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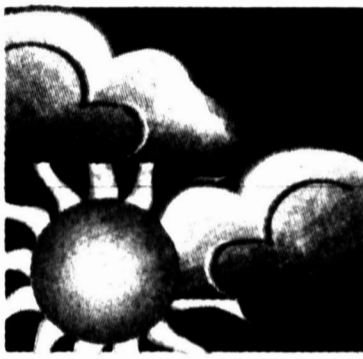
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HOUSTON (AP) — The city of Houston did not racially discriminate against two black employees who sought promotions, a federal jury decided Friday.

After deliberating for six hours, a jury found that Houston's Department of Public Works and Engineering did not deny promotions for the job of senior inspector to Louella Henderson Jones and Herbert Williams III two years ago because of their race.

The case drew wide interest because the plaintiffs wanted the judge to enter into evidence Chief Inspector Dan Pettrash's Confederate flag tattoo.

Lawyers for Jones and Williams told the Houston Chronicle in Saturday's editions that they plan to appeal the verdict because U.S. District Judge Nancy Atlas wouldn't allow them to present the tattoo as evidence of Pettrash's racist beliefs.

Jones and Williams contend that Pettrash, who had hiring authority, made racist remarks and told other employees he wanted a white man to be hired as senior inspector.

A white employee got the job.

Pettrash denied making racial remarks or saying that he didn't want to hire a black employee, according to court documents.

- William L. 'Bill' Arthur, 74, accountant.
- Albert H. 'Red' Morrison, 74, retired Celanese employee.
- Monroe Seitz, 92, farmer, rancher, son of pioneers.
- Arthur Wells, 91, retired teacher, principal.
- Elizabeth White, 89, homemaker.

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Jobless rate rises slightly in December

More people were out of a job in December in Pampa than were in November say the latest state statistics.

The Pampa jobless rate went up from 4.8 percent in November to 5 percent. And in Gray County as a whole the number rose to 5.2 percent from 4.9 percent.

That's more than the Texas unemployment rate which remained 4.2 percent from November to December, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

Translated into people numbers, it means 437 in Pampa were out of work in December compared to 415 in November. In the entire county, including Pampa, 538 had no job in December compared to 511 the previous month.

Statewide the overall jobless rate remained the same, the commission said, although the actual number of unemployed Texans increased by 3,900 over the month.

The increase was unusual because unemployment usually decreases when retailers prepare for the Christmas shopping rush.

The Workforce Commission reported that total employment had previously not fallen between November and December since 1985.

December's jobless rate was unchanged from November and represented the lowest percentage since 1979, the commission said.

The agency said about 9.38 million Texans had jobs last month. Of the state's 27 major urban areas, 22 saw employment rates decline or stay the same. Jobless rates in five other areas increased.

TWC said Bryan-College Station had the lowest unemployment rate, at 1.5 percent. Austin-San Marcos was second with 2 percent, followed by Lubbock with 2.3 percent. Dallas and Fort Worth-Arlington were tied for fourth with 2.8 percent.

McAllen-Edinburg-Mission led the state with the highest unemployment rate of 14.3 percent, while Brownsville-Harlingen was second with 9.3 percent. Third was El Paso at 8 percent.

Gray Grand Jury returns indictments

An aggravated assault, and a BB-gun incident tops the Gray County Grand Jury indictments handed down last week.

Wayne Leon Woodward, 26, 706 N. Zimmers, broke a bottle over the head of a 16-year-old male at 709 N. Zimmers. The resulting injury required 19 staples, District Attorney John Mann said. Woodward was indicted on the charge of aggravated assault. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Juan Manuel Estrada, 17, 1109 Sandlewood, is accused of firing a BB-gun at a 13-year-old female. The BB entered her lip and broke a tooth. Estrada was indicted on the charge of injury to a child. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Other indictments returned include the following: Justin David Sober, 23 Canyon, was indicted on the charge of driving while intoxicated subsequent offense. Bond was denied.

Tashia Deleoris Wilson, 21, 1164 S. Varnon, was indicted on the charge of delivery of a controlled substance. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Cornell L. Evans, 21, 1164 S. Varnon, was indicted on the charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Terry Glenn Honeycutt, 31, 1809 Coffee, was indicted on the charge of possession of a controlled substance. Bond was set at \$4,000.

School calendar meeting Monday at middle school

Next year's school calendar will be the topic of a public meeting Monday night at 7 in the Pampa Middle School library.

Dr. Dawson Orr, PISD superintendent, said it is time for the district to begin developing a calendar for later presentation to the school board.

Orr said many factors over the years have influenced changes in the school calendar and said there is no doubt the earlier start has impacted family vacations, summer camps, recreational activities, church mission trips and other events. It's also true, he said, that changing to a later start will impact other practices and plans that have been important to others.

Headin' home ...



(Pampa News photo by Keith Anderson)
Dustin Herrera hitchhikes a ride home from school with Patrick Nichols who shields his face from the cold weather. It should warm up a bit today with the high maybe making it to 50.

Sex offender law wording creates some confusion

By KEITH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

The wording of a new sex offender registration law recently caused the Lefors ISD and the Pampa ISD some confusion.

At a school board meeting, Lefors ISD Superintendent Allen Law told the board that law enforcement personnel must now inform a school district if the victim of a sexual offense will attend a district school.

Law was reading a policy update from the Texas Association of School Boards.

Dawson Orr, Superintendent of Pampa ISD, also interpreted the new law as intending that the victim of a sexual offense be made known to school officials.

"This law provides critical information to appropriate school personnel. The information would be used to provide services and support

to the student," Orr said. TASB disagreed with the superintendents' interpretation of their update.

"There's no reference to reporting of victims, it is strictly reporting of registered sexual offenders by law enforcement to the districts," TASB Public Information Officer Barbara Williams said.

The new law, 62.03(e) of the *Code of Criminal Procedure*, reads as follows: If the victim is a child younger than 17 years of age or the person subject to registration is 17 years of age or older and a student enrolled in a public or private secondary school, regardless of the basis on which the person is subject to registration, the authority shall immediately provide notice to the superintendent of the public school district and to the administrator of any private primary or secondary school located in the public school dis-

Expert says Texas execution pace is likely to speed up

HOUSTON (AP) — State officials say a flurry of death row executions this month is just a coincidence, but at least one capital punishment expert views it as an emerging trend caused by changes in appellate law.

Seven Texas death row inmates were executed in January, the busiest month since eight men were killed in June of 1997.

Based on executions scheduled through May, the state could be on a pace to break its year-end record of 37, also set in 1997.

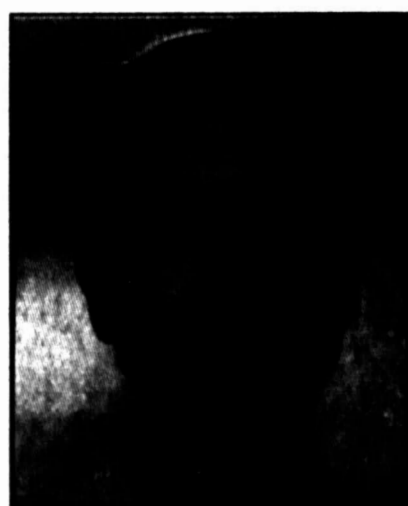
"Local state district judges issue execution orders and set the dates. It just so happened that we had a series of orders where January dates were issued," said Heather Browne, spokeswoman for the Texas attorney general's office.

But Catherine Burnett, associate dean of the South Texas

College of Law, said she believes Texas is finally seeing the impact of the federal 1996 Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act.

The law, which sharply limited federal court access for defendants convicted in state courts, was designed in part to accelerate the appeals process in capital punishment cases. It prompted similar state changes.

Sunday snapshot



Name: Richard Case.
Occupation/activities: Retired but still doing some computer work.
Birth date and place: Nov. 20, 1950, Lubbock.

Family: Wife, Brenda Case.
My personal hero: Walker Texas Ranger.

The best advice I ever got was: To always stand up for my rights and tell the truth.

People who knew me in high school: Remember me as shy and quiet.

The best word or words to describe me: Always willing to help friends.

People will remember me as being: One to always say what I think.

The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: President Clinton, Walker from Texas Rangers, Judge Kevin Cline and God.

My hobbies are: Inventing new computer devices.

My favorite author is: All the

people in God's day who wrote the Bible.

The last book I read was: The Bible.

My favorite possession is: My computer equipment, software.

The biggest honor I've ever received is: Leading knight of Lubbock Elks Lodge.

My favorite performer is: Stage actor, David Keithley.

I wish I knew how to: Become closer to God.

My trademark cliché or expression is: "What a waste of money."

My worst habit is: Smoking cigarettes.

I would never: Drink or do drugs.

The last good movie I saw was: "Wild, Wild West."

I stay home to watch: "Walker

Texas Ranger."

Nobody knows: The end of life on earth except God.

Someday I want to drive a: New pickup.

My favorite junk food is: Candy bars and ice cream.

My favorite beverage is: Pepsi.

My favorite restaurant is: Dos Caballeros.

My favorite pet: My family dog Rosco, a basset hound.

My favorite meal is: Mexican food.

I wish I could sing like: My pastor at Highland Baptist Church.

I'm happiest when I'm: Home with my wife and Rosco.

I regret: All the things I did wrong in the past.

I'm tired of: Not being able to get well.

I have a phobia about: Having to drive through Amarillo.

The electrical device I couldn't live without is: The icobox.

My most embarrassing moment: When I forgot part of my memorized lines.

The biggest waste of time is: To only think about what needs to be done.

If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: Pay all my bills and remodel the house.

If I had three wishes they would be: For my wife to be able to retire; not have to worry about money; to get well.

If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: To have more parking at the court house.

Daily Record

Services

Services today

MORRISON, Albert H. "Red" — Vigil services, 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

WALLIN, Florence — Graveside services, 1:30 p.m., Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Pampa.

Services tomorrow

ARTHUR, William L. "Bill" — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

MORRISON, Albert H. "Red" — Mass, 10 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

SEITZ, Monroe — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

WELLS, Arthur — 11 a.m., First Baptist Church, Shamrock.

WHITE, Elizabeth — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Kermit.

Obituaries

WILLIAM L. 'BILL' ARTHUR

William L. "Bill" Arthur, 74, of Pampa, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Arthur was born April 1, 1925, at Owensboro, Ky. He had been a Pampa resident since 1926 and was an accountant for many years, owning-operating a tax and bookkeeping service.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II. He belonged to First Presbyterian Church and was a past member of Pampa Noon Lions Club.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Vanessa and Mark Buzzard of Pampa, Carol and James McDonald of Midland and Dianne and Carey Hewett of Lubbock; a sister, Ada Nicholson of Camarillo, Calif.; eight grandchildren, Matt Buzzard, Beth Buzzard and Ross Buzzard, all of Pampa, Chris McDonald, Neil McDonald and Erin Matthews, all of Midland, and Adam Snell and Gregory Hewett, both of Lubbock; and a great-grandchild, Hunter McDonald of Midland.

The family will be at 2339 Beech and requests memorials be to Book of Remembrance at First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065; or to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795.

ALBERT H. 'RED' MORRISON

Albert H. "Red" Morrison, 74, of Pampa, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000. Vigil services will be at 4 p.m. today in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. John Valdez, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Morrison was born Jan. 3, 1926, at Floydada. He had been a Pampa resident since 1946. He married Harriett Kribbs on Nov. 8, 1950, at Pampa. He was a former manager of Pampa Ice Plant and retired from Celanese in 1988 after 25 years of service.

He belonged to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and Frank Keim Council, Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Harriett, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan D. and Edward Klock of Newton, Kan.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Albert H. and Jean Morrison, Jr., of Raleigh, N.C., Curt D. Morrison of Atlanta, Ga., and Dan G. and Brenda Morrison of Pampa; a sister, Lillian Todd of Wichita Falls; two brothers, Ted Morrison of Amarillo and Frank Morrison of Pampa; and seven grandchildren, Cody Morrison of Raleigh, Matt Klock, Adam Klock, Tim Klock, and Katie Klock, all of Newton, and Jessica and Drew Morrison, both of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065; or to Ronald McDonald House, 1501 Streit, Amarillo, TX 79106.

MONROE SEITZ

MOBEETIE — Monroe Seitz, 92, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2000, at Wheeler. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel at Pampa with the Rev. Aaron Laverty, pastor of Gageby Baptist Church, and the Rev. Ricky Pfeil, of Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Seitz was born March 27, 1907, at Mobeetie, to pioneers Jeff Seitz and Hollie Elliott Seitz, who moved to Mobeetie in 1899. He graduated from Mobeetie High School in 1930. He married Jane Collins in 1930.

He farmed and ranched in the Mobeetie area and belonged to First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church of Mobeetie.

He was preceded in death by two sons, L.J. Seitz, in 1956, and Joe Seitz, in 1965; three brothers; and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Jane, of the home;

two sons, Pete Seitz and David Seitz, both of Mobeetie; two sisters, Estelle Hodges of Mobeetie and Alta Morris of Pampa; two brothers, J.W. Seitz of Wellington and Fayette Seitz of Mobeetie; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Mobeetie Cemetery Association.

ARTHUR WELLS

SHAMROCK — Arthur Wells, 91, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2000. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jack Lee officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Whiggy Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Wells was born in Collingsworth County and graduated from Wellington High School and Texas Tech University. He married Caro Beth Davis on April 15, 1932, in Collingsworth County. He was a retired junior high school teacher and principal and taught at Kellerville for several years prior to moving to Shamrock. He belonged to First Baptist Church and Retired Teachers Association and was a former member of the Boosters Club.

A U.S. Army veteran, he served during World War II in France, Italy and North Africa, and was Wheeler County Veterans Service Officer for several years.

He was preceded in death by three infant children.

Survivors include his wife, Caro, of Shamrock; two sisters, Bertha Mae Derr of Atlanta, Ga., and Louise McCormick of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and a brother, Edd Wallace Wells of Ponca City, Okla.

ELIZABETH WHITE

KERMIT — Elizabeth White, 89, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. G.A. Magee officiating. Burial will be in Kermit Cemetery under the direction of Cooper Funeral Chapel, Inc., of Kermit.

Mrs. White was born March 25, 1910, in Love County, Okla. She married Virgle White on Oct. 24, 1931, at Ardmore, Okla.; he died July 13, 1967. She had been a Kermit resident for 46 years and belonged to First Baptist Church of Kermit. She taught Sunday school at Central Baptist Church of Pampa.

Survivors include two daughters, June Pemberton of Houston and Sonja Fullen of Kermit; a son, James White of Pampa; two brothers, Thomas Reigh of Ardmore and Troy Reigh of Sadler; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Jan. 28

5:22 p.m. - Two units and five personnel responded to an accident at Hobart and Crawford but were called back before arrival; no injuries were reported.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following runs during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Jan. 28

8:58 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Varnon and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

2:43 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

5:25 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of S. Hobart; no transport.

Saturday, Jan. 29

1:18 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to east Highway 60; no transport.

1:51 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Wilcox and transported one to PRMC.

3:51 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls and arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Saturday, Jan. 29

Information was taken in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen regarding a domestic argument.

Melford N. Hanks, 44, 332 Davis, was charged with domestic assault.

Lana Gaye Hanks, 38, 332 Davis, was charged with assault by threat.

Emergency numbers

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Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	1-800-750-2520
Water.....	669-5830

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tribe in which the person subject to registration intends to reside by mail to the office of the superintendent or administrator, as appropriate. Gray County law enforcement personnel agree with TASB's official interpretation of the law.

"The only people that are required to register are

those sex offenders. The victims names are not released," Gray County Chief Deputy Jim Scott said.

"The victim must be under 17 years of age," a spokesman for The Attorney General's Office said, "and the person subject to registration must be 17 years or older and enrolled in a private or public school, that's according to House Bill 2145."

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EXECUTION

ate the appeals process in capital punishment cases. It prompted similar state changes.

Texas death row inmates' state and federal appeals may now run concurrently, and strict time limits have been imposed on filing federal appeals.

"I think it was only a matter of time until the pace of executions picked up," Ms. Burnett said. "I believe it is the logical result of the new statute. As with any new law it takes time to build, but it has caught up now with the death row population."

An attorney for one inmate executed this month said his client's death was hastened by the new rules. Spencer Corey Goodman was executed Jan. 18 for the June 1992 slaying of Cecile Ham, wife of ZZ Top manager Bill Ham.

"Mr. Goodman was executed in the fashion he was, as fast as he was, because of the amended statutes," said Houston attorney Mike Charlton,

who has represented 25 death row inmates. "There were claims he could have raised previously that we could not get heard by the courts."

Both Ms. Burnett and Charlton said they fear innocent people may be put to death in a rush to justice.

"It's startling when you look back over many of the big name cases over the last 10 years ... how many of them were people who were freed after a second or third post-conviction (challenge)," Ms. Burnett said.

She said one example is Randall Dale Adams, who was within days of being executed for killing a Dallas police officer before his sentence was commuted in 1980 to life in prison. He was released in 1989 after his wrongful conviction was revealed by the documentary "The Thin Blue Line."

"For a lot of these people, the issues would never have been raised because they would already have been executed," Ms. Burnett said.

Names in the news ...

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A planned protest has forced Henry Kissinger to cancel a scheduled speech at the University of Texas.

Kissinger, national security adviser to President Nixon and secretary of state to both Nixon and President Ford, cited safety concerns in calling off next Tuesday's speech.

Kissinger faced protests many times during the early 1970s for the Nixon administration's policies in the Vietnam War.

Two groups — UT Radical Action Network and Peace Action Austin — held met on campus earlier this week to denounce Kissinger's foreign policy during his days in office and to plan a protest.

Harry Middleton, director of the Lyndon Baines Johnson library at the school, said university police and the Secret Service had warned the planned protests posed a threat to public safety.

Pat Borders, assistant director of the LBJ Library, said protesters indicated they would disrupt Kissinger's speech.

In a statement, Kissinger said he regrets the cancellation.

Calls to one of the protest organizers, professor Robert Jensen, were not returned Friday.

ATLANTA (AP) — Having performed in front of hundreds of millions of people over her career, Tina Turner isn't afraid of singing in front of that many in one night.

That's what she'll be doing Sunday, as one of the pregame entertainers for the Super Bowl.

Turner said she treats singing in front of a huge audience "as a chance to get reacquainted."

"I used to be nervous, but as the years have gone by, it has turned to excitement and the feeling that it's a kind of reunion," the 60-year-old entertainer said. "Besides, this is not about me, it's about the guys. I'm just decoration, and just there to root them on."

The game, televised by ABC, is expected to draw a TV audience of 130 million in the United States alone.

Turner will perform a song from her new album as well as her classic "Proud Mary" during Sunday's pregame, billed as a tribute to 20th century music.

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Dick Williams, who managed the Oakland Athletics to two World Series championships, was arrested on an indecent exposure charge while attending the World Series of Fantasy Baseball Camp.

Williams, 70, who now lives in Henderson, Nev., was accused of walking naked and masturbating outside his Fort Myers hotel room in Southwest

Florida the night of Jan. 17, according to a Lee County Sheriff's Office report.

A woman who worked next door to the hotel reported the incident.

At a Jan. 18 hearing, Williams pleaded no contest and Judge Hugh Starnes withheld judgment, according to court records. Williams was released on time served.

"The case has been settled and dismissed. That is all I have to say," Williams said from home.

Williams managed the California team from 1971-73, winning the Series in 1972 and 1973. He also managed the Boston Red Sox to the World Series in 1967.

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — The Walt Disney Co. has given the green light to a \$135 million movie about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, according to a trade publication.

"Pearl Harbor" should begin production in April for release around Memorial Day 2001, Daily Variety reported Thursday. The storyline will be about two fighter pilots from Tennessee who fall in love with the same nurse.

Actors being considered for the film include Charlize Theron, currently on the big screen in "The Cider House Rules," Wes Bentley who starred in "American Beauty," and Jim Caviezel, who played a soldier in "The Thin Red Line."

The movie will be directed by Michael Bay, whose credits include "Armageddon" and "The Rock," and produced by Jerry Bruckheimer from a script by Randall Wallace, whose credits include "Braveheart."

Movie executives and Navy officials have been scouting island locations — including Pearl Harbor — although most of the film will be shot in Los Angeles. Water scenes will be shot in the same California facility built for "Titanic."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Catherine Zeta-Jones is pregnant with Michael Douglas' baby.

The "Entrapment" actress and the "Fatal Attraction" star, who plan to marry, disclosed Friday that Zeta-Jones was expecting a child. A British tabloid had reported the development.

"Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas are pleased to announce they are expecting a child," her publicist Cece Yorke said.

The couple refused to disclose when the baby is due. It will be the first child for the 30-year-old actress. Douglas, 55, has a 20-year-old son, Cameron, from a previous marriage.

The couple, who share the same birthday, Sept. 25, became engaged New Year's Eve. Marriage plans haven't been announced.

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City pulls the plug on psychic connection

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City officials had a bad premonition about a program that put welfare recipients to work as telephone psychics.

Sensing bad publicity and worse jokes, officials announced Friday that they will no longer funnel welfare recipients into jobs with the Psychic Network, a business that offers callers clairvoyance at \$4.99 a minute.

The decision by the city Human Resources Administration came hours after the psychic connection was first reported by The New York Times.

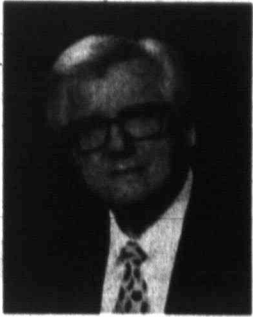
Since last April, the Psychic Network has hired 15 welfare recipients, teaching them how to read tarot cards and look into the future.

The recipients got their jobs under a city program aimed at moving people from welfare to work. The program, called Business Link, helps line up jobs with participating employers. Since 1995, the city has cut its welfare rolls from 1.2 million people to about 630,000. That leaves welfare recipients applying for employment with a less interesting selection of companies: Rite Aid, Madison Square Garden, Macy's.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly cloudy today

with a high of 45-50 and south winds at 5-15 mph. Tonight's low about 20. Tomorrow, variable cloudiness with a high of 50. Friday's high was 26 and the Saturday morning low was 14.



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A seriously injured Texas Panhandle woman represented by Amarillo Attorney Jack Hazlewood and his Dallas Co-Counsel awarded \$8.2 million Jury Verdict in Products Liability lawsuit against major automobile manufacturer (Case No. 93-10141, 116th District Court, Dallas County). Results obtained depend on the facts of each case.

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Cruise Line, Royal Viking Cruises, Motorola, IBM, Eastman Kodak, Sony, Toyota, Century 21 and American Express. He started playing instruments, singing and acting while still in grade school.

He can play two saxophones at the same time, two trumpets at the same time and a clarinet and saxophone at the same time, performs celebrity impressions and much much more.

Members may purchase tickets at Dunlap's Department Store from Jan. 31-Feb. 7.

Science Fair



(Community Camera photo)

Jordan Eakin, Victoria Syrgley and Justin DiTerra review the exhibit "How Air Pushes" during the Science Fair at Travis Elementary recently.

Grain Elevator Workshop in offing

AMARILLO — The Tri-State Chapter of Grain Elevator and Processing Society in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will sponsor the 12th annual 2000 Grain Elevator Workshop beginning with registration at 8 a.m. Feb. 17 at Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

The workshop will be worth five TDA-approved continuing education units for commercial, non-commercial and private pesticide applicators. Cost of the workshop is \$25 and pre-registration

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will begin Feb. 4. For more information or to pre-register, call key organizer and Extension entomologist Carl Patrick at (806) 359-5401.

Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON
Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO
The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or

if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

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Elian exposed to unfair 'catch'

Standing in the grocery line reading the National Inquirer the other day I finished the Prince William story then flipped pages and stopped at the article about the little Cuban boat boy. The pictures of life back there weren't very cheerful, to say the least.

Unless you have been in a cave somewhere, you know about him. He is the child who fled Cuba along with his mother and stepfather and others. His mother and eight or nine others drowned. Little Elian Gonzalez was found — on Thanksgiving Day no less — lashed to an inter tube and brought to the American shore.

He was brought to freedom. To designer clothes. To more toys than Toys R Us. To a new puppy. To a cell phone he sometimes wears affixed to his belt. To video games. To love. To all the food he needs. To good medical care. To the prospect of the kind of future he could never begin to imagine in Cuba.

His father wants him back. His grandmothers came to the United States to plead their case for the child's return to Castro's Cuba. Their position is certainly understandable. (I wonder what his grandmothers think about the United States ... the airplanes they have been flying in, the cars, the food, the hotels, everything).



Kate B. Dickson

associate publisher/editor

There's a move afoot in Congress to make Elian a U.S. citizen and there are court proceedings going on in federal and state venues.

Meanwhile, the Immigration and Naturalization Service says he should go back. The president agrees. He says he looks at it from a parent's viewpoint. Most Cuban-Americans don't agree, especially those who lived in Cuba under Castro's rule and made their own harrowing trips to Florida.

Because of our government's special relationship/non-relationship with Cuba, people fleeing there are treated differently than those from other countries. Our law says if a Cuban sets foot on U.S. soil he can stay. Elian did, but he's a minor ... there's some kind of catch there

and I don't pretend to know all the particulars. In contrast, a container car full of illegal immigrants from China was discovered in New York this month and that group was promptly sent back ... to that Communist, oppressive country.

Back to Elian. I don't know about you, but at first I thought Elian should go back to his father. Now I am not so sure. I mostly think he should stay here.

Every day, like many of you, I see the little boy smiling and playing in his new environment, showered with so many (too many, probably) things he could never have in Cuba. There doesn't seem to be any shortage of love and, God, knows, he will have opportunities for the finest education he could ever dream of.

If Elian was to have gone back to Cuba, it should have been done immediately. To send the little boy back to an impoverished, oppressive country now would not be fair. To expose him to the many wonders available in our country and then snatch them away might be the biggest cruelty of all.

Kate B. Dickson can be reached by e-mail at kbd@pan-tex.net

Opinion

Government TV sneaks into homes

■ A covert use of network television is worse than censorship in some ways.

The astounding thing is that so little outrage has been expressed. The federal government has been using your tax money to offer what amounts to bribes — call them "incentives" — to get TV network programmers to insert government-approved anti-drug messages into popular television programs.

Here's what has been happening, as revealed by the on-line magazine Salon.com and then reported by the Associated Press. A 1997 law set up a program for the government to buy anti-drug TV ads, with the networks required to offer a free spot for every one the government bought. Since 1997, however, ad time has become more valuable and the networks sought an alternative so they could sell the air time to willing buyers.

So the government, in what White House and National Drug Control Policy Office spokesmen have called a creative breakthrough, offered to give up some of the free ads it demanded — if the networks could demonstrate that their regular programming conveyed anti-drug messages, which the government could exercise pre-approval over.

So government drug warriors got advance looks at tapes or scripts and the ability to make suggestions. Networks gained valuable credits and a monetary advantage over their competitors. Fox received credit for episodes of "Beverly Hills 90210" and "America's Most Wanted," while WB got credit for an episode of "Seventh Heaven." NBC hasn't accepted credits under the program. ABC said it had submitted scripts but hadn't received credits because it already had broadcast enough commercials. All told, \$22 million worth of credits have been handed out to networks that played ball with the government.

What's the specific harm, you ask? Aren't drugs a blight on society that should be stopped at any cost including a few well-meaning messages from the government slipped into TV sitcoms?

For one, this kind of subterfuge is in some ways more sinister than direct censorship.

When the state owns the media, as is the unfortunate case in some countries, or when some governments put boundaries on media during war time, at least citizens know where the message is coming from and can judge accordingly. But entertainment programs don't come with a "Warning: Your Government Has Given Us Financial Incentives to Propagandize You" label.

So the propaganda — usually overly simplistic and often seriously misleading — slips through without warning or truth in labeling.

The material presented hardly qualifies as serious education and information about drugs and health.

This entire program, with its underhanded form of censorship and hidden influence, should be ended immediately. Hollywood should be up in arms.

—Odessa American

From our files ...

40 years ago

SUNDAY, JAN. 31, 1960

The March of Dimes bucket brigade yesterday collected a total of \$2,414.61, it was announced by George Kleeburg, city drive chairman.

MONDAY, FEB. 1, 1960

Pampa Jaycees sold 815 poll tax applications in their two days of operating a downtown booth.

TUESDAY, FEB. 2, 1960

Gray County Tax Assessor-Collector Jack Back said his office sold "more than a hundred" new license plates yesterday, the first day of new tag sales.

25 years ago

THURSDAY, JAN. 30, 1975

Pampa's application for federal funding assistance in construction of its proposed \$1.24 million sewage treatment plant has received final approval of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

FRIDAY, JAN. 31, 1975

Fritz Thompson of Borger, brother of former mayor Fred Thompson, was honored at dedication ceremonies for a new bridge on SH 152 north of Borger yesterday afternoon.

SUNDAY, FEB. 2, 1975

February is Heart Month and Mrs. George Massie will serve as chairman of the 1975 Heart Fund Campaign in Gray County.

