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Deaths

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Dr. Robert T. Gorson, Sr., 76, minister.
Joel Lynn Harmon, 43, lifelong Pampa resident.
Jack W. Nichols, 82, educator.
Mark Shawn Powell, 38, Denton resident.
Ed Riley, 92, businessman.
Johnny Tony Rosalez, 29, pipeline foreman.
Carol Wright, 59, beautician.

Briefs

DSHS to give flu shots in Pampa

Texas Department of State Health Services will be administering flu shots to the community in the morning and afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 15. The clinic will be open from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and again from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Harvest House, 736 S. Cuyler.

A press release from DSHS said the agency "is emphasizing the need to vaccinate those in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, those 65 and older who have chronic health conditions and medical care workers who provide direct patient care."

DSHS also recommends flu shots for children 6-months through 23-months of age, adults 65 and older, anyone with chronic medical conditions, pregnant women, children 6-months through 18 years of age who are on chronic aspirin therapy and nursery/day care workers.

Medicare, Medicaid or a \$10 donation will be requested, the release said, with each dose. However, no one will be turned away for inability to pay.

The Pampa supply is part of some 124,000 doses ordered by DSHS for use by its regional offices around the state.

Christmas open house planned AMARILLO

Managed Care Center, Inc., of Amarillo will host a Christmas Open House with snacks and a visit from Santa from 2 until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15 at its location at 808 S. Crockett in Amarillo.

Participants can come to the open house and learn about getting help for children coping with the effects of alcohol and drug abuse in their lives.

Call (806) 331-2723 for more information.

Medicare errors nearly \$20 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medicare wants to cut the rate of questionable payments by more than half, to 4 percent, by 2008, administrator Mark McClellan says.

"The main objective here is to pay it right," McClellan said Monday, the day Medicare reported that private companies that process

health claims from its beneficiaries made nearly \$20 billion in erroneous or questionable payments last year, an error rate of 9.3 percent.

That performance was a slight improvement over the previous year.

The error rate measures claims that were paid despite being medically unneces-

sary, inadequately documented or improperly coded. In some instances, Medicare asked health care providers for medical records to back up their claims and got no response.

The survey does not document instances of alleged fraud, McClellan said.

More extensive payment

reviews and other quality controls will help the agency achieve the 4 percent goal, he said.

Medicare, the government health program for older and disabled Americans, contracts with private insurers to pay more than 1 billion claims each year. Monday's report was based on a survey

of 160,000 claims, Medicare said.

Last year, Medicare reported the error rate as 5.8 percent, but that figure had been adjusted to factor out a high proportion of claims for which the health care provider did not respond to Medicare's request for documentation.



Pampa News photos by MARILYN POWERS

Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Barry Haenisch, left, explains rules regarding the relationship between the district and booster and parent organizations at last night's school board meeting, as Board Vice President Lance DeFever, right, takes notes.

PHS test scores show gains

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Pampa High School Principal Evan Smith reported improvement in PHS students' TAKS test scores since last spring, during Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education meeting last night at Carver Center.

Last spring, she said 31 students had not met the TAKS exit level standard in mathematics. As of the last testing, that number had dropped to nine.

In English language arts, 19 did not meet the standard last spring, but only five are currently at that level, Smith said.

In science, the number dropped from 30 last spring to six currently. In social studies, the number has dropped from 23 to five.

One student has not passed any of the four TAKS subjects. Another has not passed three of the four.

"Both are English (as a second) language students," Smith said.

Four students did not pass two of the subjects, and another eight failed one topic.

"We won't rest 'till they're all passing," Smith told board members.

The TAKS report was part of Smith's quarterly PHS report to board members. She also spoke on "What Is An Effective

School?", the most recent PSAT test scores, and new rules for student exemption from final exams.

"Socioeconomic status is the single most important factor in the success of a student," she said. PHS aims to educate all children and see that all students are performing at grade level.

Methods being used to reach these goals include learning teams. These teams may be comprised of all teachers who are teaching the same subject, such as entry-level algebra, so that the teachers can all teach their students the same things at the same level, Smith said.

"Right now, we have freshman teachers working as teams," she said.

Smith reported that one student scored 226 on the most recent PSAT, or pre-college entrance, exam. Two others, both sophomores, scored above 200.

"Last year, 218 was the cutoff for receiving a National Merit Scholarship, so we may have some National Merit scholars," she said.

Smith explained that this year, sophomores are to be exempt from final exams if they are absent two or fewer days and pass all sections of the TAKS test.

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County officials eye expenditures

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

County commissioners will concentrate on spending money at their regular meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse, with everything from potential vehicle and landscaping purchases to maintenance and copier contracts on the agenda.

Bids on courthouse landscaping will be opened at 10 a.m. The landscaping is another phase of the courthouse restoration project

which began with the building's renovation.

Continuation of a heating and air conditioning equipment maintenance contract with Scotco is on the agenda.

Four items involving Gray County Sheriff's Office funds will be discussed. Commissioners will vote on whether to seek bids for two sheriff's office cars, approve a contract with Danko for a copier machine in the sheriff's office, and a sheriff's office purchase of a 2003 Trailblazer which will be reimbursed through a

Homeland Security grant. The fourth item involves closing the sheriff's cash bond and DARE checking accounts and opening two new accounts designated as abandoned vehicles and forfeiture.

Jury reimbursements for 2005 will be considered. Details involved in financing the recent purchase of a new motor grader are also on the agenda.

Other agenda items are the county treasurer's report, budget amendments, and payment of bills and salaries.

Nine teachers not meeting 'highly qualified' status

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

One Pampa Junior High School and eight Pampa High School teachers are not meeting the "highly qualified employee" standards set by the No Child Left Behind program, according to John Kendall, director of administrative services for Pampa Independent School District.

Kendall reported on PISD teachers' "highly qualified" status at the PISD Board of Education's regular meeting, at 6 p.m. yesterday at Carver Center.

"All of them have to meet the standards by January 2006. Any not meeting the standards by then will lose their job," Kendall said.

The nine were the only ones in the school district who had not met the standards set by the program.

Board members discussed contract considerations in regard to the standards.

Superintendent Barry Haenisch explained a revised policy concerning the relationship between the school district and booster and parent organizations.

"We will no longer, as of the 2005-2006 year, be managers of booster club or PTA (parent-teacher association) funds," Haenisch said. The change is due at least in part to new audit standards passed by the state legislature.

In addition, the organizations will have to meet certain minimum standards set by the board in order to have a relationship with the school district, Haenisch said.

"We spell out expectations as to how the clubs conduct their business, and give rewards to those who follow our recommendations, such as being allowed to use the school facilities and/or school name," he said.

The school district has eliminated "blackout" days for the current school year due to legal advice, Haenisch said.

"In the past, we said that at certain times of the year, we wouldn't allow employees away from school, such as major test times or the day before a holiday. These were 'blackout' days.

"Then, we said we wouldn't allow it unless it was for one of four reasons. Our attorneys said we can't make exceptions, so we decided to not have a blackout days for a year and give it a try," he said.

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Prisoner abuse

Pre-trial hearing set for soldier accused in drowning of Iraqi

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — A pre-trial hearing was set for Tuesday in the court martial of a 4th Infantry Division soldier accused of causing an Iraqi civilian to drown after allegedly ordering other soldiers to push him into a river for violating curfew.

1st Lt. Jack Saville, a 24-year-old West Point graduate, is charged with involuntary manslaughter, conspiracy, aggravated assault, obstruction of justice and lying to investigators.

Saville and Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Perkins, both part of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team out of Fort Carson, Colo., are accused of ordering soldiers to push two Iraqis off a pump house beside a bridge in Samarra in January as punishment for violating curfew.

Zaidoun Hassoun, 19, drowned in the Tigris River. The assault charge pertains to the cousin, Marwan Hassoun, who says Zaidoun Hassoun died just out of his reach.

Trials for Saville and Perkins, 33, are set for next month. They face up to 29 years in prison if convicted on all counts.

Defense lawyers contend that Zaidoun Hassoun safely reached shore and that Army investigators failed to positively identify a body or do an autopsy.

At a July hearing at Fort Carson, investigators acknowledged they never saw a body, that they instead relied on the word of relatives and a family videotape showing a corpse in a coffin.

Also, three soldiers on patrol that night testified at the hearing that they saw two Iraqis climbing out of the river, but that investigators were only interested in finding out who had forced the men off the bridge.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

AUDLEMAN, Mary Alice Webber 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
GORSON, Dr. Robert T. Sr. 2 p.m., Highland Baptist Church, Pampa.
RILEY, Ed 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Wheeler.
ROSALEZ, Johnny Tony Memorial services, 10 a.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.

Mary Alice Webber Audleman, 74

LEFORS, Texas Mary Alice Webber Audleman, 74, of Lefors, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004, at Pampa, Texas. Services will be 3, 1994.

She has lived in Lefors since 1960. She worked at Highland General Hospital as a LVN from 1966 to 1978. She was a member of the LVN Alumni Association and the First United Pentecostal Church.



