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Grant will help Pampa students

By AARON PEPPER
Staff Intern

Students of Pampa schools will soon be able to take field trips to landmarks and museums around the world. Such virtual field trips will be one aspect of a video conference unit to be bought in conjunction with a recent USDA grant to the surrounding educational region.

"This gives students opportunity to see things they never could otherwise without the ability to travel, Lee Carter, PISD technology coordinator, said.

Carter was in attendance at last January's Region 16 meeting where grant opportunities were presented to each district. When a large portion of districts showed interest, Region 16 applied for the \$500,000 grant.

Conference units will be installed at Region 16, the Amarillo Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts, Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, and Don Harrington Discovery Center to provide students a chance to visit without leaving their own campus.

"We can really give the kids some exposure to the arts and world museums," Carter said. "We can also communicate with other communities around the country which is important because other areas teach and learn so differently."

While PISD already has a See GRANT, Page 3

Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

An angel looks on as Mary and Joseph flank the manger which holds the infant Jesus in the new Nativity at First Baptist Church. Today is traditionally celebrated as the day Christ was born. For more photos and a story about the Nativity, please see page 1-B.



Photo by BEN BRISCOE
Gloria Captain uncovers chicken fried chicken for the Tuesday lunch.

Southside Senior Citizens Center does it up right for Tuesday lunch

By BEN BRISCOE
Special to The News

Gloria Captain always equally looks forward to and dreads Tuesdays. On this day of the week she arrives at work at the Southside Senior Citizens Center around 7:30 in the morning to start cooking for the center's weekly fund-raiser lunch.

"The work on Tuesdays can get pretty heavy, but I love seeing all of our regulars and everyone new who comes to eat," Captain said. "Plus, I know that the meal sales really help out our limited budget."

The Tuesday fund-raiser lunches, served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a recommended donation of \$5, were born out of a joke from one of the center's members.

"At the time we started, it was because we were sitting around drinking coffee one day and someone asked where you can get a good meal, or any meal, for \$5 anymore," volunteer Eula "Dean" Bradshaw said. "And the idea started from there. Before long we had the program up and running."

The lunches, now in their second year, have developed a steady following.

"My husband and I have been coming

here to eat every Tuesday that we can for about a year now," Betty Stowers said. "The food is always amazing and home cooked. It is one of the best lunches in town, and it feels good to help out a worthy cause."

But it is not just dine-in customers that help to support the center through their patronage.

"Our biggest profit is when teachers call in their orders during the school year," Bradshaw said. "We will deliver it out them. I say we probably send out close to 100 meals each week, just from their orders."

Although the money from the meals goes into the general funds, it has been earmarked for construction of a new building for the center.

"This place is falling apart," Captain said. "Eventually we would like to make enough to replace our old place here, but for right now, the money just helps us stay afloat. It helps us go with the flow of whatever problems we encounter."

In addition to helping pay for things like a leaking roof, the money also funds activities

See TUESDAY, Page 3

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

JACK, Maxine Davis — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Eloise Brister, 91

Eloise Brister, 91, of Pampa, died Dec. 24, 2005. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Maxine Davis Jack, 85

Maxine Davis Jack, 85, of Pampa, died Dec. 22, 2005. Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Rodney Tedford, minister of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, officiating.

Center. She was a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Carlos Speck.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Powell of Pampa and Shirley Jones of Amarillo; a son, John Davis of Dripping Springs; a brother, H.K. Speck of Friendswood; and five grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be to Odyssey Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101; Meredith House, 812 W. 25th, Pampa, TX 79065; or High Plains Children's Home, 11461 S. Western, Amarillo, TX 79118.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Jack was born Nov. 21, 1920, at Abilene, to Carlos and Georgia Speck. She married Walter D. Davis on July 27, 1945, in Pampa; he died in 1978. She later married Robert Frank Jack on April 22, 1982, at Pampa; he died in 1998.

Mrs. Jack was a nurse's aide for 12 years, working at the Worley Hospital, Highland General Hospital and Pampa Nursing

One of state's largest road builders fined by feds

HOUSTON (AP) — The federal government has fined one of Texas' largest road builders \$3 million for circumventing laws meant to bring minorities into road construction.

meet affirmative action requirements. The companies were not independent and could not have survived on their own, the government said.

Under a Texas Department of Transportation program established in 1983, recipients of federal highway dollars must make sure part of the work is subcontracted to women and minorities. The

requirement was later changed to include anyone who could prove a disadvantaged background.

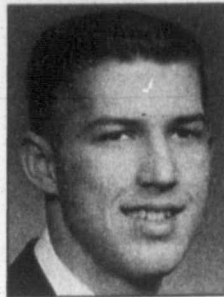
According to federal investigators, Williams Brothers on two occasions sold its own concrete-mixing equipment to companies fronted by women or minorities and then bought the concrete back.

James D. "Doug" Pitcock Jr., owner and chief executive officer of Williams Brothers, has said he sees no violation in helping people establish new businesses.

The U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Highway Administration said in a statement that Williams Brothers agreed to pay the penalty and "knowingly violated" the rules of the disadvantaged business program.

David L. Jones, 63

David Lawrence Jones, 63, passed away peacefully on Dec. 21, 2005, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. He was born on July 22, 1942, in Amarillo, Texas, to Lloyd Jones and Margaret Gikas.



Jones

He graduated from Pampa High School in 1960 and from West Texas State University (now known as Texas A&M at Canyon) in 1970.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Marlena Sue Greene Jones, and by his uncles Ted and Chris Gikas.

He is survived by his daughter, Patricia A.

Jones; his mother and stepfather, Margaret and Dr. BJ Herrin; and his half-sisters, Missy Ashley and Sylvia Snodgrass.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2005, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Linda Kelly, of the St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, officiating.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, to please make a donation in his honor to the Alzheimer's Association. To convey condolences or to sign an online registry, please visit www.tjfuneral.com.

Emergency Services

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office on Saturday reported the following arrests.

Friday, Dec. 23

Francisco Sotero Cruz, 28, 1035 E. Fisher, was arrested by GCSO on a bond surrenders for interfering with a 911 call and assault causing bodily injury.

Jose Antonio Garcia, 19, 701 E. Albert, was arrested by Pampa Police Department for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Kristina Wood, 20, 1012 E. Gordon, was arrested by Pampa PD on a fugitive warrant and on three capias pro fines.

Saul Manuel Salcido, 21, 1148 Neal, was arrested by Pampa PD for aggravated assault causing bodily injury.

Saturday, Dec. 24

Donnye Daniel Baldwin, 41, 101 N. Faulkner, was arrested by Pampa PD for criminal non-support-failure to appear and for three capias pro fines.

Phillip Daniel Littrell, 35, of Amarillo was arrested by Pampa PD for criminal trespass and public intoxication.

Fire

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

Friday, Dec. 23

1:53 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a vehicle fire in the 1500 block of Banks. The engine compartment of the vehicle was involved. The fire resulted in an estimated \$1,500 in dam-

ages.

6:37 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 400 block of East Frederic on a gas leak. The firefighters stood by for Atmos Energy officials to arrive at the scene.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Dec. 23

10:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of Williston and transported a patient(s) to an Amarillo hospice unit.

6:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Barnes and Highway 60. No transport.

8:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Baer. No transport.

10:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Russell and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of Russell. No transport.

Correction

According to the advertising department, a mistake was made on page 11-B of this issue of The Pampa News. The mistake will be corrected and the page will be re-published sometime this week. Thank you. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low near 38. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 68. Southwest wind around 10 mph becoming north-northwest.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. North-northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 61. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northwest.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain. Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 56. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 34.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55.

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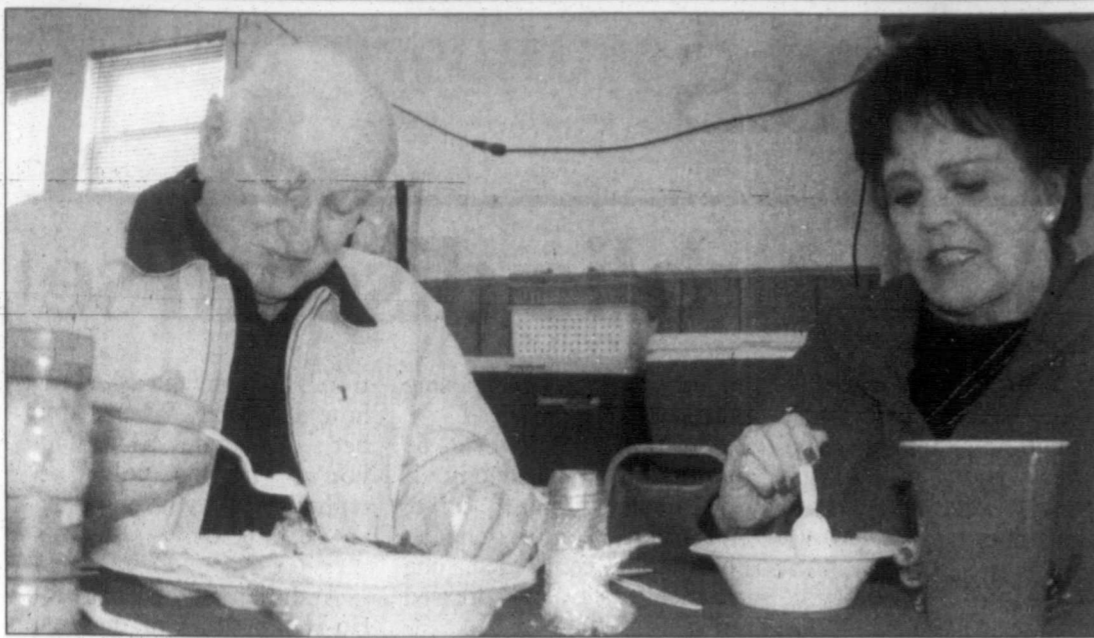


Photo by BEN BRISCOE

Vernon and Betty Stowers have come every Tuesday they can for a year now to eat lunch and support the Southside Senior Citizens Center.

Tuesday

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sponsored by the center for senior citizens and other members of the community. "This is more than just a place for good friends to come in and have coffee and gossip," Bradshaw said. "The center hosts birthday parties, Meals on Wheels, fellowship potluck lunch every second and fourth Thursday, blood pressure

checks and so much more. This place has been the home of a large community of friends for a long time now, and we hope the donations from the dinners can keep it that way."

The center, located on 438 W. Crawford St., has seen a decrease in lunch customers recently, but Captain is not worried.

"It slows down during the holiday season, and I have to admit that I enjoy that because I know after the holidays it will pick back up

again at a rapid pace."

For now, Captain is just using the down time to plan the future of the program.

"I already have January's menus picked out because I know what these lunches mean to the center," she said. "It is hard work, but if I did not love it, I would not be doing it every week. I love it so much because they help keep this place afloat. They help to give us a location to build new friendships and strengthen old ones."

Grant

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video conference unit at Pampa High School, the new investment will be mobile, to be moved from one campus to another. Currently, students not at the high school would have to be transported there and only at times when no class is in session.

"I think it's a great way to teach kids, especially when there's no way to

demonstrate the lesson in the classroom," Russell Anglin, a senior at PHS, said.

Mike Becker, a representative of USDA Rural Development, discussed the purpose of the grant.

"Sometimes a school lacks the budget or educators to provide certain classes that may be necessary to enter a university. They will be able to teach those courses through distance learning," Becker said. "It is just bettering education."

Chestnuts gaining popularity all year

NEW FRANKLIN, Mo. (AP) — A group of researchers has a message for those who want to confine the chestnut to a holiday open fire: They aren't just for Christmas anymore.

Agricultural researchers at the University of Missouri-Columbia's Center for Agroforestry are experimenting with more than 50 varieties of chestnuts at a research farm. The goal is to create a new nut industry and bring back the American chestnut.

"I don't think there's an image problem or a misperception," said Mike Gold, associate director of the center. "I think there's just a flat-out unfamiliarity."

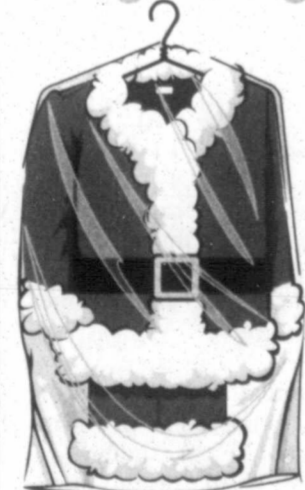
A century ago — before an Asian blight devastated most of the country's millions of chestnut trees — marketing the chestnut wasn't necessary. Chestnuts were a staple of American diets, particularly for recent immigrants. The trees' rot-resistant timber was used to build barns and beams, its bark providing tannin for leather.

While the chestnut remains an oddity for most Americans, commercial production of a heartier, disease-resistant Chinese variety is increasing as growers

struggle to keep up with demand.

"Usually, by the end of October all the chestnut growers start calling each other looking for chestnuts because we're all sold out," said Greg Miller, a commercial grower in Carrollton.

season's greetings



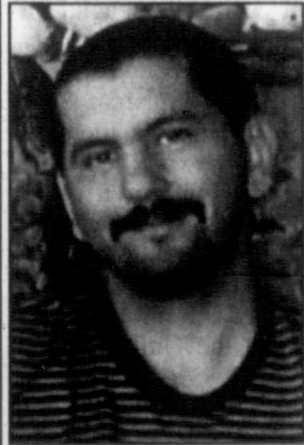
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Body parts thefts investigated

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Bruno's life had been uncomplicated: He was an immigrant who worked hard, spoke his mind and succumbed to kidney cancer two years ago at 75.

"Typical Italian cab driver," recalled his son, Vito. "He had an opinion about everything."

It's only after death that his story became ghoulish.

Authorities believe his body and those of hundreds of other people — including famed British broadcaster Alistair Cooke — were secretly carved up in the back rooms of several funeral parlors citywide to remove human bone, skin and tendons without required permission from their families. Authorities allege the body parts were then sold for a profit.

Worse, health officials fear some of the stolen body parts were diseased, and could infect patients who received them in skin grafts, dental implants or other orthopedic procedures — a risk concealed by paperwork doctored with forged signatures and false information.

"It's not just disrespectful to my father," said Vito Bruno, who has sued one of the funeral homes. "It's an absolutely hideous crime against other people."

In the Cooke case, authorities confirmed this week that investigators contacted the late broadcaster's family after finding paperwork indicating his bones had been removed and sold by a Fort Lee, N.J., tissue bank, Biomedical Tissue Services, before he was cremated. Cooke, best known as the host of PBS's "Masterpiece Theatre," died from cancer last year at 95 in Manhattan.

The family insists it never signed off on the procedure, and that someone had falsified documents by changing his cause of death to heart attack, and by lowering his age to 85. Harvesting bones

from cancer patients violates rules by the Food and Drug Administration.

A daughter, Susan Cooke Kittredge, said the family was "shocked and saddened" by the news.

"That people in need would have received his body parts, considering his age and the fact he was ill when he died, is appalling to the family, as is that his remains were violated," she said.

The probe — first reported by the Daily News in October — has uncovered other gruesome images. In one instance, the corpse of a Queens grandmother that investigators exhumed last month had nearly all the bones removed below the waist and replaced with PVC pipes.

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Viewpoints

Cartoon meant to stimulate public discourse

We were taken to task by several readers last week who objected to an editorial cartoon that ran Dec. 16.

It depicted two young boys slobbering on each other. The caption has mom telling dad, "Yes, the boys saw that 'Brokeback Mountain' movie and they're playing 'cowboys.'"

For those of you who have not heard, "Brokeback Mountain" is a movie about cowboys who happen to be gay.

It was a cartoon, something to stimulate discourse. It was meant to be humorous and make a statement about a current event.

We certainly did not

intend to offend anyone's sensibilities, but it appears that we did.

One caller asked if we condoned what the cartoon depicted.

Certainly not.

Another caller demanded that we print a public retraction.

Editorial cartoons are meant to make a point about a political issue or event. Depending on your point of view, they can be hilarious or they can be disgusting.

If you are a Republican, you probably relish cartoons that make Ted Kennedy and John Kerry appear as fools. If you are a Democrat, you probably chuckle at cartoons

that skewer President Bush or Vice President Cheney.

If you are pro life, you enjoy cartoons that support your point of view. If you like the New York Yankees, you won't like a cartoon that makes fun of them.

Dennis Spies
Editor

spective. It did not glorify the gay lifestyle in any way.

The cartoonist was lampooning the goofy idea of gay cowboys. Besides, what parents would let their young children watch a movie like that? Remember, this was a cartoon, not reality.

We choose to run editorial cartoons from across the spectrum, and not ignore any particular group or event.

These cartoons should make some of us laugh and the rest of us think. They should challenge the reader

to think about an opposing viewpoint.

Wouldn't our world be boring and nonproductive if everyone thought alike. What if everyone marched in lockstep to one idea, one political party, all dressed alike?

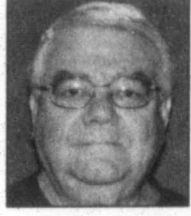
Not a pretty sight. That is why we offer opposing views in our editorial cartoons — to keep new ideas fresh and flowing. We think that stifling debate is a dangerous thing to happen in a democracy.

Another year has nearly gone. I celebrated my 64th birthday last week. When my youngest daughter called

from Houston, she asked me how old I was. When I told her, she said, "Gee dad, you're getting old." I replied, "And you, my dear, are pushing 40."

And here a special Ho-Ho-Ho to some of the best grandchildren in the world who keep me feeling younger than I deserve to be. To Kristen, Brandie, Marcella, Reign, Michelle, Caden, Austin, Gina, Pike, Grace, Emma, Adrian and Kayla, Merry Christmas.

And in the spirit of the birth of the Christ child, a Merry Christmas to all of you.



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 25, the 359th day of 2005. There are six days left in the year. This is Christmas Day. The Jewish Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 25, 1818, "Silent Night" was performed for the first time, at the Church of St. Nikolaus in Oberndorf, Austria.

On this date:

In A.D. 336, the first recorded celebration of Christmas on Dec. 25 took place in Rome.

In 1776, Gen. George Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River for a surprise attack against Hessian forces at Trenton, N.J.

In 1926, Hirohito became emperor of Japan, succeeding his father, Emperor Yoshihito. (Hirohito was formally enthroned almost two years later.)

In 1931, New York's Metropolitan Opera broadcast an entire opera over radio for the first time: "Hansel and Gretel" by Engelbert Humperdinck.

In 1941, during World War II, Japan announced the surrender of the British-Canadian garrison at Hong Kong.

In 1946, comedian W.C. Fields died in Pasadena, Calif., at age 66.

In 1977, comedian Sir Charles Chaplin died in Switzerland at age 88.

In 1989, ousted Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife, Elena, were executed following a popular uprising.

In 1991, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev went on television to announce his resignation as the eighth and final leader of a communist superpower that already had gone out of existence.

In 2003, 16 people were killed by mudslides that swept over campgrounds in California's San Bernardino Valley.

Ten years ago: An ailing Pope John Paul II cut short his traditional Christmas greetings, telling crowds he was fighting to regain his health. Singer Dean Martin died at his Beverly Hills home at age 78.

Five years ago: A fire in central China killed 309 people inside an unlicensed disco.

One year ago: President Bush urged Americans to help the neediest among them by volunteering to care for the sick, the elderly and the poor in a Christmas Day call for compassion.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Tony Martin is 92. Actor Dick Miller is 77. Actress Hanna Schygulla is 62.



Christmas through the eyes of a child

Most grandparents have pictures, stories and accounts of grandchildren that are far more important to them than to others. Still, they are ready to share when given the chance.

One granddad, ready to unfurl dozens of pictures for the uncaring eyes of a friend, asked if he had shown him pictures of his new grandson. "No," the friend answered, "And I certainly appreciate it..."

Some accounts, though, are worthy not only of hearing, but also remembering. They are told and re-told at Christmas time, even by distant relatives.