10 years ago

TUESDAY, JAN. 30, 1990

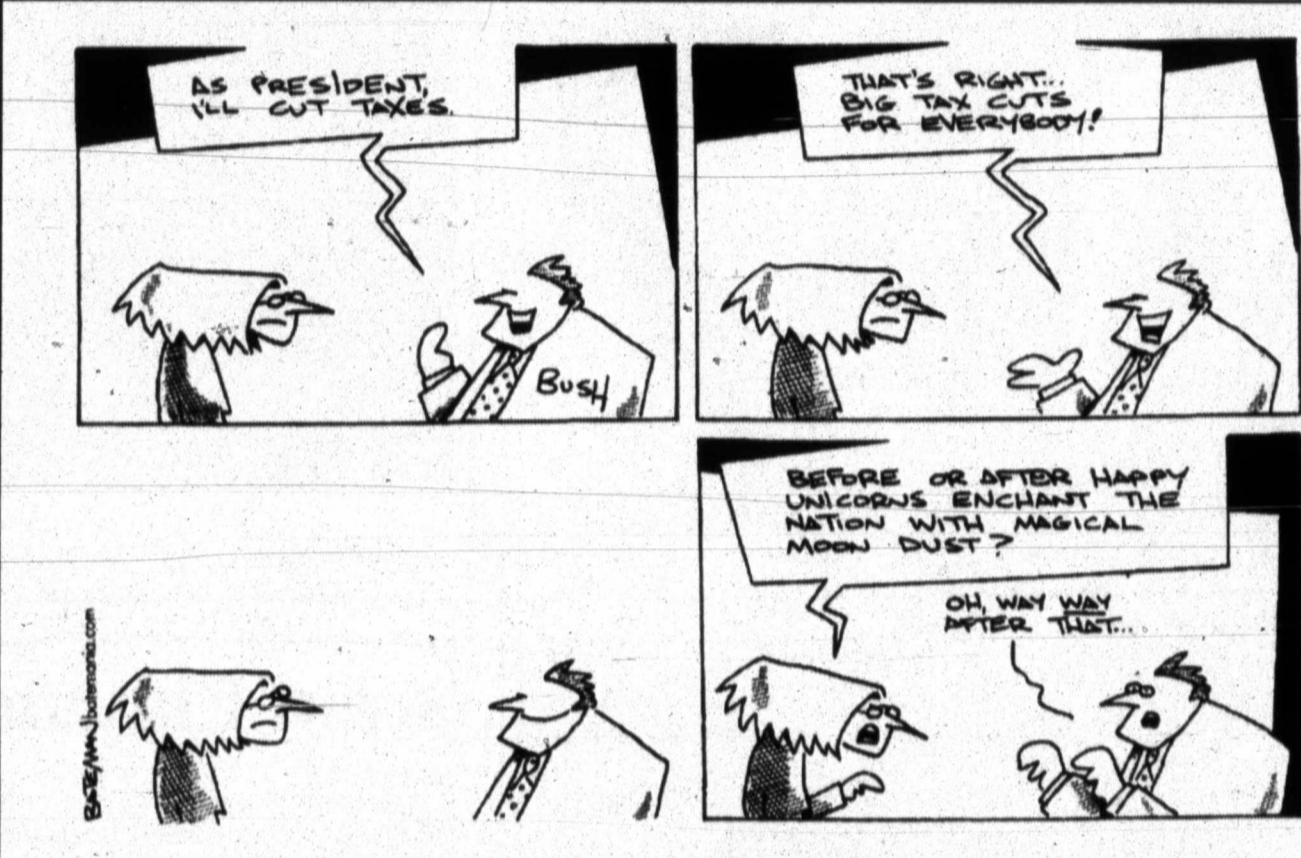
Larry Gilbert, dean of Clarendon Center, Pampa Center, reports that the enrollments for the Spring Semester are at an all time high.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31, 1990

Miss Texas, 23-year-old Leah Kay Lyle of Plainview, was in Pampa Tuesday telling middle and high school students to set goals that will gear them toward success.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2, 1990

Gray County is to begin subsidizing the city of Lefors by \$1,000 a month to provide law enforcement protection to the city as soon as a city marshal is hired.



Choosing the right college not easy

Colleges will soon begin to send out applicant acceptance letters. Choosing the right college is an important challenge to students, who will spend a lifetime living with their decision, and parents, who'll pick up the tab.

Suppose your youngster plans to become a physician and receives acceptance letters from Franklin & Marshall and the University of California at Berkeley — which college would you choose? Many students and parents would see that as a no-brainer and pick UC-Berkeley. Why? Berkeley is a far more prestigious college, which can boast of having a faculty of world-class professors, Nobel Laureates and winners of other distinguished awards. Franklin & Marshall can't begin to make that claim.

But here's what Franklin & Marshall can claim: Its graduates score higher on exams to get into medical schools than UC-Berkeley graduates. Why? Franklin & Marshall places its emphasis and resources on providing an excellent undergraduate education, while UC Berkeley places more of its emphasis on graduate education and faculty research. Thus, a preferable strategy is for your youngster to attend a college like Franklin & Marshall first, then attend a prestigious university like UC-Berkeley for post-graduate education.

My colleague, Dr. Thomas Sowell, has pointed this out in several of his publications, the most recent being in the April 1999 American Spectator. For example, deans of graduate schools of engineering rank graduates of Harvey Mudd College and the Rose-Hulman



Walter Williams

Syndicated columnist

Institute over those of prestigious universities like University of Pennsylvania, Duke and UCLA.

In fact, graduates of Harvey Mudd College are far more likely to go on to earn advanced degrees than graduates of Harvard University. Deans of leading law schools have ranked graduates of Davidson College over graduates of most Ivy League colleges.

Admissions offices of prestigious universities use bait-and-switch techniques with parents and prospective students. They'll boast of having this professor who's a Nobel Laureate and that professor who's won the Science Award. Parents think their youngsters will be exposed to these great minds and joyfully (or perhaps not so joyfully) fork over \$25 or \$30 thousand in annual tuition and board fees. But when classes start, the youngster finds part-timers and graduate students teaching courses, not those distinguished professors. At some colleges, up to 50 percent of their undergraduate classes are

taught by part-timers and graduate students.

Choosing a college can be even more troublesome for black students and parents. Well-meaning but dishonest and cowardly college administrators admit black students whose academic credentials (SAT score and grade point average) are far below that of the general campus community. That's a prescription for disaster, as demonstrated by black students having lower grade point averages, being more often on academic probation and having the lowest graduation rates, at some colleges as low as 20 percent.

No parent, black or white, should allow his youngster to attend a college where the average SAT score is 150 to 200 points higher than his. Black students and parents might want to check out some of the non-prestigious black colleges. For the sixth year in a row, Xavier University in Louisiana has led the nation in the number of black alumni who have gone on to medical schools. Of the top six colleges, in terms of the number of alumni who go on to become scientists, all are black colleges.

The bottom line is that parents should not be bamboozled by prestige and admissions-office hype. In addition to getting off their butts and finding out what goes on at colleges, there are some excellent independent sources that can assist parents, such as "Choosing the Right College," published by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, and Thomas Sowell's "Choosing a College." Making the right college choice is worth the effort.

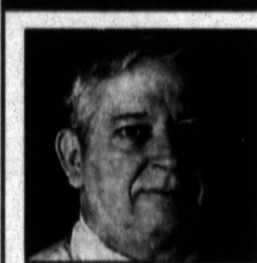
Russia did after all give Chechens a chance

It's too bad American officials and American journalists, for that matter, were never as concerned about the lives of Serb and Iraqi civilians as they apparently are about the lives of Chechens.

I don't suppose it is necessary to point out that, after the United States rudely ignored Russia when it decided to bomb Russia's traditional ally, no Russian gives two flips or one hoot about American advice to go easy in Chechnya. Americans seem to think that as long as its Americans who are killing people, including children, from 15,000 feet, it isn't an atrocity, but every other country must negotiate all its disputes. Russia has a long way to go to catch up with our bloody record.

Russia, after all, gave the Chechens a chance, but, instead of having an orderly government, Chechnya descended into anarchy and chaos run by various murderous gangs that, according to the Russians, not only committed terrorism in Moscow but invaded another Russian province. I doubt the Russians will show them any mercy this time.

As for the Russians having more difficulty than expected, I have to ask, expected by whom? Mainly, apparently, by American journalists, who are conditioned to the limited-casualty air wars we periodically conduct against defenseless Third World countries. A ground war is always going to produce casualties, and any experienced soldier will tell you



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

that the toughest of all ground wars is trying to root the enemy out of an urban area. The next worst is dealing with guerrillas in a heavily wooded, mountainous region.

I seriously doubt that any of Russia's commanding officers expected to waltz into Chechnya. Russia has had long experience with Chechen fighters. The Chechens are very good at fighting. That might be their only virtue, so far as I know, but you can be sure that no Russian professional soldier expected them to lay down their arms and peacefully surrender.

At the risk of being repetitious, I should also point out that the war against Chechnya is simply none of our business. As it happens, there are 65 other conflicts going on in the world at this time, and the United States not only has no moral or legal authority to intervene in them, it lacks the competence and the capacity. You can be sure that American politicians, who love to swagger about and bully little countries, will

not attempt to bully Russia, just as they have not attempted to bully China. After all, both of these countries have teeth.

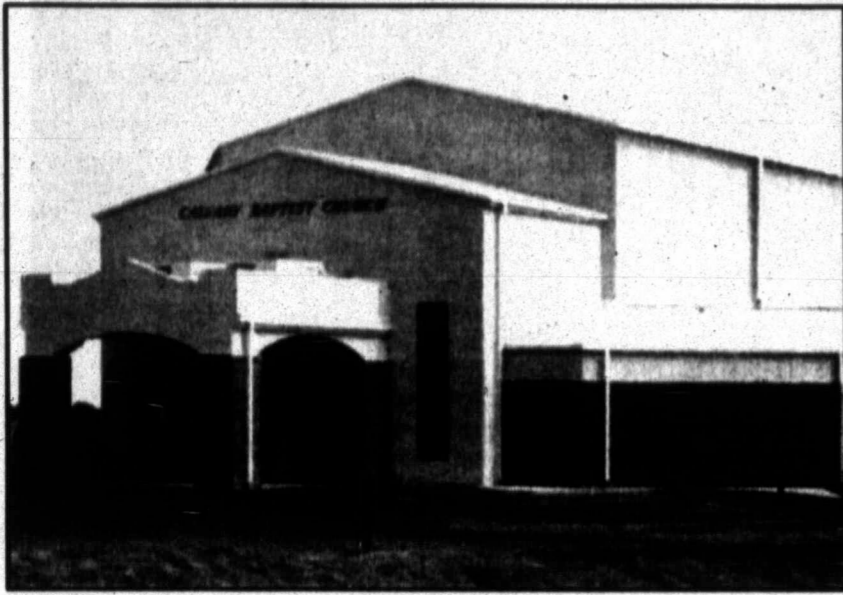
It is, of course, dishonest and cowardly to bully the weak and to pander to the strong. Mr. Kofi Annan, who is a United Nations bureaucrat, has announced the Annan Doctrine, which states that when someone decides human-rights abuses are taking place, the United Nations can go to war against a sovereign nation. That, of course, is nonsense, especially since it was pronounced by a civil servant representing a bureaucracy with no army.

But if you buy that bilge, then why doesn't Mr. Annan, Mr. Bill Clinton and the murderous Ms. Madeleine Albright start hurling insults and threats at Mr. Vladimir Putin? I think it's fair to say that the Chechen people have only begun to suffer. So where are the threats? Where are the ultimatums? Where is Mr. World Policeman? Where are all those rattling sabers that were directed against 10 million Serbs and 18 million Iraqis?

Hell's bells, you don't suppose these brave new world policeman types are thinking of Russia's 10,000 nuclear warheads, do you?

I hope to live long enough to once again praise U.S. foreign policy for being constitutional, humane and just. Right now it's as corrupt, as devious, as hypocritical as U.S. domestic policy. It's based on hidden agendas and papered over with lies and propaganda.

P Positive about Pampa



Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church is investing in the future of Pampa. The church's rapid and continuous growth can be attributed to several factors, one of which is the vision of the church. This vision has caused the church to touch hundreds of lives in the last few years.

The vision statement, appropriately entitled "Beyond 2000," states that Calvary's goal is to meet the needs of the people of Pampa and the surrounding area. Calvary Baptist Church realizes that there are people all around who are facing financial difficulties, divorce, health problems and an array of other struggles. The church knows that its mission is to meet the needs of those in Pampa.

For the last nine years, Calvary Baptist Church has made enormous strides in ministry to its membership and its community. This ministry is demonstrated in their new auditorium which is patterned after the 23rd Psalm. The beautiful landscaping, prayer garden and fountain reminds people of the shepherd that leads His sheep to lie down in green pastures and leads them beside still waters. The Psalm in its entirety pictures the faithful shepherd as He cares for His sheep through every facet of life. Literally hundreds of souls have been restored through this excellent ministry.

Senior Pastor Richard Bartel directs the entire staff at Calvary and handles most preaching responsibilities. Under his leadership, the word is taught in a simple, relevant way and is applicable to the needs and problems found in everyday life. Richard has a real compassion for hurting people, whether it be emotional, physical or spiritual pain.

Music is an important part of the ministry at Calvary Baptist Church. Calvary's praise and worship style music, featuring the dynamic and contemporary Calvary Baptist Praise Band, is an integral part of all worship services. The "pop-rock" sound, using keyboards, guitar and drums, appeals to our contemporary generation.

Calvary's music ministry also includes a complete graded choir program ranging from preschool to adult choirs. Minister of Music Gary Jameson oversees the music program at Calvary.

Calvary's youth ministry is a well-rounded program that focuses on the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of today's youth. In addition to six youth Sunday School classes, they offer "Extreme Ministries." Extreme Ministries consists of a separate "youth oriented" worship service on Wednesday evenings with contemporary music led by a live band. Calvary's youth ministry also offers a variety of activities, outings, concerts, camps and trips

designed to be fun as well as spiritually beneficial to our youth. Calvary's youth director is Rick Pearson. Rick is a deacon in the church and has a passion for reaching the youth in Pampa.

In addition, Calvary's youth choir meets during the school year each Sunday afternoon at 4:30. This group sings in some worship services, in the annual Youth Choir Festival, in special programs (i.e. Calvary's annual "Christmas at Calvary") and usually takes a summer choir tour and mission trip. Calvary's youth orchestra usually meets in the summer and rehearses weekly and plays frequently in the Sunday evening worship services.

Calvary's education ministry is designed to meet the needs of all ages. They have preschool, children, youth and adult Sunday School classes. All of their teachers are highly trained and gifted to accomplish the task. In addition to Sunday morning Bible Study classes, the adult education program offers periodic classes on such topics as marriage, parenting, managing your finances, preparing for retirement and stress management.

To assure quality pastoral care, every class is designed for ministry when a crisis or need arises. Every class also has a social leader which will open the door for you to make new friends. Calvary's deacon ministry also assists with the pastoral care of every member. Each member of the church is assigned a deacon, who helps that member anytime a need or crisis arises.

Calvary places a priority on quality children's activities. The children's Sunday School is staffed by trained and qualified teachers. Classes range in age from newborn through the sixth grade. In addition, an extended session is offered for 4- and 5-year-olds during the Sunday morning worship service to allow the children to receive additional Biblical teaching on their level.

On Sunday evening, children's mission classes are offered at 5 p.m. for children ages four through the sixth grade. These classes teach the children about mission activities in our town, state, country and world.

Children's choirs for ages three through sixth grade are offered on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. These choirs teach children the importance of singing praises and sharing their talents for the Lord. The groups perform several times throughout the year in worship services. In addition, they perform musicals and attend choir festivals.

Bible Memorization Classes are offered on Wednesday nights at 7:30. These classes teach children the books of the Bible and how to locate key passages in the Bible. In addition, the children memorize

many Bible verses during the year. Children have the opportunity to compete in local and state competitions.

Several major children's events are planned at Calvary each year, including their outstanding Vacation Bible School. Children from all over the Pampa area wait anxiously each year to attend VBS at Calvary. The entire church is transformed for VBS, with scenery, props and costuming to enhance the theme. This past year the children enjoyed a Veggie Tales theme, visiting Veggie Town and meeting Bob the Tomato and Larry the Cucumber.

The church's Interspersed Prayer Ministry is available 24 hours a day. Trained volunteers are waiting to take your prayer request. All requests are locked and kept confidential, protecting the privacy of each prayer request. Prayer requests can be made anytime by calling the prayer room phone at 665-7961.

Promise Keeper's meet weekly to provide fellowship, encouragement and to help equip the man at Calvary. The group is open to all men who desire to become better Christians. In addition to their weekly meetings, they participate in the large scale Promise Keeper's rallies and national events.

The men also enjoy recreational activities such as an annual pheasant hunt in December and annual fishing tournament in June. They also participate in bowling, softball and volleyball leagues.

Calvary's Women's Ministry addresses the many needs facing women today. There are special Sunday School classes, Bible studies, retreats, conferences and social activities, all designed to meet the needs of today's woman.

Calvary Baptist Church is reaching the community of Pampa through its TV ministry. Sunday morning worship services are broadcast the following Sunday at 8:30 a.m. on local cable channel 5.

The hub of the TV ministry is a state-of-the-art control room. The Sunday morning worship service is mixed and edited using the latest technology before it is packaged to be broadcast the following Sunday.

It is no surprise why Calvary Baptist Church is one of the fastest growing churches in the panhandle. The church is located at 900 E. 23rd Street, one mile east of Walmart in Pampa, Texas.

You can visit Calvary Baptist Church in one of the following ways:

- visit the Sunday morning worship service. (Call the church at 665-0842 for times.)
- watch Calvary on Cable Channel 5, Sunday mornings at 8:30.
- visit www.calvary-baptist.pampa.com

If you choose to visit one of the worship services, parking attendants will assist you in parking your car, and a courteous team of greeters and hostesses will meet you at the front door and assist you.



Reflexology office

After six years, I'm finally opening a Reflexology office — in the same building as Tangles Beauty Salon.

Some of you are probably asking, what's that? Hands and feet. A simple definition of Reflexology — by massaging or stimulating nerve endings on the feet and hands that correlate to specific areas of the body to relieve stress and pain.

Reflexology has been around from the early sixth dynasty (about 2330 B.C.). The first record found in Egypt in the Physicians Tomb.

It's similar to acupressure in Shiatsu used by Asian cultures or massage.

I actually got into this in a round-about way. I enrolled in beauty school to become a nail tech but toward completing my hours, realized I was allergic to some of the chemicals. Allison, a close friend and local nail tech, and I had gone to a nail show in Las Vegas where Lynn Nelson and a group were demonstrating the Egyptian method of Reflexology. Ms. Nelson developed this method and has practiced and taught it since 1984, working on over 45,000 clients at that time.

When I realized I couldn't do nails, I called Lynn a couple of times and decided to go for it.

At the age of 55, I finally found my niche. I love what I do.

Without counting, I've probably

worked on a thousand pairs of feet not to mention hands. What's so great is that I can do this anywhere — in line in a cafeteria, car, grocery store, etcetera, and have. Where ever I go and see people or clients I know, someone usually wants me to work on a headache, etcetera.

I've learned so much the past six years and even though I've worked on everything from babies to a 6'6" dentist with a size 15 foot, I've learned more on my own feet. I try to get this across to my students. If you can stop your own pain — like a lot of things, the more you learn, the more you do.

The most common complaints are headaches, back pain and neck and shoulder problems. I've worked on everything from headaches to accident victims. To feel you've helped someone is very rewarding but to make a new friend is the most special of all.

One of my clients had an accident and was referred to me by her doctor for pain. Because of other physical problems, she couldn't take pain medication. I've worked on Sandy now for about three years on and off. She's not only a client and friend, but also one of my students.

—Joy Brown
Photo caption: Joy working on a client as student, Sandy, observes.

Pampa Rifle and Pistol Club

The Pampa Rifle and Pistol Club was established in the 1950's by a group of people who saw a need to organize the people in our area who enjoy the shooting sports.

Our club goals are the encouragement of organized rifle and pistol shooting among citizens of the U.S. residing in our community and surrounding area, with a view toward better knowledge of safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. It is our further objective to develop characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism. Ours is a family-oriented club,

helping to sponsor the 4-H Smallbore Rifle Program and also helping to organize a New Youth Air Gun Program at this time. We also hold two sanctioned pistol matches a month during the summer as well as having other types of matches during the year.

Through the years, our club has produced several nationally ranked champions including junior and women's national champions. There are national record holders among our members also. Pampa Rifle and Pistol Club is associated with the National Rifle Association and the Texas State Rifle Association.

Memberships are available by calling Doug Abbott at 669-3026 or Donna Nunamaker at 665-9394.

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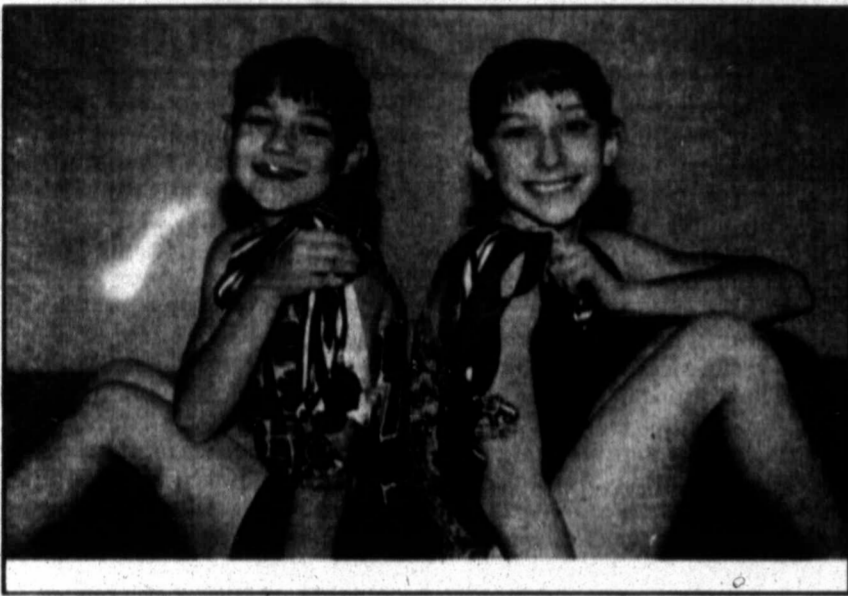


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Gymnastics of Pampa

Gymnastics of Pampa has been training champions for over 20 years, and gymnasts like Morgan Meharg and Lacie Long are continuing the tradition with their determination and talent.

Fred and Lola Hughes, founders of Gymnastics of Pampa, began the tradition in 1979 when they coached their own daughter, Kristi (Fatheree), to the bronze medal in the All-Around at the Texas State Championships. The Hughes went on to coach three Texas State All-Around Champions, Kristi in 1981, Joana Barbaree (Jimenez) in 1983, and Christa West (Perry) in 1984.

Since the early 1980's, Texas has become a powerhouse for gymnastics with the arrival of coaches like Bela Karolyi and other foreigners. Their arrival has increased the quality of gymnastics from the beginning competitive levels to the elite level, where Olympic gymnasts are chosen.

This is why the accomplishments of Gymnastics of Pampa gymnasts Morgan Meharg and Lacie Long are so commendable. Qualifying to the Texas State Championships is an achievement on its own, when thousands of gymnasts are competing for spots. Not only did both girls qualify in December 1999, but they medalled on several events and in the All-Around.

Morgan and Lacie started taking gymnastics at young ages just for the fun of it, but their talent was immediately evident. Lacie began competing at Level 4 2 1/2 years ago and Morgan competed for the first time as a Level 5 a 1 1/2 ago.

Gymnastics of Pampa's head coach and owner now, Kristi Fatheree, started the talented gymnasts in USA Gymnastic's Junior Olympic Program. Level 1 is the lowest and Level 10 is the highest level in this progression program. A gymnast can begin competing in Level 4 or 5 depending on their readiness.

Morgan, a physically strong and mentally tough competitor, qualified to Level 5 state on her first try in 1998. At her first state meet, she had personal bests on vault, 9.0, and on uneven bars, 9.525 for 17th place. She began competing Level 6 in the fall of

1999 and showcased her talent by winning the District 1 Championships in All-Around, 36.8, floor exercise, 9.6, and balance beam, 9.3.

She qualified to State by finishing 20th in the All-Around, ninth on floor exercise and 16th on balance beam at the North State Semi-finals. Her hard work and perseverance paid off at the Level 6 Texas State Championships, where she scored and finished higher than any other District 1 competitor. Morgan won a fourth place medal on floor exercise, 9.275, a fifth place medal on uneven bars, 9.275, a 12th place medal on balance beam, 8.725, and she medalled eighth in the All-Around with a 35.375.

Lacie attended her first state competition in December 1999 in Level 5. Her state performance topped off an outstanding season, where Lacie went undefeated on all four events and in All-Around in District competitions. She won District Championship titles on vault, 8.55, uneven bars, 9.5, balance beam, 9.15, floor exercise, 9.45, and All-Around, 36.65. She qualified to state by finishing 14th All-Around at North State.

Lacie was at peak form at the Level 5 State Championships and she too finished and scored higher than any other District 1 competitor. Lacie's medal-winning performances occurred on vault, 9.0 for ninth place, uneven bars, 9.35 for eighth place, floor exercise, 9.35 for seventh place, balance beam, 8.7 for 21st, and All-Around, 36.4 for ninth place.

Both Pampa gymnasts have moved up to the next higher level now. Morgan competed in her first Level 7 meet and Lacie in her first Level 6 meet recently in Lubbock and they performed exceptionally already.

Hard work has paid off for these two girls, just as it has paid off for other Gymnastics of Pampa gymnasts. Whether they are just enjoying their successes in the gym or they are taking steps toward Olympic dreams, Morgan Meharg and Lacie Long are helping to carry the torch lit by Fred and Lola Hughes many years ago, and Pampa can be proud of them.

Photo caption: Lacie Long and Morgan Meharg.



D-fy-it

D-Fy-it is a voluntary, community-based, drug testing program at Pampa High School that was created in 1992 to curb drug use among teenagers. The goal of this program is to create an environment which encourages students to remain drug and alcohol free by giving rewards. Students need to feel good about their decision to choose "drug-free" lifestyles. This program is a positive reinforcement for having joined the prevention group and an encouragement to keep the commitment.

There are currently 314 student members and 23 of these are on the D-fy-it Advisory Board. The board members are: Jeremy Buck, Lee Carmichael, Emily Curtis, Daniel Dreher, Mary Grace Fields, Matt Gomez, Kerry Turner, Windy Wagner, Bobby Walton, Emily Waters, Joy Young, Casey Coleman, Michael Cornelson, Aaron Fernuik, Meredith Hendricks, Katy McEwen, Lucas Oliva, Kimberly Porter, Trevor Stowers, Sarah Fraser, Evan Miller, Janelle Powers and Amy Robbins.

There are also seven adult Advisory Board Members which include: Colby Brown, Lesley Gershmel, Jay Holmes, Billie Osborne, Wendall Palmer, Jennifer Studebaker and Monica Roden, coordinator.

The board members plan and help with such activities as Red Ribbon Week and Rally, Health-Fairs, fund-raising projects and D-Fy-it recruitment. Some of this year's activities include: drug-free

dances, bowling party, pizza party, Arm-Chair Quarterback, etcetera.

Students who test "clean" are entitled to such privileges as food and clothing discounts offered by 39 local merchants, special programs and activities.

Students who test "positive" for drugs or alcohol or receive a drug/alcohol offense have their membership card temporarily revoked. The chapter representative will privately notify the student and parent. The student will be advised to meet with the PHS substance abuse counselor before the card can be reinstated. The primary purpose of this program is to rid students of drug use. Testing of drugs or narcotics in the student's system is in no way an investigative tool for any law enforcement agency. "Positive" results will not result in criminal prosecution. It is the ultimate goal of D-fy-it to maintain the integrity of the program by periodically retesting its members on a random basis.

If you have any questions regarding the D-fy-it program or would like to make a donation to the program to help cover testing expense, you may contact Monica Roden at 669-4800, ext. 307; or mail D-FY-IT, Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.

Photo caption: Miranda Bailey, winner of the Arm-Chair Quarterback Fundraiser, sitting on the far left of the couch along with friends. Acting as servers are Amy Robbins, Janelle Powers and Sarah Fraser.



The 'Put-Ons'

In 1992, several lady friends got together and formed a singing group called the "Put-Ons" to entertain for their church department social. That was the beginning of fun-filled years of practicing and performing. Today, after eight years and 175 performances for civic clubs, churches, lodges, nursing homes and high school reunions or where ever they are invited in Pampa or the panhandle, they are still singing.

The highlight of their entertainment is derived from their name "Put-Ons" because each lady puts on a different hat depicting each song they sing. Fun songs of the 1920s through the 1950s make up the largest part of their songs.

Each lady decorated her own hats, which causes a lot of oohs and aahs and quiet often a laugh or two. Many props are used with the songs as well as some actions. All of this keeps the audience in a state of surprise wondering what the next hats will look like and what song will be sung.

The "Put-Ons" have songs that entertain ladies groups and songs for mixed groups of men and ladies. And, yes, there are songs for children, too. A patriotic as well as a religious song is included in every program.

Members of the "Put-Ons" are Kay Harris (telephone (806) 665-

3055) Joann Wells, Rubye Davis, who taught in Pampa school for many years, Gail Smith, a 1967 graduate of Pampa High, and Margie Moore, a 1944 graduate of PHS. The "Put-Ons" entertained the class of 1944 at their 55th high school reunion in September of 1999 and received a standing ovation.

