so much to talk about. But ever since we tance of you and Todd officially became a couple, there's nothing really to say to each other. We used to talk all day on the phone, and now it's kind of hard to also be prepared to stay have a normal conversation.

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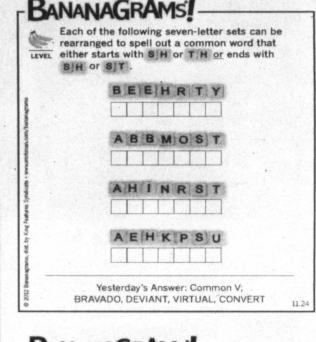
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- WES IN GREENFIELD, DEAR WES: I'm not sure my column appears

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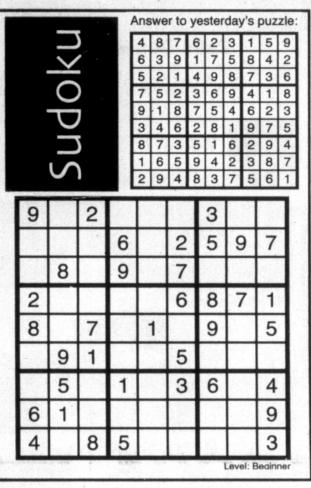


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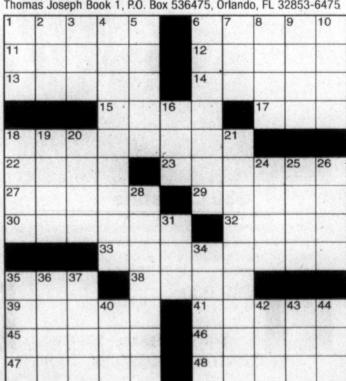
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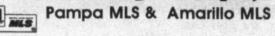
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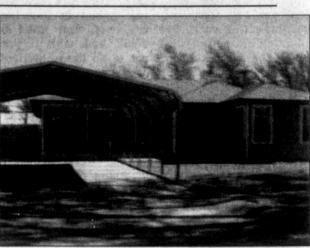
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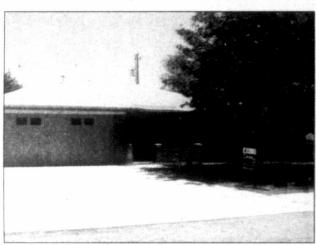
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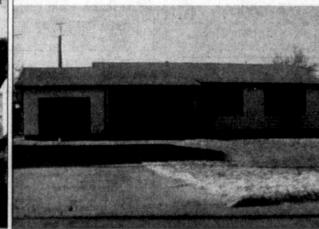
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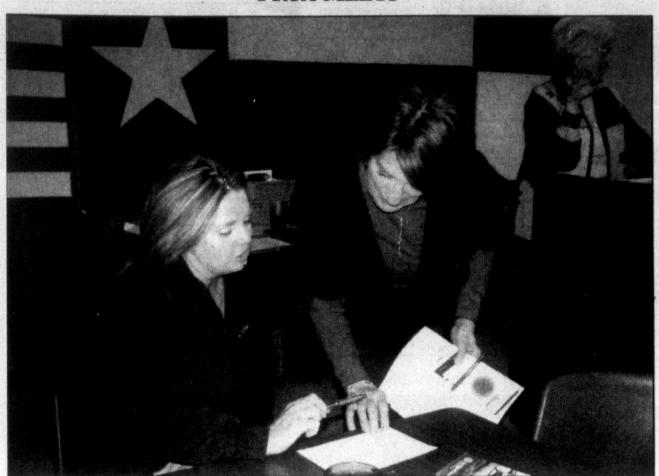


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The Pampa Retired Teachers Association met last week at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center. The guest speaker was Christy Lovelace of AirMedCare, who explained membership for LifeStar's helicopter and plane emergency transport services between hospitals. Lovelace, left, is shown with PRTA president Gaylene Skaggs and member LeeAnn Ammons.