And the one I'm "fixin'" to relate deserves "top shelf" status among stories that warm the heart. Imagine it falling from the lips of retired school counselor Jeanie Brown, a Groesbeck, Texas, grandmother who is asked to tell and re-tell the "story of Taylor" several

times a year. She's happy to do so, eyes twinkling and smile broadening ...

"It was several years ago," she begins. "Taylor was coming up on 10-years-old, and 'soaking up' holiday joys as kids do so well. His Mother, Susan Douthit, was ready-

ing their McKinney, Texas, home for Christmas, and running behind, feeling "used up," and running low on Christmas spirit.

"She was baking, wrapping, decorating, addressing Christmas cards and setting up the manger scene, just as she did the previous year, and the ones before that. She found figurines of the stable, cradle, Mary and Joseph, and the animals. But Baby Jesus was missing. She couldn't find Him anywhere,

so she quit looking, and returned to the kitchen to stir the fudge ...

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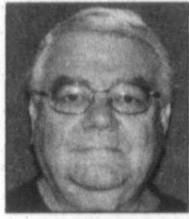
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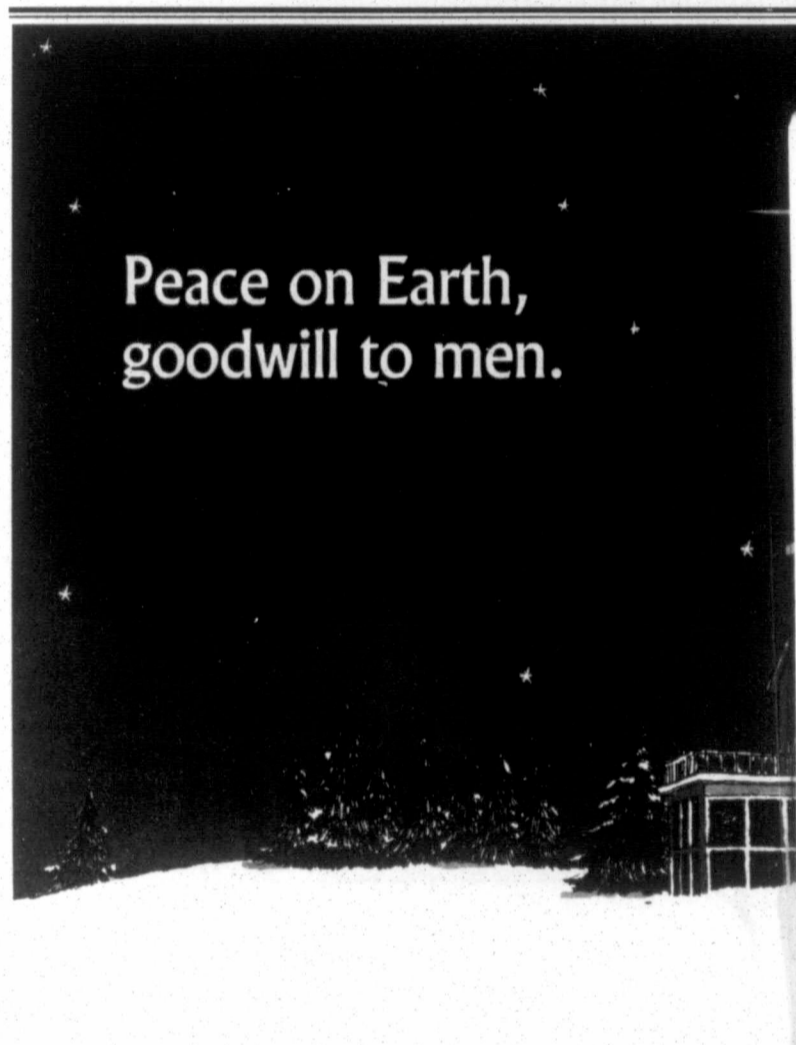
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Today's Birthdays: Singer Tony Martin is 92. Actor Dick Miller is 77. Actress Hanna Schygulla is 62.

'It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you ... yes, it is Christmas - every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand.'

— Mother Teresa
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Peace on Earth,
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One granddad, ready to unfurl dozens of pictures for the uncaring eyes of a friend, asked if he had shown him pictures of his new grandson. "No," the friend answered, "And I certainly appreciate it ..."

Some accounts, though, are worthy not only of hearing, but also remembering. They are told and re-told at Christmas time, even by distant relatives.

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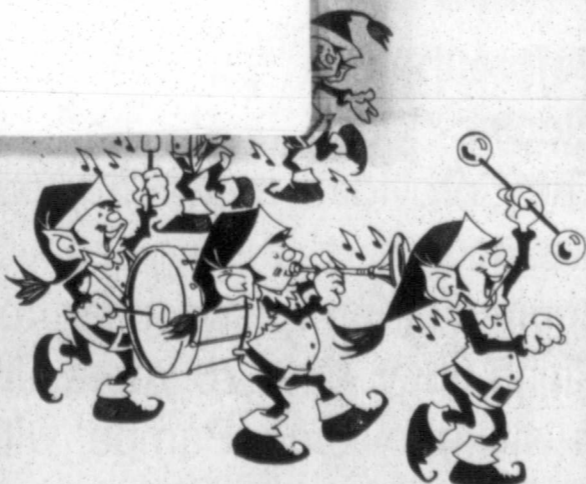
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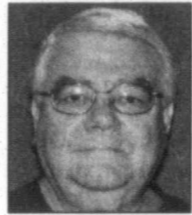
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In 1776, Gen. George Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River for a surprise attack against Hessian forces at Trenton, N.J.

In 1926, Hirohito became emperor of Japan, succeeding his father, Emperor Yoshihito. (Hirohito was formally enthroned almost two years later.)

In 1931, New York's Metropolitan Opera broadcast an entire opera over radio for the first time: "Hansel and Gretel" by Engelbert Humperdinck.

In 1941, during World War II, Japan announced the surrender of the British-Canadian garrison at Hong Kong.

In 1946, comedian W.C. Fields died in Pasadena, Calif., at age 66.

In 1977, comedian Sir Charles Chaplin died in Switzerland at age 88.

In 1989, ousted Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife, Elena, were executed following a popular uprising.

In 1991, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev went on television to announce his resignation as the eighth and final leader of a communist superpower that already had gone out of existence.

In 2003, 16 people were killed by mudslides that swept over campgrounds in California's San Bernardino Valley.

Ten years ago: An ailing Pope John Paul II cut short his traditional Christmas greetings, telling crowds he was fighting to regain his health. Singer Dean Martin died at his Beverly Hills home at age 78.

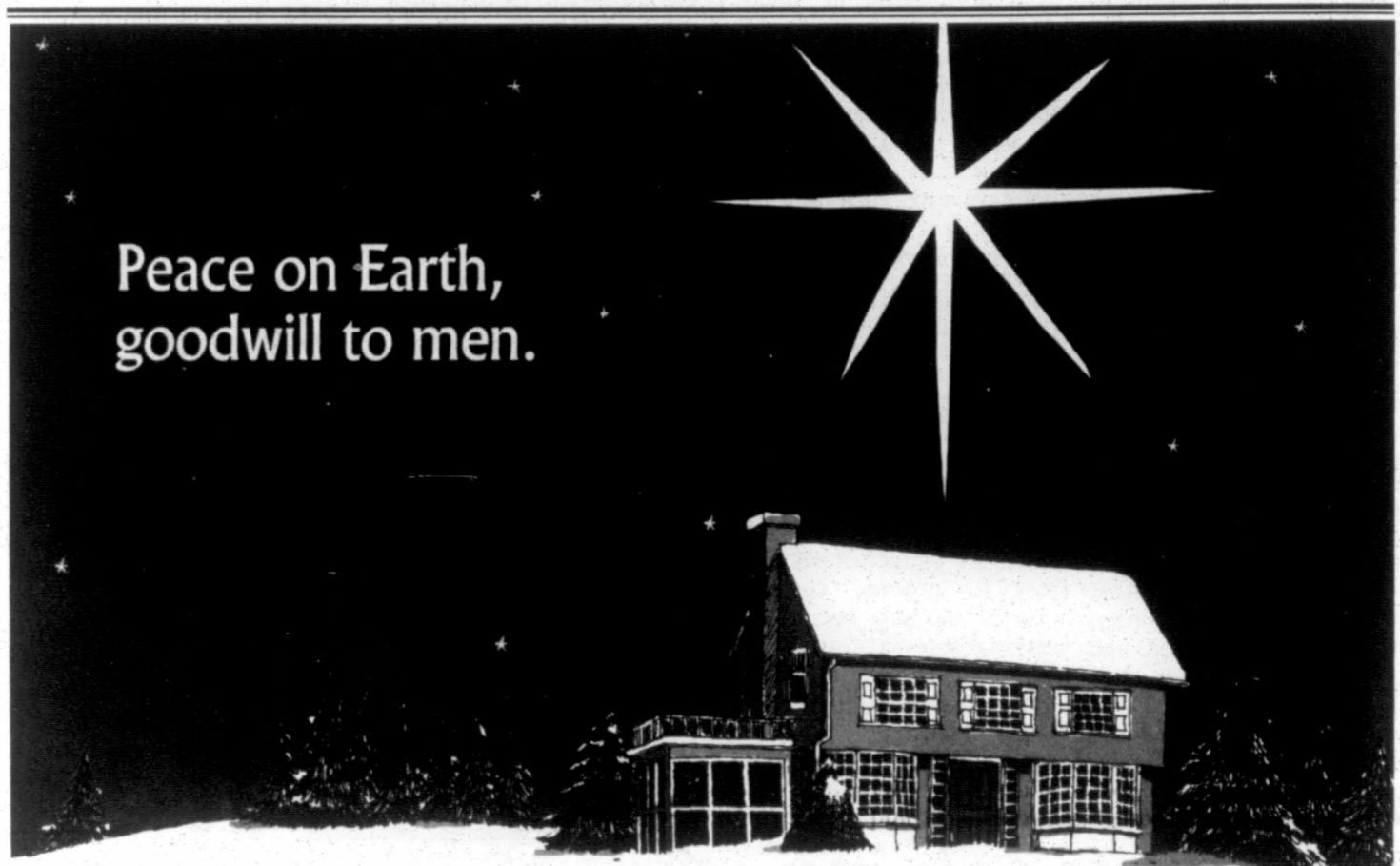
Five years ago: A fire in central China killed 309 people inside an unlicensed disco.

One year ago: President Bush urged Americans to help the neediest among them by volunteering to care for the sick, the elderly and the poor in a Christmas Day call for compassion.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Tony Martin is 92. Actor Dick Miller is 77. Actress Hanna Schygulla is 62.

'It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you ... yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand.'

— Mother Teresa
Catholic nun



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Ottawa Citizen
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Christmas through the eyes of a child

Most grandparents have pictures, stories and accounts of grandchildren that are far more important to them than to others. Still, they are ready to share when given the chance.

One granddad, ready to unfurl dozens of pictures for the uncaring eyes of a friend, asked if he had shown him pictures of his new grandson. "No," the friend answered, "And I certainly appreciate it ..."

Some accounts, though, are worthy not only of hearing, but also remembering. They are told and re-told at Christmas time, even by distant relatives.

And the one I'm "fixin'" to relate deserves "top shelf" status among stories that warm the heart. Imagine it falling from the lips of retired school counselor Jeanie Brown, a Groesbeck, Texas, grandmother who is asked to tell and re-tell the "story of Taylor" several

times a year. She's happy to do so, eyes twinkling and smile broadening ...

"It was several years ago," she begins. "Taylor was coming up on 10-years-old, and 'soaking' up holiday joys as kids do so well. His Mother, Susan Douthit, was ready-

ing their McKinney, Texas, home for Christmas, and running behind, feeling "used up," and running low on Christmas spirit.

"She was baking, wrapping, decorating, addressing Christmas cards and setting up the manger scene, just as she did the previous year, and the ones before that. She found figurines of the stable, cradle, Mary and Joseph, and the animals. But Baby Jesus was missing. She couldn't find Him anywhere,

so she quit looking, and returned to the kitchen to stir the fudge ...

"A few minutes later, she returned to the scene, spotting a small sign attached to the cradle.

Printed in crayon, it read: 'He is risen!'

It was Taylor's handwriting, of course, and those three words put a new shine on that Christmas, and all the rest to come ..."

A Sunday School class of young marrieds in San Antonio, Texas, added a warm touch to "bridge ministry" begun earlier, in the year. They've been taking food and personal items to several dozen homeless people from time to time.

The recipients are easy to find; they're the ones with

bridges over their heads instead of roofs. This month, the class made special deliveries of one-hour long distance telephone cards with a plea to the homeless: "Call home ..."

The season always brings to mind the mimeographed monthly newspaper a few of us turned out in grade school circa 1950. Our teacher asked us to write a piece about merchants' favorite Christmas carols.

I made a beeline for "The Leader," a mercantile store on the courthouse square. It was operated by N. Bernard Bunin, a respected Jewish merchant. Everyone called him "Shorty the Jew ..."

We meant no disrespect. In fact, we revered him, knowing that he gave away clothing and shoes daily to the less fortunate, and extended credit to the rest of

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Don Newbury
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Dec. 18

Houston Chronicle on the Senate's refusal to extend the Patriot Act:

On the same day that the New York Times revealed that President Bush had secretly authorized the National Security Agency to conduct electronic surveillance inside the United States without court-issued warrants, the U.S. Senate balked at renewing controversial provisions of the Patriot Act.

The two developments reflect concern that the 4-year-old war on terror in response to the 9/11 attacks is impinging on Americans' privacy and civil liberties. In failing to garner the necessary

60 votes to overcome a threatened bipartisan filibuster, Republican Senate leaders face the largely symbolic expiration of 16 provisions of the Patriot Act on Dec. 31. Since all aspects of the act will continue to apply to investigations of crimes committed before that date, their expiration will have little immediate effect.

Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., and colleague Larry Craig, R-Idaho, spearheaded the coalition that gathered 47 votes to 52, enough to stymie reauthorization. They favor a three-month extension of the Patriot Act while new safeguards are built into the bill to curb its most invasive features, including secret warrants allowing the FBI access to a citizen's financial, medical and library records without having to notify

the target.

Although Feingold was the only senator to vote against the Patriot Act when it passed four years ago, both Democrats and conservative Republicans now oppose it. The influential National Rifle Association declined to take a position on whether the legislation should be renewed, freeing many conservative members to join the opposition. Sen. Craig, a member of the NRA board, explained that "when you're dealing with civil liberties, you don't compromise them."

Bush's secret order in 2002 permitting the NSA to eavesdrop on international phone calls by U.S. citizens and foreign nationals in the United States

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Texas agriculture beat the odds in 2005

By **CRYSTAL POLASEK**
Texas A&M News

COLLEGE STATION — Though many producers struggled with the effects of extreme weather, the state's agriculture industry persevered and made the best of 2005, said a Texas Cooperative Extension expert.

Jose Pena, Extension economist in Uvalde, said early rainfall made vegetable and crop production especially successful this year despite later drought.

"Early, above-average spring rain and low relative humidity helped produce near-record yields of most spring vegetables and some row crops," Pena said. "For example, cotton production in Southwest Texas experienced record yields under heavy irrigation."

The most significant struggle for many producers was lack of soil mois-

ture, he said, including "a severe dry spell from April to December, with rainfall as low as 75 percent of the long-term average in a large portion of the state. As a result, crop agriculture experienced increased irrigation requirements."

Thanks to record-high energy prices, necessary irrigation also became more expensive for many producers, Pena said.

Because of the state's severe and extreme drought conditions since July Texas — along with Illinois — was one of the country's driest regions in 2005, according to the National Drought Mitigation Center.

Dr. David Anderson, Extension livestock economist in College Station, said dry conditions were a challenge for many cattle producers in the eastern half of the state.

"Significant drought had a large impact on the hay crop and hit pastures hard," he said. "Many producers had to begin buying hay much earlier than normal, and the hay that is available is often poor in quality."

"Of course, hurricanes impacted some producers in Southeast Texas; high fuel costs hit them hard and will continue to do so in the coming year." However, high cattle and calf prices were helpful, Anderson said.

"Prices have been record high over the last couple of years," he said. "It's a mixed bag for cow-calf producers. While prices have been good, drought and increasing fuel costs have increased dramatically."

Pena said gross agricultural income increased significantly because the markets were good for livestock.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Leslie, Stacey, Kyle & Taylor Ramming



Newbury

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us. He operated the crammed-to-the-ceiling store for 37 years until one week before his death at age 66 — a half-century ago come February.

To us, reference to "Shorty the Jew" was tantamount to names like "Alexander the Great" or "John the Baptist." That he was born in Russia and an immigrant to our shores was irrelevant indeed ...

He bounded from customer to customer, scurrying up and down the ladder to reach needed items that often were way up high. Customers believed that "Shorty" had everything, and knew where everything was.

I interrupted him at "mid-bound," asking in innocence if he had a favorite Christmas carol ...

"He's Jewish," an adult standing nearby said stiffly, "I

doubt very much that he does."

I felt rebuked and befuddled, and wished to be someplace else ...

"Of course I do," Mr. Bunin responded, his dancing eyes and quick smile lightening the moment as he rang up yet another sale. "It's 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus!'"

I continue to savor the humor in his response that was unrecognized at the time. I place him on an even higher memory shelf of favorite people who spent a lifetime giving back ...

This wee man, who often slept at the store on stacks of overalls, never married. But he looked after a community very, very well. The monument at the park, with names of the county's World War II victims engraved thereon, was placed there by Mr. Bunin, a great American.

He made Christmases merry, the very kind I wish for you ...

—Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author in the Metroplex. His weekly column appears in 125 newspapers in six states.

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provided last minute fuel for the Patriot Act debate on Friday. Both Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., blasted the order as wrong and

possibly illegal.

"This administration feels it is above the law, and the American people and the Constitution pay the price," Kennedy told the Washington Post. Specter vowed to conduct hearings when Congress reconvenes in January.

Both the Bush order and the Patriot Act require extensive public scrutiny and debate in the coming months.

Since there is no possibility of permanently reauthorizing the Patriot Act without compromise with the bipartisan opposition, congressional leaders should agree to a three-month extension. During that time legislators should focus on how best to fight terrorism without making our constitutional rights one of the first casualties.

Events calendar

• Pampa Community Concert Association

Presents "Live on Stage" 2005-06 concert series includes the following programs: Susan Egan, Broadway vocalist, Feb. 18, 2006; St. Petersburg Classic Ballet, March 4, 2006; and The Coats, vocal harmonic band, April 30, 2006. Additional concerts, featuring with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631. PCCA memberships are available.

• The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center

has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Dec. 27, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

• **USDA cost-share funds** have been released for the 2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Farmers and ranchers can apply for Farm Bill conservation programs through the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Eligible producers may apply for cost share assistance on conservation practices that

will address the identified resource concern recognized by the Local Work Group. Practices are implemented through EQIP. The NRCS determines eligibility. The Gray County USDA Service Center will be accepting EQIP applications through Feb. 17. To obtain an EQIP application or for more information, call (806) 665-1751, ext. 3 or log onto www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov on the Internet.

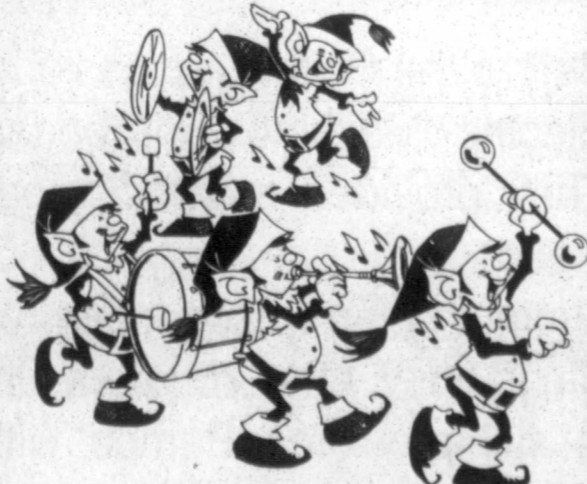
• **Pampa High School** will host "Financial Aid Night" at 7 p.m. Jan. 5 in the school library. Counselors at PHS will discuss and explain grants, scholarships, work-study and loans to interested parents of upperclassmen.