The "Put-Ons" are positive about Pampa because we have all lived here many years. Hard times have fallen on Pampa with the oil related businesses leaving because we have been an oil business town. But the people here are strong and dedicated to our town. Just a few short years ago the PHS class of 1944 responded to the Pampa High School in its need for outdoor beautification. In only a few short months, we collected enough money to plant all of the trees and bushes and to furnish concrete benches and tables so the students could sit outside.

Our schools are important to us and that's why we have all pulled together to have them renovated and enlarged. Our city library has been remodeled for the convenience of our people. We are not out of the game yet because we believe in time that new industry will see the value of our town and will come to Pampa.

—Margie Moore



Julie Cooke

On Aug. 13, 1999, I gave birth to my first child at Pampa Regional Medical Center. I choose to use a local OB/GYN physician, Dr. Chung Pham for my doctor. I had considered not using local services because I am diabetic and my pregnancy was considered "high-risk," but after discussing with Dr. Pham my concerns, he reassured me that my condition could be controlled and that delivery here in Pampa would be acceptable. And indeed it was.

I would like to take this time to thank the staff on the OB floor and the staff of the medical lab at the hospital for taking such good care of me during my pregnancy. I had several tests run during my pregnancy and I was an out-patient on the OB floor twice a week for two months before I delivered. Needless to say, I got to know the staff very well.

I am glad I made the decision to stay in Pampa for my health care and am very happy to have had Dr. Pham as my physician. He monitored my pregnancy very closely. I saw him in his office once a week for 40 weeks. He didn't charge me more for his fee because I was a "high-risk" pregnancy, as some doctors do in larger cities. He never questioned my ability to pay since I had no maternity insurance and was a private pay patient. I believe he is an asset to this community and he truly cares about his patients' health.

Again, I am glad I made the decision to stay in Pampa to deliver my healthy daughter. Without Dr. Pham's care and the grace of God, she may not have been so healthy. Thank you, Dr. Pham.

—Julie Cooke

Photo caption: Dr. Pham and Marce Cooke.

John Warner

Winter has always been one of my favorite times of the year in Pampa because I have found that it brings out the best in people.

With every big snow brings a large number of people getting their vehicles stuck. Many people have had the experience I had. I slipped off the road into a snow drift and could not get out. Several teenagers in a pickup were driving around town with a chain looking for people who needed help. They gave me an

enthusiastic greeting, smiled, tossed a chain out of the back of their pickup, hooked onto my car and pulled it out of the drift. They refused to accept a tip for pulling me out. They never even told me their names. They were having a great time searching the town over for people to help.

I think our community is going to be fortunate to have young people such as these become our leaders of tomorrow.

—John Warner

Avenues

In today's market, the people of Pampa are looking for more service, more value and the ability to have a wide selection of merchandise. They really want somebody to help them with whatever project they have, big or small. They all take pride in their homes and the way they feel about their homes. That is the underlying message all of our customers send back to us. We can meet those needs.

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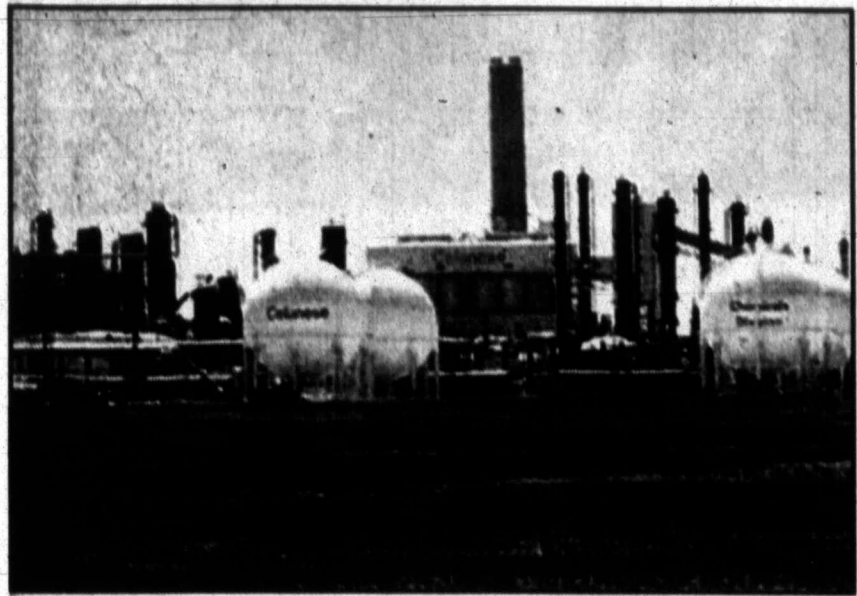
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Celanese

The future can be in one's hands.

As employees at Celanese's Pampa Plant move into the new millennium, they plan to aggressively respond to challenges in the shifting chemical industry and realignments in the international economy.

An initiative begun in 1998 continues into 2000 as Celanese Pampa Plant and other parts of the Celanese organization partner with Pampa Economic Development Corporation to bring new businesses to Gray County.

The new businesses, called site partners, are those which can make use of Celanese infrastructure as a supplier of raw materials or as a customer for Celanese products, according to Site Director Riley Kothmann.

This alliance between Pampa Plant and PEDC allows the resources of both to be harnessed in the effort to develop new commercial opportunities which will benefit both the plant and the local economy.

The last year of the century focused on developing ways to the local plant cost position. The first year of the new century will focus on implementing phase one of the cost-improvement measures. A second stage may require more radical changes which might involve manufacturing different products or manufacturing current products in new ways.

PEDC

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation is "Positive about Pampa." Our community is fortunate to have hard-working, caring citizens who want to see the city grow and prosper.

Companies looking at our community see our fine schools, our community pride, our church organizations, our many parks, the Youth and Community Center, M.K. Brown Auditorium, our chamber building, our brick-paved streets and our positive attitudes. We have a strong Optimist organization that supports our children and a very active Top O' Texas Rodeo Association, not to mention the many clubs and other organizations that make our community strong.

And, when the community takes on a project, just look at the results: The Jordan and Baten Units of the TDCJ, the United Way Campaign, and more current, the new Clarendon College-Pampa Center campus!

Rural communities throughout America sit on the threshold of a new era in population shift in this country, and Pampa intends to take advantage of this population shift. Communication technologies will foster radical changes in how and where people work and live. There is evidence that these advances in

"We're looking at operating Pampa almost like its own little business," Kothmann explained.

Another facet of improving Pampa Plant's cost position ties into using the talents and skills of its people.

"We have people who really step up to the plate for the challenge. As they understand what has to be done, they develop creative ways to get it done," Kothmann said.

He explained that a labor survey conducted for PEDC in 1999 revealed Gray County and the surrounding area is home to a solid, competent workforce capable of upgrading to higher paying, higher skilled jobs as opportunities arise. The workforce in this area compared very favorably to other regions of the state.

"I think the bottom line, given the nature of the chemical business now, and as we see forward in the future, is that the Pampa site is going to have to continually address and meet change. We are very well positioned to do that. In 10 years, I expect the site to be here. It may not look the same, but that's what we have to look at and do those things which lead to long term viability," Kothmann said.

"I do think we have the future in our hands. We have the ability to control enough of the variables that we can shape our future and that is what we are in the process of doing," he said.



Culberson Stowers Inc.

As you can see, Kelley is once again very much a part of our daily lives. We are very much indebted to Dr. Lee and the staff of Pampa Regional Medical Center for the initial care that was provided to Kelley. How fortunate we are to have the specialized level of care afforded to the citizens of Pampa and to the rest of the panhandle by the doctors, nurses and support staff at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo with the additional benefit of having the Texas Tech Health Science Center right there for additional training and research. More importantly, we must recognize that there are times that we must have faith, hope and the trust that God will take care of us if we will give him the opportunity, and as such we would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers during the last few months. Despite the "perils" that we may have experienced, we were comforted through all of the support offered by everyone in Pampa.

Along with our health, all to often we take for granted the many benefits that we have by living in Pampa. I was born here, graduated from Pampa High School, and with the exception of college, have lived here all of my life. We are fortunate to have been able to visit many other locations, and we can guarantee you that there is no place like home. We will acknowledge that there are some things we would love to change. It would be nice to have more selection and more retail stores to choose from. Yes, and it would be great to have a little more variety in restaurants. And so as not to just cast stones

at other businesses, we wish that we might have a better selection of inventory. But you know what — it always seems that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence. Maybe, if we would just step back and reflect, we can see how beneficial it is to live here. And, to continue that thought, maybe we can come up with an idea to make our lives even better. We must remember that we have to be able to help ourselves and not rely on "Big Brother," (whoever that is) to make it happen.

If we could change our "consumption" patterns to better support local business, then maybe we could improve the selections and products to choose from. From our business's standpoint, each of our customers becomes a partner in our future. I have frequently said, as it relates to our business, that 73 years is both a blessing and a curse — 73 years of making friends, and 73 years of making enemies. Of course, the latter is not desired, so it is our ongoing desire to tear down those old walls and build an environment so that we can mutually share in the prosperity of Pampa and the Top of Texas area. By the way, after 73 years of continuous family ownership, we are one of the oldest dealerships in the state and the country, and we would like to think that we are not too set in our ways.

In conclusion, Pampa is a great place to live, raise a family and conduct business. With everyone working together, we will prosper in the next century.

—Janet and Richard Stowers Kelley and Sean, Culberson Stowers Inc.

First American Bank

While many people seem to feed on negative news and rumors, I believe there are many positive things occurring in Pampa that continue to build a strong foundation for excellent long-term growth in the area. For years Pampa invested in the future by putting all its proverbial eggs in one basket, that basket was energy. Even the youngest, most naive investor knows that a key to safety is diversification, and that applies to the business development plan of cities as well as to individuals. During a time that many would rather dwell on the jobs that have left Pampa in recent years, I prefer to look at the small Pampa companies that have added employees and even the few new companies that have located to the area creating new jobs. People can't expect Pampa to attract new industry in five or ten years after turning away many of the same opportunities in the last 50 years.

Pampa has given me and my family the opportunity to live in a small town where there is a strong

sense of community, instead of a large city where few people know one another. It has allowed me a sense of security, knowing my parents are not living in a crime-ridden city where the elderly are many times victims in their own homes. Since I was fortunate enough to move back to Pampa in 1992, I have seen street improvements, park improvements, jobs created and an overall can-do attitude expressed by positive business leaders in the city. Pampa has allowed me to work at a bank that for the last 5 1/2 years has repeatedly finished in the top 10 out of 62 branches in Texas for overall growth. I think it's positive that I seldom find anyone who wants to leave Pampa, but I know many folks who would love to move here. If people will be patient, I'm positive that Pampa will continue to turn the corner and strengthen its position among other towns in the Panhandle.

—Dennis Godwin, vice president-manager First American Bank



The Golden Phoenix Center

The Golden Phoenix Center located in the Pampa Regional Medical Center, has been serving the senior population in Pampa and surrounding communities since April of 1995. Golden Phoenix was established to attend to the mental health needs of older adults experiencing a psychiatric disorder. Golden Phoenix has become well known in the area. Individuals are regularly admitted from cities and towns within a 180-mile radius, including Amarillo and Lubbock. Recently a patient came to Pampa from Dallas to be treated after hearing the success story of one of her friends.

The Golden Phoenix is about success. It is not unusual for a person to come to the center with no hope, thinking that the aches and pains of old age are just too much to handle. The challenge of getting older is not easy. Loss of loved ones, body functions, and independence can be difficult even for the strongest human being. Golden Phoenix gives senior adults the tools that they need to get their life back.

Take Sophie, (name has been changed for confidentiality) a socially prominent woman who had always been married to the same man for more than sixty years and reported to have a marriage filled with love and excitement. Over the course of several years her husband had developed Alzheimers. One day when her husband could not recall her name, she went to bed and did not get out for two weeks. She couldn't eat, she couldn't sleep, and she couldn't make herself get dressed. She wanted to die.

At the advice of her doctor, Sophie's son brought her to the Golden Phoenix for treatment. Sophie was started on medication prescribed by the psychiatrist. She attended therapy groups with other individuals experiencing similar feelings. She had individual and family therapy to deal with the loss of the life she once knew. Within two weeks, Sophie was able to come to terms with the changes in her life, accept her husband as he was, and step forward to reclaim her life.

Working at the Golden Phoenix Center is a privilege and a joy. Staff

members claim that they learn from their patients each and every day. They especially learn about strength and perseverance. Some very strong individuals pass through the doors of the "Phoenix" to receive treatment. It takes a special person to admit that they need help.


Pampa is very lucky to have the highly trained and educated people who serve the patients at Golden Phoenix. Mustafa Hussain, M.D. and Vinson Mizell, M.D. serve as the Medical Directors of the center. Terry Briscoe, MS, LPC, LMFT is the Program Director. She oversees all clinical aspects of the program and also serves as a licensed psychotherapist. Judy McCully, LMSW is a licensed clinical social worker and is in charge of daily process groups, case management, and also facilitates therapy. Stephanie Paronto, CTRS is a certified therapeutic recreational specialist and Trish Nera, OT is the occupational therapist. Together they help patients learn to have fun again. Through several groups a day and patient outings they help patients regain optimal functioning and to use those skills socially. Julie Long, MTBC helps patients express their feelings through music therapy. If needed, patients may also participate in physical therapy.

Each patient is also under the care of one of the capable Pampa physicians to oversee their medical needs. The staff is not complete without mentioning the trained psychiatric nurses that spend hours a day caring for the physical and emotional needs of the patient. They are the heart of the treatment team.

Mental health care is a collaborative effort. It takes the physicians, the "treatment team", the family, and the cooperation of the patient to get well. A psychiatric illness can be a scary thing. It is comforting to know that in Pampa, there is the Golden Phoenix Center.

If you or your loved one need help understanding or treating a mental illness, call the Golden Phoenix at 663-5570.

Photo caption: Debbie Douglas, RN and Judy McCully, LMSW (standing); Stephanie Paronto, recreation therapist with patient.

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Wanda Carter

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Chamber of Commerce

The Dunlap Company was founded in 1892 by H.G. Dunlap, in Wagoner, Indian Territory, during the Land Rush days. After a few years, Dunlap consolidated his store with that of his three sons in nearby Coweta. Soon, the Dunlap Brothers had 12 stores throughout Eastern Oklahoma. In 1916, at the age of 15, Retha R. Martin went to work for the Dunlaps.

By 1921, there were twenty stores, and the Dunlap branch of the family decided to retire, close the stores and move to California to open a new group of stores. Deciding to stay behind, Martin purchased a 40 percent interest in the only remaining store. The store prospered and expanded. In 1939, seeing the prosperity of the booming ranch and oil country of West Texas, Martin began acquiring stores in that area. In 1942, the company purchased the Addison Wadley store in Midland, Texas. J.B. Hoskins was a partner in the store. Joining the company, he eventually rose to the position of executive vice president.

By 1942, there were 14 stores located primarily in West Texas and New Mexico. Martin moved the headquarters to Lubbock, Texas. His philosophy was to establish independent, locally-operated stores, offering moderate to better merchandise for the home and family, responsive to the needs of each unique community. Today, there are Dunlaps stores in Abilene, Amarillo, big Spring, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, Pampa, San Angelo, Stephenville, and Victoria, Texas; and Carlsbad and Hobbs, N.M.

This same philosophy has guided The Dunlap Company as it has acquired other fine

stores: Coldstein-Migel of Waco, Texas; Stripling and Cox of Fort Worth and Arlington, Texas; Russell's of Denton, Texas; Lintz of Brady, Texas and Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; McClurkans of Wichita Falls, Texas and Duncan, Oklahoma; The White House of Beaumont, Texas and Lake Charles, Louisiana; Clark's of Lufkin, Texas; M.M. Cohn of Little Rock, North Little Rock, and El Dorado, Arkansas and Memphis, Tenn.; Gabriel's of Plainview, Texas; Kerr's of Huntsville, Texas; Steketee's of Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, Holland, Kalamazoo and Muskegon Michigan; Schreiner's of Kerrville, Texas; Ware's of Littlefield, Texas; Porteous of Auburn, Bangor, Brunswick and Presque Isle, Maine; Marcom's of Fredrick, Oklahoma; Heironimus of Roanoke, Salem and Lynchburg, Virginia; Kline's of Hays, Kansas; Katz of Stillwater, Oklahoma; Ogilvie's of Calcutta, Ohio; The Blue Room of Clovis, New Mexico; Roger's of Florence, Muscle Shoals and Decatur, Alabama; Schmidt's of Nacogdoches, Texas; and Gindlers of Gonzalos, Hallettsville, La Grange and Yoakum, Texas. The company's offices were moved to Fort Worth, Texas, in 1977.

Today, The Dunlap Company is primarily owned by members of the Dunlap, Martin and Hoskins families, who remain active in the management of the business. The company continues its commitment to the philosophy of local autonomy in each market, allowing each store or group of stores to serve its community. Taking care of the customer is still the most important mission.

Blake Howard

For years I have been one to sit back and complain about what is wrong with Pampa or the things Pampa doesn't have. In those years, my wife, Toni, and I have had the opportunity to relocate to other cities with unlimited things to offer, a "smart career move?" and a larger salary but we've always chose to stay in Pampa.

So I had to step back and ask myself, why did we stay in Pampa? Well, it's hard to pinpoint the one reason we stayed, the schools, the cost of living, hometown atmosphere, friendly people, family, those are just some of the reasons. The main thing is we chose to stay.

With that having been said, I feel Pampa is at a crossroads, several-families have left, businesses have left or scaled back, and unlike other areas, our economy is in a slump. But on the other side of that, opportunities abound for towns the size of Pampa. It's up to us to decide which road we want to take.

The low road, is an easy road, we just sit back and accept the status quo and watch Pampa dwindle down until even the things that we now take for granted are gone. With the low

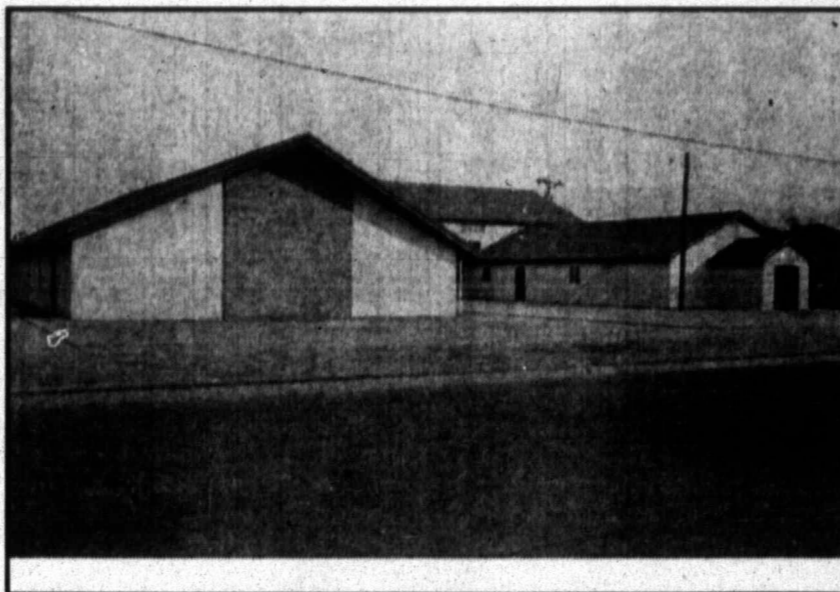
road, there are very few rewards along the way, but it's easy.

Or, we can take the high road, this road is much tougher to take, will require much more effort and it will take all of us to complete the journey. The high road may mean community, school, church, club or civic activity involvement, we may need to be open to new ideas, but the most important thing to remember about the high road is, we must remain positive. We must convey that positive attitude to other communities, businesses, customers, family and friends, anyone we come in contact with. If we take the high road, it will be worth the effort, the rewards along the way will be numerous and will benefit everyone.

New and exciting things are in store for Pampa in the next few years and I want to be a part of it, I want all of us to be a part of it, so, I would like to ask each of you to take a few minutes, step back and ask yourself: Why are you in Pampa and which road do you want to take?

I'm sure you will come up with the same answers I did.

—Blake Howard
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Barrett Baptist Church

In a world with so much emphasis on "bad news" and negativism, it is refreshing for the Pampa News to seek articles that are positive about the future of Pampa.

As a member of Barrett Baptist Church, I am very optimistic about the future of our church. Barrett Baptist Church was started in 1954 as a result of a vision of Dr. Carver, who was then pastor of First Baptist Church, and the mission committee of that church. In 1963, the mission was organized into a church. For almost half a century, the church has continued to serve our Lord in Pampa.

The membership of BBC has covenanted together to walk in the direction that God leads as we share Christian love with one another, as we pray for each other, the people of Pampa and others that God places on our hearts, as we help those in need and reach people for Jesus and minister in Jesus' name.

Our Lord has blessed in many ways as His Spirit has worked among us. Through

His working, our membership has grown. God has sent us new members who not only serve willingly, but are effective in spreading His word to others. We now have a vision of a new facility in order that we might continue to serve our Lord as He has commanded in His word. We look forward with excitement to what is in store for us.

Although our prayer list grows each week, we don't consider this a negative. With the new members that God brings, we expand our circle of friends and thereby our circle of concern.

I am positive that God will continue to lead and bless our church in the years to come. When I think positive about Pampa, I thank God for Barrett Baptist Church.

—Kathy White and Juanice Ferguson

Photo Caption: Picture of John Henry home in early 1900s, later sold to the Rev. E.G. Barrett who gave it to First Baptist. In 1954, Barrett Baptist Mission was started. Also, current picture of Barrett Baptist Church.



BPA student organization

Business Professionals of America is a national vocational student organization for students preparing for careers in the business world. Students who are members of BPA must be enrolled in a business course. The club is designed to provide leadership and growth opportunities for the students so they will be more productive in the work environment. The organization also has a foundation based on knowledge about the business world, patriotism, service and concern for the community and school, and friendship with other members.

One of the more educational

and fun activities in which the organization participates is contest. Students are now busy preparing for the area competition that will be held at the Area IV Region I Leadership Conference in Lubbock on Jan. 28 and 29. After Lubbock, those who win first, second or third will advance to the Texas Leadership Conference at Plano in March. Winners from the Texas Leadership Conference will compete at the national level in Minneapolis, Minn.

Photo caption: Chris Herron, Christi Lee, Sherrel Wheeler - teacher.



Black Gold Restaurant

The Black Gold Restaurant is pretty much a landmark in Pampa, being built in the early 1950's. It was going strong during the oil boom. It was and still is a meeting place for the farmers. It has seen the ups and downs of Pampa. Oh, if only those walls could talk! The stories they could tell, so much history. For those of you who are not familiar with the Black Gold Restaurant, it is located at 1100 E. Frederic, Highway 60 East.

Hi, my name is Sue Hinds. I'm the current owner of the Black Gold. We are going into our fourth year. When I opened, I wanted it to be a "family" restaurant. And it is! My self, my family, my crew and my customers are one big family. We all care about each other. We cry together, laugh together and have so much fun. There is always something going on. We have birthday parties, anniversary parties, Halloween, Christmas parties and just plain parties. We love to have fun. We decorate for every occasion to brighten up the place and bring a little joy to everyone. I collect any novelty toy that plays music or makes a noise. Everyone has to set them off when they come in and when they leave. The kids love to come in and play with "Sue's toys." When I walk in with a sack on my arm, everyone says "uh-ho Sue has a new toy," and usually I do! They love it! Me, too!

We have two bulletin boards inside the front door full of pictures showing all the things we do. Bless Bill Parrish. He is the one that takes all these pictures.

Travelers as well as customers enjoy looking at them. The pictures are also a reminder of those who have moved away or passed on. Like I said, the Black Gold is a family place and everything we do is done in good taste, because children are included in everything.

Another fun thing that goes on here is the "Lefors Pea Pickers." They are a small band made up of J.B. Duckworth, Dixie Sims, Sam Shackelford, Vernon Camp, Deano Boyd and sometimes Bill Barnett. They play the best "old" country music! You should hear J.B. get down on that fiddle when he plays the "Orange Blossom Special."

All the foot stomping and hand clapping going on just makes you smile all over! Gaylene Shipp, one of my night cooks, joins in sometimes, playing her "spoons." One night a new family came in to listen to the band. Their son was about 4- or 5-years-old. He wanted so bad to sing. Guess what! The band gathered him up and let him sing with them. He was so cute! Everyone loved it, and he was one proud kid! The band plays every Friday night from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. It's all "free entertainment." You must come out to hear them.

By the way, we do have the "best home cookin' in town", I would like to invite everyone to come out and join us. We would like for you to be part of our family.

—Sue Hinds
Photo caption: J.B. Duckworth, Sam Shackelford, Vernon Camp, and Deano Boyd.

Chamber of Commerce

There are many positive businesses, organizations and people in Pampa to write about. I have chosen to write this article focusing on the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce because I now have 10 months of experience working at the Chamber and seeing first hand the efforts of our members.

I have been impressed by the desire of our members to volunteer their time, talents and resources to help their community continue to create a bright future. Our members realize that they are the Chamber of Commerce and that their efforts do make a difference. They recognize that Pampa is a great place to live and work so preserving our way of life is of utmost importance. It has been very encouraging to see the unselfishness of business owners and managers working to promote not only their own business, but all other member businesses and the overall Pampa economy as well.

In addition, many of the Chamber members devote a great

deal of their time and resources to their church, schools and charitable organizations. Even though we are facing challenging times, with men and women who are willing to give so much — we cannot fail to achieve the positive outcome we all want to see. I believe that the strength of the Chamber lies in the diversity of our membership. Men and women who are business owners, managers, employees and in many cases retirees. The Chamber is about people with different backgrounds and perspectives coming together for a common purpose and to achieve goals that will benefit many.

This year the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce will aggressively pursue our mission of positively impacting the economy of our community. We look forward to working with the PEDC and other organizations to bring about this vision.

—Clay Rice, president
Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce

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P ostive about P ampa

Brenda Zedlitz

One of the greatest attributes that Pampa offers is found on a quiet street towards the center of town. For the past 45 years, young lives have been nurtured and developed within the walls of this unassuming physical structure. That so many have received superior early childhood education here for so long is testimony to the fact that the dedication and commitment to children which were the cornerstone of its founding have remained constant through a myriad of changes in the world and society as well as in our town.

My children have been privileged to attend St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School and Day Care. We have watched them develop emotionally, spiritually and mentally as a result of the nurturing Christian environment that is the hallmark of St. Matthew's. Year after year, the faculty and staff have embraced some of the tiniest and most vulnerable members of our community and with great compassion gently guided them into a learning experience that provides the

foundation for all the years of their future education.

If one had to pay what an early education of this quality is truly worth, the price would be astronomical. Yet daily these teachers and staff members quietly reach out to the children with the love and compassion of Christ Jesus; their reward being a sense of calling to these children and the contentment that answering that call brings. And the giggles and shouts from the playground, the excitement in the classrooms when a task is mastered are all a part of the wonderful world of St. Matthew's Day School.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School and Day Care serve to enrich our community in a very positive manner. I am proud of the fact that a wonderful institution such as this has found a place in the hearts and lives of Pampa for so many years serving children of every race, creed and class. And the legacy continues with strong foundation now being built in the children of this new millennium.

—Brenda V. Zedlitz

Charles and Tena Henry

The things we like about Pampa are its laid-back atmosphere, its place of opportunity, public education facilities and its weather. There are several other reasons that come to mind but we will write about only the forementioned.

The laid-back atmosphere and attitude of the people is great and causes one to appreciate living in Pampa. No one ever seems to be in a great hurry and yet things get accomplished. We like the fact that we are never being pushed in a certain direction to become like other people and cities in Texas. Most people are pretty friendly and will offer a helping hand if needed or requested. Since we moved here almost four years ago, people take us for who we are and not for what they think we should be.

The public school system at both the elementary, middle, high school and junior college levels is excellent. In our judgment, the opportunity for learning and developing our youth is as good

in Pampa as there is anyplace in the panhandle or most other areas in Texas. Our students have performed quite well on the required performance test that equals or exceeds many other school districts in the state. Generally the students in Pampa are as well behaved as any students in the area.

Our new junior college facility is outstanding and will make a major contribution to the community and the formal educations of the people in the area.

Our parents, with limited resources were able to establish a small business in the late 60s in Pampa and immediately had customers which remained so until their health caused them to close. This would have been difficult if not impossible anyplace else. This is an example of the type of people that reside in Pampa. The business was quite successful for over 25 years because of the good people of Pampa.

That's what we like about Pampa and its way of life.

—Charles and Tena Henry

Bugzy's Surplus

I would like to tell you a story. A positive story. It entails a community of good people, more than a decade of hard times and a reoccurring feeling of going forgotten as prosperity flourishes right down the road. I believe it is time to start the ball rolling to move our town toward a positive direction. People here have endeavored despite our economic lapse and the diminishing lack of opportunity. By opportunity I mean the lack of a chance to better oneself and to improve the quality of life for the ones we love. A chance for improvement through time and perseverance.

We've done the time and persevered now we have the opportunity. A new business has appeared out of the mist that presents us with just that. A chance to improve our quality of life by doing those little things to our homes that we've wanted to but affordability made it difficult. Now you can fix up the place at an affordable price and have some left over to do a little more.

It seems much of our hard-earned revenue has been heading west these past years and we're taking the first step to stop it.

