



# IOWA PARK LEADER 50¢

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Thursday, December 5, 1996



**EARLY-MORNING FIRE** virtually demolished the home of Dale Williams early Wednesday morning of last week. It was located at 410 West Pecan. Williams, who was in the house with two young men when they noticed the smoke, said he believed

it started in the laundry room. No one was injured in the incident. Iowa Park firemen called Cameron Gardens VFD to assist in extinguishing the blaze.

## Five arrests reported during week

Five arrests were made by Iowa Park police during the past week, three on theft charges and two for driving while intoxicated.

The three theft arrests were filed in less than a three-hour period Tuesday of last week.

A clerk at Coach Video reported two persons had taken some property from that business.

Police went to a residence in the 800 block of Van Horn, and arrested Stephanie Ann Rust, 18, and Timothy Preston Belden, 19.

Two video games and two movies that had been reported as missing were recovered.

The charges against Rust and Belden were filed as "enhanced," due

to both having been convicted of previous charges, according to police.

They were transported to the county jail under \$1,000 bonds each.

Officers were called later that day to Wal-Mart, where an employee, Melissa Ann Mays, 32, was being held by a security agent who filed a theft complaint against her.

Mays reportedly had attempted to leave the building without having paid for some \$100 worth of merchandise, mostly clothing.

She also was transported to the county jail under a \$1,000 bond, and in addition reportedly was barred from the store's premises in the future.

The first of the DWI charges that were filed was at 2:44 a.m. Wednesday, when Allen Wayne Green, 46, was stopped in the 600 block of West Highway.

He was later transported to the county jail.

At 3:02 a.m. Sunday in the 200 block of South Yosemite, officers arrested Joy Denise Kincy, 33, for driving while intoxicated. She also was transported to the jail, according to the police blotter.

Police continue to investigate two other cases, a theft and assault, that were filed last week.

A girl's bicycle was reported Tuesday of last week as having been

taken, and a charge was filed Friday after a male reportedly spit in the face of a female in the 1000 block of Mary Drive.

A woman's purse that had been reported as being stolen Friday in Wichita Falls was found here and turned in at the police station.

The purse was found Sunday afternoon beside the access road at FM 368, but all valuables had been removed, according to police.

Owner of the purse, a Wichita Falls resident, picked it up shortly after being notified.

## Christmas lighting ceremony tonight

The annual Christmas lighting ceremony will be held at 7:00 this evening at the Tom Burnett Memorial Library.

A tradition observed the past several years, the Yule season is officially kicked off with the turning on of the lights at the library.

In addition to Christmas music being provided by the high school

band, Santa Claus will make his appearance and receive each child individually in the gazebo, to hear their Christmas present desires.

Additional entertainment will be provided by students of DancePlus.

The staff of Burnett Library will be providing refreshments to all who wish to visit the facility before and after the ceremony.

## School choirs slate concerts next week

Students of Iowa Park schools will present two evenings of Christmas music next week in the high school auditorium.

The high school choirs will present their annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

There will be three high school choirs: girls' choir, show choir and ACappella choir. Selections will include the "Halleluiah Chorus" from

Handel's Messiah.

Then, at 7 p.m. Thursday, the three junior high school choirs, including Sixth Grade, Girls' Honor and Boys' Honor, will present their Christmas concert.

All three will be combined to perform a musical entitled "The Best Time of the Year." This will feature numerous trios and be very entertaining for the audience.

## Two meetings slated for city's councilmen

Two meetings have been scheduled for the Iowa Park city council, one this evening and another Monday.

Today's called meeting will be held behind closed doors for private consultation with legal council. It is to get underway at 6 p.m.

Subject of the meeting, according to the posted agenda, is "Litigation: Harold Swanson, et al vs. City of Iowa Park, Texas, et al."

Action could be taken when the council returns from its closed session.

Monday's regularly-scheduled meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in council chambers, and is the only sched-

uled meeting planned for December.

Besides approving of minutes of past meetings of both the council and the Planning and Zoning Commission, only three topics are on the preliminary agenda:

- \* public appearance by Ricky Ashton, requesting the city's assistance with his Eagle Scout project;

- \* consider authorizing the city administrator to advertise for bids for construction of water and sewer utilities and streets and drainage facilities in the Phase Two portion of Park Place Addition; and,

- \* review and approve the policy and procedures manual for the police department.