• College-bound high school students

have until Jan. 6 to register to take the ACT exam on the next nationwide test date, Feb. 11. Late registration will be conducted until Jan. 20 and will include an extra fee. Normal cost of the ACT is \$20 or \$43 with the optional writing test. Students can register online at www.actstudent.org or by mail.


• **If your church no longer participates** in "Angel Food Ministries," Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship Church, 1733 N. Banks, will be happy to serve you. For more information, call the Rev. Epperson at 848-2183, prompt 2, or 662-8532. Please leave a message if your call is not answered.

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First Ag declares cash dividend

LUBBOCK — The board of directors of First Ag Credit, Farm Credit Services, recently declared approximately \$7.4 million in cash patronage payments at its December meeting. The patronage will reduce most members' cost of borrowing by approximately 70 basis points, or almost three-quarters of a percent.

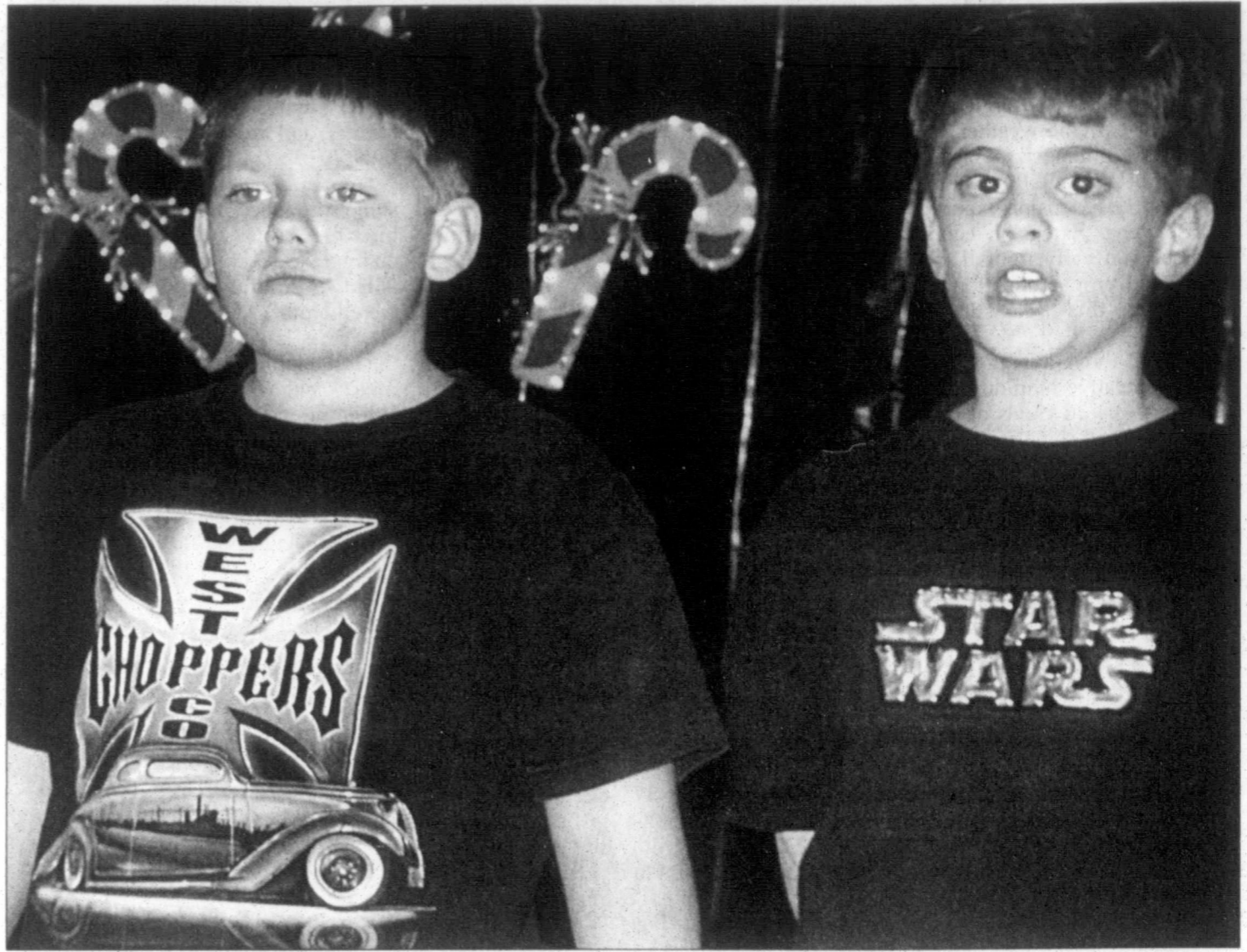
This marks, a First Ag Credit press release said, the eighth consecutive year that over 6,500 First Ag Credit stockholders will receive a cash payment. They can expect their checks in early

2006. With this year's declaration, First Ag has returned \$49 million in cash patronage and stock retirements to its stockholders as a result of the 2001 merger.

Keith Vandivere, chairman of the board of Lubbock, said, "The refund is a result of the financial strength of the association as well as the value we try to create for our stockholders."

First Ag Credit, FCS, with nearly \$1.3 billion in total assets, serves 113 counties in Texas with 37 offices.

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Online business scams: Read fine print

By LINDA ANDERSON
Texas A&M News

LUBBOCK — The commercials often come on television late at night or early in the morning. Work-at-home business owners with enormous smiles and fancy cars tell how much money they've made, thanks to a Web site that got them launched.

Their stories sound too good to be true.

That's because they probably aren't true, said an expert from Texas

'It's like 'bait and switch,' where they promise you something to get you into the store but offer you something else at a higher price.'

— Dr. Pamela Brown
Extension expert

craft making, Brown said. People who sign up usually pay a relatively small fee to get into the system, but then are not given enough instructions or training on making the plan work. The company then offers additional training for a bigger fee.

"Or they will just send you instructions but no contacts," Brown said. "It's like 'bait and switch,' where they promise you something to get you into the store but offer you something else at a higher price."

In order to keep from becoming a victim of these schemes, Brown said, "people will need to know: Is it legitimate? Where does this offer come from? What are the requirements?"

She also advised checking out the companies making these offers by going to the Better Business Bureau — either local offices or online at <http://www.bbb.org/> — or the FTC at

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Cooperative Extension. Dr. Pamela Brown, Extension entrepreneurship specialist, warned that not all these claims of business success are based in fact.

In fact, she said, unless the companies making these claims are up front with what exactly is involved, "all kinds of (caution) flags should go up."

"Many business opportunities that come in the mail or online (are questionable)," she said. "The Federal Trade Commission is responsible for dealing with complaints from consumers" regarding these offers.

And the FTC has deter-

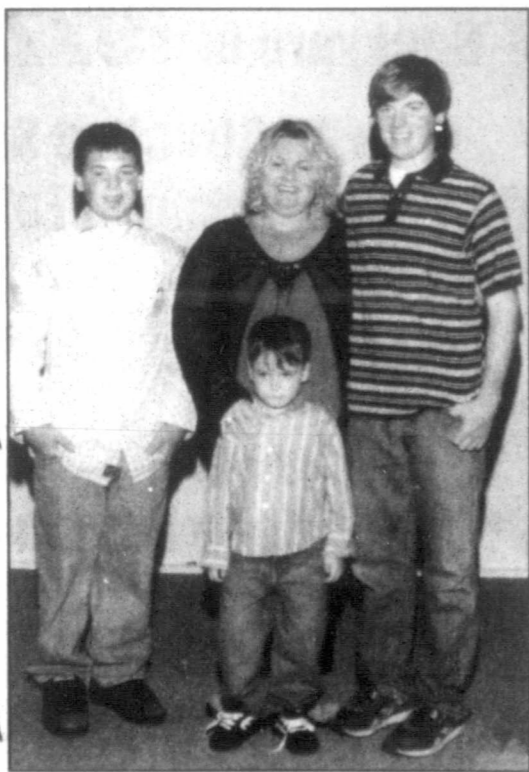
mined that "most of these opportunities are illegal pyramid schemes," Brown said.

These schemes, she said, sell no products, have no customers and basically exist to recruit new members. "Legal businesses have products and consumers."

Television commercials touting "make lots of money by working at home" offers are "probably scams," she said. "They may look good on the screen, but they do not explain the investment requirements up front."

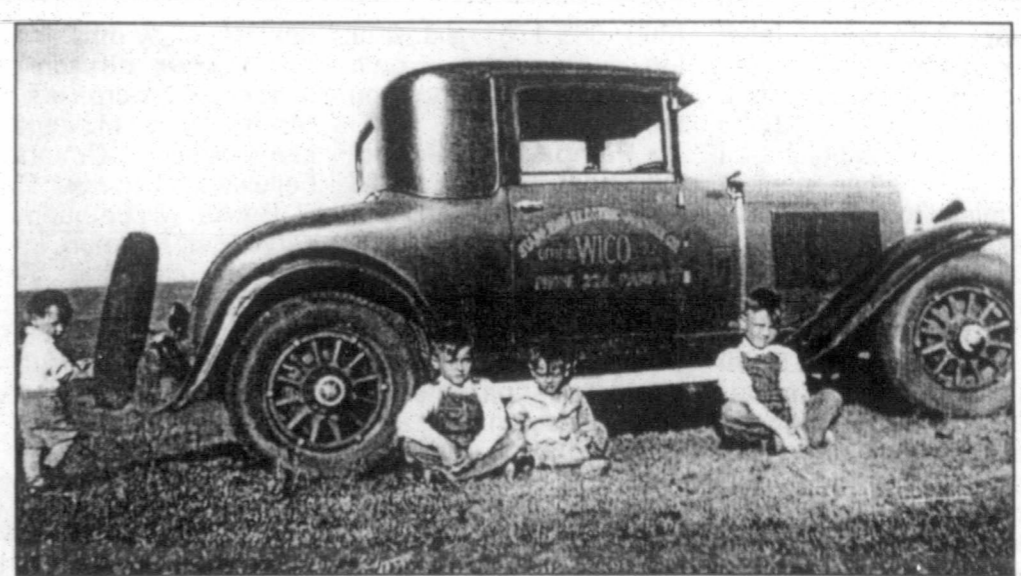
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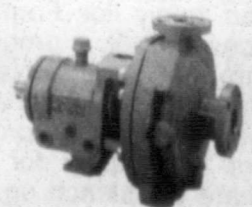
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<http://www.ftc.gov/> or toll-free at (877) 382-4357. Another Web site that might be of help is

<http://www.fraud.org/welcome.htm>, she added. When dealing with any company promising fantastic opportunities, Brown said, do your homework. If a company is claiming its workers can earn enormous amounts of money, ask for an income claim in writing.

"They need proof of support for the claim; legal companies should be able to provide disclosure statements," Brown said.

And if the company attempts to put off providing this document, "don't give them a dime; don't give them any information."

Unfortunately, people most often targeted by these schemes are the unemployed, elderly, retired, women who want to stay home and still bring in an income, and low-income workers who want to increase their family's income, Brown said.

"These companies are out for their clients' money, they are not interested in giving them an opportunity to improve their lifestyles," she said.

The situation is even worse for people who fall victim to these companies' schemes and sign on using money from retirement funds, savings accounts or credit cards.

"They are putting themselves at double risk," Brown said, because if the scheme fails — as so many of them do — those people have lost money that had been earmarked for emergencies or retirement.

"Sometimes a Web site (for one of these companies) will disappear and come back under another name," Brown said. "They are really pros at disguising themselves."

That's why, she said, consumers need to protect themselves before they sign on the dotted line. "Consumers should learn as much as they can — how much money is required for up front investment and what will that buy?" she said.

"Before you really hand over any money, seek legal counsel — from an attorney, or talk with an accountant or banker — before you put any money down or sign a paper."

She also suggested contacting the state attorney general's office, either locally or on the Web at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us/>.

For Texans who want to know more about becoming self-employed without falling for a scam, Brown recommends the Extension program, "Ca\$hing in on Business Opportunities." Chapter 2 specifically addresses how to separate real opportunities from scams, she said.

The program's curriculum was put together by Brown and other experts from Extension services across the country, working through the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service. The publisher is the Southern Rural Development Center, with Mississippi State University.

For more information contact an Extension agent.

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WTAMU to get ag lab *Altrusa*

CANYON — Thanks to donations totalling more than \$400,000, the Agriculture Education Learning Laboratory soon will become a reality at West Texas A&M University.

A pre-engineered metal building with approximately 10,000 square feet of classrooms, office space and an ag-mechanical shop will be constructed northeast of campus next to West Texas A&M's old dairy, which has been home to the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture - Teacher Certification program since its inception in 2002.

Construction will begin early in 2006 and will be funded primarily through the outside donations and \$50,000 from the WTAMU Foundation at a total cost of \$530,000.

"I can't say enough about how much the Division of Agriculture appreciates the generosity of those whose contributions have brought us to this point," Dr. Lance Kieth, assistant professor of agriculture and director of the agriculture education program, said.

"This new building will have a tremendously posi-

tive impact on our program and, therefore, on this region."

WTAMU pursued the program in response to a pressing need for more teachers of agriculture in Texas public schools. Statewide projections indicate that 40 percent of agricultural science teachers will retire from Texas high schools by the end of the decade.

In addition to the Learning Laboratory, livestock holding and handling facilities could be added at the 120-acre site sometime in the future.

Stanley and Geneva Schaeffer of Dimmitt and Roy and Arlene Bryan of Happy were the first to donate to the Agriculture Education Learning Laboratory when they, along with their B&S Cattle Co., got the ball rolling in September 2004. The university presently has 96 students in its agriculture education program.

For more information about WTAMU's Bachelor of Science in Agriculture - Teacher Certification program, contact Kieth at (806) 651-2556.



Altrusa Board of Directors recently hosted a Christmas reception at the home of Barbara Hahn. Pictured on the stairway from top to bottom are Joan Gray-Soria, Pat Johnson, Beth Miller, Gaye Whitehead, Roye Royse, Edna Hickman, (back row) and Penni Phitzner.

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HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & SOUTH RED DEER CREEK Upper Morrow) Pablo Energy, Inc., #209 Wiggins '9', 660' from North & West line, Sec. 9,1,I&GN, PD 12600'.

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WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., Helton, Sec. 60,M-1,H&GN, PD 13780', for the following wells:

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Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1 Fowler '22', 660' from North & East line, Sec. 22,A-3,H&GN, PD 16000'.

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WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Pogo Panhandle 2004, L.P., #5034 Britt, 660' from North & East line, Sec. 34,A-3,H&GN, PD 16000'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & N.E. WHEELER Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #2 Pyle '22', 1980' from South & 660' from East line, Sec. 22,A-4,H&GN, PD 16000'.

Gas Well Completions
CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Cirrus Exploration Co., #2 Bryan Estate Gas Unit, Sec. 107,4,I&GN, spud 11-3-05, drlg. compl 11-4-05, tested 11-4-05, TD 3310', PBTD 3055'.

GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Ken Burger, #2 Lynn, Sec. 134,B-2,H&GN, spud 8-3-05, drlg. compl 8-6-05, tested 10-28-05, TD 2986', PBTD 2936' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) B&W Operating, L.L.C., #2 Gatlin '3', Sec. 3,4,AB&M, spud 8-29-05, drlg. compl 9-21-05, tested 10-31-05, potential 808 MCF, TD 11650' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #6-29 Peak-Walser, Sec. 29,A-2,H&GN, spud 2-27-05, drlg.

compl 3-16-05, tested 4-19-05, TD 13038', PBTD 12895' —

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #1061 Flowers, Sec. 61,B-1,H&GN, spud 9-9-05, drlg. compl 9-26-05, tested 11-9-05, potential 4460 MCF, TD 10900', PBTD 10806' —

Roberts (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Bluegrass Energy, Inc., #405 Byrum, Sec. 5,B-1,H&GN, spud 8-28-05, drlg. compl 9-28-05, tested 11-15-05, potential 1481 MCF, TD 10426', PBTD 10373' —

ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #0506 Byrum, Sec. 6,B-1,H&GN, spud 8-16-05, drlg. compl 8-31-05, tested 11-9-05, potential 3671 MCF, TD 10600', PBTD 10507' —

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WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Apache Corp., #318 Stiles '18', Sec. 18,A-3,H&GN, spud 7-26-05, drlg. compl 9-14-05, tested 11-7-05, potential 4778 MCF, TD 14384', PBTD 14342' —

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Seminars to help producers map next crop year

AMARILLO — The 2006 crop year will present unique problems for producers, and understanding the situation is key to attacking the problem, said one Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

Help in evaluating crops and establishing production strategies will be available at "Crop Profitability: What Will Work in 2006?" seminars around the High Plains,

said Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist here.

"We are faced with the highest projected energy costs we've ever seen, so things are going to have to be penciled very closely," he said. "With \$10 (per mcf) gas, it's almost double what we were facing last year, and

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Moose Lodge

John Wagner, left, of Pampa Kiwanis Club, recently received a donation for the Children's Shopping Tour from Jim Lang, administrator of Pampa Moose Lodge 1385.

Prof believes he's found Illinois 'Trail of Tears' graves

ANNA, Ill. (AP) — The tiny Camp Ground church cemetery includes among its dead some of the earliest settlers from this part of southern Illinois — Germans whose weathered sandstone grave markers date to the 1800s.

Still, a mystery lingers about others who might be buried on this solemn ground: Is the graveyard the final resting place of Cherokee Indians who died here during the winter of 1838-39 as they were forced westward on the infamous Trail of Tears to what now is Oklahoma?

Local legend has it that the graves are here, but Harvey Henson wants to know for sure. And the geophysicist at Southern Illinois University in nearby Carbondale has rolled out high-tech gadgets including ground-penetrating radar to try to get to the truth.

"We've definitely got unmarked graves, no doubt," he said. "But are they Europeans or settlers or Native Americans? No one quite knows that, and that's a nice problem to solve."

Henson calls his evidence "pretty circumstantial" and barring a court order to dig up the property — something Henson doesn't endorse — the answer may forever elude him.

But he thinks he has pinpointed at least two single, unmarked graves. Results of new data being processed could reveal more, perhaps a dozen, he said.

"We're dealing with so many unknowns," he said. "We're out to find where the Cherokee are buried, and how many are there. You just have to take it systematically and line up the evidence."

Henson has been trying to build his case since 1999. That's when Sandy Boaz,

whose ancestors are buried in the Camp Ground graveyard, sought his help to scientifically prove whether the cemetery included any Cherokees who succumbed during their relocation journey.

The cemetery already is part of the National Park Service's Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, designated by Congress in 1987 and stretching roughly 2,200 miles across nine states. The graveyard is along the trail's northern route, one of three key pathways used by about 16,000 Cherokees when they were ordered out of the Southeast.

By most accounts, those who made the move often lacked shoes, food, shelter, blankets and warm clothing, and many died of exposure, hunger, exhaustion and disease. They were buried along the way.

In southern Illinois, where

the winter of 1838-39 was brutal, Cherokees who made the trip on foot, by horse or by oxen-pulled carts became trapped between the frozen Ohio River to the east and the iced-over Mississippi River to the west.

"It just sounds like they just weren't prepared for this weather and a trip that lasted this long," said Karen Frailey, a Southern Illinois University graduate student in forestry whose thesis work, covered by a National Parks Service grant, is delving into the Cherokee's trek through this state's southern stretch.