This new business is called Bugzy's Surplus Building Supplies and the key to our success is a little support from the community we serve. Our first priority is keeping our prices as low as possible. Then gradually build up our inventory to meet the needs of each and every customer that comes in. In the few weeks we have had our doors open, we have had customers from local churches to local businesses to local citizens and many from the smaller towns that surround Pampa. We feel positive about our store and the future of our town. Let's not just support our local businesses but let's give the public a reason to do so. At Bugzy's Surplus Building Supplies, we promise to do just that. Come see us!

—Randy Malone, owner
Bugzy's Surplus Building Supplies

Benjamin Briscoe

I have lived in a large city all my life until September of 1996 when I moved to the town of Pampa. At first, I was worried about moving to such a small town, but when I arrived here I realized that my first impression of Pampa was wrong. I made friends quickly because everyone is so friendly here. I found out that Pampa has a great school system, with good educators for teachers. I found programs such as Theater Arts,

Choir, and the Gifted/Talented program, which I enjoy participating in at school.

There is no other place I would rather be enrolled in school than the Pampa Independent School District. Once I looked up and saw the wonderful oranges and reds of the sunset which engulfed the vast space of the Panhandle plains, I knew I would be happy here in the quaint little town of Pampa, Texas.

—Benjamin T. Briscoe

Desk and Derrick Club

The Desk and Derrick Club of Pampa was chartered Oct. 1, 1955. Knoxine Cotham has been a member of the club since the beginning. Membership is open to anyone employed in energy or related industries. Our meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month and are always open to the public.

The purpose and goal of the Association of Desk and Derrick is to provide education to the members so they may better serve their employers. Desk and Derrick gives you the opportunity to learn more

about both the field and the office. The association in conjunction with PETEX, Petroleum Extension Service at the University of Texas at Austin, has published the following books: "The Fundamentals of Petroleum," "Land & Leasing" and the "D&D Abbreviator."

Desk and Derrick is a unique organization with members coming together from throughout the United States and Canada to work together for a common goal.

For more information about Desk and Derrick, contact Rae Bagley at (806) 665-8441.

A-1 Lawn and Janitorial Service

A-1 Lawn and Janitorial Service is owned and operated by the Porterfield family — David, Joyce and Nathan. We offer lawn care, home and office cleaning, landscaping, fence repair, hauling, snow removal and many other odd jobs. We will even wash and wax your car.

We began our business in May of 1999. It took off quickly and has grown steadily. We have had the privilege of meeting and serving many fine people of Pampa.

Pampa is the perfect location for a family-run business. We have found our customers to be knowledgeable, friendly and appreciative. We're proud to be a part of the Pampa business community.

Nathan is a freshman at Amarillo College, majoring in computer networking. He is working his way through college with his share of the business. He is very dependable and runs the

day-to-day operations of A-1.

David is a maintenance pipefitter foreman in Alaska. He works there half the year. When he's home he stays busy in the family business. He's looking forward to the day when he can devote his time fully to the business.

Joyce works for the City of Pampa at the Lovett Memorial Library. She helps with the scheduling, billing and financial aspects of the business and also takes care of house and yard plants for vacationing Pampans. You might even see her occasionally shoveling snow or raking leaves.

A family can operate a business anywhere, but it is especially rewarding here in Pampa. This is our home and we have the best customers around. A-1 Lawn and Janitorial Service salutes Pampa and the great people of Pampa.

—A-1 Lawn & Janitorial Service

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UNIGLOBE Complete Travel, Inc. was established in July 1990. It has grown despite a continual cut in commissions by the airlines over the years. This is thanks to the people of Pampa and the surrounding area, plus businesses both large and small.

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National Bank of Commerce

I am writing this letter to express my views concerning Pampa, Texas.

I was raised in a very small town and have lived in large cities, and I believe Pampa offers the best of both. Pampa is like other rural areas and is struggling to maintain its population. It is up to the citizens of Pampa to make Pampa a place that will attract new businesses and employment opportunities. This is not an easy job, yet there is an ongoing effort to accomplish this each and every day. Our economy is further complicated by the fact that we are commodity based.

Due to the hard work of many of our citizens, good things are happen-

ing. We have recently brought a prison to our area. Clarendon College just opened a wonderful new facility on Kentucky Street. We have a new dairy east of town and another is finalizing plans currently to move to Pampa. The list goes on and on.

Our citizens are our biggest asset and always will be. Without them none of the above would be possible.

I further believe that it is our responsibility to maintain a positive attitude and "pitch-in" whenever we can to help our community grow and prosper.

—Jerry Foote,
National Bank of Commerce

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P ostive about P ampa

Loralee Cooley

Pampa has something that's very positive, which often goes unnoticed in the discussion about lower sales taxes (now going back up!), population decline, employee cut-backs at area corporations, and the like.

That "very positive something" is possibility.

Possibility has been the basis for everything that has ever happened in this area, it seems to me — a relative newcomer to the Texas panhandle (but who married into a panhandle family 32 years ago).

When the Comanches and Kiowas were hunters in this area, it was the possibility of finding buffalo that brought them here ...

When Coronado and his entourage came through here on their "wild goose chase" for the Seven Cities of Cibola, it was the possibility of finding gold that drove them on ...

When ranchers and "sodbusters" finally settled here a little over 100 years ago, it was the possibility of bringing water up from underground through windmills that made that settlement workable ...

When C.P. Buckler moved here from England to run the White Deer Land Company (along with M.K. Brown and T.D. Hobart), it was the possibility of successful land development that encouraged him to stay in this dry, flat, forlorn village (nothing at all like the lush countryside of his native England), marry a girl from Lefors, build one of the landmark houses of the Texas Panhandle, become a citizen, and be recognized twice in the Congressional Record in Washington, D.C., for his service to this community he chose to live in ...

When many Gray County citizens banded together during World War II to convince Washington that Pampa was a good choice for a special training base for fighter pilots, they saw the possibility for being an important part of American history, and for providing a strong economic boost to the local economy ...

When M.K. Brown presented the City of Pampa with the 1500-plus seat auditorium that now bears his name, it was because he saw the possibility of Pampa becoming a regional center for arts, entertainment, conventions, lectures and trade shows that would serve the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles in a (unique and accessible way, different from how Amarillo could do it ...

When Pampa Fine Arts Association decided in 1997 to host something called the ARTrain, which brought in over 4,500 visitors, including students from 17 different school districts, it was because that organization was convinced of the possibility that this event could "put Pampa on the map" as a center of activi-

ty for the panhandle, and enable all the communities to work together to make this happen ...

When my husband accepted the position of pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pampa, and we moved back to his native Texas Panhandle in 1994, we envisioned the possibility of what this city could do. It was because of our understanding of Pampa's possibility that we purchased the Buckler home, knowing that the home itself is part of the Pampa heritage ...

And what possibility did we see?

Here are some of the ideas that have yet to come to fruition that seemed possible nearly six years ago, when we first saw Pampa:

1) Development of a retirement center.

We sorely needed one for my mother when we moved here, and there was nothing available. She had enjoyed a lengthy residence in a retirement center in South Carolina, and planned on a similar experience here. It didn't happen.

(NOTE: The recent sad changes in our local hospice — since BSA Hospice has pretty well taken over what was once Hospice of the Panhandle — will affect the success of the current efforts to provide a retirement center.)

Such a retirement center is still, however, a real and needed possibility. With a service area for prospective residents stretching from Liberal, Kan., to Follett, Childress, and White Deer, Texas, this could be a very good economic venture for Pampa.

People who are from an agricultural background often prefer living in a smaller city, and need to be closer to the land. Pampa is in the unique and enviable position of being that smaller Booker, Wellington, Wheeler, Memphis, than does Amarillo.

Pampa is in the equally unique and enviable position of being a "city" — one that has in common with our larger neighbor to the west, Amarillo, a good medical center, a choice of banking, grocery stores, churches, restaurants and the like.

A retirement center here would have access to the attractive blend of town and city that is unique to Pampa. Let's not neglect this possibility.

2) Development of alternative energy resources.

Here we live, understanding the importance of energy (in the form of petroleum), in the middle of two other forms of energy sources: solar and wind. These both have the enviable characteristic of never becoming exhausted.

Granted, earlier attempts to develop these sources have not met with great success, but there may be a reason for that. Remember the Tucker automobile? It was never allowed to become a household word

because of bigger and more influential competition. Could solar and wind energy developments have been treated like the Tucker automobile? Perhaps it's time to reinvestigate how Pampa could lead the state (nation? world?) in developing solar and wind energy in a realistic and economically-successful venture.

(Wind has already proven itself with the success of the windmill for accessing water for agricultural purposes. What else can we do with it?)

3) Development of tourism.

We live so close to what's here that we may not see what we have to offer.

Imagine living in Germany and reading in "German pulp westerns" (and there really are such books!) about the "mystique" of the American west? And guess where that American west is? Right here in the Texas panhandle!

Imagine living in England, Scotland or Ireland, and learning that many of the biggest ranches were established by fellow countrymen? The J-A Ranch, for which Charles Goodnight was famous, was established — and named for — the Irishman, John Adair. The Matorador Ranch was owned for years by a Scottish concern. Here in Pampa, the local connection to England has already been noted, with C.P. Buckler and his countryman M.K. Brown coming to manage the English-owned White Deer Land Co.

Imagine living in any other part of the United States and being an elementary-school student reading about "cowboys and Indians." Accurate or not, the image of the Native Americans of the Plains is still very much a part of our nation's mythology. While native peoples lived all over this country in such dwellings as wigwams, long houses, hogans and well-built wood frame homes, it is the teepee — that strange tent made from deerskin — that is the traditional image, and that teepee was used only by the nomadic peoples of our own High Plains.

Imagine growing up in Texas, and reading of the "Red River Wars," and wondering what they were, and why you never heard of them when you studied Texas history years ago ... and then finding out that those "wars" happened right here in Hutchinson, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Roberts and Gray Counties.

Imagine being a World War II POW from Germany, and telling your family about a little town in southern Gray County where you were in prison, and how you have kept up a correspondence with people you met all these years.

Imagine being a geological buff, and knowing that the whole Caprock is important to the

development of flint-knapping, and flint-knapping was important to the development of arrows for hunting (and fighting) and for starting fires, which is important to the development of cooking, which is important to the development of civilization.

Imagine being an engineer who likes scientific history, and wondering how the petroleum industry came about in this part of the world.

Imagine being a folk musician, and learning that a "ne'er-do-well" named Woody Guthrie got his musical start in Pampa, Texas, and went on to write such internationally-known songs as "This Land is Your Land" (which many think

should be our National Anthem).

Imagine being an artist and seeing a photograph of one of our beautiful sunsets, and wanting to be able to PAINT such a thing, in person.

Imagine being a storyteller, and wanting to know the stories of the people and the history of this land.

All of the above are likely travelers to our city. These travelers can bring in "clean" money: they're here a few days, they pay taxes for the services they need, they leave ... with a real sense of what the West was (and is) like.

Can we accommodate them? Do we welcome them? Are we able to show them the West they

ask about, or tell them the true tales of our Panhandle, and show them how life really is? Are we gracious and helpful hosts?

These are three different possibilities that we in Pampa can develop right now. Some of these may come to us, whether we are ready or not! Be aware that tourism is on its way! Others will need some real research, promotion and hard work before they become reality.

But never underestimate the power of possibility. And never neglect our responsibility to accomplish anything we set our minds to do.

—Loralee Cooley, former president
Pampa Fine Arts Association

Jack Reeve

Perks about Pampa? You can bet your boots there are more than my computer can hold. Let me name just a few.

The Pampa Medical Center. The envy of all the communities in the panhandle. A first class facility with a brand new outpatient care unit, a new expanded ER area, and new birthing rooms where mother doesn't need to move from one place to another to do her job. The medical staff is competent, caring and totally dedicated to their patients. The new administration is pushing very hard to fill in gaps and bring in more doctors. And it's there to serve us for any procedures or need that it offers. Check it out! I'm proud of our hospital and its people.

Our parks. Have you had the opportunity to meet or work with our Parks Department? Reed Kirkpatrick, Geno, Ed, Ruth, Clint and all their co-workers make up a willing, cooperative team that's a pleasure to work with. Visit all of our parks and the Super Playground. They take care of all of this. I'm proud of our parks and the people that keep them beautiful.

Our organizations. In this short letter, there is no way to list them. But I think of the kids programs supported by the Optimists, the Pampa Soccer Association, and the Rodeo Association. I think of the work by Rotary on the Super Playground. This list could go on and on. I'm proud of our organizations and their efforts to make a better life for all of us.

Our people. We are the size where one person can make a real difference. Have you been in the new parking area to the east of the Chamber of Commerce building? My understanding is that one person was the spark-plug that moved this entire pro-

ject from conception to completion. I think it's great to live in a community where just one person can make such a clear and positive difference. I'm proud of our people.

Pampa schools, both public and private, from pre-K through college. We take these for granted too often. What a pleasure it is to see the sparkling new and renovated areas in our schools. We are blessed with many wonderful teachers but try the HOSTS mentoring program at Wilson School if you want some fun entertainment. Mrs. Dyson can always use another mentor. I went through the new Pampa Center of Clarendon College the other day. Like they say on the Antique Road Show, "Wow!" I'm proud of our schools and our teachers.

Space and time limit going further, but this is easy writing. You bet Pampa has positives.

—Jack Reeve

Meaker Appliance

We're in our full 16th year here at Meaker Appliance (thanks to the late Mr. and Mrs. Purl Meaker who started it all in December 1939!) Business is good but that doesn't just happen. One must work to out-flank his competitors by providing better selection, better products, better parts and service to his customers, always be honest, but, above all, put the customers interest first! The appliance industry has undergone enormous changes in just the past fifteen to twenty years alone. Manufacturers are selling to outlets that in many cases have about as much business with appliances as grocery stores would have selling new vehicles.

In the face of all these so-called competitors, we continue to service what we sell, provide parts to our customers while the little-

bit-of-everything, but not-a-lot-of anything outlets try to "farm-it-out" or just go for begging. The smart folks in Pampa know that the Amarillo deals are costing them much more than here at our store in Pampa. We at Meaker are consistently at or below the prices advertised and the exact same models elsewhere, plus there's that local parts and service we provide our customers. Besides saving money initially, they've saved a costly trip and their sales tax money stays right here at home.

Even though we've had virtually every brand available to us in over 60 years of doing business, unlike the non-specialist outlets, we offer only the finest appliances available for the money, mostly from the Maytag Co. (including Magic Chef, Maytag, and Jenn-air brands.) We have

elect to concentrate on these better products rather than the "also-rans"; thereby, offering the public a much better value for the money. Every single one of our "original" competitors here in Pampa including the chain stores is history, disappeared (some re-try again now and then but never stay too long!)

Pampa and the surrounding area is our home, populated with many wonderful people who we have been privileged to serve as our customers and in many cases make lasting friendships. As long as our area has the wonderful folks here and with additional long-term job growth, Pampa and vicinity has a long and strong future ahead but as with our business, we'll all have to pitch in to out-perform competition — together we can.

—Meaker Appliance

Mark Taylor

I can't remember the Russian comedian's name that was popular with his routine of "what a country," but I am re-writing this because I realize I live in "what a city."

What a city we have in Pampa where there are many family-supporting jobs to be had. Working for Celanese, IRI, Pampa Regional Medical, Cabot, Titan, Pampa Independent School District and many, many more. We are truly blessed.

What a city! We have a long list of churches to choose from in which we can gather to worship the Lord.

What a city! We have brand

new streets thanks to the renovation program of the city.

What a city! We have many active service clubs that work hard to provide activities such as Chautauqua, community concerts, learning activities for children and adults, arts, recitals of dance, gymnastic and music, Boy Scouts and Girl Scout programs.

What a city! We have ball games to attend year round to see our young people compete. We have taekwon-do, boxing and wrestling.

What a city! We have two, no, three golf courses in Pampa. Count them. Three swimming

pools for our city. A youth center helps us be young again. We have a really nice parks system in this town to hang out in. Wow! A Super Playground built by the people.

What a city! I read in the Pampa News in December about a local hero driving 100-plus miles to take money to a total stranger, because of his integrity. Billy Parker you are my hero, I know there is a good person here. Probably, two or four or eight. Multiply! It's fun!

What a city! Thanks for the opportunity to be positive.

—Mark Taylor

Personnel Services

Personnel Services has been named for the second consecutive year as one of the fastest growing companies in the country by Inc. magazine. The Inc. 500, is an exclusive report on the companies and CEOs who are changing the face of American business. Noteworthy alumni included such household corporate name as Microsoft, Timberland, Dominos Pizza and Patagonia.

Personnel Services began in Mineral Wells, Texas in 1993 with one office, 2 clients and twenty staff and temporary employees. Six years later, with annual sales exceeding 12 million dollars, Personnel Services employed over 3000 people and serves more than 400 companies. Personnel Services has expanded to service eleven cities in Texas overall. The Pampa office located at NBC Plaza, 1224 N. Hobart, Suite 105, provides staffing services including recruitment of

temporary and permanent workers for its client companies. The success of Personnel Services was recognized for the second year in a row by Inc. magazine ranking it number 399 as one of the nations fastest-growing companies for 1999. Personnel Services is proud to be part of the Pampa community and looks forward to serving its members for a long time to come. Personnel Services...we're all about people.



Great Achievement

Cheryl Woods-Patrick, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. I.L. Patrick, recently was named to the President's Deans List and also honored for a perfect grade point average of 4.0 on a course load of 17 hours from the University of North Texas at

Dallas. Cheryl will be graduating this August with a Bachelor of Arts in Education degree with an intent to later pursue her degree in the medical field as an obstetrician.

Cheryl's name will be submitted to the 'National Dean's List', a publication which recognizes outstanding academic achievements of students throughout the United States. Thanks be to God and the heartiest congratulations to Cheryl and others on this admirable accomplishment.

P Positive about Pampa

Canaday, PEDC

I have heard many times, from visitors and newcomers alike, what an impression the warm and friendly people in Pampa make. When you've grown up all your life in a small town like Pampa, maybe you don't realize how wonderful it is to have such a community. The citizens in Pampa can come together and accomplish just about anything they put their minds to.

When people talk about the current economy in Pampa, some would prefer to look at the negative instead of the positive. Let's look at the positive things that are happening. We have a brand new Clarendon College-Pampa Center. We have the Moody Dairy east of town

Ronnie Holmes

Certainly one of the most positive things about Pampa is the Pride of Pampa High School Band. It is the largest and busiest organization in Pampa High School. I have been so happy with my two sons involvement in the Pride of Pampa Band. Their participation in band has made them have a positive attitude in attending school each day. Although a lot of hard work and many hours of practice goes into band, there is also time for fun and camaraderie.

Since the band spends so much time together they are a very large and close-knit family. They not only learn to master a musical instrument, but learn discipline, how to follow orders and team work. The encouragement my oldest son received from his directors has helped

and another one on the way. Many small businesses have made Pampa their home. Current businesses are beautifying existing facilities and some are building new facilities. A new United Supermarket has come to town. A new Sonic has been built, and the list goes on.

Pampa has many positive attributes. We need to focus on the positive and look to the future with an optimistic attitude. There are good and bad things happening all the time, but if we concentrate on the good things it can change our attitudes and the attitudes of the people around us.

Andra Canaday, project coordinator
PEDC

him to decide to make a career in music. I cannot say enough about Pampa's outstanding music staff — from Julie Collins who helped my boys pick the right instrument in elementary school to Roger Myers who has succeeded in getting marching back in junior high and has been so encouraging to students going into high school. To Bruce Collins who works the band to perfection whether it be marching or concert season and to Jason Jones, our newest director who has added a performing Jazz band and a very energetic and positive attitude.

Whether being represented on the football fields of the panhandle, in concert in Washington, D.C., or Disney World, the Pride of Pampa Band always represents Pampa well.
—Ronnie Holmes

Holmes Gift Shoppe

As a survivor of 37 years of the business world in Pampa, Texas, Holmes Gift Shoppe and Sports Center looks forward to serving Pampa in the new millennium. Founded in 1962 in the 100 block of South Cuyler by Leon and Dorothy Holmes, their family name has been known for quality merchandise and honest, friendly service.

In the beginning, Holmes was a glass and gift shop with a tire sales and repair shop in the back. In 1964, Leon moved his tire store in to a Texaco Station on North Hobart and Dorothy moved her gift shop into the Hughes building. Holmes Gift Shoppe became famous throughout the Panhandle for a large stock of Fenton, Westmoreland and L.G. Wright glass.

In the summer of 1967, they moved to their present location at 304 S. Cuyler, a building owned by Leon's father Luther Holmes and built in the 1920's by Luther's father Alfred

Best Kept Secrets

Best Kept Secrets is "Positive about Pampa" and so are a lot of people in town. How do we know? Because we feel it from our customers and business associates. We are inspired by the people we meet through our business and that positive attitude is contagious, it is what motivates us to work hard to improve our business and support our community.

Our business is a result of a positive attitude and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Pampa, the surrounding area, and our family for making Best Kept Secrets a

Holmes. In the ensuing years, Holmes has carried glassware and dishes, has had full bridal registry, furniture, housewares, General Electric Appliances and a full line of sporting goods. Current owners Ronnie and Randy Holmes have been raised in the business and seen the store evolve through many stages.

Today Holmes has one of the largest selection of shoes and sports equipment found anywhere featuring name brands such as Asics, Adidas, Reebok, Fila, K-Swiss, Converse, Rawlings, Spalding, Wilson, Easton, Worth and much more. Looking in the future, Holmes will try to stay positive about Pampa and will continue to change with the times to bring the people of Pampa what they want whether it be the latest in fashion by Adidas or Pokemon Cards. We'll always stand by our motto: "If we don't have it you don't need it!"

wonderful success. We are truly excited about the future of Pampa and the future of our store. We are expanding our product lines and customer services to better fulfill your needs. In addition, we will be adding gift baskets and on-line shopping in the next few months. We always look forward to bringing new and unique gift items to our customers.

Let's spread the "Positive About Pampa" attitude in everything we do.
—Toni and Blake Howard
Best Kept Secrets
1925 N. Hobart

Joe Kyle Reeve

According to the staff and faculty at Pampa Center, the only attitude a person can have about Pampa is a positive one.

Clarendon College-Pampa Center has just completed moving into a new facility on Kentucky and things could not be any more positive for the college. In 1995, a group of individuals who were positive about Pampa came together to make Pampa an even better place to live. Their goal was to build a new higher education facility and that goal has been realized this month. On Jan. 4, the Pampa Center Foundation Board and Clarendon College opened a new state-of-the-art academic classroom center.

One might ask how this monumental task could be accomplished in a town like Pampa? The only way it could be accomplished is by having the project be located in a town with so much

going for it. The people of Pampa can be credited with making this possible. Pampa has the best citizens and corporate citizens there are around. When the fundraising campaign started, the people and businesses of Pampa were the first ones to show their commitment. And through that commitment we now have one of the best educational facilities in the Panhandle.

The college and staff are very excited about their new facility and are anxious to serve the needs of Pampa and surrounding communities. According to the dean of Pampa Center, "This is only the first step in many great things to come for Clarendon College and Pampa. Let's each get positive about Pampa and tell our stories so that other people can see the great things that are being done."
—Joe Kyle Reeve

Knights of Columbus

Recently, the Knights of Columbus purchased a downtown building, which was unoccupied. With a lot of volunteered man-hours we were able to transform an unwanted building into a first-rate meeting facility in which we can all be very proud. The main room is 2,900 square feet. The building now meets all applicable fire, safety and building codes and is ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)

compliant. The new council hall is located next to Rick Harris's office across the street from the Bank of America motor plaza. The hall is available for rent to the public and is an excellent facility for wedding receptions, reunions, parties, dances and meetings.

This is a first-rate facility which is a tribute and addition to the first-rate city of Pampa.
—Wes Hukill

Due to the overwhelming response to "Positive About Pampa," space is unavailable to run each and every letter in today's paper; however, remaining letters will be published in subsequent issues as space will allow. Thank you for being "Positive about Pampa."

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SPORTS

Notebook

SOCCER

PAMPA — The Pampa boys soccer team is still looking for its first win after a 2-1 setback to Amarillo Tascosa last week.

"We played well, but we just gave up a couple of junk goals," said Pampa coach John True.

Jason Hall and Felix Staehli combined to score Pampa's goal. Jeremy Hall had an assist on the play.

Every match the Harvesters have played this year has been against bigger schools.

Pampa played at Lubbock Coronado on Saturday.

BASKETBALL

DENVER (AP) — Pushing the tempo and using a different defensive scheme against Houston's brilliant rookie point guard Steve Francis, the Denver Nuggets snapped their 11-game losing streak to the Rockets.

Ron Mercer scored 24 points and Nick Van Exel had 21, leading the Nuggets to a 104-98 victory Friday night.

Antonio McDyess added 18 points before fouling out with 3:16 left. Raef LaFrentz had 15 points and reserve George McCloud scored 14.

Francis led Houston with 27 points — 21 in the second half — and added 10 assists. Matt Bullard had 18 points.

"Basically, the difference was in our defense," said Nuggets coach Dan Issel, referring to his team's 122-115 loss in Houston on Jan. 20 when the Rockets had six players in double figures.

"Instead of trapping Francis and rotating defensively, we let Nick and Chris (Herren) guard Francis by themselves," Issel said. "When you try to trap him, you just open up the floor."

"I thought they (Van Exel and Herren) did a great job. I know that he got 27 points, but he had to take 25 shots to get them. And we didn't let anybody else have a big night."

Francis, however, insisted the Nuggets' different defensive scheme "had nothing to do with it. I just couldn't make shots. By the fourth quarter, I was dead tired and a lot of my shots came up short. I was gasping for air."

"I thought they were joking when they told me I would come up here and be tired. But I was tired."

It was the third straight loss following a six-game winning streak for the Rockets.

"Denver's style of play and the (mile high) altitude are a perfect combination," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "They've got the right players for it."

Tomjanovich said playing in Denver in the second game of back-to-back nights "should be outlawed or they should just spot us some oxygen points. We had seven traveling calls, and that's what happens when you come up here. You lose that sharpness."

Mercer scored 24 points for the second straight game, both wins following a six-game losing streak.

"I just try to play hard, rebound and get assists and get everybody the ball," Mercer said, "because I know my scoring is going to be there."

Houston's Hakeem Olajuwon scored seven points, moving ahead of former Nugget Alex English into 10th place on the NBA career scoring list with 25,616 points.

"I was only made aware of it yesterday," Olajuwon said. "I needed to work hard for my seven points. This was punishment for me, having to play in Denver. I couldn't get anything going. They played me really tough. We disappeared tonight."

Denver hadn't beaten the Rockets since a 113-109 decision in Houston on Jan. 30, 1997. Houston had won six straight games in Denver.

Kurt Warner: From Supermarket to Super Bowl

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — They were Kurt Warner's receivers back when he was throwing rolls of Charmin instead of footballs.

This was almost five years ago, at the Hy-Vee supermarket in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Like everyone else who ever wound up on the business end of a Warner toss, their lives are a little better for it. Unlike a chosen few, however, it didn't do much for their careers.

"It's a great thing that people can reach for the stars and succeed at it," Dave Jensen said over the telephone. "Kurt worked hard for everything he's got."

Likewise for Jensen. He was the night-side manager when Warner was a \$5.50-an-hour stockboy on the graveyard shift, living with his future in-laws to save money, working out at his alma mater during the day and dreaming about another shot at the NFL.

Back then, after the shelves were restocked, Warner might wander over to paper goods, grab some Charmin or a roll of paper towel and start chucking it down the aisle to Jensen. If business was really slow, they'd head for the back, pull the Nerf football out of somebody's locker and start kicking field goals. To get the three points, the ball had to land between the rails and above the garage door in the loading dock.

"Remind Kurt I still hold the record," Jensen said, laughing. "Something like 30 feet."

Since then, Warner's life has been one continuous upward spi-

ral. He went on to lead the league everywhere he played, from the Iowa Barnstormers of the Arena League to the Amsterdam Admirals of NFL Europe and the St. Louis Rams in the Super Bowl. Jensen, meanwhile, was promoted to something called assistant cars coordinator at Hy-Vee. He still gets off work when the rest of the world has gone to bed, at 3 a.m.

That explains, in part, why he hasn't had a chance to catch up with Warner. And maybe why

Division I-AA playoffs and was named first team All-Gateway Conference in his only season as a starter.

"Having a big-time college star coming to work night stock was a pretty big deal in a town like Cedar Falls," Potratz said. "The first thing that struck me is what an ordinary guy Kurt was."

The second thing was how accurate and strong Warner's throws were, even when he was throwing paper goods.

"It's a great thing that people can reach for the stars and succeed at it. Kurt worked hard for everything he's got."

— Dave Jensen, manager, Hy-Vee supermarket

Jensen hasn't found any tickets for Sunday's game in the mailbox.

"I couldn't be happier for Kurt, though," Jensen said. "I'll watch the game, take a nap and then head into work."

Unlike the old days, Chad Potratz won't be there to greet him. He's moved to the Hy-Vee in nearby Waterloo, Iowa, since Warner gave him two weeks notice in spring 1995, and headed for Des Moines to quarterback the Barnstormers.

Still, Potratz hasn't forgotten how polite the local hero turned out to be. The previous fall, as a fifth-year senior, Warner led the University of Northern Iowa Panthers to the semifinals of the

"You'd be up front and hear this big roar in the back and figure Kurt must be throwing the Charmin through something or other," Potratz said. "The joke going around here now is how to garnish his wages for all the displays he broke."