## Olympiad winners announced

Iowa Park High School physical science classes, taught by Darla Biddy, hosted the first Physical Science Olympiad from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday in the high school gymnasium. Over 200 people attended the event.

The Olympiad is an alternative to the traditional Science Fair. The students not only build projects, but they also get to compete against one another.

This year's Olympiad consisted of five competitions: the balsa wood glider, egg car race, catapult competition, egg drop competition, and invention competition.

Students had the option to participate individually, or in teams of up to four. Winners of the five competitions are as follows:

**Balsa Wood Glider Competition:**  
1st - Brandon Brown and Bodie Yarbrough

2nd - Michael Hicks and Jon Selby

3rd - (Two-way tie) Jon Gray and Clint Mathis, and Chad Wright, Mike Noel, Tommy Kingcade, and Jeremiah Love.

### Egg Car Competition:

1st - Christina Stancliff and Shannon Green.

2nd - Mitchell Spruiell and Scott Davis.

3rd - Bobby Fisch, Casey McShan, Amanda Maag, and Michael Winkler.

### Catapult Competition:

1st - Tim Smith.

2nd - Jonathan Clubb, Perry Green, Brandon McLemore, and Matt Strange.

3rd - (Two-way tie) Brandon Brookshire and Barron Monroe, and Eric Justus and Ronny Smith.

### Egg Drop Competition:

1st - Amanda Rhea.

2nd - Laci Walburn.

3rd - Vanessa Hoover, Justin Rushia, and Stephanie Lee.

### Invention Competition:

1st - Wendy Bridwell and Jodi Henderson.

2nd - Robert Antones and Robert Mills.

James Skeeler was master of ceremonies for the event, and Colleen Ellis, Diana Collins, Tim Kasper and Annette Warren were judges. Steven Stratley served as the glider thrower and egg dropper.

Others who assisted during the Olympiad were: Mary Biddy, Susan Biddy, Stephen Biddy, Susan Tigrett, Patricia and Brad Costello, Brenda Hodges, Richard Davis, Lance Largent, Jeff Standard, LaRae Collins, and Louis Perez, as well as many students.

Several local business contributed to the Olympiad by either donating their services or making a gift donation. They include: Coach Video, Wal-Mart, Louis' Jewelers, B&R Thriftway, Sincerely Yours, Ken's Pizza, Movin' Movies, Kathy's Kakes, Otis Spunkmeyer, Dooley's Family Fitness Center, Cindi Swedberg - Swedish Massage Therapy, The Burrito Kitchen, and Itty Biddy Christian Care.



**TODDYEAGER**, junior quarterback for the '96 Hawk football team, was selected the Outstanding Offensive Player of the Year by Dist. 5-3A coaches. A complete listing of the All-District teams are on page 10 of this edition.

## New home boosts total for building

A building permit for a new home was issued in November by city hall, helping boost the month's total to \$119,024.

With yet one more month to report for the calendar year, the total for the year now stands at \$2,613,106.

Permits issued in November included:

Larry Thompson, 601 W. Texas, roofing, \$3,735;  
Freddie Balch, 805 Park Plaza, carport, \$500;  
Ernest Lee, 500 E. Pasadena, carport, \$1,200;  
Brandon Mills, 713 Park Plaza, alteration, \$500;  
Freddie Smith, 1007 Van Horn, alteration, \$1,200;  
Jimmy Wolfe, 110 W. Park, roofing, \$9,000;  
Joe Morton, 102 E. Alameda, siding, \$2,000;  
Terry Morris, 707 N. Wall, siding, \$8,300;  
Dozier Group, 59 Cherokee Trail, new home, \$80,000;  
E.Z. Lakey, 710 E. Bank, storage building, \$189;  
Brian Skillman, 1003 W. Louisa, storage building, \$400;  
Michael McKnight, 404 W. Valley, addition, \$12,000.

## Santa looking for letters

We received a telephone call at the Iowa Park Leader this week from the North Pole, asking for help.

Santa Claus asked that children give him some idea of what they want for Christmas.