Audleman

Burial will be in Memorial Heights Cemetery in Lefors, Texas. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Audleman was born Aug. 5, 1930, in Plain

Dealing, La. She married Charles Edward Audleman, Sr. on March 31, 1951, in Shreveport, La. He died Feb. 3, 1994.

Survivors include one daughter, Cheryl Bockmon and husband Russell of Shamrock, Texas; two sons, Chuck Audleman, Jr. and

wife Dee of Lawrenceville, Ill., and Donald Odus Audleman of Amarillo, Texas; two sisters, Margaret Atkins of Shreveport, La., and Carol Morgan and husband Sherman of Vivian, La.; three grandchildren, Candid Ray, Jason Winegeart and Christie Audleman; and two great-grandchildren, Bailey Winegeart and Abbey Mavrick.

The family requests memorials be to Odyssey Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

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Dr. Robert T. Gorson, Sr., 76

Dr. Robert T. Gorson, Sr., 76, of Pampa, Texas, went to be with his Lord and Master on Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004, at the Highland Baptist Church, with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown, and the Rev.

Paul Nachtigall, pastor of the Highland Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Gorson was born Feb. 18, 1928,



Gorson

in New Jersey. He was an ordained Baptist minister for many years, serving in Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri. He received his doctorate from the Southwestern Theological

Baptist Seminary.

He held revivals in Brazil, Alaska and throughout the Southwest United States.

On April 2, 1948, he married the love of his life, Betty Mae Wren in Washington, D.C.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Gorson, of the home; two sons, Robert Gorson Jr., and wife Myglo of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Ronald Paul Gorson of Salem, Mo.; two grandchildren, Robert Thomas Gorson, III, and wife Gina, and Andrea Gorson; one great-grandchild, Brian Kohut; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

The family requests memorials be to Highland Baptist Church Building Fund, 1301 N. Banks, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Joel Lynn Harmon, 43

Joel Lynn Harmon, 43, of Pampa, Texas, died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at Amarillo, Texas.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of the Briarwood Full Gospel Church, officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Harmon was born March 21, 1961, in Borger. He had been a lifelong resident of Pampa. He formerly attended the Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

Survivors include his mother, Vi Harmon, of the home; two sisters, Cheryl Ely of Pampa and Linda K. Pawelski of Amarillo; one brother, Jim Harmon, Jr. of Yuma, Ariz.; one uncle, George Kilcrease of Pampa; two aunts, Ruth Meyer of

Findlay, Ohio, and Betty York of Yuma, Ariz.; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

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Jack W. Nichols, 82

Jack W. Nichols, 82, of Pampa, Texas, died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at Canadian, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Nichols was born Aug. 12, 1922, in Spur. He had been a resident

of Pampa since 1945. He received his BA and MBA degrees from West Texas State University in Canyon and did post graduate work at the University of Texas.



Nichols

He married Patricia Bottoms on Aug. 3, 1947, in Quanah.

He was a teacher, assistant principal and principal for the Pampa Independent School District, and he was assigned as the first principal at Robert E. Lee Junior High School.

Mr. Nichols was a member of the PCTA, TSTA and NEA. He was an active member

of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and was a former member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Nichols, of the home; one sister, Rita Groves of Roaring Springs; a brother-in-law, Malcolm Bottoms of Quanah; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065, or to a favorite charity.

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Ed Riley, 92

WHEELER — Ed Riley, 92, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004, at Norman, Okla.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Wheeler First Baptist Church with the Rev. Rodney Weatherly, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dalhart, officiating.

Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Riley was born Sept. 8, 1912, at Shamrock, to George Thomas and Mary

Ann Riley. A lifelong Wheeler resident until moving to Tuttle, Okla., in 2003, he owned a trucking business in Wheeler and belonged to the Masonic Lodge for 47 years.

Mr. Riley, an ordained deacon for 37 years, was a member of First Baptist Church.

He married Erma Tucker in 1934 at Wheeler.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Mitchell. Survivors include his wife, Erma of Tuttle; a son,

Bob E. Riley of Marshall; two daughters, Nelda Cote of Newport News, Va., and Ann Henderson of Tuttle; a brother, Earl Riley of McLean; three sisters, Minerva Jones of Wheeler and Wilma Barker and Hannah Chapman, both of Shamrock; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation with family will be from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14 at Wright Funeral Home.

Johnny Tony Rosalez, 29

Johnny Tony Rosalez, 29, of Pampa, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004, at Joplin, Mo.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Central Baptist Church with Pete Hernandez and Juan Munoz, both of Iglesia Nueva Vida Church, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-

Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Rosalez was born April 14, 1975, at Groom and had been a lifelong Pampa resident. He worked for Billy Scribner as a pipeline foreman and belonged to Iglesia Nueva Vida Church.

Survivors include his wife, Rosa Rosalez of McLean; a son, Daymon Rosalez of McLean; two daughters, Monique Rosalez

and Daniella Rosalez, both of McLean; his mother and stepfather, Mary and Cory A.J. Brown of Pampa; three sisters, Diana and Andrea, both of Amarillo, and Lisa of Pampa; and his grandmother, Juanita Rosalez of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Iglesia Nueva Vida Church, 801 E. Campbell, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Caryol Wright, 59

PORTALES, N.M. — Caryol Wright, 59, of Portales, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, at Covenant

Medical Center in Lubbock. Memorial services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Thursday in First Church of

the Nazarene in Portales with the Rev. Darryl Tennesos officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Wheeler Mortuary of Portales, Inc., in Portales.



Wright

Ms. Wright was born Oct. 15, 1945, at Portales, to Juanita and Johnny Wright. She graduated from Portales High School in 1963 and went on to study cosmetology in Clovis, N.M.

For several years, Ms. Wright lived in House, N.M., where she owned a beauty shop. In 1978, she returned to Portales and worked at the Portales Beauty Salon until it closed several years ago. She later worked at Shear Perfection for a short time before ill health forced her retirement.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include a daughter, LaNona Kobernick of Pampa; and two grandchildren.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Monday, Dec. 13

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of East Foster. No injuries were reported.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 400 block of North Nelson.

Possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia were reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill. Three juveniles were charged in connection with the incident.

Aggravated robbery was reported at Allsup's, 1025 Wilks. An 18-pack of beer and a can of smokeless tobacco were taken. Estimated value of loss was not reported.

Phillip Littrell, 54, 425 Carr, was arrested in the 100 block of North Wynne for driving while intoxicated.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Sunday, Dec. 12

Russell Whitehead, 44, 1046 Neel, was arrested on a bond surrender for theft by check.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Michael Knutson, 45, 1012 Terry Rd., was arrested for a 223rd District Court sentence to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for forgery by making.

Ray Huff, 39, Huntington, Ark., was arrested on a probation violation for possession of a controlled substance.

Salvador Rodriguez, 27, 405 Davis, was arrested on a bond surrender for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department today reported the following calls.

Sunday, Dec. 12

9:59 a.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to Kentucky and Sumner streets on a call for medical assistance. The firefighters found the patient lying on the side of the roadway and police personnel already performing CPR. The firefighters continued CPR until Guardian EMS ambulance arrived. The patient was then transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:26 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1100 block of Crane Road and assisted Guardian EMS ambulance officials with loading a patient for transport to the hospital.

6:59 p.m. — Three units and eight firefighters responded to the 900 block of Cinderella on a possible structure fire. The firefighters arrived at the scene to find smoke coming from the garage of a residence. A pan was left on the stove unattended, causing smoke. The firefighters cleared the smoke from the house.

Monday, Dec. 13

9:17 a.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to the 700 block of Lowry on a carbon monoxide check. The firefighters checked for both CO and natural gas. A small amount of CO was present but no natural gas.

1:50 p.m. — Six units and 11 firefighters responded to a single-story house in the 800 block of Gordon on a structure fire which the firefighters extinguished.

5:43 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to Foster and Hobart streets on a motor vehicle accident. Firefighters extricated two patients from the wreck. Both were then transported by ambulance to the hospital.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

4:10 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to 1 Medical Plaza on a standby for LifeStar helicopter.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls

during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Dec. 13

3:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo, and transferred a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Hobart and Foster streets and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

1:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

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Mark Shawn Powell, 38

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Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Powell died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004,

at North Richland Hills.