As fate would have it, one of the most prominent displays in either Hy-Vee store is Kurt Warner's Krunch Time cereal, a vitamin-packed version of frosted flakes, at \$2.99 a box. The proceeds go to Camp Barnabus, a camp for children with special needs in Purdy, Mo. Boxes are going out the door as fast as they come in.

"We get calls from all over. The other day a guy from Florida

called and paid to have us ship him a case," said Brian Larson, the assistant manager who hired Warner in Cedar Falls. "I don't know why people call here. Maybe they figure it's special because Kurt worked here."

Whether that's so, Warner's memories of working at the Hy-Vee are special enough.

He went to Packers training camp in fall 1994, undrafted but invited as a free agent. He left not long after, certain he was in over his head. Green Bay had Brett Favre, Mark Brunell and Ty Detmer already in camp and after watching them work, Warner refused to take part in a scrimmage.

"I knew I wasn't strong enough or anywhere near ready for the NFL," he recalled.

He went back to the Northern Iowa campus and began rebuilding his confidence. At the same time, his relationship was taking off with Brenda Carney, who would become his wife. Warner moved in with Larry and Sue Carney to be close to Brenda and her kids, Zachary and Jesse, and one day out of the blue, the Barnstormers called with a job offer.

It was the first step in Warner's improbable climb toward the top. Unlike the guys at the Hy-Vee, some of the receivers Warner was throwing to started moving up the ladder along with him.

Dedric Ward, his primary target at Northern Iowa, wound up being drafted by the New York Jets. Willis Jacox, who took over the role during Warner's stint with

the Barnstormers, is retired and living in Minnesota. But Warner thinks Jacox, much like himself, "is one of those guys who could have made it if the right opportunity came along."

Todd Doxzon is counting on that very thing. He worked out with Warner while the two were in Des Moines, went to NFL Europe with him and even today, credits his former quarterback for helping him straighten out his life. The two born-again Christians were teammates in Amsterdam almost two years ago and had to cut through the red-light district nightly on their way to services.

"If it hadn't been for Kurt Warner, I probably would have slipped back again," said Doxzon, who returned from Europe, was cut by the Dolphins last summer and just recently signed with the team again.

On Friday, the Admirals presented Warner with the jersey he wore in Amsterdam. It was laid out in a gilt-edged picture frame. Somebody else handed him a desk set in recognition of another feat. Warner walked down the hallway with his loot.

Someone asked him what he remembered about the guys back at the Hy-Vee and he paused to remember the days before he was burdened by expectations.

"Throwing the Charmin around," he said brightly. "That was fun."

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Recalling 1951 Rams

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ticket scalping had not become a part of sports lingo. Of course, the top seats were \$5, with general admission \$3 a pop.

Even then, nearly half the 100,000 seats in the Los Angeles Coliseum remained empty on game day.

Times have changed since the Rams won their last NFL championship.

Although the 1951 title game featured some of the league's marquee names of the day, including Cleveland's Otto Graham and the Rams' Bob Waterfield, Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsch and "Deacon" Dan Towler, it caused barely a ripple across America.

The tag "Super Bowl" and its attendant Roman numerals were 15 seasons in the future, television coverage was sparse, and there were no media hordes scrutinizing the players' every move.

"Compared to all this, it was like a high school championship game," Towler, 71, said from Atlanta, where he will attend Sunday's Super Bowl between the St. Louis Rams and Tennessee Titans. "There wasn't all the hype."

It was just another week, business as usual. But no more.

"The Super Bowl has become a sports circus, with the game almost secondary to the commercials and all that," said Towler, who worked on his masters degree of theology during his six years with the Rams, then quit the game to become a church pastor.

Woodley Lewis was another member of the Los Angeles Rams' team that beat Cleveland 24-17 on Dec. 23, 1951, when Norm Van Brocklin threw a 73-yard touchdown pass to Tom Fears midway through the final quarter.

"Then we all got in our used cars, if we had a car, and drove home and started thinking about going back to work on Monday," recalled Lewis, 74, who worked as a probation counselor. "Most of us had to have other jobs."

Dick Horner, a member of the Rams' "Bull Elephant Backfield" along with Towler and Paul "Tank" Younger, even had trouble finding an offseason job.

"Companies didn't want to hire you because they knew you were going to be playing football for six months of the year," said the 77-year-old Horner. "I worked as an usher at Hollywood Park and Santa Anita."

Harvesters rally past Dumas in district tilt

DUMAS — Pampa, paced by senior guard Russell Robben, made a furious comeback to defeat Dumas 49-39 in a District 3-4A game Friday night.

The Harvesters dug themselves an early hole and trailed by 13 points (15-2) at the end of the first quarter. But the 5-9 Robben stepped up and scored 11 second-quarter points, including a pair of consecutive 3-point goals, to close the gap on Dumas.

Pampa, trailing by just six (27-21) at halftime, put the defensive clamps on Dumas in the third quarter and held the Demons to only a field goal. Junior guards Gary Alexander and Tanner Hucks jumped in where Robben left off and led the Harvesters to a 10-point lead (38-28) after three quarters. Alexander scored seven of his team-high 13 points in the third quarter.

Hucks, who had played in only nine games this season because of a back injury, hit a pair of 3-pointers as the third quarter was coming to an end. Junior inside player Kirk George, who had a game-high 9 rebounds, contributed two big baskets in Pampa's 17-1 run.

George, Hucks and Victor Brooks all finished with 6 points each, while Adam Rodgers had 3, Jesse Francis 2 and Reece Hartman 2.

Alexander (13) and Robben (11) were the only double-figure scorers for Pampa.

Esgar Garcia had 12 points for Dumas. Brandon Stroebel and Robby Davis had 5 each.

Pampa was 14 of 21 from the foul line while Dumas was 8 of 14.

Pampa is now 2-3 in district and 9-15 for the season. Dumas falls to 1-4 and 9-14. The Harvesters host Hereford on Tuesday night.

Kasi Womble scored 25 points and Bethany Ratliff had 23 to lead Dumas to a 66-52 victory in the girls' game.

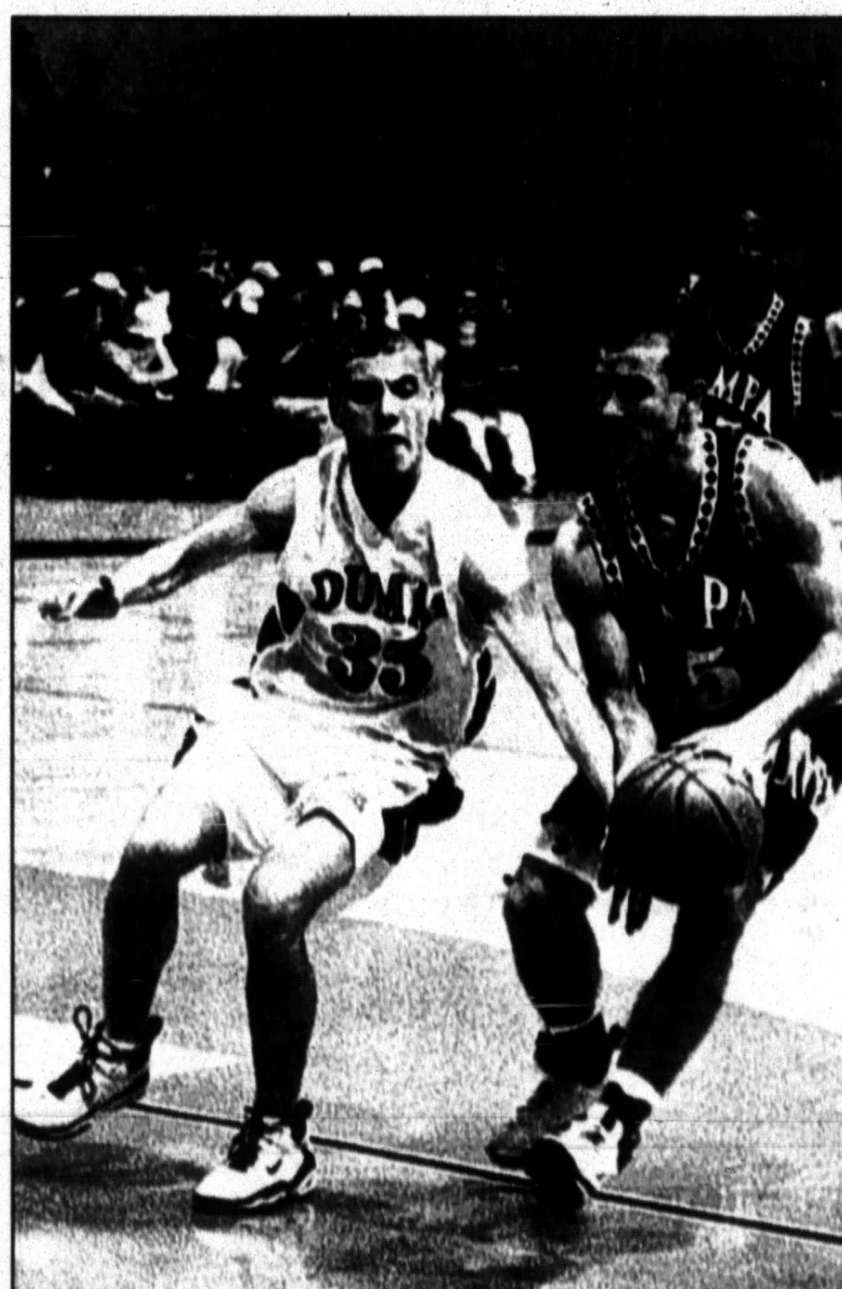
Jennifer Lindsey topped Pampa in scoring with 11 points while Emily Hartman chipped in 9.

The Lady Harvesters trailed by only two points (31-29) at halftime, but Dumas was able to pull away to a 10-point advantage about midway through the third quarter.

Others who scored for Pampa were Chastity Nachtigall 8 points, Lindsey Narron 6, Joy Young 6, Calli Covalt 4, Vaughn Evans 4 and Charity Nachtigall 4.

The Lady Harvesters are 3-3 in district play and 13-10 for the season. The Demonettes are 3-3 and 19-7.

Pampa and Hereford girls meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in McNeely Fieldhouse.



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa's Russell Robben (right) sparked the Harvesters with 11 points in the second half.

Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame to induct four

AMARILLO — The Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame will induct four prominent sports figures from this area at its 42nd annual ceremonies set for 2 p.m. Sunday, February 6, 2000, in Ordway Auditorium at Amarillo College. The public is invited to attend.

The Hall of Fame, which is cosponsored by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee and the Amarillo YMCA, will also recognize the outstanding athletes and coaches for 1999, including soccer for the first time, and honor others for special achievements.

New inductees into the Hall of Fame include the following:

Mark Hatley, former standout football player for Phillips High School and Oklahoma State University, who is now Vice President of player personnel for the Chicago Bears;

John C. Whinnery, Sr., who is considered one of the forefathers of high school track in this area and later worked for West Texas State University's physical edu-

cation department 17 years;

Merry Johnson-Byers, now living in Baton Rouge, La., who excelled in both basketball and track and Canyon High School, setting a national record in track, and going on to have an out-

standing collegiate career at West Texas State, and

Mike Hargrove, native of Perryton who became nationally known for managing the Cleveland Indians baseball team from 1991 to 1999 and was

recently hired as manager for the Baltimore Orioles.

Others to be honored include Sarah Butler, West Texas A&M's nationally recognized volleyball player, who will receive the Dick Risenhoover Award.

Sanders comeback future is uncertain

DALLAS (AP) — Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has backed off a previous statement that he'd like to see All-Pro cornerback Deion Sanders in a Dallas uniform for the rest of his career.

Injuries, a return to baseball and salary-cap concerns have left Sanders' future with the Cowboys in question.

"There are a lot of factors that will come into play on what Deion's future is with the Dallas Cowboys," Jones was quoted as saying in The Dallas Morning News on Friday. "I don't have a handle on that at this time."

"We are working this spring to come up with a solution."

The animated defender-punt

returner returned from career-threatening toe surgery last year to play in the club's final 14 regular-season games. But earlier this week, a doctor repaired a medial meniscus tear on Sanders' right knee. Sanders also has been seen limping, with a cast on his ankle. The ankle was sprained in a Christmas Eve loss to New Orleans.

Meanwhile, Sanders, 32, could miss a significant portion of the 2000 season to play baseball for the Cincinnati Reds, leaving Dallas thin at cornerback. Kevin Smith and Kevin Mathis, the top two corners behind Sanders, have combined to miss 21 games over the past two seasons.

The Cowboys and Sanders agreed on a five-year \$51.5 million contract last off-season, knowing that the two sides would be back at the negotiating table a few months later.

Even if Sanders never plays another down for the Cowboys, according to the newspaper, he will still consume \$6.9 million over the next two seasons — counting \$3.7 million against the salary cap in 2000 and \$3.2 million in 2001.

Sanders signed with the Cowboys as a free agent five years ago. He has missed a total of 17 games in that period — one game more than a complete regular season.

Pampa gymnasts win honors at Lubbock

PAMPA — Gymnastics of Pampa team members captured top honors recently at the Winter Classic in Lubbock. Twenty-five gymnasts ranging in age from 5 to 13 years old competed for Pampa.

Pampa's highest-rated gymnasts, Alyssa Bromwell and Morgan Meharg, competed in Level 7. Morgan had a great showing in her first Level 7 meet. Her outstanding performances earned her the silver medal on vault 9.0, uneven bars 8.9, balance beam 8.7 and in All-Around, 35.775. She also won the bronze on floor exercise with a 9.175 in the 12 year olds.

Alyssa had personal best performances in several events and in the All Around in the 13 year old division of Level 7. She won the silver medal on vault with her 9.2 best score. Her 9.25 on floor exercise earned fourth place, while her personal best All Around of 35.65 was good for the bronze medal.

Competing for the first time in Level 6, Lacie Long and Kendall Stokes had strong performances in several events. Both girls competed in the 11 year old and up division. Lacie's solid vault 9.0 and floor exercise routine 8.75, were good for the gold medals. She also won bronze on uneven bars and sixth place on balance beam. Her 31.0 in All Around earned her another gold medal.

Kendall finished fourth on balance beam, fifth on bars and on vault, and eighth place in the All Around.

Pampa's Level 5 competitors won top honors in Level 5 team. They won the first-place trophy over teams from Amarillo, Lubbock, San Angelo and Midland.

Leading the level 5's with winning performances was Britany Warminski, who won gold medals in all four events and in the All Around. She scored 8.95 in floor exercise, 8.55 on vault, 8.1 on balance beam, 7.8 on uneven bars and 33.4 in All Around. She competed in the 9-10 year-old group.

Danielle Brown won a gold medal in only her second Level 5 meet. She won the floor exercise

with an 8.75 in the 11 year old and up division. She also finished second on vault, 8.3, third on balance beam 7.45, sixth on uneven bars 6.7 and fourth in the All Around 31.2.

Also competing in the 9-10 year old Level 5's, Lacie Thompson earned the silver medal in the All Around with a 31.15. She won silver medals on floor exercise 8.75, and on balance beam 7.9. Her 7.35 on bars was good for fourth place and her 7.15 on vault finished fifth place.

Pampa's Level 4 competitors were Kelby Doughty, Keisha Crowell, Britany Klein and Brandi Holden. They also won the team honors by taking the first-place trophy in Level 4.

Kelby Doughty had the honor of having the highest vault score of all Level 4's competing and was Pampa's highest scorer in the All Around. She received blue ribbons on floor exercise 8.9, uneven bars 8.4, vault 8.3 and in the All Around 33.5. She earned a red ribbon for balance beam 7.9.

Britany Klein had the best score of any competition in the meet on bars. She received blue ribbons for floor 8.9, bars 8.85, beam 8.7 and in All Around 33.25. Her 6.8 on vault earned a white ribbon.

Keisha Crowell had the personal best All Around at the Lubbock Meet. She won blue ribbons for All Around 33.15, floor 8.6, beam 8.6 and bars 8.1, and she received a red ribbon on vault 7.85.

Brandi Holden had her personal best beam, floor and All Around scores and had the highest beam score of all Level 4 competitors. She received blue ribbons for beam 9.0, floor 8.85, bars 8.0 and All Around 32.95, and she earned a red ribbon on vault 7.1.

In the Recreational Preteen meet, Pampa had 14 girls competing. Kelli Willson and K'Lyn Holmes participated in the non-sanctioned Level 4 divisions. Kelli earned a blue ribbon for her floor routine 8.75, red ribbons for uneven bars 7.9, and balance beam 7.4, a red ribbon for All Around 29.85, and a yellow ribbon



Level 4 team champions in Lubbock were (from left) Keisha Crowell, Kelby Doughty, Britany Klein and Brandi Holden of Gymnastics of Pampa.

for vault.

K'Lyn earned a blue ribbon for her floor routine 8.45, a red ribbon for bars 7.4, a white ribbon for beam 6.7, red ribbon for All Around 28.05, and a yellow ribbon for vault.

In the Level 2 division, Jordan Dodge had Pampa's highest All Around score of 31.65, Lilly Price highest vault score 7.7, Kimberly Curtis highest bar score 9.1, Madison Fatheree highest beam score 8.0 and Carrie Angel highest floor score 8.7.

Other Level 2 results were: Jordan Dodge — 2 blue ribbons, 2 red, 1 white; Jessica Miner — 2 blue ribbons, 2 red, 1 white;

Kimberly Curtis — 1 blue, 3 red ribbons, 1 white; Lilly Price — 5 red ribbons; Madison Fatheree — 2 blue ribbons, 2 red, 1 yellow; Rebecca Taylor — 2 blue, 1 red, 2 white; Chelsea Whinery — 1 blue, 3 red, 1 yellow; Carrie Angel — 1 blue, 3 red, 1 yellow; Heather Dalrymple — 3 red ribbons, 1 white, 1 yellow; Payton Alvey — 3 red, 1 white, 1 yellow; Kayla Ware — 1 blue, 1 red, 2 white, 1 yellow; Makayla Hampton — 1 red, 2 white, 2 yellow.

Team Pampa has 31 gymnasts entered in an Amarillo meet on Saturday.

15 finalists await Hall of Fame vote

ATLANTA (AP) — Fifteen finalists, including Joe Montana and Ronnie Lott, awaited the vote for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Montana and Lott, longtime teammates and the offensive and defensive cornerstones of four San Francisco 49ers Super Bowl championship teams, were the only candidates to make the list of finalists in their first year of eligibility.

Together, they led the 49ers to NFL championships in 1982, 1985, 1989 and 1990 before finishing their careers with other teams, Montana with Kansas City and Lott with the Los Angeles Raiders and New York Jets.

Montana was a three-time Super Bowl MVP and never threw an interception in 122 attempts. He holds six Super Bowl passing records, including 11 career touchdown passes, 357 yards passing against Cincinnati in 1989 and 1,142 career yards passing.

Lott was an eight-time All-Pro at cornerback, strong safety and free safety and holds the NFL postseason record with nine interceptions. He recorded 100-plus tackles five times in a 14-year career.

They were the top candidates being considered by the selection committee of 38 writers and broadcasters who will choose between four and seven new members for the Canton, Ohio, shrine. Election requires support from 80 percent of the voters.

Other finalists included defensive end Howie Long and wide receiver Lynn Swann, both among the top six in last year's balloting and automatically returned for consideration. Long had 84 career sacks in 13 seasons with the Raiders in Oakland and Los Angeles. Swann, a Super Bowl MVP, played on four championship teams in six years with the Pittsburgh Steelers and held the Super Bowl career receiving yards record of 364 yards when he retired.

Joining them on the list of modern players to be considered were linebacker Harry Carson, tight end Dave Casper, defensive end Carl Eller, wide receiver James Lofton, guard Mike Munchak, wide receiver John Stallworth, offensive tackle Ron Yary and defensive end Jack Youngblood.

Carson reached nine Pro Bowls in 13 seasons with the New York Giants. Casper spent 11 seasons with the Raiders, Houston Oilers and Minnesota Vikings and caught 378 passes for 5,216 yards and 52 touchdowns. Eller and Yary were teammates on four Minnesota Super Bowl teams.

Lofton was the first NFL player to score touchdowns in three decades and caught 764 passes for 14,004 yards and 75 TDs in 16 seasons with five teams. Stallworth was Swann's receiving partner on the Steelers' four Super Bowl teams and caught 537 passes for 8,723 yards and 63 TDs.

Munchak, the offensive line coach of the Tennessee Titans, played in nine Pro Bowls in 12 seasons with the franchise when it was in Houston. Youngblood missed only one game in 14 years with the Los Angeles Rams and played 201 consecutive games, a Rams record.

Also on the ballot were coach Marv Levy, who took the Buffalo Bills to four consecutive Super Bowls; Pittsburgh Steelers owner and administrator Dan Rooney; and old-timer nominee Dave Wilcox, a linebacker with the 49ers from 1964-74, who was selected for seven Pro Bowls.

Players must be retired five years to be eligible for the Hall of Fame. Coaches become eligible as soon as they leave the sidelines, and administrators can still be active. Old-timer nominees must have completed 70 percent of their careers by 1975 and automatically advance to the final seven candidates.

The Hall of Fame induction at Canton is scheduled for July 29.

Tigers offer Juan Gonzalez \$140 million deal

DETROIT (AP) — Stand aside, Derek Jeter. Before you get a chance to sign the largest contract in baseball history, Juan Gonzalez and the Detroit Tigers might beat you to it.

But first, Gonzalez has to make it to Detroit.

Detained by personal matters in his native Puerto Rico on Friday, Gonzalez missed a scheduled press conference where the Tigers planned to introduce the slugger to the city and hoped to announce he signed a contract that would pay him \$140 million over eight years.

When he does arrive, there is no guarantee Gonzalez will

accept the contract offer, said Tigers general manager Randy Smith. But Smith said he is hopeful an agreement can be reached before the start of spring training.

"We have had ongoing negotiations for some time," Smith said. "The talks have been very private and anything I say would probably be detrimental."

Gonzalez's deal with the Tigers would exceed the seven-year, \$118.5 million contract Jeter is reportedly close to signing with the New York Yankees.

While initially hopeful Gonzalez could get in sometime this weekend, Smith learned

later Friday the player would not return to Detroit this weekend.

"Just yesterday, I went through the painful experience of a divorce," Gonzalez said in a statement apologizing to Tigers fans. "Right now, I am experi-

encing very difficult hours, as I am a human being.

"I trust that in the near future the good Lord will allow me to share good moments as a Tiger and a human being with all of you."

Fort Elliott sweeps Miami

BRISCOE — Fort Elliott downed Miami 70-39 in a District 5-1A game Friday night.

Nathan Hefley led the Cougars' scoring attack with 21 points, followed by Clay Zybach with 15.

Christopher Rice had 11 points and was high scorer for Miami. Zach McDowell was

next with 9.

Amber Estes tossed in 25 points to lead Fort Elliott to an 82-25 win in the girls game.

Ashley Estes added 18 points. Amy Black had 10 points to lead Miami. Amanda Purcell followed with 7.

Both Fort Elliott teams have 6-0 district records.

Scoreboard

PRO FOOTBALL			
NFL Playoff Game			
By The Associated Press			
All Times EST			
Wild Card Games			
Saturday, Jan. 8			
Tennessee 22	Buffalo 13		
Sunday, Jan. 9			
Minnesota 27	Dallas 10		
Miami 20	Seattle 17		
Divisional Games			
Saturday, Jan. 18			
Jacksonville 62	Miami 7		
Tampa Bay 14	Washington 13		
Sunday, Jan. 19			
St. Louis 49	Minnesota 37		
Tennessee 18	Indianapolis 16		
Conference Championships			
Sunday, Jan. 23			
Tennessee 33	Jacksonville 14		
St. Louis 11	Tampa Bay 8		
Super Bowl			
Sunday, Jan. 30			
At Atlanta			
St. Louis vs. Tennessee, 8:25 p.m. (ABC)			

San Antonio	28	16	.661	—
Minnesota	23	17	.575	3 1/2
Denver	19	21	.475	7 1/2
Dallas	16	26	.381	11 1/2
Houston	16	27	.372	12
Vancouver	12	30	.286	15 1/2
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	34	9	.791	—
Portland	32	10	.762	1 1/2
Sacramento	27	14	.659	6
Seattle	28	16	.636	6 1/2
Phoenix	24	17	.585	9
L.A. Clippers	10	32	.238	23 1/2
Golden State	9	32	.220	24
Thursday's Games				
Charlotte 117	Detroit 102			
Cleveland 102	Orlando 90			
San Antonio 92	Minnesota 80			
Dallas 90	L.A. Clippers 90			
Golden State 118	Houston 110			
Portland 85	Utah 78			
Vancouver 106	New Jersey 106			
Friday's Games				
Toronto 106	Miami 93			
Boston 91	Phoenix 88			
Atlanta 98	New York 98			
Sacramento 102	Chicago 90			
Denver 104	Houston 88			
L.A. Lakers 117	Milwaukee 89			
Saturday's Games				
Philadelphia at Detroit, 4 p.m.				
Utah at Minnesota, 4 p.m.				
Toronto at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.				
Miami at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.				
San Antonio at Portland, 6:30 p.m.				
Cleveland at Washington, 7 p.m.				
Phoenix at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.				
Atlanta at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.				
Denver at Dallas, 8 p.m.				
Milwaukee at Seattle, 10 p.m.				
New Jersey at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
Sacramento at New York, Noon				
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 2:30 p.m.				
Rockets-Nuggets, Box				
HOUSTON (98)				
Williams 4-7 0-0 8, Bullard 7-18 0-0 18, Miller 1-3 0-0 2, Francis 9-25 8-8 27, Anderson 5-11 2-2 12, Thomas 2-6 3-4 7, Mobley 4-10 1-3 10, Okajima 2-4 3-4 7, Drew 0-1 0-0 0, Cato 2-3 1-4 7, Totals 37-98 18-29 98.				
DENVER (104)				
McDyess 8-11 2-4 18, Posey 2-6 2-2 6, LaFrentz 7-13 1-2 15, Mercer 5-18 7-8 24, Van Exel 6-18 9-7 21, McCLOUD 9-9 0-1 14, Clark 1-5 0-0 3, Jones 2-8 0-0 4, Herron 0-2 0-0 0, Smith 0-10 0-0 0, Totals 40-85 18-24 104.				
Houston 19	21	27	31	—
Denver 23	25	29	29	— 104
3-Point Goals—Houston 6-19 (Bullard 4-9,				

TRANSACTIONS			
Friday's Sports Transactions By The Associated Press			
BASEBALL			
American League			
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with RHP Pat Rapp on a one-year contract.			
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP John Wesson on a two-year contract.			
NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with RHP Ramiro Mendoza on a one-year contract.			
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Designated INF David Lamb for assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Steve Trachsel. National League			
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with OF Andrew Jones on a one-year contract and OF Bobby Borilla on a minor league contract.			
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with LHP Brian Anderson on a three-year contract.			
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with RHP Mark Wohlers on a minor league contract.			
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with OF Jon Nunnally, RHP Eric Cammack, RHP Jim Mann, RHP Grant Roberts and OF Alex Escobar on one-year contracts.			
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with OF Darryl Strawberry on a minor league contract.			
FOOTBALL			
National Football League			
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Named Trent Miles offensive assistant-quality coach.			
NEW YORK JETS—Promoted Maurice Carthon to assistant head coach.			
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed CB Mark Tate to a two-year contract.			
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Named Ted Thompson vice president of football operations.			
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Named Mike Tripoco defensive line coach.			
HOCKEY			
National Hockey League			
CALGARY FLAMES—Recalled D Darryl Seivie from the AHL.			
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Signed D Gerald DiDuck to a three-year contract. Assigned D Nathan Dempsey to St. John's of the AHL.			
American Hockey League			
SYRACUSE CRUNCH—Announced LW Steve Kariya has been reassigned from Vancouver of the NHL.			
International Hockey League			
MONTREAL MOOSE—Assigned C Cory Cyrenne to Flint of the IHL. SOCCER			
Major League Soccer			
COLUMBUS CREW—Traded D Thomas Dooley to New York-New Jersey for D Mike Dunham.			
COLLEGE			
ALBANY, N.Y.—Named Johan Aarimo men's soccer coach.			
HOBBART—Named J.J. Padden linebacker coach.			
ITHACA—Named Kristen Ford director of intercollegiate athletics.			
LENOIR-RHYNE—Named Will Beddingfield women's soccer coach.			
WAKE FOREST—Named Valerie Baker women's volleyball coach.			
WOOSTER—Announced the resignation of Jim Barnes, football coach, to take a sabbatical at Augustana, Ill.			

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Major Scores			
EAST			
Cornell 68	Princeton 66		
Hofstra 50	Boston U. 48		
Niagara 75	Manhattan 64		
Northeastern 69	Drexel 58		
SOUTH			
Dayton 69	Virginia Tech 65		
Louisville 67	UAB 50		
Memphis 79	Cincinnati 66		
O.C.-Wilmington 78	East Carolina 66		
Old Dominion 98	William & Mary 44		
Richmond 115	American U. 93		
Southwestern Miss. 64	N.C. Charlotte 61		
Tulane 91	Saint Louis 64		
Va. Commonwealth 88	George Mason 83		
MIDWEST			
DePaul 78	Houston 54		
Marquette 82	South Florida 41		
SOUTHWEST			
Louisiana Tech 95	Ark.-Little Rock 52		
Louisiana Tech 95	Ark.-Little Rock 52		
FAR WEST			
Pacific Lutheran 56	Pacific 45		
San Francisco 74	Pepperdine 52		
Santa Clara 89	Loyola Marymount 83		
Utah 59	BYU 55		

UIL realignment becomes high-drama TV for coaches

AUSTIN (AP) — Riveting television it's not.