Letters to Santa are one of the best ways to let him know what children want for Christmas.

They can be addressed to Santa, either at the North Pole or to Box 430 right here in Iowa Park.





## FRIENDLY DOOR NEWS

**Dance** - Thursday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m. at the Iowa Park RAC. Everyone is welcome.

### Country Christmas

**Jamboree** - Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Sheraton in Wichita Falls. Leave Center at 6:30 p.m. No charge for this, but please sign up for a free ticket. Call 592-9311.

**Choir to sing** - Bradford's Fifth Grade Choir will sing at the Center on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 11 a.m.

### Finger Food Christmas Party

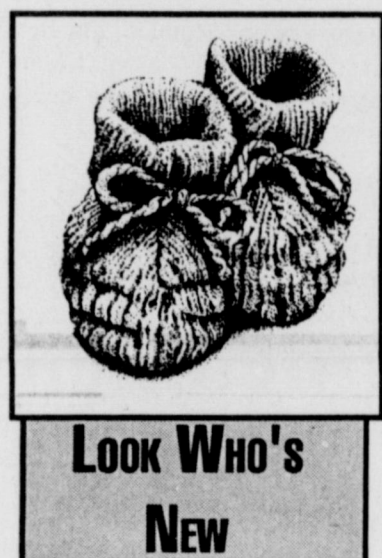
Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Friendly Door. Bring something you can eat with your fingers. It can be snack food, sandwiches, candy, etc. We will eat, party, and have a good time. Bring a friend and come join us. It's finger lickin' good!

### Christmas Dinner

Thursday, Dec. 19. Serve Christmas lunch to everyone who has a ticket. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, Dec. 13. Sorry, money can not be refunded, but you can sell your ticket to someone else who might not have gotten one by the deadline.

### Christmas Holidays

Friendly Door will close early Tuesday, Dec. 24, as soon as lunch is over, about 1:00 p.m. We will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 25, Thursday, Dec. 26, and Friday, Dec. 27. All services will resume as usual on Monday, Dec. 30.



### Parker

Rodney and Lori Parker of Iowa Park are parents of a daughter, Madison D'Lyn, born Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 9:58 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

In addition to her parents, she is welcomed by a sister, Jessica Lauren, 5, and a brother, Ethan Forrest, 3. Also her grandparents, Larry and Norma Dutton of Iowa Park, Robert H. and Wilma Parker of Wichita Falls, her great-grandmothers Essie Dutton of Electra, and Oletha Lance of Jacksonville, Ark.

### Robertson

A son, Coy Jacob Harley, was born Nov. 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Willie R. Robertson of Wichita Falls. He weighed six pounds, 12 ounces. He has a sister, Mysti Jordan, and two brothers, Corey Jordan and Damon Robertson. Mrs. Robertson is the former Tracy Lee of Iowa Park.

Grandparents are Shorty and Juanita Lyons and the late Sue Lee, all of Iowa Park.

### Card of Thanks

No words can say how much we thank everyone for the love and care shown to the boys and I during my Steve's illness and death. God took him, but he left us so many good friends and family to fill a big, empty hole. We love you all.

Susan, Charles, Tim and Shane Perry

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### MENU

#### FRIDAY, DEC. 6

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#### MONDAY, DEC. 9

Cheeseburger, baked beans, pickles, lettuce, tomato, onion, pudding, milk.

#### TUESDAY, DEC. 10

Bar-B-Que brisket, potato salad, cole slaw, hot rolls, cherry cobbler, milk.

#### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

Oven fried steak, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, fresh orange, milk. Jello w/ pear, milk.

#### THURSDAY, DEC. 12

Tossed salad, Parmesan chicken, parsleyed noodles, Brussel sprouts, roll, strawberry cake, milk.



Jimmie Kearsley was selected as I.H.S. resident of the month for November. She has been a resident of I.H.S. since August, 1995. Mrs. Kearsley was born in Booneville, Ark.

## Nativity exhibition Sunday

Christ the King Catholic Church will hold a Nativity Exhibition Sunday, Dec. 8. The public is invited to attend and experience one of the many common links between Christians during this Christmas season.

The exhibit will include nativities from members of the church, their friends, family and members of the community.