Well, pipeline maps now available at RRC Web site

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission has announced that the public and industry can now locate mapped oil wells, natural gas wells and pipelines on the state's agency's website: www.rrc.state.tx.us under "What's New @ The RRC?" Public GIS Map Viewer for Oil, Gas and Pipeline Data.

RRC Commissioner Michael L. Williams noted that, "The information found on the Geographic Information System (GIS) map viewer includes oil wells, natural gas wells, plugged wells, dry holes, injection and disposal wells and permitted locations for new wells.

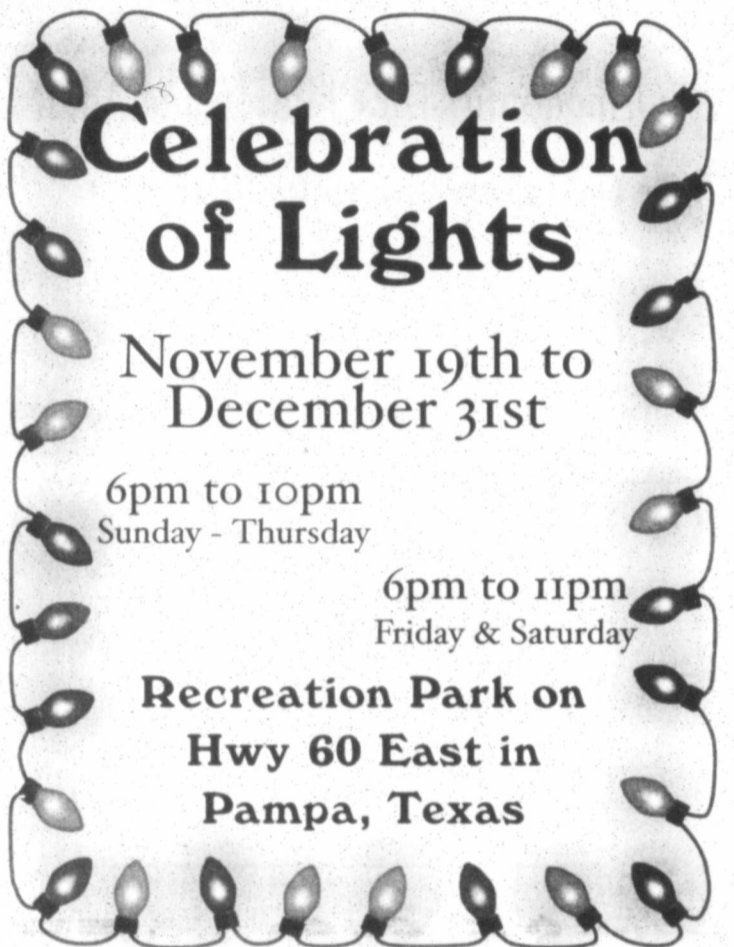
"Pipelines that carry petroleum crude oil and natural gas also can be viewed through these maps. This wealth of information makes

the viewer a tremendous resource."

Oil and gas well data and pipeline data are obtained from public records at the RRC.

The base map information was obtained from the U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 minute quadrangle maps, and the patent survey lines from Texas General Land Office maps were interpreted onto the U.S. Geological Survey base.

To use the public viewer, Microsoft Internet Explorer version 5.5 or higher or Netscape version 6.1 or higher with Javascript enabled are required. In addition, the public GIS viewer uses pop-up windows, so users need to disable pop-up blocking software when using this viewer.



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risk management program specialist, will analyze crop share lease agreements.

Extension risk management programs also will be discussed.

Meetings scheduled include:

- Gray County - 9:30 a.m., Jan. 4, Gray County

Annex, Pampa;

- Ochiltree County - 1 p.m., Jan. 5, Ochiltree County Expo Center, Perryton; and

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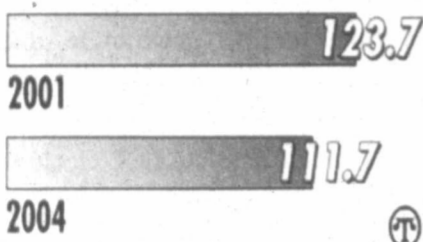
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Medical

Study finds decline in cholesterol levels in United States

LDL Cholesterol Levels, 2001-2004



(NAPSA) — There's good news about bad cholesterol that many Americans can take to heart.

A study has identified what's been described as a significant and steady decline of approximately 10 percent over a four-year period in average LDL (low-density lipoprotein) or "bad" cholesterol levels.

The data is based on blood tests

ordered on behalf of patients under a physician's care in the United States. The decline, however, was slower in women than in men.

Lowering LDL cholesterol can decrease the risk of arteriosclerosis and heart attack. The average serum LDL cholesterol level declined from 123.7 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL) at the beginning of 2001 to 111.7 mg/dL at the

end of 2004.

The recommended upper limit of LDL cholesterol for people at average risk for heart disease is 130 mg/dL, according to the National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP).

The findings are contained in a report released as the first in a series of Quest Diagnostics Health Trends, a new indicator of patient

health based on de-identified patient-testing data in the nation's largest private database of clinical test results.

The Heart Health Report is said to be the first assessment of its kind to involve so many people. It was designed to provide up-to-date information on national LDL cholesterol trends for people who visit the doctor.

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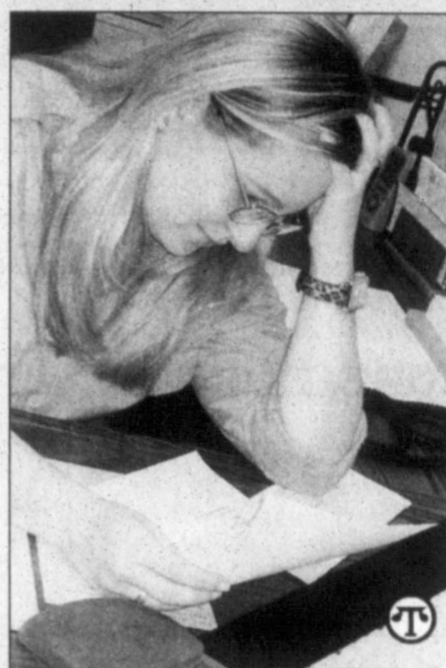
HEALTH AWARENESS

ADHD is not just about children

(NAPSA) — According to new research, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), a condition largely known to affect school aged children, is also having a very real affect on the adult population.

The research, released by pharmacy benefit manager Medco Health Solutions, Inc., found that the number of younger adults — age 20 to 44 — taking an ADHD medication doubled from 2000 to 2004 and that it's an issue for both men and women. The report also found that while ADHD medication use in children is two to three times as high among boys than girls, use of the medications is equal between adult men and adult women.

"We're now beginning to recognize that many children don't out-grow ADHD but continue to show symptoms into their adult years," said Dr. Patricia Quinn, director of the National Center for Gender Issues and ADHD, and professional advisor to Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD). "Untreated, this disorder can have terrible consequences for adults in terms of their home and work life-with job loss and



divorce being common outcomes."

Dr. Quinn offers the following advice to help adults identify the symptoms and get the proper diagnosis and treatment for ADHD:

- Know The Symptoms: Having persistent trouble staying organized and focused on the task at

hand, frequently feeling overwhelmed and often procrastinating are telltale signs of adult ADHD. While men tend toward impulsive and hyperactive behaviors, women often suffer from depression and anxiety and are frequently misdiagnosed and treated for those conditions instead of ADHD.

• Duration And Degree Are What Matters: You can't develop ADHD as an adult; symptoms must start in childhood but may go undiagnosed, especially in girls. While many people exhibit some ADHD behaviors some of the time — it's a matter of degree; an ADHD diagnosis is based on the severity of the problem and how it affects your ability to function.

• Don't Ignore The Signs: Adult ADHD is a real disorder and can be effectively managed when properly diagnosed and treated. A combination of medication and counseling is usually necessary. ADHD medications can be very helpful but job, marriage and psychological counseling may also be needed to

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Bipolar disorder not greatly understood

(NAPSA) — A number of advancements have helped improve treatments for bipolar disorder. Yet misconceptions still surround the disease, according to two recent surveys.

The surveys, conducted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), found that understanding about bipolar disorder remains low. The two surveys investigated opinions about bipolar disorder held by the general public and opinions held by people with the disorder.

The public knowledge

survey found that even though eight out of 10 U.S. adults (82 percent) claim to know what bipolar disorder is, less than two-thirds (64 percent) can correctly define bipolar disorder from a list of descriptions of several mental illnesses.

In a finding that highlights the stigma still surrounding the illness, less than half (40 percent) of the population feel that people with bipolar disorder have any difficulty discussing their condition with others, even though an overwhelming number of persons with bipolar disorder

(79 percent) fear repercussions if they do.

"The public's understanding of bipolar disorder remains unacceptably low, yet with proper diagnosis and treatment, people with bipolar disorder can reclaim their lives and avoid many of the unintended consequences of this disease," said Dr. Ken Duckworth, NAMI medical director and assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. "Our goal is reinforcing the importance of people with bipolar disorder seeking a professional diagnosis and

treatment plan and sticking to that regimen."

Other key findings include:

• A majority of U.S. adults fail to recognize most of the classic symptoms of bipolar disorder. Sixty-four percent of public survey respondents recognized rapid, unpredictable emotional changes as a symptom of bipolar disorder; however, less than half of respondents recognized other bipolar disorder symptoms. Twenty-five percent of the general adult public admitted they

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Shape of a glass can promote moderation

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Here's a new tip to help curb drinking over the holidays: Ask for your scotch-and-soda in a highball glass.

That's because people tend to unwittingly pour more alcohol into short, wide glasses compared to tall, skinny ones — meaning two cocktails from a squat tumbler might actually pack the punch of 2 1/2 drinks.

The phenomenon is so pervasive even experienced

bartenders do it, according to a study being published Friday in the BMJ, formerly the British Medical Journal.

"People say, 'Oh, the bartender knows what he's doing.' Well, the bartender does know what he's doing in a lot of cases, but he falls victim to these illusions," said lead author Brian Wansink, a Cornell University marketing professor.

The so-called portion dis-

portion illusion that causes people to misjudge volume based on container shapes is well established. But Wansink wanted to find out if training could correct the bias.

Researchers recruited 198 students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to pour 1 1/2-ounce shots from a bottle into one of two types of glasses: tall and slender or short and wide. Students poured 30 percent more into the stubby glasses than the tall glasses. Even a subgroup of students with 10 practice pours made the misjudgment.

Experienced bartenders did better, but not by much. Eighty-six Philadelphia bartenders asked to pour out shots on the job put 20 percent more into the short glasses. Bartenders asked to pay careful attention to their task were a bit more on target.

In cases where more booze was poured into taller glasses, the amount was negligible.

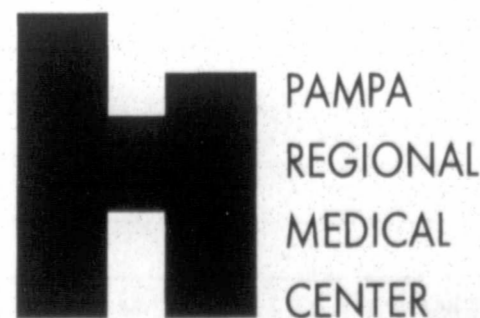
Wansink concludes that the pour-more-in-short-glass effect is only slightly reduced by practice, concentration or experience.

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School for Successful Ranching set for March 2006

FORT WORTH — Building on the popularity of last year's live-cattle curriculum, planners of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's annual School for Successful Ranching have packed the 2006 program with lots of choices for both novice and seasoned ranchers.

The 12th annual school is scheduled for March 25-26, 2006, in conjunction with TSCRA's 129th annual convention in San Antonio. A day-long cattleman's work-

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A half-day of classroom sessions follows on Sunday,

March 26. Twelve classes will be offered, three in each of the four tracks: Marketing, Feeder Cattle Issues, Range Management and General. Participants may specialize by attending

three different classes in each track, or they may choose three courses from any of the tracks.

CEUs will be offered for the Texas Beef Quality Producer Program and the

Society for Range Management.

A \$100 registration fee (\$60 for TSCRA members) covers presentations on both days and a hot lunch on Saturday. As a bonus, school participants will be admitted free to TSCRA's 250-exhibit trade show following the conclusion of the school on Sunday.

Deadline for registration is March 15, 2006. To register online go to www.texas-cattleraisers.org. For more a complete brochure, contact Mark Perrier at 1 (800) 242-7820, ext. 118.

Sponsors for the school are Pfizer Animal Health, Dow AgroSciences and Grundfos Pumps Corp.

The cattlemen's workshop will be held on Saturday,

March 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the San Antonio Stock Show Barns. The full day of live-cattle demonstrations and a closing panel discussion on cattle evaluation will be led by career cowboys, successful ranchers and beef industry experts who make a living doing what they're teaching.

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were not sure of the symptoms of bipolar disorder.

- Approximately one in five (17 percent) respondents to the public survey believed that people with bipolar disorder can control their illness without medication if they really want to do so.

- Close to two-thirds (62 percent) feel people with bipolar disorder have difficulty establishing or maintaining relationships, and many feel people with bipolar disorder have difficulty with other life skills, such as consistently attending work or school (52 percent), managing their time (55 percent), focusing (54 percent) and getting or maintaining a job (50 percent).

About Bipolar Disorder

Bipolar disorder, or manic depression, is a serious brain disorder. Usually diag-

nosed in late adolescence, it causes extreme shifts in mood, energy or functioning that can range from episodes of mania or "highs" to episodes of depression or "lows." These mood swings can be mild or severe and may last hours, days or months.

Bipolar disorder is a chronic condition and generally requires lifelong treatment. With accurate diagnosis and treatment, people with bipolar disorder can lead full and productive lives. A strategy that combines medication and psychosocial treatment is optimal for managing the disorder over time. If left untreated, however, the disorder can produce catastrophic results.

Approximately 25-50 percent of people with bipolar disorder attempt suicide at least once; this is one of the highest rates for any psychiatric disorder. The World Health Organization estimates that bipolar disorder is the sixth leading cause of disability in the world, with more than 5.7 million people affected worldwide.

To learn more about bipolar disorder, visit www.nami.org.

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help develop important life skills.

- Use ADHD to Your Advantage: While living with ADHD is a challenge, it can also be an asset when properly managed and matched with the right job. Being hyperactive can translate into high energy and drive, daydreamers are often creative thinkers and impulsive types can be good risk-takers and effective in a crisis. The key is to choose the right career and work environment to make ADHD an advantage on the job rather than a disability.

For more information about adult ADHD, visit the Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders Web site at <http://chadd.org> or www.neggiadd.org, which features information on girls and women with ADHD. For more information on the report, log on to www.medco.com.

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That extra splash of alcohol per glass can add up. Drinking a quarter more alcohol per drink could even skew calculations of bar patrons and partygoers trying to stick to one cocktail an hour.

Wansink suggests measuring out shots — or using tall glasses.

Baylor College of Medicine obesity researcher John Foreyt, who was not involved in the study, said he was surprised that even experienced bartenders

fell prey to portion distortion. He said the study underscored the need for people to be careful not to underestimate their intake, be it alcohol or food.

Wansink said the effect also could skew epidemiological studies since alcohol consumption per glass could be underrepresented by a quarter. Not to mention the financial implications for bars and restaurants if bartenders are overgenerous, even unintentionally.

On the Net:
British Medical Journal: <http://www.bmj.com>
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Researchers using trees for carbon reduction

By **BLAIR FANNIN**
Texas A&M News

COLLEGE STATION — Research published in the Dec. 23 issue of the journal *Science* examines water and soil "tradeoffs" when using trees to remove carbon from the atmosphere.

The findings could aid future environmental policy, researchers said.

The study found as more tree plantations are grown for biological-carbon sequestration, decreased stream flow and changes in

soil and water quality are likely. While trees can help control groundwater recharge, they also contribute to soil salinization and acidification.

The practice should be used carefully in dry areas, said Dr. Bruce McCarl, part of the 10-member research team and a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station economist.

"When we establish forests for carbon plantations or wood, we consume water, reduce springflow and alter soil and water quality,"

McCarl said. "This means we should be careful in areas where runoff helps alleviate water scarcity."

Careful consideration must also be given to areas with dense brush, he said.

"Where brush has grown, we know it uses water and its removal can increase water, but this also involves a tradeoff with the carbon stored in that brush," he said. "Brush removal effects on carbon are okay now since the U.S. does not have a carbon emission policy, but it may be a future concern."



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Grain elevator workshop scheduled in January

AMARILLO — Aeration, aflatoxin, meal moths and rodent control will be among the topics addressed Jan. 17 at the Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop here, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

"The stored grain industry, just like other aspects of area agriculture, is not immune to change," said Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension entomology specialist. "Working with the local Tri-State Chapter of Grain Elevator and Processing Society, we are attempting to address some of these changes as well as discuss the latest research relevant to the stored grain industry."

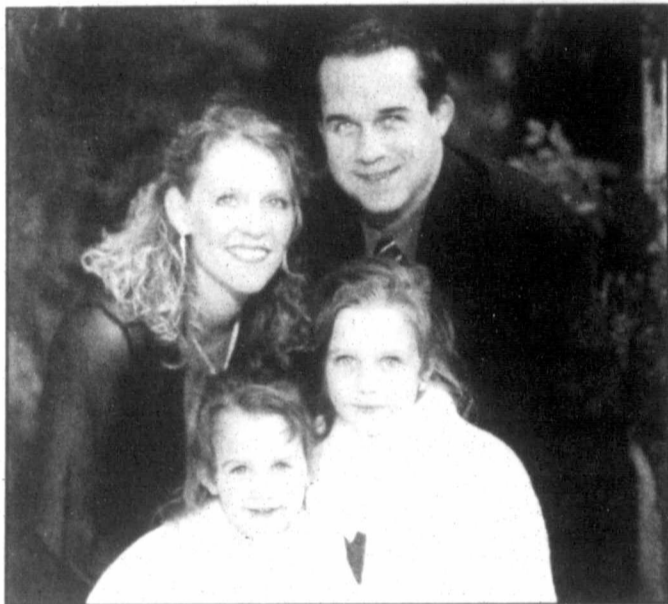
The 18th annual workshop will begin at 8 a.m. in the Regency Room of the Amarillo Civic Center. The workshop has been submitted to the Texas Department of Agriculture for continuing education credits for commercial, non-commercial and private applicator licenses.

Additional topics of discussion will be stored grain protectants, laws and regulations, fumigation and weed control. Pre-registration is requested by Jan. 10. The fee is \$30 and checks should be made to: Tri-State Chapter of GEAPS.

Mail registration forms and fees to Carl Patrick, Texas Cooperative Extension, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo, TX 79106.

For more information, contact Patrick at (806) 677-5600.

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School

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Fourth-generation rancher and career cowboy Joel Ham of Big Lake, Texas, will lead a session on "Cow Sense - Understanding Bovine Psychology," the key to successful low-stress cattle handling. Joel will detail the basic behavioral instincts of cattle and clearly explain why the handling results we get are directly related to our understanding of how cattle think and react.

"The Weaning/Receiving Secret, an Uncommon Method with Unbelievable Results" will be taught by Dawn Hnatow of Bowie, Texas, who has 13 years experience working alongside master stockman Bud Williams. This proven, low-cost method, pioneered by Williams, drastically reduces illness and death loss.

Longtime cowpuncher, first-class horseman and nationally known clinician Buster McLaury from Paducah, Texas, will demonstrate "Effective Cattle Handling ... Aboard a Green Horse." He'll focus on techniques that allow you to get the job done with your cattle, no matter what you're riding.

Joel Ham will return in the afternoon to demonstrate non-traditional techniques for loading the chute or trailer that save time and money.

A hard-hitting panel discussion on "Cattle Evaluation - A Critical Look at What's on the Hoof" will top off the day. Four industry experts - a market operator, university specialist, cow-calf/stocker operator and a feedyard specialist - will discuss the strengths, weaknesses, market opportunities and challenges of numerous types of live cattle presented.