But when it comes to high school football in Texas, there's probably nothing more important than the biennial shuffling of districts and classifications.

So next Tuesday, while their players are in class, coaches and school administrators across the state will be huddling around TV sets to see who their district rivals will be under University Interscholastic League realignment.

More than 1,200 schools will form one continuous scroll of names and districts rolling across the bottom of the television screen.

And while Fox Sports Net's live, 30-minute broadcast sounds like an insomnia cure-all, it's political high drama in Texas prep sports.

"It just shows you how big high school football is in Texas," said Fox Sports-Net spokesman Ramon Alvarez. "It's not riveting television by any means, but there is a need for this."

That's because the secrecy that surrounds realignment — akin to guarding military secrets in some small countries — prevents schools from getting an early look at which district they will play in next season. It also prevents schools from getting a jump

on creating a favorable schedule.

The UIL realigns football and basketball districts every two years.

Moving up or down in classification or changing districts can ignite state championship dreams — or drown them.

It could also mean keeping or losing a job, said Midland Lee football coach John Parchman.

"One coach might be saying 'Oh boy, we can't compete in that district' while another might be dancing a jig," said Parchman.

Coaches will jump at the first chance Tuesday to fill in their non-district schedules.

Tuesday will be the third time Fox Sports Net has covered the announcement live. The broadcast will include analysis from UIL Athletic Director Charles Breithaupt.

The UIL also will post results on its Web site at 9 a.m. CST. "I've had several calls already from coaches wondering what channel it will be on," said UIL spokeswoman Rachel Seewald. "These coaches are dying to know."

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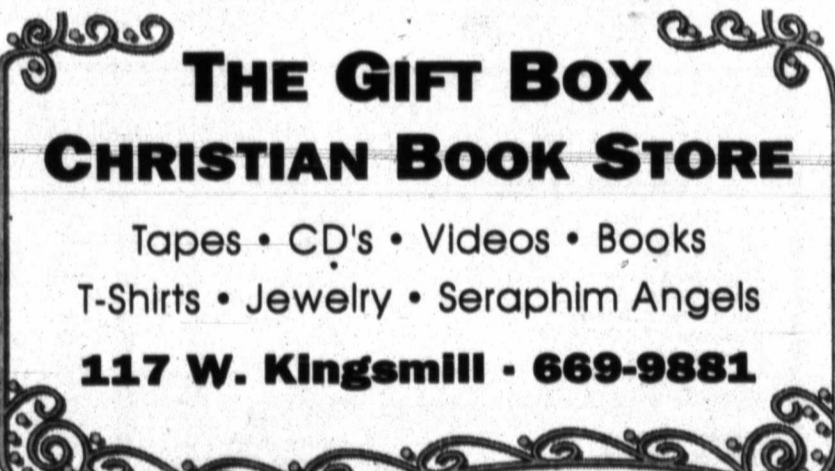
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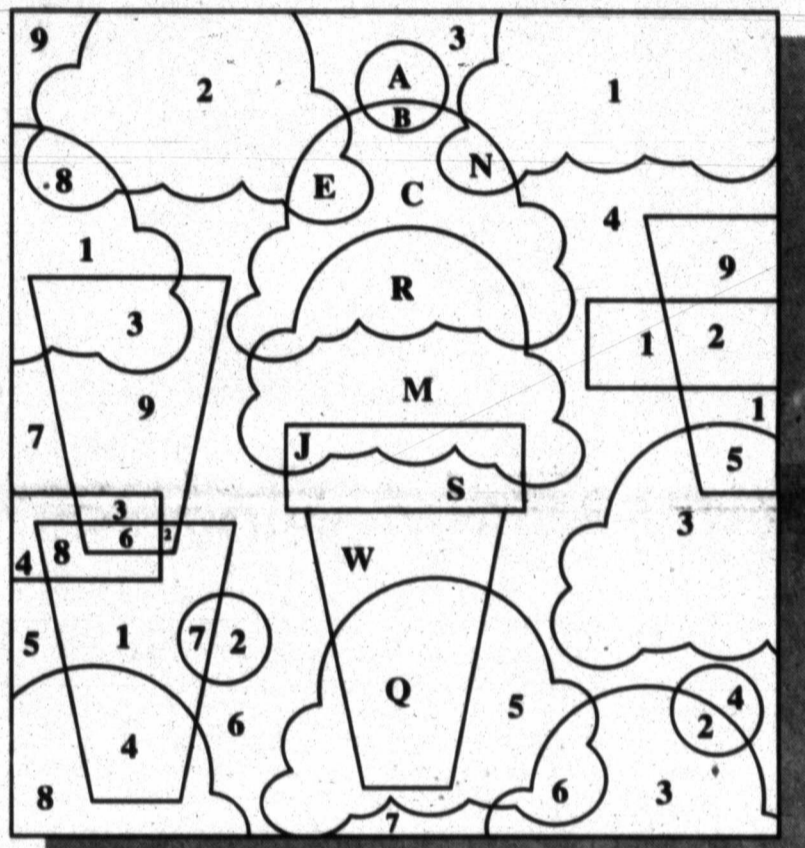
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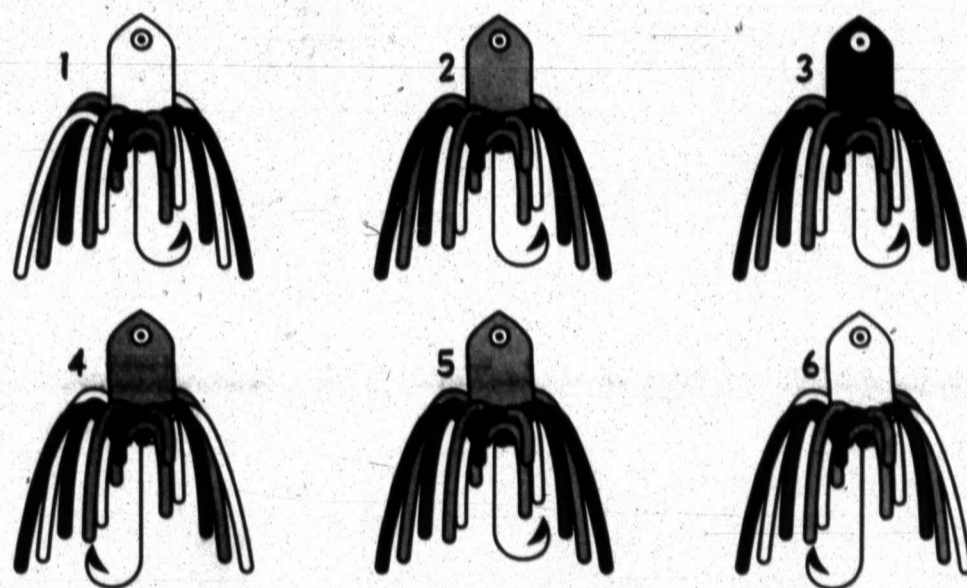
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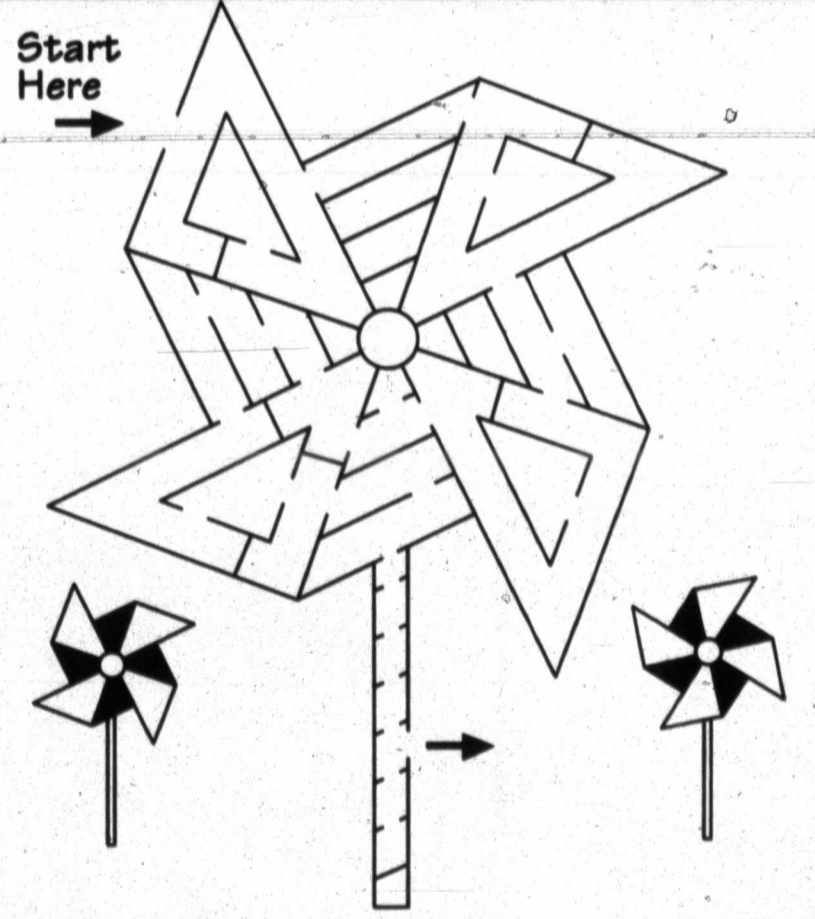
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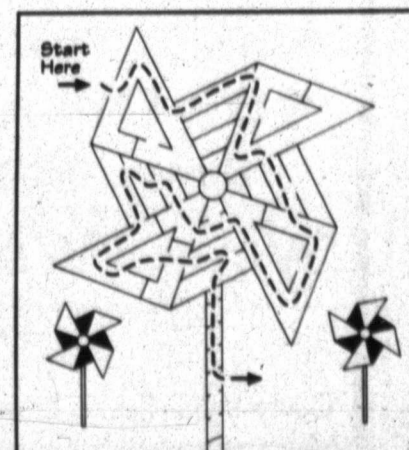
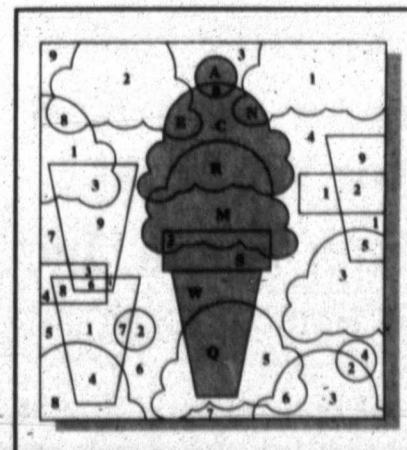
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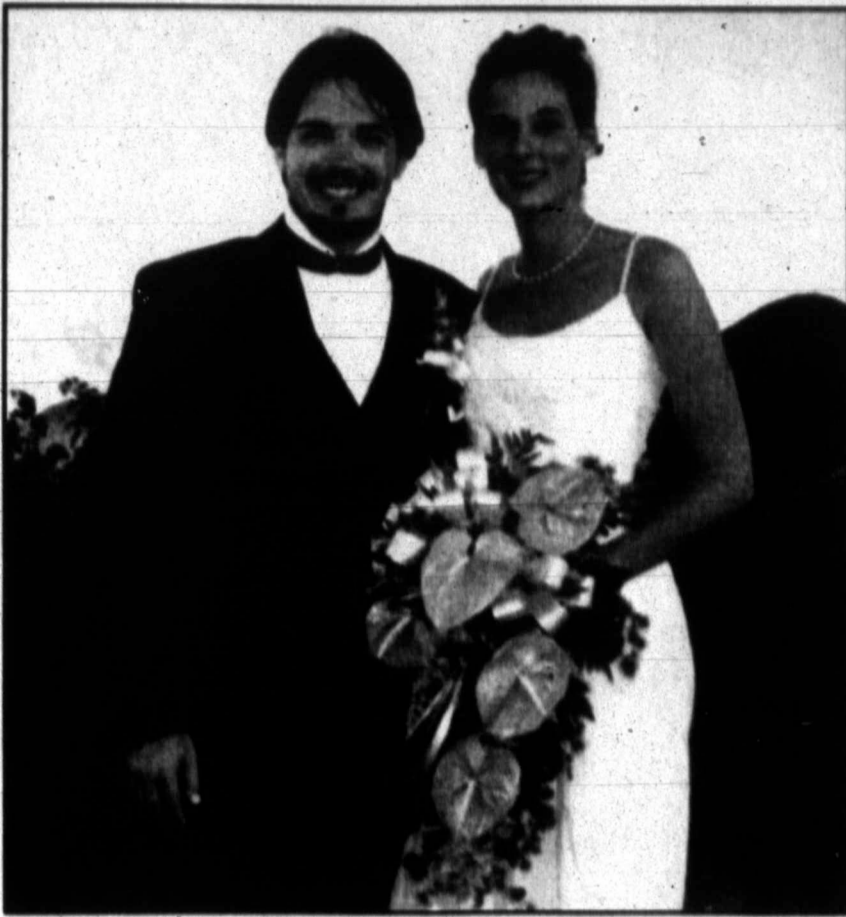
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Mande Jean Ainsworth and Mark David Nuttall
Ainsworth-Nuttall

Mande Jean Ainsworth and Mark David Nuttall, both of Irving, were wed Aug. 28 in a garden at Marina Cay, British Virgin Islands, with the Rev. J. Turnbull of Tortola officiating. A reception was held following the service at Marina Cay Inn. The bride is the daughter of Bobby D. and Carolyn Ainsworth of Clinton, Miss. She graduated from Clinton High School in 1993 and attended Mississippi College. She will graduate from Parker College of Chiropractic this coming April 15. The groom is the son of Marvin D. and Raymona Nuttall of Pampa and is the grandson of Lucille Nuttall, formerly of Pampa, and Leona Hodo of Green River, Wyo. He is a 1987 Pampa High School graduate and earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Texas at Arlington in May 1992. He is currently laboratory supervisor of Quality Control and Research and Development for Adams Laboratories, Inc., in Fort Worth. His first job was as a Pampa News carrier while attending Pampa Middle School. The couple honeymooned on St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, and intend to make their home in Irving.

Menus

Jan. 31-Feb. 4

<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Pancakes, syrup. Lunch: Spaghetti and meat sauce or pizza, green beans, applesauce, hot rolls.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage patty. Lunch: Pigs in a blanket or steak fingers, blackeyed peas, sliced potatoes, fresh fruit.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Waffle sticks, syrup. Lunch: Cheese nachos or burritos, pinto beans, mixed fruit, cornbread.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, sausage patty. Lunch: Grilled cheese and stew or chef salad, tator tots, corn, applesauce.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage patty. Lunch: Chicken strips or ham-</p>	<p>burgers, whipped potatoes, spinach, peaches, hot rolls.</p> <p>Lefors Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Barbecue wieners, broccoli, scalloped potatoes, rolls, fruit, milk.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Beef and cheese nachos, beans, salad, fruit, milk.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Ham, eggs, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Pancakes, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Fish, cheese, coleslaw, beans, tator tots, fruit, milk.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers or bar-</p>	<p>becue, cheese, salad, crispy fries, salad, fruit, milk.</p> <p>Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans, brownies or cherry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>TUESDAY Hamburger steak or lasagna rollups, onion potatoes, baked cabbage, creme corn, beans, carrot cake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, green beans, squash casserole, beans, red velvet cake or banana pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>THURSDAY Chicken strips or meatloaf,</p>	<p>boiled potatoes, California blend, turnip greens, beans, rainbow cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>FRIDAY Fried cod fish or beef enchiladas, potato wedges, hominy, beans, caramel cake or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.</p> <p>Meals On Wheels MONDAY Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, cookies.</p> <p>TUESDAY Hamburgers, tator tots, cake.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, jello.</p> <p>THURSDAY Sausage spaghetti, green beans, cauliflower.</p> <p>FRIDAY Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts, graham crackers.</p>
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Mr. and Mrs. Marvin D. Nuttall
Nuttall anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin D. Nuttall celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Dec. 19, 1999, in Irving. Children of the couple hosted the reception. Marvin D. Nuttall and Raymona Hodo were married Dec. 19, 1959, at Midwest, Wyo. The couple have been Pampa residents for the past 20 years. Mr. Nuttall graduated from the University of Wyoming with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering in 1968 and acquired a Professional Engineer certification in June of 1991. He retired from Celanese in December of 1997, serving as senior project engineer for 17 1/2 years. Mrs. Nuttall attended the University of Wyoming and graduated with honors from Amarillo College, receiving an associate in applied science degree in mid-management in 1987. In December of 1997, she retired from the Social Security Administration following 21 years with the federal government which included employment with the U.S. Air Force, the Department of Agriculture and the IRS. Children of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Mark D. Nuttall of Irving and Mr. and Mrs. Lon Wadsworth of Green River, Wyo. They have three grandchildren.



Sally Youngblood and Hugh Shelton
Youngblood-Shelton

Sally Youngblood, formerly of Lefors, and Hugh Shelton, formerly of Quanah, were wed Jan. 16 at Rocking H Ranch, north of Lefors, with Larry Brown, minister of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ of Pampa, officiating. The bridal attendants were Linda Noble of Clarendon and Kristin Howell, niece of the bride of Oklahoma City, Okla. The groomsmen were Dan Daniels of Eldorado, Okla., and Michael Chapa of Plainview. Matthew Howell of Oklahoma City served as usher. Guests were registered by Melissa Sellers, daughter of the groom of Hurst. Music was provided by Penny Walker of Vernon assisted by Dottie Youngblood, niece of the bride of Abilene. A reception was held following the service with Cynde Howell, sister of the bride, and Martha Reynolds and Brissie Chapa, both of Plainview, serving the guests. Also serving guests at a later reception were Patricia Gardner of Vigo Park and Lori Daniels of Eldorado. The bride is the daughter of Pat Youngblood of Lefors and the late Harry W. Youngblood and is the granddaughter of Lorene Youngblood of Hope, Ark. She is a graduate of Lefors High School and holds a degree from Lubbock Christian College. She is partner in Rocking H Ranch and is past president of Top of Texas Cattlewomen. She is presently employed with the United States Department of Agriculture. The groom is the son of Billy Shelton of Vernon and the late Waldeane Shelton. He graduated from Northside High School and is an alumni of Vernon Regional Junior College. He is a licensed pilot and is active in steer roping and ranch saddle bronc riding. He is presently employed by the United States Department of Agriculture. The couple currently reside in Plainview.

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3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.
4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.
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We wish to thank our neighbors, friends, and anyone who in any way acted in Love and Sympathy during the recent loss of our beloved husband, father, grandfather M. E. (Andy) Anderson
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Brandi Nell Poore and Anthony Dennis Silva
Poore-Silva

Brandi Nell Poore and Anthony Dennis Silva, both of Lewisville, plan to wed April 29 at Sandals Halcyon Resort in St. Lucia, West Indies.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Willson of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Poore of Miami. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1995 and is currently employed as an account executive with DDA, Inc., Association Management in Dallas.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Silva of Seattle, Wash. He graduated from Washington State University in 1994 and is currently employed as front office manager with Sheraton Park Central Hotel in Dallas.



Gina Kuempel and Mark L. Cochran
Kuempel-Cochran

Gina Kuempel and Mark L. Cochran, both of Amarillo, plan to wed Feb. 12 at Cliffside Baptist Church in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dennis and Gay Kuempel, Sr. of Amarillo. She graduated from high school at Austin in 1987 and holds an associate degree in nursing from Amarillo College. She is currently employed as a registered nurse at Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is the son of Harold and Janelle Cochran of Perryton. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1985 and holds a degree in chemical technology from Texas State Technical Institute. He is currently employed as a sales representative for Lone Star Roofing of Amarillo.



Mr. and Mrs. Vindle Matthews
Matthews anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Vindle Matthews will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 30, 2000. Children of the couple will host the reception.

Charles Vindle Matthews and Thelma Lea Kimbley were married Jan. 30, 1950, at Clovis, N.M. The couple have been Pampa residents for the past 50 years.

Mr. Matthews was a meat cutter at Fite Food from 1955-78 and at Ray and Bill's Meat Market from 1978 until retiring in 1992. He is a U.S. Army veteran, serving in South Korea during the Korean Conflict from 1952-54. He is an avid sportsman, hunter and fisherman.

Mrs. Matthews, a homemaker and prize-winning quilt-maker, is a member of Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild.

Children of the couple and their spouses are David and Loree Stimpson of Amarillo, Monty and Darlis Joiner of McLean and Dana Jefferies of Pampa. They have eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Tawnie Nichole Clem and Joseph Robert Crain
Clem-Crain

Tawnie Nichole Clem and Joseph Robert Crain, both of Pampa, plan to wed April 29 at Carpenter's Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Roy and Mary Villarreal and Eddie and Pam Clem, all of Pampa. She is a 1999 Pampa High School graduate and is currently employed at Pak-A-Burger.

The prospective groom is the son of Wayne and Pam Moler and Mike and Leigh Ann Crain, all of Pampa. He attended Pampa High School and is currently employed with McCollum Construction.

A shower was held in honor of the couple with Stephanie Weatherly, Kisha Crain, Charlene Velasquez, Gail Mastella, Nancy Greenhouse, Audrey Beckham, Connie Villarreal and Tina Villarreal serving as hostesses.



Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jackson
Jackson anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jackson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-5 p.m. Feb. 5 in the parlor of First Christian Church. Children of the couple will host the reception.

Lee Jackson and Sidney Faye Whiteley were married Feb. 4, 1950, in Wheeler County. The couple have been Pampa residents for the past 50 years and belong to First Christian Church.

The couple owned Texas Pipe and Metal and retired from the business in 1998. Mr. Jackson was employed with Cabot for about 20 years prior to purchasing Texas Pipe and Metal.

Children of the couple are Carol Snapp and Julie Morgan, both of Pampa. They have four grandchildren.

Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

Altrusa

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met Jan. 25 at Pampa Country Club with President Kadda Schale presiding. Guests Tresa Miller and Lori Fulton were among those present. DeLynn Gordzelik served as greeter.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

- Mattie Norton, Lamar School Project chair, thanked members for assisting with food preparation for the Lamar Health Fair. Norton also urged members to volunteer as tutors at the school.
- Schneider House Valentine Party will be from 2-4 p.m. Feb. 12. Volunteers are needed to assist with the party.
- A club-wide orientation will be held Feb. 29 and will also serve as a make-up meeting.
- President-elect Karen Bridges presented the club mid-year evaluation.
- The accent was given by Brenda Tucker on the Altrusa Club 21 Program which contributes to Camp Safe Haven for children with HIV and AIDS.

The next meeting will be at 12 noon, Feb. 8 at Pampa Country Club.

PHS Class of 1995 needs your help to locate the following classmates. If you can help us, please contact Donna Acker, 669-2024 or Leona Willis, 665-8269.

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| Ben Maresh Cartwright | Shirley Watkins (Winters Merle) |

Study: People who attend services regularly more likely to live longer

RALEIGH (AP) — Seniors who attend church or synagogue regularly may possess the secret of longevity.

In another report linking good health with religion, Duke University researchers say seniors with regular church or synagogue attendance are not only healthier but also more likely to live longer than the non-religious.

The researchers, studying nearly 4,000 North Carolinians over 64 years old, found that the death rate of the faithful was 28 percent less than those who didn't attend services regularly.

Studies in recent years focusing on the spiritual dimension of health have yet to show that religious attendance or spirituality cause physical wholeness. A mounting body of evidence associates the religious with better mental health, lower blood pressure and other health improvements.

The next step, says the study's lead author, Dr. Harold Koenig, is to identify the behavioral and biological mechanisms linking religion to disease prevention and good health.

"These studies do not show that if they are going to church for health reasons, their health will improve," Koenig said. "But if people go to church for religious reasons, they have better health and survive longer."

The findings released in the medical sciences edition of the Journal of Gerontology examined 3,968 adults in five North Carolina counties from 1986-92.

Researchers interviewed participants each year about church attendance, their health, social support and alcohol and tobacco use. The subjects, mostly

Christians and Jews, were categorized according to whether they attended religious meetings once weekly.

By 1992, 1,177 participants had died.

Analyses showed 46 percent fewer of the church attendees died during the period than nonchurchgoers. But the rate dropped to 28 percent when the differing ages, health and social factors and smoking and alcohol use within the sample were taken into account.

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AGRICULTURE

Farmers put faith and neighbors' cash to good use

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — It started as a challenge to his neighbors over a cup of coffee eight years ago. Sitting around a table at a morning prayer group, Levon Nelson told his friends they needed to do something to help struggling farmers.

"There were four or five farm families in our area that were looking at going out of business and I said, 'We've got to help them. What do we do?'" Nelson said.

The challenge in 1991 soon became Partners in Progress, a nonprofit group of farmers who volunteer their time — and often their own cash — to help other farmers stay afloat.

"We've had an amazing amount of success," said Nelson, a full-time Mayville farmer who also works at two area banks. "I think it has a lot to do with the fact that the people who provide most of the help understand the tremendous need others have at a certain time in their life."

Since its inception, he says, Partners in Progress has helped more than 240 farmers in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota turn their operations around, saving several dozen from foreclosure.

Like state agricultural mediation services, Partners in Progress works with farmers to help them better manage their farms. Those who can afford to pay for the services are expected to do so.

But Partners in Progress goes far beyond what a farmer would get from mediation services. Its roots deep in the spiritual beliefs of its founders, the group seeks out farmers who can afford to help those in desperate need of financial assistance.

In eight years, other farmers — often total strangers — have loaned their own money or co-signed for loans totaling more than \$2.8 million. "They're putting themselves on the line often for

total strangers," Nelson said. "They're putting up money they've earmarked toward retirement and other things."

"What's really miraculous is that of all that money farmers have loaned, they've not lost a penny," he added. "Not one farmer has missed a payment."

What the non-denominational group expects in return is simple.

"When you get back on your feet, you're expected to make your own contribution," he said. "As proof that this type of thing works, the people who receive the help are very anxious once they're on their feet to offer help themselves."

Three years ago, four different farmers came together through the program to help Arnie Woodbury, who farms near Wyndmere.

"I was overextended," he said, "too much in debt, couldn't pay my bills."

He met with Nelson, who recognized that Woodbury had potential to be a profitable producer but needed help turning his finances around.

"We make the money available to the ones we think can be turned around," Nelson said. "We're not going to throw good money after bad."

The organization found two farmers to co-sign bank loans that Woodbury couldn't get on his own because of his debt load.

"One guy I sold a bull through 20 years ago came forward and co-signed a loan," he said.

Two others loaned their own money directly to Woodbury at low or no interest.

The program, Woodbury said, gave him the chance he needed.

Woodbury continues to pay the loans back and has joined Partners in Progress as the president of the board of directors, doing his part to help others.

January cattle on feed up seven percent from year

AUSTIN — Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.9 million head on Jan. 1, up 7 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was down 3 percent from the Dec. 1 level. Producers placed 360,000 head in commercial feedlots during December, up 18 percent from a year ago but down 31 percent from the November 1999 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 420,000 head during December, down 1 percent from a year ago. Monthly marketings were down 9 percent from the November 1999 total.

On Jan. 1 there were 2.31 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 80 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up 4 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from the November total.

December placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 279,000 head, a decrease of 31 percent from the November total. Marketings were down 12 percent from last month, to 330,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.46 million head on Jan. 1, 2000. The inventory was 7 percent above the 10.67 million head on Jan. 1, 1999.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.65 million head, 9 percent above 1998. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 465,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 498,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 422,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 261,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.84 million head, 1 percent above December 1998, and 5 percent above 1997.

Feeders in the historical seven monthly states with feedlots having a capacity of 1,000 head or more reported 9.73 million head on feed Jan. 1, up 8 percent from last year and 3 percent above Jan. 1, 1998.

December placements totaled 1.41 million head, 13 percent above last year, and 8 percent above 1997. Marketings during December, at 1.60 million head, were 2 percent above 1998 and 7 percent above 1997.

Exemption for usage of Tilt fungicide

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recently announced the Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 specific exemption to use Tilt fungicide (propiconazole) to control ergot on grain sorghum. The specific exemption allows the use of Tilt until Dec. 31, 2000.

The specific exemption for Tilt, manufactured by Novartis, applies to all grain sorghum-producing counties in Texas.

For more information, contact your county Texas Agricultural Extension Office or TDA at (512) 463-7407. A copy of the EPA Approval Notice is available on TDA's web page: <http://www.agr.state.tx.us/pes/ticide/exemptions/tilt00.htm>.

Immigrant farmers bring techniques, seeds, crops

PACIFIC GROVE, Calif. (AP) — When Efrén Avalos left his home in Mexico for a better life in the United States, he brought more than his farming skills. He brought seeds.

Today, Avalos, who farms in California's lush Salinas Valley, grows a breed of red corn common in his homeland but unavailable in local supermarkets. He also grows small, unique tomatoes called tomatillos, an edible cactus called nopales and special fava beans that are cooked in the pod.

Avalos wouldn't be growing these crops if there weren't a market. In fact, business is booming.

"Although a lot of American people don't recognize my crops, we have so many Latinos living in my area that I sell out," he said.

Avalos is one of hundreds of immigrant farmers making a good living growing fruits and vegetables from their homelands.