The nativities will be as diverse as the cultures, languages and lifestyles of Christians around the world.

The Parish Hall is located at 1008 N. First St., in Iowa Park. The exhibition will be open from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. A donation of \$3 for adults

and \$1 for children will be taken at the door.

A door prize drawing will be held. Proceeds from the exhibition will be used for a college scholarship.

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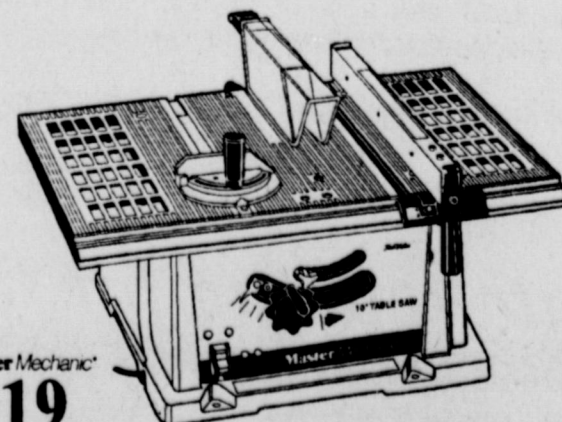
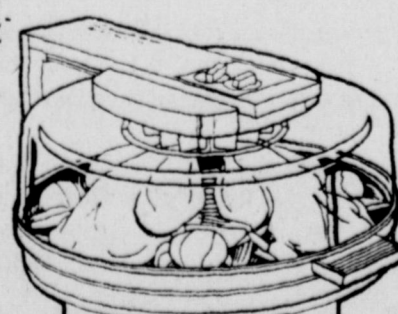
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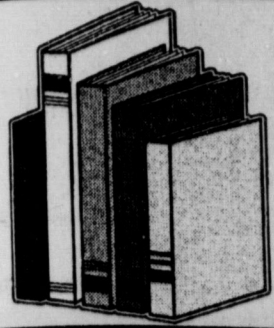
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It's Christmas Again, Charlie Brown  
Sing Along Songs, the Twelve Days of Christmas  
Polar Prowl (really wild animal series)  
Flipper  
Fluke  
Father of the Bride II

### NEW BOOKS

Pure Delights by Stella Cameron  
Legend by Jude Deveraux  
Sacrament by Clive Barker  
Waylon, an Autobiography by Waylon Jennings  
Until the End by Harold Coyle  
Gladly the Cross-Eyed Bear by Ed McBain  
Remember When by Judith McNaught  
Chosen to Live by Jerry Schemmel

### OPEN HOUSE

The library will be observing its annual open house Thursday, Dec. 5 from 6:30-8p.m. Entertainment will be provided and Santa Claus will be in the gazebo to visit with the children. Pictures with Santa will be available for \$1.50. If the weather is too cold, Santa will be upstairs in the library.

### SANTA'S CASTLE

**REGISTRATIONS HAVE ENDED!** We have a total of 703 children registered for this year's program. Because of the super response, we have extended our annual event to four days, instead of one day. We are looking forward to seeing the children Monday, Dec. 9 and 16 and Wednesday, Dec. 11 and 18.

We could still use some volunteers for Dec. 18. The volunteers will be helping escort the children from one area to the next stop, or helping paint their candy canes. Or, perhaps helping Mrs. Claus serve her cookies and drink. If you are interested, please call the library at 592-4981.

### DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK

We will be collecting non-perishable items to help fill the Iowa Park Food Bank. We would ask our patrons to bring in items to fill our donation box, which will be located under the bulletin board. On Friday, Dec. 20, the donations will be taken to the Food Bank. THANK YOU for your donation.

## Couple marry in afternoon ceremony

Shaylar Banks and his bride, the former Kristi Hembree, are making their home in Iowa Park following their marriage and a wedding trip to the Oklahoma City area.

Parents of the couple are James and Deborah Hembree, and Frank and Gwen Banks, all of Iowa Park.

The couple exchanged matrimonial vows Nov. 19 at 3:30 in the afternoon at the Log Cabin in Lucy Park in Wichita Falls.

Rev. Carol Phillips, minister of First Presbyterian Church of Iowa Park, officiated the double ring ceremony.