Members of the panel will include David Neal, San Angelo, cow-calf producer and stocker operator; Dr. Ron Gill, Paradise, beef cattle specialist, Texas A&M University; Joe Don Pogue, Sulphur Springs, auction market owner-operator and world champion auctioneer; and Dave Delaney, Kingsville, general manager of King Ranch. The moderator will be Dr. Bill Mies, College Station, vice president for national accounts with eMerge Interactive Inc.

On Sunday, March 26, the school

moves to the San Antonio Convention Center for classroom presentations from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Three different classes will be presented in each of the four subject tracks.

Track A: Marketing

- Animal ID. The changes, challenges and opportunities created by the new national ID program will be discussed by Dr. Ted McCollum, Amarillo, beef cattle specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension. Topics will include source, process and age verification, traceability and liability issues.

- Beef Quality Assurance. Dr. Norlyn Tipton, program quality manager with Sysco Corp., the largest food service distributor of beef products in North America, will explain how BQA helps sell your calves. Whether you have hundreds of cattle or only a few, your actions on the ranch matter. You'll be surprised to learn how much!

- Sale Barn Selling. Joe Don Pogue, auction market owner/operator and world champion auctioneer, will teach you how to get more for your cattle at your local auction barn.

Track B: Feeder Cattle Issues

- Feedyard to Box Beef. Take a virtual tour of the inner workings of a feedyard and packing plant. Dr. Dan Hale, Texas Cooperative Extension meat specialist, will provide rare video footage of pre- and post-harvest strategies and state-of-the-art technology.

- Feed 'em or Sell 'em. Dave Delaney and David Neal, two seasoned producers, will give a general overview of the benefits, risks and opportunities involved in retaining ownership and sending your cattle to a commercial feedyard.

- Selling on the Grid. Learn how grid marketing can help you get paid for the quality in your herd. Dr. Ted McCollum will walk you through this marketing option, designed to keep you from leaving money on the table when you sell your cattle.

Track C: Range Management

- Range Management with a Camera. Learn how using a camera can help you monitor and protect range health and productivity, improve accuracy of stocking rate adjustments, census and market wildlife, and improve livestock distribution. Presenters will be Dr. Allan

McGinty, San Angelo and Dr. Robert Lyons, Uvalde, both Extension range specialists.

- Grazing Management Principles. Discover key pasture management concepts that ensure optimum performance of livestock and forage. Calculating stocking rates and estimating forage production will be central to the discussion led by Wayne Hamilton, director of the Center for Grazinglands and Range Management, College Station.

- Toxic in Texas. Identification, control and consequences of Texas' most toxic and invasive plants will be discussed by Dr. Charles Hart, Texas Cooperative Extension range specialist, Fort Stockton, and Dr. John Reager, toxicologist with the Texas A&M Veterinary Diagnostic Lab.

Track D: General

- A Simplified Approach to Controlling Feed Costs. Dr. Rick Machen, Texas Cooperative Extension livestock specialist, Uvalde, will show you how to determine nutritional requirements and select the best feed products to meet them.

- Cow First Aid. A frank discussion of common ailments, problems and abnormalities by Dr. Arn Anderson, DVM, Cross Timbers Veterinary Clinic, Bowie, Texas. Learn which ones can be treated on the ranch and which ones need a medical professional.

- Protecting Your Backside. With the right insurance strategy, you don't have to go broke when the worst happens. Learn from a variety of industry experts just how vulnerable you, your ranch and your bank account are when "something" happens.

TSCRA President Dick Sherron encourages anyone who wants to learn more about caring for their cattle to take advantage of this superior program.

"Producer education is one of the most important services TSCRA provides," he says. "You don't have to be a TSCRA member to attend!"

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 128-year-old trade organization whose 13,200 members manage approximately 5.4 million cattle on 70.3 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma.

Donation major boon to Canyon museum's Indian art collection

CANYON — Dr. Charles K. and Phyllis Hendrick of Amarillo have given several pieces of sculpture by leading American Indian artists to the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. Sculpture by Allan Houser, Oreland C. Joe, Doug Hyde and Tim Nicola.

Perhaps the most famous American Indian sculptor, a PPHM press release said, Allan House (1914-1994) was born on the family farm near Apache, Okla. In 1993, the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N.M., opened a sculpture garden in his honor.

A great-nephew of the Apache Chief Geronimo, Houser had the Apache name of Haozous or "The Sound of Pulling Roots." Houser studied at the Santa Fe Indian Art School founded by Dorothy Dunn; at Fort Sill, Okla.; and at the Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kan.

Houser began his art career as a muralist and

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— Guy C. Vanderpool
Museum director

painter and then focused on stone and wood carving and sculpting in steel and bronze and from 1951 to 1975, he taught art in Indian schools and served as instructor at the Institute of American Arts. He received a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1949 and was awarded the Palmes d'Academie by France in 1956.

A Southern Ute, Oreland C. Joe (b. 1958) grew up on the Navajo Reservation in Shiprock, N.M. While performing as a hoop dancer in Paris, he "visited the art museums and galleries and was most struck by the gar-

dens of Versailles." He taught himself the rudiments of sculpture, often inventing his own tools to create the results he wanted.

Today, his works in stone tend to concentrate on his own people and reflect simplistic styling and deep emotion, the museum said.

Of Nez Perce, Assiniboine, and Chippewa ancestry, Doug Hyde (b. 1946) attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe. While there, he studied with and enjoyed the friendship of Houser. He later studied at the San Francisco Art Institute.

After enlisting in the "MORE" U.S. Army, he was seriously wounded during his second tour of duty in Viet Nam. During his recuperation, Hyde learned to cut and shape stone and returned to Santa Fe to teach at the Institute of American Indian Arts in 1972 for a year and lives there today.

Raised on the Penobscot Reservation in Maine, Tim Nicola (b. 1954) came to New Mexico around 1980. After serving in the military and as an ironworker, he studied at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe and was mentored by Hyde. Today, he lives near Albuquerque, N.M., exhibiting his stone sculpture all over the country. Nicola received the top prize

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Hanukkah, Christmas on same day this year

By RACHEL ZOLL
AP Religion Writer

This Christmas, Gerry and Rachael Coakley plan to spend the day with his parents. They'll attend Roman Catholic Mass, open presents around his folks' tree and join them for Christmas dinner.

But before the evening meal, the couple will observe one more holiday ritual that they normally would follow in their own home: They'll light a menorah for Hanukkah.

The Coakleys are among the many intermarried couples trying to make the best of a rare and uncomfortable coincidence on this year's religious calendar.

'When Hanukkah doesn't fall close to Christmas, they become more of a separate holiday for each partner.'

— Gerry Coakley
Catholic

Hanukkah, the Jewish festival celebrated by lighting candles on eight consecutive nights, begins on Christmas Day.

"When Hanukkah doesn't fall close to Christmas, they become more of a separate holiday for each partner," said Gerry Coakley, who is Catholic yet also has joined a synagogue with his wife. "But I

think this year, when they're both on the same day, it gives us a chance to open up some dialogue between my family and us" about how the couple tries to honor each other's faith.

It is not unusual for Christmas and Hanukkah to occur within days of each other or to overlap. But Edmund Case,

president of Interfaithfamily.com, said he researched the dates and found the start of Hanukkah has fallen on Christmas Day only four times in the last 100 years.

The number of American families led by one Jewish and one Christian parent has grown steadily in recent decades; the National Jewish Population Survey found that the intermarriage rate was about 47 percent from 1996-2001.

For these couples, December can already be a time of high tension. Synagogues and Jewish community centers nationwide even schedule seminars for interfaith families and publish survival tips on getting through the season.

Southern, Western states gaining population as well as political clout

WASHINGTON (AP) — Southern and Western states are growing so much faster than the rest of the country that several are expected to grab House seats from the Northeast and Midwest when Congress is reapportioned in 2010.

Demographers and political analysts project that Texas and Florida could each gain as many as three House seats. Ohio and New York could lose as many as two seats apiece.

Several other states could gain or lose single seats.

"The states in the Midwest are going through a transition," said Ohio GOP Chairman Bob Bennett. "We're going from a heavy manufacturing economic base to a more service-oriented base, and that transition has been very painful."

"But if you ever banned air conditioning," Bennett added, "I think people would flock back."

The projections are based on state population estimates by the Census Bureau. The bureau released its July 2005 estimates last week, showing that Nevada grew at a faster rate than any state for the 19th consecutive year, followed by Arizona, Idaho, Florida and Utah.

Rhode Island, New York and Massachusetts lost population, as did the District of Columbia. The populations of

North Dakota, Ohio and Michigan grew, but at a slower rate than others.

Overall, the country grew by 0.9 percent in the past year, to about 296.4 million people.

Every 10 years, the 435 seats in the House of Representatives are divided among the states based on population counts in the census. The numbers also are used to divvy up votes in the Electoral College, used in presidential elections.

Clark Bensen of Polidata, a Virginia firm that crunches political data, said population shifts over the past 65 years have dramatically changed the regional makeup of Congress.

In 1940, Northeastern and Midwestern states had a total of 251 seats in the House, compared with 184 for states in the South and West.

Today, Southern and Western states have the edge, 252-183.

"Basically, it took two generations to have a complete shifting of the power base," Bensen said.

Texas has been a big beneficiary of the shift in political power, making a Supreme Court fight over the boundaries of its congressional districts even more important, said Bruce Buchanan, a political science professor at the University of Texas.

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in sculpture at the 1995 Indian Market.

"We are especially pleased to add works by these important American Indian artists to our contemporary Western sculpture collection," said PPHM Director Guy C. Vanderpool.

"While our art collection is outstanding, American Indian fine art had been a weak area we were improving. The Hendrick gift takes us a long way toward bringing that part of the collection up to the level of the rest of the art collection."



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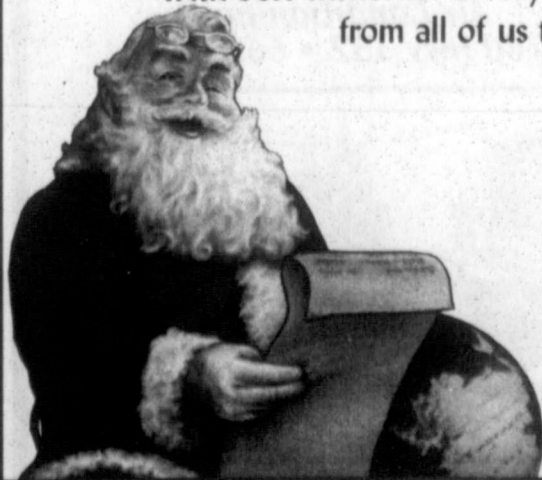
► Hallye Elizabeth Pingelton was born Nov. 15 at Pampa Regional Medical Center, to Samuel Dale Pingelton Jr. and Cassie Marie Pingelton. The infant weighed 6-pounds, 15-ounces at birth. Relatives include siblings, Bryton and Aspen Anderson; and grandparents, Samuel Pingelton and Alice Pingelton, Jody and Felicia Lassie and Mike and Lori Ross.



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Twelve-year-old Todd Weinheimer takes a knee next to the trophy he took at Sweetwater Creek near Wheeler Dec. 10. Weinheimer, a seventh grader at Claude Junior High School, used a longbow built by his grandfather, Bill Forman (left), to take the deer.

Parcells goes easy on Cowboys while preparing for Panthers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — On the heels of one of the worst losses of his coaching career, Bill Parcells has been bizarrely calm around the Dallas Cowboys.

There's been no yelling, no screaming, no finger pointing at his team. Despite Dallas' playoff hopes being in serious danger, Parcells is not panicking.

Surprised? The Cowboys aren't.

"From my experience with him over the years, sometimes when things are the worst is when he is at his best or most positive," quarterback Drew Bledsoe said. "There are times if you win a few games he can be tough to be around because he's trying to keep everybody focused. When things go bad is when he turns it around and kind of lifts the spirits of the team a little bit."

"He's very focused about this week, not dwelling on what happened."

The Cowboys (8-6) are coming off a 35-7 humiliation in Washington that marked their third loss in

four games. They'll have to recover in time to play Saturday in Carolina (10-4) in a game both teams consider must-win.

The Panthers need to win it to stay in control of the NFC South, where they hold a one-game lead over Tampa Bay. A win and a Buccaneers loss could wrap up the league title for Carolina.

The Cowboys have to win to keep their slim playoff hopes alive. Dallas needs to win its final two regular-season games to have any shot at earning one of the NFC's wild-card spots.

Carolina knows Parcells will have the Cowboys ready.

"They are a salty bunch," Panthers coach John Fox said. "They are fighting for their playoff lives as well as we are. They had kind of a clunker last week. All of these players in this league are prideful and want to get rid of that bitter taste."

"We've got what I'm sure is going to be a very physical and aggressive football team coming to town."

Jaguars look to clinch playoff berth at the expense of Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — The Jacksonville Jaguars remember vividly what the Houston Texans did to them last year.

That doesn't mean they like to discuss it.

Jacksonville was headed for an AFC wild-card playoff spot when Houston handed the Jaguars a 21-0 loss at home on Dec. 26 that ended up keeping them out of the playoffs.

On Saturday, the Jaguars face Houston again, and the only thing standing between them and clinching their first playoff berth since 1999 are, yes, the Texans. The lowly 2005 Texans.

"They spoiled our dreams last year," said Jaguars cornerback Rashean Mathis, who leads the team with four interceptions. "We all know that. It's nothing that we talk about, but it's something that's lingering in your mind."

"You know they want to spoil our season again. That's not something we want to let happen."

Even if Jacksonville (10-4) doesn't beat Houston (2-12), the team could still earn a wild-card spot this weekend if Pittsburgh and Kansas City lose. The Jaguars can also clinch with a win over Tennessee in the finale.

The Jaguars remember last year's loss not only for

what it meant to their playoff hopes, but also for the way it happened.

Houston held Jacksonville to a franchise-low 126 yards while piling up 333. It remains the only time in team history Houston has shut out an opponent and the team's largest margin of victory.

"At home, 21-0, it was an embarrassment," said Jacksonville linebacker Mike Peterson. "It's definitely a motivation. If it don't motivate you to prepare yourself like this is a 12-0 or 14-0 team, then there's something wrong with you."

As tough as that loss was, Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio said it may have given his team motivation to improve this year.

"I think we felt the pain from that loss the entire off-season," he said. "We came in with the resolve to play better this year, and we've been a little bit better."

Jacksonville is coming off of an ugly 10-9 win over San Francisco and the Texans broke a six-game losing streak with a 30-19 win over Arizona.

The Jaguars scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns in a 21-14 come-from-behind win in their first meeting with Houston this season.

Preliminary autopsy report confirms Dungy's son took own life; cause not known

LUTZ, Fla. (AP) — A medical examiner's preliminary report confirmed that the 18-year-old son of Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy took his own life, although the cause of death won't be determined for at least four weeks.

Dr. Jacqueline Lee released the findings and said there was no evidence of foul play. Lee ordered a toxicology study, and until it is finished the cause and manner of James Dungy's death early Thursday are listed as pending.

The Tampa Tribune reported on its Web site that James Dungy had been involuntarily admitted to a hospital after seeking help from a deputy outside his apartment on Oct. 21, saying he had taken an overdose of painkillers and called for an ambulance, according to a sheriff's report.

The teen told Deputy Thomas Chavez that he was depressed, the sheriff's report stated.

Son of former Tech coach interviews for Rice job

HOUSTON (AP) — The son of former Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes interviewed Friday for Rice's head coaching job, according to a broadcast report.

Sonny Dykes, co-coordinator in the high-scoring offense of the coach who replaced his dad at Tech, told Houston television station KRIV that he met with Rice officials to discuss the opening created by Ken Hatfield's resignation earlier this month.

The No. 18 Red Raiders (9-2) are preparing to face 13th-ranked Alabama (9-2) on Jan. 2 in the Cotton Bowl.

The athletic department had no comment, Rice

spokesman Bill Cousins said.

Sonny Dykes and Dana Holgorsen are finishing their first season as co-offensive coordinators under Mike Leach, whose offense has led the nation in passing the last four seasons.

Spike Dykes was 82-67-1 in 14 years at Tech, the most wins and the longest tenure in school history.

"I think it gives you a little bit of a chance," Sonny Dykes, who has never been a head coach, said of his family connection. "It kind of gets you in the door some places, but you have to do the job once you get in the door."

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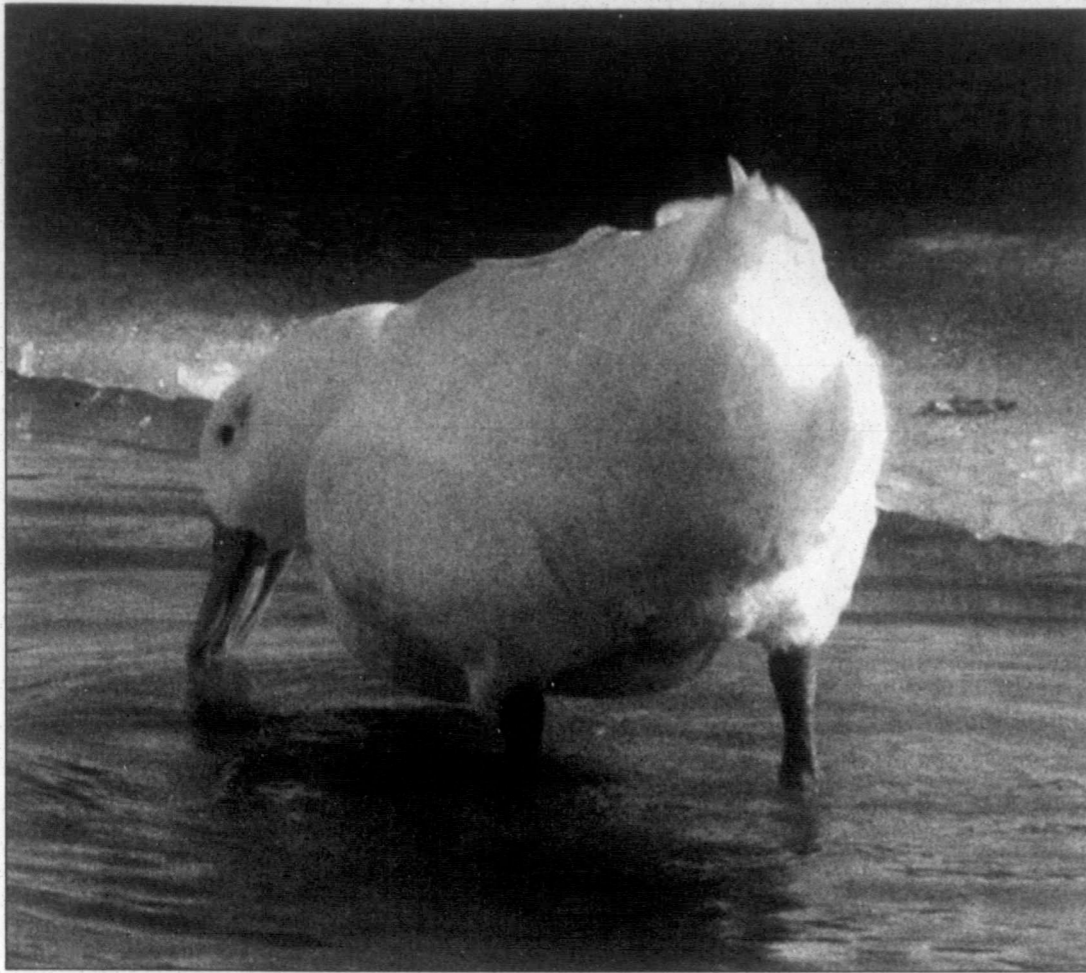


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A duck takes a cold drink from an unfrozen section of Recreation Park Lake Thursday afternoon.