For Avalos, it's not just immigrants snapping up his produce. This year, he sold 100 pounds of organic tomatillos a week to Whole Foods markets, charging about \$1 a pound. Whole Foods resells the tomatillos to customers for twice that price.

"I wasn't sure I was going to find a market, but now I think I should plant even more," he told farmers last week at Eco-Farm 2000, the nation's largest annual gathering of organic farmers.

While Avalos grows primarily for the burgeoning Latino population in his region, Central Valley farmers — including thousands of Southeast Asian immigrants — are growing and marketing their own array of ethnic specialty crops.

"Lemon grass, winter melon, red basil, bitter eggplant, lotus roots — maybe you never heard of this stuff, but this is what we love to grow and eat," said Michael Yang, a Hmong immigrant who works with farmers in Fresno through the University of California's cooperative extension program.

Yang said there are more than 850 Southeast Asian families farming in Fresno County, including Hmong, La, Mien, Cambodian and Thai.

They sell their produce through wholesalers and at farmers' markets, renting land from large property owners.

Because their crops are uncommon, Yang said they sometimes have a hard time convincing brokers to buy it. However, as these items become mainstream, the farmers have a distinct advantage over traditional farmers because they've been growing the crops for generations, he said.

Lemon grass, for example, is traditionally used by Southeast Asians for tea, medicine and flavoring meals. In recent years it's become a high-end product in specialty markets, and Yang said Fresno growers are selling their lemon grass for \$180 for a 40-pound box.

"This has become a very good way to make a living off a small farm," he said.

It's not just immigrants cashing in on ethnic produce.

Glen Johnson, who runs Shady Glenn Farm in Nipomo said "dumb luck" led him to the "yellow lime" market in the Latino community.

END OF GAME NOTICE

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On March 1, 2000, three Texas Lottery instant games will close — Slam Dunk, Piñata Payout and Coffee Cash. You have until August 28, 2000, to redeem any winning tickets for these games. You can win up to \$4,000 playing Slam Dunk, win up to \$1,000 playing Piñata Payout and win up to \$500 playing Coffee Cash. You can claim prizes of up to \$599 at any Texas Lottery retailer. Prizes of \$600 or more are redeemable at one of the 24 Texas Lottery claim centers or by mail. Questions? Just call the Texas Lottery Customer Service Line at 1-800-37-LOTTO (1-800-375-6886).

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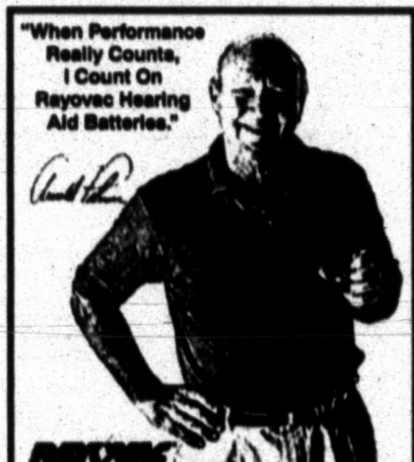
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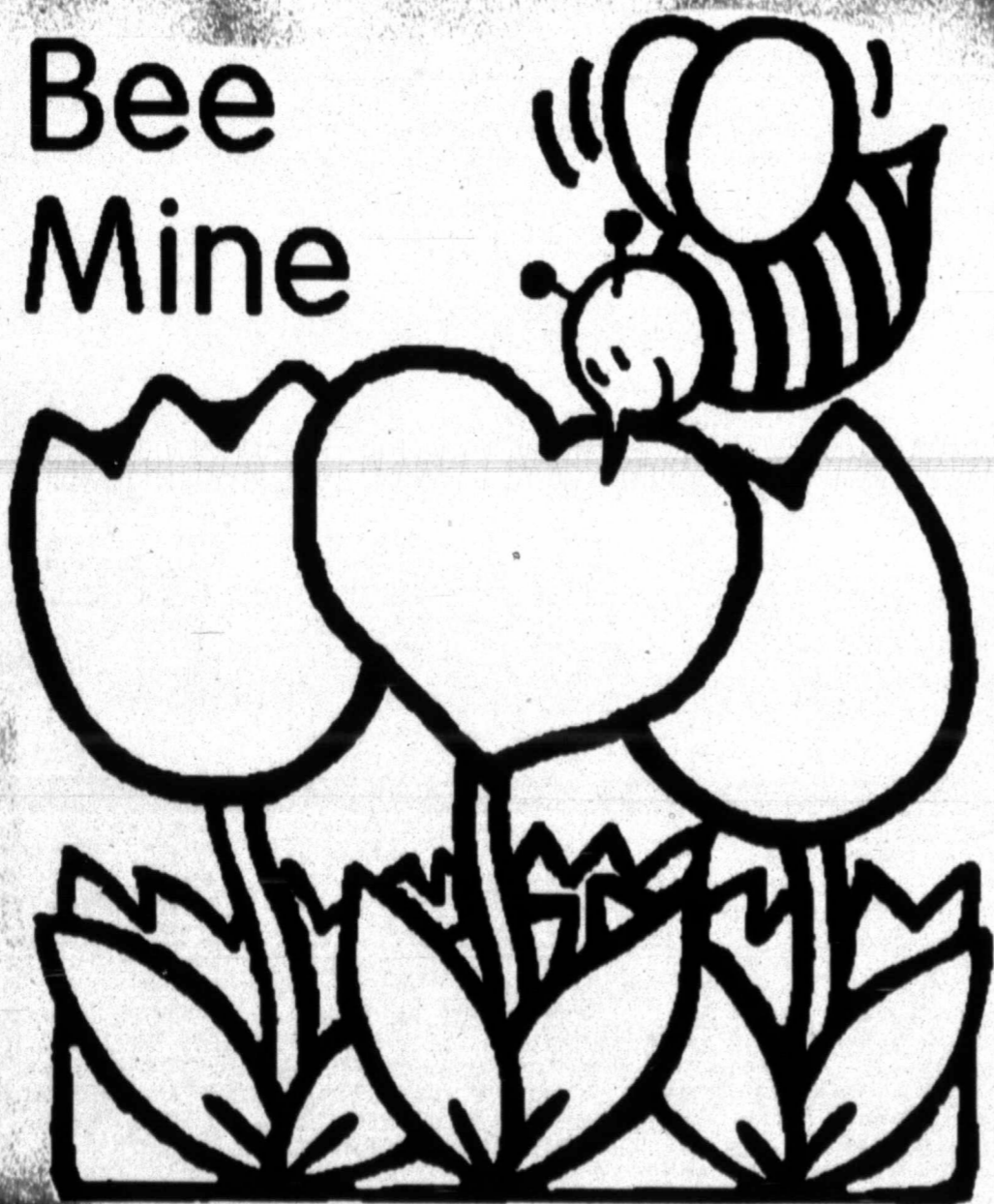
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Coloring Contest ...

The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Valentine Coloring contest for children 10 years and younger is underway.

The pictures to be colored can be picked up at the Chamber office at 200 N. Ballard or taken from this page.

The pictures will be judged by Mayor Bob Neslage, Chief of Police Charlie Morris, Sheriff Don Copeland and Fire Chief Kim Powell.

The deadline for the pictures to be turned into the Chamber is Feb. 9, with the judging taking place on Feb. 11.

First place winner will be awarded a bowling party to include 9 friends donated by Harvester Lanes.

Second place winner will be a party with 4 friends at McDonald's.

Third place winner will receive a Goody Gift Basket donated by M&H Leasing.

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KACV	Mr Rogers	Body Elec	Alexander	Jenkins	Noddy (R)	Reading	Arthur (R)	Wishbone	Zoom (R)	Arthur (R)	Creatures	Wishbone	News-Lahrer	Life of Birds (R)	Wild Islands (R)	Mystery	Touching Evil	Charlie Rose (R)	News-Lahrer	News-Lahrer	News-Lahrer	News-Lahrer	News-Lahrer	News-Lahrer	News-Lahrer
KAMR	Days of Our Lives	Passions (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Maury (R)	Oprah Winfrey (R)	News (R)	NBC News	News (R)	Entertain	Friends (R)	Jeans (R)	Fraser (R)	Stark	ER	Abby Cadabby	News (R)	(23) Tonight Show (R)	Late Night	News (R)	(23) Tonight Show (R)	Politically	News (R)	Seinfeld (R)	Highline	
KVII	News (R)	Jeopardy!	One Life to Live (R)	General Hospital (R)	Roie O'Donnell (R)	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News (R)	ABC News	News (R)	Fortune	News (R)	Fortune	Be a Millionaire	20/20	Down Down	News (R)	Seinfeld (R)	Highline	Politically	News (R)	(23) Late Show (R)	Golf	News (R)	(23) Late Show (R)
KFDA	News (R)	Bold & B	As the World Turns (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Sally (R)	Hollywood	Texas	News (R)	CBS News	News (R)	Home Imp.	Diagnosis	Murder (R)	Chicago Hope (R)	48 Hours: Mr. Adair	News (R)	(23) Late Show (R)	Golf	News (R)	(23) Late Show (R)	Yoyager	News (R)	(23) Late Show (R)	Yoyager	
KCIT	Judge Mathis (R)	Forgive or Forget (R)	Divorce	Roseanne	Magie Bus	Rangers	Best Wars	Magnum, P.I. (R)	Nanny (R)	Grace	3rd Rock	Simpsons	Wildcat	Police Videos	Greed: The Series (R)	Mad	M*A*S*H	Fraser (R)	Cops (R)	Real TV (R)	Yoyager	News (R)	(23) Late Show (R)	Yoyager	
AAE	Law & Order (R)	Northern Exposure (R)	Night Court	Night Court	Murder, She Wrote (R)	Magnum, P.I. (R)	L.A. Law	Law & Order (R)	Biography	Casanova	Investigative Reports (R)	Inside Story (R)	Law & Order (R)	Biography	Casanova	Investigative Reports (R)	Inside Story (R)	Law & Order (R)	Biography	Casanova	Investigative Reports (R)	Inside Story (R)	Law & Order (R)	Biography	
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KAMR	Days of Our Lives	Passions (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Maury (R)	Oprah Winfrey (R)	News (R)	NBC News	News (R)	Entertain	Friends (R)	Jeans (R)	Fraser (R)	Stark	ER	Abby Cadabby	News (R)	(23) Tonight Show (R)	Late Night	News (R)	(23) Tonight Show (R)	Politically	News (R)	Seinfeld (R)	Highline	
KVII	News (R)	Jeopardy!	One Life to Live (R)	General Hospital (R)	Roie O'Donnell (R)	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News (R)	ABC News	News (R)	Fortune	News (R)	Fortune	Be a Millionaire	20/20	Down Down	News (R)	Seinfeld (R)	Highline	Politically	News (R)	(23) Late Show (R)	Golf	News (R)	(23) Late Show (R)
KFDA	News (R)	Bold & B	As the World Turns (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Sally (R)	Hollywood	Texas	News (R)	CBS News	News (R)	Home Imp.	Diagnosis	Murder (R)	Chicago Hope (R)	48 Hours: Mr. Adair	News (R)	(23) Late Show (R)	Golf	News (R)	(23) Late Show (R)	Yoyager	News (R)	(23) Late Show (R)	Yoyager	
KCIT	Judge Mathis (R)	Forgive or Forget (R)	Divorce	Roseanne	Magie Bus	Rangers	Best Wars	Magnum, P.I. (R)	Nanny (R)	Grace	3rd Rock	Simpsons	Wildcat	Police Videos	Greed: The Series (R)	Mad	M*A*S*H	Fraser (R)	Cops (R)	Real TV (R)	Yoyager	News (R)	(23) Late Show (R)	Yoyager	
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KACV	Julia	Old House	Workshop	Hometime	Woodshop	MotorWeek	Cars	Red-Red	Anyplace	Texas	Europe	Trillside	Museum	McLaughlin	Antiques Roadshow	Lawrence Welk	Austin City Limits (R)	Red Green	Red Green	Democracy	Democracy	Democracy	Democracy	Democracy	Democracy
KAMR	Remarkable Journey	Paid Prog.	Track and Field	Gymnastics	American Cup. (Taped) (R)	NBA	Paid Prog.	NBC News	News (R)	Criminals	Pretender	"Spin Doctor"	Profiler	"Clean Sweep"	The Other "Pilot" (R)	News (R)	(23) V.L.P. (R)	Sat. Night	News (R)	(23) V.L.P. (R)	Amazon	News (R)	Cherry	Paid Prog.	
KVII	Passion to Lead	Bette-Griffin	College Basketball	Regional Coverage	Winter X-Games (Taped)	Paid Prog.	ABC News	News (R)	Fortune	News (R)	Fortune	News (R)	Fortune	Be a Millionaire	20/20	Down Down	News (R)	Seinfeld (R)	Highline	Politically	News (R)	(23) Late Show (R)	Golf	News (R)	(23) Late Show (R)
KFDA	College Basketball	Connecticut at Michigan State	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - Third Round. (Live)	
KCIT	Paid Prog.	College Basketball	Oklahoma at Baylor. (Live)	College Basketball	Texas Tech at Kansas. (Live)	Cleopatra	Jack	Xena: Warrior Princess	Cops (R)	Cops (R)	Cops (R)	Cops (R)	Cops (R)	Cops (R)	Cops (R)	Cops (R)	Cops (R)	Cops (R)	Cops (R)	Cops (R)	Cops (R)	Cops (R)	Cops (R)	Cops (R)	
AAE	Seven Wonders of the Ancient World (R)	Investigative Reports (R)	American Justice (R)	City Confidential (R)	Investigative Reports (R)	Love Chronicles (R)	Biography	Movie "Murder in a Small Town" (1999)	Top 10 "Dream Jobs"	Biography	Movie "Paradise, Hawaiian Style" (1994)	Prime-Wildcat	(24) Movie "Hay Boy, Hey Girl"	"Roustabout"	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	
AMC	Movie "Blue Heaven" (1992)	Movie "Giant Girl" (1962)	Movie "Fun in Acapulco" (1963, Musical)	Movie "Roustabout" (1954)	Movie "Paradise, Hawaiian Style" (1994)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)	Movie "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" (1947)		

Community Calendar

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY announces a children's program at 10 a.m. each Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. Open to all children ages 18-months to five years. Programs include crafts and stories.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS meet the fourth Saturday of each month at the Clyde Caruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION meets at 2 p.m. the third Monday of every month at the Senior Citizens Center. For more information, contact Carolyn Smith, 665-5158.

FIRST PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH hosts "Second Sunday Singing" from 2-4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month. Singers and musicians from all over perform congregational singing. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, call Mina Towey, 665-8529.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will celebrate its 30th anniversary in the Year 2000. A new exhibit, "A Season of Change, 1900-2000," will go up in January to celebrate the anniversary and the millennium. The exhibit will run from January-September.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will be

selling leaves and rocks to go on the new bronze Heritage which is in the Holland Wing. The items may be purchased all year as memorials and tributes to families, family members and friends.

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR WOMEN: Victims of family violence meet every Thursday evening. Call Diane for more information, 669-1788.

MEALS ON WHEELS Garage Sale, 900 N. Frost, will be every Monday throughout February and April. For more information, call Cindy Gindorf, 669-1007.

PAMPA YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER Water Aerobics class will be from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713, or Lee, Betty or Liz at Pampa Youth Center, 665-0748.

JANUARY

28-30 - HI-LAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH will host a "Creation Seminar" with Kent Howind as the speaker. For more information, call 669-6700.

29 - PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION annual meeting at Pampa-Country Club. New board members and association officers will be elected and Artist of the Year for 2000 will be announced.

30 - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will

hold "St. Andrews Day" to commemorate its Scottish heritage beginning at 10:45 a.m. The service will come complete with bag pipes. For more information, call 665-1031.

FEBRUARY

5 - LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY will hold a Children's Quilting Bee from 10:11-30 a.m. Suzy Edwards will discuss the history of quilts and everyone will have a chance to make a paper quilt block. For more information or reservations, call 669-5780 by Wednesday, Feb. 2. The program is free.

7 - TOP O' TEXAS KNIFE AND FORK CLUB will present Lynn Roberts in "Entertainment Ala Carte" at 7 p.m. at Pampa Country Club. For more information, call Julia Dawkins, 669-6600.

11 - WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will host a judged photography show by Pampa Fine Arts Association in the Museum Gallery.

12 - BETA SIGMA PHI CITY COUNCIL "Scholarship Dance" will be from 8-12 p.m. in M.K. Brown Auditorium. Mardi Gras/Casino will be included with Fence Walker providing the music. Tickets are \$25 per couple in advance or \$30 per couple at the door. Tickets for an autographed Zack Thomas football are also on sale. For more information, call 665-5855.

Lions Club Sweetheart



(Special photo) "Pride of Pampa" High School Band members recently participated in Texas All-State Band competition at Permian High School in Odessa. Holly Myers, piccolo, and Jonathan Brockington, trumpet, made first chair in their respective divisions to rank in the top 2 percent of band students named to the band throughout the state. Reece Watson, alto saxophone, was chosen as alternate. The All-State Band performs in conjunction with the Texas Music Educators Association Clinic and Convention in San Antonio.

Travis Elementary



Lauren Bower, Kari Carter, Meredith Couts, Kelsie Wyatt and Kristen Roye learned which popcorn pops the most kernels during the Travis Science Fair recently. In other activities



(Community Camera photos)

at the school, Hannah Lane, Ventriloquist Joyce Jackson, and "Sheet" discussed the importance of good self-esteem in the fight against drugs.

Newsmakers



Logan Hudson

AUSTIN — Logan Hudson was recently commissioned a game warden by the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife during ceremonies in the House of Representatives at the State Capitol. Hudson was among 24 cadets graduating from the 46th Academy which trained the graduates to act as servants of their communities or as game wardens.

Logan and wife, Josie, will be serving in Sabine County in East Texas.



Thann Scoggin

The University of North Texas System recently announced Thann Scoggin, a vocal performance major from Pampa, was named to its President's List for the 1999 fall semester.

To be eligible for the honor, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours.

Scoggin's name, along with other 4.0 honorees, will be submitted for publication in the National Dean's List, dedicated

to recognizing outstanding academic achievements of students throughout the United States.

Scoggin is a member A Cappella Choir at the University of North Texas.

He is the son of Terry and Jennifer Scoggin and is the grandson of Polly Benton.

GOODWELL, Okla. — Oklahoma Panhandle State University recently announced its Dean's Honor Roll for the 1999 fall semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, students must maintain a 3.30 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the honor roll include: Jeffery Sherman of Shamrock; Jenny Thurmond of Skellytown; and Nicole Salzbrenner of White Deer.

AMARILLO — The American Quarter Horse Association recently announced Amanda Poole, of Pampa, earned an award for logging 750.0 hours in the AQHA Horseback Riding Program.

The first award is a program recognition patch, given after 50 hours are logged and verified. Patches and nine subsequent

awards are presented at 100 to 5,000 hour levels and range from merchandise gift certificates from Drysdale's Western Store to a Montana Silversmith trophy belt buckle at the highest level.

AQHA actively encourages horseback riding as a recreational activity that can be enjoyed alone or shared with family and friends. Participants need not own their horse, but all official hours must be accrued with a registered American Quarter Horse.

PLAINVIEW — Wayland Baptist University recently announced its Dean's List for the 1999 fall semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: Patricia Dinges and Shanna Jameson, both of Pampa.

Dinges is the daughter of Ken and Debbie Dinges of Pampa.

Jameson is the daughter of Gary and Jeanne Jameson of Pampa.

LUBBOCK — Nonnie James, a junior agricultural education major from Pampa, was among a team of students from Texas Tech University's animal science and food technology department who took first place honors at the 2000 Arizona National Livestock Show Intercollegiate Livestock Judging in Phoenix. The Tech team won the event by scoring High Team Overall, placing first in beef and sheep judging and second in reasons and swine.

The team was coached by Clay Elliott, M.S., instructor in animal science. The assistant coach was Joe Wolfe, senior animal science major, and the faculty advisor was Sam Jackson, Ph.D., assistant professor of

animal science and food technology.

CLARENDON — Clarendon College will hold its Licensed Vocational Nursing program's annual capping ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 in Harned Sisters Auditorium on campus and at Eleventh Street Baptist Church in Shamrock.

Students to participate in the ceremony include: Tabatha Taylor and Jessica Walker, both of Pampa; Seana Kirkman of Canadian; Cynthia Lambert of Groom; Kristina Carter of McLean; and Laura Copeland, Tammy Garrison, Jolie Morgan, Stacey Keyes and Matthew Cotton, all of Shamrock.

The traditional capping ceremony celebrates the halfway point in earning a LVN degree. Each CC nursing student will officially receive their nursing cap for outstanding efforts in both the classroom and in hospital clinics.

PPHM announces annual Dinosaur Day

CANYON — The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will host Dinosaur Day from 12-4 p.m. Feb. 12 at the museum in Canyon. Dinosaur Day is an annual one-day event in which the community is invited to participate in dinosaur-related activities. The Panhandle-Plains Historical Society will provide free admission for families attending the event. Participation in the games area requires an activity ticket costing \$2 per child. Dinosaur-related prizes will be awarded to all participants in each game.

The main focus of this program is to increase and enhance knowledge about dinosaurs and paleontology through hands-on activities and game competitions. The program is designed for participants between the ages of three and 13. There will be various games and activities appropriate for participants in this age range.

Scheduled activities include: dinosaur films,

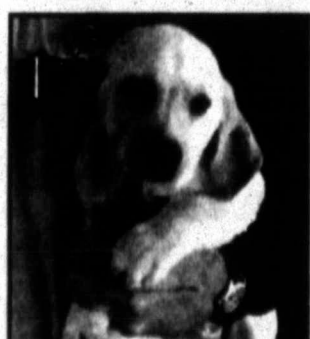
puzzles and fossil rubbings; a scavenger hunt; Dino Data Quest; Dino Cliques; Volcano Walk; Dino Wheel; Dino Dig; Dino Dominoes; create and paint a papier-mache dinosaur; draw and color a dinosaur, and 10 engravings will be used in the Fossil Rubbings activity.

An additional feature of Dinosaur Day will be a fossil works presentation by Dr. Gerald Schultz from the Department of Biology and Geosciences at West Texas A&M University. Dr. Schultz will demonstrate how paleontologists separate fossils from their matrices and how to make fossil molds and casts.


After completing the activities, participants will be able to identify and characterize the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. Participants will also discover various methods for classifying dinosaurs, define dinosaur vocabulary terms and explain the research and work of paleontologists and archaeologists.



Pet of the Week



"Betsy"
This female blond lab cross puppy is only 8 weeks old. A very good natured and loving pet!



"Ms. Dixie"
This adult calico female cat is ready for home. She's loving and a gentle pet!

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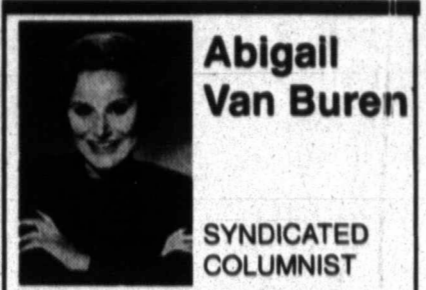
DEAR ABBY: Usually I do not interject my opinion to total strangers. However, as my wife and I were sitting at a table in a mall, there were two women at the next table. One of them had with her a screaming infant in a buggy. Finally, the mother lifted the baby into her arms and began bouncing it around. The baby cried even more, so the infant was put back in the buggy with a disgusted thrust as the baby continued to scream.

I spoke up, saying, "The baby may be thirsty." The mother found a bottle full of water and stuck it into the baby's mouth. The baby not only stopped crying, but attacked the water as if its life was dependent upon it.

I have heard women say about crying babies, "Don't worry — the baby is just exercising her lungs." Abby, a baby's cry is a signal that something is wrong.

When a woman first becomes pregnant, a nurse in her doctor's office should instruct her about care for a crying baby. When the baby cries: Is she thirsty? Is he hungry? Is the baby wet and in need of changing? Is she too hot? Too cold? Are the bed clothes wrapped so tightly around the baby or his arms or legs that they are shutting off the circulation? (Lift the baby completely out of the crib and look things over.) The baby might also have an extremity caught in the buggy parts.

Finally, if it is none of the above, the baby might be sick. Learn how



Abigail Van Buren
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to take the infant's temperature. If the temperature is above 100 degrees F, take the baby immediately to the emergency room unless his or her doctor is willing and able to see the infant immediately.

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Horoscope

MONDAY, JAN. 31, 2000
 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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)
 *** Let your spirit soar. Work with a friend who has a unique mind. Frustration easily sets in. Relax more, so you can mentally work through different ideas. A brainstorming session draws unusual solutions. Know what you want to create. Tonight: Rent a movie.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 *** A friend disappoints you, and he might make it necessary to regroup. Head in a new direction. Your perspective may be incomplete. Others express different points of view. Use change as an opening to create more of what you desire. Tonight: An important talk.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 *** A boss throws a tantrum; perhaps he isn't getting enough of your attention and time. Discussions are animated. Let others know what you want. Allow your creativity to soar. You find answers where you least expect. Tonight: Break patterns.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 *** Dig in your heels and remain determined to get the job done. Another doesn't have to view a situation as you do — in fact, trust that he won't. Build a better understanding through mutual respect. Exchange ideas. Tonight: Do

something special for a partner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 *** Take a risk. Break past your normal patterns. Your ability to find solutions and your endless ingenuity prove to be your strong suits. Don't let frustration from a partner mar your decisions. He simply isn't approaching a problem the same way you are. Tonight: Sound out options.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 *** Separate your personal life from your work, and you'll succeed. Nurture a family member. Be willing to take a risk. Pressure builds. Others might not always understand what you are doing. Concentrate on one item at a time. Tonight: Relax at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 *** Your challenge is to be heard and to communicate effectively. Listen to another carefully, even if you don't agree. He can offer you more than you think. Look for holes in your thinking! Be careful about taking on too much. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 *** Be astute when dealing with funds. Take care of security first. Be careful, however. A loved one clearly doesn't see eye to eye with you. Avoid an argument. Settle on a course you feel is appropriate. No risks, please! Tonight: Balance your budget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 *** Beam in what you want. Don't be hesitant. Others respond to your inquiries and give you excellent feedback. A family member reacts strongly, or you might be angrier than you realize. Openly discuss what is on your mind. Tonight: Your smile draws others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 *** Your questions backfire, as another misreads you. Understanding comes from breaking down a situation and explaining each part. Financial information needs verification. You just might not be right! Avoid conflict. Tonight: Relax with a good novel.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 *** You can easily go overboard with spending. Don't forget what your long-term objectives are. Keep a friendship in perspective. Don't allow another to egg you on. Remain direct and communicative. Others value your feedback. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 *** You trigger and get angry easily. Pressure from those you put in charge could frustrate you. Listen carefully as another explains his point of view. Do not hold back information; share what you know. You work well as a team. Tonight: Out and about.

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Crossword Puzzle

By **THOMAS JOSEPH**

ACROSS

1 Horse home

7 Concert aids

11 Predes-tine

12 Kite part

13 Not owned

14 Last of the House of Stuart

15 Wind indicators

16 Pizzeria buy

17 Harrow rival

18 Young hen

19 Ordinary guys

21 Hosp. parts

22 Some TV

25 Have dinner

26 Elevator pioneer

27 Climbing needs

29 Tourist aids

33 Hole — (ace)

34 Kind of section

35 Fork feature

36 Trig function

37 Shortly

38 Up

DOWN

1 Crack

2 Pay the bill

3 "A Bell for —"

4 Barkless dog

5 Whoppers

6 Terminus

7 To any extent

8 "Mandy" singer

9 Crab's graspers

10 Winter showers

16 Fish dish

18 Nuisances

20 Protective layer

22 Malaria treatment

23 So far

24 Gradual assimila-tion

25 Old-fashion-ed clinic

28 Tipped

30 Ouzo flavor

31 Wistful one

32 Bouquet

34 Heart

36 Rotter

Yesterday's answer

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"Watch him. He may break out in licks any minute."