A simulated altar featured decorations of white roses with black and white bows, bells and balloons.

The bride's parents gave her in marriage. She wore an ivory tea-length dress styled with a V-neck, a sleeveless fitted bodice that was accented with a satin collar and satin covered buttons that formed the front closure.

She carried a cascade bouquet of white roses enhanced with sprays of white pearls.

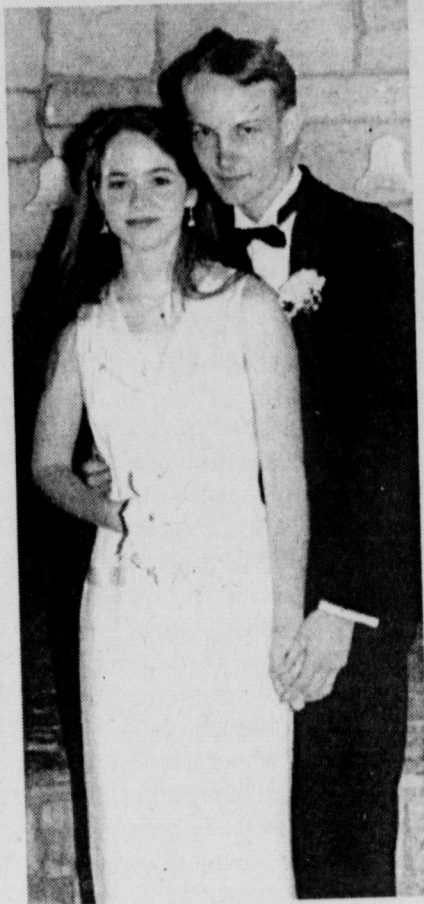
The bride's maid of honor was her sister, Traci Hembree of Iowa Park. She wore an ivory knee length dress with matching jacket. Her bouquet was fashioned of black and white roses.

Steve Curry of Wichita Falls served the groom as best man.

A reception was held at the Log Cabin following the ceremony.

Black and white roses, tiger lilies and black and white wedding bells were used in the decorations.

The three tiered heart-shaped white roses and black petals, and was topped with wedding bells.



Mr. and Mrs. Shaylar Banks (Miss Kristi Hembree)

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- Sam Houston was by a Cherokee chief
- "Remember was a TX war cry
- "Situation all fouled up"
- Aggie kisses his after a score
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- this Earle was Dallas mayor at time of JFK assassination
- TXism: "a fine how do
- military color
- TXism: "pull the fire" (rescue)
- TXism: "if you gotta pay the band"
- "The Great Texas Dynamite"
- San Antonio pianist Samaroff

- Houston Museum of Fine
- state seal has "a star of five
- a of smoke
- "One one Ranger"
- TXism: "mad as-eyed cow"
- "not a lick"
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- "in the year of our Lord" (abbr.)
- Mrs. Connally (init.)
- Ridge North, TX
- Gov. Hubbard (init.)
- TXism: " nicely"
- Santa TX
- muffins" (cow chips)
- Dublin's Dr. Pepper plant uses
- TX Ginger's "Flying Down
- Texas weekend
- Bevo's school
- TXism: "that'll
- Santa TX
- TXism: "spin (lie)
- TX Ginger's "Flying Down

- TXism: "as hard as finding a horse in heaven"
- TXism: "lend a
- Phil Gramm's time on the job (abbr.)
- Cowboy Emmett (init.)
- TX athletes take a test
- TXism: " in the neck"
- wagering numbers at TX race tracks



Winners of our November 29 drawing are:

Jo Ann Gabel  
Hulen Hill  
Ladonna Hill  
Gus Rich

Congratulations!

In observance of the Holiday season, State National Bank will hold four drawings each Friday - November 29 through December 20 - for \$25 gift certificates, redeemable at any of the participating merchants.

Enter the drawing while you are doing your banking. Have a happy and safe holiday season!

Certificates will be redeemable at the following merchants:

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Hughes Pharmacy  
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Jack's Park Pharmacy  
Jenco Feed & Show Supplies  
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# As I See It... By Bob Hamilton



I've heard various stories about how well and how badly some businesses are when it comes to standing behind their sales.