Weekly Migratory Bird Hunting Report

High Plains Mallard Management Unit/Panhandle: Decoying action for Canada geese remained solid over corn and wheat. Snow geese are good near Lake Etter, though they have been tougher to decoy. The brunt of the goose population is roosting on Lake Etter and on plays near Spearman and Dumas. Sandhill cranes are good near Pampa and Plainview. Duck numbers are strong. Mallards are good on

just about every watering source; still, few duck hunters are taking advantage of prime conditions. The region still needs precipitation to fill dry plays. Hunting in Haskell County continues to be good for Canada geese and a few snows. Ducks on plays continue to be solid over decoys. Outfitters are saying this is turning out to be one of the best goose season for decoying geese they can remember. Prospects are good.

Catch and release record category announced

AUSTIN — Beginning Jan. 1, 2006, Texas anglers will no longer have to kill a fish to have it considered for a state record.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has established an additional awards category in its angler recognition program — a catch and release category that requires only a total length for certain fish.

TPWD Angler Recognition Awards Program Coordinator Joedy Gray said the new category is in addition to the existing weight-based records, which will be continued.

The new category was inspired by real-life events, beginning with Scott Graham's 83-inch Tarpon in 2003.

Then, in July of the same year, Fabian Morales caught an 89-inch tarpon on a fly rod followed by Allan Reiter's 90-inch tarpon in June 2005.

None of the men had purchased the \$120 tarpon tag currently required to legally possess a silver king.

The official state record for tarpon was set more than three decades ago with a fish that measured 86.25 inches and weighed-in at 210 pounds.

Reiter, who had been fishing for king mackerel between the Port Aransas jetties, fought his fish for more than 4 hours.

"I had a scale put in an acrylic cast, and I have articles from the (Port Aransas) South Jetty and the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. That's about it," Reiter said.

"All I could do was give these guys an outstanding angler or big fish award," Gray said. "I had to do something. I think this will increase participation."

Gray said that, in the case of a tie, the first fish reported will hold the record.

Other requirements for the category include a photo of the fish next to a clearly marked tape measure or measuring stick and a photo of the angler with the fish. Another person must witness the live release.

Panhandle, West Texas Fishing Report

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Dec. 21. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

PANHANDLE
BAYLOR: Water lightly stained; 54 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are slow.

GREENBELT: Water lightly stained; 43 degrees; 21.8 low. Black bass are slow on live bait. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair on live bait and Chrome Rat-L-Traps. Smallmouth bass are fair. Walleye are fair. Catfish are fair on minnows.

MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 45 degrees; 67 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are fair on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair. Walleye are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair.

MEREDITH: Water lightly stained; 43 degrees; 24' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair on live bait near rocky points. Smallmouth bass are slow. Walleye are fair on bottom bouncers. Channel catfish are fair on minnows.

PALO DURO: Water lightly stained; 42 degrees; 42.5' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait. Walleye are slow. Catfish are fair.

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 45 degrees. Black bass are slow on live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water lightly stained; 45 degrees; 1.8 low. Black bass are slow on spinnerbaits in back of coves and creeks. Crappie are good on minnows near the derricks about 17 and at Henrietta Bridge; and fair near State Park. White bass are good on shad-imitation baits east of State Park and Sailboat Cove. Blue catfish are good on cut shad, prepared baits and jugs on upper end of lake near cormorant roost sites.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 70 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 58 degrees; 4.5' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White

bass are fair. Catfish are fair on live bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 60 degrees; 9.55 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striped bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 56 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live bait. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on minnows.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 47 degrees; 3.5 low. Black bass are fair in Rock Creek area. White bass are good in Bluff Creek and Neelys Slough. Striped bass are fair near piers in Willow Beach area. Blue and channel catfish are fair in the upper part of reservoir. Trout are good below the dam near Highway 16 Bridge with 2,250 stocked on December 9.

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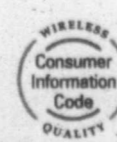
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Lifestyle

The Nativity



First Baptist Church's new Nativity includes the Magi, a shepherd with two of his flock, and a camel and donkey, as well as an angel and the Holy Family.

The Nativity refers to the birth of Jesus. It is a depiction of the event, whether by re-enactments, artwork or figurines made of wood, ceramic or other material.

First Baptist Church and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church were among those displaying the Nativity for Christmas. First Baptist Church's Nativity is new. At St. Vincent's last week, the Nativity was complete except for the figure of baby Jesus, which was to have been added to the scene during the church's midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

The Nativity may be as simple as Joseph, Mary and Jesus, or it may contain other figures mentioned in the Bible concerning Jesus' birth.

Three wise men, or Magi, from Persia followed a star to Bethlehem on camelback to bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the newborn Jesus. The star which guided the Magi shone brightly above the stable where Jesus lay in a manger.

The Magi may also be referred to as kings. Their names are often given as Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

An angel appeared unto local shepherds to tell them the news of Christ's birth, and the shepherds and their sheep came to see Jesus. An angel is often included in Nativity scenes.

Other animals such as cattle and donkeys are sometimes shown at the stable where Jesus was born.

Dec. 25 is the date chosen to celebrate the birth of Christ, or Christmas.

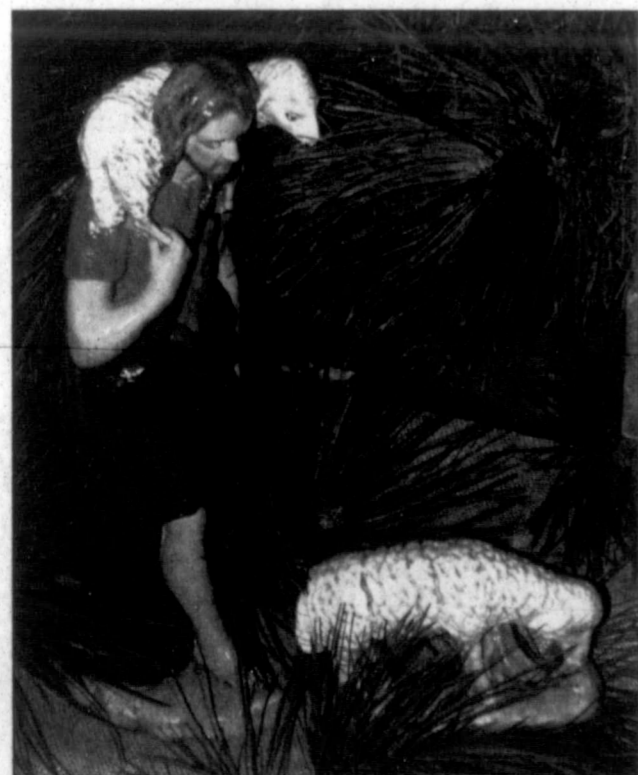


At St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, the baby Jesus will not make his appearance in the Nativity scene until midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.



Two of the Three Wise Men, or Magi, offer their gifts to the Christ child in the Nativity at First Baptist Church. The trio are also referred to as kings, and they brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Story and Photos
by
Marilyn Powers



A shepherd and two of his flock approach the site of Jesus' birth in the St. Vincent de Paul Nativity.



An angel holds a banner proclaiming glory to God atop the St. Vincent de Paul Nativity.



A donkey lies down in the straw near Jesus' manger at First Baptist Church.

Texola church site for nuptials

Ashlee Ferguson and Gary Mills, both of Erick, Okla., were joined in marriage Nov. 19 at First Baptist Church in Texola, Okla., with Charlie Floyd, of the church, officiating.

The maid of honor was Kara Shephard of Amarillo. The best man was Tyler Dorrel of Erick.

A reception followed the service in the parish hall of the church with Brandi Rabel and Macye Rabel, both of Pampa, and

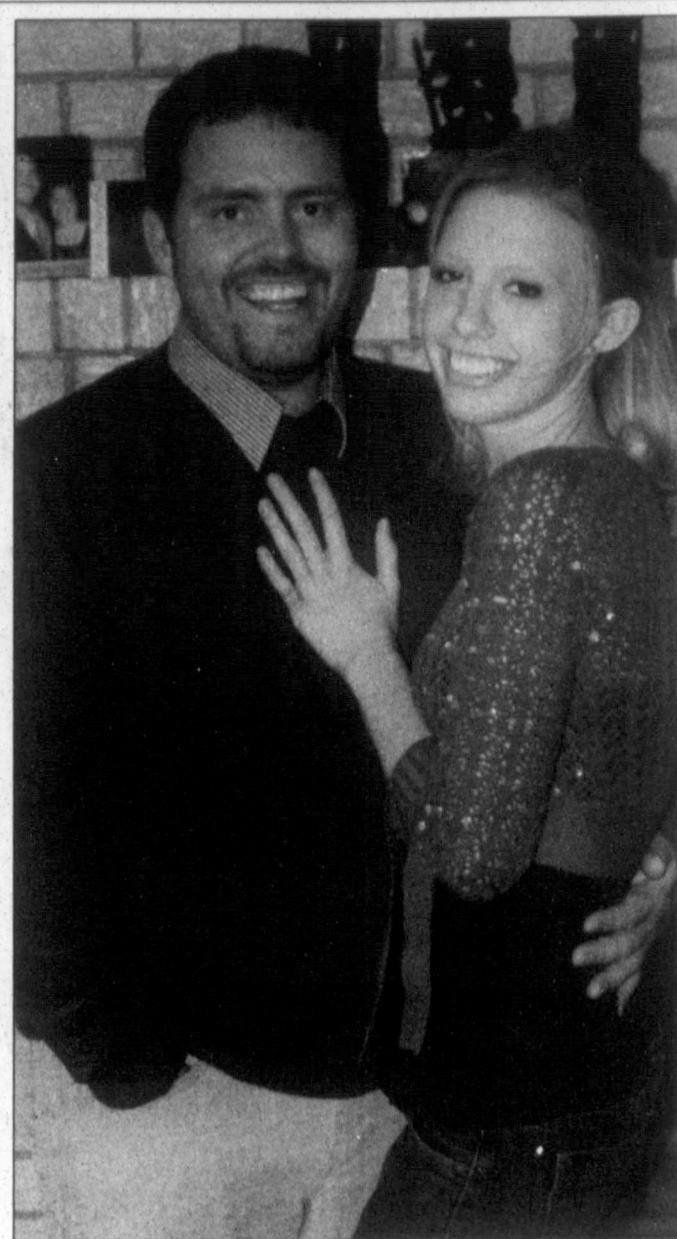
Lyndsi Carson of Borger serving the guests. The bride is the daughter of Brian and Tina Beck and Steve and Christy Ferguson. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2005 and is a homemaker.

The groom is the son of Ailene Mills and the late Leonard Mills of Erick. He graduated from Erick High School in 2003 and is currently self-employed.

The newlyweds plan to make their home in Erick.

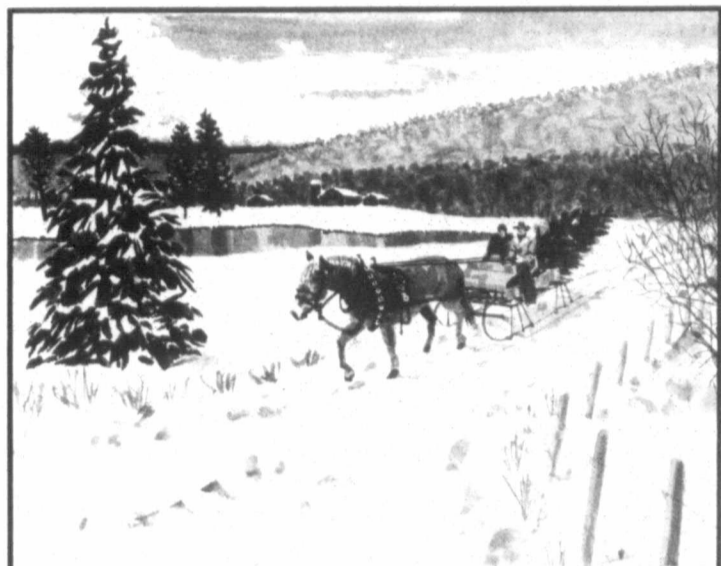


Ashlee Ferguson and Gary Mills



Baumann/Greer

Jennifer Baumann and Zackary Greer plan to wed Dec. 30 in First Baptist Church of Panhandle. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Baumann of San Antonio. She is a student at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. The future groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Greer of Pampa. The Greers currently live in Tanzania, East Africa. Zackary holds a degree from WBU and is employed as a "landman" with Easterling Acquisitions.



Holiday Greetings

May the coming season bring peace, joy and harmony for you and your loved ones. For your trust, we are truly thankful.



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NEWSMAKERS

Jared Hoover recently graduated from Associated Training Services, a heavy equipment operations school in Oklahoma City, Okla.



Hoover

Upon graduation from ATS, Hoover was honored by his instructors with the outstanding student award. The award was bestowed upon Hoover based on academic achievement, attitude and team work.

Hoover is the son of Dannie and Angie Hoover of Pampa.

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Bobbi Jo Lynch of Pampa recently earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Kansas State University where winter commencement included more than 1,350 students.

AMARILLO — Michael Schroeder of Pampa recently graduated from Amarillo College Fire Protection Technology program.

Graduates must pass a state exam before becoming certified firefighters. Jim Clements, director of Fire, Safety and Environmental Technology programs at AC, delivered the keynote address.

Lefors announces contest winners

The Lefors Action Group recently sponsored the Second Annual "Light Up Lefors" Christmas Decorating Contest.

The winners are as follows:

- First place, Mike and Anna Young;
- Second Place, Kenny and Lindy Forsyth; and
- Third Place, Bill and Cindy Scully.

See **CONTEST**, Page 3-B

Couple mark 35th wedding anniversary

William R. (Bill) and Linda Forman of Pampa were married 35 years Dec. 21. The couple celebrated the occasion during the Christmas holidays with their children and grandchildren.

William Forman married the former Linda Nabors in 1970 at Central Baptist Church of Pampa. The couple has called Pampa home for 33 1/2 years, owning and operating Great Plains Traditional Bow Company for the last 16 years.

The Formans belong to Central Baptist Church and Colorado Bowhunters Association.

Mrs. Forman holds a degree from West Texas State University (1991) and currently serves Pampa Independent School District as a math teacher at Pampa Junior High School. She volunteers on various church committees and sits on the board of Pampa Teachers Federal Credit Union.

Children of the couple are Jennifer and Ben Weinheimer of Groom, Julie and David Sims of Lefors and Jill and Daniel Bell of Krugerville. They have six grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. William R. Forman



Sara Taylor and Michael Russell

Taylor, Russell tie knot at Vegas wedding chapel

Sara Taylor and Michael Russell, both of Pampa, were married Nov. 25 at the Little Chapel of the Flowers in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is employed with Doug Boyd Motor Company. She is the daughter of Jane Webster of Pampa and Bill Thorpe of Morse.

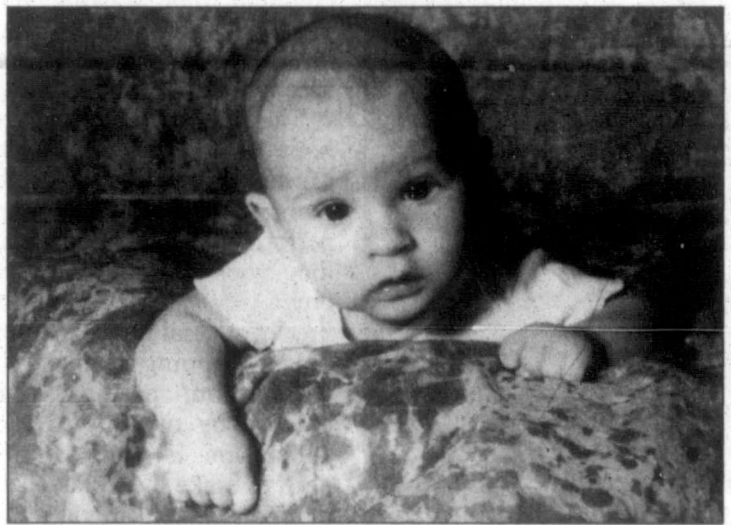
The groom works for HB Zachery. He is the son of

Helen Russell of Pampa and the late J.Q. Russell.

Gary W. Shoyer of Las Vegas presided over the nuptials.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Las Vegas and plan to make their home in Pampa.

Cradle call



Beau Aaron Baker

Beau Aaron Baker was born Sept. 12, to Aaron and Annie Baker. The infant weighed 8-pounds, 11-ounces at birth and was 21 1/4-inches long. Relatives include grandparents, Cary and Myra Carlisle and Tom and Sue Baker.

Birth announcements continued on page 13-A.

Contest

Cont. from Page 2-B

Craig and Darcy Harkcom earned honorable mention.

Recognition signs were placed in the front yards of the first through third place winners.

Lefors Volunteer Fire Department put up a huge light display in the Baseball Park.

Menus

Week of December 26-30

Pampa Schools MONDAY-FRIDAY
Holiday.

Lefors Schools MONDAY-FRIDAY
Holiday.

Kid's Cafe-Wilson
Closed.

Kid's Cafe-Lamar
Closed.

Senior Citizens MONDAY
Closed.

TUESDAY
Chicken fried steak or Chicken Louisiana, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, beets, beans, fudge marble cake or cherry cream pie slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, California blend, fried squash, beans, strawberry shortcake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY
Chicken strips or sausages and sauerkraut, au gratin potatoes, succotash, macaroni tomatoes, beans, black forest cake or peach/pineapple cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY
Catfish/hushpuppies or spaghetti/meatballs, potato wedges, zucchini, beans, hurricane oatmeal cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or

jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.

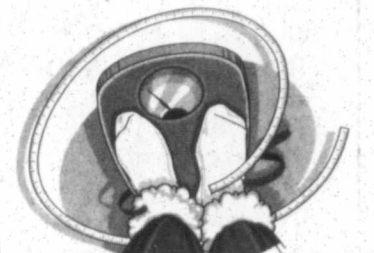
Meals On Wheels MONDAY
Closed.

TUESDAY
Hamburgers, tater tots, pineapple.

WEDNESDAY
Ravioli, chuckwagon corn, salad, green beans, jello.

THURSDAY
Sausage/cabbage, black-eyed peas, fried potatoes, cake.

FRIDAY
Closed.



Weighing In Our Best Wishes

We're at a loss to express just how much we appreciate all the friends we've gained this year and wish you all lots of success in the year ahead!

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Senior Seminar in offing

AMARILLO — Medicare Part D has some senior citizens confused and concerned, but they can find answers at the next Texas Cooperative Extension Senior Seminar.

"Medicare Part D - Is it Right for You?" will be held at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 12 in the Amarillo Senior Citizens Association Meeting Room 115.

The program opens with Dr. Ted Nicklaus, medical director for Ware Memorial Care Center, Heritage Convalescent Center and Jan Werner Adult Day Care Center, and Serena Cowart, benefits counselor with Area

Agency on Aging of the Panhandle.

They will address questions such as:

- "Why is Medicare Part D so confusing?"
- "Should I join?"
- "If so, what plan should I join?"

In advance of the seminar, seniors or their caretakers are encouraged to get a packet by calling Area Agency on Aging at 331-2227.

Door prizes will be provided by the senior citizens association a Scott's Flowers.

For more information, contact Church at 373-0713.

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CAR CARE CORNER

How to decode automotive techno jargon

(NAPSA) — When buying a new vehicle, car shoppers often are confused about all the acronyms, new safety features and technologically advanced benefits.

If you are not sure about what a feature does, don't be afraid to ask. A skilled salesperson should be able to describe every item and explain how it can make your ride safer or more comfortable.

Here's a short glossary of key features from the experts at American Suzuki Motor Corporation:



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Corvette Z06 speediest production 'Vette ever

By **ANN M. JOB**
For The Associated Press

intimately and, especially, watching your speed.

Did I mention that the Z06 gets lots of looks?

With a bright yellow paint job, the test Z06 stood out like the sun amid other cars that looked dingy and dirty in the winter weather.