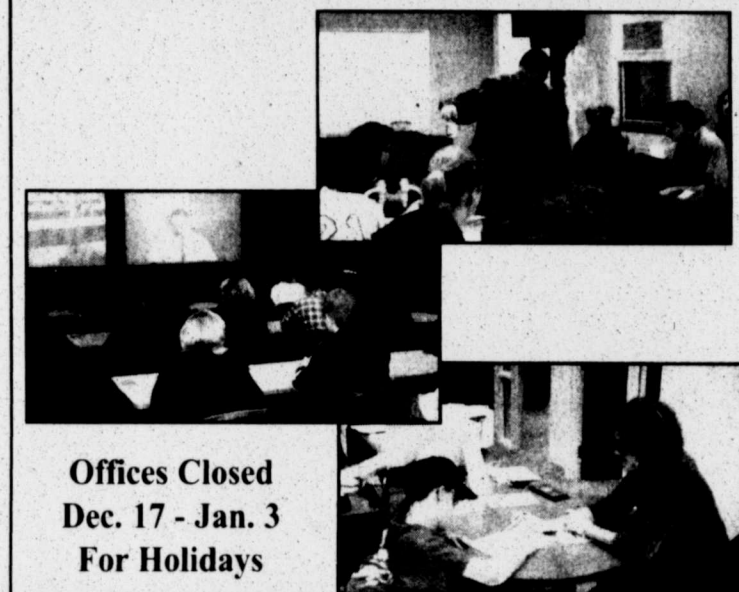
Ring winner



4 Kara McClendon, Pride of Pampa High School Band and Pampa Downtown Business Association grand prize winner, won a diamond ring from Rheams Diamond Shop recently. Presenting her with the ring is Ken Rheams. The winning ticket was purchased from Ashley Martinez.

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Viewpoints

When rules go out the window, language suffers

A phrase from a classic folk-rock song says "Teach your children well."

I hope that's happening. Because there seems to be more and more alternate spellings, erroneous punctuation, and other literary lapses everywhere I look these days.

It's sort of like what I talked about in a previous column, when residents mispronounce place names. After awhile, more people start doing it, and before you know it, the rules have gone out the window.

Some may think I'm being overly picky. And yes, I've probably bent or broken some language rules, myself,

at times. But there is a reason for rules, whether they be traffic rules (another previous column topic) or language laws.

Communication is vital. Accurate communication is indispensable. If we all say and write things differently, after awhile we won't always understand each other.

I know that "teaching to a test" has become a somewhat necessary evil in light of the latest legislatively required way to measure students' progress.

I also realize that there have always been and always will be a variety of levels at which students in

the same classroom perform. My worry is, has there been an increase in the lower of those levels, or is it just my imagination?

Marilyn Powers

Staff writer

as in the phrase "dumbing down?"

Perhaps it has to do with the subjects themselves. Schools today are teaching some of the same things that were taught when I was in the classroom, but they have also shouldered other responsibilities that they did

not have to worry about in the past.

As a result, some things, like art, music, recess and physical education, have been pushed aside in some cases. Teaching kids how to work computers wasn't always part of a curriculum. Neither was sex education. Excuse me, health class.

High school upperclassmen didn't always get to leave campus after a couple of classes to go to work for class credit, either. They had classes all day until they

graduated or left school by other means.

I personally know of at least one high school student who is considered to be on one of the upper level's academically. Yet that same student misspells words of as few as four letters, and expresses unconcern when an error is pointed out.

Others can't make change at a cash register. I understand that if they are in a job at which they are making change, odds are that they may not be at the top of the class anyway, but this is basic arithmetic, not rocket science.

Teachers should not be made the scapegoats of the

situation. They have a very difficult job to do, and changing rules and regulations just makes it even tougher. But I would be interested to know if "throwing money at the problem" of attracting and keeping dedicated, competent teachers has worked. Maybe teaching is like law enforcement and certain other careers. You have to want to do it, no matter what the pay is, or you're not going to do the job worth a darn.

I don't know all the answers for our apparent education problems. But one seems obvious. To paraphrase, you have to learn to walk before you can run.

Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 14, the 349th day of 2004. There are 17 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 14, 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon home at age 67.

On this date:

In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.
In 1861, Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, died in London.

In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen became the first man to reach the South Pole, beating out an expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

In 1939, the Soviet Union was dropped from the League of Nations.

In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish U.N. headquarters in New York.

In 1962, the U.S. space probe Mariner II approached Venus, transmitting information about the planet.

'You can close your eyes to reality but not to memories.'

— Stanislaw J. Lec
Polish author
(1909-1966)

In 1975, six South Moluccan extremists surrendered after holding 23 hostages for 12 days on a train near the Dutch town of Beilen.

In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967.

In 1986, the experimental aircraft Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, took off from Edwards Air Force Base in California on the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world.

In 2000, the Federal Trade Commission unanimously approved the \$111 billion merger of America Online and Time Warner.

Ten years ago: A federal judge granted a preliminary injunction blocking almost all of Proposition 187's bans affecting illegal immigrants in California. Former Arkansas Gov. Orval E. Faubus, whose refusal to let nine black students into Little Rock's Central High School in 1957 forced President Eisenhower to send in federal troops, died at age 84.

Five years ago: Ahmed Ressaam, an Algerian national, was arrested after authorities allegedly found nitroglycerin in the trunk of his car as he arrived from Canada by ferry at Port Angeles, Wash. (Ressaam was convicted in April 2001 of terrorist conspiracy and eight other charges.) U.S. and German negotiators agreed to establish a \$5.2 billion fund for Nazi-era slave and forced laborers. Charles M. Schulz announced he was retiring the "Peanuts" comic strip.



Iraqis not cowards, not new to combat

Every time Iraqi soldiers and policemen boogie away from combat, the standard answer that comes out of the U.S. government is that they need to be "trained up" better.

That's nonsense. Training teaches technique; it does not teach the will to fight. Given the history of Iraq and its culture, nobody can say that the Iraqis are cowards. In fact, in the Middle East, they have a reputation for fierceness.

Therefore, if it's not lack of training and if it's not cowardice, then there must be another reason so many Iraqis, while desperate for a paycheck, nevertheless decide in moments of conflict that it is not in their interest to fight.

I believe the reason is that most of them do not believe that the U.S. occupation is going to end, and in Iraq it is certainly not in the rational self-interest to be seen as

someone who fights to maintain the American occupation.

To say that occupation ended when we transferred sovereignty to a government we selected and appointed is to play word games. Anybody who believes the interim government is actually independent and could do anything without our permission is living in a dream world.

To hint that we will leave after the January elections — assuming they take place — is another deception. Only recently, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld speculated that U.S. forces would remain in Iraq for at least four years. That's four years after the election. And in my opinion, the U.S. government plans to maintain a

military presence in Iraq indefinitely.

Therefore, in the minds of many Iraqis, if you fight with the Americans, you are not fighting for Iraq, but for American occupation. I don't believe

many Iraqis feel that maintaining our presence in their country is worth the risk of their lives and possibly those of their families.

The answer, of course, is to give the Iraqi people a hard and firm time and date when we will leave their country. If the Iraqis believed that, say, in March 2005, the last American soldier would leave the country, then I think we would see Iraqis not only volunteering in droves but going after the insurgents like a hungry bear after honey. The Iraqis know

how to fight. They don't need training so much as they need equipment and an incentive to use it.

Our policy toward Iraq has been constructed entirely out of deceptions. Deceptions about weapons of mass destruction, deceptions about the danger an elderly dictator represented to the world, deceptions about his link with al-Qaida and deceptions about our own intentions.

If the government that's elected in January cannot tell us to get out of the country, then it will not be an independent government of a sovereign nation. It will be a government of stooges. Naturally the plan is for the new government to sign an agreement "asking" us to stay. That will be the same as the agreements Eastern European countries signed with the Soviet Union "ask-

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Momentum builds to record legislators' votes

The Texas Legislature is one of only a handful nationwide that does not require members to record how they vote on final passage of legislation.

"Of the ten most populous states, Texas is the only one that doesn't require recording votes on final passage of a bill," said Patricia Ross, president of the American Association of University Women of Texas.

This organization is one of a growing coalition that wants legislative votes recorded. Others include AARP, the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, the Greater Dallas Association of Realtors,

Campaigns for People, the state Democratic and Republican parties, the Texas Daily Newspaper Association, the League of Women Voters of Texas and the Texas Association of Broadcasters.

Add this newspaper to that list.

"We believe that citizens have the right to know exactly where their legislator stands on the issues that matter to them," Ross said.

"It seems to us so basic to

good government," said Linda Camin of Dallas, chair of the Sunshine Committee on Recorded Votes of the

League of Women Voters of Texas. "Your constituents should know how you vote."

We agree. That is essential to openness and transparency in the legislative branch of state government.

We fully understand that recorded votes can be taken out of context, particularly in heated campaigns, and misused against incumbents.

We recall the 2002 U.S. Senate race in Georgia, for example, in which his Republican challenger portrayed incumbent Democrat Max Cleland as an ally of Osama bin Laden because of his "no" vote on a procedural question relating to creation of the new Department of Homeland Security.

Even so, final action is not the same as procedural questions. And recorded votes on final action always should be part of the public record.

In Texas, current legislative rules require recorded votes only if three members of the chamber request one.

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Meredith House

The residents and staff of Meredith House along with the Senior Citizens of Pampa recently enjoyed a day of pampering. The ladies were treated to facials and basic skin care tips and therapeutic chair massages. Above: Cathy Potter, RMT, of Heart of Healing Hands, and Holly Coutts give a chair massage.

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Board members deferred action on hiring an applicant to teach special education at Pampa Junior High School, deciding to wait until a criminal background check and test results were received on the applicant, Tamara Walton, a Borger native.

A replacement for Pampa High School head football coach Heath Parker was also discussed, with a pool of five candidates having been selected, Haenisch said.