Let me tell you about one that earned my deepest respect.

I received a telephone call Tuesday afternoon. Karl Klements, the Ford dealer in Decatur, was on the other end of the line.

"Hey, Bob," he said. "I got this note from Ford Motor Company that said you had a problem with noise from the air conditioner."

Ford sends out a form after one purchases a new vehicle from one of their dealers, asking all kinds of questions, including how you were treated and if you have any criticism of your vehicle.

I had mentioned that a buzzing noise was emitted whenever I was running my air conditioner and driving into a hard wind.

Karl proceeded to tell me what my problem was, and asked when I was going to bring my station wagon in to have the problem fixed.

"Gosh, Karl," I said. "I don't

know when I'll be able to take the time to do that. Probably some time this spring, I hope."

"Oh, gosh," he responded. "How about I have someone pick it up, fix it, and get it back to you?"

That really took me back. I had never thought anyone would ever go to that much effort on a warranty deal.

He told me he would have someone pick it up Wednesday, leave me a demonstrator to drive, and have it back by Friday.

And sure enough, a man came into the office about 10 a.m. Wednesday, gave me the keys to an F250 diesel pickup truck, and said he would be back either Thursday or Friday.

For the record, I traded in a Taurus wagon I'd been driving 10 years last January for a 1996 model, because I like the way that style of vehicle drives, virtually trouble-free, and its economy.

While I had Karl on the phone, I took the opportunity to ask him when

he was going to open a dealership here.

"If I live long enough," he said.

In case you don't remember, I used this space several months ago to report that Karl wanted to open a dealership here, but his application is tied up in a legal tangle because the dealer in Wichita Falls, Ron Roberts, has protested its approval on the state level.

Karl purchased the former Ford dealership location, next to Wal-Mart, with the intent of doing business here. And I feel sure he eventually will be allowed a franchise to do that.

Oh, I could have easily saved travel and possibly gained convenience by purchasing my vehicle in Wichita Falls. But you better believe that will never happen.

Anybody who causes so much inconvenience to Iowa Park residents because he can't handle competition isn't about to get a penny of my trade.

Oh, Karl also asked while on the phone when we were ever going to get a golf course here.

He keeps up with Iowa Park by subscribing to our paper.

Roberts doesn't.

## WORTH QUOTING

Every once in a while a book comes along that is truly thought-provoking. I have long admired the thinking of Judge Robert Bork. One of the grand tragedies of the past is that Judge Bork was denied a seat on the Supreme Court. His insight, wisdom and original thought would have shaped the future of this country.

Though Judge Bork is not on the Court, he has written a book, entitled "Slouching Toward Gomorrah," which should be required reading for anyone interested in the current political and moral climate in this country. His insight into how America has come to this point in its history is both enlightening and disturbing.

One of the main points Judge Bork makes is that the current problems facing this nation -- teen pregnancy, juvenile violence, lack of morals, loss of community, disregard for religion, etc. -- are rooted in the decade of the 1960s. The seeds that were sown then are reaching maturity now.

The cause was the size of the Baby Boomer generation. Throughout the history of the United States, generations were approximately the same size as those that preceded them. As a result, the previous generation was able to pass the traditions and moral values to the next generation. That socialization is necessary, according to Judge Bork, to keep stability and civilization in society.

That all changed with the Baby Boomer generation. Birth rates were depressed by the Great Depression. Then World War II caused many couples to postpone marriage and children. The result was a huge number of children born between 1946 and 1964. In fact, that generation was twice the size of the group who came before.

It is Judge Bork's contention that the Baby Boomer generation overwhelmed most established American institutions. The public schools and colleges were awash with new students and could not effectively cope with the growth.

Because institutions could not effectively socialize the Baby Boomer generation, Judge Bork maintains that the Baby Boomers developed their own culture. Since there were so many members of that generation, it made an attractive market for the entertainment industry, clothing manufacturers, auto companies and others.

The self-socialization of the Baby Boomers led to a total disregard for established institutions. Why did they need the established culture when they were creating their own?

The adolescent culture produced in the 1960s, the "if it feels good, do it" mentality, is still at work today. The radicals of the 1960s are now college professors, federal planners and activist lawyers today. They have translated that philosophy into policy.