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Doctor: Puerto Rico boxing Camacho is brain dead

By DANICA COTO Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Famed Puerto Rican boxer Hector "Macho" Camacho is clinically brain dead, doctors said Thursday, but family members disagreed on whether to take him off life support and two of the fighter's aunts said later that relatives had agreed to wait two more days.

Dr. Ernesto Torres said doctors had no more medical tests to perform on Camacho, who was shot in the face Tuesday night.

"We have done everything we could," said Torres, who is director of the Centro Medico trauma center in San Juan. "We have to tell the people of Puerto Rico and the entire world that Macho Camacho has died, he is brain dead."

He said at a news conference Thursday morning that Camacho's father indicated he wanted the boxer taken off life support and his organs donated, but other relatives opposed the

"This is a very difficult moment," Torres said.

One of the fighter's aunts, Aida Camacho, said Thursday evening that two of Camacho's sisters had asked to have two more days to spend with him, and other family members had agreed even though they felt it was time to give

tal

"I'm a person of a lot of faith, and I believe in miracles, but science has spoken," she said.

Another aunt, Blanca Camacho, also said the family had agreed to the wishes of the two sisters from New York to hold off on ending life support. But, she added, "There's nothing left here. He's already dead."

Most of Camacho's relatives left the hospital by Thursday night without commenting.

About a dozen people stood vigil outside. One, Orvil Miller, a singer and actor, expressed sadness about Camacho's fate and recalled his admiration for the fighter's flamboyance.

"He had the combination of the skills of a boxer along with a great sense for entertainment," Miller said.

Steve Tannenbaum, a friend and a former boxing agent for Camacho, said

in a phone interview that he idolized Camacho as a

boxer. "He is one of the greatest small fighters that I have ever seen," he said. "Hector Camacho had a legendary status."

Tannenbaum said he initially believed Camacho would survive. "He was almost like the indestructible man. He had so many troubles with the law, so many altercations in his life. It's a great shame.'

The 50-year-old Camacho was shot as he and a friend sat in a Ford Mustang parked outside a bar Tuesday night. Police spokesman Alex Diaz said officers found nine small bags of cocaine in the friend's pocket, and a 10th bag open inside the car. Camacho's friend, identified as 49-year-old Adrian Mojica Moreno, was killed in the attack.

Doctors had initially said Camacho was expected to survive, but his condition worsened and his heart stopped briefly overnight Tuesday, Torres said. The bullet entered his jaw and lodged in his shoulder after tearing through three of four main arteries in his neck, affecting blood flow through his brain, doctors

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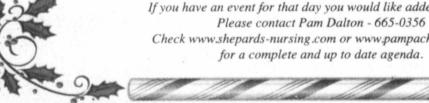
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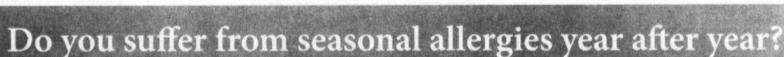
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane 11-24

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Nov. 26, 2012:

This year your life proves to be quite lively. At times, when you think you finally understand someone or a situation, you'll discover that that's not the case. You might even have to go back to square one. Clarity and confirmation will help prevent problems. Others think differently from you, which is why you don't always understand their actions and thoughts. If you are single, you could make quite a fuss until you meet the right person. Do not waste your time with someone who has a tendency to be inappropriate. If you are attached, the two of you need to agree to disagree and learn to respect each other's differences. TAURUS might be too detailoriented for you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** The unexpected occurs, and you might be confused as to what to do. When push comes to shove, a new beginning will become possible. You prevent misunderstandings because you ask questions. You are a serious-minded person. Tonight: Indulge in some fun and easy times