"We would prefer not to go way into the spring" without hiring a replacement, he said.

Haenisch said he, PHS Principal Evan Smith, and Athletic Director Dick

Dunham had selected the five candidates.

Further discussion concerning a new coach, including the identities of the five prospects, was held in executive session at the end of last night's meeting.

Parker has been hired at Tascosa High School in Amarillo.

In further personnel matters, the district will continue its present practice of allowing employees to accumulate overtime as leave rather than pay. The overtime accumulates as time and a half of actual overtime worked, Haenisch said, and an employee can't accumulate over 100 overtime hours. An employee who leaves the district's employ must be paid for the overtime hours not used.

A contract with JR3, a company which provides

temporary professionals, was approved.

"This does not obligate use to use them, ever. It just obligates them to try to find us an employee whenever we ask them to," Haenisch said.

"Temporary can last a day or it can last 10 years. A temporary employee is an employee who does not get benefits," he said.

Fenton Motors of Pampa was chosen for the purchase of two new Ford F-150 pickups at \$11,853.50 each, to replace a 1982 Chevrolet pickup and a 1984 GMC pickup used to carry light equipment.

Culberson-Stowers, Inc., and Quality Sales had also submitted bids for the vehicle purchase.

Smith gave a quarterly report on PHS.

She recognized Stacy Pepper and Kristin Boyd during the "Academic Spotlight" portion of the board meeting, which began

at 6 p.m. Both are members of the 1400 club and are active in various organizations as well as academic achievers, she said.

President Bush — or at least his speechwriter — is a master of sophistry. At first, if you disagreed with his Iraqi plan, you were unpatriotic. Now, if you disagree, you are a racist who doesn't believe Arabs can have a democracy. Well, I for one have never said that. I have said they might not choose to have a democracy, which involves a great deal more than having an election. One thing required is for the losers not to shoot the winners.

But never mind; no matter how disastrous the situation becomes, President Bush will declare it a great triumph. After all, he sees a

warlord-ruled, heroin-supplying Afghanistan as a great triumph of democracy even though the elected president is holed up in a fortified palace surrounded by foreign guards.

(Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802)

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ing" the Red Army to stay.

So just as handing over titular sovereignty didn't stop the insurgency, having elections will not stop it either if the people perceive the new government to be made up of quislings beholden to the United States. So long as we maintain a military presence in Iraq, there will be an insurgency. In the long run, we will be forced out. It's just a question of how many people will die before that result is achieved.

Votes

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The presiding officers, however, can call recorded votes more frequently, if they wish, and House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, "routinely grants a recorded vote if one legislator asks," The Associated Press reported.

Committee votes on pending legislation have to be recorded, state Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, told the AP, as do legislative votes on proposed constitutional amendments. Although they would take more time and cost slightly more money for compiling and publishing them, we cannot think of any good reason that final votes on all legislation should not likewise be recorded and made available to the public.

An overwhelming majority of Texans want such votes recorded, according to the Scripps Research Center's

statewide Texas Poll this fall: "88 percent of the 1,000 people polled agreed legislators should be required to record their votes. Eighty percent supported a constitutional amendment requiring such voting," the AP reported.

As do we, most Texans want to know how our senators and representatives voted and how they spent taxpayers' money. And since Texas taxpayers pay their salaries, legislators should make that information readily available.

Procedural votes can be important, but recording all of them is not as important as recording all final votes on legislation. We support requiring that, and we further believe that it should be done not as a change in Texas Senate and Texas House rules or even by statute, either of which could be easily changed, but by amending the state Constitution. ...

Calendar items

RCIA. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church hosts Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) beginning at 7:15 p.m., Wednesdays at 2004 Williston. For more information, call Aloise Martin at 883-4901 or Peggy Rodriguez at 669-2683.

Red Cross. Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers from the community to respond during times of crisis in Pampa and other parts of the county. As well as personal satisfaction, volunteers learn how to protect themselves and cope with disaster by planning ahead, particularly essential during tornado season. In addition, ARC is willing to deliver informational discussions on disaster preparedness to area church or community organizations. For more information, call (806) 669-7121.

The Red Hat Dollies. The Red Hat Dollies (Red Hat Society) meets at 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information or the find out the meeting place, call 665-9297.

St. Mark CME Church. St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

Story Hour. Lovett Memorial Library will offer a story hour at 10 a.m., every Tuesday. The free program is open to children 18 months to 6 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

Texas Department of Human Services. Texas Department of Human Services is seeking volunteers for its Texas Works Services Program. Tasks are varied and placement is based upon the volunteer's interest, capability and availability of openings. Hours are flexible. For more information, contact Beth Miller at 665-1863.

VFW & Ladies Auxiliary. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1567 meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the VFW Hall, 105 S. Cuyler. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall.



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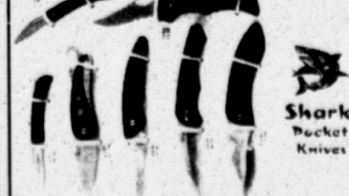
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This Week: Christmas Celebrations

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Lystig Jul

Merry Christmas from Norway

In Norway, families have a big dinner on Christmas Eve. After dinner, it is time for opening presents. Then all the brooms in the house are hidden.



Long ago, Norwegians thought that bad spirits came out on Christmas Eve. It became a tradition to hide the brooms, fire shovel and tongs so that naughty spirits couldn't play with them.

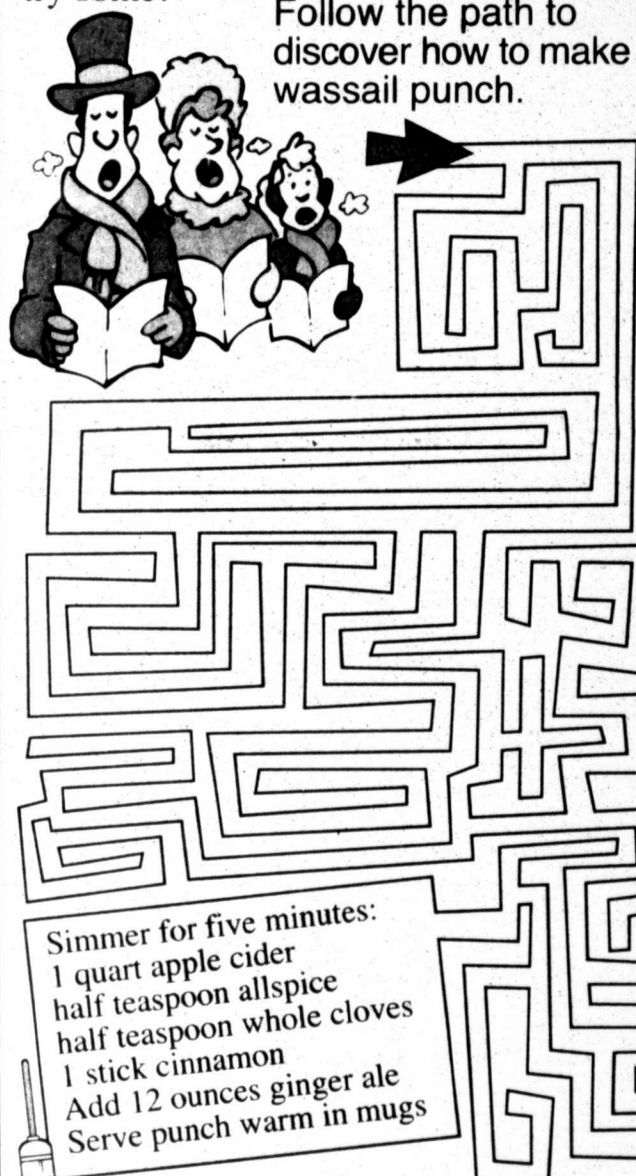
How many brooms can you find on this page?

Wendy's Wassail Cup

Merry Christmas from England

"At my home in Britain," says Wendy, "we like to go caroling. After a long walk singing in the cold, we come home for some warm wassail punch. You should try some!"

Follow the path to discover how to make wassail punch.



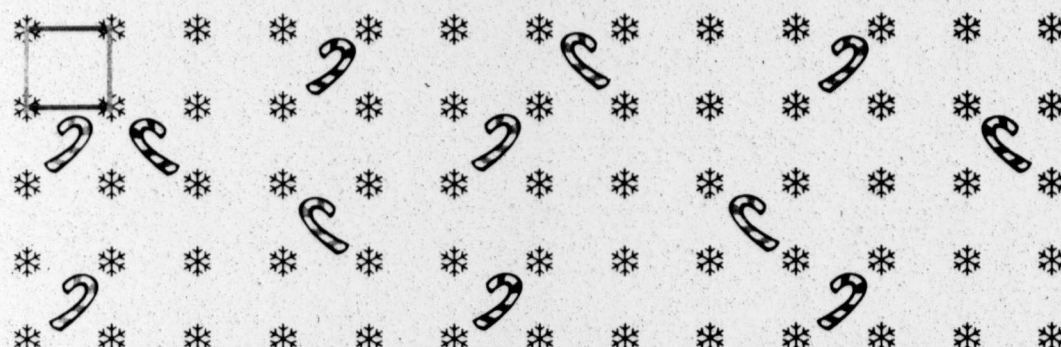
Simmer for five minutes:
1 quart apple cider
half teaspoon allspice
half teaspoon whole cloves
1 stick cinnamon
Add 12 ounces ginger ale
Serve punch warm in mugs

Christmas Around the World

Froliche Weihnachten

Merry Christmas from Austria

In Austria, some families celebrate Christmas with this sweet tradition. Each Christmas, tiny wrapped packages are hung on a small Christmas tree. Everyone who comes to visit can take one. Inside each package is a piece of candy.