As a member of the Baby Boom generation, I can well see Judge Bork's point. But, I do not share his gloomy prediction of the demise of America.

Many members of the Baby Boom generation were not affected by the philosophy of their peers or have outgrown the adolescent hedonistic traits of their youth. Hopefully, there are enough of us to lead the country to a brighter future.

JIM HUDSON  
Perryton Herald

Yes, I'm tired. For several years I've been blaming it on middle age, iron poor blood, lack of vitamins, air pollution, water pollution, saccharin, obesity, dieting, under-arm odor, yellow wax build-up and a dozen other maladies that make you wonder if life is really worth living.

But now I find out, tain't that. I'm tired because I'm overworked.

The population of this country is 237 million. 104 million are retired. That leaves 133 million to do the work. There are 85 million in school, which leaves 48 million to do the work. Of this total, there are 29 million employed by the federal government.

That leaves 19 million to do the work.

Four million are in the Armed Forces, which leaves 15 million to do the work. Take from that total the 14,800,000 people who work for State and City Government and that leaves 200,000 to do the work. There are 188,000 in hospitals, so that leaves 12,000 to do the work.

Now, there are 11,998 people in prisons. That leaves just two people to do the work. You and me. And you're sitting there reading this.

No wonder I'm tired.  
GARY SMITH  
Hansford County Reporter

## November Weather Roundup

Precipitation	3.07
High Temperature	81
Low Temperature	25
Average Maximum	64.3
Average Minimum	41.5
Average Temperature	52.9
Days 32 degrees or less	4
Clear Days	17
Cloudy Days	11
Total Rainfall to Date	19.54
Days of precipitation: 7th, .38; 16th, .38; 24th, 1.25; 29th, 1.06.	

## SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

### Beat Tax Rush For Social Security Numbers

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## GARDENING HINTS

By MARK TERNING, COUNTY AGENT - HORTICULTURE

The following garden checklist will help you keep up with garden and landscape winter-protection and holiday plant care for the month of December.

### Planting and Plant Care:

\* Remember to water your trees, shrubs and lawn even during the winter if rainfall is not adequate. A monthly deep-watering will help protect plants and turfgrass and reduce potential freeze damage.

\* Use several inches of mulch around bedding plants, trees and shrubs to moderate soil temperatures and conserve moisture. Quality mulches are also an attractive ground cover.

\* Plant tulip and hyacinth bulbs after a 42-day refrigeration treatment. Soil temperatures are about 60 degrees in the area and bulb planting can be completed during the month of December.

\* Install pansies, ornamental kale and cabbage, and other cool-season color plants to replace freeze-damaged summer annuals.

\* Plant container-grown trees, shrubs and groundcovers as well as recommended fruit and pecan trees.

\* Select Poinsettias, Christmas Cactus and other holiday house plants. Place in a bright window away from heater vents or areas with cool drafts of air. Remove foil wraps on containers that inhibit proper drainage. Have plants sleeved at the nursery or florist prior to moving them home and always ship them in a protected area such as inside your vehicle, not in the bed of a pickup.

\* Select fresh-cut Christmas trees. Place tree in a sturdy stand capable of holding water. Always make a fresh cut on the trunk prior to placing in a tree stand. Keep water level above the cut trunk area to reduce needle drying. Place trees away from any heat sources such as fire places, heating vents, etc., to reduce fire hazards.

Living trees which are containerized can also be enjoyed for the holidays and then planted into your home landscape for years of enjoyment. Afghan Pine is a good choice for a living tree.

### Fertilization:

\* Incorporate a quality slow-release nitrogen lawn food in beds prior to planting pansies and other cool-season annuals. Supplement with a water-soluble plant food every six weeks.

\* Have garden soils tested for fertilization needs during winter, so that information is available for Spring gardening. Your county Extension office has soil testing forms and directions. There is a minimal cost for testing procedures.

### Pruning:

\* Remove weakened limbs damaged by high winds and ice in the Texoma region recently. Examine trees carefully, so that limbs which might be damaged by future storms

can be pruned properly now. Large jobs may require the services of a professional tree care company.

\* Prune trees and summer flowering shrubs such as Crapemyrtle to proper shape and size.

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