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You seem so optimistic that it might be impossible for anyone to do anything that could be viewed as annoying or difficult. An element of confusion could start to make its way into your plans and conversations. Be sure to clear this up as quickly as possible. Tonight: All smiles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Your ruling planet, Mercury, goes retrograde, which adds an element of confusion to your day. You will see a matter differently as a result. Your words are clear and direct, but you can't comfort someone who is not open to listening. Tonight: Not to be found.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Zero in on why you desire a certain object. You could be more confused about an evolving situation than you realize. A misunderstanding between you and a loved one could be touchy or difficult at best. A meeting proves to be strategic. Tonight: Go with the flow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Take a stand in the midst of a current controversy. Disorder marks your plans and choices. You are serious and well-intentioned, and you know when you

have had enough. When you express different ideas and opinions, you expect to be

heard. Tonight: Set the stage. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Keep reaching out for more Marvin information. You can only handle so much at a time. Get ahead of your normal thoughts, and look at the long-term. Someone might be trying to communicate his or her bottom line, but clarity is lacking. Tonight: Put on some music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ One-on-one relating evolves to a new level, as you realize what is happening behind the scenes. You might want to go for the best end result by setting some limits. Your sixth sense comes out in an important conversation. Tonight: Visit with a loved one over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Defer to others within your immediate circle. Be sensitive to the possibilities surrounding a key relationship. Confusion surrounds you. Listen with a touch of cynicism to discussions about a partnership and your long-term desires. Tonight: Let the party begin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Your easygoing nature allows you to get past a complication; however, the path you decide to take could cause some stress. If you slow down and assess the situation, you might make different choices. Confusion surrounds your decisions. Tonight: Choose something relax-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Go with the unexpected instead of fighting whatever is heading your way. You might be overtired, which could result in an odd reaction from a loved one. Avoid answering a problematic question until you are sure of yourself. Tonight: Enjoy a loved one's company

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** You could be busier than you would like to be, and it might prevent you from heading in the direction you want. Pressure builds in the workplace. Bite the bullet, and get as much done as possible now in order to free up some time for yourself later. Tonight: Head home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Say what you want, but verify that you are understood as you would like to be. It's always easy to misread someone, and even more so right now. Confirm that your words were heard. Ask questions. Do not stand on ceremony with a friend or a loved one. Tonight: Return calls.

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WorldNews

Syrian rebels strengthen hold in country's east

By BARBARA SURK Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian rebels strengthened their hold Thursday on an oil-rich province bordering Iraq, activists said, capturing a key military base that was considered one of the last bastions for President Bashar Assad's loyalists in the strategic region.

The reported fall of the Mayadeen base, along with its stockpiles of artillery, caps a series of advances in Deir el-Zour including last week's seizure of a military airport.

The province borders on western Iraq.

Syria's rebels enjoy strong support with the Sunni tribes of Iraq's west, and many Iraqis with combat experience from their own war are believed to have crossed to fight in their neighbor.

Rebel fighters also say that weapons seized when bases fall have been essential to their transfor-

mation from ragtag brigades into forces capable of challenging Assad's professional army.

Activist groups and a local fighter told The Associated Press the Mayadeen base was taken in the morning hours, after a three-week siege. The fighter spoke on condition of anonymity because of security concerns.

Violence also was reported in opposition strongholds around the capital Damascus and in the northern city of Aleppo, where government aircraft damaged one of the rebels' key field hospitals.

Rebels who have battled government forces for months to control Aleppo, Syria's economic hub, scored a major victory several days ago when they overran the nearby base of the regime's 46th Regiment. The unit was a pillar of the government's Aleppo garrison and its fall cuts a major supply line.

However, the regime

has used its air power to dent rebel gains. Government aircraft late Wednesday flattened a building next to Dar al-Shifa hospital, killing 15 people and badly damaging one of the last remaining sources of medical help for civilians in the city, activists said.

Once a private clinic run by a businessman said to be close to Assad, Dar al-Shifa became a field hospital run by volunteer doctors, nurses and aides united by their opposition to the regime. They gave medical care to both civilians and rebels.

The facility has taken at least six direct shell hits in recent months, mostly affecting the upper floors. The seven-story hospital is only 400 to 500 meters (yards) from the front line in a neighborhood that is heavily shelled every day.

The warplanes turned the building adjacent to the hospital into a pile of rubble and sprayed shrapnel and debris into Dar al-Shifa itself, activists said. Rami Abdul-Rahman, chief of the British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said at least 11 fighters were killed in the raid, in addition to a doctor, a young girl and two children who were on the street.