Draw a vertical or horizontal line between two snowflakes. Then have a friend do it. Keep taking turns connecting the snowflakes. The person who completes each box scores 2 points. If the box contains a candy cane, that's worth 5 points.

Austria contributed something to the celebration of Christmas that is now part of traditions in many other parts of the world. Write the letter that comes after each letter alphabetically to discover this contribution.

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Standards Link: Social Science: Students compare beliefs, customs, ceremonies, traditions and social practices of varied cultures.



Sheng Dan Jie

Merry Christmas from China

In China, people who celebrate Christmas decorate their houses and Christmas trees with beautiful paper lanterns, paper chains and paper flowers. Santa Claus fills muslin stockings hung by the children with gifts.

Use the code to find out what children in China call Santa.

ANSWER: DUN CHENG LAO REN

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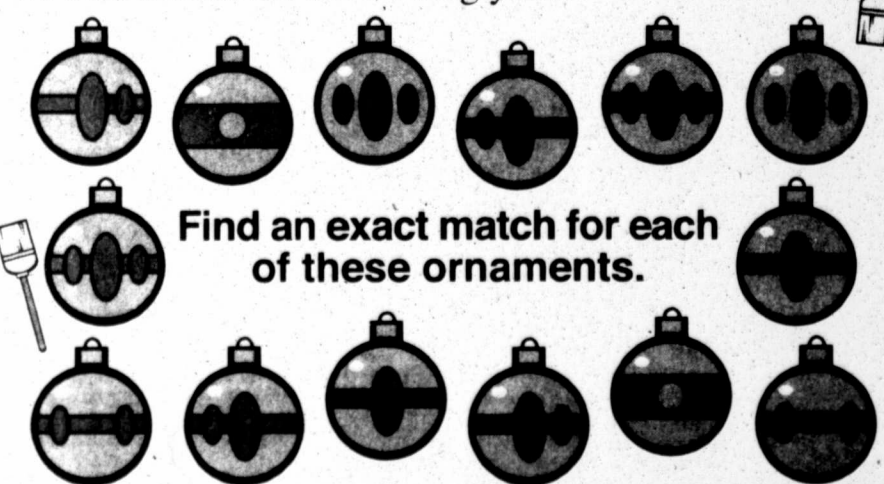
Look at the headlines in today's newspaper. Rewrite each headline so it means just the opposite.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Apply knowledge of antonyms.

Feliz Navidad

Merry Christmas from Spain

In some small villages in Spain, people go to the village square on Christmas night. Everyone writes his or her name on a piece of paper and puts it into the "urn of fate." The names are drawn out, two at a time. Each pair will be best friends for the coming year.



Find an exact match for each of these ornaments.

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

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Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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I S L I A S S A W C

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

Holiday Traditions

My family is Jewish, so I don't celebrate Christmas. Instead, I celebrate a different holiday. It is called Hanukkah. I get presents just like Christmas. It is lots of fun.

Ethan,
5th Grade

A holiday tradition in my family is every year at Christmas we have Slovakian food like chicken paprikosh (chicken and dumplings), perogies, lima bean soup with prunes, and haluski. Sometimes we follow the European tradition of opening presents on Christmas Eve and going to church after looking at the Christmas lights.

John,
4th Grade

My dad was born and raised in Italy. And in Italy on January 5th an old, good witch called Befana comes at night. If you hang up a stocking, she will stuff it to the top with your favorite toys and your favorite food. Now that's if you're good. If you're bad, then she will fill it with coal. I know it's a lot of fun to get presents, but coal, I couldn't tell you.

Delia,
5th Grade

A holiday tradition in my family is to listen to Christmas music way before Halloween. It sometimes "burns me out" on Christmas music. It's just one of my mom's quirky little things. A tradition I have is to bug my mom to give me a cookie fresh out of the oven before it's cooled. I think that one is my favorite.

Nicole,
8th Grade

My family's tradition is making special reindeer food. We make it by mixing oats, sugar and sprinkles, but it has to be a certain sprinkle, like pink or blue. We make it before Christmas so that we can sprinkle it all over the lawn. The food we make is for the reindeer. It gives them a break while Santa delivers gifts.

Ashley,
4th Grade

One of my family's traditions is buying live crab. Then we cook them and freeze them for about an hour. On New Year's Eve, we eat the crab while watching a movie.

Gianna
3rd Grade

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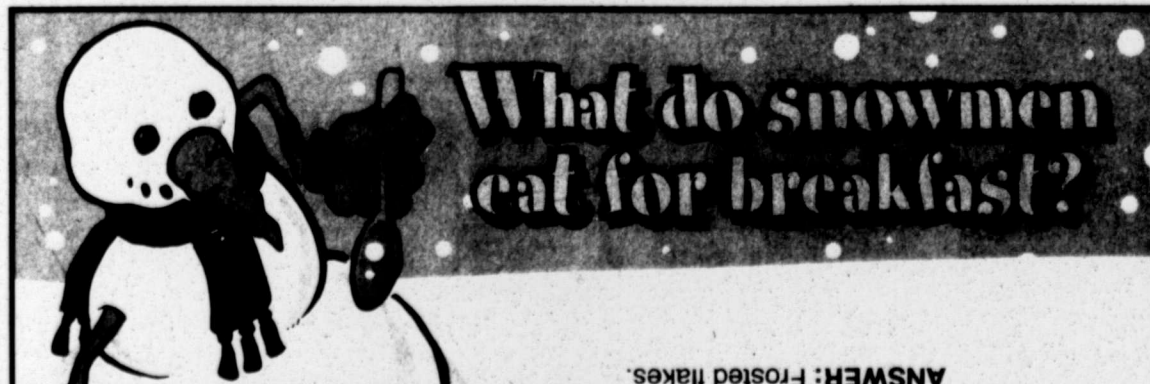
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Holiday Symbols

Look through the newspaper for pictures that symbolize Christmas and other holidays. Select two or more and find out the history of that symbol. Write a paragraph telling what the picture symbolizes and why.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write information reports that include facts and details for focus.



What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

ANSWER: Frosted flakes.

Business Review

Rasco Construction: Overhead doors and custom buildings

Rasco Construction, owned by Gerald and Joyce Rasco, is located at 1000 S. Price Rd. Selling and installing overhead doors both residential and commercial as well as the door operators is one of the main functions the trained staff at Rasco Construction provides for their customers. MID-AMERICA doors and LIFTMASTER overhead door openers may be purchased from Rasco.

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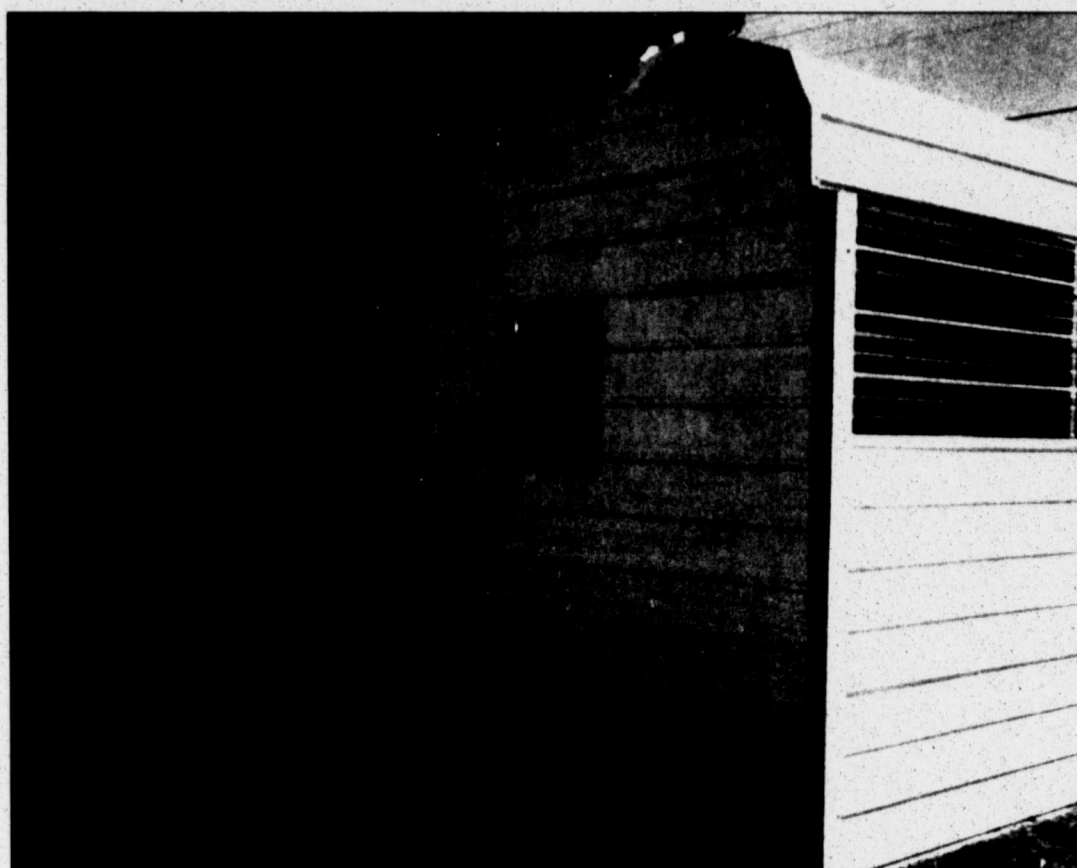
"If you are considering a new garage or carport, now is the time before the winter storms hit," said Joyce Rasco of Rasco Construction. "We also look forward in the next several months to having a large width steel building available. This is in the planning stage at this time."