The Family Circus

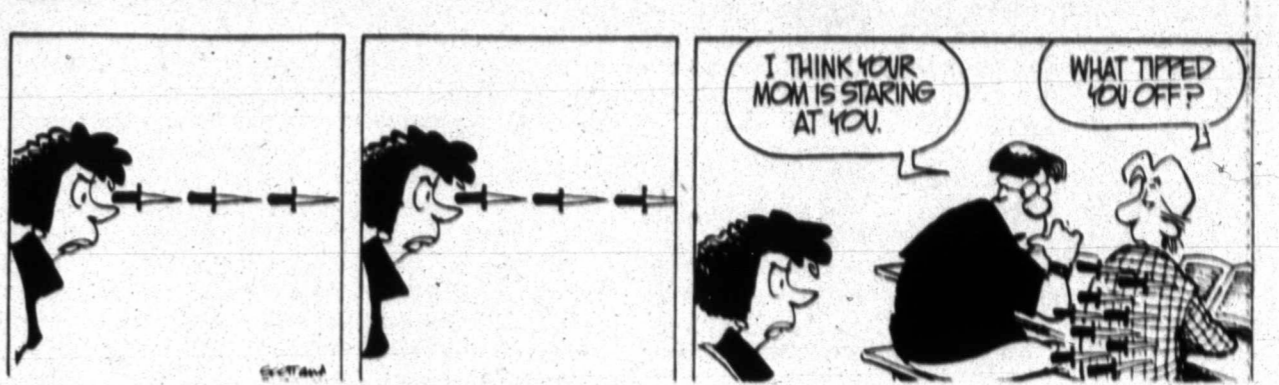


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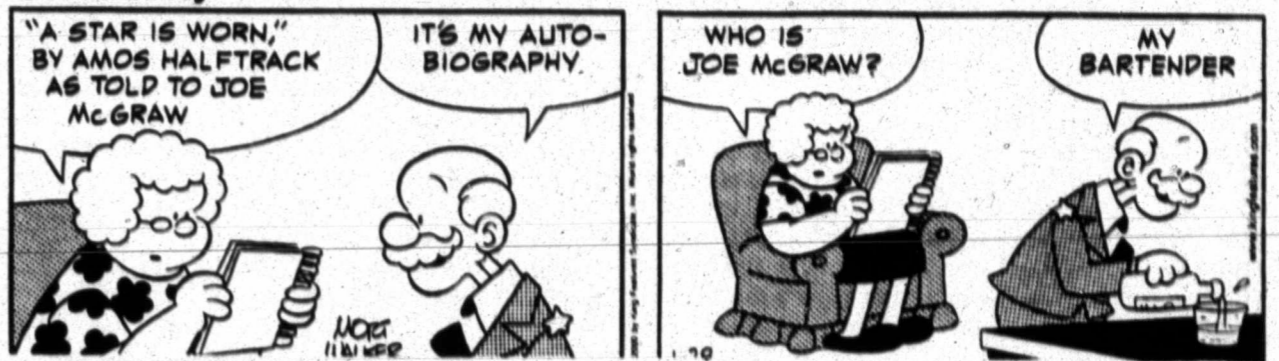
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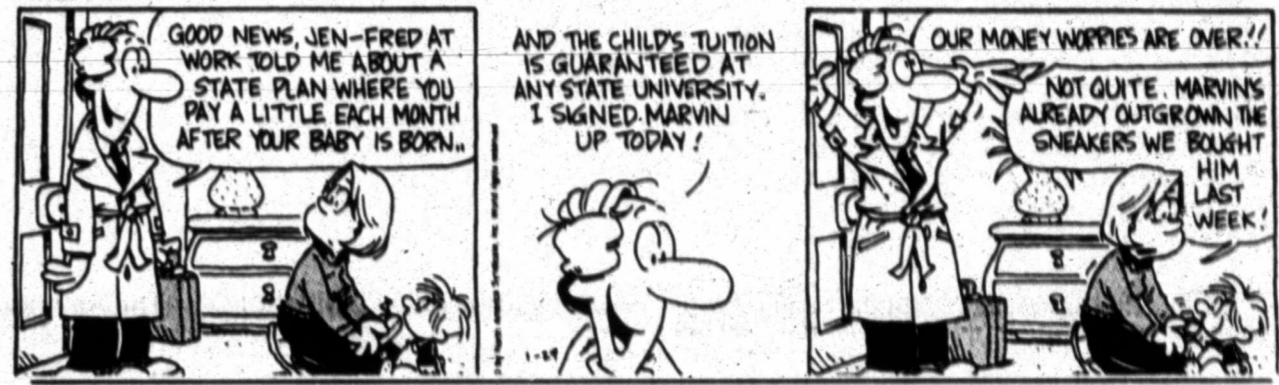
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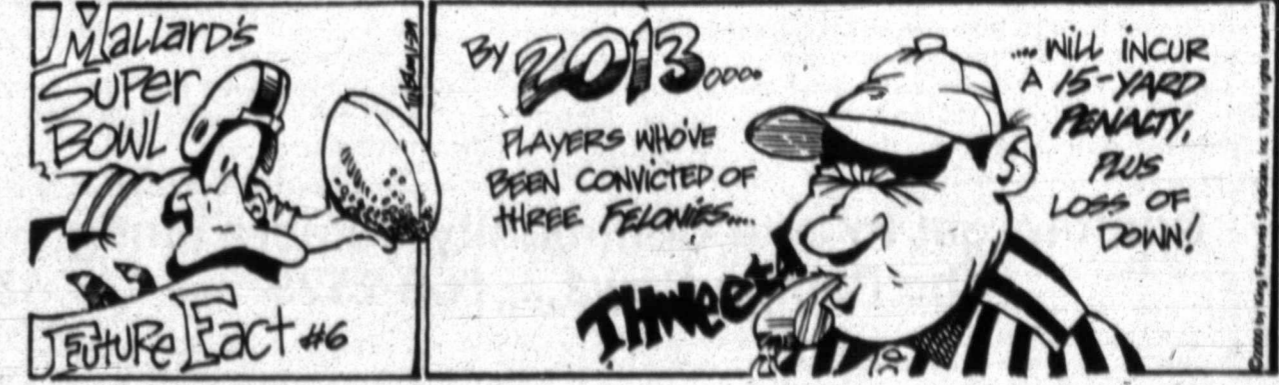
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Fight over Web names drags on ...

By TED BRIDIS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's surging technology industry changes so quickly, so profoundly that it's said to move in "Internet time," a sort of nebulous parallel universe where years of evolution take mere months.

But curiously, the Internet itself appears largely immune to Internet time.

Important changes to its architecture, such as adding new suffixes for Web addresses, remain at least one year away, despite pledges since the middle of the last decade to change the arcane system that generally limits non-government Web sites to addresses ending with ".com," ".net" or ".org."

How about www.ap.news? Or www.smithsonian.museum? Or www.ford.cars?

What's taking so long?

The problem, experts acknowledge, is the strange confluence of interests in today's Internet — the increasingly important network that crosses borders and spans cultures yet is largely run by volunteer geeks loosely scattered around the globe.

So far, the most forceful and successful arguments against expanding Internet addresses, called

"domains," are from the world's most powerful corporations. Some jealously guard their trademarks and complain that the current system already is too awkward to police.

A single large company might believe it has to register hundreds of Web site addresses to stem "cybersquatters," the speculators of the Internet age who reserve popular addresses and resell them for profit.

But there also are other, more technical arguments: How many to add? Which ones? Who controls them? Who sells these new addresses? Who decides disputes?

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, a nonprofit group based in Los Angeles, was handed authority in September 1998 by the U.S. government to oversee the Internet's domain name system.

But ICANN has been mired since its creation in a bitter, expensive fight over its charter and over allowing new companies to sell Web addresses ending in ".com," ".net" and ".org" — a lucrative opportunity that had belonged under an exclusive government contract to Network Solutions Inc. in northern Virginia.

Network Solutions and ICANN largely settled their dispute months ago under an agreement

praised as a landmark in the 30-year history of the Internet. Under the deal, Network Solutions remains keeper of the master list of current commercial Web addresses for at least four more years in exchange for paying \$1.25 million to ICANN, which now can turn its attention to adding these new Web addresses.

"It's a very important decision," said David Post, who teaches at Temple University and is co-founder of the Cyberspace Law Institute. "In a sense, it's the most important decision that ICANN faces, really."

ICANN will discuss new Internet suffixes during a meeting in March in Cairo but won't take any action at least until later this year.

"We'll get a much better sense in Cairo whether there is grounds for consensus that will allow the board to move, or whether we're still at an unstable stage," said Andrew McLaughlin, a senior adviser to ICANN and its chief financial officer.

He predicted new addresses possibly by year's end, then added: "Maybe next year is more realistic."

"There has to be some assurance this is not going to open up a vast quagmire of trademark infringement," McLaughlin said.

Some frustrated critics, such as the Washington-

based Domain Name Rights Coalition, contend that ICANN has been taken hostage by trademark holders and corporations, which generally oppose expanding Web addresses.

They argue that trademark disputes could become moot if there were sufficient number of alternative Web addresses with meaningful suffixes. Why, for instance, would Ford Motor Co. care who owned www.ford.biz if it were already guaranteed www.ford.cars?

"We would have thought this would have been its first priority," said the group's president, Mikki Barry. "It's all been couched in terms of, we can't do that until we make the trademark owners happy. The chartering of the new top-level domains is probably the most important thing ICANN has to deal with. They seem to be continually putting it on the back burner for other things."

But even Post, a frequent critic of ICANN, said he doesn't believe the group to be acting irresponsibly in moving slowly on one of the most important issues facing the Internet today.

"I'm no friend of ICANN, but it is a complicated coordination," Post said. "This is the problem of problems for them. I can't in good conscience be screaming at ICANN that it's dragging its feet."

A year later ... Mom still clinging to hope

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Theresa English only looked away for a minute.

It was Jan. 23, 1999, and English was watching her 2-year-old daughter play in the video arcade of a crowded bowling alley. The mother of five walked over to the lane where her friends and family were bowling, then quickly returned to the video games.

Teekah wasn't there.

English scanned the crowds of children and adults that filled Tacoma's New Frontier Lanes that Saturday night. She checked the spaces between the video games, in case Teekah was playing hide-and-seek. She walked into the women's restroom, where a cousin was changing her baby's diaper.

"Have you seen Teekah?" English asked, checking the stalls.

"No," her cousin replied.

English ran out of the bathroom and found an off-duty police officer, who started searching with her. Over the loudspeaker, a voice announced that a 2-year-old was missing.

People went on bowling, cheering for strikes and groaning for gutter balls. But English knew something was seriously wrong. Teekah was a mama's girl who cried when others tried to hold her. She wouldn't even let uncles or aunts pick her up.

English pushed open a side door near the arcade and stood in the cold night air, the heavy door muffling the clonk and clatter inside the bowling alley. She called her daughter's name again and again, her shouts fading into the woods surrounding the alley. Teekah was scared of the dark.

English felt panic welling up but pushed it back down.

"She's going to come back," she thought. That night was the last time English saw her daughter.

One year later, investigators say Teekah's disappearance is a rare and baffling case that defies the pattern of most child abductions.

For weeks stretching into months, hundreds of police and volunteers searched the woods and neighborhoods near the bowling alley. Television, newspaper and radio reports carried Teekah's photograph and her description. Twenty-five detectives worked full time for a month on the case.

Tips poured in, but nothing led to Teekah.

At first, English and her family were prime suspects, if only because detectives knew the statistics: In 97 percent of all child abductions, the child is taken by a relative.

English seemed too calm, some investigators thought. An early police report described how her face remained blank when she picked up a newspaper with Teekah's picture on the front page. She stared at it briefly, then casually leafed through the pages.

But what looked like coldheartedness was shock, English says now. The 28-year-old mother can't explain her demeanor in those first days any more than she could explain her reactions in a nightmare.

Even now, English hides her emotions. She doesn't cry, at least not in front of strangers. Her voice is a low monotone, her face expressionless, except when she's talking to one of her four other daughters. That's the only time she smiles.

The Tacoma Police Department, with help from the FBI, conducted parallel investigations from the start. One focused on the family, while the other looked at the possibility of abduction by a stranger. Teekah's father, Robert Lewis, is serving his third year of a four-year prison term for theft, and police don't consider him a likely suspect.

No one except Theresa English has been ruled out. But after a year of investigation, Tacoma Police Detective Larry Lindberg says, "there isn't any evidence the family had anything to do with it."

Lindberg says police have interviewed nearly all 300 people who were at the bowling alley that night, many of them twice.

From those interviews, they have two slim leads. Somebody saw a car careen out of the parking lot a bit too fast that night. It was a maroon Pontiac Grand Am, late '80s or early '90s model, probably a four-door, with tinted windows and a spoiler.

And a teen-age boy said he saw a man who might have been following a little girl near an exit. The man was white, in his 30s, with a pockmarked face, mustache and shoulder-length brown hair. He was wearing jeans and a blue checked flannel shirt. He had "a big fat nose," the teen-ager said.

Lindberg knows those leads aren't much, but they're all he has. He and Detective Becky Zeuschel sometimes read through the Teekah

reports — six blue three-ring binders, each about four inches thick — hoping to find something they missed.

Lindberg, a 25-year police veteran, says he tries not to let it get to him. But Zeuschel, who has dealt more closely with the family, has trouble shaking Teekah from her mind. English sometimes calls her in the middle of the night, crying and asking about the case.

If the family is frustrated by the lack of progress, so is Zeuschel. At a prayer vigil for Teekah, she listened as one of English's brothers complained that the case hadn't been solved.

She took him aside and said she was trying her best. "This case almost haunts me," she told him.

Teekah's memory haunts the home where she lived with her mother, a one-story house with a mossy roof and cinderblock steps, across the highway from the Port of Tacoma.

Pictures of her line the walls, and her smiling face stares at visitors until she seems to come alive, running down the hallway to hug her mother's leg.

But that's Teekah, Teekah's younger sister. She is almost 2, the age Teekah was when she disappeared. Teekah looks so much like her sister that a neighbor recently called police to report that Teekah wasn't missing after all — she was in the yard, playing with her mother.

Teekah wakes her mother in the morning and says, "Mommy, I want cereal," just as Teekah did. She loves french fries, Teekah's favorite food. Teekah kicks off her shoes as soon as her mother's back is turned, the same way Teekah did. They share the same shy smile.

English misses the little things the most — fixing Teekah's cereal or watching Winnie-the-Pooh together. Sometimes she sleeps with the pink fleece jacket Teekah wore to the bowling alley that night.

Teekah's bed is covered with Pooh bears, including Teekah's first one, its fur rubbed off in places where a little girl held it tight.

English has bought all the special-edition Poohs, each new bear marking another holiday without her girl — Valentine's Day, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas. When Teekah comes back, English says, she doesn't want her daughter to feel as if she has missed anything.

On second thought, English says, she'll want to get rid of the bears when Teekah returns. It makes sense, she says, when you consider what must have happened: Teekah was stolen by a couple who wanted a mixed-race child but couldn't have a baby of their own. (English is part Chippewa Indian and Lewis is black.)

The kidnapers have Teekah locked up in a white house way out in the country, spoiling her rotten, English figures. When Teekah cries for her mother, they tell her, "Your mommy and daddy don't want you no more."

"They've probably showered her with gifts of Pooh," English says, looking at the bears on Teekah's bed. "She probably won't be a Pooh fan no more. We'll probably just give them away."

The police have their own theories. They expected to find something, perhaps a body, when the property next to the bowling alley was excavated for development. Nothing turned up.

"If you talked to a hundred police officers, they would all probably say she's dead," Lindberg says. "They would say she's near the bowling alley somewhere — we just haven't found her."

English will not listen to such talk.

"Teekah was my heart," she says. "I wait for the day the police tell me they have my daughter. They have to find her. I know she'll come home."

English woke up on Christmas Eve feeling certain that the phone would ring with good news. She waited at home all day, but she didn't get one call.

That night, she drove to her mother's house for a big family dinner, videotaping the visit for Teekah. The tape starts in the jerky way that home videos do, with a whirl of color and muffled sound, and then slowly focuses on a house dressed up in blinking lights for Christmas.

"This is what Grammy's house looks like," English's voice says from behind the camera.

"This tree has ribbons for every day you've been gone," she says, then she starts to cry as the camera sweeps across hundreds of ribbons fluttering in the wind.

"Teekah, Mommy misses you. She loves you. Wherever you're at, I hope the person that has you gives you the best Christmas ever."

Stephenville crash kills 3 students, 1 other

GORDON, Texas (AP) — Four people, including three student musicians from the University of North Texas, have died in a head-on collision with another vehicle on Interstate 20, state troopers say.

The Department of Public Safety said a van traveling the wrong direction on the interstate slammed into the vehicle carrying the Denton school's students Thursday afternoon, about 25 miles northwest of Stephenville and 100 miles west of Dallas.

Troopers identified the students as Lucyane Maria Guedes, 29; Simon Thuan Giap Lim; and Herbert Wentz, 52.

The students were driving to a rehearsal and a weekend performance with the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra when their car collided with the van driven by John C. Putman, 70, of Mineral Wells.

Witnesses said Putman, who also died in the wreck, had stopped earlier at a truck terminal and appeared to be very agitated. Then he was seen driving the wrong direction for several miles on the interstate.

"There were several people who called 911 reporting a driver going the wrong way, traveling at a high rate of speed," Peace Justice Pam Thiemann, who made the death pronouncements, told the Stephenville Empire-Tribune. "I don't think the kids ever saw him."

Guedes, Lim and Wentz were westbound on Interstate 20, said DPS spokesman Mike Cox. As they tried passing a vehicle moving more slowly in the righthand lane, their Chevy Cavalier was struck by Putman's eastbound Dodge Caravan, which had entered the westbound lanes.

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Letters to the editor

Accidents happen just as life does

To the editor,
I am writing these comments in response to the Jan. 25 article on "Killing Dogs." I am a strong supporter of coyote hunting and participate in the sport quite frequently. In fact, I enjoy all types of hunting. I am truly sorry your 13-year-old mixed breed pet got killed; however, two greyhounds were killed and two were "so-called" injured and ran away; everyone lost something that day. As I see it, your dog was a victim of circumstance and the whole thing was an accident.

I do not agree with the comments made by you and Judge Peet in reference to these "killing dogs" harming a child. It is in any dog's nature, including your pet Spike, to kill if the nature arises. And as a mother, I would not let my child out in the middle of a pasture knowing I lived in a place that coyotes lived also. That is truly absurd. There is a great need to understand that even the most docile pet can attack at any time and they do not discriminate.

My family is involved in hunting and we all are avid sportsmen. I am sure you think that I am barbaric and my children have no business around these "killing animals." But I wonder, have you ever watched the horrific site of a cow lying down to give birth and watch the coyotes begin their feast with the calf and finish with the exhausted mother? Or, have a rabid coyote charge at you with intentions to harm you? As I see it, we hunters are animal control specialists. Coyotes are disgusting and are far from extinction. They breed, thrive and will always be around.

We are adults here, so let's call these "killing dogs" what they really are, greyhounds. The term "killing dogs" is hype. I am sure that the coyotes have visited your ranch and what seemed to be wild dogs to you were indeed, at some point, coyotes. I can understand that you are not comfortable with the people who participate in the sport of coyote hunting but are you comfortable with the coyotes? I do agree that it is most unfortunate for the would-be pets that get dumped off out in the country. But stop and think, when the female pet comes into season the coyotes will breed with her. There is not anything like a crossbred domestic dog and coyote; these interbred dogs are not afraid of anything.

As far as mention of retaliation, I feel you are blowing it all out of proportion. You are making this accident an outright picture of ugliness against coyote hunters. Believe it or not, most of us are kind people doing a job for the farmers and ranchers that have given us permission and expect us to keep the coyote population in check so they may keep their livestock thriving. We do not wish to do harm to others and we own up to our mistakes. Seems to me these owners of the greyhounds owned up to their mistake. This unfortunate accident occurred because the greyhounds were unable to recognize property lines. Retaliation, give me a break!

I am speaking on my behalf as a female hunter. If laws get passed to prohibit or limit the running of greyhounds as coyote hunters, you might as well take all the guns, too. Then what are you going to do when the coyote population gets out of control? Your cattle will be killed off, your sheep will be shredded, horses will be run until they are exhausted and cannot fight off the coyotes any longer, and the possibilities are infinite. The coyote will target the weak, the sick and the young and old. It is their nature to kill these animals and what if your next pet is targeted and taken out?

The sport of hunting is slowly becoming a thing of the past. Some people think it is cruel and barbaric. These same people never think twice about that steak or when they sit down to a meal. Though we do not eat the coyotes, we help other game along with cattle, horses, goats, sheep, etcetera, survive. This other game, such as pheasants, quail, dove, deer, etcetera, feed my family during hunting season. We pay the annual fee to the Texas Parks and Wildlife to hunt such animals including coyotes.

I am truly sorry about your pet; the incident was most unfortunate. Accidents happen just as life does.

Toni Norris
Pampa

Killer 'coyote' dogs allowed to run wild

To the editor,
Private property means just that — it's not available for everyone to come and go as they please. It's certainly not having total strangers unleashing trained killer dogs on personal pets in your own yard!

We live on a ranch outside of Pampa, which my family has owned since the 1910s. This last Sunday morning my mother had her 13-year-old dog and companion Spike outside to go to the bathroom. Moments later she saw what she thought was a stray dog and called Spike to return to the house. Before he could get back to the door, another dog then two more attacked Spike in my mother's own front yard. She beat them with a hoe handle but they would not leave Spike alone. By the time I got there, they were tearing at his neck. I shot one and it backed off. The others didn't stop until I shot at each one.

My husband met two trucks at the county road, which is some 75-yards from our house. He asked if they were looking for their dogs — the man said yes — they were coyote dogs (trained to hunt and kill coyotes.) They had let them out over a mile away and just let them run!

Needless to say Spike is dead. He was a constant companion to my mother and to have him killed that viciously right in front of her is unforgivable. Blood was already dripping from their mouths before they got to Spike. What else did they kill or attack? If we couldn't get them off an old helpless dog, what about livestock or even children?

We called the Sheriff's Department, and they said the law was "gray." It didn't say they could and it didn't say they couldn't... but we could file for civil damages. What price would you put on a pet? It certainly won't erase the horror my mother and I witnessed.

Why are these "hunters" allowed to continue invading private property? What purpose do these "hunters" serve? In the 60-plus years that my family has run cattle, the coyotes have not been a threat. What has been a threat is stray dogs running in packs. We need laws to prevent this intrusion!

Some of you might feel compelled to offer my mother another dog. Please allow her the freedom to choose when and what type of dog to replace Spike. Thank you.

Glennette Goode
Pampa

Ganging up on nation's so-called 'gun culture'

To the editor,
It has been quite some time since I wrote and updated the people on gun control.

Bill Clinton calls for American gun owners to be forced to register their firearms with the federal government, then declares that it's only the first step. He talks arrogantly about wiping from the entire culture recreational shooting, hunting and personal protection from American life.

Al Gore intends to force every American gun owner to carry a national ID card. Bill Bradley wants to ban handguns and so does Gore. Janet Reno wants us to take a seat in a government classroom for sessions from federal bureaucrats, who don't even understand the Constitution of the United States, before we are allowed to own a firearm.

Rich and greedy trial lawyers team up with anti-gun politicians in an attempt to bankrupt the firearms industry through multiple lawsuits and do away with the great names in American firearms manufacturing. The NAACP throws its weight behind the lawsuits, too.

Misguided corporations like Sprint and Hallmark Cards spend customers' money in an attempt to suffocate the Second Amendment. Right now in Congress, gun-hating Sens. Charles Schumer of New York, Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey and Dianne Feinstein of California spend every moment trying to kill the Second Amendment. Their efforts are fueled by the big conglomerates led by the New York Times, The Washington Post, ABC, NBC, CBS, Time and Newsweek.

Those who want to ban our guns are confidently predicting that America, in this coming century, will witness the final destruction of the so-called "gun culture" — their term for citizens like us who own guns for hunting, target shooting, collecting or to protect ourselves.

In case you haven't heard, Slick Willie asked Congress for \$280 million to do away with all guns.
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Pampa

issue and dismisses all of the historical reenactments of Civil War battles, the Confederate flag, as previously implied, is little more than the banner flown by a group that waged war on the United States. In that respect, is a Swastika any different? Most who know better realize that the Crooked Cross did not originate with Adolph Hitler. And, since America has descendants of soldiers who fought in World War II on the side of Germany — if not directly affiliated with the Nazi party — why should the Crooked Cross be considered any different than the Stars and Bars?

Indeed, had America stayed out of World War II, the Nazi banner may never have been raised against the U.S. While that may be naive, it is a possibility. This cannot be said with regards to the Civil War. Indeed, if America had not gotten involved in that war, the war would not have taken place. And the flag flown by one side in that war was the Confederate flag. And the side that flew that flag flew it against the Stars and Stripes. If this is not a valid argument against the practice of flying the Confederate flag over a government building, nothing is.

Perhaps yet another comparison will help some Americans put the issue into proper perspective. If, on the front steps of the South Carolina state capitol, there was found a burning cross, it would likely be viewed as a racial statement. And well it should — such symbolic gestures, after all, have historically been racially motivated. If, however, the culprit was caught and turned out to be a member of a radical Islamic organization, the incident would likely be viewed as a terrorist act. But what if the act was committed by an African or Jewish American? No doubt that would cause some confusion. And what if the act was committed by an individual who was later determined to be an atheist? It is likely that, in the collective effort to trivialize such an incident as a racial gesture — again, in an effort at distancing such ugliness from white America — no one would remember that the item desecrated was not an African flag or a black power fist. It was a cross. For those who don't remember, the cross is a symbol of Christianity. Why, then, is the burning of one, while considered by most to be an ugly incident, typically dismissed as an affront to African-Americans?

The point here is simple. The Confederate flag was not raised against southern slaves — indeed, there were some slaves who were forced to serve the forces that flew that flag. That flag was raised against Union forces; it was raised against Abraham Lincoln; it was raised against Old Glory; it was raised against America! To say, then, that flying it beneath the Stars and Stripes over a state capitol building is an issue to be taken up by that state's legislature is like saying that, since the first ICBM of World War III hit New York City, it's an issue for New York's state legislature to handle. Sound ridiculous? It is!

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Congregations come together for fund-raiser

To the editor,
Conceived from a single line of a prayer and birthed by one church youth group in 1990, "Souper Bowl of Caring" hopes to draw 20,000 congregations to ask parishioners to give a \$1 or \$2 for the needy on Super Bowl Sunday, Jan. 30, 2000. "Twenty-two churches participated in the first Souper Bowl in 1990, but we want to see 20,000 join the team in 2000. Please get your church on board," said Sarah Swinson, a high school student who volunteers with the effort. This year's goal is to see \$3.5 million generated for charities.

The concept behind the grassroots movement is remarkably simple. Congregations simply ask parishioners to give \$1 each as they leave worship the morning (or weekend) of the big game. Youth stationed at sanctuary exits collect the \$1 donations in large soup pots, then send all the proceeds directly to a local charity of that group's choice. Some congregations are requesting \$2 in honor of the year 2000. Organizers only ask for a phone report so that national totals can be determined.

This mustard seed of an idea, which began in the youth fellowship of a single South Carolina church, has generated an aggregate of \$7 million for worthy charities across the country. The initiative also enables the young people who receive the donations to make a positive impact in their own communities.

Thanks to the "Souper Bowl of Caring," the day traditionally associated with football is scoring in other ways as well. Last year \$2.5 million was raised when 11,300 congregations across the country teamed up to help the needy. Over 15 different denominations are undertaking significant efforts to spread word of the effort, "Dear Abby" is scheduled to run a column and the NFL will help highlight the effort at a Super Bowl week press conference in Atlanta.

"The Souper Bowl of Caring offers people in churches across the country a simple but significant way to join together in caring and unity," says Souper Bowl founder, the Rev. Brad Smith. "We believe this idea is a gift from God and we encourage everyone to join the team."

Participants are asked to report their totals via phone (1-800-358-SOUP(7687) or home page (www.souperbowl.com) on Sunday, Jan. 30.

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Confederate flag is a national issue

To the editor,
In the debate surrounding the flying of the Confederate flag over the South Carolina state capitol, it has been said that the issue is a racial one by blacks who view the flag as a symbol of racism and slavery. It has been said that the issue is a state's rights issue by republican presidential candidates who, because of their more conservative constituents, avoid issues that can even be remotely connected to race relations. Perhaps the biggest problem surrounding this issue is the fact that too many Americans refuse to view it in the context in which it should be viewed — an American issue.

What too many Americans seem to be conveniently forgetting — perhaps in their attempts at separating themselves from the issue by simply calling it someone else's problem — is the fact that the Confederate flag was the banner behind which the Confederacy raised arms against the legitimate government of the United States of America. Today, we venerate Abraham Lincoln as being the president who fought so diligently to keep the union together. It is very unlikely that Lincoln would look favorably on the allegiance being pledged to the banner flown when the Confederate States of America attempted to secede from that union.

There are probably few today who would second-guess the pardoning of the confederacy after the war by Lincoln's successor, Andrew Johnson — it was the right thing to do. It should be wondered, however, whether or not Johnson would have been so quick to put his presidency on the line if he had known that almost 150 years later the battle flag of the army his government fought against would be flying with the American flag over the very state in which the conflict began — a conflict which is held by most to be the worst period in American history. Is the flying of the Stars and Bars a state issue? Not likely.

During a televised interview, presidential candidate Steve Forbes was asked if the displaying of the Confederate Flag could be compared to the use of a Swastika in a similar display. Mr. Forbes dismissed the question as being an insult to the intelligence of the American people. But is it? After one scrapes away all of the rhetoric surrounding this

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The respective mortality risks are comparable to those experienced by smokers versus nonsmokers, Koenig said. The risk decline was 35 percent in women and 17 percent in men, according to the study.

The report, funded by the National Institutes of Mental Health, is not the first to tie religious practice to a lower risk of dying. A California study of 5,300 people over 28 years generated similar

findings, but the survey sample ranged from 21 to 65 years of age. And the sample's mortality was 15 percent, compared with about 30 percent for the Duke study.

The health benefits of church attendance may be related to the increased social support found in religious groups, Koenig said.

"Other members are committed to you, praying for you," he said. "You get sick and don't show up for church, and people call you and ask why you weren't there."

Church attendance also may

prompt the faithful to be more conscientious about taking medication. A deep religious faith, while not synonymous with attending church, also helps people cope with tragedy and may relieve stress, Koenig said.

Stan Kasl, an epidemiology professor at the Yale University medical school, called the Duke study "an important contribution" to firming up the church-good health association.

"We don't have many of these kind of studies," said Kasl.

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