Another activist group, the Local Coordination Committees, confirmed the bombing and identified the doctor as Mohammad Qassem Agha.

The group said 40 people died in airstrikes in Aleppo on Wednesday, but did not say how many died in the hospital strike.

Videos posted online by activists showed the flattened building. Residents and rebels along with a doctor in green scrubs are seen picking through the rubble and overturned gurneys outside the hospital entrance.

In one video, a man calls out to survivors under the rubble, while one of the survivors is heard crying for help from beneath a huge slab of concrete. In Damascus, two mortar shells struck the upscale neighborhood of Mazzeh during the morning rush hour Thursday. An AP reporter said one of the shells set fire to a six-floor apartment in a residential building, seriously injuring one woman. The second mortar struck and damaged the first floor in a building

Downtown Damascus — the seat of Assad's power — has seen scores of car bombs and mortar attacks in recent months. Mazzeh, home to a number of foreign embassies as well as homes of wealth Syrians, including one exclusive compound housing members of the regime, has been targeted several times in the past

across the street.

"This is a residential area and there are no military bases here. So why are they targeting civilians?" said Nizar Hamdi, a 38-year-old owner of a computer center.

few days.

Syrian TV showed a girl in school uniform who said the mortar fell as she was preparing herself to go out.

"It was terrifying, I couldn't go to school. People were screaming," she said.

The state-run SANA news agency also reported that a car bomb exploded in the Massaken Barzeh district of the capital, wounding another person.

The reports blamed "terrorists" for the attacks, a term the government uses for opposition fighters.

Meanwhile, the military pounded opposition strongholds in the outskirts, activists said. In videos that were posted online by activists Thursday, mortar rounds and artillery shells can be heard landing in the suburb of Daraya.

Plumes of black smoke are seen rising from behind rows of houses in a residential area and a fire engulfs a one of the buildings that was hit.

Congo rebels, military battle over eastern town

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GOMA, Congo (AP)

— Congolese soldiers and rebel fighters battled for hours over the eastern town of Sake on Thursday, forcing thousands of people to flee as the militants seeking to overthrow the government vowed to push forward despite mounting

international pressure.

Meanwhile, the leader of the rebel group known as M23 headed to neighboring Uganda where emergency talks were held this week between the presidents of Congo and its neighbors Uganda and Rwanda.

Fighting broke out Thursday just before noon in the town of Sake, which the rebels had seized Wednesday after capturing the strategic provincial capital of Goma, about 17 miles (27 kilometers)

One woman whose husband had died of mortar shrapnel to the head wailed as she was carried by her relatives out of town.

Rebel spokesman Lt. Col. Vianney Kazarama vowed Thursday that the fighters would press forward toward seizing the strategic eastern town of Bukavu, which would mark the biggest gain in rebel territory in nearly a

The presidents from Congo, Rwanda and Uganda who met in the Ugandan capital of Kampala have called on the fighters to give up the ter-

decade if it were to fall.

ritory they now control. Congolese President Joseph Kabila later said he was willing to talk with rebel representatives.

"We are not stopping at all; the determination is the same. Whatever happens in Kampala does not affect us," Kazarama told The Associated Press, confirming that rebel leader Col. Sultani Makenga was traveling to Uganda.

There are fears that the rebels' advance could spark a new regional war in a highly volatile corner of the world. Already the violence in eastern Congo has forced more than 100,000 people to flee, more than half of whom are children, according to the U.N. chil-

dren's agency.