"We are very concerned about the pricing as steel continues to rise on a steady basis. We have just been notified of additional price increases on doors and steel effective Jan. 1," Joyce concluded.

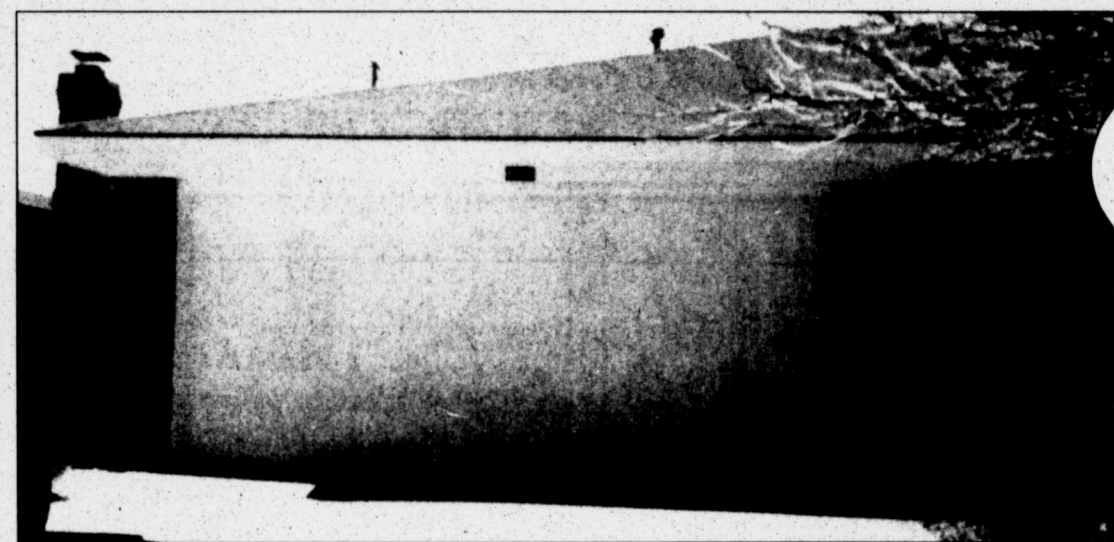
Gerald and Joyce Rasco would like to thank all of their valued customers for their business this past year. "We hope we may continue to serve you throughout the coming year," Joyce said.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Jay's," parents have informed us they are coming for Christmas and will be staying for six weeks. They need at least three weeks because they're having dental work done by another family member, and it must be staggered.

Long visits are acceptable in their culture, but it usually applies when people visit from another country -O not another state.

The last time they came, they stayed three weeks. It was a stretch for me, but I bit my tongue. I work from home and was with them 24/7 because they don't like to drive. It's hard on me because they get bored and expect me to entertain them. Also, I don't get along well with my father-in-law, and neither of them likes my cooking.

Jay knows six weeks is long, but for him the time goes fast because he works long hours. Jay says he'll talk to his parents about this, but he's miserable at the prospect. Speaking up will cause problems for him, and they'll assume it came from me anyway. They'll be livid. Please tell me what to do. I'm on the verge of tears when I think about what's coming. -- DREADING CHRISTMAS IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DREADING: Be a gracious hostess for three weeks. After that, schedule a break. Go visit relatives or, if that's not feasible, check into a motel. You may find that having had a breather, you'll be in a better frame of mind to deal with the in-laws upon your return. You may also find that when the entire burden of entertaining his parents falls upon your husband, he'll encourage them to make shorter visits or other living arrangements in subsequent visits.

P.S. Since they don't like your cooking, have your mother-in-law do it. It will lighten the burden for you and give her something to do.

DEAR ABBY: I am 22, and recently moved here from a different state. Shortly after I arrived, I met an amazing man I'll call Lance. Lance and I met at work and fell for each other instantly.

After we had been dating only a month, I found out that I was pregnant with my ex-boyfriend's baby. Lance was confused when I told him, but after a few days of thinking about it, he told me that the pregnancy didn't change the way he felt about me. We have now been dating more than two months, and Lance continues to be wonderful and supportive.

I'm afraid that since I'm starting to show, Lance will get scared and break my heart. We have had a few serious talks because I feel he doesn't spend enough time with me. Lance contends that he spends more time with me than he does his friends or family. I am in love with him, but I'm afraid that what I originally thought we had together may be "too good to be true." Is this rational, or am I overly emotional because of my pregnancy? -- CONFUSED IN COLORADO

DEAR CONFUSED: You could be hormonal or simply extremely needy because you are vulnerable right now. Lance appears to be standing by you to the best of his ability and now is not the time to be telling him he isn't measuring up to your standards of companionship. He deserves praise for his loyalty, not criticism for not giving "enough."

If you need more emotional support, I recommend you involve your family. Also, you didn't mention whether your ex-boyfriend knows about his impending fatherhood. Since child support will be partly his responsibility once the baby arrives, it may be time to share news of the blessed event with him.

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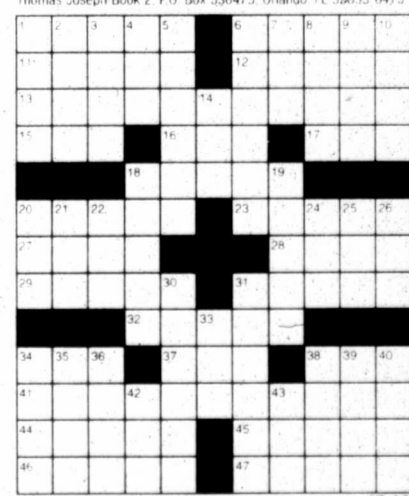
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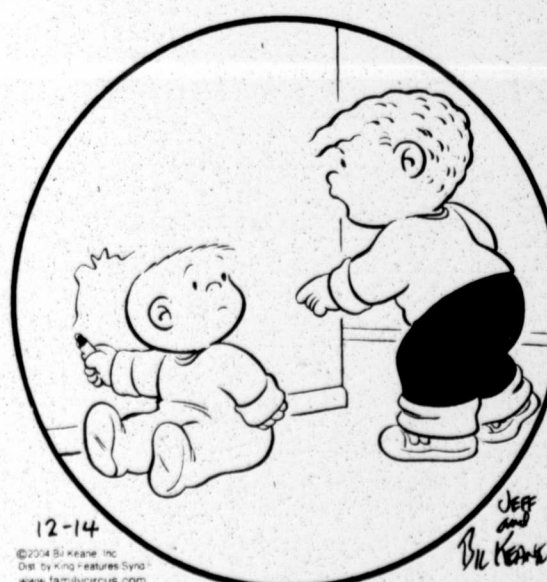


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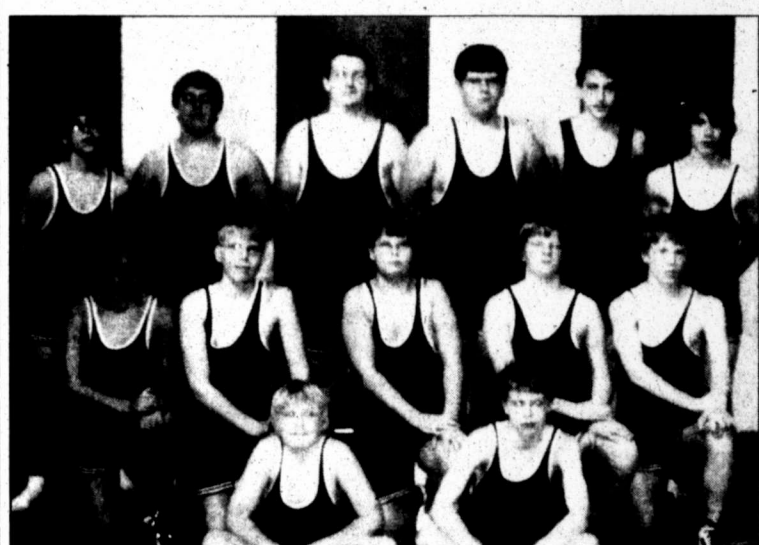
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Sports Day



Pampa varsity wrestlers are, left to right, front row- Richard Leal, Ross Andreen, Toby Lynch, Keith McKean, John Burns, Scotty Brown, Matt Railsback and Trevor Collins. Back Row- Chris Veal, Cody Wood, Stephen McCarley, Michael Moore, Jimmy Logan, Jesse Marcum and Kevin Parks.