It was also noisier than these other cars. Right at startup, the hand-built, overhead valve V8 growled in low tones.

Regular Corvettes — coupe or convertible — have a smaller V8 with 400 foot-pounds of torque at 4,400 rpm, which is strong power, to be sure. But it's amazing what 105 more horsepower and 90 more foot-pounds of torque in a car that weighs at least 49 pounds lighter than a regular Corvette can do for performance.

The Z06 shocked me when I pressed hard on the accelerator in virtually any gear, because my head snapped back immediately as the engine roared and the car raced forward lickity-split. This is not an engine, and a gas pedal, to play around with.

The test car had the standard six-speed manual transmission, and while the shifter had a notchy feel and sometimes went from first gear directly to fourth, the overall gearing was pleasing.

In fact, I reveled in how much power this engine could produce at

See **SPEED**, Page 7-B

2006 CHEVROLET Z06

CORVETTE

By The Associated Press

BASE PRICE: \$44,190 for base Corvette coupe; \$51,890 for Corvette convertible; \$65,000 for Z06 coupe.

AS TESTED: \$67,845.

TYPE: Front-engine, rear-wheel-drive, two-passenger, sports coupe.

ENGINE: 7-liter, overhead valve V8.

MILEAGE: 16 mpg (city), 26 mpg (highway).

TOP SPEED: NA.

LENGTH: 175.6 inches.

WHEELBASE: 105.7 inches.

CURB WEIGHT: 3,130 pounds.

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If the low, sleek, classic shape of the 2006 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 doesn't spin your wheels, maybe the added power will.

In this latest rendition of the Z06, there's a 505-horsepower, 7-liter, small block V8 under the hood. This is more horsepower than in any previous production Corvette. Indeed, it's more horsepower than in any previous General Motors production car.

And with a gutsy 470 foot-pounds of torque to power just 3,130 pounds worth of car, it's no wonder the new Z06 can roar from standstill to 60 miles an hour in just 3.7 seconds — all of it, by the way, in first gear.

Two-seat, rear-wheel-drive Corvettes debuted in 1953 to become a favorite American sportscar and a cultural icon. Chevy turned out the Z06 designation a decade later as an option package that made regular Corvettes into power machines to be reckoned with on racetracks.

The same description is apt for today's Z06, except that while being a racy automobile, the 2006 Z06 also is a usable daily driver.

It's usable, that is, if you don't mind squeezing down into the low-to-the-pavement seats, hearing the V8 and road noise from the tires all the time, feeling some road bumps



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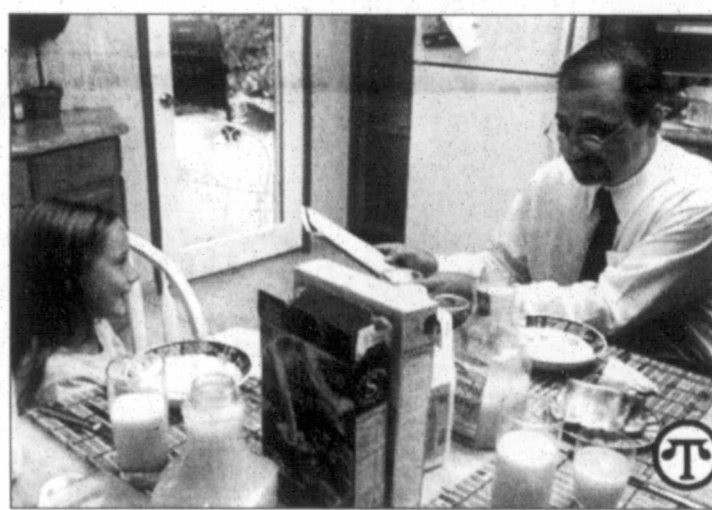
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Pointers for parents

Parents, are you making the grade?

(NAPSA) — When your child goes to school on an empty stomach, she's losing up to a quarter of the daily recommended intake of critical vitamins and minerals. This loss directly impacts energy levels, memory and focus. Studies show that children who start the day hungry score lower on achievement tests and have higher absenteeism rates than children who eat breakfast.

The second annual "Report Card on America's Breakfast Habits" conducted by national parent teacher organization PTO Today and The American Cereal Council, revealed that 30 percent of elementary school-age children are still going to school at least one



Did your child eat breakfast today? A new Report Card reveals surprising trends.

day per week on an empty stomach — showing no improvement from last year's Report Card. In fact, 20 percent of elementary

school-age children are now going to school without breakfast twice a week. This dangerous trend exists despite parents' acknowl-

edgment that starting the morning with breakfast is an important way to prepare kids to learn. The Report Card did offer hope and easy solutions. Moms noticed a positive impact on their children's performance at school when they took the time to sit down with their kids for breakfast. And the chance of kids skipping breakfast when mom partook was reduced by two-thirds. The conclusion is that parents need to make the grade each morning as role models for their children.

"Parents are the most influential role models in their kids' lives," said Tim Sullivan, father of four and

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Merry Christmas

Holiday Greetings From Every Department

From all of us, to all of you, go our very best wishes for a holiday season that's made to order.

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Policy

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returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.

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.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds. (See form for more details.)

8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

9. Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a \$25 charge or four extra lines may be added to announcements for \$25 (\$50 for both).

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- * People who have been injured on the job and/or need to return to work.
- * People who have required surgery on a joint in the arms, legs or back.
- * People who have suffered an injury resulting in tendonitis, bursitis, arthritis or other soft tissue injury.



Kim McKandles, MPT works with Ruby B. Miller (patient). Ms. Miller is 100 years old and states, "I appreciate all of the staff being so good to me."

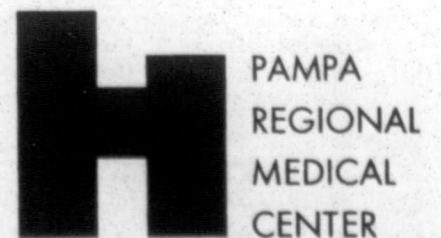
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Managing grief during holidays

(NAPSA) — The holidays are a busy time, full of joyful gatherings of family and friends. But for those who have experienced the death of a loved one, the holidays can seem much more daunting, especially stressful and lonely. For those affected by the recent hurricanes that devastated much of the South, this holiday season may present an even greater sense of loss.

While it may be a struggle, there are things that can be done to ease the grief and make coping less difficult. The National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) offers the following suggestions for the bereaved to help them better cope with the holiday season:

Take care of yourself, both physically and mentally. Don't be afraid to set limits. The holiday season is busy enough that it can exhaust anyone, but if you are shouldering an extra burden of grief, it only makes it more unappealing. Get enough sleep, eat well and take time out for yourself. Think about what family traditions you want to take part in and what may be too much, and don't be afraid to say no to activities

that may overwhelm you. Share your memories with others. Speaking about your loved ones and sharing remembrances can often help alleviate some of the pain of the season. If it helps, take part in a memorial or remembrance service at your local place of worship or family funeral home. Spending time with others who understand what you're going through is often a great source of comfort.

Above all, do what's right for you. Your family and friends care about you, and will likely offer advice about what they think is best for the grieving process. Don't forget to do what feels most comfortable for you. If volunteering at a local hospital or food pantry helps you heal, then seek out opportunities in the community. If stepping back from a more active role in your family's celebratory activities is the best way, let them know. It is perfectly natural to need time and space to honor your feelings and the memory of your loved one. But don't forget to seek out your family and friends for support. You are not alone.

For additional information, visit www.nfda.org.

HOME DECORATING

Golden Kiwi — a color decorators can really sink their proverbial teeth into

(NAPSA) — It's only natural that today's decorators are taking their inspiration from nature. One of the most popular colors for 2006 was inspired by the luscious fruit, the golden kiwi.

According to color experts, this warm green-gold illustrates the essence of 2006 by representing a return to the softness and vitality of nature and an appreciation of beautiful surroundings.

"It's a color that feels very approachable, authentic and genuine," says Barbara Richardson, director of color marketing for ICI Paints, maker of the Glidden brand. "Golden Kiwi has a protective and regenerative aura. In the presence of this color, we feel a new sense of health and harmony."

Glidden recently announced this shade, which embodies comfort, restoration and well-being, as the "Color of the Year" for 2006.

"Invigorating" Palette Shades of yellow will grow in popularity throughout 2006 due to the feelings of energy, radiance and optimism that they evoke, according to Richardson.

In addition to Golden Kiwi, other colors within this palette replicate the hues of natural materials like straw, goldenrod, cumin and marigold.

Designers consider the yellow palette appropriate for both the "public" and "private" areas of the home.



A paint color based on the golden kiwi can add warmth and vitality to any room.

In dining rooms, living rooms or kitchens where family and friends gather, yellows encourage a jovial and friendly atmosphere. In bedrooms and bathrooms, they soothe and revitalize—sometimes even adding a touch of glamour and opulence.

"The beauty of yellow is that it has such wide appeal," says Richardson. "Yellows possess an expressive quality that can communicate many different emotions. Intense, orange-based shades invigorate and motivate, while hues with more of a green tint offer quiet strength and rejuvenation."

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The warmth and richness of yellows blend easily with a variety of other colors to create décors that radiate with effervescence and natural beauty. "Pair yellows with off-white shades to create an alternative to traditional neutral colors," suggests Richardson. "Green-based yellows like Golden Kiwi especially spice up neutrals and dark tones."

According to Richardson, Golden Kiwi and similar shades combine beautifully with berry, rust, deep green, blue and violet hues.

You can incorporate the "Color of the Year" in design schemes that feature other Glidden colors like Fuchsia Berry, Rustic

Adobe, Enchanted Forest, Blue Angels or Vivid Violet.

It's a color originally identified by the ICI ColourFutures team, an international group that researches design influences from fashion, architecture, nature and cultures from around the globe.

Each year, the ICI ColourFutures team, comprised of ICI Paints color experts from around the world, studies events and ideas to produce a contemporary color palette driven by society's moods and interests.

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president of PTO Today. "That's why it's crucial for them to stress the importance of eating breakfast to help prepare their

kids for school each day. And it doesn't have to be difficult—a simple way to get kids off on the right foot is by sitting down together for a bowl of cereal and milk."

To show the effect of this issue, PTO Today and The American Cereal Council con-

ducted two-week in-home surveys with 1,000 families across the country to complement the Report Card. Participating parents shared a cereal-with-milk breakfast with their children every day and recorded changes in their children's attention spans and school work.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Don't most of us enjoy stories from our parents' and grandparents' past? During the last few years of my mother's life, she was confined to her home and then to a nursing home. I urged her to write her memories of childhood in a lined notebook that I provided. On one hand, those stories needed to be preserved for my children, and on the other, it gave my mother a project to work on and keep her mind active. She enjoyed it and filled about 20 pages. She described her childhood days, then continued through courtship, marriage, my birth, struggles through the Great Depression, and the building of a new home. It gave us a clear view of times gone by -- a family treasure in her handwriting. My reason for writing this is to remind your readers to ask those old-timers to write their memories before those treasured stories pass into oblivion. -- **ROBERT H., BADIN, N.C.**

DEAR ROBERT: Thank you for the reminder. And readers, maybe you should jot down your own memories yourselves. On another note, every year I hear from older people on fixed incomes who are worried because they don't have enough money to buy gifts for their families. Something like this would make a priceless gift. P.S. It could even be video- or audiotaped if a friend or family member has the equipment.

DEAR ABBY: When is the appropriate time to stop "baby talk" with your children? My son has just turned 3, and I'm starting to get looks from friends whenever I speak to him in an overly sweet way or use pet names. My family has a long history of "baby talk" that still gets used regularly. I always found it annoying, but now I find it difficult to break the habit with my son.

Should I be addressing him as if he's a little professor? I think a kid should still be treated like a kid. -- **JULIE IN SPRING, TEXAS**

DEAR JULIE: You recall that when baby talk was addressed to you, you found it annoying. What it is, is condescending. The time to break the habit is now. Your son is no longer a baby, and if you continue talking to him as if he is, he, too, will find it embarrassing. Treat him in a way that is age-appropriate, but teach him proper English and correct terminology now so there will be less for him to unlearn when he's around his peers.

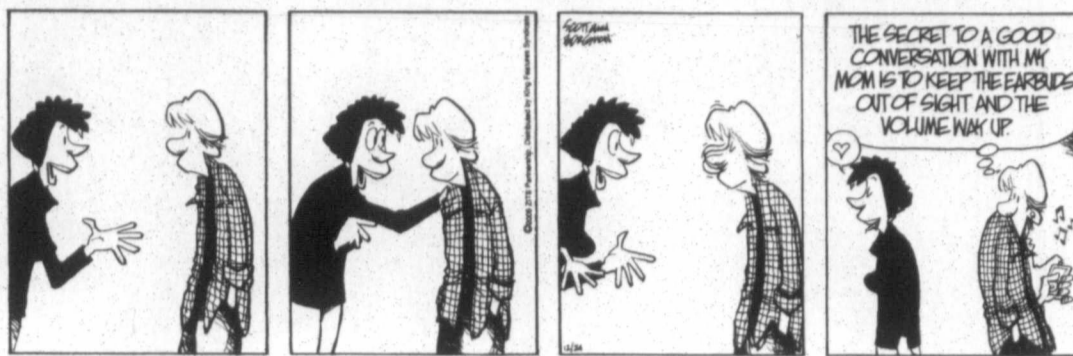
DEAR ABBY: My brother is being married soon, and he's planning to have his dog serve as the ring bearer in the wedding. My 2-year-old daughter will be the flower girl. My mother thinks that having a dog in the wedding is disrespectful and she's worried about what the guests will think. She plans to tell my brother that she doesn't approve. The dog is well behaved and, frankly, my daughter is more likely to cause a problem than the dog. I think a wedding is completely up to the couple, and they should do whatever will make the day special for them. What do you think? -- **DOG-GONE WEDDING PARTY**

DEAR WEDDING PARTY: Point out to your well-meaning mother that everyone in the family will be happier if she worries less about what the wedding guests will say and concentrates more on the happiness of the occasion. Your brother having his dog as his ring bearer isn't as "fur out" as she fears. It has been done by other animal lovers before, and I'm sure it will be again.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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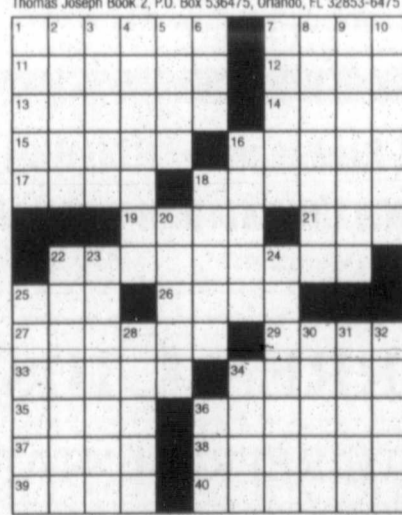
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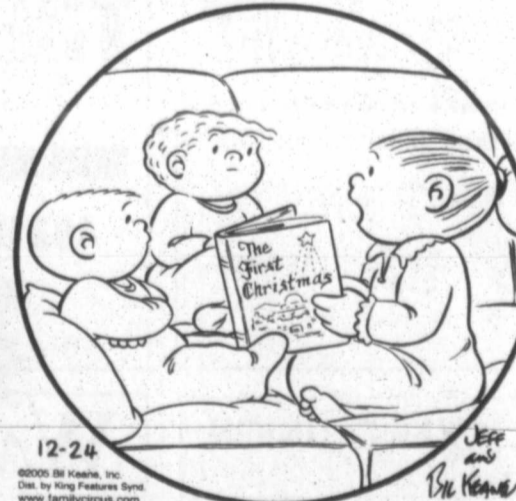


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 Eugene Taylor

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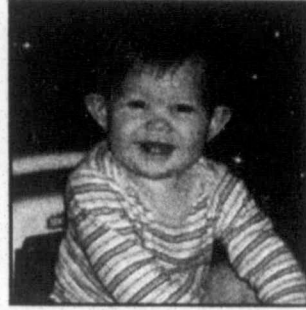
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 Robert & Delores White
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 Great Great Grandmother...
 Joann Smith

Aden Roy Wright

Born... February 8, 2005



Parents...
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 Brother...
 Tristen
 Grandparents...
 Carl & Cindy Graves
 Leon & Betty Wright
 John & Delores Jennings

Kendyll Brooke Roberson

Born... January 19, 2005



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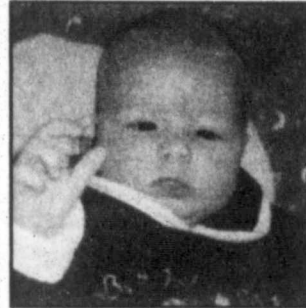
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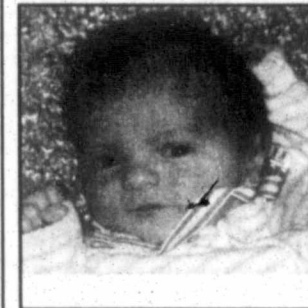
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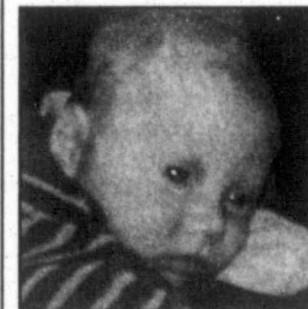
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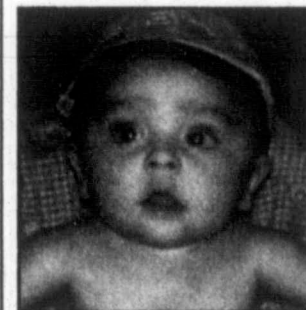
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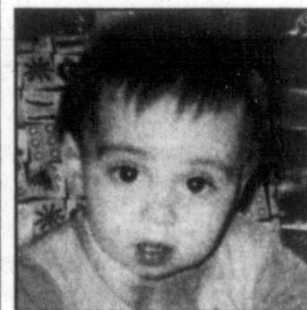
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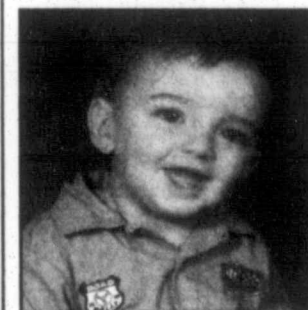
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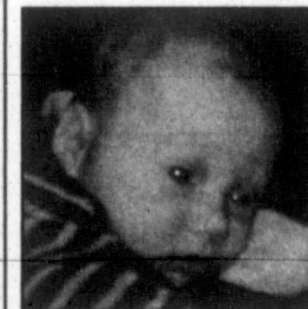
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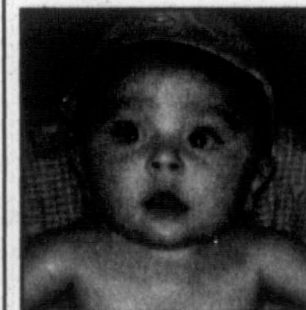
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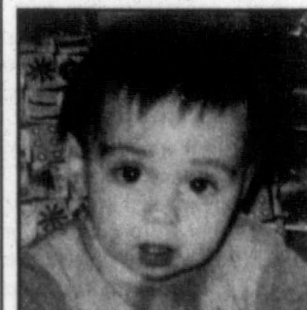
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Jackpot inflation figures leads to trying times at the lottery

By LIZ AUSTIN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Dawn Nettles had been tracking Lotto Texas jackpots for years, convinced the Texas Lottery couldn't possibly be selling enough tickets to pay the advertised prizes.

This June, after Nettles complained to the Texas attorney general, lottery officials admitted she was right: Three times in eight months the agency had advertised jackpots that were higher than ticket sales would have supported.

That revelation set off a firestorm at the nation's third-largest lottery, prompting the executive director's resignation and leading lawmakers to question some management practices at the agency that reported over \$3.5 billion in sales last year.