While the rebels have vowed to overthrow Kabi-

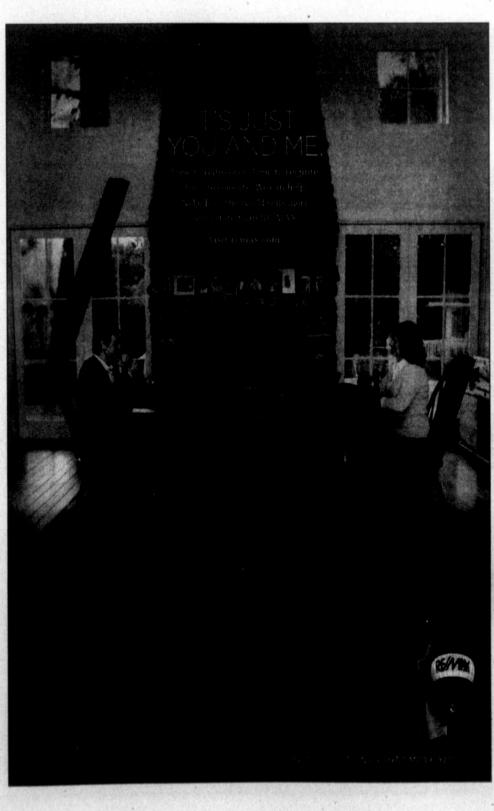
la's government, they remain some 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) from the capital, Kinshasa, in a country of dense jungle

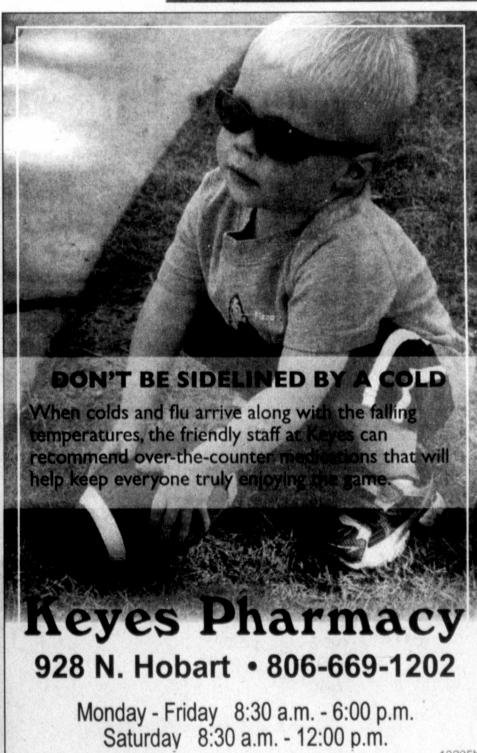
with few paved roads.

Rwanda, and to a lesser extent Uganda, have been accused of backing the rebels and of equipping them with sophisticated arms, including night vision goggles and 120 mm mortars. It is widely believed that Rwanda is interested in eastern Congo's minerals.

A report released Wednesday by the U.N. Group of Experts said both Rwanda and Uganda have "cooperated to support the creation and expansion of the political branch of M23 and have consistently advocated on behalf of the rebels."







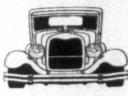
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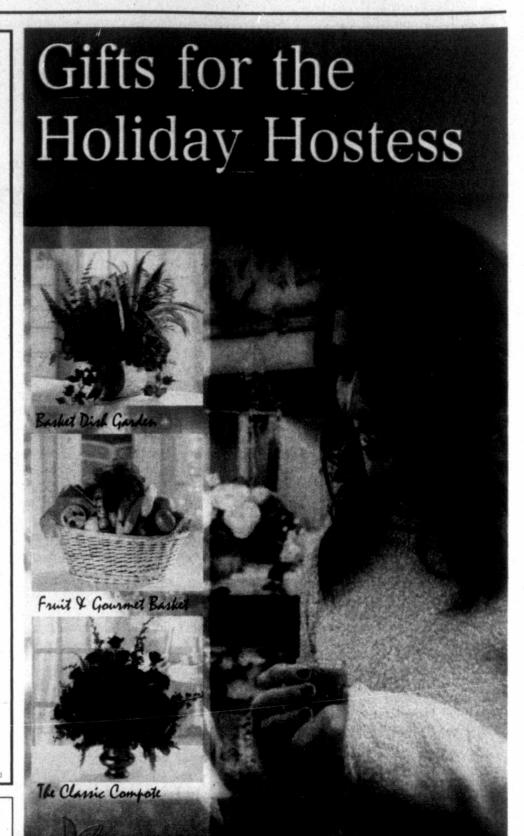
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