The Pampa junior varsity wrestling team is, from left to right, front row- Caleb Chandler and Michael Taylor. Middle row- Zach Doan, Daniel Smith, Keith Stevens, Garrett Fatherree and Chase Herriman. Back row- Jeremy Maxwell, Nick Millikan, Bart Bullard, Johnathan Olsen, Jordan Eakin and Madison Wilson.

Lynch, Railsback, Parks place, Leal denied at Tiger Invitational

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School wrestling team made a strong showing at the Tiger Invitational in Ulysses, Kan. over the weekend. Three junior varsity wrestlers paced in the tournament while the varsity team had one.

For the JV team, Toby Lynch took first in the 112 pound weight class. Lynch had pins over competitors from Ulysses and Hereford and a technical fall over a Borger wrestler before meeting Justin Ellerman from Boys Ranch in the championship match. Lynch took the 12-7 decision and the win.

Matt Railsback finished fourth in the tournament. Railsback took a forfeit win over Tom Stotesberry of Boys Ranch before losing his next match by pin to Cory Dewbre of Hereford. Railsback hooked up with Ernesto Benitez of Liberal in the semifinal consolation match, pinning Benitez for the win. Railsback advanced to a match with Peter Penagos of Boys Ranch, losing that match by a fall and taking fourth.

Matt Parks needed just two matches to win the 275 pound championship. Parks defeated Levi Hurst of Boys Ranch by first period pin. He then pinned Randy Hawk of Liberal in the first period to capture the championship.

For the varsity team, John Burns captured fourth place in the 152 pound weight class. Burns received a bye in

the first round, moving him the quarterfinals where he met Dezi Contreras of Borger. Burns lost that match, 5-4. He next wrestled Angel Pecina of Holly in a consolation match, taking the win there in the first overtime, 8-6. Burns met and pinned Ivan Morales in the consolation semifinals, advancing to a semifinal match with Matt Martinez of Lakin. It was a close meeting throughout, ending in a 5-5 tie at the end of three regulation periods.

'I was really pleased in the way we came out and wrestled.'

— Josh Cadenhead
Head Coach, PHS Wrestling

No one scored in the first overtime. Burns chose the down position in the second overtime, needing only to escape for the win.

Using a low-level switch, and with just 8-seconds left, Burns got the win and advanced to the consolation finals where he again met Contreras. Another close match with Burns losing 1-0 to take fourth place.

An interesting situation was created for varsity wrestler Richard Leal. Leal was unable to wrestle his opponent in

his second round match due to a new UIL rule that states, "No Texas wrestler shall wrestle a female wrestler under any condition." He was to have wrestled a female, who was later awarded first place as this same rule moved her past two other opponents. In short, she was awarded first place in the tournament without wrestling a single match.

Obviously upset by what had happened to him, Leal was moved to a consolation match, losing that meeting to a wrestler from Ulysses. Said Head Coach Josh Cadenhead, "Richard is an intense wrestler, and being told you have to forfeit in a varsity tournament really is unfortunate. I am proud of the way he handled his self in the situation and for his leadership on the team."

In summarizing his team's performance at the Tiger Invitational this year, Cadenhead said, "I was really pleased in the way we came out and wrestled. We wrestled extremely tough on the back side of the consolation."

Cadenhead added, "I was proud of my guys for never giving up and encouraging their teammates. Toby Lynch, Matt Parks, Matt Railsback along with Scotty Brown, who was one match away from third place, really came to wrestle this weekend."

14 schools took part in the Tiger Invitational this year.

Pampa takes to the mats again Friday when they visit River Road. Those matches are scheduled to start at 2 p.m.

PJHS BASKETBALL

PJHS takes three of four against Dumas Demons

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa Junior High School 7th & 8th grade Green Teams traveled to Dumas Monday evening to take on the Demons. Both teams met in the Plainview tournament this past weekend and the results were almost the same, with Pampa leaving Dumas winning three of the four contests.

The 7th grade A team started things off by taking care of the Dumas A team, 61-26. Leading the Pampa scoring charge were Ryan Jimenez with 18 points, Braden Hunt with 16, and Alex Clendening had 14. Travis Haggerman added six points while Luke Watson tossed in four of his own.

In an exceptionally physical game, the B team fell short in a 25-30 contest. Despite putting up a great fight, it was turnovers and missed free throws that cost Pampa in the end. Leading scorers for the B team were Zach Shaw with nine points. Anthony Allen had eight, and Jessie Jimenez added four.

The PJHS 8th grade B team defeated the Dumas B team 45-29. The B team never trailed in the contest. And pressure defense contributed to easy baskets throughout the game. Dumas made

a run in the fourth period, but the Green Team was able to hold them off en route to the win. Almost every B team player scored in the game. Leading the way was Heath Skinner's 12 points. Dan Kirkland had 10, and Ryan Baggerman finished with seven.

The 8th grade A team brought home a big win as well, taking a very exciting 66-50 decision over Dumas. Many of Pampa's points came courtesy of an aggressive defense that took advantage of turnovers, scoring fast break points. However, Dumas shot extremely well from the field and added some fast break points of its own to keep the game close, despite the final score.

Dominant rebounding by Matt Smith and Thomas Fraser played a key role in the win. Smith denied a number of Demon shot attempts which proved too much for Dumas to overcome. It was a great team effort with four players scoring in double figures. Leading scorers for Pampa were Blake Seick with 17 points. Matt Smith had 16 for the night. Hayden Skinner finished with 16. Thomas Fraser had 11, and Alex Torres ended with six points.

The teams will not play again until after Christmas break. They will face Westover Jan. 6.

Lady Harvester freshmen sneak by Caprock, 37-34

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The 9th grade Lady Harvester basketball team improved to 5-4 with an exciting 37-34 home win over Caprock last night.

Head Coach Troy Owens said it was something of a tough start for his team. "In the beginning, we could not get anything to fall." He added, "We were not into the game. We were not taking smart shots or passing the ball very well."

Neither team found the bucket in the first period as Pampa scored just six points to Caprock's eight. Things didn't get any better for the Lady Harvesters in the second period where they only managed another six points while Caprock posted 12 in the period.

At the break, Pampa went to the locker room down 20-12.

The third period was the difference for the Lady Harvesters. "We came out after halftime on fire and outscored them 13-2," said Fry. "We pressed and had some success. Our attitude was so positive."

After three periods of play, Pampa moved out to a slim 25-22 lead over the Lady Longhorns.

Both teams would put up 12 points in the final period, giving Pampa the 37-34 win, despite going just 6-for-22 at the free throw line.

Said Fry afterward, "I think the ladies needed to come back. They needed to prove to themselves how much better they are."

Meagan Crawford finished the night with nine Pampa points. Sara Foster and Trisha Moore each had eight.

The Lady Harvester freshmen team plays again tonight when they visit Lefors at 6 p.m.

Pampa varsity teams host Borger tonight in The Pit, JV teams also in action

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

With the exception of the freshmen boys' team, all Pampa High School basketball teams are in action tonight.

The freshmen Lady Harvesters will be in Lefors tonight for a 6 p.m. meeting there.

The junior varsity boys' and girls' teams will host Borger in the MPAC building. The boys'

game to start at 6 p.m., followed by the Lady Harvester JV team at 7:30 p.m.

Across the way in McNeely Field House, the varsity teams will get things started with the Lady Harvesters at 6 p.m., and the varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Harvesters enter the night with a 5-8 record. The varsity boys' team sports a 9-3 mark.

Listen up ladies



Lady Harvester Head Coach Troy Fry draws up a plan during last Friday's game against Lubbock Coronado. Pampa hosts Borger tonight at 6 p.m.