"I just was tired of them lying and I thought, 'Well, I'll try this,' but I never expected anyone to pay attention to it," said Nettles, a lottery watchdog who publishes the "Lotto Report" newsletter and Web site.

Lottery chief Reagan Greer resigned in July, two weeks after

he admitted approving a staff report proposing advertising an \$8 million jackpot for the June 8 Lotto Texas drawing even though estimated sales could only cover \$6.5 million.

An internal investigation found the same thing had happened twice before, in October 2004 and again in February. No one won the jackpot in any of those drawings.

The jackpot starts at \$4 million and traditionally grows by at least \$1 million each time no tickets match all five numbers and a bonus ball. But sales are usually slow until the jackpot reaches at least \$9 million.

Products Manager Robert Tirloni, one of two lottery managers who proposed the inflated Texas jackpot, told the three-man Texas Lottery Commission he was concerned players would stop buying tickets if the jackpot didn't grow each drawing.

Greer said he did not closely scrutinize the staff report because he trusted his staff.

The House Licensing and Administrative Procedures

Committee, which oversees the agency, chastised lottery leaders for deceiving the public.

Lottery spokesman Bobby Heith said the agency made significant changes to Lotto Texas to avoid future problems and regain the public's trust. A commissioner

'There seems to be a pattern of an employee sharing information and then being terminated.'

— Corbin van Arsdale
State Representative

must now sign off on advertised jackpots, and the agency guarantees that grand prize winners will be paid either the advertised jackpot or the jackpot based on sales, whichever is greater.

"Any time you have a change in leadership, it gives management

an opportunity to step forward and meet new challenges," Heith said.

The lottery is still looking for a new executive director.

In addition to the jackpot scandal, lottery officials also had to face questions about personnel policies and emergency preparedness.

Following the firing of Lee Deviney, the other manager who proposed the inflated jackpots, current and former lottery employees complained the agency uses the threat of terminations to scare and intimidate anyone who questions lottery operations.

Deviney had written an e-mail to top lottery officials pointing out that ticket sales wouldn't cover the approved jackpot. While agency officials insisted his termination was not related to the controversy and its timing was a coincidence, Deviney said he had received a positive evaluation and a pay raise eight months earlier.

The November firing of a senior lottery systems analyst who went public with claims that the agency's emergency control center

isn't fully functional appeared to bolster the employees' case with some lawmakers.

However, lottery commission chairman C. Thomas Clowe and acting executive director Gary Grief insist the emergency center has been fully functional for years.

"There seems to be a pattern of an employee sharing information and then being terminated. It's never the other way around," state Rep. Corbin Van Arsdale, R-Houston, said in November. "Even in the last two instances, it's been share information and even convey 'I'll probably be terminated' and then get terminated."

Lottery lawyers say at-will firings are protected by Texas employment law, and officials have denied threatening anyone.

Since July, supervisors have had to get Grief's approval before taking any actions that could result in a firing.

The State Auditor's Office is looking into the lottery's personnel policies at the agency's request and its findings should be released early next year.

Scientists fighting tree-killing beetle

DELAWARE, Ohio (AP) — The wasps listen for sounds of their prey, then drill through bark to reach them. Either they paralyze the juvenile victim and glue eggs to its back, or pierce it to lay the eggs inside. When the eggs hatch, the wormy wasp young munch away at leisure.

For anyone who loves a day in a shady yard, a walk in the woods or the crack of a baseball bat, the gore is justified.

The target is the larvae of emerald ash borer, an Asian beetle that has been 100 percent fatal to North American ash trees since its arrival about 10 years ago, likely in a shipping pallet. The beetle, first noticed in 2002, has blanketed most of lower Michigan and appeared in Ohio, Indiana and southern Ontario.

Worried that the bug cannot be stopped, researchers are trying to figure out how to help the ash tree survive an infestation. Scientists are studying borer-killing wasps, insecticide use, crossbreeding and the possibility of breeding a tree that makes its own insecticide.

"What we need to do is contain this for as long as we can, to give research a chance to catch up," said Vic Mastro, director of the U.S. Agriculture Department lab that detects and finds ways to eliminate exotic pests. "Ultimately, it would be good to eliminate this pest, but we don't have the tools to do this right now."

The scientists have a role model. The Asian ash tree lives alongside the beetle, but scientists there haven't studied why, so researchers here are starting from scratch.

The ash is found through-

out the eastern United States and along the West Coast. Many cities planted the trees — which have rounded crowns and vibrant gold fall color — along streets that were lined with elms before Dutch elm disease nearly wiped them out. Ash trees are also valued for wildlife food and their strong wood used for furniture and baseball bats.

The beetle larvae feed on the cell layers beneath the bark that the tree needs to transport water and nutrients, killing it within about four years.

The U.S. and Canadian governments are sticking with a strategy of cutting down swaths of trees to keep

the beetle from spreading, but in the past year an agreement has grown that the approach will at best slow the insect. It spreads about a half mile a year, but in laboratory conditions has been shown to fly six miles without stopping.

More and more researchers say that flying ability, plus the impossibility of stopping campers from moving infested firewood, mean the spread is likely to continue, devastating dense stands of ash in forests from the Dakotas to Maine. Already it has killed about 15 million of some 700 million ash trees in Michigan. Ohio has fared better, with some 250,000 trees cut and chipped to try to stop the spread from the largely agricultural northwest to 5 billion ash trees.

Unlike the elm, in which a few trees survived because of genetic resistance, there's no sign in ash trees of any resistance to ash borer, said Jennifer Koch, research biologist.

'Ultimately, it would be good to eliminate this pest, but we don't have the tools to do this right now.'

— Vic Mastro
Ag Lab Director

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005:

Be willing to adjust and flex with others this year. If you don't, you might entertain more problems than you need to. Others look up to you and respect you. What might bother you is the lack of applause. Know that you are doing a good job if you are using your instincts. If you are single, you might go to extremes socially — just having a good time. You might find a relationship difficult. If you are attached, do not push your significant other too hard. Often, you might see issues differently. Make that OK. LIBRA likes you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Can there be such a thing as too much fun or celebration? See how you feel by the end of the day. Surprises could float in from a distance. Be willing to flex. A call to someone is important. Tonight: Snuggle in. Be happy. This Week: Let others take greater control of phase two of the holidays. The same goes for work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might be pivotal in others having a good day. Though you might not be satisfied with what goes down, help them enjoy themselves. Right now, with your ruler in retrograde, you could have a sequence of bad-hair days. Tonight: Time to relate. This Week: Others dominate, like it or not. Look at your reactions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You enjoy yourself because you are grateful and content no matter what you do or where you go. Someone from a distance surprises you late in the day. Know that you are very cared for. Enjoy the mellow moments too. Tonight: Pitch in and help clean up. This Week: You might have to do extra work. Get as much done as possible on Monday or Tuesday.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 26, 2005:

Zero in on what you want this year. You can make your dreams come true if you want to. You have a natural gift for drawing others in and mobilizing their energy. Network, broaden your horizons and incorporate new friends into your life. You will naturally be expansive. Make a wish list for your birthday and the new year. Knowing what you want is step one. Going for your goals will be step two. If you are single and you want a relationship, it can be yours. You will find that a friendship plays into your romantic life. If you are attached, together choose a wish that you want to make a reality. Watch it happen! You will bond as a result. SCORPIO is always your friend.

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)

★★★★ If you can avoid dealing with money matters, do so. Many people, including yourself, could be cranky. Pull back and maybe take a nap. Be low-key in whatever you take on. Listen to a loved one's trepidations. Tonight: Say thank you or write thank-you notes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You could easily find yourself in a rage, feeling like you have had enough. Though you love your family, you could be tired of the complaining or your role. Hence, let others do everything for a change. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You might feel a bit down or tired

★★★★ Your home is your castle. You share your special love for family and entertaining. Ask someone to pitch in and help. In fact, everyone wants to make the day easy. A loved one dotes on you later in the day. Tonight: Romance heats up many Moon Children's lives.

This Week: Listen, think and relax. You need to be creative in your approach right now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might breeze through a couple of gatherings, or at least share some cheer over the phone. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. A brother or sister might have a lot to share. Focus on a child. Tonight: Happy at home. This Week: You have much to share, but you also need a lot of downtime.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You have much more to offer than you realize. Somehow you have a way of making everyone feel appreciated. Your little actions and thoughts make everyone happy, including you. Adjust plans if you need to, add someone new to your family gathering. Tonight: Start thanking others.

This Week: Return calls and get a grasp on what needs to be done quickly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ The Moon in your sign adds to your sparkle. Those you reach out to — even if you don't have a present, only caring words — are much happier for the contact. You are not seeing a child or loved one clearly. Tonight: Enjoy the moment. This Week: Take a hard look at your budget and make appropriate adjustments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might feel as if you are going through the motions today. Use your sixth sense with a family member. This person might have a problem that he or she is not sharing. Be sensitive and aware. Check in with a surrogate family member. Tonight: As the night grows later, the happier you become.

This Week: You beam into the week, unstoppable. What a whirlwind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

after all the festivities. Others will work or run some errands. Don't let a disagreeable person get to you. Right now, do your thing and what you are good at. Tonight: Make it an early bedtime.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Laugh and don't worry about the practical details of life. You probably enjoy yourself more than many. Perhaps get on your hands and knees and share a new toy with a child. Smile, laugh and enjoy. Tonight: In a mistletoe mood.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Though you could be tired, you still might enjoy a family member to no end. You might not have to participate, just be there. Others could definitely be out of sorts. Steer clear if you can. Don't get uptight; you're not responsible. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ People call from out of nowhere. Perhaps you have to travel or someone is coming back into town. You can muster up the energy to handle whatever you need to. Your enthusiasm comes back later in the day. Tonight: Get into the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might find an associate, friend or loved one disruptive. You don't see eye to eye with this person. Worry less and make it through a hassle. You might want to buy yourself that one item you didn't get. Tonight: Make it easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ How you view someone could change radically. You have always respected this person, but you find his or her attitude and cantankerous nature hard to deal with. You're not the only one! Avoid a fight or sharp words. Tonight:

★★★★ You not only have a very special day but also add more joy to those around you. Share your joyful spirit and help others relax and enjoy. There will be a tendency to go overboard, but you really don't care. Tonight: Do absolutely what you want.

This Week: By Wednesday, you are up to speed. Don't expect too much too soon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You draw others together. Share more of your sensitivities with a key person. Your insights help you relate to others. You could find yourself taking care of someone or making last-minute decisions. Tonight: You are key to your family, but also enjoy yourself.

This Week: Use Monday and Tuesday for what you find important. Retreat and get extra sleep from Wednesday on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You have a very special feeling about the holiday this year. Others reach out to you. Think of those you care about who aren't around you. Friends drop in on you. Think about what you really need. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

This Week: You're thrown into a position of authority. You can do it!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Someone still wants to monopolize your time. You will have to scatter and give others time. Your charm and ability to be diplomatic could be important. Your imagination creates some wild scenarios, while what is actually happening is rather calm. Tonight: Think "winter vacation."

This Week: Share more of your dreams, but also be willing to find the path to your goals.

BORN TODAY

Singer Dido (1971), presidential adviser Karl Rove (1950), singer Jimmy Buffet (1946)

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

★★ You might want some space or time alone. Make this request or plan your day accordingly. You still have some must-do errands or a project that needs completing. Let yourself relax. Tonight: Make it your night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Catch up with friends and share recent news. You might feel as if someone is unusually difficult or hard to deal with. Perhaps he or she is exhausted from all the excitement. Tonight: Where you are happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Others could be cold and austere. Don't take their attitudes personally. Why not head out the door and either get some extra work done or visit with an older friend or loved one? He or she will appreciate you. Tonight: Out as late as you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Detach from your immediate surroundings. You will be a lot happier as a result. Others can be difficult. You also could lose patience, as you have been very nurturing and are tired. Take a drive to relax. Tonight: Write thank-you notes.

BORN TODAY

Baseball player Ozzie Smith (1954), Chinese Communist revolutionary Mao Tse-tung (1993), drummer Lars Ulrich (1963)

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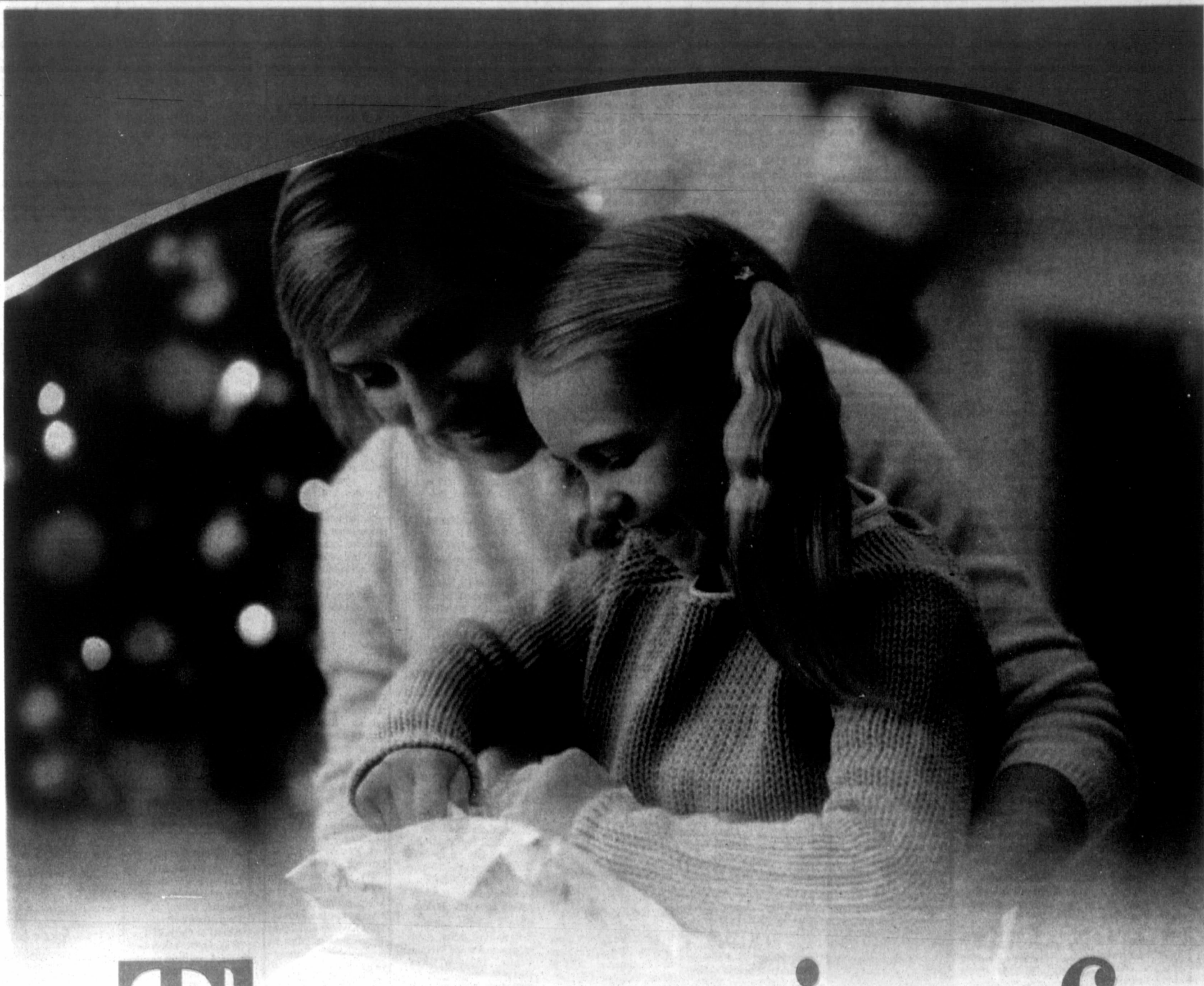
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1940 Fr	\$160,000	4/4/2 - 3178 SF/GCAD	
2629 Fr	\$147,500	3/2/2 - 2208 SF/GCAD	
2522 Evergreen	\$137,500	3/2/2 - 1850 SF/GCAD	
2639 Fr	\$125,000	3/2/2 - 1595 SF/GCAD	
1344 Hamilton	\$85,000	3/2/75/1 Det - 1562 SF/GCAD	
2425 Christine	\$74,500	3/2/2 - 2019 SF/GCAD	
2525 Charles	\$74,500	3/2/2 - 2019 SF/GCAD	
1826 Hamilton	\$72,500	4/2/2 cp - 2196 SF/GCAD	
2216 Evergreen	\$69,900	3/1/75/2 - 1413 SF/GCAD	
1424 Willston	\$59,900	3/1/75/2 - 1464 SF/GCAD	
1205 Charles	\$57,500	2/1/5/1 - 1377 SF/GCAD	
1420 Hamilton	\$49,900	4/1/75/1 - 1479 SF/GCAD	
1113 E. Harvester E2	\$48,000	2/1/75/1 - 1479 SF/GCAD	
1327 Charles	\$39,900	3/1/1 Det - 1120 SF/GCAD	
1115 Charles	\$38,000	3/1/75/11 - 2015 SF/GCAD	
2126 N. Russell	\$38,000	2/2/None - 1485 SF/GCAD	
1221 N. Russell	\$33,500	2/1/1 - 1131 SF/GCAD	
1013 Mary Ellen	\$32,000	2/1/1 - 1280 SF/GCAD	
LAMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT		South West	
321 N. West	\$210,000	5/4/5/2 - 3829 SF/GCAD	
1512 Oklahoma	\$71,500	2/1/2 - 1669 SF/GCAD	
1119 S. Dwight	\$49,900	4/2/5/2 - 2408 SF/GCAD	
712 Magnolia	\$45,000	3/1/1 - 1272 SF/GCAD	
304 N. West	\$39,900	2/1/5/1 cp - 2288 SF/GCAD	
1125 S. Dwight	\$28,500	2/1/1 - 1021 SF/GCAD	
821 Talley	\$12,000	2/1/None - 680 SF/GCAD	
936 S. Nelson	\$8,500	1/1/1 - 560 SF/GCAD	
TRAVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT		West and North West	
1921 Lynn	\$162,500	3/2/1 - 2494 SF/GCAD	
1501 N. Sumner	\$97,900	3/2/4+ - 1689 SF/GCAD	
1933 Lea	\$89,900	3/1/75/2 - 1820 SF/GCAD	
1520 N. Zimmers	\$87,500	3/1/75/2 - 1542 SF/GCAD	
2232 N. Sumner	\$79,500	4/1/5/2 - 1894 SF/GCAD	
2132 N. Wells	\$45,000	3/1/2 - 1454 SF/GCAD	
625 N. Wells	\$38,000	3/2/1 CP - 1612 SF/GCAD	
1100 Seneca	\$35,000	3/1/75/1 CP - 1156 SF/GCAD	
2130 N. Nelson	\$32,000	3/1/75/1 - 1352 SF/GCAD	
623 Roberto	\$28,500	2/1/1 - 845 SF/GCAD	
638 N. Banks	\$23,000	3/1/None - 1197 SF/GCAD	
WILSON SCHOOL DISTRICT		South East	
105 S. Cuyler	\$89,000	3/2/2 - 3560 SF/GCAD	
812 Denver	\$68,000	3 Mobile Homes	
1109 E. Kingsmill	\$29,900	2/1/2 - 1030 SF/GCAD	
500 Magnolia	\$20,000	3/1/None - 1208 SF/GCAD	
523 Sloan	\$19,900	2/1/2 det - 936 SF/GCAD	
OTHER AREAS		Outside Pampa City Limits	
8878 Hwy 70	\$350,000	5/3/5/2 4698 SF/GCAD	
11647 FM 293	\$110,000	4/2/75/2 - 3084 SF/GCAD	
604 Daffodil, White Deer	\$93,700	3/1/75/2 - 1594 SF/GCAD	
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