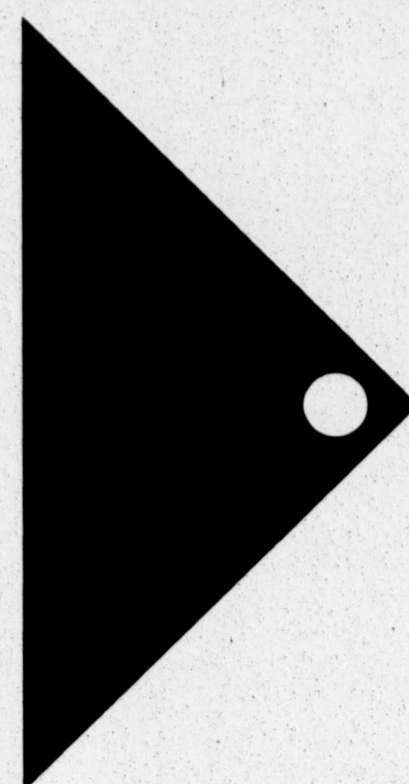
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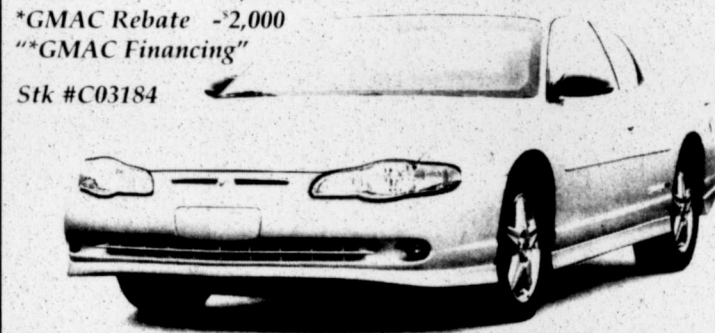
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Go for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Your imagination helped along with others' good will makes nearly anything possible. Follow another's suggestion, but follow through on checking with an expert. Don't miss a meeting or get-together. Tonight: Hang out with your buddies.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Your work benefits from an authority figure's input. You have the energy to follow through and make what you want happen. A partner gives you strong feedback, which helps and/or supports you. Listen to this person. Some concepts might be far-out, but ultimately workable. Tonight: Out late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Reach out for someone at a distance. Explore getting holiday concert tickets as well. Express your jovial and happy personality. Others appreciate the lift and join in. Pay attention to a loved one or new friend. Use your creativity at work and in your personal life. Tonight: Go exotic.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Review important matters and decisions with a key partner or loved one. Working as a team can and will make all the difference in the outcome. Sometimes you need to refuse to carry the weight of the world on your shoulders. Try a shortcut. Consider adding something special to your office or home. Tonight: Have fun with a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

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***** Emphasize work rather than get distracted by holiday business or domestic matters. By staying focused, you'll accomplish a lot, leaving you with more spare time. Consider a new addition to your house or lifestyle. Tonight: Play Ralph Nader and do some price comparison.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Your naughty side might emerge, but at the same time your creativity surges. How and where you choose to direct your ingenuity is your call. Some might want to take the day off and just enjoy themselves. Tonight: You cannot help but be spontaneous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Your family and domestic matters demand your attention. Carefully think through a decision, as you might be unusually idealistic. Feedback changes your perspective and thinking. Tonight: Get into the Christmas spirit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** You discover that there are many ways to the same end results. Let your imagination rock and roll. You might be surprised by what will come up for you. Flex with change or better concepts. A meeting could dissolve into a fun happening. Tonight: Hang out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Reach out for others, especially if you think you might be missing some details. Your instincts help as well. Just confirm what you are feeling. A boss becomes enormously helpful and gives you long-overdue approbation. Tonight: Balance your checkbook and study your Santa budget.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Your ideas cannot help but blend with your imagination. Reach out for someone at a distance, or seek out advice from someone you consider to be an expert. Start thinking about vacation plans, even for just a weekend. Tonight: Just ask.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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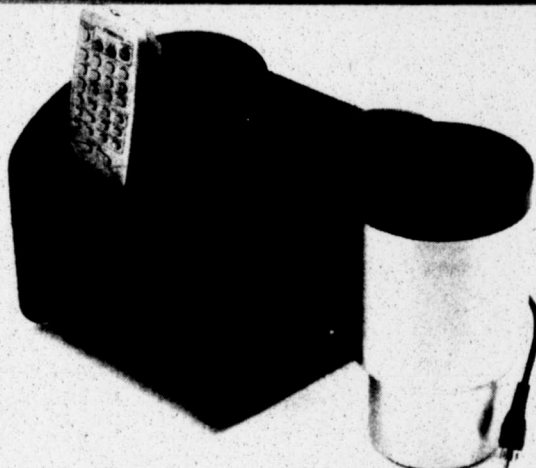
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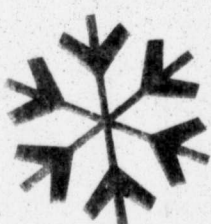
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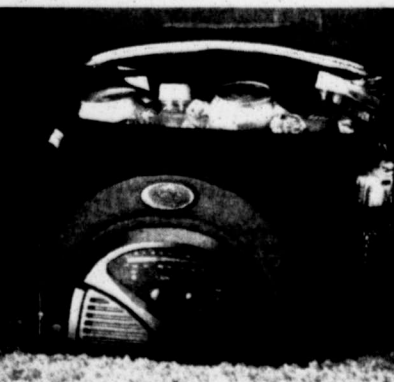


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Jury: Peterson's lack of emotion helped lead to death penalty

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Upon learning of his death sentence, Scott Peterson sat defiantly still and tight-jawed, the same vacant expression he wore throughout a murder trial in which he never spoke. And to hear the jurors tell it, Peterson's apparent lack of emotion was the final piece that doomed him.

The jury had been told that Peterson did not wear his emotions on his sleeve. But juror Richelle Nice told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Tuesday that she noticed Peterson becoming emotional during the

penalty phase of his trial. "Is it just that he doesn't show emotion for Laci and Conner?" she asked.

She said her thoughts were with Laci Peterson and the fetus she carried.

"They can rest in peace," she said. "Justice was done."

A cheer went up outside the courthouse Monday, as the jury announced its decision after 11 1/2 hours of deliberations over three days.

The same six men and six women who convicted Peterson of murdering his pregnant wife recommended that he be sent to death row

at San Quentin State Prison outside San Francisco, the infamous lockup overlooking the bay where Laci Peterson's body was discarded.

Inside, Laci Peterson's mother, Sharon Rocha, cried quietly — her lips quivering after the verdict was read. Scott Peterson's mother, Jackie, showed no apparent emotion.

Three jurors said at a press conference afterward that they couldn't let go of the fact that the bodies of Laci Peterson and her fetus had washed ashore a few miles from where Scott Peterson

claimed he went fishing the day she disappeared.

Juror Greg Berattis said the jury was convinced of Peterson's guilt by "many, many things," but added: "Those bodies were found in the same place. That played in my mind, over and over."

Most unsettling, the jurors seemed to agree, was Peterson's dispassionate demeanor.

"He has no remorse," juror Michael Belmessieri said Tuesday on CBS' "The Early Show."

"He lost his wife and his child — it didn't seem to faze him," said juror Steve

Cardosi. "And while that was going on ... he is romancing a girlfriend. That doesn't make sense to me. At all."

Peterson did not testify during the six-month trial.

"Anything — a plea for his life, or just his opinion on everything that went on in the last two years. ... I would have liked to have heard his voice on that," Berattis said.

Nice even took issue with Peterson's manner Monday in the moments before the sentence was read, chatting casually with his attorneys. "Today — the giggles at the table," she said. "Loud and

clear."

Peterson was convicted Nov. 12 of one count of first-degree murder in the death of Laci, and one count of second-degree murder for the killing of her eight-month old fetus. The jury had two options in deciding the 32-year-old former fertilizer salesman's fate: life in prison without parole or death by injection.

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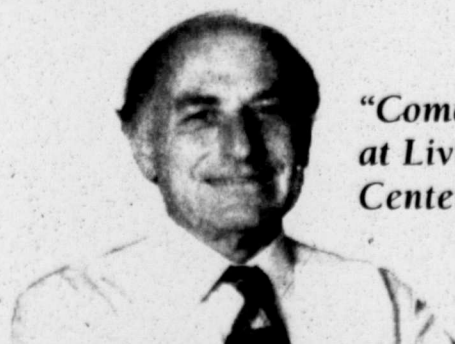
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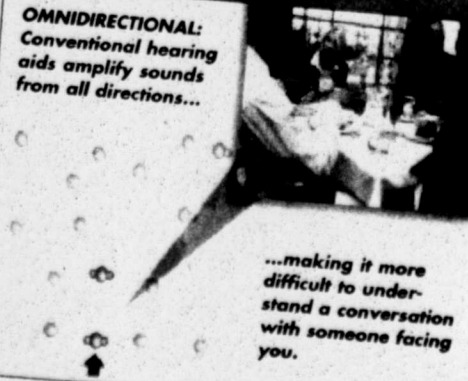
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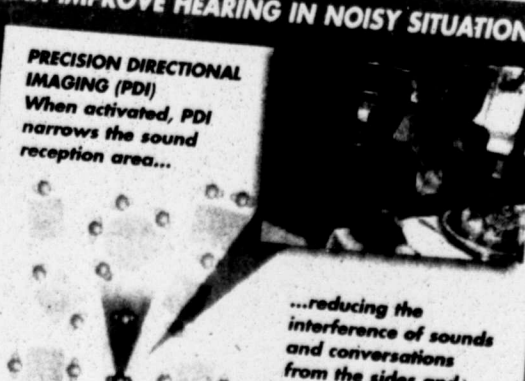
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